

## DESPERATE FIGHTING IN YPRES SECTOR TOWNS CHANGE HANDS MANY TIMES

Allies Stem Advance of German Troops—Struggle For Loere and Voormezele is Waged With Bitterness.

London, April 28.—By one of those "back to the wall" stands for which they have been famous in this war, the Franco-British forces have saved the situation in the Ypres sector, from turning into an immediate big success for the Germans after the loss by the allied forces of the dominating peak of Kemmel.

Had the enemy been able to immediately develop his success in the Kemmel sector, as he attempted to do, the result probably would have been disastrous to the allied troops in the Ypres salient.

The British, however, held firm against the attacks which lasted all day in the neighbourhood of Voormezele, two miles south of Ypres, and the French were equally firm in defending the line in the sector of Loere, west of Kemmel, protected by the heights of Mont Rouge and Scherpenberg.

With the British Army in France, April 28.—Hard fighting continued about Loere and Voormezele, but elsewhere thus far today has been a day of rest for the infantry as a whole. The battle for Loere and Voormezele has been most desperate. Both places have changed hands several times in the past, twenty-four hours, and at the latest reports it was an "even break," for the British were in possession of Voormezele, while the enemy seems to have succeeded early in the day in getting a foothold in Loere again.

An engagement north of the Ypres-Comines Canal was in progress throughout most of the night, with the British holding doggedly and inflicting heavy losses on the attacking troops. The German casualties in this part of the front have been very severe.

Loere has changed hands at least five times since Friday. The Germans forced their way into the village after a sanguinary battle Friday, but were thrust out by a French counter-attack that night. Yesterday in the forenoon the enemy again attacked heavily and recovered the village, only to lose it when the French counter-attacked in the afternoon.

This morning's assault was delivered about 4 o'clock, and while the Germans had apparently gained entrance to the place their tenure of it was being hotly contested by the poilus.

A similar fight had been waged for Voormezele. The Germans retook the hamlet last night, but were able to hold it only a short time, for the British in a brilliant counter-attack stormed their way through the place and ejected the enemy.

An attempted enemy attack near Villers-Bretonneux yesterday was smashed by artillery fire. The Germans concentrated east of the town during the forenoon, but the British gunners put down a heavy barrage among the troops and dispersed them.

## GERMAN LOSSES EXCEED 5,000,000

600,000 Killed and Wounded in Recent Great Offensive.

A despatch from London says: German losses in killed and wounded in the great offensive amounted to no less than 6,000,000 men, according to reliable information received from Scandinavian sources. These figures, which are, of course, unofficial, come from trustworthy sources. There has been much discussion as to the motive behind the disclosure of Karl Bleibtreu, in Neuve-Église, that the German losses up to the end of January this year amounted to 4,450,000 men killed, wounded, and prisoners, excluding the navy and colonial troops, auxiliary forces, and deaths due to sickness. Combined with the figures of the recent battles Germany's total losses now exceed 5,000,000. The total given by Bleibtreu far exceeds anything Germany had previously admitted. There is a suggestion that Bleibtreu's article was intended to minimize proportionately the recent losses on the western front, which are causing serious disturbances in Germany. When the enormous casualties of the battlefield are added to the increased rate of mortality of the civilian population, it is clear Germany's losses cannot be recovered in a generation.

## ENEMY A BAD SECOND IN BOMBING GAME.

London, April 27.—The Air Ministry announces that the number of bombs dropped by the British over enemy lines in France opposite the British front during March was 23,099, by day, and 13,080 by night. The enemy dropped in the area occupied by British troops 517 by day and 1,948 by night.

## HOLLAND YIELDS TO GERMAN DEMANDS.

London, April 29.—Holland has yielded to Germany's demand concerning transportation, and the supply of sand and gravel, although it is understood that the amount of sand and gravel will be limited instead of unlimited, according to a despatch from The Hague to the Daily Mail, dated Sunday.

## ENEMY REPULSED IN TRE- MENDOUS DRIVE FOR AMIENS

British Line Restored South of Somme River—Slight Retirement Before Furious Attacks of Foe on Meteren-Wytchaele Line.

A despatch from London says: The great double German drive in the Somme and Arras sectors, which began on Wednesday morning, has developed into a terrific struggle. The British, having been forced back out of Villers-Bretonneux, launched a counter-attack, re-took the village and swept the Germans back almost to the lines which were held before the present fighting began. The Australians assisted in the victory. The French have been driven back out of Hangard-en-Santerre, but are holding their positions close by, while on the line south-west of Ypres, the British have been compelled to withdraw slightly before furious attacks along the Meteren-Baillet-Wytchaele line.

Wounded Americans are arriving at a hospital behind the French line in the Somme sector, showing that Gen. Pershing's men are bearing their

## BRITISH AND GER- MAN TANKS MEET

Fought in Fields Near Amiens With Victory For British.

A despatch from the British Army in France says: For the first time the British and German tanks have met in battle and the victory is for the British. They fought on Wednesday in the open fields around Villers-Bretonneux and east of Amiens, where the enemy made a determined and for a moment successful attack upon that town and the high ground around it.

The German tanks led the attack, swinging on the town from the north-east and from south, and in their wake came the infantry with machine guns, heavy mortars, and light artillery. Altogether there were four or five tanks. They were bulky and ungainly creatures, quite unlike the British tanks in appearance, with a broad squat turret containing quick-firing guns.

The British tanks came up during the morning, and the German tanks—when they saw them approaching—started forward through the shell fire to engage them. They concentrated their guns on one British tank, but others came to the rescue and in the brief duel that followed one enemy tank was put out of action by its opponent of less bulk and lighter armament, while the others scuttled away.

## TOTAL OF GERMAN MISSING HAS NOW REACHED 664,104

Amsterdam, April 28.—Speaking before the Main Committee of the German Reichstag on Friday, according to Vorwaerts, Gen. von Ribbentrop stated that on March 31st the number of German missing had reached a total of 664,104. Of this number, he said, 236,676 were prisoners in France, 119,000 in England, 157,000 in Russia and Rumania, and the remainder could be regarded as dead.

## SUCCESSFUL RAIDS BY CANADIANS AT LENS

British Headquarters in France, April 28.—The Canadians have carried out three successful raids opposite Lens, taking sixty prisoners and four machine guns and killing many Germans.

## LEADING MARKETS

**Breadstuffs**  
Toronto, April 28.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.23; No. 2 do, \$2.20; No. 3 do, \$2.17; No. 4 wheat, \$2.15; in store Port William including 2½c tax.  
Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W. \$1.10; No. 3 C.W. \$1.08; in store Port William.  
American Corn—No. 3 yellow, 10½c; No. 4 do, 10½c; No. 5 do, 10½c; No. 6 do, 10½c; No. 7 do, 10½c; No. 8 do, 10½c; No. 9 do, 10½c; No. 10 do, 10½c; No. 11 do, 10½c; No. 12 do, 10½c; No. 13 do, 10½c; No. 14 do, 10½c; No. 15 do, 10½c; No. 16 do, 10½c; No. 17 do, 10½c; No. 18 do, 10½c; No. 19 do, 10½c; No. 20 do, 10½c; No. 21 do, 10½c; No. 22 do, 10½c; No. 23 do, 10½c; No. 24 do, 10½c; No. 25 do, 10½c; No. 26 do, 10½c; No. 27 do, 10½c; No. 28 do, 10½c; No. 29 do, 10½c; No. 30 do, 10½c; No. 31 do, 10½c; No. 32 do, 10½c; No. 33 do, 10½c; No. 34 do, 10½c; No. 35 do, 10½c; No. 36 do, 10½c; No. 37 do, 10½c; No. 38 do, 10½c; No. 39 do, 10½c; No. 40 do, 10½c; No. 41 do, 10½c; No. 42 do, 10½c; No. 43 do, 10½c; No. 44 do, 10½c; No. 45 do, 10½c; No. 46 do, 10½c; No. 47 do, 10½c; No. 48 do, 10½c; No. 49 do, 10½c; No. 50 do, 10½c; No. 51 do, 10½c; No. 52 do, 10½c; No. 53 do, 10½c; No. 54 do, 10½c; No. 55 do, 10½c; No. 56 do, 10½c; No. 57 do, 10½c; No. 58 do, 10½c; No. 59 do, 10½c; No. 60 do, 10½c; No. 61 do, 10½c; No. 62 do, 10½c; No. 63 do, 10½c; No. 64 do, 10½c; No. 65 do, 10½c; No. 66 do, 10½c; No. 67 do, 10½c; No. 68 do, 10½c; No. 69 do, 10½c; No. 70 do, 10½c; No. 71 do, 10½c; No. 72 do, 10½c; No. 73 do, 10½c; No. 74 do, 10½c; No. 75 do, 10½c; No. 76 do, 10½c; No. 77 do, 10½c; No. 78 do, 10½c; No. 79 do, 10½c; No. 80 do, 10½c; No. 81 do, 10½c; No. 82 do, 10½c; No. 83 do, 10½c; No. 84 do, 10½c; No. 85 do, 10½c; No. 86 do, 10½c; No. 87 do, 10½c; No. 88 do, 10½c; No. 89 do, 10½c; No. 90 do, 10½c; No. 91 do, 10½c; No. 92 do, 10½c; No. 93 do, 10½c; No. 94 do, 10½c; No. 95 do, 10½c; No. 96 do, 10½c; No. 97 do, 10½c; No. 98 do, 10½c; No. 99 do, 10½c; No. 100 do, 10½c.

**Country Produce—Wholesale**  
Eggs—New laid, 35 to 40c; selected, 40 to 45c; 45 to 50c; 50 to 55c; 55 to 60c; 60 to 65c; 65 to 70c; 70 to 75c; 75 to 80c; 80 to 85c; 85 to 90c; 90 to 95c; 95 to 100c; 100 to 105c; 105 to 110c; 110 to 115c; 115 to 120c; 120 to 125c; 125 to 130c; 130 to 135c; 135 to 140c; 140 to 145c; 145 to 150c; 150 to 155c; 155 to 160c; 160 to 165c; 165 to 170c; 170 to 175c; 175 to 180c; 180 to 185c; 185 to 190c; 190 to 195c; 195 to 200c; 200 to 205c; 205 to 210c; 210 to 215c; 215 to 220c; 220 to 225c; 225 to 230c; 230 to 235c; 235 to 240c; 240 to 245c; 245 to 250c; 250 to 255c; 255 to 260c; 260 to 265c; 265 to 270c; 270 to 275c; 275 to 280c; 280 to 285c; 285 to 290c; 290 to 295c; 295 to 300c; 300 to 305c; 305 to 310c; 310 to 315c; 315 to 320c; 320 to 325c; 325 to 330c; 330 to 335c; 335 to 340c; 340 to 345c; 345 to 350c; 350 to 355c; 355 to 360c; 360 to 365c; 365 to 370c; 370 to 375c; 375 to 380c; 380 to 385c; 385 to 390c; 390 to 395c; 395 to 400c; 400 to 405c; 405 to 410c; 410 to 415c; 415 to 420c; 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805 to 810c; 810 to 815c; 815 to 820c; 820 to 825c; 825 to 830c; 830 to 835c; 835 to 840c; 840 to 845c; 845 to 850c; 850 to 855c; 855 to 860c; 860 to 865c; 865 to 870c; 870 to 875c; 875 to 880c; 880 to 885c; 885 to 890c; 890 to 895c; 895 to 900c; 900 to 905c; 905 to 910c; 910 to 915c; 915 to 920c; 920 to 925c; 925 to 930c; 930 to 935c; 935 to 940c; 940 to 945c; 945 to 950c; 950 to 955c; 955 to 960c; 960 to 965c; 965 to 970c; 970 to 975c; 975 to 980c; 980 to 985c; 985 to 990c; 990 to 995c; 995 to 1000c; 1000 to 1005c; 1005 to 1010c; 1010 to 1015c; 1015 to 1020c; 1020 to 1025c; 1025 to 1030c; 1030 to 1035c; 1035 to 1040c; 1040 to 1045c; 1045 to 1050c; 1050 to 1055c; 1055 to 1060c; 1060 to 1065c; 1065 to 1070c; 1070 to 1075c; 1075 to 1080c; 1080 to 1085c; 1085 to 1090c; 1090 to 1095c; 1095 to 1100c; 1100 to 1105c; 1105 to 1110c; 1110 to 1115c; 1115 to 1120c; 1120 to 1125c; 1125 to 1130c; 1130 to 1135c; 1135 to 1140c; 1140 to 1145c; 1145 to 1150c; 1150 to 1155c; 1155 to 1160c; 1160 to 1165c; 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