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SEVERE STRUGGLE FOR THE POSSESSION OF MOUNT KEMMEL

British Official Report Says Enemy Has Gained Foot hold on Hill

ALLIED LINE HOLDS AT OTHER POINTS

German Possession of Peak of Mount Kemmel Might Force British to Give Up the Ypres Salient.

Germans in their attack on the Northern battlefront have occupied Kemmel Hill, General Delma Radcliffe, chief director of military operations at the war office stated this after-

General Radcliffe declared it was perfectly possible for

to hold on to the Ypres sector salient.

Heavy fighting is still in progress sectors on either battle front.

tart the Germans were apparently French sector-from Hangard to Casable to push forward far enough in tel, are arriving in Paris. te neighborhood of Vierstraat to en- In the Woevre, near Regnieville,

The fighting on the Somme front tablished. as died down to artillery fire, fol-

STORM WARNINGS ISSUED.

Washington, April 26.-Northeast storm warnings were ordered displayed today on the Atlantic coast from Charleston, S. C., to New York. Weather Bureau reports indicated that a disturbance off Charleston, moving northeast, would be accompanied by moderate easterly gales on the coast this afternoon and tonight, becoming westerly Saturday.

London, April 26.—The ONE OF LONG RANGE

Two of the Weapons are Still H. Worthington and Lieutenants Orat Work, and More to be Placed

Paris, April 26.—One of the three named, another-Lieutenant Julien German long range guns which have N. Dow-previously reported killed the Allies to hold on the Ypres been bombarding Paris has been de in action, was reported a prisoner in sector even with the Germans stroyed, according to Deputy Charles wound. on Kemmel Hill, but that it Leboucq, of the Department of the The list follows: was not convenient to have seine. The deputy said he had talk Killed in action: Sergeants Harry tive landed was not convenient to have ed with the general commanding the T. Corbin, William R. Knapp, Corticol The Daffe em there and it was hoped to sector near Crepy En Laonnois,

front of about 1,200 yards, in- assure myself personally of the meas- sica, Clarence F. Pyrah, Charles L. front of about 1,200 yards, induding the important tactical
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tained from an authoritative ty. Its gun has been destroyed. Two vern Davis, Michael J. Dillon, Harper mander Gibbs had both legs shot

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oday along the ridge line of the South of the Somme the Germans Flanders front, where the peak of have been driven from the high Mount Kemmel is the German objec- ground and village of Villers-Bretonneux by the British with the loss of The line seems to have held fair- 600 prisoners. Further South they well to the Southwest of Mount held Hangard. On this front heavy lemmel, which is virtually impregna- artillery duels are in progress. Amerble to frontal attack, but to the North- ioan wounded in the fighting on the

atie them to approach the height of which is five miles Northeast of Seicheprey, where General Pershing's The Allied effort naturally will be men were attacked heavily last Satconcentrate this enemy wedge and urday, the French have repulsed a tive it back again sufficiently to ease strong German attack. The enemy the pressure on the Easterly side of gained a footing in advanced elements but the French line was later re-es-

Complete success, it is authoritativeon ng the successful execution yes ly announced, attended the dramatic lerday of the British coup which re- and courageous raid into the German daimed the village of Villers-Breton- submarine base of Zeebrugge. The from the Germans. The British enemy, it is said, will be compelled as last night completed their op- for some week to use Ostend as a tration here for the time beingg by base and the British then can deal denning out hostile posts which were more easily with the Gorman warding out to the Southeast of the ships and submarines. The channel at Hege. This established the British Zeebrugge was blocked and much there incre well on the high ground damage done to the enemy defenses

French and American troops on covering the raiders before they had BATTLE FRONT—Major Gen. Fred. He ordered the crew away and blew ing here, will be deprived of his staff It has been the policy of the command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek exlocal command for being

The tactics of switching attacks is been detected on the The taction first defense line. miral, is command at Zeebrugge, and armies.

in Order That the Attack

SEVENTY-FIVE NAMES

Nine Were Killed in Action-

Seven Officers in the

Washington, April 26.-The casual-

Killed in action, 9; died of wounds,

Seven officers were named in to-

day's casualty list, five of them be-

two slightly wounded. They were:

Severely wounded: Captain Henry

lando C. Brown, Edward W. Freeman,

Slightly wounded: Lieutenants Wil-

In addition to the seven officers

John J. Hyde and Harry F. Kelly.

liam H. Kirk and Alfred P. Kivlin.

ty list today contains 75 names di

ly, 33; wounded slightly, 25.

was not appreciable.

vided as follows:

GAVE DRAGON'S TAIL A POWERFUL TWIST ON CASUALTY-LIST

Might Succeed

Through a Perfect Hail of Shells Right Up to Mouth of the Canal

London, Thursday, April 25 .- (To Reuters Ottawa Agency)—Captain from Washington this morning by clated Press this year is considered of Thursday, April 26.—Two American dragon's tail a damned good twist."

ing reported severely wounded and More Stories of Heroism. London, April 26 .- (To Reuter's Ottawa Agency)-Details of the British naval raid on the German submarine base at Zeebrugge as contained in the official narrative, issued by the admiralty, show to what lengths the crews of the cruiser Vindictive and the Liverpool ferry boats Iris and Daffodil sacrificed themselves to draw the attention of the Germans from the three cruisers assigned to block the canal. Concerning the engagement on the mole, where the Vindictive landed storming parties, the ac-

"The Daffodil, after aiding to berth eject them. At Kemmel Hill, where the big guns are stationed. The enemy, he declared, is constructing seph Dimarco, Charles G. French, Jo. Carpenter ordered her to remain as structed at the earliest possible mocontinued the general, the Germans gained 2,000 yards on a
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front of about 1 200 yards in a solution for a solution for about 1 200 yards in a solution for about 1 200 yards in a solution for a solutio ship into the mole. Her casualties, of the yard. commander, Lieutenant Campbell.

"The Iris had trouble. Her own says a review of the situation in the Western battle area, obpled, but the center platform is emptained from an authoritation of the situation in the Western battle area, ob-

There is nothing decisive the same time thick clouds of smoke the loss of Kemmel Hill, from surrounding heights protect the but it is one of the most important properties of the most important prope

then on the left. Apparently the faurice D. O'Meara. Privates Thos. The geography of the great mole was

stroyed, the covering party below the parapet could see the shapes of the even if the enemy is on Kem
It is not improbable the Germans

Parls Bombarded Last Night, parapet could see the shapes of the

Parls Bombarded Last Night, parapet could see the shapes of the

Parls, April 26.—The long range block ships making for the mouth of

> the net device which nanks its shore side. The propeller gathered in the net and rendered her practically unmanageable. The shore batteries awarded as follows: self in the channel again, still some C. O'Leary from drowning at Augusta, for two days alone reported this hundred yards from the mouth of the canal. While in practically a sinking condition as she lay there she
> signelled (preshable direction).
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> June 20, 1916.
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> H. Bunyan Samuels, 929 Seventh tical quite as thoroughly as did the street, Augusta, Ga., saved Peter S.
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> Official confirmation of the war to American readers, convinced the skeptical quite as thoroughly as did the GRANTED THE C A I signalled invaluable directions to the Basenos from drowning at Boneville, official confirmation of its report. others and her commander, Speyed. Ga., May 16, 1916.

cano, with all her guns blasing was May 7, 1917. followed by her motor launch which failed to get alongside in the outside ZEEBUGGE OFFICER harbor, and she had men enough for anything. Straight into the harbor she steered.

Crews Sacrificed Themselves Hitch in Plans for Concrete Yard Removed-Schoolman Advised

FERGUSON WAS HERE TO SETTLE MATTER

Commanders Drove Vessels Few People in the City Dreamed That There Was Hitch-Yard is Now Assured

Carpenter, of The Vindictive, says Max Schoolman, treasurer of the Libthat before starting on his dash for erty Shipbuilding Company, which 5; died of disease, 3; wounded severe- Zeebrugge, Admiral Keyes signalled, holds government contract for the 'St. George for England." The Vin- building of several concrete tankers things to the experiences of some As- The dugout had been badly smashdictive replied: "May we give the for use in the Mexican oil trade, to vice and in making the distinct and been badiy smashof workmen employed be multiplied from every available source. oday's message to Mr. Schoolman removes any possibility of the yard going elsewhere or any hitch that is possible in any undertaking. The matter was virtually settled two days ago by Mr. Ferguson, but it was necessary for the Liberty people to get instructions from Washington before

> The great majority of the people of only a little matter as regards the site selected, but all this has been straightened out, and assurance is now given that the yard will go through and that the yard will go ments have come more than the first estimator. We find the first estimator to for eprey fight, additional details show, were outnumbered, in some instances, 8 to 1. The latest advices are that the organization. With those achievements of the first estimator. the city were blissfully ignorant of

WORK OF RIGHTING ST. PAUL HAS BEGUN

26 ACTS OF HEROISM

Colon, N. C., Awarded a Silver Medal

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 26.-The Carmel. But his presence there is tal sectors in an endeavor to cover bombardment of Paris was resumed the canal. The Thetis came first, run like the first of bombardment of Paris was resumed the canal. The Thetis came first, run like the first of bombardment of Paris was resumed the canal. not convenient and we hope to preparations for an effort some place during the night. Up to 6 o'clock, as ning into a tornado of shells. The marting held here today in five case traditions of journament, the Raleigh, N. C., April 26.—Convicted nizes 25 acts of heroism in its spring good name of the Associated Press at the March term of the criminal else, but it is significant that they far as could be ascertained, nobody crew, save a remnant which had rohave attacked on the most important had been hurt and the damage done mained to steam her in and sink har, had already been taken off by launch- cases bronze medals. Two of the hesteadily grown until millions of read-white girl, Willie Williams, a young es. But the remnants spared hands roes lost their lives. To the dependers now hesitate to give credence to negro of Asheville, was electricuted es. But the remnants spared names dents of one a pension of \$360 a year many published reports until assured at the State penitentiary here this It was hers to show the road to he was granted and to the other the sum that they were carried by our associ-morning. The negro, according to It was here to show the road to he of \$1,000 to be applied as the come ation. The sensational Zimmerman Warden Busbee, made a complete lowed. She cleared a score of arm- mission may sanction. Two of the note, with its report of diplomatic in- confession of his guilt. lowed. She cleared a score of armheroes sustained injuries which distrigue in Mexico, was universally actrigue in Mexico, was universally ac

> manageable. The shore patteries awaited as locations.
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> Susan Brittingham, 1358 Broad and by ordnance experts, but the Paris Wake county on a charge of slaying burgest of the Associated Press which the bank, edged off and found her street, Augusta, Ga., saved Margaret bureau of the Associated Press which his wife.

"The Intrepid, smoking like a vol- being killed by a train at Clifton, Va.,

Amsterdam, April 26.—vice Admitation of the make appreciable progUnable to make appreciable progUnable to make appreciable progA change of wind prevented like
Amsterdam, April 26.—vice Admitation of the war has cite coal.

Zaebrugge, according to reports reaching the ordered Amsterdam, April 26.-Vice Admi- value. command for being taken by surprise management not only not to seek ex-

was made with great boldness, see

MADE REMARKABLE RECORD LAST YEAR

World's Greatest News Gath-These Men Had Been There ering Agency's Reliability Is Recognized

SERVICE USED BY 1,088 NEWSPAPERS

Has 53,000 Miles of Wire and One Machine Gunner Held Off 660 Operators—Heroic Feats Performed by Staff Men in Getting News

Definite instructions were received of the board of directors of the Asso-

publication. It refers among other No Man's Land. proceed with the construction of the vice and in making this part public men managed to keep alive in the Wilmington yard and that the force the board authorized the insertion in rain and mud and under continuous parenthesis of the name of the man German bombardments, the physici-The report follows:

ored to summarize briefly the most by American Red Cross stretcher important news events of the year. bearers who went into No Man's Land We make no such attempt this year, this morning. The Germans fired on There have been months during which the Red Cross flag but the stretcher more-epoch-making news has develop- bearers kept waving it and the ened than during some previous years, emy fire stopped. and all newspaper men must wonder appointments. Overtaxed cables, muddled censorships, and similar exigen told the correspondent of 150 Amerihave incomparably the most compre- ance, Jacques said. hensive machinery for collecting and Sergeant John A. Dickman, former

Of our men abroad, we gratefully tol a remarkable story. He and his Nothing Decisive

Nothing Decisive

London, April 26.—On the London, April 26.—On the counterforts known as Joy Hills. Tree photographs show that the between the counterforts known as Joy Hills. Tree photographs show that the between the paragraphs are placed exactly between the between the large of the causes lead of the vindictive failed as her graphels were not large end were unable to span the paragraphs. Two spur lines start from the station. On these the heavy guns are moved made consirerable progress says a review of the situation.

The photographs show that the Worthington, Lieutenants Oriand first attempts to make fast to the work failed of the Vindictive failed to the investigation of the causes lead of the vindictive failed of the causes lead of the vindictive failed to the investigation of the causes lead of the vindictive failed of the causes lead of the vindictive failed of the vindictive failed of the causes lead of the causes lead of the vindictive failed of the causes lead of the causes l actual work of righting the ship to all that night as usual-merely an He and his men retired only when restore her to overseas service was incident of the day's work in an office their guns became jammed. well under way today.

building which has itself been hit by "Machine Gun" Parker, who mannsuch shells; another (Robert T. ed a gun by himself, was asked by his tained from an authoritative ty. Its gun has been destroyed. Two source this afternoon. The lines are under construction, showing that further cannon latest information is still in
see expected.

Two latest morning.

Well under way today.

Five large wreckers with the assistance of a score of divers were at source this afternoon. The latest information is still in
see expected.

Well under way today.

Five large wreckers with the assistance of a score of divers were at source the score of the accident and by noon latest information is still in
see expected. complete but there is no doubt "The emplacement platform on the first American in Peronne; and the first American in Peronne; and the line. He replied that he could, the complete but there is no doubt which the gun slides explains the reg. The line of the vindicities of the Vind that the Germans succeeded in which the gun slides explains the reg. may, stank r. mellon, reter mou. astern of the Vindictive. She sufbarges were being warped in to place the highest rampart or the Castle of Father William J. Farrell, of West form the first succeeded in warrive of the direction of the firing selevski, John Norris, Samuel R. form the first selevsk occupying Kemmel Hill, a sec- which we undergo. At the moment of leving 10 heavy guns are fired by a williamson.

barges were being warped in to place the highest rampart or the Castle of Father William J. Farrell, of West preparatory to lifting her to an even der earth, but on that afternoon he lain, proved such a good fighter that the proving both French and the for involving both French and special apparatus to camouflage the Wounded slightly: Lieutenants Wilwhere 56 marines waited the order to whom a considerable portion of Europe as well as of the United sion in his command. Father Farrall sound of the big gun, so its location liam H. Kirk, Alfred P. Kivlin, Sersound of the big gun, so its location with the sound. At geant Charles Smith, Corporais Rob- go to the gangways. Forty-nine were that any of the men on the ship were States; another (Walter Whiffen) went to the assistance of a battery observation post; another (Charles S. were killed, carried up ammunition Smith), after a bayonet and fist en- and helped the crew to keep the gun counter at Harbin, escaped with pain- working. He was wounded slight.

out of Halifax. Such incidents are wounded. not unusual in the service of your

Press has, by maintaining its standards of accurate reporting, preserved ridiculed by other press associations new trial. Edwards was convicted in others and her commander, Sneyed.
A silver medal was awarded to the factorial being over the Dutch ships in American harbors was reported in Europe chancelleries inquired in European capitals whether the Associated Press and took off her orew. Her loss was five killed and five wounded.

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Since the Big Fight of Last Saturday

AMERICANS WERE OUTNUMBERED 8 to 1

a Charge-Two Guns Broke Up Enemy Formation—Other Deeds

such unusual interest as to warrant soldiers, wounded in the engagement New York, April 26.—The report were found alive today in a dugout in

ans say is little short of miraculous.

Another soldier, Raymond Demun-To the Members of the Associated sky, of New Haven, Conn., was buried alive for three days when he crawled In earlier reports we have endeav- to the surface. Demunsky was found

The American troops in the Seich-

distributing news that the world has ly a printer of Somerville, Mass., and

ful lacerations; a ser (James Raymond Connor, of New Haven,

Hickey) was blown through a glass a sanitary squad runner, was another door by the Halifax explosion, but be-hero. He was one of eight men capfore dressing his wounds was re tured by the Germans who escaped sourceful enough to find in a demoland went to Seicheprey. They took ished building the terminus of the charge of the first aid station there cable to the West Indies, and sent until a doctor arrived. Connor then by way of Bermuda and Havana to went to the rear and organized a new New York the first direct messages squad, returned to the front and was

Through the year the Associated NEGRO CONFESSED BEFORE EXECUTION

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