

LENS HOTTEST POINT IN THE FIGHTING

Canadians Advance Their Circling Lines Slightly--French Capture 8,426 Germans in Their Big Drive Around Verdun, Where Fighting Has Slackedened.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, Aug. 23.—Lens was still the hottest point in the fighting on the British front to-day, but despite all resistance the Canadians advanced their circling lines slightly.

Field Marshal Haig's report said the slight advance was southeast of the French coal city.

French Have Taken 8,426 Prisoners

(Special to the Whig.)

Paris, Aug. 23.—Prisoners in France's greatest drive taken since Monday were increased to-day to a total of 8,426, according to War Office statement.

The fighting to-day apparently slackened a triple, the official report merely declaring: "North of the Aisne the German artillery was most active throughout the night especially at Draye and Hurbise."

The War Office reported a bombardment by French aviators of Fribourg en Brisgau, over the aviation grounds there, of stations at Colmar and Schlestadt and enemy bivouacs in the Verdun region.

Thirty German Attacks at Lens Fall.

(William Philips, United Press.)

With the British Armies in the Field, Aug. 23.—A few yards was all that more than thirty successive and desperately-waged German counter-attacks throughout last night could wrench from the Canadians' grip around Lens.

On the western outskirts of Lens, a new advanced post was taken. In utter pitch-darkness, after midnight, the Canadians attacked the pithead, Fort St. Louis and the mines adjacent, forcing still closer to the centre of the French coal city while the Germans were forced back in bitter hand-to-hand fighting.

Canadian losses remain comparatively light. Troops from the Dominion gained many points of vantage by gallant and spectacular charges. Canadian gunnery was excellent.

25,000 Prisoners in Three Days.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, Aug. 23.—The British Allies on the western front have taken twenty-five thousand prisoners in the last three days, and a total of 32,500 prisoners on the western front since the first of August, declared General Frederick B. Maurice, Chief of the British army intelligence department, to-day.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

Italian.

Rome, Aug. 22.—The text of the statement follows:

"Along the whole front the battle is raging without let up. North of Gorizia the operations are proceeding regularly and we are overcoming the resistance of the enemy and the difficulty of the ground."

"To the south the struggle yesterday became localized, especially on the Carso."

"Along the whole line of battle our troops have gained new successes and are overcoming the difficulties which give to every yard of ground won and held the importance of a conquered fortress."

"Masters of the air over the battle-

field our aeroplanes bombarded troops and huts in the Chiapovano Valley and along the eastern slopes of the Hermetia, making the enemy suffer losses and causing communications in his communication lines. The number of able-bodied prisoners captured is 311 officers and more than 13,000 men.

On the Trentino and Carnia fronts the enemy yesterday again attempted small attacks which everywhere were repulsed. In the Ledro valley a bitter attack resulted, after a lively struggle, in failure for the enemy, who was put to flight. He left prisoners and material in our hands."

Military Voters' Bill in the House of Commons on Wednesday afternoon. The Liberal member was tired of a lot of Tory talk "and clap-trap about reverencing the soldier."

"Drunk or sober?" interrupted Dr. Edwards. "What do you mean?" asked Mr. Carvell, sharply.

"You once said the soldiers were all drunkards," retorted Dr. Edwards.

"Mr. Chairman, there is one man in this House who is beneath my contempt. I have had no parley with him for two years, and I am not going to start now. I will have nothing to do with the member for Frontenac," said Mr. Carvell, warningly.

Further hostilities were stopped by the Chairman.

The Ottawa Separate School Board faces a receivership. The Bank of Ottawa, which holds \$29,000 of the board's sinking funds, has refused to honor a check for \$2,459.

Mr. Rogers' elimination from the Dominion Government fore-cast his early retirement from political life.

THE TANK MAKES GOOD.



Despatches describe wonderful exploits of British tanks in the recent fighting on the west front. One is snapped here in the act of felling a good sized tree.

ANOTHER CRISIS IS DEVELOPING

The Opposition Charges the Government With Unfair Tactics.

MASS VOTES OF SOLDIERS

WHERE THEY PLEASE IN CLOSE CONSTITUENCIES.

Carvell and Maclean Summoned to Conference With Premier and Doherty—The Government Takes Obstruction Seriously.

(Special to the Whig.)

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—A most acute crisis is developing at Ottawa. Liberals have already given strong indications of deliberate obstruction of the Soldiers' Voting Bill unless the Minister of Justice agrees to the elimination of certain alleged unfair sections by means of which the Opposition claims it is the intention of the Government to mass votes, where they please in close constituencies.

This morning Messrs. Carvell and Maclean were summoned to a conference with the Premier and Mr. Doherty in order to see if some compromise may be reached.

Both of these men are out-and-out obstructionists, so that their obstruction to the bill was taken very seriously by the Government.

BRITISH SEA PLANES BUSY BOMBING

And With Some Results at Several Belgian Positions.

London, Aug. 23.—British sea-planes nightly bombing expeditions as announced for last night by the Admiralty to-day comprised: Zeppelins, The Mole, shipping and batteries attacked some his observed. Ghiselles, anorodrome, the aim of bombs, one shed set on fire. All British machines returned.

SPLENDID INCREASE.

In the Production of Metals in Ontario.

(Special to the Whig.)

Toronto, Aug. 23.—An increase of over two million dollars in value of metalliferous production of Ontario mines is shown for the first half of this year over the same period for 1916, according to a statement issued by the Provincial Bureau of Mines to-day.

The Sea Raider See Adler Sunk.

(Special to the Whig.)

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 23.—The German sea raider See Adler, which created terror in South American waters last winter, has been sunk, according to members of a British steamship's crew here.

The German raider, they said, went down fighting hard after a battle with a British war ship. Only a few of her men were saved.

NATION FACES SHORTAGE OF MILK AND BUTTER

Supplies Not Keeping Pace With Population, Food Administrator Reports.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Warning that conservation of dairy products must be not only a war measure but also a national necessity, was given today by the food administration.

"The world's dairy supplies are decreasing rapidly," says the statement. "Even our own dairy products are not keeping pace with our growth of population."

"The people must realize the vital dependence of the well being of their children and thus of the nation upon the encouragement and upbuilding of the industry. We must save the wastes in milk and butter if we are to provide milk supplies to all, especially including the children of the crowded districts of our cities."

NOT ALL USED UP

"Shattered" Canadian Divisions Still Breaking Germans.

London, Aug. 23.—"Fighting of the fiercest description has again been going on around Lens, in which the Canadians have forced their way nearer to the heart of the city," says Perry Robinson, the Daily News correspondent, in a despatch forwarded last night.

"The Germans have already told the world that in former attacks we used up all our Canadian divisions, which had been shattered. They will perhaps now explain how it is that, though they bring up new divisions themselves and throw them recklessly into carnage, they still find the Canadians ready to break them 'into little bits.'"

JAPS TO AID RUSSIANS

Suggested by French Newspaper, Le Matin.

Paris, Aug. 21.—The Matin gives prominence to an article pointing out that the contribution of the western powers towards the raising of Russia's military forces is necessarily limited by difficulties of communication.

The Far East, it says, however, is in a position to participate freely. It suggests that Japanese troops might relieve the Siberian garrisons, which could be sent to the front and that Japanese units might reinforce the men in the firing line, giving an example of devotion to duty to soldiers who are influenced by the propaganda of the Russian extremists.

WAR BULLETINS.

The French have taken more important positions and towns and hold all their previous gains.

The British Arabs are driving the Turks out of Arabia. The town of Sheraban has been taken by the British.

The Canadians have repulsed ten counter-attacks by the Germans on Lens.

Eighteen British steamers and two fishing smacks were sunk by Germans last week.

Thirteen thousand prisoners have been now taken by the Italians.

The Russians are making progress in the Caucasus.

PESSIMISTIC WAVE SWEEPS GERMANY

Typhoid, Dysentery And Other Diseases Are Ravaging Numerous Cities.

LEARNING TRUTH AT LAST

FRENCH AND ITALIAN OFFENSIVES REGARDED AS ANSWERS.

To the Pope's Peace Plea—Some German Prisoners Thought Paris Was Held by Their Troops.

London, Aug. 23.—A wave of pessimism is sweeping over Germany in regard to the war and its outcome, as shown clearly by comments in Berlin newspapers which have reached here. Not only is the Pope's peace move generally regarded as a failure, but the depression is intensified by a fearful epidemic of typhoid fever, dysentery and other complaints attributable to insufficient and bad food, which is breaking out in all parts of the empire. It is no longer possible to conceal this, despite the utmost efforts of the Government.

Basle and Zurich, in Switzerland, report that full confirmation has been received of serious outbreaks of typhoid and dysentery in numerous German cities, particularly in Cologne, Karlsruhe, Mannheim and Muhlhausen where these diseases have become epidemic, children and underfed adults being the first and most numerous victims.

In Muhlhausen the epidemic threatened to develop into a panic. Deaths were so numerous that wagons were used to make the rounds night and day and the dead under cover of the darkness to prevent the people from learning how grave the situation was.

These internal developments are influencing German opinion much more than the military factors, even in the Westphalian industrial district, where war work is centred and the greatest efforts have been made to provide food and other necessities. Conditions there are so bad that labor is in constant turmoil, and the people are greatly disappointed because for a long time they have been held up by promises that England would be starved and compelled to make peace by August.

When the Pope's proclamation was issued, the British front was the only region in which the Allies were making a strong offensive effort. Before any diplomatic reply was sent to the Pope, the French started a new Verdun offensive and the Italians launched their greatest effort, both of which produced important and immediate gains. These military moves are regarded as the real answer to the Pope.

There is considerable evidence that success has been attained by recent efforts of the Allied authorities to get before the German people accurate knowledge regarding the real conditions in England, France and the United States. Some weeks ago a large number of German prisoners were brought from Flanders to London. Until their capture they had believed that Paris was held by the Germans, and that London had been practically destroyed by air raids and deserted by its inhabitants.

GERMAN POISON CIGARS

Allentown Blames Los Angeles For Frightfulness.

Allentown, Pa., Aug. 23.—The Public Ledger last evening sent a message to Allentown to the effect that the police of Los Angeles, California, are combing that city for traitors and scoundrels who are supposed to have sent poisoned cigars to soldiers of the Allentown ambulance camp.

REWARDED WITH DISMISSAL.

Perley Abolished Doctor's Office and Discharged Official.

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OUT IN SOFT COAL PRICES.

Firm Announces Reduction of From \$1 to \$1.50 a Ton.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—The Consumers' Company, said to be one of the largest retail coal dealers in the world, yesterday announced a slash of from \$1 to \$1.50 on soft coal, effective immediately. This is in line with the price fixed by President Wilson.

DISTRIBUTE APPLE CROP

Food Controller Appoints Vegetable Committee to Aid in Work.

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—A special vegetable committee is to be appointed by the Food Controller. Its first business will be to co-operate with the distribution bureau, of the Food Controller's office, to insure proper distribution of this year's apple crop.

REVIVES WORD "COMMAND."

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—Lieut.-Gen. Korniloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian army, has issued orders for a resumption of strict training for all the military forces, the free time of the soldiers to be devoted to gymnastics, drills and games, and for a cessation of all distractions. The order contains the statement: "Henceforth the only language in the army is command."

ORGAN PIPES REQUISITIONED.

Paris, Aug. 23.—Bohemian papers announce, says a dispatch to the Havas agency from Eislek, that Austrian churches as well as organ builders have been notified that all organ pipes in all churches of the monarchy will soon be requisitioned to fill the needs of war industries.

NATION NEEDS RIFLES FOR BOYS.

Washington, Aug. 23.—There is no shortage of rifles for the American forces sent to Europe, although there may be some delay in equipping all men of the national army with the weapons they are to use in training.

AN ANSWER TO THE POPE.

(Special to the Whig.)

Washington, Aug. 23.—The United States will, in answering the Pope's peace proposal, declare the only peace possible will be one with autocracy banished.

A DISASTROUS STORM.

(Special to the Whig.)

Winnipeg, Aug. 23.—One hundred and fifty square miles of crops were destroyed by a terrific storm in Alberta.

Hogs Make New Record. Chatham, Aug. 23.—The price of hogs reached the record high mark when local buyers offered \$16.50 a hundredweight.

MUNITION OUTPUT WILL BE REDUCED

Some Lines of Shell Production to Be Discontinued on Present Scale.

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—Towards the close of 1916 the capacity for producing munitions in Great Britain had so increased that the Minister of Munitions advised that it was unnecessary to continue the production of munitions in the United States for British account, except for a few special lines. The production in Canada, however, was continued as before.

The minister has now advised that it is unnecessary to continue production in Canada on the present scale. He has directed that certain lines shall be discontinued; that other lines shall be produced in lessened quantities, while some lines are to be continued as at present.

The effect of this will be to stop the production of shells and components at some plants which are now producing sizes no longer required.

In other plants, where shells are made of sizes or calibres which reduced output only is required, it will mean working during the day only, thus stopping night work. In other plants, where sustained production is required, operations will be continued night as well as day.

These changes have been anticipated by several important firms who have already resumed, or are planning to resume, their pre-war activities in their own lines, while others are engaged in the production, or preparation for production, of equipment needed for ships now under construction, or to be built during 1918.

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THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

For the twentieth century, Sir Sam Hughes has asked whether the Government know anything about the Bruce reply to the Empire report. No reply. "I shall be pleased to repeat my question to-morrow," said Gen. Hughes in a patient but firm tone.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

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Southcott's Grocery ... Fort Street

BORN.

POST—In General Hospital, Kingston, on August 21st, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Post, a son, named Edward Post, (died two hours later).

MARRIED.

HANSON-CARRUTHERS—On 22nd inst. at Chalmers Church, by the Rev. M. A. MacGillivray, D.D., Dorothy, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carruthers, and granddaughter of the late John Carruthers, Esq., and of Mrs. J. B. Carruthers, P.C., St. John N.B., to Major Charles W. Hanson, C.F.A., second son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hanson, Montreal.

DIED.

CORRIGAN—In Kingston, on August 22nd, 1917, at Hotel Dieu Hospital, Sophia Clemons, beloved wife of Frank J. Corrigan, Funeral (private) from his family residence, 321 Victoria street, on Friday morning to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung at 2 o'clock for the happy repose of her soul.

Friends and acquaintances are kindly invited to attend the funeral.

PARSLEY—In Kingston on August 22nd, 1917, John Parsley, son of the late Hon. P. F. Parsley, aged 47 years. Funeral from his late residence, 17 Division street Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

MELLOUGHAM—In Kingston on April 22nd, 1917, Andrew Melougham. Funeral (private) from his late residence, 241 Victoria street on Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock to Cedarvale cemetery.

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FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

I honor the man who is ready to sink Half his present repute for the freedom to think.

And when he has thought, he is cause strong or weak. Will risk 'other half for the freedom to speak.

Caring not for what vengeance the crowd has in store, Let that crowd be the upper ten thousand or lower.

—ANONYMOUS.



NEW FRENCH GAINS AT VERDUN. The above map shows how the capture of Cole de L'Oie and Regneville on one side of the Meuse, and Samogneux on the other, straightened out the new French line in front of Verdun.

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