

THE GREAT WAR DAY BY DAY.

(Associated Press Summary.)

TUESDAY.

For the second night in succession the Germans have raided the south-eastern section of England and reached London.

Tuesday night's visitation apparently was staged earlier than the one on Monday, but the Germans did not succeed in penetrating to the heart of the city, being stopped on the outskirts by the defensive forces. A score of casualties are reported to have been caused by the few bombs which the Germans were able to drop. Latest reports on the raid of Monday night show fifteen dead and seventy injured.

The German airplanes Tuesday night followed the same course as the raiders of Monday night, attempting to approach London through Kent and Essex and up the course of the Thames. Little property damage was done Monday night. British airmen and the anti-aircraft guns of London's defense making it too hot for the Germans to stay long. The airship raid of Monday night on the Yorkshire and Lincolnshire coasts had little success. The Zeppelins did not penetrate far inland and bombs dropped at a coast town caused injuries to three women.

The army of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria became active again Tuesday and made desperate attempts to retake the ground gained by the British last Thursday near the Ypres-Menin road in Flanders. In the first assaults the Germans succeeded in entering the British lines at two points. Field Marshal Haig's men fought back valiantly and in addition to withstanding further attacks by the Germans, straightened out their line. The day's effort brought nothing to the Germans but additional casualties. Great artillery activity is in progress in the sector east of Ypres.

Northeast of Verdun the infantry activity has slackened. After their ineffectual efforts of Monday the Germans attacked the French near the Bois le Chaune early Tuesday. This attack, although aided by liquid fire, also was repulsed. Berlin claims officially to have taken trenches here on Monday and to have held them against counter-attacks. On the Aisne front the artillery battle continues.

There has been no great activity on the other fronts. In the Trentino in the region of Monte Nero the Austro-Hungarians exploded a mine under the Italian positions, but the Italian barrage fire prevented the enemy from making any gains. The Italians have repulsed further local attacks on the Bainsizza plateau, north-east of Gorizia.

German efforts to recapture the new positions gained by the Russians southeast of Riga on the Pskoff high road have been checked by the Russians.

Great Britain and France have formally notified the provisional Russian government that they would not conclude a separate peace to the detriment of Russia. These assurances were in reply to reports current in Russia that Germany was endeavoring to make peace at the expense of the new republic.

WEDNESDAY.

Field Marshal Haig's men again are striking in Flanders and the force of their blow, like that of those that have preceded it, is meeting with good results on a front of nearly six miles.

Notwithstanding the necessity of carrying the battle to Crown Prince Rupprecht across uninviting ground—virtually a morass, owing to recent rains and floods—and against the inevitable concrete and steel redoubts and woods and shell craters teeming with rapid-fire guns, the English, Scotch and Australian troops have snatched valuable advantage points from the Germans, but not without terrific opposition.

The battle at last accounts was still raging with the greatly reinforced Germans who had anticipated the new thrust, fighting with unusual bitterness to hold back further advance or to recapture terrain already wrested from them.

Haig's new thrust was delivered from the base of front line positions taken and consolidated last week, before which the Germans held numerous vantage points of strategic value, barring the way to further inroads by the British or for harrassing the British line by machine gun or rifle bullets.

As on previous occasions, Haig loosed a veritable inferno of artillery fire against the Germans before launching his attack in the early hours of Wednesday morning and when night fell many important positions had been ridged of the enemy but with the Germans at numerous other points

savagely contesting the right-of-way. Probably the most significant gain of the British, which the Germans assert was to a depth of two-thirds of a mile at certain points, was near Zonnebeke to within a few hundred yards of the western outskirts of which village they penetrated, placing them about six miles from the railway running from Ostend through Roulers and Roubaix to Lille. The cutting of this line, which seems to be the objective of Field Marshal Haig, would seriously affect the transport of the Ostend and Zeebrugge to the south.

Prior to the land attack British naval forces heavily shelled Ostend and again Wednesday afternoon they repeated the bombardment. Meanwhile naval airplanes dropped bombs on towns in Northern Belgium with visibly effective results.

On the other fronts, except in the Champagne and Verdun sectors of the line in France no hostilities of importance are in progress. Before Verdun the big guns again are roaring in a mighty duel, evidently the forerunner of further big infantry operations in the near future. In the Champagne the French are heavily shelling the positions of the German Crown Prince with the German artillery answering them energetically.

On the Austro-Italian front the Italians continue to carry out successful patrol engagements against the Austrians and to drop large quantities of explosives from airplanes on military establishments behind the line.

The sinking of British merchantmen by mines and submarines last week was smaller in the aggregate number of vessels sent to the bottom than during any week since Germany started her intensive submarine campaign. In all 15 merchantmen were destroyed.

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