

BRITISH DEFEAT ENEMY IN THE YPRES-DIXMUDE SECTOR

Strong German Attack Repulsed at Most Points—Brief Advance of Foe Regained by Counter-Attack Launched by Yorkshires.

A despatch from London says: An official statement from General Haig says:

"Shortly before dawn, after heavy artillery preparation, the enemy delivered a strong local attack on a front of over a mile south of Houtholst Forest. On a great part of this front his attack broke down under the fire of our troops. At one point, however, on the left of our line, where the attack was pressed with great determination, and supported by troops carrying flame-throwers, some of the soldiers holding our advance posts were compelled to fall back a short distance on a front of about 500 yards. "After severe fighting later in the morning a counter-attack was launched

by the Yorkshire Light Infantry. It met with considerable success, with the result that the enemy's troops were driven back a distance of three hundred yards beyond their former front line, and heavy losses were inflicted upon them. Our positions are completely re-established. Our casualties in the enemy's original attack and in the subsequent fighting were light. "Sussex troops carried out a successful raid east of Laventie, and with little loss to themselves captured a few prisoners. Hostile artillery showed considerable activity at a number of points, particularly in the neighborhood of Flesquieres, in the Givenchy, Neuve Chapelle and Armentieres sections and east of Ypres."

BLACK SEA IN HANDS OF ENEMY

Russian Fleet There Comprised at Least Two Super-Dreadnaughts and Some Minor Craft.

A despatch from London says: Although the fate of the Russian Black Sea fleet is still a mystery, it is believed that as a result of Germany's peace with the Ukraine it has practically passed into Teuton hands, and with it the complete domination of the Black Sea. At least two super-dreadnaughts and a number of minor craft were comprised in the Russian fleet. It will not be surprising if these ships eventually join the Goeben.

What is now considered certain is that Germany is planning to use considerable of her strength in the Near East. Naval men believe that Germany is already preparing for the rapid development of the Black Sea transport service so as to get forces into Asia Minor. With Rumania out of the war, large Bulgarian-German forces can be used against Salonica while the German-Turkish forces operate in Asia Minor.

BRITISH GAIN IN PALESTINE

Gen. Allenby Makes Further Advance of Three Miles on Eighteen-Mile Front.

A despatch from London says: British troops astride the Jerusalem-Nabulus Road in Palestine have advanced their positions along a front of 18 miles to a depth of three miles, the British War Office announced on Friday. The text of the statement reads:

"Palestine: From Monday to Thursday our line astride the Jerusalem-Nabulus Road was steadily advanced. Little opposition was encountered. "Yesterday the advance was to a maximum depth of three miles on a frontage of 18 miles. "On Wednesday night the enemy blew up his bridge over the River Jordan at El Ghomrah."

BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR PAST WEEK 3,343

A despatch from London says: For the first week of March, British casualties were 3,343, the lowest of any week for several months. The official report for the week was: Killed or died of wounds—Officers, 68; men, 628. Wounded or missing—Officers, 179; men, 2,478. The total casualties for February, a low month, were 18,961.

Production of Pleasure Autos Reduced.

A despatch from New York says: Production of pleasure automobiles will be cut 30 per cent. during the present fiscal year as a war measure, according to a decision reached here on Thursday by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. The reduction applies to the entire uncompleted schedule for the year.

Markets of the World

Breadstuffs
Toronto, Mar. 12.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, 12.25; No. 2, 12.20; No. 3, 12.15; No. 4, 12.10; No. 5, 12.05; No. 6, 12.00; No. 7, 11.95; No. 8, 11.90; No. 9, 11.85; No. 10, 11.80; No. 11, 11.75; No. 12, 11.70; No. 13, 11.65; No. 14, 11.60; No. 15, 11.55; No. 16, 11.50; No. 17, 11.45; No. 18, 11.40; No. 19, 11.35; No. 20, 11.30; No. 21, 11.25; No. 22, 11.20; No. 23, 11.15; No. 24, 11.10; No. 25, 11.05; No. 26, 11.00; No. 27, 10.95; No. 28, 10.90; No. 29, 10.85; No. 30, 10.80; No. 31, 10.75; No. 32, 10.70; No. 33, 10.65; No. 34, 10.60; No. 35, 10.55; No. 36, 10.50; No. 37, 10.45; No. 38, 10.40; No. 39, 10.35; No. 40, 10.30; No. 41, 10.25; No. 42, 10.20; No. 43, 10.15; No. 44, 10.10; No. 45, 10.05; No. 46, 10.00; No. 47, 9.95; No. 48, 9.90; No. 49, 9.85; No. 50, 9.80; No. 51, 9.75; No. 52, 9.70; No. 53, 9.65; No. 54, 9.60; No. 55, 9.55; No. 56, 9.50; No. 57, 9.45; No. 58, 9.40; No. 59, 9.35; No. 60, 9.30; No. 61, 9.25; No. 62, 9.20; No. 63, 9.15; No. 64, 9.10; No. 65, 9.05; No. 66, 9.00; 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