

FRENCH CURTAIN OF FIRE HALTS GERMAN ATTACK

This Engagement Is Only Fighting by Infantry on Western Front.

BIG GUNS CONTINUE ACTIVITY

Joint Bombardment Reported in Region of Hill 304, Northwest of Verdun—Turks Start Two Offensive Movements Against Russians.

The French curtain of fire has repulsed another German attack against trenches which the French recently captured at Le Mort Homme. This engagement, characterized by Paris as a small one, has been the only fighting by infantry on the French and Belgian fronts. The big guns, however, have not ceased their activity on various sectors. A very violent bombardment is reported in the region of hill 304, northwest of Verdun.

The Germans are still throwing shells in great number against the Dueskull bridgehead of the Russians on the eastern front. There also has been a heavy artillery engagement between the Germans and Russians in the region south of Kiev.

The usual bombardments and isolated infantry attacks are in progress on the Austro-Italian front.

The Turks started two offensive movements against the Russians, one in the region of Balburt, and the other near Erzincan. Both were repulsed, according to Petrograd. The German General Liman von Sanders is superintending the concentration of Turkish troops in North Smyrna and defense measures for Turkey's Asiatic coast.

FRENCH CONTINUE ADVANCE IN DEAD MAN HILL REGION

PARIS, May 4.—The advance of the French in the district of Dead Man Hill, on the Verdun front, was continued during the night, the war office announced this afternoon. The gains made yesterday were increased and consolidated.

As a consequence of the French artillery preparations at Dead Man Hill yesterday, the statement says two Germans surrendered, stating they were the sole survivors of the men in their trench.

Elsewhere west of the Meuse there was active fighting with artillery. An engagement with grenades occurred in Avocourt wood.

In the region of Vaux, east of the Meuse, there was an artillery encounter.

French artillery destroyed a munitions depot at Grande Dune, Belgium.

The statement follows: "In Belgium our artillery fire dismantled the works of the enemy at Grande Dune and caused the explosion of a depot of munitions. West of the River Meuse there has been a violent bombardment in all the sectors, together with fighting with grenades in the wood of Avocourt."

"As the night progressed we enlarged and consolidated the gains we made yesterday at Dead Man Hill. Previous reports that the losses of the enemy were considerable have been confirmed. The preparatory fire of our artillery was particularly effective on the enemy. At one point two German soldiers came forward and surrendered in the midst of our fire. They explained they were the last survivors of the occupants of their trench."

"East of the River Meuse there has been a bombardment in the region of Vaux."

"In the Woevre district our artillery has taken part in a number of maneuvers, including the concentration of a heavy fire. Our troops operating in the vicinity of Eparges compressed the explosion of a mine; other men at once moved forward and occupied the crater."

"East of St. Mihiel yesterday a strong reconnoitering party of the enemy came forward from its lines in an endeavor to occupy one of our positions not far from Apremont. French forces met the Germans and they were driven back. The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front."

"A French aviator yesterday, flying in the vicinity of Douaumont, met in the air two German aeroplanes and engaged them in fight. One of the machines fell to the ground, while the other fled."

FRENCH GAIN FOOTHOLD IN GERMAN ADVANCE POST

BERLIN, May 4 (Via London).—It is officially announced that the French have obtained a foothold in one of the German advance posts south of Dead Man Hill.

The announcement was made in today's army headquarters statement, which reads:

"Western theater—In the sector between Armentieres and Arras there has been some lively fighting. Near Souchez and northeast of Lens there has been some mine engagements and similar fighting near Neuville. Northwest of Lens an attempt by the English to advance, following some mine explosions, failed. In the sector of the Meuse the artillery fire on both sides increased with great violence during the evening and was exceptionally violent in the night. A French attack against our positions on the slopes to the west of Dead Man Hill were repulsed. To the southwest of the hill the enemy obtained a foothold in one of our advanced posts."

"Of several enemy aeroplanes which

dropped bombs this morning upon the garden of the royal castle of Ostend, one was shot down in an aerial battle near Middelkerke. The pilot, a French officer, was killed. West of Llovin, German antiaircraft guns and machine guns brought down two enemy aeroplanes. In the district of Fort Vaux two French biplanes were put out of commission by our airmen.

"Eastern theater—The situation is generally unchanged. Our airplanes successfully attacked railway establishments at Molodechno and Minsk and the railway junction at Luniec, northeast of Pinsk.

"Balkan theater—There have been no important events."

GERMAN ATTACK STOPPED BY FRENCH BARBED WIRE

PARIS, May 4.—Efforts of the Germans to retake a trench at La Mort Homme, recently captured by the French, was repulsed, to-night's statement says. The text of the statement follows:

"In the Argonne, our artillery shelled the enemy organizations in the Cleppy wood. At La Fille Morte, the mine fighting was to our advantage."

"West of the Meuse, the bombardment was very violent in the region of hill 304. At Le Mort Homme a small German attack on one of the trenches recently captured by us was stopped by our barbed wire."

"East of the Meuse and in the Woevre the activity of our artillery was intermittent."

"There is nothing to report on the rest of the front, except the usual cannonading."

"The Belgian communication reads: 'The bombardment on both sides was resumed with force in the sector of Dixmude and to the north. Our artillery took under its fire the German batteries and bomb throwers, as well as barges which were observed in the Handzaeme Canal.'"

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