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FRENCH CAPTURED HEIGHTS IN THE VOSGES

SINGING 'MARSEILLAISE' AS THEY CHARGED

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Ferryman, now effectively arranged as a field fort, we found thirty-five dead men, including two officers, who had been killed by our shells. In addition we counted two hundred German dead at this place.

The Enemy Fled.

The French attack on the Park and the Chateau de Vermelles was no less remarkable. Two detachments of Algerian cavalry, operating on foot and armed with rifles and bayonets, together with three companies of infantry, were assigned to this operation. On the morning of December 1, the German forces assailed from all sides, fled from the park, endeavoring vainly to screen themselves in the rooms of the Chateau. The next day, and the day following, every counter-attack of the enemy was repulsed.

"November 29, we destroyed a caisson, six machine guns and a battery of artillery belonging to the enemy.

"The other successes of the German artillery in this region have consisted in two or three bombardments of Rheims. One of these, delivered the day that the journalists of neutral countries visited the city was particularly violent.

All Attacks Repulsed

"It is in the section stretching from the Argonne to the heights of the Meuse that the enemy has shown the greatest activity. Here is a list of his attacks: November 27, three attacks to the north of Four de Paris; November 28, four attacks at the same place; December 1, one attack at Fontaine Madame; December 2, two attacks at the forest of La Grurie and one at Fontaine Madame; December 3, two attacks at the forest of La Grurie; December 4, two attacks at this same forest, one at Fontaine Madame and two in the forest of Bollandie and December 5, one attack at Fontaine Madame and three attacks, accompanied by the beating of drums and the playing of fifes to the north of Four de Paris.

"All these attacks were repulsed with great vigor. In the three last mentioned engagements the Germans left on the battlefield nearly one thousand men dead and wounded.

Germans Blew up Trench

"In the meantime our infantry had not been content with defensive action. In the region of La Grurie, near the forest of Rollante, and in the vicinity of Fontaine Madame, infantry forces have delivered daily attacks and made daily progress. On the first of December 1, near St. Hubert, the infantry blew up and then occupied a German field position. On the fourth of December, our infantrymen occupied several trenches, captured a number of prisoners and advanced 150 yards.

"The German General Staff has claimed that on December 1, it realized a very considerable success at the forest of La Brurie. As a matter of fact, this success consisted in the blowing up of a French trench which had been mined by the Germans. The company of soldiers which held this trench at the time of the explosion was almost annihilated, but the companies nearby retained their positions in their trenches, thanks to the successful outcome of a hand-to-hand fight, and we succeeded in re-establishing our line in a new trench at exactly twenty-six yards further back from the trench destroyed by the enemy.

Silenced Enemy's Artillery

"From the Meuse to the Swiss frontier, along the heights of the Meuse all action had been checked for a period of several days by heavy fog and rains. The French artillery, when it was not fogged, silenced on several occasions the artillery of the enemy. On the third of December, French guns destroyed a section of that charge of the enemy, and on the following day they bombarded the enemy's convoy. On the fifth of December, this same artillery silenced a German battery.

"The rare attacks on the part of the German infantry all have been repulsed, and at several points we have made notable progress, notably on December 2nd, to the east of Vaupouis, November 29 in the region of St. Mihiel, where we gained 150 yards, and December 5, in the region of Varennes, where we advanced 525 yards. Furthermore, we made progress also on the fourth of December on the left bank of the River Meuse, and on the fifth of December in the forest of La Pretre. The artillery of the enemy bombarded particularly Vremy and Les Eparges.

"In the Vosges and in Upper Alsace, our offensive activity made us master of several important positions.

A Gallant Charge

"On the 2nd of December we took possession, at a point to the south of the Col Du Bonhomme of Mount Tete de Vaux, on the crest of which the enemy had established an artillery ob-

Pope's Effort Secure Peace Was a Failure

Addressed Private Note to Powers Concerned in Great War, but Without Avail.

Rome, Dec. 14.—The Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ, referring to the efforts of Pope Benedict to bring about a truce during the Christmas season among the warring Powers, says:

"His Holiness the Pontiff, in homage to faith and devotion to Christ the Redeemer, who is the Prince of Peace, and also fostering the sentiments of Humanity toward the families of the combatants, addressed a peaceful note confidentially to the belligerent Governments, to ascertain how they would receive the proposal of a truce during such a solemn festivity as Christmas.

All the Powers declared they highly appreciated the loftiness of the Pontiff's initiative and a majority gave their sympathetic adherence to the truce, but some did not feel able to agree to it.

Thus lacking the necessary unanimity, the Pope has been unable to reach the benevolent result which the paternal heart of His Holiness promised himself."

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