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# BITTER BATTLE RACES ROUND FRESNOY 

Tide of Fighting Sweeps About Small Storm Centre

Recapture of Fresnoy by AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK IN

British Forces Seems Imminent, and Will Signify Extension of Entire Drocourt Line
The battle for Fresenoy continues to rage ha fury which recalls the bloody struygyles Forts Douaumont and Vaux in the days or
battle of Verdun. Thousand of lives are
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The great importance of the position is due he fact that it forms the last important dece to the northern end of the Drocourt-Que-
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oot to be evacuated and the fall of Lens renderd certain.
The enormous concentration of German
divisions on the British front and the marked livisions on the British front and the marked
increase in German power give added
significance to the reports that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is withdrawing both men and ar-
tillery from the easternearea. The disorganization of the Russian army has apparently had a tive of the Russian army has apparentiy had a and has materiailly increased the burdens imoosed on the British and French.
The news from Russia is far from reassur-
ng in any respect and apparently, the provisional government is still in a preearious po
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German Losses Incredibly Heavy in Holding Their Gains; Canadian Troops and Men From the South of England in Battle
By Courier Leased Wire
London, May 10.-Correspondents at Brith headquarters in France referring to the sitish headquarters in France referring to the siticult to hold ever since the Canadians captured t last Thursday. As the British were not in possession of the villages of Acheville and Oppy, respectively to the north and south, Fresnoy was greatly exposed. Standing out from the
line like a bastion, the Germans made strong line like a bastion, the Germans made strong attacks daily on each side of the vilage to pre-
vent the British from getting forward to strengthen their position. In their final assault the Germans employed vastly more men than the British had used in taking the village. Their losses are declared to have been so severe that if we had used up every man we had on the field we should not have approached them in numbers, and if the operation cost us some ground we have a larie credit in mannower to balance
it.
The Canadians apparently were not the attack falling on South England troops, whose stubborn resistance is highly praised. It is said that they were worn out and compelled to give way before overwhelming strength. Nev-
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hour's breathing spell, reattacked and recoverhour's breathing spell, reattacked and recover-
ed a large part of the ground. The correspondents describe the setback as being on a small scale and such as is bound to occur to the the losses such assaults entail losses such assaults entail.
ied position on the Vauclerc plateau was captured last night by the French, it is officially announced. Heavy artillery fighting continues in this region, where the Germans made a counter-attack with a division of fresh troops. Several German counter-attacks along the Che-
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the British last night in the neighborhood by Bullecourt, east of Gricourt and south of the Sole
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