

BATTLE OF DESPERATE CHARACTER RAGES IN BOURLON WOOD REGION

Positions Change Hands Several Times But British Hold the Dominating Posts—Prisoners Now Total Nearly 10,000.

London, Nov. 25.—“There has again been severe fighting to-day west of Cambrai,” says the official report from Flanders to-night. “At midday the enemy strongly attacked the positions which we held in the neighborhood of Bourlon and succeeded in pressing back our troops from portions of the village. Our positions in Bourlon Wood and on the high ground are intact.

“Fighting also occurred in the Hindenburg support line west of Mouvres, where we captured prisoners. “The number of prisoners taken

since the commencement of our operations on the morning of November 20 has now reached a total of 9,774, including 182 officers.”

Saturday's report said that the British had taken over 100 guns, many of them being of large calibre. Since Friday the fighting for the high ground in Bourlon Wood has been of the most desperate character, the positions changing hands several times, but finally resting in possession of the British.

An Associated Press despatch says it is believed the civilian population has been removed from Cambrai.

BRITISH STORM ANCIENT MIZPAH

General Allenby's Troops Make Further Progress in Palestine.

London, Nov. 25.—The site of ancient Mizpah, 5,000 yards west of the Jerusalem-Nabulus road, has been stormed by the British, the War Office announced yesterday. British mounted troops which had advanced northward were forced back by the Turks.

The official text reads: “On Wednesday we stormed the Nobli Samwil Ridge, the site of the ancient Mizpah, which is 5,000 yards west of the Jerusalem-Nabulus road. Repeated counter-attacks by the Turks have been beaten off. The enemy has bombarded the mosque containing the tomb of the prophet Samuel, which we carefully avoided.

“Our mounted troops, which had approached Beit Unia on Wednesday, were forced back by a strong counter-attack and are now holding Beit Ur El Foka, on the Upper Beth Heron.

“After a heavy rain the weather is now bright and cold.

“General Allenby's report that the successful action of Monday, when the enemy was driven from the defile west of Kurvet-El-Enab, was due to the gallantry of the Somersets, the Wiltshires and the Gurkhas.”

FRENCH WIN ON THE MEUSE

Two Lines of German Trenches and Dugouts Captured and 800 Prisoners.

Paris, Nov. 25.—In an attack in the Verdun region Sunday the French troops captured first and second lines of defence, including deep dugouts, and also took 800 Germans prisoner, according to the French official communication issued this evening.

The text follows: “In the region north of Chemin-des-Dames and northwest of Rheims there has been marked activity by the two artilleries.

“On the right bank of the Meuse we carried out this afternoon some operations of detail to the north of Hill 344, where a German attack was repulsed yesterday. Along a front of three and a half kilometres, between Samogneux and the region to the south of the Anglemont Farm, our troops captured the first and second German lines, and also some deep dugouts organized by the enemy on the slopes to the south of the ravine in the Caurieres Wood. Thus far we have counted more than 800 prisoners.

“In the Vosges a surprise attack against one of our small posts in the sector of Sondernach, southwest of Muenster, failed.

CANADIAN TROOPS ARRIVE IN ENGLAND.

A despatch from Ottawa says: It is officially announced through the Chief Press Censor's Office, that the following troops have arrived in England:—236th Battalion, Montreal. Drafts:—Royal Canadian Regiment from Halifax; 5th Royal Highlanders, Montreal; C.M.R. Depot Hamilton; A. M. C., Montreal; Cyclist Platoon, Quebec; Naval, Quebec; Artillery, Petawawa; Forestry, Aldershot; Royal Flying Corps, pilots, Toronto; details.

Markets of the World

Breadstuffs
Toronto, Nov. 27.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.23½; No. 2 do., \$2.20½; No. 3 do., \$2.17½; No. 4 wheat, \$2.10½, in store Fort William, including 2½c tax.
Manitoba oats—No. 2 C. W., 75c; No. 3 C. W., 71½c; No. 1 extra feed, 72c; No. 1 feed, 69½c, in store Fort William.
American corn—No. 3 yellow, nominal.
Ontario oats—No. 2 white, 71 to 72c, nominal; No. 3, do., 70 to 71c, nominal, according to freight, outside.
Ontario wheat—New, No. 2 Winter, \$2.22; basis, in store, Montreal.
Peas—No. 2, \$3.70 to \$3.80, according to freights outside.
Barley—Malt, \$1.22 to \$1.23, according to freights outside.
Buckwheat—\$1.45 to \$1.50, according to freights outside.
Rye—No. 2, \$1.72, according to freights outside.
Manitoba flour—First patents, in jute bags, \$11.50; 2nd, do., \$11.00; strong bakers', do., \$10.60; Toronto—According to sample, \$9.90, in bags, Montreal, \$9.70, Toronto; \$9.70 bulk, seaboard, prompt shipment.
Millfeed, car lots, delivered Montreal freights, bags included—Bran, per ton, \$35; shorts, do., \$42; middlings, do., \$45 to \$46; good feed flour, per bag, \$3.25.
Hay—No. 1, new, per ton, \$16 to \$17; mixed, do., \$13 to \$15, track Toronto.
Straw—Car lots, per ton, \$8.50 to \$9, track Toronto.

Country Produce—Wholesale
Butter—Creamery, solids, per lb., 42½ to 43c; prints, per lb., 43 to 43½c; dairy, per lb., 36 to 38c.
Eggs—Fresh gathered eggs, 47 to 48c.
Potatoes—Wholesalers are paying growers and country shippers \$1.85 to \$1.95 for first-class stock, f.o.b. Toronto. Wholesalers are selling to the retail trade at the following prices:—
Cheese—New, large, 23 to 23½c; twins, 23½ to 23¾c; early cheese, 25½ to 26c; large twin, 26 to 26½c.
Butter—Fresh dairy, choice, 40 to 41c; creamery prints, 45 to 46c; solids, 44 to 45c.
Eggs—New laid, in cartons, 58 to 60c; No. 1 storage, 43c; select storage, 47 to 48c.
Dressed poultry—Spring chickens, 24 to 26c; fowl, 20 to 22c; squabs, per doz., \$4 to \$4.50; turkeys, 28 to 32c; ducks, Spring, 20 to 23c; geese, 18 to 20c.
Live poultry—Turkeys, 25c; Spring chickens, lb., 19c; hens, 13 to 19c; ducks, Spring, 18 to 19c; geese, 12 to 14c.
Honey—Comb—Extra fine, 16 oz., \$3.50; 12 oz., \$3.00; No. 2, \$2.40 to \$2.50. Strained—Tins, 2½ and 5's, 19 to 19½c per lb.; 10's, 18½ to 19c; 60's, 18 to 18½c.
Beans—Canadian, nominal; imported hand-picked, \$6.60 to \$6.75 per bush; Lima, per lb., 17 to 17½c.
Potatoes, on track—Ontario, bag, \$2.15 to \$2.25.

Provisions—Wholesale
Smoked meats—Hams, medium, 39 to 41c; do, heavy, 26 to 27c; cooked, 41 to 42c; rolls, 27 to 28c; breakfast bacon, 38 to 42c; backs, plain, 40 to 41c; boneless, 43 to 44c.
Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 27½ to 28c; lb. clear bellies, 29½ to 27c.
Lard—Pure lard, tierces, 27 to 27½c; tubs, 27½ to 27¾c; palms, 27½ to 28c; compound, tierces, 23 to 23½c; tubs, 23½ to 23¾c; palms, 23½ to 24c.

Montreal Markets
Montreal, Nov. 27.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 85c; do, No. 3, 83c; extra No. 1 feed, 83c. Barley—Malt, \$1.33.
Flour—Man. Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$11.50; seconds, \$11.10; strong bakers', \$10.90. Straight rollers, bags, \$5.20 to \$5.35. Rolled Oats—Bags, 90 lbs., \$4.22½ to \$4.25. Bran—\$36. Shorts—\$40 to \$41. Middlings—\$48 to \$50. Mouille—\$56 to \$56. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$12.50. Cheese—Finest westerns, 21½c; do, finest easterns, 21c. Butter—Choice creamery, 45 to 45½c; seconds, 43½ to 44c. Eggs—Fresh, 53 to 55c; selected, 46 to 47c; No. 1 stock, 42 to 43c; No. 2 stock, 39 to 40c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, \$2.20 to \$2.25.

Winnipeg Grain
Winnipeg, Nov. 27.—Cash prices—Oats—No. 2 C. W., 75c; No. 3 C. W., 71½c; extra No. 1 feed, 72c; No. 1 feed, 69½c; No. 2 feed, 66½c. Barley—No. 3, \$1.22½; No. 4, \$1.16½; feed and rejected, \$1.07. Flax—No. 1 N. W. C., \$2.98.

United States Markets
Minneapolis, Nov. 27.—Corn—No. 3 yellow, \$2.05 to \$2.10. Oats—No. 3 white, 66 to 67c. Flour—Fancy patents, unchanged; in carload lots, first clears, \$9.50, jute; second clears, \$8.75, jute. Bran—\$33 to \$33.50.
Duluth, Nov. 27.—Linsseed—\$3.33½ to \$3.35½; to arrive, \$3.22½ to \$3.24½; to arrive in November, \$3.30½; November, \$3.27½; bid; December, \$3.22½; May, \$3.18½.

Live Stock Markets
Toronto, Nov. 27.—Extra choice heavy steers, \$11.50 to \$12; do, good heavy, \$10.75 to \$11.40; butchers' cattle, choice, \$10.25 to \$10.50; do, good, \$9.50 to \$9.75; do, medium, \$8.75 to \$9; do, common, \$7.50 to \$8; butchers' bulls, choice, \$3.50 to \$3; do, good bulls, \$3.40 to \$7.85; do, medium bulls, \$6.85 to \$7.10; do, rough bulls, \$5 to \$6; butchers' cows, choice, \$8.50 to \$9; do, good, \$7.50 to \$8; do, medium, \$6.50 to \$6.75; stockers, \$7 to \$8.25; feeders, \$8 to \$9.75; canners and culters, \$5 to \$5.65; milkers, good to choice, \$9.5 to \$15; do, com. and med., \$7.5 to \$8.5; springers, \$9.5 to \$15; light ewes, \$11.50 to \$13.50; bucks and culs, \$9 to \$10.50; sheep, heavy, \$5.75 to \$7.50; yearlings, \$12 to \$13; calves, good to choice, \$14 to \$15; Spring lambs, \$10.25 to \$16.75; hogs, fed and watered, \$18.25; do, weighed off cars, \$18.50; do, f.o.b., \$17.25.

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ITALY HOLDING HER BATTLE LINES

Resist Fierce Attacks Launched by Invaders.

A despatch from Headquarters of the Italian Army in Northern Italy, says:—The fourth Italian army under General Robilant is meeting the full force of the tremendous shock the enemy has concentrated between the Piave and Brenta Rivers. In authoritative quarters the correspondent was told that the enemy forces delivering this blow are in the proportion of

three to two as compared with the Italian forces, and this is practically the relative strength on the two wings west of the Brenta, where General Pecori commands the first Italian army, and the right wing along the Piave, where the Duke of Aosta holds the enemy as in a vise.

A despatch from London says:—Between the Brenta and Piave Rivers in the Italian theatre the Italians and the Teutonic allies are still at deadly grips, with the enemy endeavoring to break through to the Venetian Plain, but with the Italians everywhere tenaciously holding them. All along the front the fighting is of a particularly sanguinary nature, the troops frequently meeting in hand-to-hand

encounters and positions often changing hands.

The enemy everywhere is throwing masses of men against the Italians, and his losses in men killed, wounded, or made prisoners have been extremely heavy.

The invaders are making herculean efforts to break out upon the plain before the expected British and French reinforcements arrive, but up to the present their efforts have been without avail. Comparative quiet prevails along the Piave River to the Adriatic.

Pullets with crooked breasts are not usually profitable to keep for the laying pen.