

BRITISH FORCED TO GIVE UP NEW GAINS

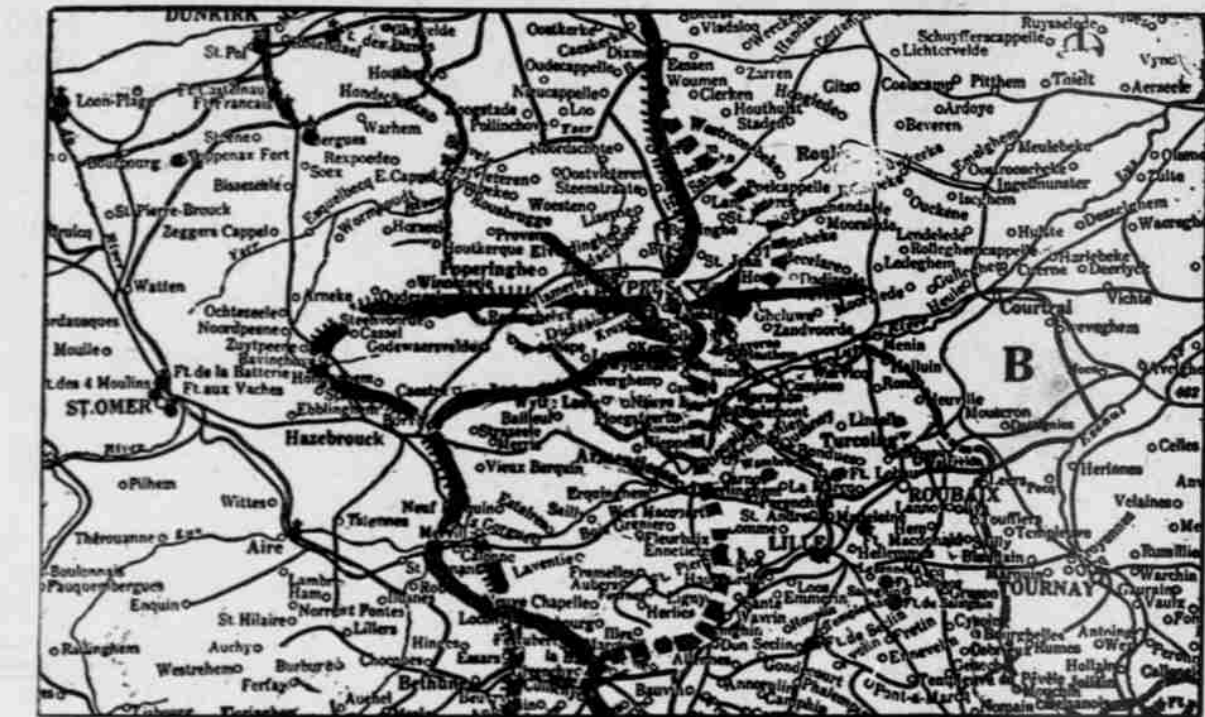
Abandonment of Four More Villages to German Invaders Is Announced.

NEW ATTACK IS IMMINENT

Towns of Wytschaete, Meteren, Poelcapelle and Langemarck Taken by Enemy and Bailleul-Wytschaete Sector About to Be Attacked.

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become active. Greek and British troops have advanced and driven the

MAP SHOWING SCENE OF TERRIFIC BATTLE BETWEEN BRITISH AND GERMAN FORCES.



Arrows Point to Scene of Ineffectual Attempts by British to Retake Lost Positions. Fringed Line at Left Marks German Advance of 1914. Heavy Black Line Marks Former Battle Front. Heavy Dotted Line Marks Positions From Which German Drive Started.

Teutonic allies from seven towns along the Struma River on the eastern end of the line. French forces also have been active in this theater of the war.

OTTAWA, April 17.—An attack is impending between Bailleul and Wytschaete, says Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France in a dispatch received here tonight. The correspondent adds that the British are maintaining their positions at Boyelles, south of Arras.

"The Germans are concentrating north of the Somme," continues the correspondent, "indicating that they have not yet abandoned hope of reaching Amiens. The French have maintained the lead and their artillery has been keeping up a steady bombardment of the enemy front line, while we are simultaneously organizing our own positions."

"The part played by the French artillery in stemming the German onrush remains to be told. The Germans failed to keep pace with us in bringing up their batteries, especially their heavies, and even now they have not made good the disparity."

Enemy Pays Heavy Price.

"The past 24 hours have been anything but a good time for the enemy. Ludendorff doubtless is telling the Germans to look at the map. The answer is: 'Tell them to look at their casualty lists.'"

"Our shortening of the Passchendaele salient and the giving up of the ground won last autumn has not been vain, since it played a large part in wearing out the enemy, the last phase of which we are now entering on."

"The withdrawal was accomplished with mastery skill, unhampered by the Germans. Our power of resistance has greatly stiffened, while we have forced the enemy to lengthen his communication across ground which he would infinitely sooner be without."

"The bitter intensity of the fighting lulled during the forenoon, the hurricane artillery duels subsiding to spasmodic outbursts with long intervals of comparative calm."

"We have taken numerous prisoners in the last two days."

A tremendous artillery duel is raging along the northern front. Through out the night thousands of guns of all calibers made the war zone hideous with their mighty detonations. There was no cessation of this protracted fencing between the heavy batteries, and this morning the contest was still continuing, the vibration shaking windows 40 and 50 miles away.

Shortly after noon the Germans delivered an attack against the Damme-strasse line, between Zillebeke and St. Eloi, but were driven off and a subsequent enemy concentration in this region was dispersed by the artillery.

Gas Shells Used.

The continuous enemy attacks all the afternoon southwest of Bailleul were, without exception, repulsed with heavy losses. The German artillery filled the area west of the stricken town with gas and high explosive shells as an adjunct to the infantry attack. At dusk, the enemy drove forward again and made a vicious thrust at the British lines.

The advancing troops pushed through the hail of death, but soon wavered and finally broke. Their casualties were cruel.

Farther south the vicinity of Festubert was heavily shelled by the enemy and Givenchy and La Bassée were also under fire.

On the larger battlefield of the

Somme, the enemy artillery was more active south of the river. Villers-Gotteron and the area just to the north were strongly bombarded.

Passchendaele Wrecked.

A German gunner yesterday sent a shell into the church tower at Albert, sending the famous statue of the virgin which hung there crashing into the square.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, April 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Things looked distinctly better today from the allied standpoint as a result of the British withdrawal in the north, which eliminated the great salient that bulged out over the Passchendaele ridge system. The defending troops this morning were sitting snugly in prepared positions along a line running a little east of Ypres after a secret and orderly night retirement with which the enemy interfered in no way.

In the meantime the British were more than holding their own in the fierce struggle in the Wytschaete-Bailleul sector, where the progress of the German troops had threatened the defenses of the wide-flung salient to the north. Wytschaete today was reported to be again in British hands, but such was the nature of the struggle here that it would be unwise to make a definite claim at this time (2 P. M.).

(The British official report of later date announced the loss for the second time to the Germans of Wytschaete.)

English Fighting Gallantly.

Certainly the men in khaki were fighting gallantly and they were giving little ground here, according to the

GENERAL MAURICE SEES RAY OF HOPE

Suggestion Made That British Are Fighting Another Waterloo in Flanders.

RESERVE ARMY IS AWAITED

English Military Experts Says Army Is Taking Terrible Hammering in Hope That a Bleucher Is on Way to Relieve Situation.

LONDON, April 17.—The greater part of Wytschaete and probably all of it was in the hands of the British this morning, Major-General F. B. Maurice,

chief director of military operations at the War Office, announced today.

Counterattacking successfully at Meteren and south of that place, the British have driven back the Germans half way to Bailleul. They have advanced and improved their lines in the direction of Neuve Eglise.

"The news last night and today is better," says General Maurice.

"While I am not able to say definitely that Wytschaete is entirely in our hands, we hold the greater part and probably the whole of it."

"As mentioned in Field Marshal Haig's communique, we made a withdrawal to a new line in the Ypres salient. The withdrawal was decided upon Sunday. It was carried out partly Sunday night and completed Monday. It is a regrettable military necessity which forces us to give up ground which we won at such heavy cost. On Tuesday, the Germans were still shelling trenches which we had left the day before."

"I returned last night from France," said General Maurice, the outset of his talk with the Associated Press.

"The situation yesterday was very anxious. The Germans had taken Bailleul, Meteren and Wytschaete and had brought four fresh divisions into action against us. If the enemy could have maintained that pressure there looked to be vital danger to the ridge of heights which includes Mount Kemmel and which is the backbone of our defense on the northern portion of the battlefield. But the news last night and today is better."

Retirement Long Planned.

General Maurice then referred to the successful British counter-attack in the neighborhood of Wytschaete and to the British withdrawal in the Ypres salient and continued:

"Preparations for shortening our line in the Ypres salient were made some time ago and the decision to carry it out was reached before the fall of Bailleul, owing to the danger offered to our positions in the salient from a flanking movement. The withdrawal was not dictated or governed by the adverse course of events around Bailleul but by more general considerations."

"What of the whole battle situation?"

"Our army has been going through a very severe strain and that strain has been reflected at home. The situation has had its critical moments and still is decidedly anxious. But remember we have accepted the principle of a united front and must accept the consequences of that principle. We must look at the whole picture, from the army's sacrifices and sufferings but from the standpoint of the whole enterprise."

New Waterloo Fought.

"The British army is playing the role which it often has played before. It is fighting a Waterloo while Bleucher is marching to the battle field. Multiply the battle of Waterloo a hundred fold and the situation at

noon in that battle corresponds to the situation now in the great world battle."

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Streetcar Injures T. Shay.
T. Shay, of 554 1/2 Morrison street, while driving a mail wagon on the East Side at 7 o'clock last night, collided with a streetcar at First and Oregon streets and was thrown to the pavement. He was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital where it was learned that he had received a number of internal injuries. Shay is 24 years of age and is unmarried. He is a civil service employe.

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"Although the French army is larger than ours, we have taken the

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