

MIGHTY STRUGGLE IN PROGRESS AT WOTAN LINE

BRITISH FIGHTING FIERCEST BATTLE OF THIS CAMPAIGN

Burst Through Oppy Line in Great Effort to Smash Famous Wotan Line Before Its Organization is Completed — Further Progress Made North-east of St. Quentin.

The British have burst through the Oppy line and are fighting the bloodiest and sternest battle of the present offensive in a great effort to smash the famous Wotan line before its organization is completed. The Hindenburg line, outflanked and pierced in supplies has failed to stop the forward surge of the British armies and the Wotan positions are the last great barrier barring the road to Douai, Cambrai and Germany's richest prize in France—the great coal and iron fields north of Lens.

The Wotan Line

The Wotan line runs from Drocourt to Queant, a stretch of fifteen miles, running north and south about five miles west of Douai and Cambrai. Around Queant, the southern extremity of the line, General Haig has formed great human snipers and is striving with all the power at his command to close the jaws of these snipers. Realizing the menace of the situation, the Germans are fighting with a grim desperation which reckons no cost in blood too high if it halts their advancing foe.

The renewed fury into which the great battle of Arras has flamed has diverted attention from the possibly more significant events which are shaping behind the battle front.

The German censorship has lifted so far as to allow newspapers and mails from Germany once more to reach the outer world, but there is little information as yet as to what is transpiring within the border of the German Empire during the last week.

The German chancellor is once more reported to be about to make a pronouncement on peace before the Reichstag.

Desperate Tontons

British Headquarters in France, May 4—(Via London)—The Germans

made desperate counter-attacks throughout the entire night against the positions won by the British yesterday, but were everywhere repulsed.

British Headquarters in France, May 4, via London—(By Associated Press staff correspondent.)—All through the brilliant moonlit night and again today British soldiers were fighting on a wide front, tenaciously holding the positions won yesterday.

In the face of the headlong counter-attacks of their foe. In some places the fighting ebbed and flowed as in the old days in the Somme campaign, when the casualties inflicted on the enemy were regarded as more important than specific gains of ground. The present fighting, however, is more intense.

The latest reports from the battle-front show that the Hindenburg line was pierced both northwest and southeast of Bailleul for long distances. The Germans bitterly defended these strong points and attempted several times to retake them, but once the British were in the deep trenches they held on.

The men fought so steadily that there was neither time for nor thought of food. The battle fields were dry and dusty, however, and water bottles had to be replenished time and again, whenever it was possible to do so.

Ahead of Schedule

Washington, May 4—The British forces on the western front are two weeks ahead of their attacking schedule, according to a cablegram received here today by Secretary Balfour, from the foreign office. The advance, it said, has been much faster than expected and the losses smaller.

The losses were said to be only one-half as large proportionately as those on the Somme offensive last year. This is attributed by members of the mission to an incomparably better artillery preparation and the fact that the men are not allowed to outrun the guns.

BRAZIL OFFICER MEMBER IN CANADIAN UNIT

Prince Anthony, Member of Royal Family, Enlisted in Canada—Now Attached to Haig's Staff.

Although Brazil is not yet at open warfare with Germany, a member of her royal family has been fighting the Huns for many months. Prince Anthony, of Orleans, grandson of Dom Pedro, former emperor of Brazil, enlisted in a Canadian battalion and went overseas as a lieutenant. It is interesting to know that the young officer was educated in Austria, and at the time war broke out was a member of the Austrian Hussars. He immediately resigned his commission in that regiment and left the country.

After several attempts he was able to get a commission in a Canadian unit and went overseas.

Recently he was attached to the staff of Sir Douglas Haig with the rank of captain.

TROUBLE OCCURRED IN BERLIN, SAYS PAPER

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, and Socialist and Union Leaders, However, Did Not Lose Control of Situation.

Amsterdam, May 4, via London.—The Maasbode, of Maestricht, says serious revolts occurred in Berlin last week. According to the paper, the mob became so menacing that machine guns were used against it. The story is not confirmed from any other source.

Copenhagen, May 4, via London.—So far as can be learned from the German newspapers which have now been permitted to reach here, the reports of the failure of the May Day strike movement in Germany were correct in the main. The papers indicate, however, that strikes took place in some places. One report declares that work in the war factories proceeds "almost in general," and that strikes took place only in the individual smaller factories.

The opposition papers admit that the Socialist and union leaders, with the assistance of Field Marshal Von Hin-

denburg and General Groener, had the situation well in hand and kept the workmen at their tasks.

Toronto, May 4.—A meeting of the directors of the McIntyre Mine will be held tomorrow and the street expects that a dividend of 5 per cent. will be declared. Yesterday there were rumors that the directors might increase the dividend and pay 6 p. c., but this theory was scouted in the well informed circles. Most people consider that the directors will do well to pay 5 per cent. in view of the prevailing conditions at the camp. McIntyre sold up to \$1.72 and closed at \$1.70.

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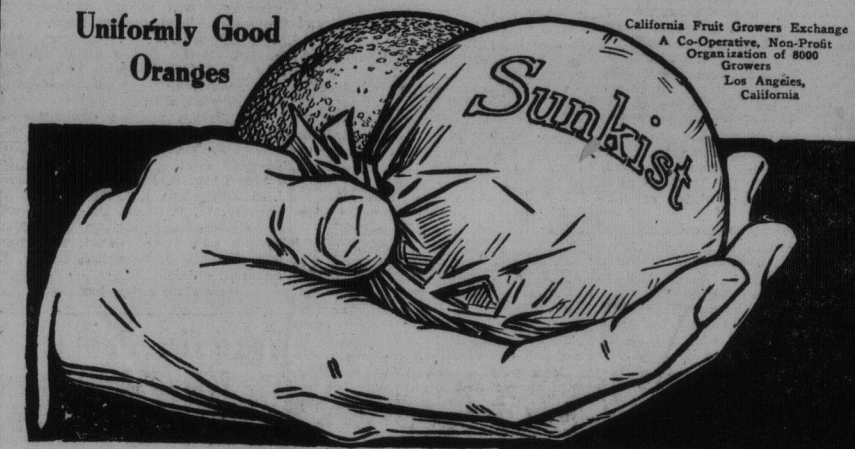
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