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TO ON VERDUN FRONT

French Defeat Attacks Delivered
on Lines East and West of
Meuse.

GAINS IN CROW WOOD
Joffre's Counter-Offensive Makes
Headway Against Onslaughts
of Germans.

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age of their effectiveness, which were fairly slight under the French curtain of fire and practically wiped out as military organizations.

Without Furious Assaults.

On the west of the Meuse, the French troops, during the night, withstood furious assaults which were delivered time after time after the German attack, and they remained the victors after the German attacks.

Crow (Corbeaux) Wood, where the French had gained ground yesterday, was assaulted time after time by waves of Germans all night, but the French were able to maintain their position and the force of these blows was spent, they resumed their counter-attacks and drove the enemy further back.

In the violent combats which have been raging in this part of the western theatre of the war the French artillery has done signal service in clearing the attempts of the Germans to advance and in keeping down the fire of the German guns.

Germans Claim Vaux.

The German official communiqué which was issued early in the afternoon claimed that the Germans had captured Fort de Vaux, which, they claimed, was the key to the village of Vaux by an attack of Posen regiments delivered in the night. The Germans also claimed that the Posen regiments, they won several successes in aeroplane fighting and that three French machines had been brought down.

A German estimate of French losses in the fighting near Verdun places them at 70,000 to 80,000 men. It was unofficially in Paris today that the crown prince lost 5,000 men in the three-hour fight near Verdun.

The artillery firing on the fronts east and west of the Meuse River has been continuous since the night of the 9th. In the Woëvre the bombardment was intermittent.

In Belgium French artillery worked actively in bombarding German trenches on the sector south of Lombray and in the Champagne it effectively bombarded the defensive positions of the enemy established west of Namur, east of the Meuse, and in the Massiges region.

The French captured a section of a German trench in the Entzheim region, east of Seppois, after the Belgians reported the fighting of reciprocal artillery actions in the region of Dixmude and further to the south of it.

NEWMARKET RECEPTION FOR RETURNED SOLDIER

Newmarket soldiers are arranging for a big reception at the town hall tonight to St. Julien, who was severely "gassed" and ordered home to recuperate. Pic. Walsh will be presented with a well-earned purse and an address. A few days more will see the ranks of the 15th Tork Rangers filled, only a few vacancies remaining.

BARBER ENDED LIFE.

GODERICH, March 9.—Dependent because of ill-health, David Barber, aged 30, a barber, tonight committed suicide at the home of his father, Richard Barber, at Salford, near by cutting his throat with a razor. Barber had been working in Detroit, returning home yesterday.

FRENCH FOUGHT ENEMY BRAVELY FOR FOREST

Two Battalions Made Gallant
Defence of Caures Wood
Under Iron Deluge.

GALLANT COLONEL LOST

When Germans Attacked Them
in Rear, Many Survivors
Got Safely Out.

PARIS, March 9.—"The affair of the Caures wood is one of the most dramatic and most glorious episodes of the battle of Verdun," an officer who has returned from the Verdun front today. "The chasseur who were charged with defending this part of the sector were under the orders of Lieut.-Col. Driant, and they have added a magnificent page to contemporary history by their story by their story."

The officer said that the Germans began preparations for their attack on the morning of Feb. 20 at 7.15. The French had been holding them in their trenches for four days. Col. Driant was making a tour of inspection. There was one French battery in the firing line and another was held in reserve, with everybody immediately on the alert. The bombardment commenced with unusual violence and the French listening posts, according to orders, fell back on the first line, where the attack was awaited.

Iron Deluge Passed Over.

"A storm of iron began to pass over. It was in fact the first of the iron deluge. Our shelters, even the best constructed, were demolished. About 11 o'clock the post at which I was wiped out under the hail of shells and 14 chasseurs and one officer were buried in the debris. However, our men did not hesitate to get up and to the aid of their wounded comrades as if it was simply a question of some common accident. Sgt. Duplain with some assistance rescued nine victims and each one courageously prepared to assist face the enemy. Under the fire the enemy soldiers labored to reinforce our fortifications in the wood. About 2 o'clock the effects of the bombardment were tremendous. There did not remain a single shelter worthy of the name. The officer next in command to Lieut.-Col. Driant was severely wounded and many of our chasseurs were also stricken."

Germans Made Charge.

"About 5 o'clock the enemy's artillery slackened its fire and we no longer suffered so much. The reason of this was that the Germans were about to make a charge. The reason of this was that the Germans were about to make a charge. The reason of this was that the Germans were about to make a charge."

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ROUTE CHOSEN BY THE PARADE NOT HAPPY ONE

Mayor and Chief Grasset Doubt
Wisdom of Prohibitions.

Local police officials seem disinclined to make much comment in regard to the riot which upset the ranks of the prohibitionists Wednesday on University Avenue. Although there were no disturbances arrested at the time, the police have the names of a number of soldiers who are alleged to have participated in the disturbance. It is probable that the matter will be discussed at next week's meeting of the police commissioners.

"Nothing was further from our minds than that there would be any hostile demonstration," said Chief of Police Grasset yesterday. He said he had expressed doubt to those responsible for the parade as to the wisdom of the route chosen, but the officials had retained it, the desire to have as much publicity as possible. "I walked over the line and found everything working smoothly," he added.

Mayor Church was of the opinion that the route chosen by the Committee of One Hundred was an unhappy one.

Mount Police Commissioner George Tufts, Inspector James Verney and W. Redding of Mimico and six students from Knox and Victoria Colleges received minor injuries in the struggle with the soldiers.

CHAS. WRIGHT DEAD.

The funeral of the late Charles Wright, who died on Wednesday at 154 Western Avenue, West, was reported, will be held tomorrow at 2.30 p.m., to Prospect Cemetery. He was the father of Lieut.-Col. G. Wright, commander of the 15th Battalion.

BLESSING THE 75th's COLORS



His Lordship Bishop Sweeney, with hand upraised, blessing the colors presented yesterday to the 75th Overseas Battalion.

Official War Statements

British

The British official communication, issued tonight, says:

"Last night we repulsed a small attack near the Hohenzollern redoubt. Today the enemy sprang a mine near Givency, but made no infantry attack. There has been considerable artillery activity by both sides about 'prea'."

French

The following is last night's French communiqué:

"In Belgium our artillery has displayed activity against the enemy positions to the south of Lombray. The enemy's positions were actively bombarded. The French artillery has displayed activity against the enemy positions to the south of Lombray. The enemy's positions were actively bombarded."

German

The text of the German statement of yesterday follows:

"Western theatre: The artillery activity on both sides frequently increased to great violence. The French recaptured the western part of a trench near the farm of Malons-de-Champagne, where hand-grenade fighting occurred yesterday."

Italian

The following Italian official communication was issued tonight:

"Bad weather continues in the mountainous districts. The enemy attempted to utilize its dangerous effects against us yesterday in the Lagazuoli sector. The Italian artillery has displayed activity against the enemy positions to the south of Lombray. The enemy's positions were actively bombarded."

Russian

The following Russian official communication was issued yesterday:

"A considerable force of German troops moved towards the village of Vaux. The Russian artillery has displayed activity against the enemy positions to the south of Lombray. The enemy's positions were actively bombarded."

VILLA'S FORCES LOSE HEAVILY IN BATTLE

U. S. Troops Pursued Murderous Raiders Into Mexican Territory.

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for snipers posted at Villa's direction. Other bands, creeping close to American lines, enticed a number of civilians into the open with English spoken invitations. A number of fatalities are attributed to this ruse.

Stores and the post office were looted, oil was poured upon frame structures and the match applied by still other bands.

Many civilians barricaded themselves in their homes and fired at the invaders as they hurried thru the streets. The fighting in the town ended almost as suddenly as it began. The Mexicans fled in all directions. Shot was heard, Villa's bugles sounded the retreat, and the raiders followed a disordered flight, closely followed by American troops.

Raiders Lost Heavily.

The casualties of the 13th Cavalry in the fighting at Columbus were seven killed and six wounded.

Villa's last losses in the day's fighting were estimated in excess of 100 killed and twice as many wounded. The American pursuit into Mexico, which ended about 2 o'clock, was reported to have accounted for more than 75 Mexicans killed and wounded.

American Woman Liberated.

Mrs. Maud H. Wright, an American woman, held captive by Villa for nine days, was liberated in the midst of today's fighting. She declared that Villa announced on March 1 his intention to attack Columbus.

His men, with scant supplies of water and meat, suffered severely, she said, but Villa ruled them by fear, and his officers with the flats of their swords, the soldiers in the bandits attacked employees of the

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