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# TEUTONS BATTING WITH THE BOTTONS

## In an Endeavor to Regain a Strategic Point in Belgium Known as Hill No. 60

### EXTREMELY HEAVY CASUALTIES TO BOTH SIDES

#### In Champagne and the Argonne and in Alsace and Lorraine the German Offensive Movements Have Been Stopped, According to Paris—The Battle in the Carpathians Has Come to a Standstill Except at Isolated Spots—Air Men of All Contending Nations are Busy Dropping Bombs—Great Britain Now Has on the Battle Line in France More Than 750,000 Men.

From the Carpathian peaks and down the violent encounters of the war have, for the present, at least, been transferred to Belgium and France. The most sanguinary engagement reported by any of the war chancelleries is in progress in Belgium to the southeast of Ypres, where the Germans have in the last few days ago with extremely heavy casualties to both sides.

London declares that "violent and continual counterattacks" are still being made against the position, two of which were repulsed with great loss to the Germans. Since April 17, Paris reports the Germans have in defending and attempting to recapture this hill from 3,000 to 4,000 men.

The battle in the Carpathians has virtually come to a standstill, except at isolated spots along the great range. Whether this is due to the strong reinforcement of the Austro-German forces by additional divisions of Germans, who are said to have been sent around through the Carpathians to the southern slopes of the mountains, or to the fact that the spring thaw has made morasses of the roads and the freshets have inundated large sections of the country, has not been made known officially, but unofficial advice declares that the Germans are responsible for the lull. The battle of greatest importance in this region is reported by Vienna to have taken place at Neudorf, in the Carpathian valley, and it is asserted that the Russians there attacked and were repulsed with heavy losses.

#### Fighting in France.

In the west—in Champagne and the Argonne—between the Meuse and the Moselle, and in Lorraine and Alsace—German offensive movements have been stopped by the allied troops, according to Paris. Near Flirey, it is asserted, another German trench has been captured by the French, giving the French a gain in this region during the past few days of about half a mile.

#### Airmen Dropping Bombs.

The air men are still busy dropping bombs. The Germans have thrown more than one hundred explosive missiles upon the French, and the latter in retaliation have bombarded the railroad station at Soldau, East Prussia, which observers attacked the German airship hangars at Ghent, Belgium; while the French air men have thrown bombs on the headquarters of the German General von Strantz in the Woerwa and attacked the German convoys in Baden and an electric power plant at Lorrach, Baden, a short distance northeast of Basel, Switzerland.

#### 750,000 Britons in France.

Great Britain now has on the battle line in France more than 36 divisions of troops, or 750,000 men, all of whom are adequately equipped. Chancellor Lloyd George made this statement in the House of Commons, and he added that although there has been a great increase in the output of ammunition, and there was no large reserve on hand, still more was needed. As an indication of this need, he pointed out that in the three days' fighting at Neudorf, more ammunition had been expended than in the two years and nine months' duration of the Boer war.

#### THREE CRUISERS OFF NEW YORK HARBOR.

##### Names Not Discernible, But They Fly British Colors.

New York, April 21.—A squadron of three cruisers, the most powerful gathered here since the war began, lay off the entrance to New York harbor today.

Closest to the shore lay a four-funnel British cruiser, seven miles east of Ambrose channel. Her name and the names of her companions could not be made out. Ten miles east in the Highlands rode the second ship, an auxiliary cruiser, which observers thought, was a stranger here. The greatest ship of the squadron, a four-funnel cruiser, lay ten miles south-east of the Highlands. This vessel had not been seen previously by shore observers. Through glasses her signal mast could be seen exchanging messages with the auxiliary cruiser.

#### UZSOK PASS STILL IN POSSESSION OF AUSTRILIANS.

##### Russians Have Suffered Severe Losses in Killed and Wounded.

Vienna, via London, April 21, 9:35 p. m.—The war office today issued the following official communication: "The enemy has discontinued his attacks against the most important section in front of our positions which protect Odessa, Labarca and the Ung valley."

In the wooded mountains between Labarca and the Ung valley the enemy again attempted, despite heavy losses, to break through by advancing against our extreme wings. This caused severe fighting in the Upper

Cziczka valley near Nagypolany, which lasted for several nights. The Russians suffered severe losses in killed and wounded. We captured over 3,000 unarmoured prisoners. "The Uzsoz Pass is still in our possession."

#### ALLIES GAIN VICTORY IN GERMAN AFRICAN COLONY.

##### German Troops in Kamerun Forced to Retire From High Plateau.

Paris, April 21, 12:40 p. m.—The French war department announced today that the allied forces had gained a victory in the operations against the Germans in Kamerun, a German colony of western equatorial Africa. The text of the statement follows: "After heavy fighting of the last few months the German troops in Kamerun have been forced to retreat from the high plateau situated in the center of the colony. The seat of government has been transferred to Jaunde. The movement of the allied forces in this direction continues. "French native troops from Central Africa have advanced on Hill 60 from the line Lomle-Dune. Toward the west troops commanded by Colonel Mayer, following the railway line, have succeeded in forcing a passage across the Kele river. "British troops marching in a north-easterly direction followed the Jaunde road have taken possession of the Ngwas bridge. "Two brilliant engagements caused the allies insignificant losses."

#### BRITISH REPORT OF CAPTURE OF HILL 60.

##### Violent Attacks of Germans to Recover It Were Repulsed.

London, April 21, 9:15 p. m.—The British war office today gave out an official statement dealing with the military operations in the vicinity of Ypres, Belgium, where British troops recently captured Hill 60 from the Germans. The statement said: "Violent and continual counterattacks" are still being made against the position, two of which were repulsed with great loss to the Germans. Since April 17, Paris reports the Germans have in defending and attempting to recapture this hill from 3,000 to 4,000 men.

#### KING FERDINAND OF BULGARIA RECONSECRATED A CATHOLIC.

##### Had Been Excommunicated for Permitting Son to Join Greek Orthodox Church.

Rome, via Paris, April 21, 11:10 p. m.—The Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ, today prints correspondence received from Sofia, telling of the reconsecration of King Ferdinand by the Catholic church, which excommunicated him when he permitted his son, Prince Boris, to be crowned at the throne, to join the Orthodox Greek church.

The constitution of Bulgaria provides that the sovereign must embrace the orthodox faith. In the case of Ferdinand, however, an exception was made and he was permitted to remain a Catholic. Prince Boris was born in 1894 and was admitted to the Greek church in 1896.

#### \$25,000 EARLY MORNING FIRE AT NEW BRITAIN.

##### Holmes & Hoffman Block, at Main and West Main Streets.

New Britain, Conn., April 22.—Fire early this (Thursday) morning did damage estimated at \$25,000 to various stores in the Holmes & Hoffman block, at Main and West Main streets. The principal loss will be ex-Mayor Joseph M. Halloran, who conducted a men's furnishing shop.

#### Against Reduction of Taxes of B. & M. Lines.

Concord, N. H., April 21.—The house of representatives today adopted a resolution protesting against any reduction of taxes on leased lines of the Boston & Maine railroad, while those leased lines receive dividends ranging from 6 to 10 per cent.

### Cabled Paragraphs

#### Little Ice in Transatlantic Lane.

Hullfax, N. S., April 21.—The amount of ice on the transatlantic steamship lanes is much less than was the case a year ago, according to officers of the United States coast guard cutter Seneca, which put in here yesterday after a three weeks' ice patrol in the region of the Grand Banks.

#### Says Germans Tried to Land in England.

Liverpool, April 21, 2:44 a. m.—F. T. James, the naval writer, during the course of a lecture here last night, said: "It is not generally known that the Germans tried to land an expeditionary force in England and that the British navy forced them to go back to their harbor again. We were once very near to an invasion, although never a word of it in the newspapers."

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