

## BRITISH ESTABLISH POSITION ON CANAL

Eye-Witness Describes Successful Counter-Attack on Enemy at La Basse.

## TRENCH IS OUTFLANKED

"Singularly Gallant" Attack on French South of Bethune Road Pictured as Resulting Almost in Annihilation.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—A graphic description of the trench warfare which has prevailed on the western front for many weeks is given by a British "eye-witness" in his description of German attacks on British lines and British counter-attacks which were made last Monday. He says:

"The Germans again attacked south of La Bassée Canal, but not in such strength as on previous occasions. Fighting began in the early hours of the morning with an assault on a small trench close to the canal. This was successful, two local counter-attacks carried out by us failing to regain the ground lost."

German Post Is Captured. "When daylight came, however, our artillery opened such an accurate fire on the enemy that their position became untenable. A stronger counter-attack then was delivered and our men, rushing forward, drove the Germans from the trench they had captured and seized their post on the enemy's side of it on an embankment of the canal. There was a succession of German posts on this embankment and we had now established ourselves in one of them."

"Our supports then came up and, passing through our firing lines, held the first of the enemy's posts, rushed on to the second, driving out the garrison at the point of the bayonet. Then our men were enabled to take in the flank one of the enemy's trenches to the south."

Hand Grenades Used in Attack. "Along this they fought their way, throwing hand grenades, until they had dislodged the Germans on a considerable length. We thus established ourselves firmly in an advantageous position on the canal bank and in adjoining trenches. During this action we captured 14 prisoners, many wounded and two machine guns. Our losses were not severe, but our enemy suffered heavily, especially from our artillery fire."

Speaking of three singularly gallant but unsuccessful attacks on the French south of the Bethune road, the "eye-witness" says the Germans entered the French trenches and were literally almost wiped out, 75 bodies being counted in front of the defenders' line. It was reported that not more than two or three of them escaped.

Force of Explosives Tremendous. "The enemy's losses in the La Bassée area appear to have been heavy," continues, "The reason for their activity along the canal was that they had suffered severely from an enfilading fire brought to bear on them by one of our machine guns from a position well back. In two days one of their companies had lost 20 men from shell fire alone."

During some instances of the force of modern explosives the "eye-witness" says a mine which the Germans fired under one of the British trenches exploded a distance of more than a mile, while the detonation of one of the British shells threw a German soldier across the railway and canal.

## DEFICIT GIVES CONCERN

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They stand today, indicate that Congress cannot well cut the appropriations below the figures submitted by the Secretary of the Treasury, for to do so would be to abolish some of the numerous offices created by this Congress for the express purpose of providing jobs for the faithful. That is something Democratic Senators and Representatives do not want to do.

Problem Is to Raise Revenue. The problem, then, seems to be one of raising additional revenue. The Administration practically confesses that it cannot economize further to any considerable degree and Congress refuses to economize as Mr. Burleson has suggested. Among the various schemes proposed for increasing the revenues, none stands out in a way to win general Democratic approval.

Perhaps the most popular suggestion is that of Mr. Broussard of repealing the free sugar clause, for it is remembered that sugar was taxed by the free list by President Wilson against the better judgment of most Democrats in Congress.

In proposing the repeal of the free sugar clause of the Underwood tariff act Mr. Broussard denies the assertion of the Administration that the deficit is caused by "pork barrel legislation." He says that during this Administration no public building bill has been enacted and the river and harbor bill was cut from a normal \$50,000,000 measure to one carrying only \$20,000,000 and even if the river and harbor bill could be held partially responsible for the deficit, he points out that \$20,000,000 is a long way from \$70,000,000.

Treasury Estimates Prove Wrong. Mr. Broussard proceeds to show that the deficit is partially attributable to erroneous estimates made by the Treasury Department. When the income tax was imposed, Secretary McAdoo estimated it would yield \$70,000,000; it actually yielded \$28,253,534 on the first annual return and will yield less next year because of the decrease in incomes due to business conditions. The war tax was passed, says Mr. Broussard, with the assurance that it would yield \$137,000,000, and the Secretary of the Treasury, after carefully scanning the situation, reports that the war tax probably will yield only \$54,000,000 for the current year.

Should the same deficiency occur in 1915 as is pending now, said Mr. Broussard, "there will be added to the \$80,000,000 deficiency the further deficiencies due to the expiration of the war tax law, yielding \$44,000,000 and a still further deficiency after May, 1915, of \$25,000,000 more derived from sugar duty." Sugar is to go on the free list May 1, 1915.

Sugar Dearer Than Ever. Mr. Broussard points out that on March 1, 1914, Congress reduced the then existing sugar duty by 25 per cent, and for not a single moment from that day to this has the consumer paid a little money for his sugar as he paid before the reduction. He is now paying practically double what he paid before the reduction. The

American consumer and the United States Treasury both have suffered from the reduction," he adds, "and the only beneficiary has been the sugar trust, which has absorbed the entire reduction and multiplied the price of sugar to the consumer."

"Under the old rate (the Payne-Aldrich rate), which went out on March 1, last, by virtue of the Underwood bill, the Treasury would have collected to date more than \$58,000,000 in duty instead of \$43,000,000, so that the sugar trust has absorbed in the past ten months nearly \$15,000,000. At the end of 12 months, as the result of this 25 per cent reduction, fully \$18,000,000 will have been absorbed by the trust and will have been lost to the Treasury."

Same Sugar Cheaper in Europe. Mr. Broussard also calls attention to the fact that the sugar trust today, while justifying the raise in the price of sugar by the war in Europe, is selling sugar to Europeans at a lower price than the same sugar is sold in American markets. Concluding his appeal for restoration of the duty on sugar, and the repeal of the free sugar clause, Mr. Broussard argues that it is better to restore the old duty and turn this revenue into the Treasury than to suspend river and harbor improvements and the construction of public buildings; that it is better to have the sugar revenue than to burden men of small incomes with an income tax.

He argues that it is better to return to the taxing of articles that can bear the duty, "particularly when the remission of the duty does not cheapen the price to the consumer, as is the case with sugar."

## ONE MAN TAKES TRENCH

PRIVATE, NOT HEARING ORDER TO RETIRE, GOES ON.

Rapid Fire Convinces Germans They Are Attacked by Strong Force and They Abandon Position.

PARIS, Jan. 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Private Thorel, on whose breast General Joffre in person recently pinned the coveted military medal, tells the story of his involuntary capture of a line of German trenches as follows:

It was about five miles from Ypres, where the 15th Regiment Infantry was ordered to recapture some lost ground. The first attack succeeded partially, but the second was interrupted because the Colonel found that it could be better executed at night. Thorel, in the first rank, did not hear the order to retire, but went on at double-quick, thinking his comrades were coming after him. He arrived at the crest of an abandoned trench before he found he was alone. Further on he spied a detachment of the enemy; it was too late to go back, so he jumped into the trench.

Sheltering himself as well as he could, he began firing. One two, three Germans went down under his fire. He had used three-fourths of his 220 cartridges, when he was surprised to see the enemy fleeing from their position to a line of trenches further back. They evidently supposed from Thorel's rapid fire that they had to do with a strong force. Thorel then found his way back to the French lines and reported to the Colonel that he had two lines of German trenches at his disposal.

The recovered ground was occupied at once and the previously projected night attack assured a further substantial gain.

## EXPLORER IS HEARD FROM

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their whole time with the dogs, which know them and are amenable to them.

Men Are All Good Workers. All but Macklin, who is the surgeon, have done a lot of sledding. Macklin is a splendid, strong fellow and a good companion.

It is a good worker, and I think it will be a good stroke to take him, for he has a splendid camera that is right for 1000 feet of film and never has moving pictures been taken on such a journey.

The other men are all good, keen workers. Clark, biologist; James, geologist, the geologist, and W. W. James, the magnetician, have been doing much work here important to science, which will make an interesting record when it comes to be written.

Future Course Outlined. One notable thing that has been done is the erecting of a set of true meridian posts, so that the 21 whalers and other steamers which use the island can correct their compasses. This was badly needed, and the information will be of interest to the Admiralty.

Now, as to the future. What I expect will happen is this: We shall sail from here about December. That will give a chance for the ice to be breaking up in the south, and we ought, with luck, to get a landing about the end of the month. If the ice has been up north we could have landed about the beginning of December.

Ship Permitted to Freeze In. We shall at once investigate the roads to the south, and if Fitcher's landing place proves to be any sort of harbor suitable for the ship I shall put down both anchors and wait for her to freeze in. Then I shall know that the ship will be handy to take off the remainder of the shore party about February 1, 1916. I am not going to risk them later.

The ship will go north then to South Georgia. As we are not too well off for coal during the winter, our hands will be employed in skinning seals and taking blubber, which will be put in empty boxes and this will be used to stoke the boilers.

Trip to Consume Four Months. On the way up the cross-country party will have their depots laid out and be ready to start about November 1 next, and we ought to cross in four months and be met on the other side in February.

So far for my hopes. What God may arrange no one can say. Things have not worked well so far, as the ice conditions are so bad, but that is a matter which it is impossible to foretell from year to year.

AUTO RACER IS INJURED Jack Callaghan's Car Goes Through Fence at Los Angeles. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—Jack Callaghan, automobile race driver, skidded through the fence in a 100-mile sanctioned automobile race at Ascot Park today, impaling himself on a board. Two ribs were broken and a large hole was torn in his chest. He is reported to have an even chance for life.

## "TRENCH INSANITY" BECOMES SERIOUS

Effect of Modern Warfare on Nerves More Marked Among Officers Than Men.

## MENTAL AGONY INTENSE

Live Shells Loom Large in Nightmare-Ridden Dreams and Extreme Terror Possesses Men Who Are Brave in Action.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The number of English soldiers and officers who have suffered nervous breakdown more or less approaching insanity as a result of the strain of war, has shown such increase that some of the leading medical journals are pleading for special consideration and treatment for this class.

"Some cases," says the Lancet, "are certainly hopeless, but there are others—and happily these are in preponderating numbers—where there are good grounds for believing that they may again become useful citizens."

The effects of warfare on the nervous system are more marked in the case of officers than in the case of enlisted men, the latter in many cases of "trench insanity" recovering "tone" after a continuous sleep from 24 to 48 hours. Officers similarly afflicted are generally sent to special hospitals for a rest of a week or ten days, but if they fail to show satisfactory progress after that time, they are invalided home on the ground that it is improbable that they could be again employed on active service.

Somnambulism Is Developed. "The powerful effect which modern warfare has on the mind is shown," writes a surgeon attached to a British ambulance, "by the dreams and night-mares which disturb soldiers' sleep in dangerous positions. Nervous subjects react in a most striking way to the shock of explosions in their immediate vicinity. Some develop a tendency to sleep-walking and are found wandering about the premises with faces expressing the utmost terror and anxiety. In the soldiers' dreams, the sound of firing contact with his fellows seems to be felt with extreme frequency, and the horror of isolation constitutes the commonest nightmare of men in the fighting line."

"They dream that they are wandering through endless trenches as complicated as an artificial maze, or are picking their way through the usual night-mare scenes of exploding shells or the tramp of armed men thronging into a frenzy of shooting terror, to the indignation of their resting fellows."

## Men Brave in Real Danger.

"Another common night terror is the dream of a sudden call to arms and the inability to find some indispensable article of attire or armament, a conception productive of intense mental agony. Live shells naturally occupy a large share of the soldier's attention in dreams and an exasperating nightmare is the supposed discovery in one's bed of a shell ready and willing to burst, associated with the usual nightmare incapacity to execute the necessary movements to get rid of it. Several men have had dreams centering around the inability to withdraw the bayonet from an enemy's body when urgently required for self-defense.

"Yet these nightmare-ridden men are as brave as the rest in the face of actual danger."

## BELGIAN HOSPITAL BEST

X-RAY ROOM IS MOST COMPLETE OF KIND IN FRANCE.

Apparatus, Gift of Duc de Vendome, Permits Instantaneous Taking of Photographs of Wounds.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A medical expert who has been inspecting the various field hospitals of the allies in the western theater of war, describes the Queen Elizabeth Hospital at Calais as the best of them all. The hospital is under Belgian control, and the patients are all Belgian soldiers.

"The X-ray room is one of the most completely equipped of its kind in France," said the expert. "The apparatus was the gift of the Duc de Vendome, brother-in-law of King Albert, who is himself a well-known physicist and bacteriologist, and who is personally attached to the institution. The apparatus consists of an electric installation of enormous power, so planned as to permit the taking of instantaneous X-ray photographs by the mere manipulation of a lever and in the space of a fraction of a second. This is especially useful in the case of a patient who is in great pain, or is unable to remain quiet in one position. He is detained in the X-ray room only about two or three minutes, and a sharp clear print is secured. Moreover, the danger of burns to the operator is minimized, because there is no prolonged exposure. It is impossible to detect any lighting up of the X-ray tube."

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