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GERMANS MAKE GAINS

Violent Attacks Result in Advances Near Verdun.

They Have Taken the Remainder of the Village of Vaux and Have Penetrated the Forest to the South-east of Fort Douaumont—Attack Was Made by Division at Four Points at Once.

PARIS, April 3.—As a result of violent onslaughts Friday night both to the east and west of the Meuse the Germans have captured the remainder of the village of Vaux which remained in possession of the French, and have also penetrated a portion of the Callette wood, lying to the south of Fort Douaumont. The Germans followed up Saturday night their success in taking the village of Vaux on Friday night with an attack in very large force against the French positions in the Douaumont-Vaux line, centring their efforts against the Bois de la Callette, south-east of Fort Douaumont. They succeeded in penetrating the wood, but were driven back into the northern part of the wood by a French counter-attack.

The Germans used over a full division (some 25,000 men) in the attack, which was preceded by an exceptionally heavy bombardment by the heaviest German artillery. The attack was made at four points simultaneously.

As soon as the Germans had forced their way into the forest strong French counter-attacks were begun at once, and part of the ground lost was recovered.

The official communique issued by the French War Office last night announced that the French have now entirely withdrawn from the village of Vaux, in which the Germans first gained a footing on March 11, completing their occupation in the attack of Friday night. The French line now extends along the outskirts of the village.

During Friday night the Germans launched a terrific attack on the eastern bank of the Meuse with the portion of the village of Vaux remaining in French hands as the objective. The attack gained for the Germans a foothold in the western part of this village, in the eastern part of which they gained several houses in the assault of March 11. This success gives the Germans practical control of the village which lies to the north-east of the higher ground on which the sort bearing the same name is situated. On the occasion of the earlier German success here the Germans sought to push on toward the fort but were repulsed. The successes were won by the second of two heavy attacks. These attacks covered the sector between the wood to the south of Haudremont and the region of Vaux. The first assault, which was in the nature of a surprise attack by a large force, attacked the village from the north and south at the same time but failed to reach the French lines on either side of the village. A second attack was made immediately. By this attempt the Germans were able to get a foothold in the western part of the village.

Four fresh brigades participated in the attack, which ended in the occupation of the village, says an eyewitness of the battle.

The assault began with a night attack, which is becoming more and more preferred by the Germans. All Friday evening the village and its surroundings were copiously shelled. The attack began from the north at 3 o'clock in the morning by a brigade debouching from trenches on the hillside east of Fort Douaumont and advancing as far as the railroad line in front of the advanced French position, where it was checked by French infantry and a harrang fire, which was so intense that the assailants were unable to hold their ground. They retired to their trenches much depleted in numbers. It was a fresh brigade which made the second attack towards 5 o'clock in the morning. It came from the east with an abundant supply of powerful grenades that demolished the houses occupied by the defenders of the town. Though partly buried under the ruins the French stuck stubbornly to their posts, which they ceded only step by step and inflicted severe losses on the attacking force.

With the houses demolished by grenades and shells, there remained no reason for maintaining the position and the French were ordered to retire on positions prepared further to the west. The detachment still maintained a galling fire as it went back slowly and in good order, a curtain of French shell-fire keeping the Germans from pursuing.

After this partial success the Germans tried to profit from their new position to overwhelm the French position around Douaumont. About two o'clock Saturday afternoon they endeavored to advance along a road bordering a ravine and running up toward the hamlet of Callette, near Fort Douaumont.

Again it was a fresh division, the third engaged since the evening before, that attacked the French lines of defence, but this time they were unable to advance at any point. The attacking column was stopped at a point where it was exposed to a raking shell fire which decimated it. The survivors gave way to a fourth fresh brigade, which charged courageously, but without success.

The result of the attack, lasting twelve hours, by 40,000 men, was limited to the occupation of the ruins of the village of Vaux.

Walkerville Woman in Train Wreck. WINDSOR, April 3.—One of the victims of last week's train wreck near Cleveland has been identified as Miss Elizabeth Jones, 63, of Walkerville, Ont. Miss Jones, who was formerly of Pittsburg, had been living for some time with sisters in Walkerville.

CHANTRY

April 4

By the permission of the inspector our school is closed for the Easter Holidays this week, so the boys may help in the sugar-busness.

Mr. Thomas Monton left a few days ago for the West where he intends to spend the summer.

Miss Grace Rappell has returned home after spending a couple of weeks at Chantry the guest of Miss Doreen Davis.

Mr. Alex Ellicott drove to Prescott on Saturday to attend the funeral of his sister Mrs. Dalman which took place on Sunday.

Mr. L. Ripley, Mr. Alfred Irwin, and Mr. W. Cheney were the guests of Mr. Frank Seed on Sunday.

Mrs. A. Elliott has been confined to her bed with the gripe.

GREENBUSH

April 3

Mr. and Mrs. Baxuidal and family recently returned from England where they have spent the past two years. Mr. Baxuidal was a paymaster in the Canadian Army and he leaves here in a short time to take a position in Regina Sask. While here, they are the guests of Mr. Albert Maud Addison.

Miss Ethel Kerr is in Toronto attending the funeral of her aunt, the late Mrs. John Russel.

Mr. Mansel Hanna left last week for Saskatchewan where he intends to take up farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Snider and son, of Alexandria Bay N. Y. were guests at the home of Mr. Harry Carter last week.

After spending the winter with friends here Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Olds have returned to Saskatchewan where they will reside for the summer at the home of Mr. R. M. Arnold of Glen Ewing.

Mrs. Robinson of N. Dakota is visiting her brother Mr. A. Root.

Miss Mabel Rowson of Athens spent last week the guest of Miss Myrtle Loverin.

Mrs. Lewis Langdon spent last week at the home of her parents in New Dublin.

Sugar making has begun.

Mrs. Omer Davis and son are at present at the home of Mrs. Devis' mother, Mrs. Rhoda Moore.

Mr. H. J. Davis starts his factory today with Mr. Wm. Fitzgerald as assistant.

The sudden melting of the snow is causing much inconvenience by making the Mud Creek bridge impassible part of the covering having been carried off by the high waters.

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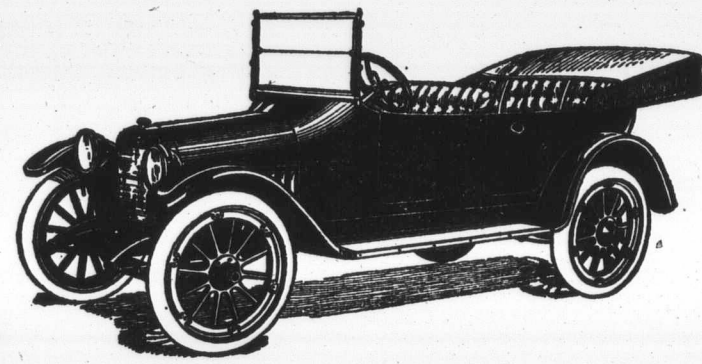
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