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BERESFORD HASTENS

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AEROPLANES NUMEROUS

Peace.

LONDON, March 9 .- A. J. Balfour,

first lord of the admiralty, has found

bate, said he deprecated statements

the navy which has never failed us."

countries. His view was that the

British should attack and smash the

zeppelins in their sheds, as he did not

The whole debate was rather tame except for Lord Beresford's speech and the Marquis of Lansdowne's an-

thought it was only temporary.

ROUTE CHOSEN BY THE

Wisdom of Prohibi-

tionists.

Mayor Church was of the opinion that the route chosen by the Com-

nittee of One Hundred was an un-

pressed similar views.

SHARP REPULSE DEALT

French Defeat Attacks Delivered on Lines East and West of Meuse.

GAINS IN CROW WOOD

Joffre's Counter-Offensive Makes Output is Twenty Times That Headway Against Onslaughts of Germans.

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ly caught under the French curtain of fire and practically wiped out as military organizations. Withstood Furious Assaults.

On the west of the Meuse, the French troops, during the night, withstood farlous assaults which were delivered assaults which were delivered time after time against Bethincourt Villago, and they remained the victors decimating the German ranks. (Corbeaux) Wood, where the h had gained ground yesterday, waves of Germans all night, but the French were able to maintain their footing, and after the force of these blows was spent, they resumed their -attacks and drove the enemy

counter-attack In the violent combats which have been raging in this part of the western theatre of the war the French artillery has done signal service in checking the attempts of the Germans to dvance and in keeping down the fire of the German guns.

Germans Claim Vaux. The German official communique nouncement that the British output of which was issued early in the after-aeroplanes now totaled twenty times the number produced during peace captured Fort de Vaux, which, they claim, defends Verdun from the east, the coming summer. All the speakers and the Village of Vaux by an attack of Posen regiments delivered in the light. The Germans also claimed that secretary for war, however, was opadioning positions, too, fell into the limistic. He doubted whether the positions, too, fell into the hands of the Posen troops. They claimed besides, that they won sevsuccesses in aeroplane fighting

and that three French machines had brought down. A German estimate of French losses the fighting near Verdun places m at 70,000 to 80,000 men. It was d unofficially in Paris today that crown prince lost 5,000 men in the live-hour fight for Crow Wood. The artillery firing on the fronts east ad west of the Meuse River has been lent on both sides. In the Woevre be bombardment was intermittent. In Belgium French artillery worked actively in bombarding German ctively in bombarding German renches on the sector south of Lomertzyde and in the Champagne it efectively bombarded the defensive or-

DITIONS The French captured a section of a derman trench in the Entrelargus section, east of Seppois, upper Alsace. The Belgians reported the fighting treciprocal artillery actions in the legion of Dixmude and further to the both of it. Test of Navarin, east of the Mesnil TISFACTORY Embassy Offinadians at amps.

NEWMARKET RECEPTION

FOR RETURNED SOLDIER wisdom of the route chosen, but the officials had retained it, the desire being to have as much publicity as possible. "I walked over the line of Newmarket soldiers are arranging for a big reception at the town hall tonight to Pte. Wm. Walsh, a returned hero of St. Julien, who was severely "gassed" and ordered home to recuperate. Pte. Walsh will be presented with a well-filled purse and an address. A few days more will see the ranks of the 127th York Rangers filled, only a few vacantles remaining.

BARBER ENDED LIFE.

GODERICH; March 9 .- Despondent of ill-health, David Frzley, aged 30, a barber, tonight committed suicide at the home of his father, Richard Frizley, at Saltford, near, by cutting his throat with a razor.
Frizley had been working in Detroit, returning home yesterday.

FRENCH FOUGHT ENEMY BRAVELY FOR FOREST

wo Battalions Made Gallant Defence of Caures Wood Under Iron Deluge.

GALLANT COLONEL LOST

When Germans Attaacked Them, in Rear, Many Survivors Got Safely Out.

PARIS. March 9 .- "The affair of the aures wood is one of the most dramatic and most gorious episodes of the battle of Verdun," said an office who has returned from the Verdun front today. "The chosseurs who were charged with defending this part of the sector were under the orders of Lieut.-Col. Driant, and they have added a magnificent page to contemporary history by their unyielding gallantry."

The officer said that the Germans began preparations for their attack on the morning of Feb. 20 at 7.15. The French had been holding them in their trenches for four days. Col. Driant was making a tour of inspection. There was one French battalion in the firing line and another was held in reserve, with everybody immediately on the alert. The law had ment commenced alert. The bombardment commenced with unusual violence and the French listening posts, according to orders,

fell back on the first line, where the attack was awaited.

Iron Deluge Passed Over.

"A storm of iron began to pass over. It was in fact more than a storm—it was a deluge. Our shelters, even the best constructed, were demolished. About 11 o'clock the post at which I was wiped out under the hail of shells and 14 chasseurs and one officer were buried in the debris. However, our men did not hesitate, but pressed for ward to the aid of their wounded com rades as if it was simply a question of some common accident. Sergt. Cap-lain with some assistance rescued nine victims and each one courageously prepared to again face the enemy. Under the fire of the enemy the my. Under the fire of the changes soldiers labored to reinforce our fortifications in the wood. About 2 o'clock tremendous. There did not remain a single shelter worthy of the name. The officer next in command to Lieut.-Col. Driant was seriously wounded and of our chasseurs were also

Germans Made Charge.

TO DEFEND BALFOUR "About 5 o'clock the enemy's artillery slackened its fire and we no longer suffered so much. The reason longer suffered so much. The reason of this was that the Germans were of this was that the Germans were about to hurl- themselves on Hau-mont. The front ranks of the enemy were dressed in capes some-what resembling ours, and they wore Navy's Honor is Safe in Balfour's armlets similar to those on our men. This ruse was quickly seen thru, and they received a warm welcome. However, at the end of a certain time they were able to penetrate our first line trenches and established themselves there. Counter-attaoks were made by us during the whole night, and after hot grenade fighting our positions were practically maintained.

"On the 22nd the bombardment was resumed with the greatest violence."

The settillery activity to the west and east of the Meuse has been very violent on both sides.

"The bombardment in the Woevre has been intermittent.

"In Upper Alsace we carried, after genade fighting, one section of an enemy trench in the region of Entrelargus, east of Seppois."

The Belgian official communication reads: This ruse was quickly seen thru, and they received a warm welcome. How-

resumed with the greatest violence. Our trenches, hammered by shells, were rapidly leveled, the communicating trenches were destroyed, and even the wood itself was moved down in large spaces. However, our chasseurs maintained the same impassability.

a strong supporter in Admiral Lord Beresford, who, speaking today in the Enemy Strikes for Rear.
"Towards midday we perceived large parties of the enemy, who, after havsuggesting naval unpreparedness:
"The navy," said Lord Beresford, ing advanced towards the wood of Hatmont, turned towards the Caures "has the most complete faith in its commander-in-chief and the present board of admiralty. The navy's honor is safe in Mr. Balfour's hands. I ad-Wood with the intention of taking us in the rear. All our telephonic communications had been destroyed the evening before, and we were no longer rise the country to trust implicitly in able to communicate with the main body of our troops except by couriers. Many volunteered for this service, but These remarks were made merely as an addition to a speech in which Lord none of them ever returned. The de-votion of the chasseurs was inex-Beresford expressed the opinion that the appointment of an air minister mustible in these critical circumwas not called for. He thought too stances. much money had been wasted in buying useless machines from other

"The German attacks increased in violence. A lieutenant sprang to the head of his company to repel the ene-my. He was wounded in the hand imsee how they could attack them after their arrival over England.

Big Aeroplane Fleet.

Baron Montague of Beaulieu exnediately. He wrapped it in his handhectately. He wrapped it in his land-kerchief and sprang forward again, crying 'Forward.' A second bullet cut the word short in his mouth. As he fel to the ground another officer leaped automatically forward to take his place. He had only gone a few yards when a bullet pierced his throat. The enemy, with very superior forces to ours, including an entire new brigade. swept down upon us. From the even-ing before until the morning, our two and would again double itself during battalions had suffered under a most murderous fire. The enemy was endeavoring to turn both our flanks, and we fought with all our strength against this encircling movement. About 3.30 p.b. the situation became suddenly cri-British were inferior to the enemy tical. The ring was tightening itself countries in aircraft, and if so he around us. The Germans had even brought up a big gun which was bom-barding the very heart of our position. It was then that I was called to the

PARADE NOT HAPPY ONE post of Lt.-Col. Driant. "Col. Driant was stationed in the Mayor and Chief Grasett Doubt front line, which he had not left since the opening of the attack. He was leaning on his gun, surrounded by Commandant Renound, Capt. Vincent and Capt. Hamel. Energetically, but calmly, he spoke to us in these words: Local police officials seem disinclined to make much comment in regard to the riot which upset the ranks of the prohibitionists Wednes-"'In a few moments it will be necessary to die or to be taken prison er.' He waited a little while and added, 'I would prefer to die.' The day on University avenue. Altho there were no disturbers arrested at the time, the police have the names tears flowed down his cheeks and we all wept. The most hardened of our chasseurs present at this scene of a number of soldiers who are alleged to have participated in the disturbance. It is probable that the matter will be discussed at next was nothing more in the shelter was nothing more in the shelter which could be of any advantage to the enemy. All our archives and our plans had been burned on the 21st and

the order to retreat was given. Save All They Could. Police Grasett yesterday. He said he had expressed doubt to those re-sponsible for the parade as to the "Capt. Renouard said, 'At least let us try to save some of these brave fellows.' 'Ah, well, let us save all that we can,' replied Capt. 'Hamel. 'It will be so many chasseurs who will be so fight again tomorrow.' will be able to fight again tomorrow.'
"Col, Driant then took each of his march before the procession started two battalion chiefs by the arm and and found everything working smoothly," he added. all three held a council of war. heard Capt. Vincent say, 'It is hard.'
"Our retreat commenced protected on the flank by a detachment of appy one. Chasseurs. The heads of the column Mounted Policeman George Tufts, on leaving the wood were welcomed Mounted Policeman George Tufts,
Inspector James Verney and W. Redding of Mimico and six students
from Knox and Victoria Colleges received minor injuries in the struggle with the soldiers.

by a cross fire in the struggle of the sections which were able to escape from that zone rallied at Haumont on the first line of our Haumont on the first line of our

The funeral of the late Charles Wright, who died on Wednesday at 154 Western avenue (not Western as reported), will be held tomorrow at 2.30 p.m., to Prospect Cemetery, He was the father of Lieut.-Col. G. Wright, commander of the 169th Battalion.

BLESSING THE 75th's COLORS



His Lordship Bishop Sweeny, with hand upraised, blessing the color presented yesterday to the 75th Overseas Battalion.

Official War Statements

British

The British official communication,

ssued tonight, says: "Last night we repulsed a small attack near the Hohenzollern redoubt. Today the enemy sprang a mine near Givenchy, but made no infantry attack. "There has been considerable artillery activity by both sides about Ypres."

French.

"Finally the Germans launched against our trenches bordering the foot of the slopes of the ridge dominating Fort Vaux violent attacks in solid formations, which were driven back, the Germans suffering from our curtain of fire enormous losses.

reads:
"There have been reciprocal artillery actions, especially in the region of Dixmude and further to the north."
The text of the French statement of yesterday afternoon follows:
"In the Argonne our artillery has conyesterday afternoon follows:

"In the Argonne our artillery has continued its bombardment of the enemy's routes of communication, notably in the eastern Argonne and in the region of Montfaucon and Nantillois.

"To the west of the Meuse, the enemy has attempted several counter-attacks in the course of the night to regain the ground lost by him yesterday. Two abortive attacks were preceded by an intense artillery preparation directed against the Village of Bethincourt. The attacks were stopped by our batterles, which prevented the enemy forces from debouching from the Corbeaux wood. The renewed efforts of the enemy have not been able to dislodge us from the large stretch of territory which we have conquered and consolidated.

"To the east of the Meuse the struggle is being carried on with great bitterness since yesterday. At the end of the evening and in the course of the night in the region between Douaumont and the Village of Vaux, the Germans directed several powerful attacks on our positions.

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"In spite of the intensity of the artillery fire and the violence of the infantry assaults, the enemy was unable to make any impression on our line, and has been completely repulsed. Some tetachments of German infantry who had penetrated the Village of Vaux were driven out immediately at the point of the bayonet by a counter-attack.

"In the Woevre there has been an intermittent bombardment on both sides, without any infantry action. In Lorraine a surprise attack to the west of the Le Pretre forest resulted in the capture by us of 20 prisoners.

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"It is said officially that the crown prince lost 5000 men in a 12-hour fight for the possession of Corbeaux forest, seven miles northwest of Verdun. After driving a wedge in the French front at this point he was caught under a heavy cross fire from French batteries on Goose Hill, to the west, and Dead Man Hill, to the east, and forced to evacuate

all but the extreme eastern part of th

German

The text of the German statement of yesterday follows:

"Western theatre: The artillery activity on both sides frequently increased to great violence. The French recaptured the western part of a trench near the farm of Maisons-de-Champagne, where hand-grenade fighting occurred yesterday.

"West of the Meuse we were occupied in clearing out the rest of the French troops remaining in the woods of Corbeaux.

French.

The following is last night's French communique:

"In Belgium our artillery has displayed activity against the enemy positions to the south of Lombaertzyde.

"In Champagne we effectively bombarded the defensive organizations of the east of the Butte du Mesnil and in the region of Massiges.

"To the west of Navarin, the course of the day in the Bois des Corbeaux, almost the whole of which we hold.

"To the east of the Meuse our troops continued to make progress during the course of the day in the Bois des Corbeaux, almost the whole of which we hold.

"To the east of the Meuse the Germans directed several attacks against our front from Douaumont as far as Vaux. At the outskirt of the Village of Douaumont an attack was broken by our infantry and artillery fire. Furious assults against the Village of Vaux likewise were repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy.

"Finally, the Germans launched against our trenches bordering the foot of the solutions was shot down and the commander captured. The observer was dead.

"In the aerial battle the machine of the solutions were driven back, the Germans suffering from our curtain of fire enormous losses.

To the east of the river, to shorten the woord fithe connections between our positions of the south of Douaumont and our lines in the Woevre district, the village and armored fort of Vaux, with numerous adojining fortified positions, were captured in a glorious night attack, after thoro artillery preparation, by the Posen Reserve Regiments, Nos. 6 and 19, under the leadership of the commander of the 9th Reserve division of infantry, Gen. Yon Gurazky Cornitz.

"In a series of aerial engagements in the neighborhood of Verdun our aviators were victorious. It is certain that three enemy aeroplanes were shot down. All our aeroplanes returned safely. Several of their brave pilots were wounded. Enemy troops in villages west and fsouth of Verdun were heavily bombarded.

"By the attack of a French aeroplane and artifications, which were driven back, the Germans suffering from against our advanced positions were unsuccessful everywhere.
"Reports have been received that railway establishments on the line to Misak, as well as enemy troops in Mir, were attacked by one of our airships on the night of the 8th.
"Balkan theatre: The situation is unchanged."

Italian

The following Italian official communication was issued tonight:
"Bad weather continues in the mountainous districts. The enemy attempted to utilize its dangerous effects against us yesterday in the Lagazuoi zone by means of bombs. He brought about avalanches in the direction of our positions, but without causing damage.

"Despite the bad weather and the do-"Despite the bad weather and the doings of the enemy our troops persist in their audacious activity and during the last few days have succeeded in extending our line of occupation in the zone between the two Tofana peaks. Some progress also has been made in the middle Isonzo Valley and in the Zagora. "Yesterday our artillery vigorously countered the enemy fire on the entire front and dispersed enemy troops engaged in strengthening positions and also made some effective hits on reserves and barracks behind the front."

Russian

The following Russian official comminication was issued yesterday:

"A considerable force of Germans attempted to cross the Dwina hear Schloss-Kockenhusen, east of Friedrichstadt, was dispersed by our fire. Northwest of Jacobstadt the Germans have shelled our cantonments.

"The enemy's heavy artillery has fired on Livenhof and the neighborhood railway stations of Tsargrad and Mietzgal.
"Near Illoukst our scouts destroyed an enemy outpost, taking some prisoners. Northeast of the Olyk station we invaded the enemy's trenches in buoad vaded the enemy's trenches in bipad daylight, the defenders being partly bayoneted and partly captured.

"In the region of the upper Ikwa River our fire dispersed a large enemy force which was attempting to reach our trenches." force which was attempting to reach our trenches.

"In Galicia, in the region of Tsebroff, northwest of Tarnopol, the enemy launched a night offensive, supported by gusts of artillery fire. He was repulsed by our rifle fire and we took some prisoners.

"Caucasus front: We have pushed the Turks back along the shore beyond the River Kalapotamos."

VILLA'S FORCES LOSE

U. S. Troops Pursued Murderous Raiders Into Mexican Territory.

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for snipers posted at Villa's direction. Other bandits, creeping close to American homes, enticed a number of civi ians into the open with English spoken invitations. A number of fa-talities are attributed to this ruse. Applied the Torch.

Stores and the post office were looted, oil was poured upon frame structures and the match applied by still

other bandits.

Many civilians barricaded themselves in their homes and fired at the Mexicans as they darted thru the streets. The fighting in the town ended almost as suddenly as it began less than two hours after the first shot was heard, Villa's buglers sound-ed the retreat, and the raiders began a disordered flight, closely followed by American troopers.

Raiders Lost Heavily. The casualties of the 18th Cavalry in the fighting at Columbus were seven

Keep a small nallbrush—the ordinary wooden-backed, five-cent kind—by your laundry tub. Use it to scrub your clothes, especially your laces, instead of rubbing them up and down on the washboard, It is a saving to both clothes and hands.

Killed and six wounded.

Villa's total losses in the day's animation sufficently to reach Boca Grande, where they prepared for the pour laces, instead of rubbing them up and down on the washboard, It is a saving to both clothes and hands.

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reported to have accounted for more than 75 Mexicans killed and wounded.
Of the eight American civilians slain here, Charles Dewitt Miller of Albuquerque and Dr. H. J. Hart of El Pasowere burned to death in the fire that destroyed the Commercial Hotel.

The body of Walter Walker, a Suncay school convention delegate, from Playas, N. M., who was shot to death with W. T. Richie, proprietor of the hotel, also was incinerated.

The Mexicans set the hotel on fire, together with a number of other buildings, and posted snipers to pick off

Americans as they fled.

Mrs. M. James was shot and killed in the doorway of another hotel, from which she was running with her sister. Mrs. James fell, dying, over the body of C. C. Miller, who had been driven from his drug store across the street Mrs. James Husband was wounded. Fred Griffin, private of K troop, was on sentry duty in front of regimental headquarters and opened fire on a party of Mexicans attacking the quarmanding the machine gun troop of the 13th Cavalry. Griffin fell, mortally wounded under a volley of bullets, but illed two Mexicans.

American Woman Liberated. Mrs. Maud Hawk Wright, an American woman, held captive by Villa for nine days, was liberated in the midst of today's flighting. She declares that Villa announced on March 1 his intention to attack Columbus.
His men, with scant supplies

water and meat, suffered severely. she said, but Villa ruled them by fear, and his officers with the flats of their swords heat the soldiers into

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killed four Americans.

Mrs. Wright said her husband, Edward John Wright, formerly Houston, Texas, and Frank Hayden, a youth, were taken from the Wright ranch March 1 and presumably kill-When the was taken prisoner ed. When the was taken prisoner and forced to ride away with a detachment of Villa's men under Col. Nicholas Servanta, she said a bandit gave her baby to a Mexican family.

Just before she and her husband were taken prisoners with the Hayden boy, Mrs. Wright said, the Villa men told her they had raided Colonia Luarez an American Mormon settle-Juarez, an American Morinon settle ment west of Pearson, looted all the stores and killed some of the for-

eigners.

Palomas Cattle Company ranch and the purpose of repelling a possible night attack by Mexican bandits, and other infantrymen entraining to move eastward for guard duty along the assumed a warlike aspect late today One hattalion of the 110th United States Infantry departed late today on a special train en route to Hachita N.M., to assume border guard duty This movement was for the purpose of leaving the American cavalry detachment at that place to act free as a mobile field force in case of an attack from the Mexican side of the international boundary.

Two companies of the 6th Infantry

left late in the day for San Bernardino, 18 miles east of here. volunteer automobile company was formed by citizens here today, and a large number of machines were placed at the disposal of army officers for use in transporting soldiers to any

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