

GERMANS' ATTACKS FALL, SAY FRENCH

Offensive Is Attempted During Night in Champagne and Argonne Regions.

CAPTURED POSITIONS HELD

In Vicinity of Soissons Allies Also Repulse Many Assaults, While Artillery Duels Continue From Sea to Aisne.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office tonight: "Last night the Champagne region two counter attacks by the Germans— one to the north of Perthes, the other to the north of Beausjour—were repelled. In the Argonne two minor attacks by the enemy have failed—at Fontaine Madame and at St. Hubert. There was a lively fusillade in the direction of Hill 254, west of Bourdon and on Lousisau des Nourissons, but no attacks. "The night was calm on the rest of the front."

The War Office earlier in the day issued the following: "Artillery is in duel. "From the sea to the Aisne there have been artillery duels. On the Aisne, in the region of Soissons, the enemy, in spite of many attacks, has not been able to recapture the trenches which he had lost. At the end of the day he again bombarded Soissons. "In the country from Rheims to the Argonne our artillery has shelled the German trenches effectively at several points, driving away bodies of sappers. "The positions which we have gained at Perthes and around that village have been organized. A counter attack of the enemy to the west of Perthes has been repulsed. In the neighborhood of La Ferte de Beausjour we have made two-fold progress. We have taken ground and on Lousisau des Nourissons, but no attacks. "Blockhouse is Destroyed. "In the Argonne the enemy has bombarded the region of Four-de-Paris; we have repulsed and destroyed a German blockhouse. "The enemy's efforts have been continued on Hill 254. "Between the Argonne and the Meuse nothing noteworthy occurred. "On the heights of the Meuse, in the forest of Apremont, one of the enemy's attacks has been checked by the fire of our artillery. "In the Vosges to the northwest of Watviller (in the region of Thann) we have also repulsed an attack."

BATTLE RENEWED AT SOISSONS Berlin Says French Attacks Have Failed, With Heavy Loss.

BERLIN, Jan. 10, by wireless to London.—The War Office gave out today the following statement: "The bad weather lasted through yesterday in the western theater of the war. The Lys has in certain places flooded the country to a width of 800 meters. "The enemy's attempts to eject us from our positions in the dunes of Neuport failed. "Northwest of Soissons the French repeated their attacks. They were all repulsed yesterday, with great losses to the enemy. We captured more than 100 prisoners. The battle at Soissons itself recommenced today. The French have again fiercely attacked. Their attacks broke down, with heavy losses to them. We took several prisoners. "In the Argonne the fighting continued further ground. In this district and also in the neighborhood of Apremont, north of Toul, the battles continued. On the evening of January 8 the French again tried to take the village of Burnhaupt by a night attack which failed completely. Our troops took 210 prisoners and one machine gun, so that the war booty taken at Burnhaupt is increased to two officers, 400 men and one machine gun. The French apparently suffered heavy losses on this occasion also, as great numbers of killed and wounded are lying before our front and in the neighborhood woods. "Only trivial engagements took place yesterday in Upper Alsace. At about midnight our troops repulsed a French attack at Lower Aspach."

WATER FILLS BOMBPROOF Battered Artillerymen Sit as if Paralyzed Under Bombardment Until Order to Reply Moves Them to Brave Deeds.

MUNICH, Dec. 31.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Life in an artillery emplacement is exciting. Men so stationed are subjected to gunfire which never before has reached such a degree of accuracy, and at times must protect themselves against the attacks of the enemy's aviators.

In a letter just published here this is well illustrated. After dwelling on the comforts of the bomb-proof cave in which the men of the battery dwell—in which they have even tables, chairs, lockers and a stove—the writer continues as follows, the shifting tenses being his: "A tremendous black column of earth rises from the ground as the shells strike near us. The clock in our cave strikes as if scared out of it with, and then stops. Everything trembles and shakes. The dry earth on the sides of the bomb-proof peels off and falls. "We sit as if paralyzed—waiting for the shell that will bury us. One after another does not come. The enemy's battery has fired five shots and now stops. "An hour later the bombardment started again. We sat there like paralyzed. On the table a cigar burned a hole into a glove. Nobody had sense or ambition enough to prevent it. "When the bombardment was over everybody felt a peculiar sort of fatigue. All conversation ceased. One of the men left his seat and wearily threw himself upon the straw bed. Before he went to sleep he turned over and whispered: "Call me!" "The worst of it was that we were not permitted to return the fire. No doubt the division staff had its good reasons for that. Things would be different had we been able to return shot for shot. We would have been of the best spirits in that case. But to sit there like dumb brutes, and wait for orders under such a fire was a bad experience. "Enemy Finds Position. "The day passed in this manner. The enemy's fire ceased at 7 in the evening, and after a meal of bacon, bread and coffee made of cereals was felt better. A partridge pie which my mother had sent me helped to cheer us up. "Next morning at 5 the order: 'Ready for fire' came by telephone. 'Man the guns, distance 1100 yards—shell fire, solid the voice at the other end of the wire. Though it was still dark, we heard from the distance the thrashing of infantry fire. "A shell struck and whistled across the plain. 'Shot well placed—battery salvoes—every ten seconds one—distance now 1200 yards,' telephoned the observation officer. "The fun commences. It is hard work. Perspiration rolls off us like the rain, which has just commenced to fall. "But the enemy's motor battery also starts again. The first shell hits near our position. The second one hits the bomb-proof—we had been located. A veritable sea of explosions surrounds us—lightning detonations, crashes, shrieks, smoke and powder stench give our environment the appearance of the crater of a volcano. We are covered with mud which the enemy's shells throw up and which descends on us like hail. "Gunner Does Not Move. "Twenty-one seventy-five. I shouted at the gunner. But he did not move. "Fischer" was my next shout. At that moment the body of the gunner slipped between the seat and the sighting mechanism—I noticed that a fragment of a shell had entered his forehead. "Gently we placed the body to one

side and another gunner took the seat. We continued our fire—calmly—steadily—in our minds saw the destruction wrought by our shells in the lines of the enemy's infantry. "So it continued for some time. Then came from the observation station the command: 'Cease fire for a while.' "In the afternoon another shell hit our position, and another man had to be laid aside. He was a lovable old fellow. Later we buried the two. "Rain fell throughout the night and next day. By noon our bomb-proof was filled with water. We waded around in that up to our waists. Later in the day the bombproof caved in and we saved nothing but the telephone instrument, our carbines and coats. "We then spent some time in the cellar of a nearby farmhouse and tomorrow we go back for a rest. Our place will be taken by a reserve regiment of clean uniforms and brand-new brown boots. Our uniforms have all the colors of the rainbow on a mud-yellow background."

WOMAN FALLS DELIBERATELY TO RESTORE SON'S SPEECH. Welshman Stricken Dumb by Bursting Shell at Front Speaks on Seeing His Mother Prostrated.

CARDIFF, Wales, Dec. 25.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—In the belief that the shock of the pretended accident would restore speech to her wounded son, a Cardiff woman threw herself downstairs, and was rewarded for her bruises by the cry of "Oh, mother!" Now, for the first time, Corporal Tucker is able to explain how he came to be struck dumb and how the shock of his mother's fall gave him command of his tongue.

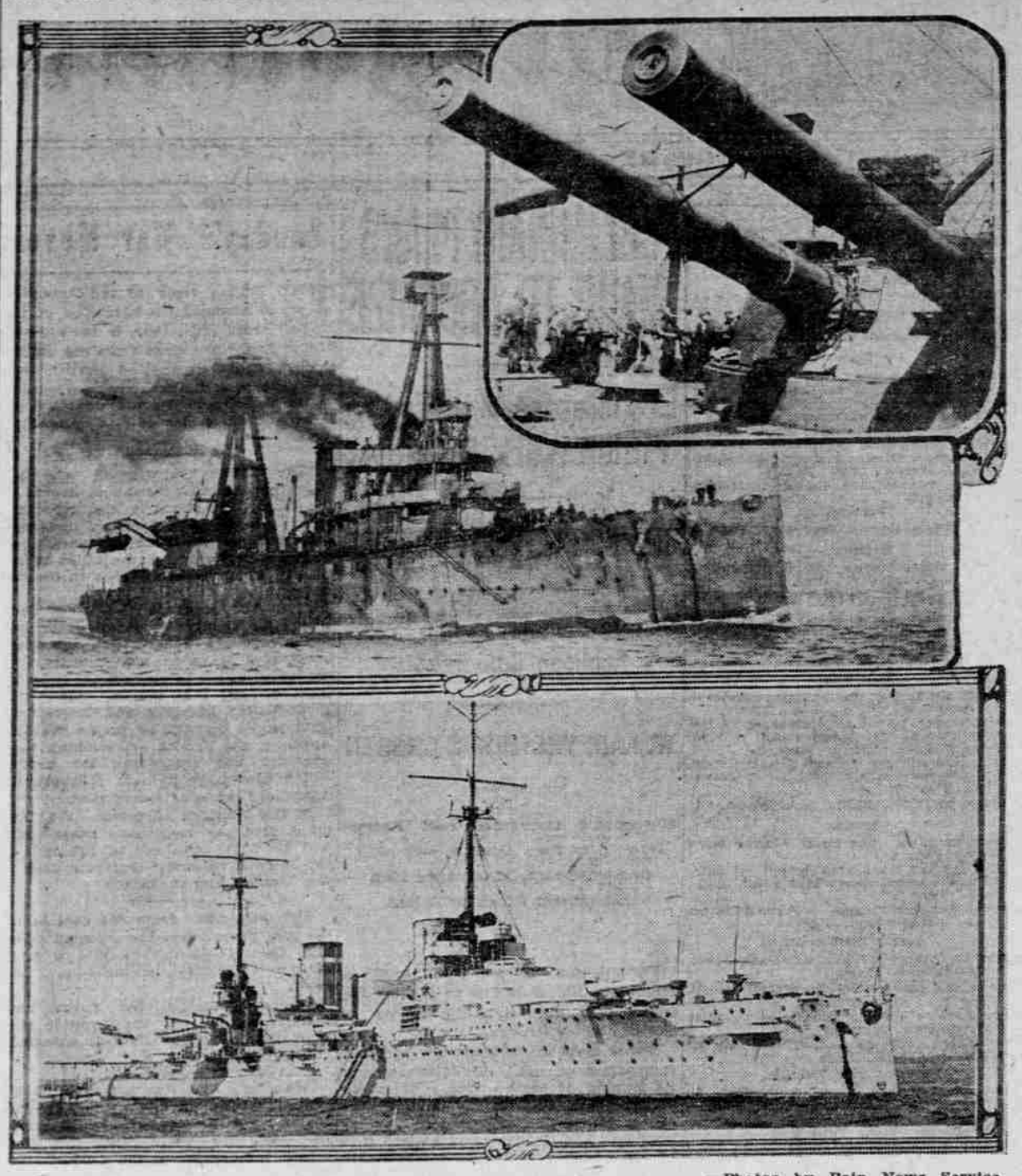
"At Ypres," says Tucker, "I was buried alive by three Jack Johnsons. At first I did not know what happened. It was all so quiet and dark. Then I felt a great weight on my body and found I could not move a finger. Then the boys dug me out, but my nerves were so shaken I could not speak a word. They sent me to England. I was able to walk, but nervous and unable to use my tongue. When my wife met me I could not say a word. "As I had not seen my mother for a long time, I went to pay her a visit. She was much upset over my dumbness. The other night, after coming home from the moving pictures, I was sitting in the kitchen, much downhearted, when I heard something falling downstairs. I rushed there and found my mother lying on the floor. I called out, 'Oh, mother!' and fainted. "When I recovered I found my mother, cool and smiling, holding my head, while I was crying. In my weak and nervous condition, the shock was too much. I then learned she had deliberately fallen and bruised herself badly in doing so. "My nerves are still in bad shape, but when they are well I hope to return to duty again at the front."

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W. D. SCOTT SUDDENLY ILL Attack of Indigestion Compels Him to Forego Trip to San Francisco.

W. D. Scott, general manager of the Oregon Electric Company, was taken off a train at Eugene yesterday and brought back to Portland, owing to a sudden attack of indigestion. Mr. Scott had been en route to San Francisco. He is now at his residence, 333 Malinda street. Mrs. Scott said last night that Mr. Scott was not seriously ill and would be out in a few days.

WARSHIPS WHICH FIGURED IN LATEST NAVAL DUEL BETWEEN GERMAN-BRITISH FORCES.



—Photos by Bain News Service.

TOP—BRITISH CRUISER INVINCIBLE; AT RIGHT TWO OF THE INVINCIBLES' 12-INCH GUNS. BELOW—GERMAN BATTLE CRUISER VON DER TANN.

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Thrilling Story Told of Destroyer's Attack on Emden.

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MAXWELL, THE TAILOR
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Portland, Oregon, January 5, 1915.
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\$35 Suits to order \$25.00
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\$45 Suits or Overcoats to order \$30.00
You can pick your choice from my immense stock, including my celebrated English Blue Serge. This is a splendid OPPORTUNITY to secure your Spring Suit at ONE-THIRD OFF regular prices. With such strong inducements we expect to take enough orders to keep our men at work during the remainder of January and February—the dullest months on the calendar for tailors.
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