

## SURPRISED THE HUNS

British Took Commanding Position on Somme.

More Than 350 Prisoners Were Captured by Gen. Haig's Troops in a Well-planned Stroke. All the Objectives Attacked Being Gained With Slight Losses, While German Casualties Were Heavy.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—In spite of the hard weather conditions, a gallant attack was made Saturday by British troops against a strong German point on the Somme, resulting in its capture with three officers and more than 300 men. The Germans apparently did not anticipate an attack and were somewhat off guard, owing perhaps to the heavy frost and strong blizzard sweeping over the snow-covered field. The Germans remained snugly in their dug-outs, probably believing that the British would do the same.

Outwardly there was no movement within the British lines, but in the trenches the troops were waiting for a sudden attack, which had been well prepared for and organized beforehand. Suddenly, the ordinary desultory fire of the British batteries was concentrated in a terrific drum-fire, flinging shells of enormous destructive force upon the German trenches and defensive works.

The barbed wire before the German positions was cut as though by sharp shears. Following the curtain of fire, the English troops went briskly out into "No Man's Land." The breath of the men looked like a smokecloud as they went across the fields of hummocky snow and shell craters filled with solid ice.

The British troops had been cold but fresh with the heat of battle they moved forward like a machine and carried out the operations with precision and self-control.

The Germans were trapped in their dugouts. The English boys were over and around the position before the Germans could get up to bomb them or fire upon them with machine guns. The whole garrison of the strong point surrendered almost without a fight, seemingly thinking that resistance was useless. The British troops suffered few casualties and sent back the prisoners in triumph.

Meanwhile, the German gunners had seen signals of distress and presently they became aware of the fact that the strong point had been captured. They came out of their dugouts and began firing at the captured position, but the visibility was bad, owing to the whitish fog and the German drumfire was not so intense as in former days on the Somme front.

The British troops had taken possession of the deep underground rooms within the German position. In this way, the officers laughingly said, they celebrated the German Emperor's birthday.

### To Pay War Debt.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—A great private organization aiming "to promote the development of the Empire's resources in order to assist in the payment of the war debt," has been launched under a committee styled the Empire Resources Development Committee. The chairman of the committee is Sir Leonard Starr Jameson, president of the British South African Company, and its membership includes Earl Grey, Lord Selborne, Desborough, Durraven, Islington, and Plymouth; Alfred Bigland, L. W. Evans, and A. H. Paget, members of the House of Commons, and Rudyard Kipling.

The purposes of the committee are outlined as "Conservation for the benefit of the Empire, of such natural resources as are or may come under the ownership or control of the Imperial, Dominion, and Indian Governments, the development of selected resources of the Empire under such conditions as will give the state an adequate share, for conserving, and developing the resources of the Empire so the Imperial effort may concentrate on assets ripe for development for the common good of the Empire."

### Try "Uniform Bread."

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—"Uniform bread," consisting of half rye flour about 40 per cent, white flour, and 10 per cent barley flour, is to be adopted exclusively in Berlin, according to a ruling made Saturday by the magistrates. The ruling conforms with a recommendation of the Bread Commission, which has been investigating the increasing bread shortage that has made itself painfully felt during the last few weeks. Cake-making has been forbidden hereafter.

Rumors of the impending introduction of the unpopular "uniform bread" were accompanied by reports that the weekly allowance of 1,900 grammes would be reduced, but it was declared Saturday that this step was not intended under any circumstances.

### German U-Boat Founders.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The crew of 24 of a German submarine, which foundered off the Norwegian coast, was landed Saturday near Hammerfest, Norway, by a Norwegian motor-boat, according to the announcement of the Norwegian Minister of Marine, transmitted by the Reuter correspondent at Christiania. As the Germans were transported on a neutral boat, they will be liberated.

### Record German Fine

ZWICKAU, Germany, Jan. 29.—The record fine of nearly a quarter of a million marks has been levied on Ernest Goldner, a manufacturer of Krupp works for wrongfully using in his factory goods that had been confiscated by the Government, and then for selling at more than the maximum prices the goods manufactured from the illegal materials.

## TOLEDO

Mr. W. Tallman who has been suffering from a severe attack of pleurisy is improving and is now considered out of danger.

Messrs. Eaton held a carnival at the rink on Saturday night and although the weather was a little unpleasant there was a good crowd. The prize for the best costume was awarded to Lloyd DeWolfe.

Some of our boys are attending the lectures given in the Foresters Hall, Frankville, during the sessions of the "Short Course in Agriculture" Jan. 23 to Feb. 15, and report the course so far to be very interesting and helpful.

A number of the friends of Miss Edna Seymore surprised her on Friday evening last by giving her a miscellaneous shower.

Mrs. C. A. Pratt, who had the misfortune to fall a week ago is improving nicely.

W. Gray had two of his toes taken off with the sawing machine and has suffered a great deal but the foot is healing.

## CHANTRY

A number from here attended the carnival at Harlem, on Saturday night and reported a good time.

Mrs. T. H. Irwin has recovered after having a severe attack of lagrippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Preston spent the week end with friends in Lyndhurst and Soperton.

Master Harry Davis is confined to the house with lagrippe.

Mrs. Andy Gallaway was called home on Saturday, by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Jabs Church.

Miss Amy Richards of A. H. S. spent the week end with her parents.

Miss Helena Mayle and brother, Walter, of Addison were week end guests of their uncle Mr. Isaac Stevens.

## JUNETOWN

Miss Alma Purvis who has been spending the past week with friends in Ottawa returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. Sandy Ferguson and little daughter Milford spent a few days last week at Eli Tennant's.

Mr. James Purvis and Mr. Sandy Ferguson spent Saturday last in Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tennant Lyn, were visiting at Mr. Jacob Warren's on Wednesday.

Mrs. McBratney, North Augusta is the guest of her daughter Mrs. Wesley Love.

Mr. and Mrs. John Herbison spent last week in Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Parvis and daughter, Jean of Purvis Street were visiting at Mr. J. B. Fergusons, on Thursday.

Miss Alma and Myrtle Purvis visited their aunt, Mrs. Chas. Truesdell, McFlorytown, one day last week.

Miss Cassie L. Tennant is visiting friends in Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Molder and children of Mooretown, spent the week end at Mr. W. H. Fergusons.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Summers Malorytown, and Mr. and Mrs. John Herbison were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Ferguson on Thursday evening.

Miss Mary Smith visited relatives in Escott last week.

Miss Mina Pritchard spent the week end with friends in Lansdowne.

### Wounded Soldier Visits Uncle

Mr. Richard Crummy, Winnipeg son of Dr. Eber Crummy, principal of Wesley college, arrived Tuesday evening of last week and proceeded to the home of his uncle Albert Crummy of Frankville. While in active service in the trenches, his skull was crushed and he was otherwise wounded, but by a prompt and skillful operation, the table of the bone was lifted from the brain, and after a period of convalescence, he has been allowed leave of absence. He and his brother, William both were both born in Japan while their father was engaged there as a missionary, enlisted in the west early in the war, the brother paying the supreme sacrifice months ago. Their other brother, Eber is now in training in England.

### OLD NEWSPAPERS

Old newspapers may be obtained at the Reporter Office at 1c a pound. We have some in 15 pound bundles.

## PURVIS STREET

Jan 25

School is progressing favorably under the skillful management of Miss Dickey.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Baile and son spent a few days in Brockville last week.

Mrs. James Manhard spent a few days in Lyn at her grandparents, Mr. Chas. Mumm.

Miss Addie Baile of Brockville spent a few days, a guest of Mrs. Norman Baile.

Mr. Alfred Earl and Mr. James Earl of N.Y.T. are spending a few days with their brother, Mr. Wellington Earl.

Mr. John Herbison has returned home after spending a week visiting friends in Brockville.

Miss Florence Quinsy was home for a few days.

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