

BRITISH MUST WIN OR DIE: HAIG ORDERS FINAL STAND

GERMAN CORPSES STREW GROUND AT VILLE CHAPELLE

Furious British Counter Attack Drives Teutons From High Ground Along Messines Ridge; Tommies Forced Back to Neuve Eglise; Merville Captured By the Enemy.

(By The Associated Press.)

London, April 12.—German troops made a determined attack along the Messines ridge and succeeded in gaining some ground, says a Reuter dispatch from British army headquarters in France and Belgium, but the British once again drove them out by a counter-attack early this morning.

Three attacks which the enemy launched yesterday in great waves near Ville Chapelle were repulsed with immense losses to the Germans. The ground was strewn with their corpses.

BRITISH FORCED BACK.

Attacking yesterday in the neighborhood of Ploegsteert, the Germans pressed back the British to the vicinity of Neuve Eglise, it is announced officially.

Last night the Germans captured Merville. Heavy fighting is continuing in the neighborhood of Merville and Neufberquin.

On the remainder of the northern battle front there is little change. North of Festubert the British regained ground by a counter-attack. On the front between Loise and the Lawe river German attacks were repulsed.

The official announcement says: Germans Take Merville.

"Severe and continuous fighting took place last night in the neighborhood of Merville and Neufberquin, in both of which localities the enemy is continuing his pressure and has made progress. Merville was captured by the enemy during the night. Attacks made by the enemy yesterday in the neighborhood of Ploegsteert succeeded, after heavy fighting, in pressing our troops back to the neighborhood of Neuve Eglise to new positions.

"On the remainder of the northern battle front from the situation is virtually unchanged. A part of our positions into which the enemy forced his way north of Festubert was regained by a counter-attack.

"On the front between Loise and the Lawe river and to the north hostile attacks have been repulsed. Fighting is continuing on the whole front north of La Basse canal as far as Hollebeke."

Mine Sweeper Runs Ashore In Storm Off Atlantic Coast

Washington, April 12.—The Navy department announced tonight that a mine sweeper went ashore in a storm off the Atlantic coast and that one member of the crew, J. N. Conway, machinist's mate, second class, was washed overboard.

General Pershing's Brother Leads Parade of Children

Chico, Cal., April 12.—James F. Pershing, brother of General John J. Pershing, commander of the American forces in France, led a parade of 3,000 school children here today to stimulate subscription to the Liberty loan.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; not much change in temperature.

Hour	Temp.	Dir.
5 a. m.	42	42
6 a. m.	42	42
7 a. m.	41	41
8 a. m.	42	42
9 a. m.	45	45
10 a. m.	49	49
11 a. m.	52	52
12 m.	55	55
1 p. m.	57	57
2 p. m.	59	59
3 p. m.	61	61
4 p. m.	62	62
5 p. m.	62	62
6 p. m.	60	60
7 p. m.	60	60
8 p. m.	60	60

Comparative Local Record.	1918.	1917.	1916.	1915.
Highest yesterday	69	55	38	58
Lowest yesterday	40	24	64	31
Mean temperature	52	44	70	44
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00	.00

Stations and State	Temp.	High.	Low.	Rain.
Omaha, Neb.	52	62	42	0.00
Chicago, Ill.	52	62	42	0.00
St. Louis, Mo.	52	62	42	0.00
Denver, Colo.	52	62	42	0.00
Portland, Ore.	52	62	42	0.00
San Francisco, Cal.	52	62	42	0.00
Seattle, Wash.	52	62	42	0.00
Portland, Me.	52	62	42	0.00
Boston, Mass.	52	62	42	0.00
New York, N. Y.	52	62	42	0.00
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Cincinnati, O.	52	62	42	0.00
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