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ATTEMPT OF GERMANS TO DRIVE A WEDGE PROVED A FAILURE

Huns Tried to Get Between the British and French Forces---Anglo-French Troops Hold Strong Positions---The Splendid Work of French Soldiers.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the French Army in France, March 28.—The German effort by a terrific rush to get between the French and British forces, with the object of defeating each separately, has failed up to the present, and is likely to continue to fail. The fighting qualities of the Allied soldiers have served to stay the impulsive advance, and today the Anglo-French line is based on strong positions. The next few days may change the situation entirely, as the Allies have had time to get their "manoeuvring reserves" to take the initiative. Noyon was evacuated Tuesday night in good order, and the French took up a position near by.

The correspondent passed today among troops who have borne a great share in the fighting of the last five days. Everywhere cheerfulness was to be found and perfect confidence in the future. Nowhere has the correspondent seen such splendid morale after long hard fighting, more especially as these troops had to fall back. Both officers and men, French and British tell narratives of wonderful heroism on the part of troops.

FRENCH ARTILLERYMEN FOUGHT UNTIL THEIR AMMUNITION GAVE OUT, THEN ESCAPED

The gunners of a battery of French 75's in the neighborhood of Chauny were isolated for three days without food, but fought until the last round was fired, then, taking advantage of some confusion among the Germans in the course of the third night, they somehow made their way through their encircling foes and escaped, carrying their wounded with them.

Men belonging to a dismounted French cavalry corps, acting as infantry, fought a rear-guard action day after day and against immense odds. The troopers declare that the enemy came forward in such deep waves that it was only necessary to fire point-blank to hit with certainty. These cavalrymen fired into the enemy so rapidly that the Germans fell in swaths, yet still others came on, until the French defenders were compelled to cease fire, because both rifles and machine guns were red hot.

ALLIES GAVE WAY IN THE FACE OF SUCCESSIVE ATTACKS FROM FRESH GERMAN DIVISIONS

The advance of the Germans was similar in character everywhere, wave succeeding wave in closest succession, only to be shot down. It was something like a relay race, when the first German division was exhausted another immediately took its place. In some cases a single division of the Allies, while retreating, was attacked successively by six German divisions.

The Allies stood the test vigorously, but such a continued series of shocks from fresh troops was bound to tell on tired men, and eventually the Allies were forced to give way. But they did so still fighting. It is known that one Bavarian division lost 50 per cent. of its strength.

Further Powerful Attacks Expected.

It was clearly apparent that the German high command relied on this method of sacrifice to break through. The French staff derives considerable satisfaction from the fact that many German divisions were thus put out of the battle line, while the Allies merely called upon their immediate reserves. Further powerful attacks are expected, but it is difficult to foresee at the moment where they will take place.

BIG DRIVE STIMULATES RECRUITING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, March 28.—Englishmen and Canadians in America constitute the only reservoir from which manpower for the British army can be drawn, according to Col. John Dennis, of the British and Canadian recruiting mission, who made public today recruiting figures for the last three days.

The first effect of the big drive in France, according to Colonel Dennis, was to produce more British recruits in three days than in any corresponding period since the recruiting mission began operations here. Seven hundred men were forwarded in the first three days after the news of the battle was received, it was announced.

The average recently has been almost one thousand a week.

M. S. A. Dance.

What was to have been a private dance was held at a prominent dancing hall last evening. There were about fifteen couples present. After the second dance word came in that the Dominion Police were coming out the audience at the Gaiety Theatre, looking for defaulters who had failed to register or report for service according to the M. S. Act, and would very likely call there before long. The young men did not stay any longer and the young ladies had to go home alone. It was rumored last night that several called upon the ministers of the different churches in the city to get their birth certificates.

Twenty-five Dollar Fine.

In the case of the local man who was charged with buying intoxicating liquor, the accused was fined \$25 and costs or two months in jail, in the police court today.

Mission Band Tea.

A very successful sale and tea under the auspices of the Senior Mission Band was held at the Brunswick Street Baptist church last evening. The proceeds amounted to \$135.

Deposits Forfeited.

Two drunks forfeited deposits of eight dollars each this morning in the police court.

GERMAN LOSSES SO FAR IN BIG DRIVE APPALLING

Prisoners Taken, all Have the Same Story to Tell---Story of British Resistance One of the Finest in War Annals.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 28.—There have been no further attacks against Bray. North of Albert, however, they attacked in considerable strength toward Avelup wood. The assault broke against the British line and recoiled. North of this point the situation is unchanged.

Heavy fighting occurred late yesterday just south of Albert, about Meaulte. At the same time the British drove off another attack near Albert. The enemy gains further north have been large, but the elasticity of the defending line thus far has defeated his intention of breaking through here and driving the British forces back. It is probable this elasticity has resulted in development of the vicious drive which the enemy is now making in the south.

The resistance which has been offered by the Allied troops to the German advance constitutes one of the finest pages in the annals of war. The gallant sacrifices of our hardy warriors made in covering the withdrawal and delaying the Germans' sweep forward undoubtedly will have an important effect on the final outcome of this greatest of all battles. The appalling slaughter of the attacking masses has continued since the first day. All the prisoners have much the same story to tell of the great losses suffered. Undoubtedly the Germans expected some such result, and it is probable all their cards have not been played.

ALLIES HOLDING OUT WELL.

News received from the extreme right wing is that the Allies are holding well. This refers to the southern sector, where the French have fallen back near Beaumont-Hamel, where the enemy attacked heavily. Severe fighting followed. This morning it appeared that the village was No Man's Land once more, with the contending lines drawn close on either side.

The latest reports indicate that the British have kept the situation well in hand during enemy attacks during the night.

BRITISH AUTHORITIES CALL FOR TANK BATTALION FROM CANADA

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, March 28.—Military headquarters makes the following announcement: "A request has been received by cable from the overseas authorities for the immediate organization and despatch overseas of a Canadian tank battalion, consisting of eighty-seven officers and seven hundred other ranks, a certain proportion of which must have special technical and mechanical qualifications. The formation of this unit will be undertaken forthwith, and arrangements are under way by which it is hoped that personnel of the kind required for this work can be obtained with the least possible delay. Preference will be given to returned officers physically fit and having the necessary qualifications. Lieut. Col. R. L. Denison, late of the 8th Regiment, C. E. F., and lately commanding the machine gun corps in Canada, has been selected as commander of the new unit.

British Forces Repulsed Fierce Attack by the Huns

Enemy Has Made Little Progress During the Past Twenty-Four Hours---Heavy Conflict Being Waged on Both Banks of the Somme.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 28.—In the last twenty-four hours the Germans have made but one comparatively trifling gain as the result of numerous massed attacks along the whole front, says Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters. For the British army there may be claimed several distinct local successes either in completely repelling enemy blows, or in wrestling ground won in counter attacks.

This morning the enemy opened a heavy bombardment on the British defences east of Arras. An attack is expected in this section. Repeated attacks were made by the enemy along the valley of the Somme, in the neighborhood of Beaumont-Hamel, Puisieux and Meyenneville. They were repulsed.

ENEMY ATTACKS ON BRITISH POSITIONS ON BOTH BANKS OF THE SOMME WERE REPULSED

The official statement is as follows: "Severe fighting took place again yesterday evening and during the night astride the Somme and northward again from Albert to Bovelles. Repeated attacks were made by the enemy along the valley of the Somme and in the neighborhood of Beaumont-Hamel, Puisieux and Meyenneville. They were repulsed.

"We captured a number of prisoners and a number of machine guns. The fighting is continuing fiercely on both banks of the Somme. This morning the enemy opened a heavy bombardment of our defences east of Arras, and an attack is developing in this sector."

GERMANS HAVE EVIDENTLY WIDENED THEIR FRONT AND STRIKING A NEW BLOW ON NORTH

Reference in the official statement to an attack east of Arras evidently means that the Germans have widened their battlefront and are delivering a new stroke on the north. The battle was begun last week on a front extending as far north as the river Scarpe, the junction of which with the battle line is almost due east of Arras. No fighting north of the river has been reported. Attacks developing today may mark the beginning of a second phase of the battle. German military writers in the last few days have been hinting that surprises were in store for the British and there has been much discussion of the possibility of a German drive for the coast with the Channel ports of Calais and Dunkirk as the objectives.

FRENCH TROOPS INFLECTED HEAVY LOSSES ON THE ENEMY IN HAND-TO-HAND CONFLICTS

PARIS, March 28.—Blocked on the Lassigny and Noyon fronts, and on the left bank of the Oise, the Germans last night threw forward important forces in the direction of Mont Didier, the War Office announced today. Here the fighting rapidly took on extraordinary ferocity. French regiments fought hand to hand with the enemy and inflicted heavy losses. Finally the French fell back to the heights immediately to the west of Mont Didier.

German Losses Very Heavy.

London, March 28.—The German casualties since the beginning of the offensive are estimated at the front at 300,000, according to the Daily Mail's correspondent.

VON LUDENDORF PRAISES BRITISH

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, March 27.—"A great battle has been fought, and a victory has been won, but nobody can foresee the result from it," said General Von Ludendorff in an interview with the correspondent of the Tages Zeitung, of Berlin.

The General praised the British for their tenacious resistance and continued: "The British believed they could rely on the strength machinery. The employment of tanks and great numbers of machine guns is typical of their methods of warfare."

The German infantry, the General added, had only one night's normal rest during five or six days of battle.

MORE TROUBLE FOR ARGENTINA

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Buenos Aires, March 28.—Argentina is on the eve of another diplomatic crisis with Germany, more critical than any of the former ones. This is the general opinion in political circles and it is based on the torpedoing of the Argentine steamer Ministro Irriendo in the Mediterranean Jan. 26.

BIG GUN MADE AT KRUPPS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Amsterdam, March 28.—The gun with which the Germans are bombarding Paris is a product of the Krupp works, of Essen. Emperor William has sent a telegram of thanks to Dr. Krupp von Boplen and Halbach, the head of the Krupp concern.

On Leave From the C. E. F. Lieut. G. Harold Edgecombe of St. John, is in the city visiting friends. He is on leave from C.E.F. with which he served in France one year and eight months. Lieut. Edgecombe went overseas about two years ago. He has served chiefly with Ontario batteries but has seen many New Brunswickers and U.N.B. men of whom he is one. Lieut. Edgecombe is a native of this city.

Fined on Bribery Charge. In the police court this morning the adjourned case against a local young man for violation of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1916, was before Magistrate Limerick. There were two charges, one for the selling of intoxicating liquor which was dismissed, and the other for attempting to induce one of the witnesses to leave the city, which resulted in the defendant being fined \$50 or two months in jail.

C. E. L. Jarvis Dead.

St. John lost one of its most highly respected citizens last evening in the death of Charles Edward Leonard Jarvis, one of the best known fire insurance agents in the city, and the oldest member of the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters in the province. Mr. Jarvis, who was a native of St. John, had been in ill health for some three months, but his illness took a serious turn only three days ago. The end came last evening at his home in Duke street. He was a widely known citizen and many will hear of his death with keen regret. He was born seventy-eight years ago in St. John.

Went to Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Crotty of McAdam, arrived in the city last night on their way to Stanley where Mrs. Crotty's step-father, the late Philip Sullivan met death by accident yesterday.

Prayers for Nation.

Special service of prayer for the nation will be held in the Salvation Army citadel tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Some of the clergymen from the city churches will be present. All are cordially invited to attend.

Easter Holidays.

The University of New Brunswick, Normal and city schools are closing this afternoon for the Easter holidays. The University reopens on Thursday next, and the Normal and city schools Wednesday morning. A large number of the students in the city are leaving this evening for their homes in the different parts of the province. Several left this morning.

Public Holiday.

Tomorrow is Good Friday and as usual will be a public holiday. There is nothing of special interest going on other than the "movies," and the day will be observed quietly.

Sugar Prices Advance.

Sugar prices have advanced thirty cents per hundred pounds.

PERSONAL.

Mr. F. C. Ritchie of Montreal, is at the Barker House.
Messrs. W. B. Belyea and J. C. Hartley of Woodstock, are registered at the Barker House.
Ald. F. C. Robinson of Moncton, is at the Queen