

HUNS HURL ALLIES OFF KEMMEL HILL

Violent Struggle Waged as Franco-British Forces Make Counter-Attacks.

ALLIES GAIN NEAR AMIENS

Franco-British Armies Progress From Villers-Bretonneux to Opposite Hangard—Germans Assault in Vicinity of Ypres.

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got into Kemmel village. It was a striking exhibition of bravery that took the men in khaki across the open ground that was being swept with machine gunfire.

For two hours they held the village while Germans from the neighboring hill poured bullets into the place from rapid fire. At 5 o'clock it became apparent that it would be a useless sacrifice of life to remain longer, and the British line was withdrawn to safer ground, from which the assault continued.

Hill Hard to Recover.

The French were reported to have made some progress, but they, too, were coming under a grilling fire from Mont Kemmel and other points. It was obvious that it would be extremely difficult to oust the Germans from this commanding position which they held with large numbers of heavily armed men.

How long the French regiment was able to continue its dramatic resistance on the crest of Mont Kemmel yesterday may not be known until the German historians record it after the war. It was about 9 o'clock yesterday morning when the Germans finally succeeded in encircling Kemmel after forcing back the allied line at the junction of the French and British west of Wytschaete. From that time until late in the day regiments clung to the hill and continued a terrible execution among the enemy troops with machine guns. Beyond that nothing is known of their fate.

There were very heavy attacks against the British on the French left all day yesterday. The British immediately began pushing troops down toward the gap after the Germans had driven an entering wedge, and hard fighting ensued. A particularly sanguinary struggle was waged at Vierstraet, northwest of Wytschaete, and here the contending troops fought in and out of the hamlet for hours.

The British counter stroke which ousted the Germans from Villers-Bretonneux, south of the Somme, was a great success from the start. The town had been cleared of the enemy by yesterday afternoon with the exception of two "pockets" of infantry. These pockets were cleared up last evening.

Tanks Are Used.

Several light British tanks were used against the enemy at the Monumment. There was fierce fighting in the streets of the town after the British launched their counter attack at 10 o'clock. British gunners had been deluging the place with gas and the assaulting infantry went in wearing gas masks.

The Germans also were forced to don their masks, and the streets were filled quickly with madly fighting men, who looked like beings from another world in the big eyes of their face protectors. The town hall was full of Boches. Many of them had retired to the cellar, where they were trying to sleep in their gas masks, for there had been no thought of a British attack that night.

Large numbers of the enemy were slain in the streets and many were taken prisoner. By Thursday morning those who had been in hiding were crawling out and surrendering freely. They were still wearing their gas masks.

Several Officers Captured.

Among the prisoners captured were several young officers, who gave their opinion of things in general with refreshing candor. They were chagrined at the fiasco the Germans had made of the Villers-Bretonneux attack. Some had unkind things to say of the higher command.

A large part of their trouble, the officers laid to the fact that the British held a hill just north of the village which gave the defenders full observation on the Germans for many miles. This hill, known as Hill 104, lies close to the front line and commands a wide sweep of country. From it the British gunners have played havoc with the German troops and transport. The prisoners said that for three days prior to the attack they had had virtually nothing to eat, because the food trains were smashed by shell fire and kitchens which tried to cook what food there was on hand were continually being demolished.

A British officer asked a German

300,000 DEAD APPALLING PRICE GERMANS PAID IN BIG DRIVE.



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Three hundred thousand dead is the terrible price the Germans have paid for their drive on the western front. Their casualties already are estimated at far more than this number. This picture gives a graphic idea of the extent of the slaughter the allies have wreaked on the close-packed masses of advancing Germans. It shows the hetaombs of German corpses which today cover the blood-soaked fields of France and Flanders. The photograph was taken from a German prisoner.

Lieutenant to explain why the German submarine had sunk only one American transport.

"That is what we would like to know," the youngster replied. When questioned as to what he thought the reason for all the world being against the Germans, he gave the same reply. The officer said the Germans had been wondering about these very problems and others of similar nature for some time. The captured officers appeared to be clean-cut fellows of good types.

PARIS, April 26.—"Counter attacks against the German lines from Villers-Bretonneux to south of the Luce River, and have succeeded, despite the fierce resistance of the enemy, who had brought up important forces, in retaking a large part of the ground which had been lost in that region," says the official statement issued by the War Office tonight.

French Retake Ground.

The statement says: "Our troops counter attacked the German lines this morning from Villers-Bretonneux to south of the Luce River, and have succeeded, despite the fierce resistance of the enemy, who had brought up important forces, in retaking a large part of the ground which was lost yesterday. We have retaken the position at the monument south of Villers-Bretonneux, penetrated into the wood of Hangard-en-Santerre and conquered a part of the west portion of that village.

The battle as been going on all day and is continuing with exceptional violence. The Germans have tried to arrest our advance at any price and have suffered great losses, which we inflicted by our artillery. The German resistance was most notable north of the wood of Hangard-en-Santerre, where the enemy seven times launched their assault battalions against our lines without forcing our valiant troops to give ground.

Hangard Changes Hands Often. "The combat was no less fierce in the village of Hangard, which has changed hands twice during the day. South of the Luce River we have retaken positions which we have held in spite of all the efforts of the enemy. There have been intermittent bombardments on the right bank of the Luce River and at Hartmans-Weilerkopf.

BERLIN, via London, April 26.—"Enemy counter attacks against Mont Kemmel and in the fighting area south of Villers-Bretonneux failed, with heavy losses," says the official statement issued by the War Office tonight.

Huns Dominate Plain.

The communication says: "The attack by General von Arnim's army against Mont Kemmel led to a complete success. The height itself, looking far into the Flanders plain, is in our possession.

"The French divisions entrusted, within the radius of the British troops, with the defense of Mont Kemmel, and English troops adjoining them at Wytschaete and Dranoutre, were thrown out of their positions.

"The large crater of St. Eloi and the place itself were captured. Numerous concrete houses and fortified farms situated in the fighting area were captured.

"Prussian and Bavarian troops took Mont Kemmel and the village by storm. We captured Dranoutre and the height to the northwest of Vleugelhoek.

"Battle air squadrons attacked with great success the rear communication roads of the enemy, which were crowded with carts and columns of men.

"As the result of yesterday's battle

more than 6500 prisoners have been reported up to the present. The majority of the prisoners are French, and there are one English and one French regimental commander among the captives.

"South of the Somme, Villers-Bretonneux, into which we penetrated, could not be held in the face of enemy counter attacks. Further attacks failed due east of the village. At the wood which we wrested from the enemy and the village of Hangard enemy attacks also failed. The number of prisoners taken in this battle area has been increased to 2400.

"On the western bank of the Moselle Saxon companies stormed the French trenches and penetrated into Regneville. After having accomplished their task they returned to their lines with prisoners."

CONCILIATION TO BE TRIED

Edward White Appointed to Deal With Telegraphers and Companies.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—(Special.)—Edward White, of San Francisco, has been named by the United States Department of Labor as Commissioner of Conciliation between commercial telegraphers and the telegraph companies, according to a telegram received today from J. L. Kerwin, Assistant Secretary of Labor. The message was addressed to W. W. McCandlish, of Oakland, president of the local commercial telegraphers' union.

A meeting of San Francisco telegraphers to perfect organization into unions has been called for Sunday.

Similar meetings have been called through the country. Three men have already been dismissed here by the Postal Telegraph Company because of their activities in working for more thorough union organization, union men declare.

HARVEST TO BOOST SALES

Hood River County Expects to Sell War Stamps to Workers.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—The opinion was expressed today at a meeting of county war savings stamp workers that investment of strawberry and apple harvest wages would result in Hood River County attaining its \$150,000 quota for the small securities.

"I believe that 75 per cent of the money so earned by children, in the majority among berry pickers, will go toward stamp purchases," said Chairman C. H. Vaughan. Beginning next week war savings societies will be organized by county School Boards in all parts of the valley.

STRICKEN PRELATE BETTER

Improvement Announced in Condition of Archbishop Ireland.

ST. PAUL, April 26.—Slight improvement was noted today in the condition of Archbishop John Ireland, of St. Paul, who has been seriously ill.

2 BIG GUNS SILENT

One Long-Range Hun Cannon Destroyed, One Damaged.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT MADE

French Deputy Laboucq Gives Out New Facts Bearing on Bombardment of Paris—New Emplacements Being Built.

PARIS, April 26.—One of three German long-range guns which have been bombarding Paris has been destroyed, according to Deputy Charles Laboucq, of the Department of the Seine. The deputy said he had talked with the General commanding the sector near Crepy-en-Laonnois, where the big guns are stationed. The enemy, he declared, is constructing new emplacements.

"The emplacement platform on which the gun slides explains the regularity of the direction of the firing which we undergo," he said. "At the moment of firing 10 heavy guns are fired by a special apparatus to camouflage the sound of the big gun so that its location cannot be judged from the sound. At the same time thick clouds of smoke from surrounding heights protect the gun from airplane observation," he said. Numerous squadrons of pursuit airplanes are placed in the vicinity, together with batteries of anti-aircraft guns. French counter-batteries have been placed so as to interfere with the action of the guns.

On Tuesday evening one of these guns was damaged, so that at present only one is in service. All the crew of this gun were killed. The long-range bombardment of Paris was resumed last night. Up to 6 o'clock, as far as could be ascertained, nobody had been hurt and the damage done was not appreciable.

TRENCH PASSOVER PLAN

Only Jewish Chaplain With U. S. Troops in France Tells of Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—(Special.)—A San Francisco man has the distinction of being the first and only Jewish Chaplain with the American Expeditionary Force in France. He is Rabbi Elkan C. Voorsanger, son of the late Rabbi Jacob Voorsanger, of Temple Emanuel and member of a prominent local family.

From somewhere in France Chaplain Voorsanger has written to his relatives here of his work among Jewish fighters in the American forces and of his efforts to arrange a suitable passover service over there. He writes, in part: "I'm hard at work these days organizing services for passover. The response is fine. It is surprising how, when the men are stripped of the superficialities of life, they respond. I'm well, happy, busy and glad I'm here doing my bit."

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