British Bayonets Turned the Tide in Fight at La Bassee

Allies Are Making "Slight, But Regular" Gains in West

BRITISH REGAIN FORMER LINES AT LA BASSEE

Some Trenches Momentarily Abandoned, Quickly Retaken From Germans.

FRENCH GUNS SUPERIOR

Havoc Worked on Field Works, Convoys, Bivouacs, Concentrations of Troops

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PARIS, Jan. 31.—All the trenches momentarily lost by the British army at La Bassee were retaken in a strong assault by the first division last night. Fighting at this important position was no child's play, for the French official statement says that the report has been confirmed that the Germans left a great many dead before the British trenches.

Owing to the setting in of frosty weather, with an invigorating element in the atmosphere, the soldiers are full of fighting, and constant attacks along the front may be expected, but owing to the condition of the roads, which are not yet suitable for the movement of ponderous artillery, a general advance can hardly be looked for till after the break up of spring.

The Germans made a movement to overcome the French near Fontaine Madame Sunday morning. Three attacks were driven off here with great slaughter.

Artillery Firing Heavy.

Heavy artillery firing was the feature of the operations Saturday night and Sunday morning and in the work the allies more than held their own, and they had successes to their credit. As time goes on the allied artillery gains more and more of an ascendancy over the Krupp artillery. Effective work was performed by the French guns Saturday night and Sunday morning on the sectors of Arras, Roye, Soissons, Rheims and Perthes. Two of the German guns were destroyed, several field works were made untenable and collections of lance bombs were exploded. The long range field pieces goe the range of several concentrations of troops made for attacks, and caused their hasty dispersal. Bivouacs and convoys were also severely handled by the same fire.

Allies Strengthen Artillery.

The answer of the allies to the German revival of the offensive last week has been to move additional batteries to the front, so as to cope with the increased armament of the Germans. It may be surmised that when the allies begin to advance in earnest the Germans will be given a few matters for wonder in the gunnery branch of warfare.

The French still hold the Village of Angoumont, near Badonvilier, which the German official statement claimed the Germans had occupied.

No change is reported in the situation from the Argonne to the Vosges.

The Germans heavily bombarded Arras, Rurie and Roolincourt. They exploded a mine on the plateau of Nuvron without attaining any results, as they expected. The French troops in the Argonne were forced to withdraw on Saturday about 300 yards, owing to the long occupation of the trenches making them untenable. Serious losses on both sides occurred in the performing of these operations.

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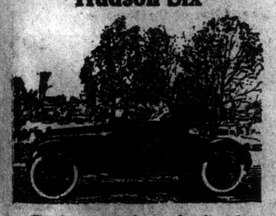

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NIGHT AIDS ALLIES TO GAIN GROUND

Earthworks Are Swiftly Constructed While Enemy is off Guard.

THRILLING COMBATS

Germans Entangled in Wire in Disastrous Attack at Ypres.

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the barbed wire and were made prisoners. Some of them, notwithstanding painful injuries from the barbs, tore themselves out of the tangle. The prisoners said that the attack was to be supported by other forces, which were dispersed by our artillery fire.

"British infantry and French artillery repulsed a violent attack at La Bassee. Hundreds of dead still lie on the field. The attack was renewed and was again repulsed, the German losses being at least two battalions, 2000 men.

Hot Fight at Blangy.

"From La Bassee to Arras there have been continuous artillery engagements, the most violent at Blangy, which was followed by an infantry charge in force. The entire shock was received by three companies, which held their ground in spite of a formidable cannonading by three-inch-midable cannonading by three-inch, guns, bombs and grenades. It became necessary to abandon the burning houses at La Fonderie, which were destroyed by grenades. Part of our forces succeeded in retiring; the others were killed or wounded and fell into the enemy's hands.

"Three companies from the second line of defence delivered several counter attacks with fire and bayonet until the lost ground was regained.

"The action was particularly violent at La Boisselle, being nearly continuous from Jan. 16 to Jan. 26. A prisoner, taken Jan. 18, said that Emperor William had ordered the occupation of this place in honor of the anniversary of the founding of the empire, and promised 700 marks to whomsoever brought back a French machine gun. No machine gun was captured, but nine successive attacks were repulsed.

"The explosion of a depot of melanite permitted the enemy to capture a small section of the trenches, but they were driven out half an hour later, and the cemetery at La Boisselle was found to be full of German dead, including several officers.

At 20 Yards Range.

"Around Soissons the enemy had gained no advantage since Jan. 14. At Pisey the two adversaries are within 20 yards of each other and the same line of barbed wire serves as a defence for each side. Four companies of Germans attacked at this point after the explosion of a mine, but were repulsed and a counter-attack drove the enemy from the trenches. They left hundreds of dead and many wounded. Our loss was 40 killed.

"There was a three-days' battle at Berry-au-Bac, beginning with a bombardment on Jan. 20, which demoralized our trenches and permitted a successful attack by the infantry. The enemy installed himself in our advanced trenches and resisted our counter-attack on Jan. 21, from 8 o'clock until 11, when we recaptured one trench and took a number of prisoners. The other trench was held until the 23rd, when an attack by a single company of French infantry succeeded. The enemy left twenty prisoners in our hands, but immediately engaged in an artillery action lasting four hours. This was followed by a counter-attack by the German infantry, which was repulsed with heavy loss.

"In the region of Perthes the Germans tried desperately to reconquer the positions they had previously lost, but we maintained our position and made further gains. The Germans gained about 100 yards of our advanced trenches, but we gained more than that.

Important Successes.

"In Le Pretre wood, northwest of Pont-a-Mousson, we have gained important successes, in spite of the fact that part of the ground has since been lost. The entire forest two months ago was in the hands of the Germans. Foot by foot we have conquered nearly the whole of it. The fighting in this region has been particularly severe. In one instance, on Jan. 17, we captured several of the enemy's works in a counter attack. An entire German company was taken, including several officers. On the 18th we gained 500 yards of the enemy's trenches, while on the 19th we made an advance of 100 yards beyond these trenches. We picked up dead and wounded in sufficient numbers to indicate that the enemy's losses in these engagements were more than a battalion.

"Since the 19th the Germans have continuously attacked this point desperately, but have regained only one-third of the ground lost."

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LONDON NEWS SUGGESTS TRANSFER OF VESSELS

Editorial Comment on Irish Sea Incident Mentions Change to Neutral Flags.

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LONDON, Jan. 31.—The News, commenting editorially on submarine raid in Irish Sea, and the best methor of protecting British commerce, says, "In the last resort there is the possibility of transferring British merchant vessels to neutral flags. Those who are clamoring for drastic action against the Dacia or for pushing to the extreme the notion of British rights against commerce, would do well to remember their views in the light of the submarine."

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MAJOR MORRISON-BELL IS REPORTED MISSING

He Was Aide de Camp to Earl Minto in Canada.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—3.21 a.m.—Among the missing in a casualty list just made public is Major Arthur C. Morrison-Bell, member of parliament for the Honiton division of Devonshire. Major Morrison-Bell was former aide-de-camp to the Earl of Minto, governor-general of Canada, and served in the Canadian contingent in South Africa, having charge of the maxim-gun section.

Also mentioned as missing in the list are the Hon. John Beresford Campbell, eldest son of Baron Statheden and Campbell, and six other Guards' officers.

MINES WERE USED.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—At least one other vesesel besides the Ben Cruachen was sunk by the German submarine 21. This fact became known when a trawler brought in the 11 members of the crew of the steamer Linda Blanche, which was sent to the bottom by the German raider.

The Linda Blanche was on its way from Manchester to Belfast when the submarine suddenly appeared alongside. Officers came aboard and ordered the crew to leave the steamer. As soon as the men of the Linda Blanche were in their boats the Germans attached a mine to the bridges and another to the forecastle and the vessel was destroyed.

HANDFUL OF FRENCH HOLD HILL TO DEATH

Thirty-Two Men Saved Hartmann-Weilerkopf From Capture by Germans.

RESCUERS TOO LATE

Defenders of Summit Sounded Salute as Succoring Party Was Coming.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—The official eyewitness with the French army says: "In the Vosges, Hartmann-Weilerkopf was held by two sections in the beginning (a section numbers 16 men). Later these were reinforced by three companies. Here our chausseurs made a heroic stand, but this force was obliged to succor the small guard at the summit, which was furiously attacked by important forces of the enemy. In a heavy snowstorm and fog, and unable to see more than 10 yards ahead of them, this small detachment, knowing that the guard had only 300 cartridges, set out on Jan. 19 over the rocky declivity, which was obstructed by thickets, to save their comrades.

Relief too Late.

"Two companies tried to reach the enemy's left, two others marched towards the right, but the Germans were strongly organized and the advance was slow. The men, slipping on the ice and falling back on accessory defences, fought all day. From the summit the guard heard the firing, and in the evening their trumpets sounded a salute. Our men continued to gain ground on the 21st up the slopes, but slowly. The chasseurs still held out. Assault after assault was delivered, two officers fell at the head of their men, but in spite of the ice and barbed wire the force advanced.

"At nightfall nothing more was heard from the summit, and the handful of valiant defenders succumbed before help arrived. The relieving party now commands the summit of the heights, preventing any offensive movement by the enemy."

PEACE DESIRED BY GERMAN SOCIALISTS

International Organization is Urged to Initiate Common Action.

Canadian Press Despatch.

AMSTERDAM (viaLondon), Feb. 1, 3.40 a.m.—The Dutch Socialist newspaper Tribune, reports that the executive German Social Democratic Party has adopted the following resolution:

"The committee considers it desirable that every opportunity be taken to initiate common action in favor of peace by the whole of the International Socialist League, and especially by the Socialist parties in the belligerent kingdoms."

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PRISONERS AT JAMAICA GIVING SOME TROUBLE

Attempts to Escape and Refusals to Work Are Being Severely Dealt With.

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KINGSTON, Jamaica, Jan. 21.—German prisoners are giving some trouble by attempting to escape. Some have broken camp, but have been recaptured. The authorities are vigilant, but while maintaining discipline, have no desire to be extremely severe. Men who refused to work for the pay offered have been tried and punished, and one prisoner, while attempting to escape Monday night, was wounded by a sentry. The prisoners, who number nearly seven hundred, are being well treated, but made to understand that insubordination will be punished.

FOE'S SUBMARINES SANK FIVE SHIPS

Germans Made Successful Raid on British Merchant Vessels.

DASH INTO IRISH SEA

Three Ships Sunk Off Liverpool and Two off Havre.

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up of the Kilcoan the passenger steamer made off at full speed towards Holyhead.

The Kilcoan which was laden with coal was 456 tons register, built in 1905 and owned by Harbinson of Lorne.

TEN MINUTES TO LEAVE.

Canadian Press Despatch.

FLEETWOOD, via London, Jan. 31.—The German submarine 21 on Saturday torpedoed the North Shields steamer Ben Cruachen off this port. The entire crew, numbering 20, was landed here.

The same German submarine is reported to have sunk two other vessels in the vicinity where the Ben Cruachen went down.

The captain of the steamer says he wa sovertaken by the submarine this morning and ordered to leave his ship within tne minutes. Hardly had the crew got into the boats when a torpedo was fired and the steamer went down.

The Ben Cruachen, which was of 1978 tons, and belonged to the Morrison Shipping Company, was on a voyage from the Orkney Islands to Liverpool with a general cargo.

Fleetwood is one of the principal fishing and shipping ports and watering places on the west coast.

STEAMER ESCAPED.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LIVERPOOL, via London, Jan. 31.—The Ben Cruachen left Cardiff Tuesday with five tons of coal, and wasion its way to the city, according to The Liverpool Post, when it met the submarine.

The steamer Graphic with passengers, Belfast to Liverpool, the paper says, passed wreckage and soon afterwards saw the Ben Cruachen sunk. The Graphic was chased, but eluded pursuit, and reached the Mersey safely.

LEINSTER ESCAPED.

DUBLIN, Jan. 31, via London, Feb. 1, 1.50 a.m.—The steamer Leinster, from Holyhead to Kingstown, reports that she was chased by a German submarine for 15 minutes off the Kish light vessel, but succeeded in escaping.

The Kish light vessel is opposite the mouth to Dublin Bay.

PEACE CHAMPIONS MOBBED IN ROME

Leader of Neutralists Attacked and Troops Were Called Out.

SERIOUS DISORDER

Soldiers With Fixed Bayonets Had Difficulty in Restoring Order.

Canadian Press Despatch.

ROME, Jan. 31., 1.45 p.m.—Troops with fixed bayonets had to be called out today to re-establish order at a meeting which had been organized by senators, members of the chamber of deputies and other prominent persons with the purpose of forwarding a movement in favor of Italy maintaining neutrality in the war.

A large number of persons, mostly Republicans, who are against the maintenance of neutrality, gathered at the entrance to the hall, and in spite of the efforts of the police attacked the neutralists. Deputy Bruno Belmonte, leader of the neutralists, had his ears boxed, and someone spat in his face. He defended himself with his cane. During the disorder cries of "Shame, Prince Von Buelow Has Bought You, You Supporters of Austria!" rose from the anti-neutralists.

Long Live France!

Finding that the police could not properly handle the situation, troops were called out and restored order.

After this incident the anti-neutralists attempted to approach the Austrian Embassy, crying "Down With Austria," "Down With Germany," "Long Live France" and "Long Live the War."

The troops again had to be called upon to disperse the crowds.

British Officers Killed

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The following casualties were reported this week end: Killed, Lieut. Austin, Field Artillery; Lieut. Buist, Black Watch; Lieut. Bury, Grenadiers; Lieut. Huddlestone, Black Watch; Lieut. Mills, Coldstreams; Lieut. D. J. F. Galbraith, Highland Light Infantry; Second Lieut. F. H. H. Hawkesworth, Border Regiment; Lieut. Hatch, Royal Irish. Died of wounds: Second Lieut. R. W. R. Gramshaw, Royal Sussex Regiment; Second Lieut. J. A. Hughes, Royal Welsh Fusiliers; Lieut. Callard, Loyal North Lancashires. Previously officially reported missing, now unofficially reported killed; Capt. Moubray, Black Watch. Previously officially reported wounded and missing, now officially reported died of wounds: Lieut. Moorradford, South Staffordshires. Reported from East Africa, wounded, Capt. Burlton Bennett, Supply and Transport; Lieut. Jones, Mombasa Volunteers; Capt. MacBrayne, 15th Sikhs. Reported from the Persian Gulf, wounded: Capt. Cochrane, 81st Pioneers. Reported from Egypt, wounded: Capt. F. B. Abbott, 6th Ghurkas.

GERMAN ATTACK EASILY REPULSED

Unsuccessful Effort Made by Enemy to Take British Trenches.

SUNDAY WORLD NEWS

Shake-Up Expected in Civic Circles in Hamilton This Week.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Over two hundred dead Germans were counted before the British trenches after an attack near Quinchy, in northern France. The enemy was repulsed.

Trade unions recommend that the British Government take over all wheat supplies.

It is stated that for several weeks the Germans have been wasting shells on Mount Kemmel.

At the extreme end of the eastern front military operations of great importance are now developing. Particular comment is made of the Austro-German concentration in the Carpathians and the Russian activities in East Prussia.

Parliament to Meet.

Both houses of parliament will meet Feb. 2. The chancellor of the exchequer, Lloyd George, will make his annual statement.

News of the Russian success over the Turks in Persia is not fully confirmed, but is generally credited.

It is reported that Charles Frederick Gurney Masterman has resigned as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Petrograd reports that the success of the Russian movements near Tilsit will require an entire rearrangement of the German lines.

M. Hioki, Japanese minister to China, denies that Japan demanded the cession of any territory of China.

Belgians Return Home.

Over two thousand Belgian civilians have been allowed by Germany to return to their homes. Another skirmish with the Turkish advance guard is reported from the British forces in Egypt.

Reports from Paris state that a Zeppelin raid was attempted over Nancy and frustrated.

OTHER TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Hamilton board of education finances indicate that a higher rate will be necessary.

Kingston police have unearthed a half a ton of brass belonging to the Grand Trunk. It had been shipped to a local junk shop from Ottawa.

Arthur Cooper, a patient in the Bracebridge Isolation Hospital, is under arrest charged with having set fire to the building.

J. L. Wyatt, general manager of the American Canadian Securities Company, was released on bond in Denver after having been arrested on a charge to defraud.

A rumor is in circulation in Edmonton that the Alberta Legislature will open Feb. 18.

Shake-Up in Hamilton.

A general shake-up is expected among civic officials in Hamilton this week. Indications on Saturday pointed to possibility that the battalion recruited in the Hamilton district for the third contingent will not mobilize there after all. No suitable building seems to be available.

State department officials in Washington have declared that the purchase by the government of ships belonging to the belligerents had not become a subject of official negotiation.

Between $15,000 and $20,000 worth of diamonds were stolen Saturday from the pawn shop of Adolph Stern in New York by three automobile bandits.

DECLARES COUNTY JAIL INEBRIATE ASYLUM

Too Many Drunkards Locked Up Till Sober, Says Dr. Bogert of Kingston.

Special to The Toronto World.

KINGSTON, Ont., Jan. 31.—That the county jail is an inebriate asylum is the statement of Dr. L. G. Bogert, jail physician to the county council. He declared that there were too many drunks in the jail and added: "The law of our province licenses the sale of liquor, and then you send men to jail for drinking it in excess.

"You should keep drunkards in some other place till they are sobered, and then send them out again. There is one man in the county jail now who practically lives there. As soon as he gets out he becomes drunk and is sent back over and over again."

Recruiting for the third contingent in the third divisional area is going on well, the total enrolled now being 1,581 men. The 14th Regiment has passed fifty-one men, the 47th Regiment thirty men, and the 4th Hussars fifty-six recruits. For the 39th Battalion (Belleville), 762 men have been accepted, and for the 38th Battalion of Ottawa 428 men have volunteered to date. The total secured for the 8th Mounted Rifles is 366 men.

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