

BELGIAN ARTILLERY FIRE IS EFFECTIVE

Two of Enemy's Works Said to Have Been Demolished by Guns Near Dixmude.

RHEIMS SHELLED AGAIN

French Say They Have Made Important Progress in Champagne District, but Germans Assert Attacks Have Failed.

PARIS, via London, Feb. 28.—The French War Office issued the following statement late tonight on the progress of the war:

"Near Dixmude, Belgian artillery demolished two of the enemy's works, the Belgian infantry occupied a farm on the right bank of the Yser and one of the Belgian aviators dropped bombs on the enemy's harbor station at Ostend.

"The Germans again bombarded Rheims. Some 60 shells were fired, half of them at the cathedral.

"In the Champagne district important progress was made north of Perthes. We carried two German works, one north of Perthes; the other north of Beaunejour. In addition, we gained ground between those two points and to the northwest of Perthes. We made 200 prisoners.

"Thousand Prisoners Taken. "The total number of German soldiers who have surrendered during the past ten days amounts to more than 1,000.

"There have been fairly lively artillery engagements on the heights of the Meuse. In the Vosges, the day was calm. In the Vosges, in the neighborhood of Hartmann-Weillertopf, we made some progress.

"Earlier in the day the War Office issued the following: "At Becourt, near Albert, a German attack was immediately stopped by our fire. The enemy bombarded Soissons with 200 shells.

"In the Champagne district we made marked progress on the whole front from Combray to north of Perthes. We repulsed a counter-attack, retained the work which we won yesterday and extended our positions by occupying new trenches.

"Gains Materially Extended. "We have gained ground in all the woods between Perthes and Beaunejour. Our gains yesterday to the north-west and north of Beaunejour represented 2000 meters of trenches (about a mile and a third). These gains have been appreciably extended today. In the trench along the Meuse, more than 200 dead. We captured a machine gun. According to the latest news the struggle continues under favorable conditions.

"In the Argonne, at Hill No. 263, west of Bourville, we captured about 500 yards of trenches. At Vauquois, a brilliant infantry attack enabled us to reach the edge of the plateau on which the village is situated.

"In the Vosges at La Chapelle, three kilometers east of Celles-sur-Pielme, a rather sharp attack by the Germans was completely repulsed.

GERMANS DENY REVERSES

Enemy's Attacks in Champagne Declared Fruitless.

BERLIN, Feb. 28, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—The following official communication was made public today:

"In Champagne yesterday the enemy continued his attacks, which were completely repulsed.

"South of Malancourt (which lies to the west of Verdun) and north of Verdun, the Germans stormed several enemy positions, but all were taken by weak French counter-attacks.

"The Germans took as prisoners six officers and 250 men and also captured four machine guns and one mine thrower.

"On the western side of the Vosges the Germans, after heavy fighting, dislodged the French from their positions near Blamont and Blonville.

"In an attack on the entrenched line of Verdun-Bromell east of Badonviller the Germans pushed back the enemy over a front 20 kilometers (about 13 miles) long for a distance of six kilometers (about four miles). The enemy's attempts to win back the conquered ground failed with heavy losses.

"The enemy's advances in the Southern Vosges also were repulsed."

PRISON CAMPS HUMANE

REPORT ON FRENCH TREATMENT OF GERMANS IS FAVORABLE.

Some Complaints Are Made and These Have Been Submitted to Proper Authorities for Action.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Thirty-eight of the 70 camps in which German prisoners are detained have been inspected by attaches of the American Embassy in pursuance of the arrangement made by the American Ambassador, William G. Sharp, with the French government.

Reports concerning the results of this investigation have been forwarded to Washington.

The representatives of the embassy were permitted to see the lodgings, clothing and heating and feeding arrangements. They talked with German prisoners without the presence of a French official.

The reports are confidential, but it is understood that in general the conditions under which the prisoners are kept are regarded as humane. Some complaints were made by prisoners and these have been submitted to the proper authorities through the Foreign Office.

Official assurances were given that thorough investigation would be made and the cause of complaints, if they were found to be justified, would be removed.

Prize Awarded to Mayor of Rheims. PARIS, Feb. 28.—The Francois Joseph Andrieff prize of 15,000 francs (\$3999) for the "finest and greatest devotion of whatever kind" was awarded Saturday by the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences to Mayor Langlet, of Rheims.

Concealing a Vacuum. (Birmingham Age-Herald.) "Professor Diggs likes to use high-sounding phrases."

WOMAN RULER OF NETHERLANDS, WHO IS KEEPING FIRM HAND ON HELM OF SHIP OF STATE.



QUEEN WILHELMINA.

QUEEN CHEERS MEN

Wilhelmina Shares Burden of Upholding Holland's Dignity.

POPULARITY IS GROWING

Prince Consort Obliterates Himself From Dutch Affairs, but is Winning Real Respect by Benevolent Work.

THE HAGUE, Holland, Feb. 2.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—

Queen Wilhelmina has displayed wonderful singleness of mind with her Cabinet and her people in their determination to uphold the dignity as well as the neutrality of Holland. The Queen's popularity has, it is possible, increased with her year, and the government, the foreign relations, the defenses and the social condition of the Netherlands are her constant care.

SOLDIERS CHEERED BY VISITS

The Dutch Cabinet, always acting in conjunction with the young monarch, decided to call its defensive forces to the Netherlands troops were, in fact, completely mobilized and prepared for eventualities even before the armies of the warring powers had been brought up to war footing. Since those anxious days in the beginning of August, the Netherlands army has been constantly on the march, and the royal eye of its commander-in-chief and ruler, who day after day rides out on horseback to some point of military interest, has been keenly watching for whom she often inquires personally as to their comfort and condition.

LIVERPOOL IS JAMMED

CONGESTION OF SHIPPING GREAT-EST IN HISTORY.

Importers Declare Food Enough is Stored in Port to Feed Entire Country at Least One Year.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Never in the history of this port has the congestion of shipping been so great, nor have the Liverpool warehouses ever been so crammed with foodstuffs as at present. It is the consensus of opinion of importers here that should the German submarine blockade prove effective there is enough food now stored here to feed the country for a year.

BRIDE IS RUNAWAY FROM HOME

Mrs. Clements, then Miss Dixie Nunnally, became well known in San Francisco when it was learned, before she was married, that she had run away from her Atlanta home, following a disagreement with her stepmother.

ZEPPELIN LOST IN ADRIATIC

GENEVA, Switzerland, via Paris, Feb. 28.—Reports received here apparently confirm the loss in the Adriatic Sea of one of the smaller type of Zeppelins with its crew, which was sent on a mission to Pola, in the Austrian naval base, early in February.

TAXES TOWN MEETING TOPIC

GRANDVIEW, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Taxpayers in the Grandview district have been invited to meet in Grandview the night of March 8 to discuss the subject of taxes in this county.

HEIRESS SUES YOUTHFUL, DISAPPEARING HUSBAND.

Heiress Sues Youthful, Disappearing Husband. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Alleging that her brief romance was shattered 12 days after their marriage, when her husband deserted her, Mrs. Dixie Clements, a Georgia heiress, filed a complaint for divorce Saturday on the ground of desertion, little more than a year after she and Walter Clements were married at Los Angeles.

DEPARTURE IS ABRUPT

No Quarrel Preceded Desertion. Says Young Woman's Lawyer, and She is Still at Loss to Explain Why Bridegroom Left.

ROMANCE IS BRIEF

Countersap Wins Trench. Germans Beat Enemy at Own Game in Close-Quarter Strategy.

FOOD PLEDGE IS TAKEN

Berlin Children Forego Sausage and Meat for Dinner. Monitors Chosen in One School to See That Ordinance is Observed.

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