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CANADIANS CAPTURE HUN STRONGHOLD LENS MAIN DEFENCE FALLS TO BRITISH--FRENCH ADVANCE

CANADIANS STORM DOMINATING FORT OF LENS DEFENCES

Hill 70, Famous Enemy Stronghold, Falls To
Dominion Troops In Early-Morning Rush
—Now Control Lens and Loos Salient.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
London, Aug. 15.—Capturing first line German trenches on the outskirts of Lens, British-Canadian troops were again closing in tighter on the famous coal city today.
An assault, which extended from the northwestern outskirts of the town to Bois Hugo, northeast of Loos, was launched early this morning. The Canadians swept into first line trenches of the enemy, and were still progressing satisfactorily, when Field Marshal Haig filed his report. The same time British and French forces resumed their attack on the German lines in Flanders. British troops made gains northwest of Bixchoote, while the French made considerable advance west of Dixmude. East of Cite Stemille a strong German counter-attack was thrown against the British, but was completely crushed.

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 15.—(By the Associated Press).—Hill 70, the famous German stronghold, northwest of the French mining city of Lens, which dominates the city and the Loos salient, was captured this morning by the Canadian forces.

The British also pushed their lines into the northwestern environs of Lens, in a semi-circle around the eastern side of Hill 70. The British attack was made on a 4,000-yard front, which had an extreme depth of 1,500 yards.

Beginning at a point just above Hugo Wood, the new British positions now run southeast and beyond Hill 70 towards Lens. The line then bends southwest and encircles the suburbs of St. Laurent and St. Emelie.

The British guns had been pounding for days Hill 70, which the Germans considered impregnable. The infantry attack began at 4:25 o'clock this morning. The capture of Hill 70 ranks in importance with the biggest military operations of this year. It was the last dominating position in this section which remained in the hands of the Germans, and from it a wide territory can be controlled.

Another Messines

Hill 70 is to Lens and the Loos salient what Messines is to Ypres, and in some ways it is even a more enviable position than the Messines ridge because even after the fall of Messines the Germans still retained Ploeghe ridge from which they could sweep the country surrounding Ypres.

Guns Worked Havo.

Hill 70 was bombarded with guns of all calibres which worked havoc among the German defences on the crest of this salient. The Germans undoubtedly prepared for an attack as fully as possible for there is no question that they were aware it was impending. Their nervous shelling of the communications roads back of the British positions for many days gave full evidence that they knew sooner or later they must defend their claims. So it was a case of the better side winning.

Started At Dawn

It was just twenty-five past four when the British guns dropped a protecting barrage before the Canadian trenches and the troops leaped over the parapet for the charge. Details of the fighting are not yet available but the troops swept forward with the invincible precision which has been the latest work of the great British fighting machine.

CHICAGO WHEAT PIT TO STOP FUTURES TRADING

Chicago, August 15.—In response to a notice from Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, that the Government would undertake the purchase of wheat at interior terminals, beginning September 1, the directors of the board of trade here voted yesterday to discontinue all transactions in wheat for future delivery after August 25, 1917.

CLASH COMING IN CHINA

Amoy, China, Aug. 15.—Large bodies of troops of the Northern and Southern Chinese armies are being concentrated in the vicinity of Chean, a town near the coast in Fukien Province, 40 miles north of Swatow. A clash between the opposing forces is considered probable.

EXECUTIVE OF LABOR INDORSES HENDERSON; MAY MEAN ELECTIONS

British Laborites Will Ask the
Government To Withdraw
Passport Refusal.

London, Aug. 15.—The political correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that if the Labor conference adheres to its resolution to send delegates to the Stockholm conference the premier will instantly advise a general election.

INDORSE HENDERSON

London, Aug. 15.—At a joint meeting tonight of the executive of the National Labor party and the parliamentary committee of the Trades Union Congress the attitude of Arthur Henderson, secretary of the Labor party, who resigned on Saturday as a member of the British war cabinet with regard to the Socialist conference in Stockholm was indorsed.

The meeting appointed delegates, including Mr. Henderson, to the Stockholm conference and resolved to ask the Government to withdraw its order prohibiting the issuance of passports to Stockholm delegates. The resolutions adopted expressed unabated confidence in Mr. Henderson.

During the proceedings a telegram was received from Camille Huysmans and Hjalmar Branting, promoters of the Stockholm conference, accepting a consultative status for the conference. They said they would work to get this basis accepted, but they still considered it important that the Entente powers should be represented at the conference.

Mechanic Killed In Camp Borden Crash; Pilot Escapes Injury

R. E. Crane of Royal Flying
Corps Meets With In-
stant Death.

Camp Borden, Aug. 15.—Air Mechanic R. E. Crane, of the Royal Flying Corps, died last evening in the crash of the airplane in which he was a passenger. He was one of the mechanics who were brought over from England early in the war when the R. E. F. C. was in its infancy. He was killed by a cadet pilot, who escaped with a few minor injuries.

SENSATIONAL HOLD-UP NEAR ESTEVAN, SASK.; THIEVES TAKE \$3,600

Strip Victim of His Clothing,
Leaving Him One Sock
and a Shoe.

Regina, Sask., Aug. 15.—In connection with the assault and robbery of B. S. Roberts, near Estevan on Monday, full details of the crime are being given. Roberts, a well-known local merchant, was taken into custody last night. Louise E. Connors has been arrested at Estevan, John Yovanich, alias John Malin in Regina and Johnny Brown (colored) at Moose Jaw.

Yovanich and Louise Connors have confessed. They say that Roberts, alias Percy Manning, was one of their gang. He and the Connors woman, who was his sweetheart, left Winnipeg with money obtained under false pretenses from the others. The other three followed, and, locating Louise Connors in a hotel at Midale, Sask., stole from her gold watch and chain, money and revolver, and cut in pieces a suit of clothes belonging to Roberts.

Bloomfield was left to guard the woman and the others motored to Estevan in pursuit of Roberts. The latter accepted an invitation to drive back to Midale, but on the way his companions beat him up, relieved him of \$3,600 and removed all his clothing except one shoe and sock. Brown, Yovanich and Bloomfield took the train at Midale for Moose Jaw. A party of motorists picked Roberts up and took him back to Estevan wrapped in a rag. They at first supposed him crazy. The \$3,600 supposed to be the proceeds of operations of the gang in the country, has not been recovered.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 84; lowest, 63. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 69; lowest, 58.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

Toronto, Aug. 15.—8 a.m. Weather.

Light to moderate winds, fair and warm today and on Thursday. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria 65 52 Clear. Calgary 85 49 Fair. Winnipeg 85 49 Fair. Port Stanley 80 62 Clear. Buffalo 75 68 Cloudy. Toronto 80 61 Cloudy. Kingston 75 60 Fair. Ottawa 75 64 Fair. Montreal 72 62 Cloudy. Quebec 70 60 Rain.

Weather Notes.

Showers have occurred in the Western Provinces, also in Eastern Ontario and Quebec, elsewhere weather has been fair.

AMERICAN FORCE THRILLS LONDON; GEORGE REVIEWS

Enthusiasm Great As Demon-
stration During South
African War.

London, Aug. 15.—American troops marched through London today. They were reviewed by King George at Buckingham Palace. Great crowds lined the streets, which were decorated profusely with British and American flags.

Enthusiasm was shown everywhere. The troops were escorted by Guard bands. As the Americans passed the Horse Guards parade to Whitehall they were greeted from the windows of the war office by Premier Lloyd George, Foreign Secretary Balfour, Chancellor Bonar Law, War Secretary Derby, Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of the interior, and other high officials, as well as by French and Belgian officers. The evening newspapers say that for a parallel to the scenes witnessed today in the neighborhood of Trafalgar Square, it probably would be necessary to recall the time of the South African war and the return home of the troops.

NO TRACE YET OF CHEAP FISH BEING SHIPPED TO LONDON

Long-Waited Consignment Is
Still "On Its Way."

LITTLE FISH EATEN HERE

Port Stanley Fishermen De-
clare Canadians, as Race,
Not Fish-Eaters.

That consignment of fish promised to Mayor Stevenson by Food Controller W. J. Hanna, has not yet arrived. However, this will be known later.

Ald. Sam Mannes was in Port Stanley the other day and discussed the fish question with the fishermen there. The latter contended that they had no fish to ship to the United States, as this was their only market. Canadians they said, were not fish eaters. Mr. Mannes could not find any evidence of a combine to boost prices.

FORMER RUSS EMPEROR REMOVED FROM CAPITAL; IS GREATLY DEPRESSED

Petrograd, Aug. 15.—Former Emperor Nicholas and his family are being transferred to another point. They were removed in an ordinary train instead of in the gorgeous imperial train on which Nicholas was brought to the palace. The former emperor appeared to be very much depressed. Former Empress Alexandra seemed to be pleased at the prospect of a change. The provisional government today formally refused to reveal the destination of the former imperial family.

N. V. Nekrasoff, vice premier, said that the removal of Nicholas was decided on after a series of secret sessions of the council of ministers late last month. His motives of the ministers, he said, are political and military. It was decided to get Nicholas out of the city, and to expedite the former emperor reaches his destination the facts will be announced.

TROOPS QUELL RIOTS AT SPANISH CAPITAL; ALL BUSINESS HALTS

Severe Measures Adopted To
Check Nation-Wide Anar-
chistic Movement.

Paris, Aug. 15.—Six persons were killed and nine others were wounded when strikers clashed yesterday with soldiers at Barcelona, according to a statement issued by the Spanish captain-general and received here by the Petit Parisien.

Madrid, Aug. 15.—Interior Minister Gorriz said yesterday that the strike agitation had increased in several quarters of the capital, but that the troops acted vigorously and quelled the disturbances. The Government has taken steps to restore order. The captain-general at first framed his orders in a moderate spirit and then replaced them by others more severe. The Government and press are without news from the provinces. A few newspapers hope to appear tonight. The rest have suspended publication on account of the military censorship.

Madrid is without cable. Most of the stores are closed. Groups of workmen parade the streets, while soldiers patrol the principal points of the city. The minister of the interior has received letters from a number of persons of authority, who express their disapproval of the military services as special constables.

The minister has drawn up a list of them. Freixas said: "We are confronted with an anarchist movement, inspired by no definite object, not even of effecting a change in the ministry."

Press of New York Says Peace Proposal Quite Unacceptable

Herald Declares Nothing Short
of Unconditional Surrender
Will Be Considered.

New York, Aug. 15.—Comments of the New York Herald, World, Sun and Times on the Vatican's peace proposal declared that they are entirely unacceptable as they stand, and that the pope is being used by Germany and Austria for another "feeler." The papers are all agreed that the Teutons must make full preparation for damage done, the Allies going as far as to declare that nothing but unconditional surrender will suit the Allies.

BERLIN IS EXPECTING NEW ALLIED OFFENSIVE

Berlin, Aug. 14.—Via Amsterdam, Aug. 15.—Another great offensive by the Entente Allies on the western front is expected by the Berlin evening newspapers.

The Tagessblatt says: "Doubtless offensive plans on a great scale exist on the French side and simultaneously we must reckon with a resumption of the fighting in Flanders. The strong fire playing incessantly on three local points on the Aisne, at Verdun and in Flanders announces that these attacks can speedily be expected."

DO NOT BE VIOLENT IS ADVICE OF NAP. SEGUIN

Montreal, Aug. 17.—"Keep your sons at home in time of trouble; do not give those people at Ottawa the opportunity that they wish of putting martial law into effect in Montreal," urged Napoleon Seguin, M. P., at a Liberal meeting here last night. "Do not be violent for you will be the first to suffer."

THOMAS APPROVES OF STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE

Paris, Aug. 15.—In an address to his constituents on Sunday, M. Thomas, the Socialist member of the French War Council, declared the French delegates to the Stockholm peace conference of Socialists had a right to attend, and that they could be trusted not to betray France in any way. He said, however, that it would be folly to imagine that the conference could bring about an immediate peace. He expressed regret that the United States, Great Britain and Belgium would not be present. He also declared that several members of the Russian ministry favored the conference.

HAIG CARRIES FOE'S FIRST LINE ALL WAY FROM LENS TO LOOS; FRENCH ADVANCE AT DIXMUDE

REPORTED WOUNDED,
NOW LISTED "GASSED"



Pte. W. Menhill, infantry, who has been reported as gassed in an official message to George W. Menhill, 455 Horton street. He was previously reported wounded on July 31. Pte. Menhill went overseas a year and a half ago with a platoon of cyclists, and in England was transferred to the infantry. He has been two or three months in France.

WILSON WANTS VIEWS OF ALL EUROPE ON THE POPE'S PROPOSALS FOR A PEACE CONFAB

Washington To Let The World
Know Where Allies Stand
in the Matter.

BY CARL D. GROUT.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Washington, Aug. 15.—President Wilson is awaiting the voice of world opinion before deciding his course on the pope's peace offer. London cables say today that much interest is manifested there in the United States course. There has been no attempt to minimize the importance of the peace move.

Coming as it does from another side the realm of diplomacy, at a time when the world feels a revulsion at the thought of another winter campaign, and when all treasures, but the American, are at low ebb, it must be reckoned with.

To sound sentiment. To aid in forming judgment, the Government has called its representatives abroad to sound out sentiment and report the reception of the peace proposal, both in high and low quarters.

It may be stated, however, that the United States Government either directly or indirectly will reply to the pope. Officials think, generally, the world should know where the United States and her allies stand, especially if the Russian is rejected. Opinion of European allies with the exception of the Russian, tends toward a prompt rejection of the proposal.

Authorities here realize that coming from the pope the offer carries a weight which German feelers have lacked. The offer will stir pacifist sentiment, and cause the thinking world to pause in reflection.

Will Germany Surrender? The hint is launched that Germany may have chosen the Vatican as a means of surrendering gracefully, without incurring disaster and possible revolution at home. The pope, it is believed, has the maximum and minimum Teuton terms. The proposal to leave settlement of the Alsace-Lorraine and Balkan problems to peaceful negotiation is regarded here as an special stumbling block, however.

U. S. GOVT. TAKES OVER CONTROL OF ALL GRAIN

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—With the approval of President Wilson the food administration today announced formation of a corporation to take over control of the country's grain supply. The following executive officers have been named:

Herbert Hoover, chairman; Julius Barnes, Duluth, Minn., president; Gates W. McGarrath, New York, treasurer; Edward Chambers, Chicago, transportation director, and J. W. Shorthill, York, Neb., secretary.

Heavy Blow Struck This Morning Along Wide Front By British and French Forces All First Attacks Successful.

London, Aug. 15.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's forces attacked the German positions along a wide front early this morning from Lens to the northeast of Loos. The official statement says the British are making progress satisfactorily.

Gen. Haig reports that the British troops have carried the German first line at all points of the front attacked.

HAIG'S STATEMENT.
The text of the statement reads: "We attacked early this morning on a wide front from the northwestern outskirts of Lens to Bois Hugo, northeast of Loos."

"Our troops have carried the German first lines of defence at all points and are making satisfactory progress. A hostile counter-attack east of the Cite St. Emelie was completely crushed."

"Our allies gained further ground during the night northwest of Bixchoote. Hostile raiding parties attacked our new positions last night east of Klein Zillebeke, but they were completely repulsed, leaving fourteen prisoners in our hands. The stormy weather continues. Heavy rain again has fallen."

FRENCH ALSO ADVANCE.

Paris, Aug. 15.—The French attacked in Belgium last night and made a considerable advance in the region of the Dixmude road, the war office announces. The Germans directed a heavy artillery fire against the French first lines on the Aisne front between Hurtebise and Craonne. On the Verdun front the French repulsed German attacks.

The statement follows: "In Belgium our troops made considerable progress west of the Dixmude road. Between Hurtebise and Craonne our first lines were bombarded heavily."

"A surprise attack against one of our small posts on Vaucelers Plateau was repulsed completely. The artillery fighting continued with great activity all night on both banks of the Meuse. To the left of the river we repulsed an enemy attack west of Hill 304. Everywhere else the night passed in quiet."

TWO MORE NORWAY SHIPS SUNK IN THE NORTH SEA

London, Aug. 15.—According to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen an announcement is made by the Norwegian foreign office that the Norwegian steamer Falkland has been sunk in the North Sea. Ten persons were killed.

The steamer Capella was also sunk. The crew was saved. The Falkland displaced 4,877 tons gross and was built at Glasgow in 1887. The vessel was owned by a Christiania company. Available shipping records give a steamer Capella as being 377 tons gross, built at Bergen in 1888. She was owned by a firm in Sandford.

POLICE AND SOLDIERS RAID IRISH ARSENAL

Dublin, Aug. 15.—Police and soldiers early today raided the Irish national volunteers commanded by Col. Moore. They seized 100 rifles and 1,300 rounds of blank cartridges. No arrests were made.

DETECTIVES HAVE CLUE OF DYNAMITING GANG

Montreal, Aug. 15.—The police and Dominion detectives have unearthed a clue to the identity of the gang which dynamited Lord Athlistan's residence at Waterville a week ago. What it is is not known, but it is said it will lead to an arrest soon.

A FINE LINE OF WORKERS IN A FINE LINE OF BUSINESS---AMBITIOUS, PERSEVERING

Last Special Prize in Advertiser's \$16,000 Prize Contest, a \$935 Maxwell Touring Car, Will Be Given to the Candidate Turning in the Greatest Amount of Subscription Money On Both Old and New Subscriptions and the Greatest Number of New Subscriptions Up to 8:30 p.m. Saturday Next—By Taking Advantage of the Extra Vote Offers This Week Many Millions of Votes May Be Added Toward Winning the Grand Prize.



A group of ambitious and persevering persons, who find no difficulty in securing new subscriptions to The London Advertiser. Each and every one has an object in view and that object is the Grand Prize Automobile. Reading from left to right they are: F. E. Nicol, District No. 3; Miss Leah Lewis, District No. 3; Miss Catherine Binder, District No. 3; Miss Helen Dent, District No. 4; Mrs. Emma Colborne, District No. 1; Miss Florence Greenfield, District No. 3; Mrs. J. F. Lawrence, District No. 5; Mrs. Lawrence's husband, District No. 3; Harry Munn, District No. 5; Mr. Munn is a returned soldier, having enlisted at the outbreak of the war. He saw some heavy fighting in France. The end of the contest is in sight. The Maxwell Automobile is the last special prize. The best vote offer is on this week. Those who are holding back, looking for a greater vote offer, will be disappointed. This is the week you can get many millions of votes. Candidates who have been asking for an extension of the extra vote offer have a chance this week that will not be repeated during the contest.