

BRITISH SMASH THIRD GERMAN LINE OF DEFENCE

Sanguinary Fighting On Somme Results In a Complete British Victory, The German War Office Admits

Empire Forces Are Now Within Less Than Seven Miles Of Bapaume, Capture Of Which Is Hourly Expected—German Soldiers Surrender When British Come To Close Grips—More Than 2,000 Prisoners Taken In One Limited Area Of Combat—French Also Advancing and Pouring Mighty Attack on Peronne.

(Special Cable to The Standard.)

London, July 15.—The continuation of the British attack on the German lines between Pozieres and Longueval resulted in their penetrating the German lines and effecting a gain of territory, the war office announced today. The British have also occupied Trones Wood. The fighting is continuing, although the attack has been stemmed.

The Berlin war office admits the repulse and says:

"British attacks which followed the first sanguinary repulse suffered by them north of the Somme led to heavy fighting. By his forces massed between Pozieres and Longueval, the enemy, in spite of the most severe losses, succeeded in penetrating our lines and gaining some ground. He also occupied Trones Wood. The attack has been stemmed, but the fighting is being continued.

Bulletin—London, July 16th.—The war office reports this morning that in fighting yesterday afternoon and last night the British troops succeeded in penetrating the German third line trenches and capturing more than 2,000 prisoners. The triumph came as the climax to heavy fighting when British troops after an artillery preparation which swept the enemy for a front of five miles, occupied third line trenches inflicting great slaughter. Many Germans surrendered during the fighting rather than come to hand to hand combat with our troops.

Bulletin—Berlin war office statement admits that British troops have penetrated our third line trenches between Oulliers and Longueval, have captured many prisoners, gained much ground and occupied Trones Wood. Bulletin—London, July 16th.—British troops are now less than seven miles from Bapaume, having cleared away all obstacles facing their lines at that point.

IRISH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT IS ARRESTED

London, July 16.—Laurence Ginnell, Irish member of parliament who addressed many questions in the House of Commons to ministers during the Irish rebellion and invariably alleged that his countrymen who had been arrested were mistreated, was himself arrested this morning. The charge is that he attempted by false pretences to obtain admission to the detention barracks at Knutsford, where Irish prisoners are being held.

ITALIANS WANT COMPLETE BREAK WITH GERMANY

Demand That Agreement Giving Germans in Italy Immunity Be Cancelled as Berlin Has Broken Faith.

(Special cable to The Standard). Rome, July 15, via Paris.—The agreement that has been in effect between Germany and Italy providing for the mutual respect by the two nations of the rights of each other's subjects has been denounced by Italy according to the Giornale D'Italia today. No convention now exists between the two nations of the agreement. A strong demand has arisen in the press and among the public for cancellation of the agreement between Italy and Germany whereby the rights of citizens of each country within the other's domain were to be respected, violation of the agreement by Germany being alleged. The situation is such that the relations of Italy and Germany seem to have reached a greater tension than at any time since the war began. Before leaving Rome in the spring of 1915, Prince Von Buelow, then German ambassador to Italy, concluded an agreement with the Italian government under which, in case of war between Austria and Italy, Germany and Italy pledged themselves to respect the properties and lives of their respective subjects. This meant for Germany, a guarantee of several million dollars worth of properties in Italy held by her subjects and for Italy the safety of 30,000 of her citizens still living in Germany. No state of war exists between Germany and Italy and the agreement ne-

BACKBONE OF TEUTONIC OFFENSIVE IN THE EAST BROKEN BY RUSSIANS

Three Desperate Attacks In Mass Formation Beaten Back By Czar's Armies Which Again Take Offensive and Make Progress

Petrograd, July 15, via London, 6.50.—The Germans made a determined drive in an effort to throw back the Russians in the region of Baranovichi where heavy fighting has been in progress for some time. Three times the Germans launched attacks in massed formation. The war office announced today that these attacks had been broken down and that the Russians, initiating a counter-attack, made further progress.

On the other hand Germany is unofficially accused of violating the agreement in depriving Italians in Germany of their liberty of action, preventing Italians of military age, residing in Belgium, from leaving that country, suspending payments due Italians, and treating them as subjects of a hostile power. Accordingly a demand is now being voted for abrogation of the agreement which, in addition to the alleged disregard of its provisions by Germany, has resulted in misunder-

standings in Allied nations, regarding the situation, although their governments were aware of the true conditions and were convinced of the implicit loyalty of Italy to the Entente cause.

Twenty Deaths.

The deaths in the city during the past week numbered twenty as follows: Accidental injuries; four; heart disease, three; phthisis, two; senility, diabetes, measles, acute nephritis, chronic nephritis, cerebral abscess, broncho pneumonia, carcinoma, whooping cough, carcinoma of stomach, mitral regurgitation, one each.

French Curtain of Fire Checks Hun Attacks In Apremont Forest

(Special Cable to The Standard.)

Paris, July 15.—A violent artillery duel continues in the Fleury sector, the war office announced today. A German attack on a trench northeast of the Avocourt redoubt was repulsed, the official statement asserts, and German attempts to undertake attacks in the Apremont forest were checked by a curtain of fire. The statement follows:

On the left bank of the Meuse a German attack with hand grenades against one of our trenches northeast of the Avocourt redoubt was repulsed. On the right bank of the river the artillery fighting was sustained and intense in the sector of Fleury. We dispersed with infantry fire several reconnoitering parties of the enemy in Chapitre Wood. In the forest of Apremont several attempts of the Germans to make attacks were broken up by our curtain of fire.

BERLIN ADMITS REVERSE

Berlin, July 15.—Despite severe losses the British succeeded in penetrating our lines between Pozieres and Longueval, gaining ground and occupying the Trones Wood, said an official statement issued this afternoon. The British attack has been stemmed, but the fight continues, the war office stated.

TURKS LAST GRIP ON MECCA IS BROKEN

Arabians Capture Lost Forts with Over 1,000 Turks and Large Supply of Munitions

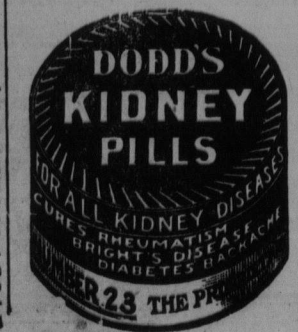
(Special cable to The Standard.)

London, July 15.—The revolt against Turkish rule in Arabia is making progress, having resulted in the complete wiping out of all traces of Turkish resistance at Mecca, according to a Reuters dispatch from Cairo today. After the fall of Mecca, on June 13, says the dispatch, certain elements of the garrison continued their resistance in forts near the city, in order to avoid bloodshed the Grand Sheriff, in command of the Arabian fortresses, suspended attacks. The forts have now surrendered, according to today's advices, the captures of the Arabians including twenty-eight officers, 850 un wounded men, 150 wounded, four guns and large quantities of material

and munitions. Since the proclamation of Arabian independence the total captures from the Turks include ten field guns, ten mountain guns, fifteen machine guns, 100 officers, 2,500 soldiers and 150 civil functionaries. The Grand Sheriff of Mecca, who exercises authority under the Sultan of Turkey, also surrendered.

German Lie Refuted.

London, July 16.—Replying to the German admiralty announcement of yesterday that a 7,000 ton British auxiliary cruiser and three guardships were sunk in the North Sea July 11 by a German submarine, the British admiralty today stated: "There is no truth in the report of the sinking of an auxiliary cruiser and the guardships were armed trawlers."



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