BRITISH HOLD GROUND AGAINST 125,000 ENEMY STORM TROOPS

Furious Attacks on British Defences Between Givenchy and St. Venant Hurled Back Leaving Thousands of Dead on the Field.

A despatch from the British Army | cars and cavalry have not been in acin France says: Ten divisions of German troops were driving on Thursday to a sheer contest of man-power—a swaying, ceaseless attack and repulse, between Givenchy-Lez-La Bassee and with the vital issue carried in the between Givenchy-Lez-La Bassee and St. Venant in an attempt to effect a crossing of La Bassee Canal. The British were holding well and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

Coincidentally with this pretentious assault the Germans surged forward further north, and again began hammering at the approaches to Kemmel and the neighboring high ground, day the Germans were still resting on

mel and the neighboring high ground, day the Germans were still resting on but met with no better success.

British troops in the neighborhood of Wytschaete on Thursday morning were continuing their all-night battle with the Germans. A German attack with the Germans. A German attack with the Germans.

Bombing in History of

West Front.

Canadian Headquarters in France, April 21.—A curious incident has been reported from the Merville sechement for the biggest combined projector gas and shell bombardment in the history of the western front. From early large in No Man's Land being the western front. From early large in large in the billion of the western front. From early large in large in the billion of the western front. From early large in large in No Man's Land before for a long time, speculating open the hosticle battery positions, uning lethal gas, lachrymatory gas and high explosives, while at two o'clock this morning over twelve hundered drums of lethal gas were projected against the enemy trenches and support areas in an intensive concentrated bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment followed bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment followed bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment followed bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment followed bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment followed bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment followed bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment followed bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment followed bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment followed bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment followed bombardment followed bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment followed bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment followed bombardment followed bombardment followed bombardment of the Lens area immediately north of Lens. Bombardment followed bombardment followed bombardment followed bombardment followed bombardment followed bombardment followed bo

ment followed bembardment at great and lesser intervals, in a scientific, carefully-thought-out programme of destruction designed to silence the enemy guns and kill the gun crews or at least make the operation of their hatteries impossible. The success of the bembardment was early seen in the lessening hostile fire, while some estimate of the likely damage caused may be gathered from the results of the structure of the likely damage caused may be gathered from the results of the structure of the likely damage caused may be gathered from the results of the lessening hostile fire, while some estimate of the likely damage caused may be gathered from the results of the likely damage caused may be ga

BRITISH REGAIN GROUND NEAR BETHUNE AND ADVANCE IN ARRAS SECTOR

Hindenburg Drive Blocked But Renewal of Heavy Fighting Is Momentarily Looked For.

heavy fighting is momentarily look. Picardy drive was a little more than ed for along the western battle-front, 35 miles. ed for along the western battle-front, not only on the Flanders line, but to the south, in the Somme area, where the Germans made their bid for a quick victory last month and failed in the south, in the Somme area where the Germans made their bid for a quick victory last month and failed in the south, in the Somme area where the south is the south south and south the south south south are south s

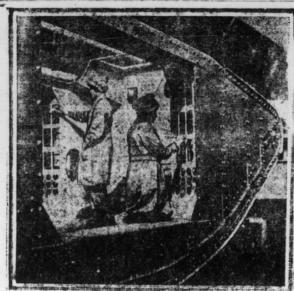
quick victory last month and ranged in east of reactive their larger purpose of dividing the miles from Dunkirk, the nearest port, their larger purpose in the Flanders

their larger purpose of dividing the miles from Dunkirk, the nearest port. His farthest advance in the Flanders thrust has been about 12 miles. British forces advanced slightly between Arras and Albert Saturday. British troops also drove the Germans from some of their advanced positions north-west of Bethune in the neighborhood of Robecq. Hindenburg, in his big drive, is stalled ten miles east of Amiens, more than 85 miles from Paris. The great POTATOES MAY BE USED FOR MAKING OF BREAD IN BRITAIN Live Stock Markets Toronto. April 23 — Cholice heavy steres, 312,76 to \$12,50; good heavy steres, 312,76 to \$13,50; good heavy steres, 312,76 to \$12,50; mod heavy steres, 312,75 to \$12,50; mod heavy

Farmers and Potato Dealers Ordered to Return Full Details of All Stocks By End of Month.

A despatch from London says: The situation in regard to bread prospects A despatch from London says: The excessive consumption of breadstuffs for the next year in the forefront of its causing the Ministry of Food to consider drastic steps to deal with the sale of bread and breadstuffs. It is stated that rationing of bread will dome into effect early next month. Farmers and potato dealers have been ordered to return full details of all potato stocks to the Food Department by the end of the month.

Sir Charles Bathurst, speaking at a meeting of agriculturists, put the



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Green meats—Out of pickle ic less than smoked meats—Rolls: 22 to 33c. Smoked meats—Rolls: 22 to 33c. hams medium, 35 to 37c: heavy, 30 to hams medium, 35 to 57c: heavy, 30 to 48c. breakfast backs. boneless, 48 to 48c. breakfast bacen, 40 to 44c; cottage rolls, 35 to 36c. Dry salted meats—Long clears in tons, 29c; in cases, 29sc; clean bellies, 26 to 29c; fat backs, 25c. Lard—Pure, tierces, 31 to 32c; tubs, 314 to 32c; tubs, 314 to 32c; pails, 314 to 32c; tubs, 25c to 29c; tubs, 25c to 25c; tubs, 25c to 25c; tubs, 25c to 25c; tubs, 25c to 25c; pails, 26g to 25c; lib. prints, 27g to 25c.

Montreal. April 23—Oats—Canadian Western. No. 3, \$1.045; extra No. 1 feed. \$1.045. Flour—New standard Spring wheat grade. \$11.10 to \$11.20. Rolled oats—Hag of 90 lbs., \$5.60. Millfeed—Hran, \$25.40; shorts, \$40.40; middlings, \$48 to \$50; moutille, \$60 to \$62. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots \$17.

Winnipeg Grain

Long-Range Gun as Effective
As Nine German Batteries.

FRENCH BEGIN OFFENSIVE IN SEVERAL SECTORS, CAPTURING TERRAIN NOTES OF INTEREST FROM HER

Successful Attacks Result in Taking of Greater Part of Senecat Wood-French Masters in Air Fighting.

A despatch from Paris says:—East of Amiens, along the Avre River, the French have made successful attacks against the Germans on several sectors, capturing the greater part of the Senecat Wood and also advancing forcements further north, where the their line east and west of the stream. The Germans in the Aisne region at the policy of the seneral sectors and prevent them from sending reinforcements further north, where the their line east and west of the stream. The Germans in the Aisne region at tacked the French near Corbeny and the British lines, have failed. The recent tacked the French near Corbeny and the Champagne but in such in. French in the course of numerous changes cancer. also in the Champagne, but in each in-

stance were repulsed, while the French gagements in this district have great-

stance were repulsed, while the French in Lorraine carried out a successful manœuvre against the enemy in which prisoners were taken.

If ever anyone doubted the French mastery of the air the recent destruction of the Friedrichshafen works ought to convince these persons that the French are masters in air fighting. Not only on bombing expeditions are the French masters, but also in fighting air battles.

Ever since the Battle of the Somme started, French machines have kept in constant liaison with the infantry and artillery units. The escadrilles operating at low altitudes have caused the Germans frightful losses.

routes, railways and dumps, while time after time hostile infantry positions, assembly areas and communications have been swept with a harassing fire. Indeed, since the last cable, artillery activity has been the main feature on the Canadian front. There have been constant duels between our own and enemy batteries.

A considering fire the Hedjaz railbowny park, Prestwick, of John Steele, headmaster of Glenburn School:

The Military Medal has been awarded to Serget, D. J. Warwick, Canadians, son of J. Warwick, Charlesfield, Annan.

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Scene of the Greatest Battle in the War.

Neuve Eglise, which was taken and retaken several times
Messines, Wytschaete, Bailleul and Hazebrouck, which is

of 1870 only 1,600,000 shells were fired made to deliver coal to the Berlin main objective of the enemy.

engagement. The Germans were pumping streams of builets into the British plane, and the observer was carrying on the fighting, after having been wounded in six places.

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The British machine finally was so badly damaged that it caught fire and dived steeply. The pilot and wounded observer continued to engage the remaining five German machines and dived steeply. The pilot and wounded observer continued to engage the remaining five German machines are time after time hostile infantry nosi.

ed into No Man's Land, over which the German infantry were firing steadily with machine guns. The British and any the constant duels between our search and the constant duels between our own and enemy batteries. A considerable amount of gas has been used. Early Thursday morning we carried out a small projector gas bombardment was against the enemy positions, to which the Boche replied with gas shelling, but neither operations approached the magnitude of our heavy gas shell sombardment reported in cable of April 8, in which over 9,000 shells were fired on hostile artillery positions. That gas bombardment was a successful as it was extensive, 22 out of 32 batteries engaged having feer the Russian Pring Corps.

A despatch from a Canadian Pacific Port says: Five Russian aviators, officers of the Russian Pring Corps, have arrived here on a trans-Pacific liner to offer their services to the British Royal Flying Corps.

They have served on the Autrian and Rumanian fronts, and all have been decreased the party in the positions of the Russian fronts, and all have been decreased the party has been wounded three times.

When Russia lapsed into anarchy, the aviators said, they practically fought the resolvent been decorated for bravery. Co. Duklan, who heads the party has been wounded three times.

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OF HUN WOUNDED

All Available Buildings in Brussels Are Filled To Overflowing.

Amsterdam, April 21.- The streams Amsterdam, April 21.— The streams of wounded Germans from France and Flanders, says the frontier correspondent of the Telegraaf, continue so great that all the hospitals, monasteries, convents and schools, not only in Brussels, but in many towns south of the Belgian capital, are filled to correlativing.

Fired as Many Shells in 3 Hours
As in the Whole War of 1870 A despatch from Rome says:

gigantic struggle can be gained when ing to a shortage of rolling stock, and it is said that the Germans i. three the bad state of the roads. Elephants hours fired 1,500,000 shells. They replaced horses in Berlin's streets for could not have done this without the the transport of coal during a recent

FROM OLD SCOTLAND

BANKS AND BRAES.

What is Going On in the Highlands and Lowlands of Auld Scotia.

Of the twenty-two Military Medal-

Mary, Duchess of Hamilton, and other of Lady Graham, has been mentioned" for hospital work. Mrs. Lang, wife of Provost Lang.

recently opened the new Y.M.C.A. rooms on High Street, Johnstone. Sergeant James Dunn, a well Sergeant James Dunn, a well known footballer in Glasgow, Perth-shire and Partick, is reported as kill-

The annual report of the Paisley Penny Savings Bank shows an in-crease in deposits in 1917 of 2140,176.

Sir Thomas Oliver of Avr has been appointed a deputy lieutenant for Northumberland.

The Military Medal has been awarded to Private Thomas Meechan, of The Military Medal has been award-

ed to Corporal George Methyan, of

Bailie Bernard Connolly, Dumfries

privileges, menaced by the highly or-ganized working class."

He said that thousands of men and women, first of all those of promin-ence in the Labor movement, have been shot. He further stated that the Finnish "feudal class" furnishes the German invaders with lists of its political opponents, and the proscrib ed persons are ruthlessly murdered.

BRITISH RED CROSS FUND REACHES \$50,000,000.

south of the Belgian capital, are filled to overflowing.

The Germans have even requisitioned private houses for hospitals.

Forty ambulance trains entered the north station at Brussels daily last week. Many of them were made up of cattle cars, in which there were litters of straw for the wounded men.

ELEPHANTS REPLACE HORSES IN THE BERLIN STREETS.

Paris, April 21.—An idea of the fering from railway difficulties