

BRITISH RESUME THEIR TERRIFIC OFFENSIVE

Attack Enemy on Wide Front on Both Sides of River Scarpe, on Hindenburg Line Defending Cambrai --- Parts of Two Villages Taken

London, April 23.—After a week's interlude, during which they had been busy consolidating the gains of the first week's offensive and bringing up their guns, the British at dawn this morning began another phase of the operations against the formidable German defenses on the front in Northern France.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports that the forces under his command attacked on a wide front on both sides of the River Scarpe, where a portion of the Hindenburg line forms a barrier defending Cambrai, and that they are making satisfactory progress.

Capture Village.

Further south British troops have captured the remainder of the village of Trecault and occupied the greater part of Havrincourt wood, which formed a two-mile bulge in their lines. At this point to St. Quentin the approaches very closely to the

Enemy Burns City of Lens Deliberately

Canadian Army Headquarters, April 23.—(By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press in France.)—The burning of Lens by the enemy is a most thorough and systematic process.

Beginning in the southern end of the town, incendiary yesterday extended operations to the northern district. Simultaneously, Avion and other centres of the mining district adjoining Lens are being destroyed with all the appliances of completing their destruction. Everywhere in the valley are ruin and desolation, some of it caused by our guns before the taking of the Vimy Ridge, but much of it by the enemy. In his hurried flight he left many unburied dead and many others hastily interred, whose bodies have been again brought to view by German shells. The narrow valley between Lorette Ridge and Vimy Ridge is a charnel house of the bones of thousands of both sides who died during the great French offensive of 1915. Once more the tide of war has swept up the valley and added horror to horror.

Nowhere is the utter wreck by the long continued bombardment of heavy guns so apparent as at Souchez, which is itself crumbling in heaps of unrecognizable rubbish. A notice board placed on a post proclaims that spot as Souchez Square. All over this region one hears the roar of our guns and encounters groups of enthusiastic British gunners, who work overtime in the mining villages in the valley between Souchez and Lévén. No two cases of shell effect on the houses are alike. These mining villages present a far wider appearance of ruin than one may see at Arras itself.

The enemy can still observe here the effect of his fire without the use of aeroplanes. His aerial observers have an increasingly unhealthy time of it. This morning two of his planes tried to destroy one of ours which was being used for observation rather than for fighting. One was destroyed and the other left the vicinity hurriedly. Of twenty-six enemy aeroplanes seen yesterday only five crossed our front.

Our patrols on Douai Plane are keeping the enemy on the jump by pushing near his outposts in the night. During these affairs the enemy makes a fearful row with his barrage fire, being in nightly fear of an attack in force. His trouble may be diagnosed as a bad case of neurosis Vimy-ana.

Officers Tells Fate of the Karlsruhe

San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 23.—What is believed to be authentic information of the fate of the German cruiser Karlsruhe, which was active in the waters of the Caribbean and off the coast of Brazil during the first months of the war, was given this week by Captain Heinrich Lohmann, senior officer on the Karlsruhe, and who brought the German prize K. D. III, into this port in January, 1915. The K. D. III, formerly was the British freighter Burne, and was captured October 5, 1914.

The Karlsruhe was sunk following an internal explosion on November 4, 1914, not far from the island of Trinidad, according to Captain Lohmann, who said that he had only recently received this information from Germany from one of the surviving officers of the cruiser.

This statement gives confirmation to

BLOOMFIELD.

Bloomfield Station, April 23.—Mrs. Frank L. Tins and Mrs. Medley Provost were visitors to Hampton on Wednesday.

School commenced on Thursday after the Easter holidays, with Miss Galt as teacher in the advanced department, and Miss Millican teacher in the primary department.

Mrs. George Ryan left on Friday for Wollaston, Mass., where she will resume her duties as nurse. Miss Ryan came home to attend the funeral of her father, the late James Ryan.

Mr. Charles Taylor and son Donald, who were the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. James Galt, for the holidays, have returned to their home in Sheffield.

The play "All Tangled Up" was given here on Friday evening, April 13th by a number of ladies and gentlemen from Hampton, the proceeds were to be used for the benefit of a patient in the Jordan Sanatorium.

The hall was crowded, being almost impossible to get standing room, the audience was well pleased from start to finish, and many were heard to say they thought the play well named, as it kept a person busy to keep things straightened out, several solos and recitations were given between the acts. The performance closed with the singing of the National Anthem, after which ice cream was sold by the ladies of the Red Cross of Bloomfield.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, April 23.—William Dalton is notified that his brother Dixon Dalton, a South African veteran now fighting with a Calgary battalion, has been wounded and admitted to 32 Stationary Hospital, Wincor, on April 10th.

Mrs. Nathaniel Campbell of Upper Blackville, has received word that her husband, Pte. N. W. Campbell, has been wounded while fighting with a Montreal battalion.

Sets, Sprinkler and Splurge of the wireless garrison, have gone to Halifax to take a course in bayonet fighting and physical training.

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