

BRITISH LINES ARE POUNDED— GERMANS TAKE TWO TOWNS

London.—The press bureau in an official statement today says that the British troops have stopped two determined German assaults directed from Passchendaele (five miles southeast of Langemarck and seven northeast of Ypres) toward the allied line at Brodseinde. The fighting is continuing desperately, but allied lines hold everywhere. Some reports claim that the Germans have been driven entirely from the west bank of the Yser canal.

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Headquarters of the British Over Sea Army, Northern France, April 25, via London, April 26.—The Germans are now bombarding Ypres with 17-inch guns. The roar of these great pieces of artillery, latest product of the Krupp factories, can be heard 30 miles. German incendiary shells have fired all of the Belgian farms and villages along a front of 20 miles. Tonight the sky is illuminated with the glare from the blazing homes and barns.

The high northerly winds which for three days have been blowing from the German lines across the Anglo-French-Belgian trenches carrying before them the stupefying gases have now died down.

Berlin.—Germans have captured 2 towns and 1,000 British prisoners in their advance toward Ypres with Calais their objective point. German dispatch says villages of St. Julien and Kersselajere were taken. British counter attack against German positions west of St. Julien repulsed.

French also declared defeated in the Meuse hills southwest of Combrès.

London.—Allies dispute claims of German successes. Declare British troops have maintained all their positions and have made considerable

progress toward the north on the right bank of the Yser canal.

Amsterdam.—Reports say that during recent allied air attack on German positions in Belgium an aerodrome at Gontrode was destroyed and a Zeppelin store therein completely demolished.

Milan.—If Italy enters war she will be confronted right from outset by first-line German troops. Reliable advices received today say that Trentino authorities have already prepared quarters for 5,000 German troops now enroute.

Athens.—Entire allied fleet is bombarding forts of Dardanelles and forts all along line are replying. The bombardment commence early Sunday. No account of the damage has as yet been received.

Vienna.—In the Carpathians Russian attacks through the Ondswa, Laboroza and Ung valleys have completely failed. Balked in these frontal attacks Russians tried out-flanking operations in the valley of the Upper Czipoka, near Nagypolany, and near the source of this river. Here heavy fighting, which lasted several days, took place, but the Russians were unable to make any definite progress. Many thousands killed and wounded. Austrians took 3,000 unwounded prisoners.

Constantinople.—For half an hour on Sunday the Russian Black sea fleet bombarded the Bosphorus forts at long range. No damage.

TO HAND DOWN AWARD SOON

Chances now are western railroad wage arbitration board will hand down an award Thursday or Friday this week. The press bureau of the engineers and firemen's brotherhoods says:

"The keenest interest in the outcome of the dispute is being manifested and if the wages of the men are not given a considerable boost it is known there will be unrest and dissatisfaction in the western railroad world as a result."