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British Forces Creeping On the Town of St. Quentin

Considered One of the German Strongholds and Is Surrounded By British --Enemy Cannot Stand Against Push

LONDON, April 1.—The British forces in France are gradually creeping on the important town of St. Quentin which is considered one of the German strongholds, also to the northwest of the town they are swinging their line forward at various points in a straightening out movement that is making good strides east. Meanwhile the French forces under Gen. Nivelle are keeping up the offensive to the south and southeast of St. Quentin, and again have made good progress north and south of Ailette river. They have captured several German trench systems and organized points of support east of Neuville Sur Margival and inflicted heavy losses on the Germans driving them back to the outskirts of Vaux Aillon and Jaffaux west of St. Quentin. The British have thrust their line thro villages and Savy Wood and Savy, and is now resting but 3 miles from St. Quentin. Near Savy the Germans resisted tenaciously, but were finally beaten off, losing heavily in killed and wounded. North of

this region the villages of Vendelles on St. Quentin-Croisilles road and Epehy and Pelzere on the Roisel Cambrai road, have been taken by Haig's forces. The German War Office admits the German line for a distance of from 1.4 to 2 miles was forced to give way before the British in the region bounded by the Peronne and Gaizzen Court road and Ominon brook, but says the British suffered heavily in the artillery duel. Small operations were carried out by raiding parties continue on the remainder of the front in France and Belgium. Artillery activity was especially severe on the Belgian front near Champagne. Comparative quiet prevails on the front in Russian Galicia. Near Kiribaba in the south eastern Carpathians the Austrians repeated attacks broke into the Russian trenches but were later ejected in a counter attack. Teutonic Allied attacks south of Jacobeni Vai-Putna road on the Roumanian front was put down by Russian artillery and an airship was set on fire by Russian airplanes and gunfire near Odobechti.

BRITISH CAPTURE MORE VILLAGES

LONDON, April 1.—A British official report issued from headquarters reports that Hendricourt was captured by the British forces last night, Friday, and considerable progress has been made east of the village, prisoners and machine guns being taken. Possession was also gained of the villages of Mariteville Vermand and Coyecourt with little opposition from the enemy who forced his troops to retire from St. Emile. Saturday British forces advanced along the Colene River and occupied the villages of Jencourt, Herville and Hendricourt. Successful raids have been carried out northeast of Neuville St. Vaast, east of Loos, and north of Ypres. Dugout and machine guns were destroyed and prisoners were captured. Hendricourt referred to is Hendricourt Les Cagnicourt, northeast of Crotsilles.

FRENCH OFFICIAL

PARIS, (Official, midnight), March 31.—North and south of the Oise there was light artillery activity during the day. North of Soissons the Germans launched two attacks on our positions northeast of Vregny, both attacks failed under our fire. On the left bank of the Meuse our artillery kept on destructive work against the enemy's organization, on Hill 304. Two civilians were killed and three wounded in the region of Dunkirk from bombing by enemy aircraft. In the Orient, on the 30th, things were relatively calm on the Allied front, albeit Bulgarian bulletin to the contrary our position was maintained in its entirety. Our troops retained captured positions at Prespalake and repulsed small enemy attacks. Belgian artillery executed some very accurate and efficient firing on German works at Dixmude and Hetsas and reciprocated fighting with grenades and trench mortars.

THE GERMAN VERSION

BERLIN, April 1.—An official report claims the defeat of all British and French attacks. A British detachment in a night advance on the Llois de Havincourt failed after a hand to hand fight, it is claimed. A British attack on both sides of the Peronne Rins, and north of Njetz a counter attack are said to have been repulsed. French forces at Soissons failed in their attacks and suffered heavy losses. In the eastern theatre of war on the Shara Stokhod and Zlota Lipa Rivers, Russian artillery activity has increased. Raiding detachments have been repulsed.

FRENCH MAKE IMPORTANT ADVANCES

PARIS, April 1.—In their operations southwest of Laon French troops have made important advances, capturing several German trench systems and have reached outskirts of Vaux Aillon and Laffaux, according to an official statement issued by the war office to-night.

HUNS FROM INTERNED SHIPS ON RAIDER

RIO JANEIRO, April 1.—Members of the crews of vessels sunk by the German raider, according to a report declare they recognized among the officers of the See Adler several pilots from the German ships interned in the harbor of Rio Janeiro. A newspaper asks how it was possible for them to make their escape, and whether the Germans residing in Brazil were a party to it. The steamer Lady Island the papers says was hit by 73 shells from the guns of the raider, after releasing the Cambrome the raider departed in a southerly direction while its band played "Deutschland uber Alles." The Noite says the Chas. Ground was destroyed by bombs and that the schr. Perce, of Lunenburg, was struck by forty-five shells. The French sailing ship Duplex, it adds, met the raider at 11 o'clock p.m. She was chased and finally sunk at 7 in the morning. The Journal Du Commerce says the raider was able to conceal herself by the use of a smoke screen.

TURKISH MOVEMENT FAILS

LONDON, April 1.—Efforts made by the Turkish troops to envelope the British force near Deltavasi, 35 miles north of Basgal failed, says the official British statement of military operations in Mesopotamia, and the Turks in that region are now in full retreat. The text statement follows: An attempt by the enemy to make a converging movement from the Shatt-el-Adhamin and Delyabbas on a detachment near Dellowash has failed. The movement from Delyabbas was continued, and hostile troops advancing from that region now are in full retreat.

SOCIALIST ADOPT PEACE DECLARATION

COPENHAGEN, April 1.—A Socialist newspaper from Vienna received here contains the brief announcement that the leaders of the German Socialist Party in Austria had adopted a declaration regarding peace. It is addressed to the Russian proletariat and will be forwarded through the International Socialist Bureau. The announcement says the censor prohibits the publication of the text of the declaration.

READ THE ADVOCATE

EX-EMPEROR TO BE ISOLATED

PETROGRAD, April 1.—Orders have been issued by the Russian Provisional Government for the transfer to the Fortress St. Peter and St. Paul all the personages now with the deposed Emperor at Tsarskoe Selo, thus the ex-Emperor and ex-Empress will be completely isolated. The recent arrest of Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna, cousin of the former Russian Emperor and divorced wife of Prince William of Sweden, and a group of personages the entourage of the Grand Duke Boris has led, according to police discovery, to a plot in which the Grand Duchess and two Grand Dukes are involved for proclaiming Grand Duke Nicholas as Emperor of Russia. Grand Duke Nicholas is now in the Crimea. The Grand Duchess Olga of Russia, sister of the abdicated Emperor, who divorced the Duke Oldenbury and just married Capt. Koudikowaki, a Russian cavalry officer. Captains of the regiment have asked Koudikowaki to resign owing to his alliance with the House of Romanoff.

Half Boston's Foreign Born Population of British Ancestry

BOSTON, Mar. 20.—That half of the foreign born population of Boston trace their ancestry through countries under the Dominion is one of the interesting facts shown by a table compiled by the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics from the decennial census of 1915 and released last week.

In 1915, there were 268,154 residents of Boston who were of foreign birth, and of these 134,480 were born in the British Isles or some one of the British possessions, the tables show France an Germany have only small percentages of former citizens, there being only 684 of French birth and 3,991 of German origin. The Central Powers are far outnumbered by those born in Entente countries, 173,605 residents claiming English, French, Italian or Russian birth, while 6,978 by birthright should incline towards the fortunes of the Teutonic allies.

One significant feature of the statistics is that the increase in population among the native born residents of the city is about double the gain among the foreign born, the increase being 59,085 for the former and 27,789 for the latter.

210,297 Miles of Cigarettes Bought for French Troops

DURHAM, N.C., March 19.—The "boys" in the trenches and behind the firing lines of the French armies are to be supplied with 7,000,000,000 cigarettes, and the French government is to foot the bill.

A contract has been signed for the delivery of 7,000,000,000 cigarettes to the French government. The factories of Richmond and Petersburg, Va., will manufacture the bulk of the new order, and many months will be consumed in the completion of the contract. The 7,000,000,000 cigarettes, if linked together on a single track, would encircle the globe nearly eight times.

Bread Bought With Blood

There is a story in the Old Testament, that when David was once at war with the Philistines and their army occupied his native village of Bethlehem, he expressed a longing for a drink of water from the Bethlehem well. Three of his warriors overheard him, and at the risk of their lives they broke through the Philistine army, drew water from the well, and brought it back to their king. David would not touch it. "Is not this," he said, "the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives?" We ought to have something of that feeling about the bread and the meat that the heroes of our merchant marine fetch for us from overseas. Their bravery is unflinching; since the German submarine atrocities started, a British sailor has shirked going aboard his ship for fear of what might befall him; and the terrible list of men killed by shells or explosion, men drowned, and men frozen to death, has never deterred their fellows from doing their duty. But the food which they bring us is in very truth "the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives." We must use it, but we shall never misuse or waste it if we remember how it has been brought. There is, indeed, if one reflects, something profoundly shocking in self-indulgence under such conditions.—London Chronicle.

WELL DONE, DOUMER!

PARIS, March 1.—An official report tells of violent artillery engagements on the Somme and Oise, in the region of Rouppe, and on the front between Enisny and Benany. Progress has been made north and east of Margival. Seven German aircraft were destroyed last week despite bad weather. Lieut. Doumer brought down his eighteenth machine.

EAST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN

LONDON, April 1.—The War Office announces that the rainy season has prevented extensive operations in East Africa, advantage has been taken of this to reconstruct the railways damaged by retreating Germans.

NOTICE!

ESTATES OF DECEASED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

PERSONS having the custody or knowledge of the existence of WILLS or other testamentary documents of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors, are requested to communicate with the undersigned.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against the Estates of Deceased Soldiers of the Newfoundland Regiment and of Deceased Sailors of the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve, the official notification of whose death shall have been first published in Newfoundland on or subsequent to the 1st day of March, 1917, are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to the undersigned at St. John's, Newfoundland, on or before the expiry of two months from the date of the first publication in Newfoundland of the official notification of death; after the expiry of said period of two months the assets of said Deceased Soldiers and Sailors will be distributed having regard only to the claims and demands of which notice shall have been given, and the person or persons responsible for the distribution of said Estates will not be liable for the assets of said Deceased so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands notice shall not have been given in accordance herewith.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1917.

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