

HAIG PUSHES HIS SUCCESS IN FRESH DRIVE ON ANCRE

Advances Also Reported Beyond Village of Grandcourt—Takes The Summit of the Sully-Saillies Hill.

A despatch from London says: The success of the British attacking movement which is closing in on Bapaume both from the west, and south-west was accentuated on Thursday when General Haig's troops captured the highest point of the Sully-Saillies Hill, just northwest of the point where the French were held up in the Somme drive last fall. Advances are also recorded beyond the village of Grandcourt, which was captured on Wednesday. Referring to this sector, the official statement says: "The ground we have gained on the Ancre since the new year now represents an advance of an average depth of nearly three-quarters of a mile on a front of over three miles."

On the crown of the elevation at Sully-Saillies was an important German position which the British report declares was captured in its entirety. Seventy-eight prisoners, including two officers, were taken together with a

ment refers to the engagement which is spoken of as "in progress," but is silent on any further fighting along the Ancre.

The British, however, declare that they have made progress on both sides of the Ancre. During the night the Bailliescourt Farm, on the road between Beaumont and Miramont, was attacked and captured, and on the south side of the stream a hostile trench near Grandcourt was carried. These two operations netted an additional eighty-two prisoners with one officer. That the resumption of the British offensive on the Somme has widened to a front of about seventeen miles is indicated by the report of a successful raid south of Bouchavesnes, not far from Peronne.

General Haig also chronicles the repulse of German attacks at Gueudecourt and La Bassée and the explosion caused by artillery fire behind the enemy's lines near Ypres.

BRITISH ACTIVE AROUND YPRES

Dugouts Were Destroyed and Prisoners Taken in Successful Raids.

A despatch from London says: General Haig's troops, continuing their policy of giving the enemy no rest, have carried out a number of successful raids east of Vermennes and south-east of Ypres. Numerous dugouts were destroyed and about fifty prisoners taken, two of them officers. Friday's report from headquarters reads:

"We carried out successful raids this morning and last night east of Vermennes and south-east of Ypres. A large number of the enemy's dugouts were destroyed and several prisoners were taken. A hostile attempt to approach our lines south of Armetières during the night, after a heavy preliminary bombardment of our trenches, was caught by our barrage in 'No Man's Land' and easily repulsed. Thirty-seven prisoners, including two officers, were taken by us in the last 24 hours at different points along the front."

"Our artillery performed much successful counter-battery work and caused two explosions in the enemy's lines. Thursday evening an enemy working party in the neighborhood of the Butte de Warlencourt was dispersed by our fire."

Sugar cane in Cuba, set out in virgin land, may be cut for 30 years without replanting.

TURKS PUSHED BACK 1,200 YARDS ON A FRONTAGE OF FOUR MILES

Licorice Factory Which Townshend Held Throughout Siege of Kut Captured by the British.

A despatch from London says: An official report issued on Sunday night describes briefly a British success against the Turks in Mesopotamia, a new line being occupied by the British of about three and a half miles to a depth of more than half a mile. The text of the statement reads:

"The British offensive south of Kut-el-Amara was resumed Friday. Under cover of a heavy bombardment a portion of the new Turkish front line west of the Hai River was secured and consolidated in the face of two counter-attacks and two bombing attacks. Further westward," the statement adds, "Turkish trenches were penetrated, and by successful bombing work were secured and consolidated along a front of 1,200 yards."

HOLLAND'S DEFENCES FROZEN UP EAST FRONTIER LIES EXPOSED

For That Reason Netherlands Government Declines to Follow President Wilson's Lead.

A despatch from The Hague says: The Netherlands Government, though the American Legation at The Hague, has formally declined to accept President Wilson's suggestion that it follow the course of the United States and break off diplomatic relations with Germany.

Holland's refusal to follow President Wilson's lead has naturally given satisfaction in German and pro-German circles, where the effectiveness of the German principle of *neutrality* is regarded as once more vindicated. It would be a mistake to assume that the Dutch are not in sympathy with President Wilson's action, but the German menace has overborne their generous natural impulses.

\$30,000,000 A DAY
COST OF WAR TO BRITAIN.

A despatch from London says: Bonar Law asked in the House of Commons on Monday for \$500,000,000, the largest amount asked at any single sitting by any statesman in our financial history. No less than \$200,000,000 needed to carry the war to March 31, the end of the financial year. We are therefore spending now in five or six weeks as much as was spent in the year immediately before the war. The second vote of \$300,000,000 is needed to give a good beginning to the next financial year. The average expenditure in 1914-15 of \$1,500,000 per day grew to \$3,500,000 per day in 1915-16, and will be nearer \$6,000,000 than \$5,000,000 per day for the middle of 1916-17.

DYNAMITE FACTORY
BLOWN UP IN GERMANY

A despatch from Amsterdam says: According to Les Nouvelles de Maastricht, Holland, a dynamite factory at Schlebusch, near Cologne, was blown up on January 27, causing the death of 200 persons, mostly women. An explosion last Thursday on the railway between Aix-la-Chapelle and Louvain, this newspaper reports caused the death or injury of 26 Belgian workmen.

WAR BREAD IN FRANCE
AT AN EARLY DATE

A despatch from Paris says: War bread soon will make its appearance in France. What kind it will be has not yet been definitely decided, but experiments now are being made with a new bread that will contain more whole wheat flour than that now sold.

"During Friday night and Saturday four Turkish attacks on the right were repulsed, and the British held in the enemy trenches on the left was rapidly extended by bombing attacks."

"Later, after a heavy bombardment a successful assault was undertaken against trenches west of the licorice factory, which Gen. Townshend held throughout the siege of Kut, whereby we secured the factory and 500 yards of enemy trenches."

"As a result of these operations a new line has been occupied on a frontage of over 6,000 yards, and the enemy pushed back for a depth varying from 800 to 1,200 yards. All the evidence shows that the Turks suffered heavily."

The Dutch Government's action will undoubtedly be approved by the Dutch people on practical grounds. It is interesting to note that the *Frankfurter Zeitung* hint of a few days ago that European neutrals would embark on a highly hazardous adventure if they acted on President Wilson's suggestion has apparently been taken seriously in some quarters, but in fairness to the Dutch it should always be remembered that their east frontier, as the *Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant* says, largely lies exposed at the present moment. After such a long period of hard frost its chief system of defences apparently do not possess as much value as they are reputed to have in normal times.

LEADING MARKETS

Grain
Toronto, Feb. 13.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.18; No. 2, \$1.15; No. 3, \$1.12; No. 4, \$1.09; No. 5, \$1.06; No. 6, \$1.03; No. 7, \$1.00; No. 8, \$0.97; No. 9, \$0.94; No. 10, \$0.91; No. 11, \$0.88; No. 12, \$0.85; No. 13, \$0.82; No. 14, \$0.79; No. 15, \$0.76; No. 16, \$0.73; No. 17, \$0.70; No. 18, \$0.67; No. 19, \$0.64; No. 20, \$0.61; No. 21, \$0.58; No. 22, \$0.55; No. 23, \$0.52; No. 24, \$0.49; No. 25, \$0.46; No. 26, \$0.43; No. 27, \$0.40; No. 28, \$0.37; No. 29, \$0.34; No. 30, \$0.31; No. 31, \$0.28; No. 32, \$0.25; No. 33, \$0.22; No. 34, \$0.19; No. 35, \$0.16; No. 36, \$0.13; No. 37, \$0.10; No. 38, \$0.07; No. 39, \$0.04; No. 40, \$0.01.

Country Produce—Wholesale
Butter—Fresh dairy, choice, 36 to 38; creamery, 34 to 36; salted, 32 to 34; eggs—No. 1, 44 to 46; No. 2, 42 to 44; No. 3, 40 to 42; No. 4, 38 to 40; No. 5, 36 to 38; No. 6, 34 to 36; No. 7, 32 to 34; No. 8, 30 to 32; No. 9, 28 to 30; No. 10, 26 to 28; No. 11, 24 to 26; No. 12, 22 to 24; No. 13, 20 to 22; No. 14, 18 to 20; No. 15, 16 to 18; No. 16, 14 to 16; No. 17, 12 to 14; No. 18, 10 to 12; No. 19, 8 to 10; No. 20, 6 to 8; No. 21, 4 to 6; No. 22, 2 to 4; No. 23, 1 to 3; No. 24, 1/2 to 1; No. 25, 1/4 to 1/2; No. 26, 1/8 to 1/4; No. 27, 1/16 to 1/8; No. 28, 1/32 to 1/16; No. 29, 1/64 to 1/32; No. 30, 1/128 to 1/64; No. 31, 1/256 to 1/128; No. 32, 1/512 to 1/256; No. 33, 1/1024 to 1/512; No. 34, 1/2048 to 1/1024; No. 35, 1/4096 to 1/2048; No. 36, 1/8192 to 1/4096; No. 37, 1/16384 to 1/8192; No. 38, 1/32768 to 1/16384; No. 39, 1/65536 to 1/32768; No. 40, 1/131072 to 1/65536; No. 41, 1/262144 to 1/131072; No. 42, 1/524288 to 1/262144; No. 43, 1/1048576 to 1/524288; No. 44, 1/2097152 to 1/1048576; 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