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BANANA DESSERT.

Take half dozen bananas, slice them into a deep dish, squeeze the juice of half a lemon over them, covering them with water and one-half cupful sugar; stir them with a dessert spoon; place in ice chest one hour before using. They are good without going on ice.

MOCK LOAF CAKE.

This cake, which grows better by keeping, is very economical. It requires no eggs and a substitute for butter may be used. Mix with one cupful of sugar, one-half cupful of shortening (either butter or lard), add one cupful of milk or coffee and two and one-half cupfuls of flour into which one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder have been sifted. Finally, stir in one cupful of raisins and a small piece of citron chopped.

CREAMED POTATOES.

Cold potatoes, half ounce of flour, one ounce grated cheese, one pint of milk, half ounce of butter; pepper and salt to taste. Cut the potatoes into slices a quarter of an inch thick and drop them into boiling milk which has been thickened with the flour and delicately seasoned with pepper and salt. When the sauce boils up stir in the butter. Serve at once in a very hot dish with grated cheese scattered over.

RICE PUDDING.

Wash one-half cup of rice and put in a two-quart basin. Add to it two-thirds cup sugar, one-fourth teaspoon salt and a quart of milk. Grate over it a little nutmeg or flavor it with lemon or vanilla. Bake slowly one and one-half hours. Raisins may be added if desired. Serve with cream or lemon sauce.

PARKINS.

These are almost as good as those made with nuts. Half cup butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of molasses, 1 cup rolled oats, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups white flour to which add $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg. When this is well mixed beat in 1 egg. This will form a very stiff batter, drop in teaspoonfuls on a well buttered pan and bake in a moderate oven.

Used Flaming Liquids Again

(By Arthur S. Draper in New York Tribune)

London, Nov. 15.—The first phase of the battle of the Ancre is ended. Following the mighty blow by which they obtained one of the most sweeping victories in four months, the British troops are consolidating their new positions and preparing for the still greater efforts to come. They made slight advances north and south of the Ancre to-day. Meanwhile, the German counter-attack that had been expected on the Ancre was delivered, instead, against the French lines, both north and south of the Somme, to-day. This fact

leads to the conclusion that the Germans believed Foch's troops less able to withstand a heavy assault at the present moment than the triumphant British. The German infantry were sent against the French lines in two great sections. One beat against the defences in the region of Abaincourt and Pressoire. These attacks were delivered after three days of incessant bombardment, and lasted the entire morning and afternoon. The sole success obtained by the attackers was the capture of a few houses in the eastern part of Pressoire.

The Germans made extensive use of flaming liquids and tear-producing shells, but assault after assault was beaten back by the accurate fire of the French guns and at the point of the bayonet when the attackers penetrated as far as the French trenches. The French official statement describes the losses of the Germans in these assaults as terrific. The other attack was aimed at the French positions on the seven mile front from the region of Les Boeufs to a point south of Bouchevesnes. At the price of heavy casualties the Germans succeeded in winning a foothold in the advanced French trenches in the northern and western outskirts of St. Pierre Vaast Wood. Everywhere else the attacking forces were hurled back with greatly reduced numbers.

As an attempt to inflict a telling defeat on the French and so divert the attention of the British from their Ancre drive, and such the German counter-blow is assumed to have been, the powerful effort against Foch's lines may be said to have failed completely in its principal objects.

London, Nov. 16.—German prisoners taken in the British advance on the Ancre tell of being subjected to a terrific bombardment, when suddenly out of the gloom they found English troops all around them and running on the top of the trenches, throwing bombs among them, telegraphs the special correspondent of the Times at headquarters in France.

"Some of them were wounded," he says, "and the rest held up their hands. Others tell how the English had gone past the place where they were lurking so they were left behind. Then other English came up from nowhere and there was nothing to do but surrender.

"None of them seemed to be sorry to be prisoners, whether they were Wurtembergers, Rhinelanders or Prussian Guardsmen. Some had fought since the beginning of war and been in the first affairs in Belgium, others had been exempted until recently, but at last called to active service because nobody is exempted now. Whatever they are, they seem warweary now. One man said: 'With us it is all peace talk. I am going to learn to love the English.' He would not see the humor of the suggestion that it was a little late to begin."

Paris, Nov. 16, noon.—The French last night recaptured the portion of the village of Pressoire, on the Somme front, which the Germans occupied yesterday, the War office announces.

**British Success
Was Important**

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, via London, Nov. 15.—The Bri-

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ish advance along both sides of the Ancre, which continued yesterday with the capture of the village of Beaucourt, is considered by the British commanders as one of the most important successes in the four months of the offensive. They insist especially on the relatively insignificant character of the German resistance in a position which they consider of great strategic importance and one of the most highly fortified on the entire western front.

More than 5,000 prisoners have been collected in the extensive subterranean galleries and chambers which were sunk on both sides of the valley and were miles in extent. Five hundred Germans surrendered in a tunnel near St. Pierre Divion, which was a mile and a half long. This tunnel gave access to scores of electric chambers in which companies of infantry were housed and which contained quantities of machine guns and bombs. Another 7000 prisoners were caught in a ravine south of Beaumont-Hamel, where they were cut off by the first attack on Monday afternoon.

The British success south of the Ancre was increased owing to the fact that Germans in this section were on the point of being relieved by fresh troops when the attack was launched. The result was that twice the normal strength of the garrison was trapped by the barrage fire.

Two-thirds of the British casualties south of the Ancre were walking cases. The total losses were lighter in proportion than in any previous operation of the past four months.

The British attack was pressed continuously last night. All ground as far as Beaucourt has been well consolidated, and the troops are pushing beyond Feenele. The Germans so far have not attempted any counter-attack.

Paris, Nov. 15. (Noon).—An important German counter-offensive began at 6 o'clock this morning against the French positions south of the Somme, between Abaincourt and Chaumes Wood, after three days of intense bombardment. The Germans attacked desperately, the war office announces, using burning liquid. The official announcement says the Germans were repulsed everywhere, excepting east of Pressoire, where they reached a group of ruined houses.

Roumania in Tight Place

London, Nov. 14.—Redoubled efforts are being made by the Austrians and Germans against Roumania, Reuter's Bucharest correspondent reports. Powerful Teutonic reinforcements have been sent to the region of Orsova, on the Danube, in Hungary, near the Roumanian border. In this region the struggle is continuing stubbornly, every effort being made by the Austrians and Germans to recapture the town and re-establish communications by way of the Danube. Fighting also is especially severe at two points in the Carpathians, at Oltanic and in the Jiu valley, where the invaders are seeking to break through to Craiova.

Petrograd, Nov. 14.—The Austro German forces which are invading Roumania have captured the village of Bumbesti, in the Jiu valley. In the Alt valley the Roumanians have been forced to retire. The situation in Dobrudja is unchanged.

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