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FORT VAUX MAY SOON BE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE FRENCH

British on the Somme Are Ready for Winter Campaign

Germans Will be Given no Chance to Dig in---British Slogan Is to Hammer Them Continuously---French Casualties Were Light at Verdun.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The New York World this morning publishes the following cable from staff correspondent Joseph W. Grigg:

British Headquarters on the Somme, Oct. 25.—Whatever may be the developments of the next few weeks, one thing which most impressed me in the four days visit which I have made to the British front, is the complete readiness of the colossal British war machine in France to meet the rigors of a third winter there. The Germans argue that cold weather will stem the Anglo-French attacks in the west, thus giving the Germans opportunity to "dig-in" for the winter, but this is the furthest thing from the mind of anyone in the British army with whom I came in contact. The slogan of the army is "Hammer the Germans, and hammer unceasingly."

Bad weather may hinder certain operations, but the shell heaps in France indicate no decrease in the "strafing." There is an ominous steadiness about it in other parts of the line than the Somme sector even now.

In the zone adjacent to the fighting line, especially in the Somme sector, it looks as if the British army had no idea of settling down, now they have got Germany going, and the British soldier is absolutely convinced of the magnificent organization back of him.

No one who has not seen the workings of the main arteries behind this fighting force can realize fully how Tommy Atkins has come to be known as the best equipped, best fed, best cared for soldier in this, the biggest of all the world's great wars. The service corps is a marvel of efficiency.

French at Verdun are Following Up

Advantage by Closing in on Fort Vaux

PARIS, Oct. 26.—The French troops at Verdun are following up as fast as they can the advantage gained by their sudden forward sweep on Tuesday, and according to the latest information have closed in to within less than five hundred yards of Fort Vaux. Announcement of the capture of the fort is momentarily expected here, thus completely restoring the French line held on February 25th.

The German forces at Verdun are reacting so slowly and with such apparent lack of strength, that in the opinion of French military men, they no longer possess a general reserve, but are obliged to withdraw men from one section of the front to reinforce another section in case of need.

French Casualties Were Remarkably Light

And Were Exceeded by Prisoners Taken

Reports of the casualties which are now in hand show the French losses were very light indeed, considerably less than the number of prisoners taken, and many men were only slightly wounded.

Considerable material was captured. The Germans had massed guns of all calibres in the Ravine of Death, all of which fell into the hands of the French.

The effect of the victory was to give the French freedom of movement around Verdun, permitting them to prepare for a further advance when the opportunity is ripe, at the same time dealing a stunning blow when the Germans thought the French striking force was entirely assembled in the Somme region.

The victory also leaves Fort Vaux, now in German hands, perilously open to attack.

Such a brilliant success in so short a time was not expected even by the most optimistic.

GERMANS SHELL FRENCH POSITION.

PARIS, Oct. 26.—German artillery shelled positions captured by the French in the region of Vaux and Douaumont, on the Verdun front last night, says today's official report. The Germans undertook no infantry attacks.

ON THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

PARIS, Oct. 26.—French cavalry on the Macedonian front, supported by infantry, occupied two villages southwest of Lake Doiran yesterday, the War Office announced today. The Serbians threw back German and Bulgarian forces in the region of the Cerna river.

MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Oct. 26.—The following Maritime men appear in the casualty list today:

Infantry.
Killed in Action.
W. McGregor, Savoy, N. B.
Wounded.
B. Waugh, Summerside, P. E. I.
F. L. Robertson, Truro, N. S.
G. S. Thompson, Halifax.
R. McGoughan, Irishtown, P. E. I.
M. Betts, Doaktown, N. B.
O. B. Lehr, Sydney, N. S.
F. B. McDonald, Sydney, N. S.
Missing.
J. Young, North Sydney, N. S.
J. W. Sawyer, Moncton, N. B.
Sergt. G. S. Sears, St. Marys, N. B.
G. Smith, Amherst, N. S.
Mounted Rifles.
Missing.
Sergt. E. Blake, West Bay, N. S.
Wounded.
E. P. Harts, Lansdowne, N. B.
Died of Wounds.
Sergt. J. J. McCarvell, Crapaud, P. E. I.
Artillery.
Killed in Action.
A. L. Armbrust, Buckfield, N. S.
Wounded.
Corp. J. F. McLean, Lakedale, N. S.
Previously Missing, Now Rejoined Regiment.
J. McDougall, Stellarton, N. S.

Formal Mess Opening.

The formal opening of the Officers' Mess of the 236th Battalion took place last night. Among the guests present were Brigadier General H. H. McLan, Lieut. Col. Grear and Major Bonham, of the 180th Battalion, His Worship Mayor Mitchell and Hon. George J. Clarke. The "haggis" was escorted to the table by the pipers and by Battalion Sergt. Major Bayers with drawn sword. The menu was special to the occasion.

OFFICIAL GERMANY REALIZES THAT THE GREAT WAR IS LOST

Distinguished Neutral, Who Resides in Berlin Gives His Views---Huns Will Carry Out Policy of Frightfulness With Object of Forcing Peace.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Stockholm sends the following under yesterday's date:

The facts with regard to the official German attitude on the present position of the war, together with an outline of the course to be pursued, have been told to me by a distinguished neutral who is a resident in Berlin and who for a few days has been visiting in Sweden.

My informant speaks with the knowledge that he is not a casual foreigner in Berlin, but one whose business brings him in touch with public life and public men there.

Authorities at Berlin Now Fully Realize

That the War is Already Lost for Them

I present his narrative as nearly as I can in his own words: "I left Berlin about a week ago. It may be taken as quite definite that the authorities realize that the war is lost. Two facts stand out quite clearly to the German powers.

"The first is that while Germany still retains the power to manufacture munitions at a large and formidable rate, the output of the Allies is now in advance of the German output.

"The second point is even more important. It is recognized that the reserves of man power are not sufficient to allow Germany to continue the war to a victorious issue.

"The offensive on the Somme is a crucial thing. They have no illusions about this. They believe they can impede the Allies, hold them back for a long time, but realized they cannot do it indefinitely. It is privately acknowledged that sooner or later, the Allies must break through.

Germans Calculate That They Can Hold Out

For Twelve Months on the Western Front

"More than this, the Germans have calculated the limit of time they can effectively withstand attacks on the western front at twelve months. They know, however, that the Allies may get through before that.

"With these facts in mind, they have framed their future course of action. They are seeking for a peace which shall not brand them as defeated, and to get it they will make considerable sacrifices.

"First of all, they have made up their minds to smash Roumania completely, not only for the sake of the material advantage, but also for the moral effect on them.

"Then they are going to throw discretion to the winds with reference to submarines. They are going to use undersea vessels to annoy and hurt Great Britain as much as possible.

Visit of Ambassador Gerard to the U. S.

Has to do With Coming Submarine Campaign

"They will be quite careless of the feelings of neutrals. The visit of Ambassador Gerard to America is undoubtedly connected with this coming submarine campaign.

"The general idea is not to conquer, but by annoyances, losses and perils, to increase the desire for peace which they are sure exists among some sections of the people already. The more hateful the war is made for Great Britain, the more easily will she come into line with regard to peace proposals, and Germany must have peace by a year from now.

"This is not stated in so many words, but that is what the proposition comes to."

RUSSIANS HOLDING GROUND.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 26.—Russian troops in the wooded Carpathians are successfully withstanding Teutonic assaults, the War Office announced today. It reports the repulse of an attack on the height northwest of Capul mountain in that region.

NORWEGIANS ARE INDIGNANT.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The situation between Germany and Norway as the result of the numerous sinking recently following the declaration of policy as to submarines issued by the Christiania government, has become very serious.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE TOWN ON THE CAUCASIAN FRONT

PETROGRAD, via London, Oct. 26.—The capture by the Russians of the town of Bijar, in Persia, northwest of Hamadan, was announced today by the War Office. The official account of operations on the Caucasian front follows:

"In Persia our detachments, as a result of a stubborn battle, occupied the town of Bijar, northwest of Hamadan. They took a number of prisoners and captured two cannon."

ROUMANIANS SCORE A SUCCESS.

BUCHAREST, Oct. 26 (via London).—The capture by the Roumanians of Mount Kerekharas, on the Transylvanian front, south of Bizaz, was announced today by the War Office. In the Oituz Valley fighting continues beyond the Roumanian frontier.

NAVAL AEROPLANES ACTIVE.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Attacks on the Constantinople-Saloniki railroad by British naval aeroplanes have inflicted considerable damage, the Admiralty announced today.

Many Lives Lost In Hospital Fire

Farnham, Que., Oct. 26.—At noon today it was reported that at least 27 lives had been lost in the fire which destroyed the Roman Catholic Hospital at St. Elizabeth, hall and stables, last evening. Twenty persons were injured in jumping from the upper stories, about a dozen of them children, one suffering from a fractured limb.

Recruiting Improves.

A total of five recruits was enlisted here Tuesday. Three enlisted in the afternoon were Elmer Carr, 25, Van Buren, Me.; Arthur H. Clowes, 21, of Maugerville; Charles B. Hannay, 18, Rexton. Gunner Clowes goes to the

Labor Man May Go to the Senate

Ottawa, Oct. 26.—When the vacancies in the Canadian Senate are filled, as is anticipated, before the session, a labor man may be appointed to the Upper House. G. Robertson, of Welland, who has had considerable to do with settling the C. P. R. strike, is prominently mentioned for the honor.

9th Siege Battery and the others to the Canadian Engineers. Yesterday Harry Sampson, 30, Fredericton, enlisted in the 236th Highlanders as cook and will have the rank of corporal. F. A. Coburn, 20, Fredericton, enlisted for the Army Medical Corps Depot at St. John.