

BATTLE OF ARRAS GREATEST OF WAR, PROBABLY

TWO MORE POSITIONS TAKEN BY BRITISH

Heavy Fighting Continues North of Vimy Ridge Despite the Storm—One Thousand Yards of Trenches South of Farnus Wood Taken—Germans Lose Heavily.

London, April 12.—The British captured early this morning two important positions in the enemy's lines north of the Vimy Ridge and are astride of the River Souches, according to an official statement issued by the war office. The statement: "The weather continues wet and stormy. Early this morning we attacked and captured two important positions on the enemy's lines north of Vimy Ridge, astride the River Souches. A number of prisoners were taken by us. Repulse Teutons. "During the night two hostile attacks upon our new positions on the northern end of Vimy Ridge were driven off by our machine gun fire with heavy German losses. Some progress has been made south of the River Scarpe." About 1,000 yards of trenches south of Farnus Wood in the region southeast of Vimy were captured by the British this morning. Reuter's correspondent so wires from the front. A hill southeast of Wancourt also was captured. The British yesterday took eleven additional guns in the fighting between Croisilles and Scarpe.

Greatest of War.

That the Arras conflict will develop soon into the greatest battle of the war, was predicted by Major-General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, in his weekly statement today. He declared the present British offensive was being conducted according to plans completed in February, thereby contradicting the claim of the Germans that their retreat has upset the British schedule and that the Teutonic military authorities control the situation. The British losses during the first two days of the offensive were only half what they had been in the corresponding time in the Somme offensive.

French Strike Hard.

Paris, April 12.—In an attack last night on the new front below St. Quentin, between Coucy and Quincy, the French drove back the Germans to the southwestern side of the upper Coucy Forest, capturing several important positions. The war office so announces. In the Champagne the Germans were ejected from trenches east of Sapiignoul.

BANK OF B. N. A. ADDS OVER SIX MILLIONS TO BUSINESS IN PAST YEAR.

Great Expansion of Deposits and Increase of Liquid Reserve Shown by Statement Presented at Eighty-first Annual Meeting—Big Holdings of British Treasury Bills an Aid to Empire.

The figures reported at the eighty-first annual general meeting of the Bank of British North America, held in London, on March 9th, have now reached this country, and exhibit a most satisfactory state of affairs, both from the shareholders' standpoint and from that of the clients of the Bank. The balance sheet records a notable expansion of business in all directions. Notwithstanding all wartime limitations the amount of the deposits increasing during the year by no less than \$5,176,500. All of this sum, and more, has gone into the strengthening of the readily realizable assets of the institution, which now amount to 68 per cent. of immediate liabilities. The total assets of the Bank are now nearly \$65,000,000. Profits for the year amount to \$546,246, but the Chairman, Mr. H. A. Hoare, sounds a warning note to the effect that these are earned largely by "extraordinary war credits," and that any forecasts for the future, as regards earnings, would be unwise. He adds, however, that profits for the first three months of the present

BELGIANS BEING REPATRIATED SAYS BERLIN

Food Shortage Evidently Forcing Germany to Return Thousands of Unfortunate Subjects of King Albert.

The Hague, April 12.—The first chamber of the Dutch parliament was informed today by the foreign minister that the German government had notified the minister of the Netherlands at Berlin that steps had been taken to repatriate all Belgians who had previously taken refuge in Holland, then had returned to Belgium, and thence as unemployed persons, had been deported to Germany. The German government, it was announced, had also promised to repatriate all Belgians who had been wrongfully deported as unemployed. Thousands of such persons, it was declared, already had been returned to their homes.

WILL THE WAR END THIS YEAR?

Feeling in Some Quarters that Struggle May be Brought to Close Before Dec. 31.

London, April 12.—A feeling in some quarters that the war may end before the last of the year is indicated by the fact that in underwriting circles business was done yesterday "to pay total loss if peace is not declared before December 31," at forty-five guineas per cent. Some time ago business was done at the rate of 75 per cent. against the declaration of peace within eighteen months. A report in Wall street that ten to one was being offered at Lloyd's that peace would be concluded within ninety days was described as more in the nature of a jocular bet than any attempt to trade. The wide betting odds frequently mentioned are not seriously considered as indicative of market opinion. Arrested for Stealing. Hector Robichaud was arrested yesterday on the charge of stealing property from the C. P. R.

WILL FIGHT GERMAN DYE INDUSTRY

\$20,000,000 Chemical Deal, Embracing Three Big American Concerns,

New York, April 12.—The National Aniline and Chemical Company has just been formed and will take over three of the most important chemical and dye companies in the country with a capital stock of approximately \$20,000,000. The purpose of the formation of the big company is not only to develop American dye manufacture, but to offset the German competition that will come after the war. BUFFALO BILL'S PRESS AGENT DEAD, AGED 74. Washington, April 12.—Major John M. Burke, former scout in Indian wars and for nearly half a century associated with the late Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) as publicity representative, died of pneumonia here early today, aged seventy-four years.



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