

BRITISH ADVANCED LINES EAST OF VILLERS-BRETONNEUX French Troops Retake Village of Locre From the Enemy

DISASTROUS DEFEAT FOR ENEMY IN FIRST PHASE

Desperate Attempt on Hills Held by Allies Has Resulted in Ignominious Failure; British Defence Successful Against all Onslaughts

LONDON, April 30.—(via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The correspondents agree that the enemy has suffered nothing less than a disastrous defeat in the first phase of the battle consequent on their desperate attempt to capture the line of hills held by the Allies, which endanger their possession of Mont Kemmel. They have probably used 13 divisions from the east of Ypres southward on the line of battle, with two more northward, and the violence of the gunfire was never greater or more unceasing at any period of the war.

Our successful defense made the day the bloodiest yet experienced by the enemy as attack after attack was smashed by our artillery and infantry fire. The Germans had already suffered heavily on Sunday when their concentrations of troops were caught and shattered by gunfire. Their waves yesterday were mowed down and the British wings and French centre neither bent nor broke.

BRITISH ADVANCE EAST OF VILLERS

French Forces Now Hold Entire Village of Locre, West of Kemmel

Bulletin, London, April 30.—During the night the British advanced their line east of Villers-Bretonneux, on the front before Amiens. The French now hold the entire village of Locre, west of Kemmel, says the official statement from the war office today.

In the vicinity of Locre the French by counter-attacks yesterday afternoon and evening drove the Germans from the remainder of the ground they had gained in the morning. The Germans having been heavily repulsed all along the northern battle front, the night passed in comparative quiet.

The text of the statement reads: "Successful counter-attacks carried out by French troops yesterday afternoon and evening drove the enemy from the remainder of the ground gained by him during the morning in the neighborhood of Locre and captured a number of prisoners." The whole of the village is in the hands of our Allies.

"After the heavy repulse inflicted on the enemy yesterday the night passed comparatively quiet on the northern battle front. "We advanced our line slightly during the night east of Villers-Bretonneux. "On the remainder of the British front there is nothing to report beyond artillery activity on both sides in certain sectors."

AT CROMPTONS — BASEMENT DEPARTMENT Just 50 left of Shrus and Roses, Lillie's, Showballs, Althea, Honey-suckle and a few Roses. These will be cleared at 15c a piece, to-morrow, making a complete clearance, regardless of former prices.

WEATHER BULLETIN Toronto, April 30.—The disturbance which was in Wisconsin last night and yesterday has moved to Quebec with diminishing energy. Showers have occurred in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, while in other provinces the weather has been fine.

Fresh northwest winds, showers in a few localities, but mostly fair and a little cooler. Wednesday—Fair and cool.

LORDMAYOR OF DUBLIN GOING TO U.S.

To Lay Irish Standpoint Before American Govt.—Seeks Passport

Dublin, April 30.—The Lord Mayor of Dublin at the resumed conference of Nationalists and Sinn Feiners last night announced that he had received a reply from the British foreign office to his request that he be given passports to enable himself and his secretaries to go to Washington to lay the case of the Irish organizations opposing conscription before the American Government. He was directed to make his application through the office of the secretary for Ireland, where it would receive attention.

The situation regarding conscription was reported as unchanged. Local committees were instructed to continue their organization work. A standing committee of the conference was appointed.

The London Daily Mail said last Saturday that it had learned from the Lord Mayor of Dublin had abandoned his proposed visit to Washington.

RUN INTO BY AUTO Man on Wheel Quite Badly Hurt

At noon today on the Y.W.C.A. corner, H. Game, 85 Marlboro St. while riding a bicycle, was run into by Foster and Sons' auto. Game was conveyed to his home in the ambulance and Dr. Hanna was speedily on the scene. Examination showed he was quite badly injured and he was also badly cut. The full extent of his hurts cannot yet be ascertained.

OPENING GUN IN RED TRIANGLE CAMPAIGN WAS FIRED TODAY

Capt. the Rev. John McNeill Addressed Business Men of the City at Noon Day Luncheon in Masonic Temple; Told of Y.M.C.A. Work Overseas

"I tell you men, there is nothing of your energy, your money, your prayer, too good to inform men who are suffering and dying out there."

W. S. Brewster Chairman, briefly explained the purpose of the campaign. Brant County was asked for \$25,000.00 for the Red Triangle fund, the County Council had already given \$5,000 and the city council would also make a substantial donation.

Mr. Brewster then introduced Capt. John McNeill, the latter being greeted with the lusty chorus "For he is a Jolly Good Fellow," and with hearty cheers, as he rose to his feet.

"I honor men of your faith and courage to carry through to the finish whatever you undertake," was the forceful opening remark of Capt. McNeill, the speaker illustrating his observation with an anecdote from the trenches.

MONARCHY RESTORED IN RUSSIA?

Germany Hears That Proclamation Announcing Restoration is Impending

INQUIRIES INTO CASE. Alexieff and Other Supporters of Kerensky are Now in Petrograd

Berlin, April 30.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press).—Baron von Dem Busch-Haddenhausen, under secretary for foreign affairs, has wired General Count von Mirbach, the new German ambassador to Russia, asking him to report concerning the truth of numerous rumors of a monarchist restoration and disorders in Petrograd. It is stated here that a monarchist proclamation is imminent and that General Michael V. Alexieff, Alexander J. Juchoff, Paul N. Milneroff and Michael V. Rodzianko, all identified with the Kerensky regime, are in Petrograd. It is considered improbable here that these rumors may be true.

VIBORG TAKEN. The White Guards, or Finnish Government forces, have captured Viborg, 75 miles northwest of Petrograd, after killing nearly the entire force of 6,000 Red Guards, according to an official announcement issued at Vasa and transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph Company. The rebels made a last desperate attempt to break through in the direction of Frederikshamn.

FOOD RIOTS. Serious food riots have broken out in Copenhagen, according to a change Telegram despatch from Copenhagen. No new shipments of food have arrived in Craoav in several weeks.

YPRES IS NEW OBJECTIVE OF TEUTONS; GERMAN HORDES ARE FLUNG AGAINST ALLIES

HUNS ADMIT WARRING UPON HOSPITAL SHIPS

Precisely That Shipping Space Particularly Exposed to, And Attacked by U-Boats, Says Official Statement

London, April 30.—In view of the definite evidence now available that the accident to the British hospital ship Guilford Castle, on March 10th was an attack by a German U-boat, it is important to place on record the following extract from a German official message sent through the wireless stations of that government on April 24: "With respect to the results of the submarine war for March, the Deutsche Tages Zeitung asks the question: "Where does Geddes (first lord of the Admiralty) get the courage to speak in the British parliament of the falling off in British merchant ships? In the English white book he gives the losses to the world's merchant shipping to the end of 1917 as only 11.8 million tons, while the German admiralty staff proves indisputably that the losses were about five million tons more. Lloyd George and Geddes falsify the losses of ships plying in military service, ignoring the naval losses, auxiliary cruisers, guardships, hospital ships and very probably also troop transports and munition steamers—that is to say, precisely that shipping space which is particularly exposed to and attacked by U-boats."

ORONSA TORPEDOED. London, April 30.—It was the British steamer Oronsa, which was torpedoed by the party of 57 American army Y.M.C.A. workers. The first public announcement here of the torpedoing of the Oronsa, which occurred early Sunday morning was made in this morning's papers. The Steamer Oronsa, owned by the Pacific Steam Navigation Company. She displaced 5,075 tons, was built in Belfast in 1906.



The exact situation on both sides of Mount Kemmel is not known, but on the accompanying map, the shaded area is an estimate of the German gains. Counter-attacks may rob the Germans of some of their gains.

Thousands of New Troops Are Thrown Into the Struggle by Foe

ATTACKS SO FAR VAIN. Attack Extended to North of Ypres Against the Belgian Line

FIGHTING CONTINUES. Throwing in thousands of new troops, the Germans are making a desperate effort to drive back the Allies from the hill positions in the Ypres and the hill positions in the southwest. Many attacks in the force, aided by powerful artillery fire, have been futile and the Allied soldiers are standing firm while inflicting severe losses on the enemy.

Against the British around Ypres, the French in the region of Locre the Germans are making their heaviest strokes, but each assault has been thrown back valiantly. Especially bitter is the fighting in and around the village of Voormezele and Locre, which are still held by the British and French.

From the twelve-mile front between Bailleul and Zillebeke, the enemy has extended his attacks to the north of Ypres against the Belgians along the Ypres-Busleyde meeting with no more success here than elsewhere in Flanders, the Belgians holding the German from positions they had occupied by counter-attacks.

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On the Picardy battlefield, where American, British and French troops await the next enemy move, the artillery has been active, the Germans have not repeated their local attacks against the French at Hangard.

Declaring that rumors of a change of government in Russia do not sound altogether improbable, the Berlin foreign office has asked the German ambassador at Moscow to report concerning disorders in Petrograd and the alleged monarchist revolution. According to reports received in Berlin the Russian Constitutional Democrat leaders—Koff, Guehckoff and Rodzianko—and General Alexieff, former Russian command-in-chief, are in Petrograd aiding in the restoration movement. Further reports on conditions in Russia are lacking.

Ybore, 75 miles northwest of Petrograd, the last stronghold of the Finnish rebels, has been captured by the Government forces, presumably aided by the Germans, who occupied Helsinki some days ago. The Red Guards, who have had the assistance of the Bolsheviki Government, resisted desperately and it is declared that nearly the entire force of 6,000 rebels was slain by the White Guards.

AMERICANS DECORATED. With the American army in France, Sunday April 28.—(By the Associated Press)—The French army decorated 122 American soldiers of the 104th Massachusetts regiment with the war cross for bravery displayed in the recent fighting. The ceremony was held on a picturesque field a short distance from the front trenches.

The French general, to confer the decorations, said of the recipients: "It showed the great audacity and a fine spirit of sacrifice. Subjected to a very violent bombardment and attacked by large German forces, it succeeded in checking the dangerous advance and took by the point of the bayonet in a narrow front way, prisoners and some machine-guns from which it had fallen back at the first assault."

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HOLLAND AND GERMANY NOT YET IN AGREEMENT

Teutons Demand Right to Send War Materials Over Dutch Territory; Call on Holland to Maintain Balance of Neutrality.

Amsterdam, April 30.—Germany demands from Holland, says the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin, the right to send war material over the Limbourg railway to Antwerp, the right to send food stuffs for shipment from Antwerp and the renewal of treaties relating to the importation of sand gravel.

"As Holland," the newspaper adds, "recently yielded to Anglo-American pressure she must grant these conditions to redress the balance."

From the above despatch, it is apparent that Holland and Germany have not yet reached an agreement concerning transport through Holland. A despatch from The Hague to The London Daily Mail on Monday reported that Holland had yielded to Germany's demands concerning transport and the supply of sand and gravel. It will delay, in the opinion of Italian officials, the expected Austrian offensive. Dispatches from Rome to the Italian embassy here say that a blizzard had left a snow fall in some places six feet deep.

DRIVE DELAYED. Washington, April 30.—An unexpected return of cold weather in the mountain regions of northern Italy

