

HOW GEN. SIR JOHN FRENCH WON THE BATTLE OF YPRES

Famous Field Marshal Rallied Small British Army Which German Hordes Were Outflanking and Pressing Back.

He Dashed Into the Battle Line Just in Time--His Feet Compared to That of Caesar Against the Nervii--Ypres Sealed the Road to Calais.

Will Irwin, in London Daily Mail. It happened so close to the capital of Great Britain that officers in a hurry are now making the trip from London to Headquarters in four hours. It happened in an age when intelligence travels by lightning. It happened in a day of that age when every mind of the western world was awaiting hungrily for news. Yet the real news--the news that the battle of Ypres was decisive, on the western front, that it may rank with Waterloo and Blenheim for glory and for effect--that news is coming out only

when history runs a thread through the confusions and obscurities of Armageddon; historians may call it the most vital battle in the annals of the island people. Not Crecy nor Blenheim nor Waterloo seems now more important. For it closed the last gap in the combined defensive-offensive operation of the Western Allies. It made impossible--short of an utter collapse of the Allied armies--any further German move on Paris--any move to take the French in the rear.

Most importantly to England, it sealed the road to Calais, that vital, critical port within eyesight of the English coast. Further, more English troops were engaged here than in any previous battle of the Empire, more Germans than in the whole Franco-Prussian war--a hundred and twenty thousand English against six hundred thousand Germans. Yet one thinks of the English force, and rightly, as a "little army" in this war of unprecedented numbers; it seems, in its relation to the whole picture, like one of those brigades which won immortal glory in old wars by holding a crucial point on a battle-line.

The German artillery and a massed attack of German artillery had broken the First Division of the First Corps near Ypres; the division was being back; the French support was going back. "We must have reinforcements," said the message. "I can give you my two sentries and my Headquarters Staff," replied French. Disaster after disaster followed. The Royal Scots Rifles, remaining too long in a hot place, were for their very valor cut off. The Germans had found new artillery positions, had shelled General Douglas Haig's headquarters. A shell had burst in the house. Haig was outside at the time; but nearly every staff officer of the First Corps was killed, or wounded. The army up there was almost headless--was fighting as individuals on primitive fighting instinct.

In It To Last Man.

A day's march away from Ypres is the ford where 2,000 years ago Caesar had his close call from the Nervii. That was the battle where Caesar, snatching a shield from a soldier, himself plunged into the thick of things, and acting as line officer and general all at once, rallied the Roman army. Warfare has changed, but manhood and leadership remain the same.

French jumped into his motor car and rushed to the line of the First Division. He had not so far to go as he thought. The lines had retired four miles. Through his glasses he could see the close-packed quadruple ranks of German infantrymen attacking everywhere. And everywhere the English were fighting valiantly, but without method. They were in to the last man--even the regimental cooks. The officers of infantry and cavalry were firing with the privates, their servants loading spare rifles behind them.

The Critical Moment.

French, assisted by the able Haig, became a Headquarters Staff himself. They say that he risked his life twenty times that afternoon, as his motor car took him from focus to focus of trouble or more trouble. He gave an order here; he encouraged an officer there. In the thickest of that day's fighting he left his motor car and ran to a wood where a brigade was giving ground. As he rushed in, a wounded private staggered back into his arms. French laid him gently down and went on talking to his men, encouraging them, rallying them, until they held. He gathered up a part of the broken First Division and threw it at the flank of a German attack which was proceeding on the reckless theory that the English were totally beaten.

The Germans broke; the British re-took Gheluvelt on the original line. On this start, and partly by move after move of the closest and yet most daring strategy, but partly by the spirit of any army which begins to see victory, French snatched back the position on that fourth retirement and rested on the original line.

The English had merely held--technically; really, they had won the climactic action in that long battle which must determine the future course of this war. The cost of it was no less than the cost of other famous victories. One regiment went into that campaign 1,100 strong. They came out but 75. And most of their lost thousands went down that day before Ypres. Another regiment took 1,350 men to the western front. They had fewer than 300 when the battle of Ypres was won. Most of them, too, fell in this action of October 31st. A famous cavalry brigade went into that action 4,500 strong. It came

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

By Edward Dreier. Out here to-night with the stars shining, and the shells shrieking their death calls, I ask Thee to show me how I may best serve my country and my King. If it be to answer Death's call to the life beyond, I ask Thee to help me go out on the long Trail like a man fearless and unafraid, knowing that I have done my best. Fill my heart and the hearts of all the soldiers with pure thoughts. If there be other ways than death whereby we may serve, let us know those things which will help us to save the lives of all these men, whom we must call our country's enemies. Show us the Light.

Protect those whom we have left behind. Fill their hearts and minds with cheerfulness to bear the strains of the nights of worries, and to carry on the work at home, as we must believe it is right. Let them believe it is for the right our friends and their friends who must play the part of "silent soldiers" at home help our loved ones if they are in need. Show each one how to help in this struggle for right and peace. Out here to-night, under the stars and with the shells whistling Death's call, I ask Thee to show us all the Light. Amen.

A cablegram received at Perth, tells of the death of Hubert Allan, second son of J. A. Allan, barrister, Regina. This took place near Dieppe, a French seaport, and was the result of fever, while serving as chaplain with the first Canadian contingent. Robert E. Blackburn, Coe Hill, has taken possession of the farm at Glenora recently bought from Mr. Ira Storms. Dr. McQuill, Smith's Falls, has been appointed dentist to the military camp at Petawawa.

"THE CARD ON THE DOOR"



point of the action before Ypres; but no one knew it then. A fortnight more and the line from La Bassee to the sea had been locked as thoroughly as the line from Switzerland to La Bassee. It had cost England 50,000 men out of 120,000 engaged--a proportion of loss greater than any previous war ever knew, concluded Mr. Irwin. It had cost the French and Belgians 70,000. It probably cost the Germans 275,000. This is a half-million men all. The American Civil War has been called the most terrible in modern history. In this one long battle Europe lost as many men as the North lost in the whole Civil War.

Armies Eager For Their Task; Trenches Dry

General Headquarters of the British Army in France, April 19 (via London).--The mud element, which has hampered both armies during the winter operations in France and Belgium, now has practically disappeared along the British front. Dismal rainy days have given way to almost unbroken weeks of sunshine, which has

dried up the roads, trenches and lines of communication, making the soldier's life a paradise compared with those conditions.

With the coming of clear weather there has also been a marked increase in the number of aeroplane reconnaissances on both sides as a cloudless atmosphere is just what the observers want. Half a dozen air craft manoeuvred over Ypres all Saturday afternoon. The majority were British, attempting to bring down a German flyer, who was trying to spot batteries at the rear of the British lines.

Broadly speaking, there has been no change in the British front since Neuve Chapelle, trench warfare continuing along the whole line, with only a few casualties here and there daily. The Germans lately are using less artillery than the British, failing to reply even to persistent shelling except where from their many observation posts they sight movements in the British line.

To Exchange Army Doctors.

Paris, April 20.--Deputy Leon Pasquati, who is a captain of the Chasseurs, has arrived in Paris after seven months' captivity in the German fortress of Torgau, where he was taken after the fall of Maubeuge. The German authorities have charged him to discuss with the French Government the exchange of army doctors and French and Belgian civil prisoners.

Pope Removes Chamberlain.

London, April 20.--A Daily News dispatch says that the Pope's private Chamberlain, Monsignor Gerlach, who is an Austrian, and acted as interpreter at the Pope's audience with the correspondent Wiegand, has been asked to resign his post at the Pontifical Court. He will probably be sent to a secluded parish in Austria.

The death occurred at Albany, N. Y., on Thursday, of Mrs. Louise Bates Bacon, relict of the late Alan Bates Bacon, for many years a resident of Addison. She was eighty-three years of age.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EQUIPMENT OF THE 21ST OVESEAS BATTALION

Table listing contributions for equipment of the 21st Overseas Battalion, including names of donors and amounts.

SLAUGHTER OF PRUSSIAN GUARD.

When French Infantry Seized Network of Strongly Fortified Trenches.

Paris, April 20.--A charge by a regiment of French infantry over a network of strongly fortified trenches, which resulted in the gain of a thousand yards at Bois Jaume Bruies, near Mesnil-le-Hurlus, is described by an eye-witness in an official statement issued by the War Office. The French attack was prepared by sappers, who dug into the first line of trenches and annihilated the occupants, with hand grenades. The three men who survived were made prisoners.

"The Germans, surprised, were unable to defend their front," says the eye-witness, "and the French advance guard was installed in the first line. A general attack followed immediately. The fighting was hard to hand, and few shots were fired. The Germans scarcely were able to utilize their hand grenades and were obliged to retire precipitately."

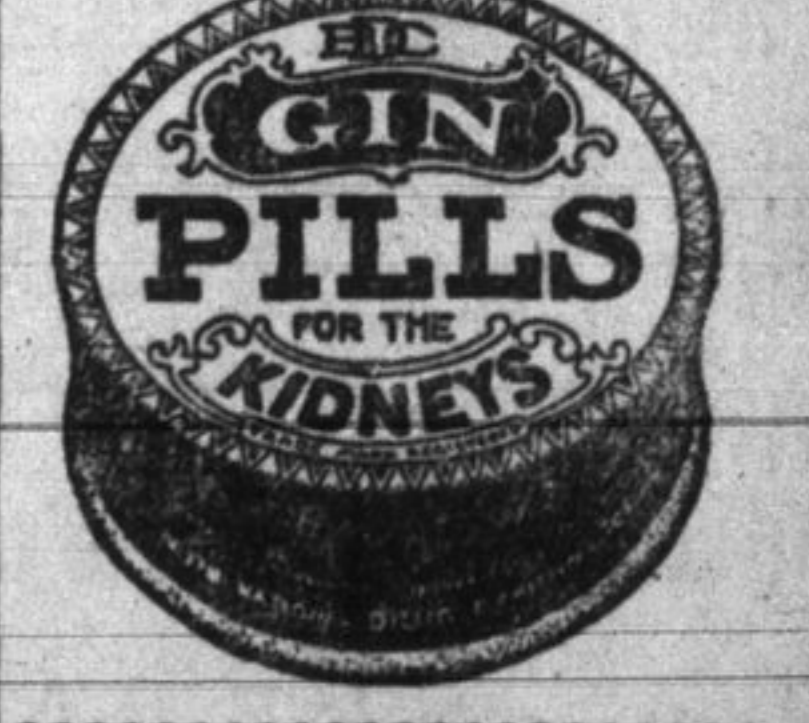
"Pushing their advantage," the French infantry captured a strong redoubt in the centre of the woods. They then pushed out to the right to broaden the front captured. "The third regiment of the Prussian Guard offered a stubborn resistance, trying to deceive the French by sending forward troops dressed in the burrcoose (woollen cloaks) of the Moroccan riflemen taken from the dead. This ruse was discovered after a brief interval. Machine-guns which were brought up moved down line after line of the advancing Prussians until the ground was strewn with bodies. More than a third of the soldiers in this regiment of the Guard were killed. The French losses were 300 killed, including several officers."

For Lawyers Ruined By War.

London, April 20.--The American Bar Association has forwarded to the committee of benches of the Temple a fund for the relief of European lawyers ruined by the war. This fraternal touch is recognized as an intention of the friendly relations which have developed more particularly since the Canadian gathering in 1913, when Lord Eldon played such a conspicuous part in the proceedings.

A Liberal Club has been formed at Mallorytown with Charles N. Purvis as chairman of the provisional organization.

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