

CANADIANS NEAR LENS; LITTLE HOPE OF PEACE

BRITISH DASH WINS POSITIONS ONE MILE DEEP

Coal Center Now Merely Death Trap for Germans

POSITIONS TAKEN DOMINATE ROADS

British Attack on 1000-Yard Front and Sweep Foe From Hill 70

VITAL POINTS CAPTURED

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Aug. 15.

Position over a thousand-yard front and to a depth of nearly a mile were stormed and captured by the Canadians early today in a new assault on the German defenses of Lens.

As a result of the objects attained by today's attack the famous coal city is now nothing more than a death trap for the Germans. If they continue to hold it their pride will cost them dearly in lives and blood.

Hill Seventy was captured in the first rush of the Canadians. In addition, Rase Wood, Cite St. Laurence, Cite St. Emille, part of Cite St. Elizabeth and a portion of Hugo wood were quickly taken. A number of other important mining centers and positions about Lens were next captured.

HAIG'S BLOW FALLS It was during a dawn more beautiful than a painter's dream that Field Marshal Haig struck again at the German line. This time the blow fell against the approaches of the coal city, instead of in Flanders.

Everything was carried before the force of the irresistible push. The objectives fixed for the day were taken in the first rush and then came the work of consolidating positions. Several hundred prisoners have been taken up to an early hour today and more were pouring back from the fighting zone.

The attack which swept the Canadians forward until they held the last positions emanating the approaches to Lens was a typical British "push."

DRUMFIRE PRECEDED CHARGE

There was the usual hush before the battle. After the first of artillery engagements a death-like silence fell. Then came the drumfire, the roar of guns, the screeching of shells and the flare of rockets behind the German lines in rapid signaling.

The sun was just rising. The British barrage was under way. A curtain of steel was falling between the Canadian trenches and the enemy. Then the Canadians went over their parapets. Then followed their curtain of steel and flame across the open ground.

German rockets, carrying their "S O S" signals, began bursting more riotously. But from the first everything went well with the British. With their bombing, their bayoneting and other work complete, they

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OPPOSITION TO VATICAN'S PLAN STRONG AT ENTENTE CAPITALS

OPPOSITION to acceptance of the Pope's peace proposals is growing stronger at the Entente capitals and at Washington.

The announcement by the State Department at Washington that the American war aims, substantially those of France and England, are unchanged is regarded as evidencing the Administration's determination to stand by the Allies on the peace proposals.

Great Britain, France and Italy will almost surely reject the Pope's plan for ending the war. Washington official opinion is also strongly against acceptance, the insurmountable obstacle being the proposal to return to the status quo ante. To accept this, it is contended, would be to surrender the objects for which America entered the war.

Lloyd George's declaration in an address today that the Allies are fighting for one thing—victory of democracy over aggression—bears out the belief that the Pope's plan will meet with no favor in official England. The attitude that Russia will take is a matter of doubt. Fear is expressed at the Entente capitals that the putting forth of these proposals, so closely corresponding to the "no annexations, no indemnities" propaganda, will serve to arouse again the pro-peace and pro-German elements among the Russian people.

No direct word has come from the Teutonic nations as to their attitude. That Austria will gladly assent to the Pope's plan for peace is taken for granted. Germany, it is believed, will be the first to send an answer to the Pope, and the Entente press and public, which sees a German trap, expect that answer to be favorable, although the proposal to leave the disposition of Alsace-Lorraine open to peaceful discussion is calculated to arouse the indignation of the Prussian junkers.

In this connection, a dispatch from Amsterdam saying that Maximilian Harden's suppressed newspaper is again being published and advocates the restoration of Alsace and Trieste is interesting.

WHEAT CONTROL NOW UNDER WAY

President Names Boards to Fix Prices and Buy the Staple

MILLERS TO CO-OPERATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. Creation of a food administration grant corporation with \$50,000,000 capital to conduct Government wheat purchases and sales was officially announced today.

To carry on the gigantic work the President appointed the wheat purchasing division, the price-fixing board, the United States millers' committee and those who will conduct the buying at the different terminal points in the country.

The great machinery for wheat control is now virtually perfected. The following comprise the price-fixing board:

H. A. GARFIELD, president of Williams College, chairman.

CHARLES J. BARRETT, Union City, Ga., president Farmers' Union.

WILLIAM N. DOAK, Roanoke, Va., vice president Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

EUGENE E. FUNK, president National Corn Association, Bloomington, Ill.

EDWARD F. LADD, president North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, N. D.

R. GOODWIN RHETT, president Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Charleston, S. C.

J. W. SHORRELL, secretary National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Associations, York, Neb.

JAMES W. SULLIVAN, American Federation of Labor, Brooklyn.

L. J. TABOR, master Ohio State Grange, Marietta, O.

FRANK W. TAUSSIG, chairman Federal Tariff Commission, Washington.

THEODORE N. VAIL, president American Telephone and Telegraph Company, New York City.

HENRY J. WATERS, president Kansas

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CLEAN BILL FOUND FOR ECHESTERMEYER

Four Detectives Dismissed by Police Trial Board

MAYOR APPROVES VERDICT

Lieutenant John F. Echtermeyer, of the Second and Christian street police station, and several sergeants of his district, who were brought before the police trial board charged with neglect of duty for failing to close a gambling house, have been exonerated. Four district detectives, who, according to Echtermeyer, neglected to report the existence of the gambling establishment, were dismissed.

This finding of the trial board was announced this afternoon by Director Wilson and is approved by him and Mayor Smith. The gambling house which was responsible for the trouble was located at 805 South Ninth street, and went under the name of Italian League of Young Republicans.

The raid was conducted over the head of the district police on August 2 by the City Hall detectives, who are known as the Mayor's "flying squadron."

The raid was directed by Alfred I. Souder, formerly captain of detectives. The raiding party captured the three alleged proprietors of the place and thirty-three patrons.

The alleged proprietors are Bruce Burke, said to be a notorious gambler; Angelo Pinto and Dominick Pet. They were each held in \$500 bail for court by Magistrate Watson and each of the patrons was fined \$7.50.

An immediate investigation was ordered after the raid by the Mayor. The probe resulted in Lieutenant Echtermeyer and several policemen being summoned before the trial board.

When the charges were made Echtermeyer declared his innocence and said he would resign if found guilty of anything in the verdict. He was given the opportunity to testify that the place existed without the

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U. S. TO REJECT OFFER; FIRM IN WAR PURPOSE

Aims in Conflict Unchanged, State Department Declares

POPE'S PLEA MEETS ALLIED OPPOSITION

Suggestion to Return to Status Quo Ante Is Stumbling Block

FEAR EFFECT ON RUSSIA

LONDON, Aug. 15. "We are fighting for one thing—victory of democracy over aggression," declared Premier Lloyd George in an address today.

The Premier was discussing the program of the labor party when reference to the aims of the Allies was made, but the reiteration of the Allied basis of victory at this time was greeted as the Government's informal answer to the Pope.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.

The provisional Russian Government is determined to carry the war to a successful culmination, hand in hand with its allies, but stands by its declared policy of "no forcible annexations, no punitive indemnities and free development of all peoples." This was the declaration of the Russian embassy here this afternoon. It does not mean she favors return to the status quo, it was said.

BERLIN (via London), Aug. 15.

The refusal of the Entente Powers to grant passports to the Stockholm Socialist conference shows that England and America are determined upon Germany's destruction. The Vorwaerts asserts today. "This reveals who are the real obstacles to peace," the Vorwaerts declares. The Vorwaerts refers to the action of the Entente nations as "brutal destruction of the Stockholm peace work."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.

Nothing has occurred to change America's war aims, and these are substantially those of France and England, it was officially announced at the State Department today.

This statement was taken as indicating that the United States and the Allies will

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LATEST SPORTS

BOSTON DEFEATS ATHLETICS IN FINAL OF SERIES

Table showing Boston Athletics vs Boston Athletics scores: Boston 3-1, Athletics 2-6.

BRAVES TAKE PHILS INTO CAMP

Table showing Philadelphia Phillies vs Boston Braves scores: Phillies 5-1, Boston 7-1.

RED SOX WIN SERIES FROM MACKMEN

Table showing Boston Red Sox vs Boston Athletics scores: Red Sox 10-1, Athletics 9-1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table showing National League games: Brooklyn 3-6, New York 2-10, Cincinnati 2-2, Pittsburgh 3-2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table showing American League games: Chicago 5-11, Cleveland 10-1.

OTHER MAJOR LEAGUE GAMES NOT SCHEDULED

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Sixth Saratoga race, 2-year-olds, \$800 added, 5-1/2 furlongs—Red Sox, 115, Butwell, 3 to 2, 3 to 5, 1 to 4, won; Payment, 112; Robinson, 13 to 5, even, 1 to 2, second; Wyommg, 115; Morys, 5 to 1, 5 to 7, 10 to 13, third. Time, 1:10.3-5. Cathedral, Orestes, Strick Fast, Trompe la Mort, Laudator, Dr. Muck, Saints Bridge, Frederick the Great, Sabersath, W. H. Buckner also ran.

WAR CANCELS CINCINNATI AUTO MEET

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 15.—The auto race meeting which was to have been held at the Cincinnati Speedway Labor Day has been called off because of the war.

10,000 DOZEN PAJAMAS ORDERED FOR SAMMEES

Pajamas are not included in Sammee's clothing allowance, according to the quartermaster corps. Twenty-sixth street and Gray's Ferry avenue, but the men may buy them themselves. An order for 10,000 dozen pairs of pajamas for the Sammees in France has been received by the Jacobs & Janowich shirt factory at Hazleton, Pa.

STRAIN TOO SEVERE, SAYS RETIRING SHIP CO. HEAD

The strain of the position of president of the New York Ship Building Company was the reason given today by S. M. Knox for his resignation. Marvin A. Neeland has been elected president, while Mr. Knox will become chairman of the board of directors. "I had wanted to be relieved of the duties of president for some time," said Mr. Knox.

SWITZERLAND'S MISSION TO U. S. ARRIVES

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 15.—Switzerland's mission to the United States arrived here today. There are five members of the mission, headed by Jean Adolphe Sulzer. The mission will proceed to Washington to take up the matter of allowing footstuffs shipped to Switzerland under the exports licensing act.

HOG PRICES REACH \$18

EAST ST. LOUIS, Aug. 15.—Hogs were up to \$18 a hundred pounds on the local market today. Cattle also advanced sharply.

ALIENS ELIGIBLE FOR NEW ARMY

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 15.—Federal Judge Westenhaver today ruled that aliens can be taken into the army. The Court denied a writ of habeas corpus to John Hackenburg, of Akron, a guardsman, who claimed he was an Austrian and refused to be mustered in for war against Germany. Hackenburg is under arrest.

CHICAGO TO STOP FUTURE WHEAT TRADING AUGUST 25

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—Trading in wheat futures on the Chicago Board of Trade, which has been compulsory since maximum prices were established in May, will cease altogether August 25. The directors of the board agreed to this step

ALIENS TAUGHT TO AVOID DRAFT IS NEW CHARGE

Workmen's Circle Ho Classed on Exemption Claims, Is Report

GOVERNMENT IS PROBING

Downtown Doctor Also Interfering With Operation of Selection, Chairman Alleges

Aliens living in the First and Second Emption District, including the Ghetto and Italian sections, who have been granted exemptions by the boards sitting in those districts, may face a re-examination.

The Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice today is investigating the work of certain officers of the Workmen's Circle, whose headquarters are located at 505 Reed street. Reports have reached the local Federal authorities that every evening at the Reed street address a so-called advisory board holds sessions. The purpose of these sessions, Federal authorities have heard, is to "frame up" exemption claims for men of draft age.

United States Attorney Francis Fisher Kline, whose attention has been called to the operations of the Workmen's Circle, today said that in his opinion if the reports are true that men are being "coached" arrests may be made.

"It would be an easy matter for me to ask for warrants," said Mr. Kline, "whether we could obtain convictions is another question. I am looking into the matter carefully. That is all I will say now." At the local headquarters of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice it was admitted today that the operations of the Workmen's Circle were being probed.

Should the aliens who have been exempted in the First and Second Districts be re-examined, this will be done because the applicants didn't tell the truth in their affidavits.

Members of the First and Second Districts admitted today that the number of persons seeking exemption in those districts have been large for the last few days. Many applicants who a few days ago expressed a desire to fight for their country, members of the two boards said today, have returned and asked for exemption.

The Second District has more than 4000 men registered for military service, including 2600 aliens of draft age. The quota which the district must furnish for the draft is 300, and so far it has been able to draft only six men.

In the First District there are 5000 men registered and it is to furnish a quota of 477 men for the first draft. It has done so far 600 and has examined 200, out of which it has obtained only twenty-seven. Emanuel Kline, 1104 South Fifth street, according to his own statement, sits at the headquarters of the Workmen's Circle every evening and performs the duties of a notary public. He emphatically denied today that any advisory board holds sessions at the Workmen's Circle which coaches aliens as to how to win exemptions.

Until recently Kline was a Socialist, but has been advertising in the People's Socialist anti-draft paper, which was barred from the mails several weeks ago. This advertisement read:

ARE YOU GOING TO CLAIM AN EXEMPTION?

If so see Emanuel Kline, Notary Public, 1114 South Fifth Street, who has had many years' experience in drawing up legal papers.

"My only purpose in advertising was that I was a notary public," said Kline; "I know that I am a Socialist; but there is nothing in those silly stories that appeared in a morning newspaper that a board of the Workmen's Circle cooperated with the Workmen's Council in drawing up affidavits in advising persons on how to win exemptions. I charge a nominal fee to every person who comes to my office and waits on me to affix my signature to an affidavit that they have relatives to support."

DENIES "COACHING" CHARGE "When I take affidavits at the rooms of the Workmen's Circle I charge nothing. I expect to be paid by the Workmen's Circle. I have nothing to fear because I have done nothing wrong. I never coached anybody on how to answer questions of the exemption boards and I never will. I would like the way to do so."

The headquarters of the Workmen's Circle was deserted today except for Jacob Kleinman, who introduced himself as the manager of the club. He emphatically denied that aliens were being coached at that place in the evenings.

"All that we do is to help the poor fellows in this section," said Kleinman; "they come here with their stories about poverty or that they have a mother or some other relative to support. We supply them with a notary who affixes his signature to their affidavits. But we positively do not instruct or coach the men."

Mr. Kleinman added that the different branches of the Workmen's Circle throughout the country were supplying notaries to the aliens and to those who were without funds. He added that the fee to the notary

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WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table showing baseball game results: American League, National League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table showing National League game results: Cincinnati 2-2, Pittsburgh 3-2.

THE WEATHER

FORCAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Probable fair tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature; light southerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises... 6:11 a.m. Moon sets... 6:24 p.m.

DELAWARE RIVER STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Low water... 10:30 a.m. High water... 10:30 p.m.

SIGHT OF SAMMEES STIRS ALL LONDON

Enthusiasm Over American Engineers "Blows Lid Off" British Capital

REVIEWED BY THE KING

LONDON, Aug. 15.

Enthusiasm aroused by the appearance of American troops marching through the streets blew the lid off London today. Ambassador Page reviewed the Sammees, as they swung past the embassy. King George reviewed them from Buckingham Palace.

The Americans marched through the principal streets of London, which were thronged with enthusiastic, cheering thousands.

Not since the return of British troops from South Africa has such enthusiasm been displayed by London crowds. As the khaki-clad Americans swung through the streets behind bands crashing out the "Star Spangled Banner," the throngs lining the thoroughfares fairly overthrew themselves with cheers. The flags were waved, hats thrown high in the air, and the cheering was ear-splitting.

The war cabinet was in session as the Sammees approached the War Office. Their coming was heralded by the crowds whose cheers swept into the great building.

The cabinet immediately adjourned and Premier Lloyd George, Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and others stepped out on the balcony to see the Americans.

The parading Americans wore engineers' uniforms. They were encamped near London for some time. Marching past Whitehall the engineers swung through Trafalgar Square, Pall Mall and Piccadilly, ending their march at Waterloo station, where they were met and returned to their camp.

Four British bands blared their way through the cheering crowds with the Sammees. They mimed the patriotic airs of America with those of Britain.

It was London's finest opportunity to date to see American fighting men as a unit. The streets through which they marched were dressed from end to end in American and British flags.

It was a great celebration for Ambassador Page, today happening to be his birthday. As marching columns approached Buckingham Palace, the King and Queen were seen from the entrance. The King's band

NOYES IN BATTLE FOR LAST OF SOX'S SERIES

Opposed to George Foster, Win Stages Great Hill Duel by Cunning Pitching

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

SHIBE PARK, Aug. 15.

Win Noyes, Mack's moist-ball hurler, was in the hole in four of the first six innings, but he pitched such a cunning game that the score at the end of the sixth was: Boston 1, Athletics 1. Noyes fanned Hooper and Scott in the fourth inning when he was threatened with the fourth out.

The A's scored in the fourth inning. Grover singled to left, Bodie sacrificed and Foster picked up the ball and whipped it over Hobbs's skull. This play scored Grover and sent Ping around to third base.

The Mackem threatened to score in the sixth when Jameson walked and took second on Grover's sacrifice. This brought the heavy-hitting Bodie up to the bat, and Ping had not missed a hit for twenty-one games. But he fanned this time.

Harry ("Socks") Seibold, the missing hurler from the Mack's camp, but one over on Sherlock Heeb and other noted sleuths today. He refused to be discovered after waiting a week, and reported to Manager Foster by his own free will and accord. Conkle of his own free will and accord. Noyes was spoken to by his manager and donned the uniform. He has been restored to good standing and will leave on the western trip tonight.

The Red Sox suffered a loss this morning when Ernest Shore, the star pitcher, left Boston to be examined for military duty. It is believed that he intends to enlist in the regular army, and in that event will be lost to the team.

"I am afraid we will lose Shore," said Jack Barry, "and if we do it will mean a good-by affidavit for us. He promised to join the club in Cleveland, and I guess we must wait until then."

Shore was scheduled to pitch today, and in his absence George Foster took the home field. "Win" Noyes threw his slants for the home folk.

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BRAVES TRIM ALEX BY 3-TO-0 SCORE IN FINAL

Tom Hughes Shuts Out the Moranmen—Fittery Replaces the Great in Box

Greet 'Em With Tears

PHILLIES

Table showing Philadelphia Phillies vs Boston Braves scores: Phillies 3-0, Braves 0-0.

BOSTON

Table showing Boston Braves vs Philadelphia Phillies scores: Braves 0-0, Phillies 3-0.

Run for Lido us in seventh. Sacrifice hits—Killefer, Belg, Fitzpatrick. Sacrifice fly—Hughes, struck out—By Alexander. Adams, c. of FHittery, 1; off Hughes, 5. Double plays—Cravath to Bancroft. Hit by pitched ball—Rawlings, Maranville, Passsed hall—Killefer.

BRAVES FIELD, Boston, Aug. 15. The Braves made it two out of three when they set Alex the Great back 3 to 0.

It was Tom Hughes's initial start of the year, and, needless to state, victory was sweet.

Long Tom hurled his way through in splendid fashion, allowing but five hits.

FIRST INNING Paekert fanned. Bancroft was tossed out by Rawlings. Scott singled to center, but

DEMAND CONSUMER GET GAS RATE CUT

Councilman Anderson and E. J. Berlet Voice Claims of People AGAINST TAX ON USER

Prominent Citizens

Favor 95-Cent Gas

NEW views in favor of 95-cent gas were expressed today. A Councilman and the head of a business association talked about the proposal that consumers shall receive the benefit of the U. S. G. I. lease when, on January 1, the rate is lowered five cents a thousand.

Harry H. Anderson, Common Councilman from the Twenty-first Ward, said: "The people should get the five cents. There is no logical argument against it."

E. J. Berlet, president Walnut Street Business Association, added: "All the money above the price paid by the city for gas should go to the people. If the city is going to deal in gas for profit it might as well run shoe factories and hat shops."

Harry H. Anderson, Common Councilman from the Twenty-first Ward, today warmly espoused the cause of householders and taxpayers who are insisting that the five-cent reduction in gas charges which is scheduled for January 1, 1918, under the terms of the contract between the city and the United Gas Improvement Company.

"The people," he said, "should get the five cents; it is true that we may have to put a small tax on something else to make up the deficiency of revenue, but why should consumers of gas have to bear the burden of this?"

"The time has arrived when the people must have every encouragement to live in decent comfort. The country is at war, and price conditions at the best are abnormal and are going to be more so. I am strong for this five-cent reduction going directly into the pockets of the people, and

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