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CANADIANS CAPTURE SUBURB OF LENS

AVION CAPTURED AFTER STUBBORN DESPERATE FIGHT

Canadians Storm and Take German Front Line in Suburb of Lens—Opponents Were Crack Prussian Guard Corps—Advance Carries British Within Mile of Lens Center

CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, June 28.—Under a protecting concentration of artillery fire, Canadian troops early today stormed and captured the German front line before Avion, a suburb of Lens.

The assaulting troops comprised men from Columbia, Manitoba, Central Ontario and Nova Scotia. Their opponents were the crack Prussian guard corps. The advance carried the British line to within one mile of the center of Lens.

PARIS, June 28.—The Germans last night attacked the salient of Wattweiler, northeast of Thann, in France, according to the war office announcement today. They were repulsed, leaving a number of dead.

Artillery Duels.

Again the operations along the western front in France are being carried out mainly by the artillery wings of the armies. The infantry activity, what little there is of it, is by patrol parties, in which only small bits of territory have been attacked.

Reciprocal bombardments of considerable intensity continue to prevail along the Aisne front and in the Champagne, and there also has been a renewal of the big artillery fire in the Avocourt sector, northwest of Verdun.

Avion Fight Stubborn.

The enemy clung tenaciously to Avion. He gave up his trenches, which were on a slope leading up to the village, a little over a quarter of a mile from the first houses, only under strong compulsion. It is connected with cellars and dugouts in the village to which the occupants can retire when heavily shelled.

Between Avion and Lens a considerable stretch of land has been flooded and wire entanglements have been destroyed on the eastern side of the flooded area.

TWO MORE BANNER BEARERS ARRESTED

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Two more women suffragists were arrested today when they entered the national museum to attend the unveiling of the Robert Emmet statue which President Wilson attended. They carried with them a banner which they had not time to unfold. It read:

"Mr. President, why be a liberal abroad and a conservative at home? Why land past struggles for freedom and suppress the struggle for freedom at your gates?"

The women were Iris Calderhead of Wichita, Kan., and Elizabeth Sanyesant of New York. They were taken to police headquarters.

I.W.W. IN PAY OF GERMAN PLOTTERS

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Industrial Workers of the World leaders were charged with working with German agents in mines and fields of the west to stir up strikes among Germans and Austrians, in correspondence laid before the senate today by Senator Thomas of Colorado. Particular reference was made to strikes in Arizona and Senator Thomas charged there was a German conspiracy to cripple smelters and industries in the west.

PRICE OF COAL CUT \$1 PER TON AT COAL MINES

Operators Agree Upon Immediate Reduction, to Be Followed by Further Decreases After Investigation—Government Likely to Be Given Still Lower Price Over Public.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—An immediate general reduction of \$1 to \$1.50 a ton in the price of coal at the mine was agreed upon today by representatives of the coal operators.

This reduction is expected to be followed by still further decreases in price after investigation into the costs of mining coal, and it is probable that the government will be given a still lower price than that to the general public. Hundreds of millions of dollars will be saved to the American people through this decision.

The operators agreed to the immediate reduction at a meeting today after adopting a resolution by which coal prices would be fixed with the aid and approval of the secretary of the interior, the federal trade commission and the committee on coal production of the national defense council.

Operators Thanked.

About 600,000,000 tons of coal were mined in this country last year and Secretary Lane, who has earnestly urged a reduction, believes that the saving to the American people will be enormous. After hearing of the operators' action, Mr. Lane wrote the following letter to F. S. Paine, chairman of the coal production committee, who has been in constant conference with the operators:

"I have just learned of the action of the coal operators, and I wish to express my appreciation of the generous, prompt and patriotic manner in which they have acted. They have dealt with the situation in the way that I had hoped they would as large men dealing with a large question."

Decision Agreed To.

The resolution giving "assent" to fixing of maximum prices was reported by Former Governor Fort, from a special committee. "He said he believed the resolution was entirely safe for the conference to adopt and that any responsibility as to the legality of the fixing of the prices was put on the government, and not on the operators, under the terms of the resolution. The resolution pointed out that a great national emergency now exists in the nation's fuel supply and that the coal operators and miners desire to closely co-operate with the government."

As soon as this resolution was agreed to, another one was presented under which it was proposed that the government authorize the government representatives named in the resolution to issue a statement forthwith fixing a tentative price which in their judgment shall be a fair and reasonable one for the various districts and to be effective from July 1 until the committee shall fix a permanent price.

Secretary Lane suggested that the tentative fixing of prices should not affect present contracts or export trade.

Tentative Prices.

The second resolution directing the conference committee to proceed immediately to fix a tentative price without waiting for ascertainment of costs, was adopted practically un-

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ORDER PAPER TRUST TO EXPLAIN EXTORTION

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The resolution of Senator Reed of Missouri calling upon the federal trade commission to inform the senate why it has not ordered newspaper paper manufacturers to desist from "illegal practices and extortion charges," was adopted today by the senate without objection.

PRINCIPALS IN WAUKESHA'S INTELLECTUAL LOVE TRIANGLE



Grace Lusk, above, the "other woman," high school teacher, aged 42, who shot and killed the wife, shown to right, Mrs. Roberts, aged 55; above her is the man, Dr. David Roberts, aged 57.



MISS LUSK HELD FOR MURDER OF DR. ROBERTS' WIFE

WAUKESHA, Wis., June 28.—Miss Grace Lusk, high school teacher, today was held responsible by a coroner's jury for the death last Thursday of Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts, wife of Doctor David Roberts, for love of whom Miss Lusk shot his wife, and then attempted suicide. The jury held that Mrs. Roberts "came to her death as a result of two pistol shots from a special caliber automatic pistol," and directed that Miss Grace Lusk be held for trial for such shooting.

Husband Testifies

"What did Miss Lusk ask you to tell your wife?"

"That she was infatuated with me," the doctor testified in response.

A letter dictated to Dr. R. E. Davies, after Miss Lusk had shot Mrs. Roberts and herself, was introduced in evidence. The letter said Dr. Roberts told Miss Lusk repeatedly that he loved her and her only; that he had sworn his love for her on a bible. Miss Lusk continued in the letter that she had threatened to end all if the doctor did not love her.

Lochinvar's Tale

Dr. Davies testified that Miss Lusk had told him that Dr. Roberts had said he did not love his wife and pro-

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VENIZELOS TAKES OATH AS PREMIER IN NEW CABINET

ATHENS, June 28.—Several alterations have been made in the Venizelos cabinet. M. Negropontes assumes the finance portfolio instead of agriculture, as announced yesterday. M. Spiridies is now minister of communications instead of M. Papanastasiou, who becomes minister of national economy.

The new Greek ministry, headed by E. Venizelos, took the oath at the palace today and was acclaimed by an enthusiastic crowd on returning to the government building, where M. Venizelos delivered a speech from a balcony, warmly thanking the people for their plaudits.

Strong military precautions against possible disorders proved unnecessary, as the malecontents showing themselves were in a small minority. The new ministry is:

Premier and minister of war, M. Venizelos; minister of the interior, M. Repoulides; minister of justice, M. Tsirimokos; minister of foreign affairs, M. Politis; minister of marine, Admiral P. Coundouriotis; minister of finance, M. Michalopoulos; minister of agriculture, M. Negropontes; minister of communications, M. Papanastasiou; minister of education, M. Dimgas; minister of food supply, M. Embirkos; minister of relief for refugees, M. Simos.

PROPOSED DRY LAWS AROUSING STRONG PROTEST

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Not in years, according to several senators, has such interest been aroused, as indicated by telegrams and letters on the prohibition issue.

From farmers, merchants, labor unions, temperance societies and municipal officers and organizations the senators are hearing from "the country" on prohibition.

Wisconsin farmers and agricultural organizations telegraphed that thousands of barley had been planted there in expectation of a continuation of brewing.

Labor unions are emphasizing loss of employment from closing of the breweries and municipal offices and the loss of local license revenue.

Many of the telegrams of protest are in identical language, indicating organized opposition. Attorneys and other representatives of national brewing and distilling organizations also are busy in the lobbies and offices, interviewing senators. The "drys" also are active, with leaders of the national Anti-Saloon league engaged in personal solicitation of senators.

SENATE BEGINS BEBATE UPON FOOD CONTROL

Prohibition Promises Long and Spectacular Struggle—Government Reaches Agreement With Boards of Trade and Will Maintain Absolute Monopoly of Wheat.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Consideration of the food control bill as amended to include the new prohibition sections was begun in the senate today.

The original bill was laid aside and the revised draft was substituted.

The prohibition question looming large promised a spectacular and probably long struggle. Some senators told leaders they would never permit the bill to pass containing the "bone dry" provisions unless the senate's new closure rule were invoked to force it.

To Control Wheat.

CHICAGO, June 28.—Government plans for food control, according to a statement given out here today by President Griffin of the board of trade, include absolute control of the wheat trade in all its commercial aspects. There can be no speculation in it. Buying and selling of other grains for present or future delivery will be unrestricted.

Mr. Griffin said the plan was formulated at a meeting this week of representatives of the grain exchanges and government representatives at Washington. He said complete details of the agreement would not be given out until the food control bill had been enacted into law when the formal announcement would come from Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator.

Wheat Under Control.

"The plan decided on, however," he said, "will permit unrestricted competition in buying and selling of all commodities, for present and future delivery, with the exception of wheat. The United States government, through its food administration, will completely dominate distribution of wheat for domestic and export purposes. Not only will they purchase wheat for this government, but for the allies and neutrals as well.

"The millers likewise will come under control of the food administration and their wheat will be purchased and flour distributed under the same control. As must be apparent, the operation of this plan will preclude possibility of trading in wheat for future delivery. However, commission merchants, receivers and others acting as agents in the purchase and sale of sample grain will be permitted to handle sample wheat on the same basis as all other commodities."

CLEVELAND SOCIALISTS ARRESTED AS SLACKERS

CLEVELAND, June 28.—Chicago was asked today to arrest C. E. Ruthenberg, secretary of the Cleveland socialist party and candidate for mayor, on a federal indictment charging him with attempting to prevent draft registration. Ruthenberg was one of the ten men against whom a special federal grand jury returned secret indictments yesterday for war law violations.

Federal Judge Westenhaver today released Alfred Wagenknecht of this city, state secretary of the socialist party, and Charles Baker of Hamilton, O., state organizer of the party, on \$3,000 bond each after they had entered pleas of not guilty. Both were arrested last night on secret indictments similar to those against Ruthenberg.

The early summer local strawberry season is fast coming to an end, and will be over in a few days. The outlook is for a fine new crop of strawberries in the valley in three or four weeks.

JACKSON COUNTY GAVE \$31,098 TO RED CROSS FUND

Practically Complete Reports Show That County More Than Doubled Its Allotted Subscription—North County Gave \$20,710 and South County \$10,387.

Unofficial but practically complete reports show that Jackson county contributed \$31,098 to the National Red Cross fund, more than doubling its allotted \$15,000, in last week's drive.

Official reports from all the districts in Jackson county north show that so far the contributions for Medford and the north end of the county total \$20,710.50.

This was at 8 o'clock this morning, but additional contributions are being reported hourly. Of the total, 60 per cent has been paid in cash and pledges were worth for \$6147.50.

Jackson county south, comprising Ashland, Phoenix, Talent and Barron, contributed \$10,387.50, of which \$7000 is cash.

The following is the report by districts for Jackson county north:

Medford	\$14,801.10
Jacksonville	1,677.00
Central Point	1,000.00
Eagle Hill	917.00
Rogue River	637.25
Sams Valley	405.50
Gold Hill	281.50
Mound	200.00
Applegate	157.10
Table Rock	148.03
Sterling	112.00
Butte Falls	110.50
Watkins	94.00
Upper Prospect	77.00
Union	47.50
Lower Prospect	44.25

Following are additional names to the list of contributors:

Mound.

I. A. Pruett, Mr. and Mrs. C. Beebe, Clyde Caton, Thomas Perdue, Mrs. O. Turpin, A. A. Smith, S. J. Shoemaker, C. H. Worsley, H. G. Peck, Mrs. T. West, T. O. Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. G. Merrill, E. E. Minnick, Mrs. G. Grigsby, Mrs. D. H. Hanseum, Mrs. W. Lewis, W. L. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Whetstone, H. L. Gregory, C. L. Cox, James Butler, R. M. Ward, R. Flaherty, Fred Lester, O. L. Austin, W. Gregory, R. Payne, C. B. Elgin, R. A. McMorley, Geo. C. Jackson, Eva Beebe, Clay Lohry, Clarence Pepper, M. Abbott, I. H. Anderson.

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UNSINKABLE CARGO BOAT IS DESIGNED

ROME, June 28.—Umberto Pagliere, a naval engineer, has designed a new type of unsinkable cargo boat which has been accepted by the Italian ministry of marine.

The Revista Maritima says the vessel has a displacement of 10,300 tons and can carry 5800 tons of cargo. It has a double skin, the space between the inner and outer hulls being filled with coal and other material to protect the ship from mine or torpedo.

WOOD SOLES REPLACE LEATHEAR FOR WEAR AT FRONT



This official French war photograph is the first sent to this country showing a storeroom at Lyons, France, heaped up with more than a million pairs of wooden shoe soles to be worn by French soldiers at the front. In place of leather, the poilus wear wood soles, with uppers of cloth laced in front and reaching half way up to the knee.