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The desperate defense made by Commander Raynal, with the small contingent left at Fort Vaux constitutes one of the most notable incidents in the Verdun campaign. The fort had been gradually pounded to pieces in a terrific series of bombardments, while infantry rushes were repeatedly launched against it during this period against its slopes, its trenches and outworks. Early yesterday General Raynal's forces were cut off for the first time from communicating with the French trenches only 300 yards south. The means of transport of provisions and shells had been previously destroyed, and the stock of food in the garrison was exhausted. In the meantime the Germans brought up two fresh divisions and hurled them forward in five successive massed attacks, which in spite of fearful loss, caused by the French artillery, finally resulted in the Germans gaining the inner defence of the fort, and sweeping over its exhausted defenders. No word has been received from General Raynal since communication was cut, and nothing is known of his fate or of that of his men. Whilst the prolonged bombardments destroyed the usefulness of Vaux, as a fortification, yet its possession is im-

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE MEETS.—A last night's meeting of the Football League it was decided that the drawing of the fixtures be left over till Monday night. Considerable business in connection with the coming season was discussed.

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