

SWEEPING SUCCESSSES BY ALLIES IN FLANDERS

VAST BRITISH FORCE AUGMENTED BY TROOPS OF FRANCE LAUNCH MIGHTY DRIVE AGAINST TEUTONS

Artillery Moves Forward With Schedule Precision and Whole Situation Is Satisfactory in Every Particular, Says Headquarters.

ATTACK AGAINST ARMY OF CROWN PRINCE RUPPRECHT OF BAVARIA

Terrific Offensive Carries Onrushing Allies Well Beyond Shell-Shattered Front Line Trenches of the Germans.

British front in France and Belgium, July 31.—A vast British force, augmented by French troops, at dawn today launched against the army of Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, between Dixmude on the north and Gappard, near Warneton, on the south, a terrific offensive which, according to the early reports, had carried the crushing Allies well beyond the shell-shattered front line trenches of the Germans throughout this approximately twenty-mile front, and in many places had reached the second line defences.

Both the French and British had achieved all the first objectives, and the artillery was moving forward with schedule precision and the whole situation was satisfactory in every particular.

French Statement.

Paris, July 31.—The official announcement from French headquarters today reads:

"An attack delivered by us at eight o'clock last night on a front of 1,500 yards south of La Rooye, and west of Epine-De-Chevreney, resulted in complete success. We recaptured all our

objectives and we broke a German counter-attack, in the course of which we took 167 prisoners, including two officers, and about fifteen non-commissioned officers belonging to three regiments of infantry.

"Artillery fire, followed by infantry engagements, are being maintained with much spirit in the Cerny-Hartebise sector.

"In Champagne, northwest of Proven, the enemy, after a violent bombardment, attempted a surprise attack which was turned to failure by the vigorous reply of our artillery and infantry fire.

"There have been active artillery exchanges on both banks of the Meuse."

Italian Statement.

Rome, July 31.—The Italian official statement issued today says:

"On the whole front the activity of the artillery was not marked. In the Travigno Valley one of our patrols dispersed a detachment of the enemy three times its strength, killing several men, including the officer in command. This morning an enemy machine was brought down in flames by our fire."

In Albania last night our scouts forced the Vovusa river, east of Derza. They drove in the enemy patrols, inflicting losses and taking arms and material."

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CASUALTIES OF THE FRENCH ARMY

Russians Restore Position Zbrocz, But Are Pushed Back at Zastva and

British Front in France and Belgium, July 31.—Late today it was reported that the Germans were counter-attacking at the point of junction of the French and British forces.

The French, who attacked on difficult territory between Dixmude and a point near Bessinghe, for their way across the marsh and the first two German lines.

With a few exceptions the British Allies accomplished all their purposes for the first day of this battle in Flanders. The casualties of the French and British were surprisingly small.

Six Bavarian divisions were drawn and replaced, as they were demoralized by the inferno of fire. As one point the British came through their own barrage fire to prevent the escape of fleeing Germans.

Russian Statement.

Petrograd, July 31.—North of Hlyn, on the Russo-Galician front, the Russians yesterday restored position on the east bank of the Zbrocz, says the official statement issued today by the Russian office.

A. & R. LOGGIE OF LOGGIEVILLE LOST FIVE BUILDINGS

Fire Breaks Out in Large Barn and Spreads to Other Buildings—Loss Heavy.

Chatham, July 31.—Fire destroyed five buildings of the A. and R. Loggie, on the farm at Loggiewille early this morning. The fire which broke out in the main barn, was first seen at midnight. It quickly spread to other buildings. The fire raged about three hours and the result could be seen for miles. A considerable amount of hay and farm implements were destroyed and the loss heavy. The origin of the fire is not known.

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