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Germans Continue Their Powerful Attacks, Field Marshal Haig Reports, But Have Made No Appreciable Gains.

London, April 14.—The Germans continue their powerful attacks against the British line in Flanders. The town of Neuve Eglise, an important strategic point, which has changed hands several times, remains in possession of the British, Field Marshal Haig's report to-night says. The statement follows:

"At the close of many hours of obstinate fighting during the night and again this morning about Neuve Eglise our troops remained in possession of the village. The enemy's attacks in this sector have been pressed with great determination, and his losses throughout have been heavy. To-day the enemy renewed his attempts to gain possession of the village, and the fighting continues."

"An attack commenced by the enemy early in the morning in the neighborhood of Bailleul was repulsed by our troops, and another hostile attack which developed later in the morning in the neighborhood of Merris was equally unsuccessful. During the morning hostile infantry also attempted an attack north-west of Merris, but was caught and dispersed by our artillery. The hostile artillery has been more active to-day in the neighborhood of Albert."

"On the remainder of the British front there was nothing of special importance."

Sunday Morning—"As a result of the fighting last night in the neighborhood of Neuve Eglise, the enemy succeeded, after a prolonged struggle in forcing his way into the village. This morning he was vigorously counter-attacked by our troops and driven out, leaving a number of prisoners, including a battalion commander, in our hands. A further attack made by the enemy later in the morning was successfully repulsed."

"In the course of the morning a number of other attacks were made by the enemy unsuccessfully at different points along the battle front north of La Bassée Canal. These separate attacks against our line southwest and west and north of Merris were in each case repulsed after heavy fighting."

"An attack attempted by the enemy south of Meteren was successfully driven back, and our positions southeast of Bailleul were beaten off."

"Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy in these several unsuccessful attacks."

"On this portion of the battle front and north-westward as far as Locon numerous bodies of hostile troops were effectively engaged during the evening at short range by our infantry and artillery fire."

"At the end of the day of continuous fighting and frequent assaults, many of them delivered with great strength on all parts of the Lys battle front, our line was reported to be intact."

"The enemy's losses throughout yesterday's fighting are reported to have been most severe."

"In the course of the night fighting was renewed about Neuve Eglise and this morning the enemy recommenced his attacks in the neighborhood of Bailleul. Fighting is continuing on this front."

London, April 14.—Sifting British resistance has checked the German drive southward from the Lys toward Bethune and westward from Merris toward Hazebrouck, near the Belgian border. Enemy pressure is continuing with great weight toward the north and desperate battling is in progress along the line running southwest from Messines to the north of Bailleul. But everywhere the British line is holding firm. Nowhere have the Germans been able, notwithstanding the great numbers of men hurled against it, to gain an inch of ground."

The whole Ypres salient and the continued safety of the channel ports are pointed to by observers abroad as the state in the fighting now under way. Hazebrouck and Bailleul, important railway centres, are vital forwarding points for Messines ridge and the Ypres position in general."

Fail to Reach Rail Centre. So far as Hazebrouck is concerned, the Germans have been held for the time, at least, on the edge of the forest of Nispepe, west of Merris, and some five miles away from their objective. The Germans have been battering away at the British line here since they captured Messines on Wednesday night, but have advanced only a few hundred yards, being stopped short of the forest, which is about a mile and half beyond Merris."

Little additional light was thrown by Sunday's despatches upon the situation around Bailleul, in which the Germans had worked very close. It was revealed, however, the enemy was attacking heavily in the vicinity of Neuve Eglise and Wulverghem, which are the reasons to the northeast of Bailleul, between and Messines. The British are on comparatively high ground here, and reports do not indicate the Germans were making much progress. At the close of many hours of sanguinary fighting Saturday night and Sunday, British troops still remained in possession of Neuve Eglise."

Enemy Twice Driven Off. On the southerly side of the wedge which the Germans have driven in between La Bassée and Armentières British resistance was notably stiff. Bethune has been threatened by the push in this direction. The enemy twice attacked Locon, on this line about three miles north of Bethune, but each time was repulsed, the second time more easily than the first. An attempt against the British defenses near Festubert was driven off."

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Czernin has Tended Resignation (Continued from page one) to bring about a split among Entente Allies. Count Czernin on April 14 in an address at Vienna declared that Premier Clemenceau had sought peace negotiations with Austria. The French replied that Count Czernin lied. The French and Austrian foreign office then issued statements explaining the unofficial negotiations in Switzerland.

Early last week the French Government declared that Emperor Charles and Count Czernin both had said that the claim of France to Alsace-Lorraine was just. This brought a denial from Emperor Charles in the form of a letter to Emperor William to whom he reiterated his loyalty to the German cause and denied that he said France was justified in wanting Alsace-Lorraine returned.

This immediately brought from the French Government the publication of a letter from Emperor Charles to his brother-in-law, Prince Sixtus of Bourbon, which was autographed and which the Emperor asked be given to President Poincaré. In the letter the Emperor said that France should have Alsace-Lorraine, and that Belgium and Serbia should be restored. He also asked that London and Paris be felt out as to probable peace terms.

German newspapers have attacked both Emperor Charles and his foreign secretary because of this letter and attempts have been made to show that it was not written by the Emperor. It has been reported in Vienna that there was no attempt to hide its authenticity, but that the French version was garbled.

It also has been reported that the letter was written by the Emperor's mother-in-law, Countess Caprin was in Roumania when the letter was published by the French Government and he was summoned to Vienna Friday.

Count Ottokar Czernin von Chudenitz, a wealthy Bohemian landowner, was minister to Roumania when that country entered the war. Within six weeks after the death of Emperor Charles, a Count Czernin was appointed foreign minister by Emperor Charles. Count Czernin is a very close friend of Count Berchtold, foreign minister at the outbreak of the war and who has been reported as the political mentor of the young emperor. Count Berchtold has been opposed to the pan-German war party, and his resignation was brought about by them.

In addition to being foreign minister, Count Czernin was premier and chancellor of the dual empire. He is about 80 years old.

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NEWSIE TWICE WON MILITARY CROSS

Quaint Character of Pre-war Days in London Now in Trenches

Behind the British Lines in France, April 15.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—One of the familiar characters of pre-war days in London was a street Arab newsboy who sold papers outside one of the hotels most frequented by American visitors. Delighting in the nickname "Frog-faced Pick," he won the admiration of visitors as a master of repartee, turning his nightly refrain of "All the Winners" and "Orrible Murder" with ironical comments on the world's events and current topics to pedestrians who ventured to bawdy words with him as they passed.

Persons who knew Tich Tapley in the old days would scarcely recognize him now in his khaki uniform, with a "crooked" ribbon on his breast indicating that he has been twice awarded the prized Military Cross. His comrades of the London Regiment, moreover, declare that if he had been awarded a medal on any very occasion on which he has merited it, he would be covered with ribbon from head to foot of his diminutive frame.

"Too small to go into the army by the regular channels, Tich after several trials, was accepted as a stretcher bearer in the London Regiment. He had been awarded a medal on one of the most popular occasions in the regiment. One of his officers, in a report to Headquarters, said of him: 'Cheerfulness, courage, devotion to duty, and intrepidity of danger are as much a part of his equipment as his haversack and his water bottle.' Tapley probably looks less like a hero than any other man in his battalion. But his caustic, good-natured humor, which was little more than an amicable diversion in civilian life, became an invaluable asset in the trenches, keeping up the morale and optimism of the whole battalion. His officers find themselves continually paying tribute to his usefulness in this respect. One of them wrote in a letter a short time ago:

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