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French Now Hold Key to Argonne

Ruined Town of Vauquois, Won after Six Days' Fight, Has Great Strategic Value
Belgians Also Make Gains
And British at Neuve Chapelle Repel a Terrific Attack by the Kaiser's Troops
German Plans Upset?
Project for a New Dash for Calais Given Up when British Made their great Thrust

London. Monday, March 15. Further successes are reported from the allied front in Flanders and Northern France, the general activity of the Belgian, British and French forces indicating that steady pressure is being exerted on the German lines at many points.

The British victory at Neuve Chapelle, according to the official bulletin of the French War Office, is complete. This states that the troops of King George advanced on a front of about three kilometres (about 1.8 miles.)

A British War Office statement says that the Germans delivered several more counter attacks Saturday morning, and a very heavy one in the afternoon. All were repulsed. The total number of prisoners taken in three days was 1,720, while it is estimated that the total German losses were not far short of 10,000.

While the British infantry and artillery were thus in action, British airmen destroyed a train at Don, a short distance from Lille. This co-operation between air and land forces has become more pronounced, the airmen moving out when any fighting is in progress in an effort to obstruct the movements of German troops who may be sent as reinforcements.

A detailed Paris account of the conflict over Vauquois, between Verdun and the Argonne, indicates that a strategic point of much importance has been won by the French troops. For days the French and Germans contended for this village, and the losses on both sides must have been much more numerous than in many of the historic battles

The French now hold half of the ruined village, which from its elevation and location is the key to a wide sector.

At another point in the Argonne, between Four de Paris and Bolante, the French have carried 300 yards of trenches, according to the Paris Official bulletin, and taken prisoners who included several officers.

The French have also occupied Embermenil, on the railway midway between Luneville and Itixengen, on the borders of Lorraine.

In the Champagne district the French say they have consolidated their new front by advances at different points and have firmly established themselves on the lines of crests captured from the Germans.

The Belgian Army continues to gain ground at the bend of the River Yser in Flanders. According to Paris, the heavy artillery of the Allies destroyed a point of advantage organized by the Germans at Dixmude.

The Germans have again bombarded Ypres, Solssons, and Rheims. In the latter two towns the cathedrals have suffered