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## CANADIANS STEADILY TIGHTENING GRIP ON MINING CITY OF LENS

### Have Established Strong Posts Near Scene of Recent Fighting---Success- ful Trench Raids---Huns Acknow- ledge Superiority of Canadians.

(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent, C. P.)  
Canadian Headquarters, Aug. 20.—Northwest of Lens, amid a nest of trenches and railway cuttings which forms the last line of German defence in that quarter, our men have succeeded in establishing strong posts in a support trench which was the scene of desperate and indecisive fighting two days ago. These new posts give command of the last bit of ground from which defenders of the city could overlook our advance from the west. They are now in a hollow all around the front which swings about Lens in semi-circular form.

#### Many Germans Killed.

The eastern exits from the city are now subjected to a constant and harassing fire of the artillery, and machine guns. This makes the bringing up of provisions and supplies of ammunition very difficult. At two o'clock this morning a trench raid on the enemy's front northwest of Vvion, resulted in heavy fighting in the course of which a considerable number of the enemy were killed in hand-to-hand fighting.

The Avion front was strongly held by the Germans as protection to Halluins, a large mining village to the southeast of Lens, where many guns withdrawn from the German forward area to escape capture, are now located.

#### Enemy Airmen Active.

German prisoners speak with bitterness of seeing their guns in process of withdrawal, while the infantry was sent forward with insufficient artillery support. The loss of guns still appears to be more important in the eyes of the commanders than the loss of men. The enemy has been very active in the air recently and has been bombing our back areas more freely than for some time past.

The haughty Prussian is becoming a little less sure of himself. A battalion commander just made prisoner says that Canadian troops are better than his men.

## AMERICAN METAL WORKERS MAY JOIN IN BIG STRIKE

### A Quarter of a Million of Them in all Parts of the U. S. Have Been Asked to Strike in Sympathy With Shipbuilders.

New York, Aug. 20.—Labor leaders in charge of the strike in shipyards of the New York district today asserted that 250,000 metal workers in various part of the country would be asked to declare a sympathetic strike, unless a settlement is reached today.

A meeting of labor leaders to be held in Tammany Hall tomorrow is expected to take formal action seeking to extend the strike. According to those in charge of the strike, the plans include taking out men all the way from Seattle, Washington, to the Delaware river. The meeting tomorrow will be attended by officials of the international unions involved, machinists, blacksmiths, boiler makers and pattern makers.

Louis Weyland, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers, declared that his union was in the fight either to lose or win everything and that the men would keep up the struggle as long as the employers did. The strikers' employers are deadlocked over the question of establishing a minimum wage.

## FASTEST MILE PACED IN SEASON

Cleveland, O., Aug. 19. — Single G., besides walking away with the feature event of Get-away-day at the North Randall Grand Circuit meeting Saturday afternoon, set a season's record by negotiating one heat of the free-for-all pace in 2.00%, the fastest mile travelled by a harness horse this season. Single G. won the first two heats of the pace but was nosed out by Hal Boy in the third, the latter horse giving him a hot battle right up to the wire in the other two heats.

Miss Directed, the favorite, won the 2.07 trot in straight heats, but was given such a hard fight by Grand Chimes in the second mile that she went the distance in 2.04%, the fastest mile trotted during the meet.

Walter Cox won another race, the 2.21 trot with North Spur, defeating Letanna, the favorite, after a hard struggle.

## ANTIMONY MINE SOON TO REOPEN

Mr. W. F. Dixon of New York, Mr. W. F. Almy of Boston and Mr. C. N. Crowe of Bridgewater, N. S., directors of the North America Antimony Smelting Company, Limited, were in the city on Saturday, guests at the Barker House. The object of their visit was to complete arrangements for the early reopening of the antimony mine at Lake George. It is said that the new company has secured ample capital and will establish a most important industry at Lake George. It is the intention of the company greatly to enlarge and improve the present plant.

Messrs. Dixon and Crowe left Saturday evening for Cape Breton to enjoy a few days' salmon fishing and Mr. Almy went through to Boston.

In the 2.11 pace Haley C. displayed the best for and won rather handily.

## JOHN C. ALLEN DIED SUDDENLY ON SATURDAY

### Heart Failure Caused a Fall Which Resulted in Concussion of Brain--Funeral Largely Attended.

John Campbell Allen of Allen Bros., proprietors of the Barker House livery stable, died suddenly Saturday afternoon in the Victoria Hospital to which he had been taken after sustaining injuries to his head after a fall at the stable. The news of his death caused a profound shock throughout the city as the deceased was a well known young man.

#### Had Been in Ill Health.

The late Mr. Allen had been in ill health for some time and Saturday complained of feeling ill. He was unable to eat lunch at the Lorne Hotel through illness and went to the stable where he sat in one of the carriages. After a time he called to one of his employees to telephone Dr. McGrath and ask him to come. While the message was being sent Mr. Allen's faintness became so great that he fell to the floor. The fall was so hard that his face and head were severely injured. He was rushed at once to the Victoria Hospital where death ensued shortly afterward. Heart failure caused the fall and concussion of the brain caused death.

The wife and little daughter of the deceased were at St. George spending the summer. Word was sent to them to return. When the news was broken to the widow she was overcome and the attendance of a physician was required. There is much sympathy for the bereaved relatives.

#### Surviving Relatives.

The deceased was a son of the late William K. Allen and a grandson of Sir John Allen, Chief Justice of New Brunswick. He is survived by a widow, formerly Miss Edith Hilyard, one little daughter, Catherine O., and one brother, W. K. Allen, his business partner. Dr. T. C. Allen, Mr. E. H. Allen and Mr. Thomas C. Allen are uncles.

The deceased was well known throughout the province through the interest he took in horse racing and his connection with the sport.

#### Funeral Today.

The funeral took place this afternoon and was very largely attended. Service was conducted at the house, Regent street, at 2.45. The body was taken to Christchurch Cathedral where service was conducted by Very Rev. Dean Neales, assisted by Rev. Canon Cowie. Interment was made at Forest Hill cemetery. The pall bearers were T. V. Monahan, Thomas Feeney, H. R. Babbitt, James W. Biggs, F. L. Cooper, A. A. Shute.

The mourners were W. K. Allen, Dr. T. C. Allen, E. H. Allen, J. H. Sproule, Parker Glasier, Murray Glasier, Allen Glasier, George Glasier, Fred Glasier, J. Fred Payne, Stephen Payne, Thos. C. Allen, A. R. Wetmore, George Hilyard, J. Alex. Thompson, J. Brown Maxwell, Duff Mitchell, Wm. Shaw, Guy Murdoch, John T. G. Hatt, J. H. Bebbington, R. B. Phillips, W. A. Adams, John Payne, Norman Edgecombe, W. P. Edwards, L. B. C. Phair, R. S. Barker, Dr. R. H. McGrath, Dr. B. M. Mullin, Hugh O'Neill, Dr. A. T. McMurray, J. J. Hanlon, J. J. McCaffrey.

## British Hold Positions Against Counter Attacks

### SCHOOLS WILL REOPEN AUG. 27

#### Some Teachers Unwilling to Forego Government Grant for One Week--Exten- sion Improbable.

Difference of opinion is found on most questions and while the School Trustees were willing to comply with the request of a number of citizens and delay the opening of the schools until the day after Labor Day, provided the teachers were willing to lose their government grant for five days, it now transpires that two or three object to this loss, and as a consequence the schools will probably re-open on the 27th inst. as originally announced.

The following teachers have signified their willingness to lose the government grant for one week in order that the city schools may re-open on Tuesday, September 4th:

James Hughes, S. L. Thompson, E. J. Thompson, E. Betts, E. Alexander, I. McAdam, F. McKenzie, A. L. Pinder, M. L. Kinghorn, N. B. Williamson, K. McCann, J. Strong, B. Jewett, A. Harvey, E. Mills, E. L. Thorne, J. McFarlane, I. Everett, R. Davis, Sister Clarice, Sister Adrian, Sister Augustine, Mrs. Simpson, M. McConaghy, A. Young, A. Hoben, J. Clark.

Owing to the absence of several teachers, it is impossible to obtain their opinion on the matter.

## ARCHBISHOP DWYER IS DEAD

Dublin, Aug. 20. —The Most Rev. Edward Dwyer, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Limerick, died yesterday at the Palace at Corbally, Limerick. For a generation the Bishop had been prominent figure in Irish politics.

## FRENCH TROOPS TAKE PRISONERS

Paris, Aug. 20.—French troops made an attack this morning on both banks of the Meuse, on the Verdun front. Early information shows that the battle has developed to the advantage of the French on a sector of 18 kilometers (11 miles). Prisoners already have begun passing to the rear.

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## WELL KNOWN PHYSICIAN MURDERED AT HAMILTON

### Body of Dr. D. G. McRobbie Found With Skull Smashed---Three Men Detained as Witnesses at the Coroner's Inquest.

HAMILTON, Ont., Aug. 20.—Dr. D. G. Macrobbe, 209 York street, a well known Hamilton physician, was found dead in a room over the office of the Crescent Oil Company, on Cannon street west, at 10.30 last night, under circumstances which Coroner McNichol decided justified an inquest.

The gruesome discovery was made by the caretaker, who, finding the side-door open, something unusual, investigated and found Macrobbe, his head crushed in, resting in a pool of blood. The head was lying across a pile of iron bars.

No report of the affair was made to the police until early this morning. When Coroner McNichol arrived, Harry Smith, manager of the Crescent Oil Company, Walter Scott, an architect, and Joseph McAuliffe, 8½ John street, North, were in another part of the building. They could offer no explanation of Macrobbe's death. Later the police took the trio into custody as material witnesses.

"It may have been an accident or the man may have been murdered. That remains for the inquest to disclose," said Coroner McNichol. "Dr. Macrobbe received a terrible smash on the skull."

The dead man is 38 years of age.

Coroner McNichol in commenting on the case, said: "It seems incredible that a man could sustain such an injury as Macrobbe received by merely falling from a chair. There were bloodstains, too, on the wall at a height which I think disproves the theory that Macrobbe was fatally injured by falling."

Two small iron bars saturated with blood rested in the pool that surrounded the doctor's body.

## Enemy Completely Repulsed After Sharp Fighting---Successful British Raids on Belgian Military Establishments--- Hun Sentiment Unfavorable to Note.

LONDON, Aug. 20.—A German counter attack on the positions captured by the British yesterday morning southeast of Epehy was completely repulsed after sharp fighting, according to an official statement issued today by the War Office. A successful raid was carried out last night south of Lens. On the Ypres battle front the British line had advanced slightly south-east of St. Janshoek.

### ADMIRALTY REPORT TELLS OF SUCCESSFUL RAID ON MILITARY WORKS IN BELGIUM

LONDON, Aug. 20.—German military establishments in Belgium which have been attacked repeatedly of late by British airplanes, were again raided on Saturday night, the Admiralty announced. The statement follows:

"Many tons of bombs were dropped on the night of August 18-19 by the naval air service on the following military objectives: St. Pierre Station and sidings at Ghent; Thourout station and dump, and the Bruges docks.

"A raid was also carried out yesterday morning on the air-drome at Snellegham, where a direct hit was made on a large shed. On the return our machines were attacked by hostile aircraft, which were beaten off with the aid of the Royal Flying Corps patrol. One enemy machine was shot down out of control. All ours returned safely."

### BELGIAN AVIATORS SHOWING GREAT ACTIVITY DESPITE THE BARRAGE FIRE OF THE ENEMY

PARIS, Aug. 19 (delayed).—The Belgian official communication as issued through the French War Office tonight reads as follows:

"On the night of the 17th and 18th our patrols combatted advance elements on the left bank of the Yser and Saint Jacques Capelle. Yesterday and today the artillery executed destructive fire on the enemy batteries and neutralized several others.

"The aviation service showed great activity last week, despite the continual barrage of the enemy. Operating in dense formation, we executed numerous missions above the enemy lines. On the fifteenth Sub-Lieut. Chieffry brought down his seventh German machine."

### ROME, Sunday, Aug. 19.—Commenting on the new Italian advance, the press says that it, like the British attack in Flanders, will be of service if it demonstrates how the people and armies of the Allied countries feel toward the premature peace proposals of Pope Benedict. It is said Austria apparently realizes the gravity of the situation, as an announcement is made that Emperor Charles is soon to visit the Austro-Italian front, probably to encourage his troops. The official Austrian statement of yesterday said the Italians had begun an offensive on a 37 mile front from the region of Tolmino to a point on the Adriatic. The struggle was said to be raging with the greatest fierceness.

### UNFAVORABLE TO POPE'S PEACE PROPOSALS

LONDON, Aug. 20.—The comment in German newspapers reaching Amsterdam is generally unfavorable to the Pope's peace note, according to despatches to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The German Catholic papers express the deepest respect for the Pope's initiative, but consider the note disquieting as far as it regards Germany's interests. The liberal newspapers view the note as an appeal of great hopefulness. The Morgenpost says that it does not see why Germany should reject the appeal, adding that it is well understood that neither the Alsace-Lorraine nor the Trentino questions can be submitted to any tribunal, because such questions do not exist.

The Tages Zeitung declares that the Pope's peace proposals would mean Germany's ruin. The Vossische Zeitung asserts that Germany will rapidly solve the Belgian question in conformity with the wishes of the Pope, but declares that France must also give up all hope of annexing Alsace-Lorraine, and that peace must bring an equilibrium.

## ITALY ANSWERS PEACE PROPOSALS BY BEGINNING A BIG OFFENSIVE

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## ATTEMPTED TO KILL HIS WIFE

Quebec, Aug. 20.—Lydius Ross, who last winter was charged with criminally setting fire to his home at Rimouski, in which his daughter perished, is again behind the bars. Yesterday he shot at his wife when she refused to return to lie with him and surrender the children. The woman's life was saved by her corsets, which deflected the course of the bullet, and Ross is now awaiting trial at the Rimouski jail.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Carr of Campbellton arrived Saturday evening by motor and registered at the Queen. They left yesterday.

## WHEAT CROP WILL BE LARGE

Toronto, Aug. 20.—Information wired on Saturday to Sir John Aird, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, by the superintendent of the bank at Winnipeg, after three extensive trips through Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, is to the effect that 200,000,000 bushels is the lowest estimate that could be placed on the wheat crop of the Canadian west. At this date it is too early to make an accurate forecast as to the probable yield of the coarse grains.

Miss Burns, daughter of Mayor Burns of Milltown, N. B., is visiting Mrs. Edward Hurley of George street. Mr. Charles O'Neill and little daughter, Marion, of St. John, spent Sunday with friends in Devon. Hon. W. P. Jones of Woodstock, is a guest at the queen.