

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN

STRATEGIC POINTS TAKEN BY FRENCH

Aggressive Action of Armies in West Consolidated Previous Successes.

HARDSHIPS FOR TROOPS

Good Humor of Soldiers Enables Them to Endure Hard Life in Field.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—There has been given out in Paris the following official report of the principal events of the war between Dec. 15 and Dec. 24:

"During the period of nine days, resulted in consolidating the successes won by us during the ten days preceding. Our aggressive attitude has been continued with even increased success, even to the point where the enemy has been reduced to a defensive attitude. The violence of counter-attacks has been evidence that he accepted this attitude reluctantly. The checking of every movement made by him in his endeavor to re-establish the ground lost, has made our advantage the greater."

"At various points along the front, particularly near Arras, on the Western boundary, of the German district, and near Verdun, we have made ourselves the masters of important points of support."

Soldiers Impeded by Mud.

"The operations to the north of the line have been attended by great hardships because of the bad weather. The cold, liquid mud, in which the men have had to move, got into the breeches of their clothes."

"This made it impossible to shoot. The fighting consequently has been in the nature of a struggle, in which the men have had to use their bayonets and even their fists."

"According to an expression used by one of our leaders, our soldiers are like small bodies of mud, which have been organized in a system by which they can bathe and change their clothing when they leave the trenches. This they do precisely very much. Their unfailing good-humor helps them to support in a wonderful way the very hard life that this rigorous winter is inflicting on them."

"In considering the operations during this period of days along this part of the front, we can divide the territory into three parts—the region between Neuport, the region to the north of Neuport, and the region to the south of Neuport."

Advance From Neuport.

"In front of Neuport there is on one side, the sea, and on the other, the country. Between the sea and the dunes. Here it is that we have made progress. On Dec. 15, the enemy moved out of Neuport as far as the western boundary of the dunes. Dec. 16 we advanced as far as the sea, occupied the lighthouse and made more than 100 prisoners."

"Dec. 17 the German marines and the German coast artillery have not been successful in recapturing from us the positions we have taken."

Gains North of Ypres.

"Dec. 20, to the north of Ypres, fighting concentrated near Steenstraete and near Blacouche."

Brilliant Actions in North.

"From the line to the Oise, in the region of Lens and of Arras, there occurred several brilliant actions, which in their entirety presented the same characteristics as those which developed to the south of the line. In this fighting, the enemy was strikingly successful. In spite of his efforts at resistance, the enemy was compelled to abandon his ground."

To the south of Lens there was fighting in the region of Carney and of Notre Dame de Lorette. Here the fighting even on the heights, is clayey and filled with springs. The trenches become inundated as soon as they are dug. What happened in Belgium, the rifles became mud-covered and the men made use of their bayonets."

Guns Very Effective.

"In the approaches of Arras, at St. Laurent and at Blangy, the delivery of shells was very successful in winning ground. The first houses of St. Laurent have been in our possession since Dec. 17."

Our artillery never loses time or opportunity when the weather is clear enough to shoot. Our guns succeeded in blowing up a depot of munitions at Thelus, to the north of Arras, and several caissons at a point near Blangy."

Gut Down by Artillery.

"In the region of Lihons we captured on Dec. 17 certain trenches which were exposed to defend vigorously on Dec. 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. The counter-attacks delivered by the Germans were furious. The engagement of Dec. 22, at a point south of Lavanue, was in columns of foot soldiers. The enemy was cut down by our artillery. They all remained on the field of battle."

From the Oise to the west of the Argonne. Between the Oise and the Aisne our artillery gained a momentary success. It accomplished the destruction of a machine gun and an observation tower at a point near Tracy-le-Val; on the 19th it destroyed a barbed wire in the region of Vailly; on the 20th it put a German howitzer out of business; on the 21st it destroyed another machine gun; on the 22nd of December it broke up the descent of a German captive balloon and two days later, on the plateau of Neuport, it demolished the trenches of the enemy."

Infantry attacks developed, especially in the region of Bureuilles and Vauquois in that of Cussy and the woods of Porges and in the woods of Consenvoye. At Bureuilles the terrain has been warmly disputed. We entered the village, were obliged to abandon it and then retake it. On the outskirts of Vauquois we progressed at first 100 metres, then 200, then 300, then 400, then 500, then 600, then 700, then 800, then 900, then 1000, then 1100, then 1200, then 1300, then 1400, then 1500, then 1600, then 1700, then 1800, then 1900, then 2000, then 2100, then 2200, then 2300, then 2400, then 2500, then 2600, then 2700, then 2800, then 2900, then 3000, then 3100, then 3200, then 3300, then 3400, then 3500, then 3600, then 3700, then 3800, then 3900, then 4000, then 4100, then 4200, then 4300, then 4400, then 4500, then 4600, then 4700, then 4800, then 4900, then 5000, then 5100, then 5200, then 5300, then 5400, then 5500, then 5600, then 5700, then 5800, then 5900, then 6000, then 6100, then 6200, then 6300, then 6400, then 6500, then 6600, then 6700, then 6800, then 6900, then 7000, then 7100, then 7200, then 7300, then 7400, then 7500, then 7600, then 7700, then 7800, then 7900, then 8000, then 8100, then 8200, then 8300, then 8400, then 8500, then 8600, then 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