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## BATTLE CRISIS IS MORE SATISFACTORY; LULL BEFORE THE NEW STORM BREAKS

## FOE'S LINES RAKED BY CANUCK CANNON FOR ENTIRE NIGHT

Heavies, Mortars and Light Guns Sweep the Enemy Front For Thousands of Yards, While Creeping Barrage Hammers His Communications.

Canadian Army Headquarters, by W. A. Willison, Correspondent of the Canadian Press, March 30.—From early last night until 6 a.m. today the noise of guns has been persistent upon the whole front from the south the noise of guns has been persistent upon the whole from from the south to Hill No. 70 in the north. Steadily for over ten hours our heaviest field guns, trench mortars and machine guns maintained their fire on thousands of yards of front against the enemy trenches, support and assembly areas, communications and strong points. At 11 o'clock and again at 5:30 our artillery fire increased to battle intensity, the enemy assembly and concentration areas and communication roads being raked with creeping barrages. The intensity and duration of the fire was such that

no enemy attack developed north of Oppy, CHASED THE BOCHES. Before the great battle began two enemy attempts were made to raid our lines. At one point an enemy party was sent over to see if our front line was occupied. It was challenged by one of our bombing patrols. The enemy attacked the post. In the fighting which followed the Bosche was driven out of our trenches by rifle fire and pursued by a Canadian bombing squad. Two prisoners were captured and numerous casualties were

nflicted on the Hun. Our casualties were nil. Another raid against our positions was completely defeated, with estimated enemy casualties of 20. The raids were preceded by heavy artillery and trench mortar barrages. The enemy placed a box barrage around one of our posts and advanced to attack in two parties, one 20 strong and the other afteen. The Canadlans broke up both attacks with rifle and machine gun fire before the enemy got within 30 yards of our line. SAMMIES ALL READY FOR GERMAN PLUNGE WHICH DIDN'T COME

before the charge of our line.

A Sharp Encounter.

Another sharp encounter took place the same morning between a Canadiar officer and four other ranks and much larger party of Boches. Hear the voices of the enemy, the oring the voices of the shell hole at the she American Barrage Apparently Upset Plans of the Enemy.

March larger party of Roches, Hearmuch larger party of Roches, Hearmuch larger party of Roches, much larger party of Roches, the oring the voices of the enemy, the officer crawled up to the shell hole and to within ten yards of their post. Alarmed, the Germans sulped the position for fifteen minates and then rushed the shell hole. Emptyligh his revolver, the officer succeeded in fighting his way through the ten, regaining the rest of his party, which then attacked the enemy, and after lively bombing exchanges amongst the ruined buildings, forced them to retreat.

Additional information regarding the previous enemy raid, in which the Hun was repulsed with heavy losses after recurring a momentary footing in our sesterday, and the development of the previous enemy raid, in which the Hun was repulsed with heavy losses after recurring a momentary footing in our lines, shows that the attackers came over in a strength of 200. Notable features of the fight were that all our casualties were from shell fire, and that some of our men who took a foremost part in trench fighting had only been five hours in the line and had neverbeen in the trenches before. They acquitted themselves splendidly.

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Morale is Excellent.

The Canadian forces are following with intense interest the gallant struggles of the heroic British army opposing such overwhelming enemy strength. Our men walt with stern confidence for whatever may develop, having no fear of the ultimate issue. The morale of the Canadian forces was never better, and whatever happens Canada in the large structure.

The incendiary shells of the enemy sault dication for free to the grass and camouflaged positions in the American lines. The blazes burned briskly until the rain quenched them.

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## **BRITISH TROOPS FOUGHT GRANDLY ALL YESTERDAY**

Wavered But Slightly in Face of Greatly Superior Numbers.

HEAVIES ESCAPE TRAP

Machine Gun Squad Cut Off From Force Doing Great Execution.

London, March 30 .- The British line held magnificently throughout Friday, according to Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France.

British Army Headquarters in France March 20 .- The German attempt to force the British back along the Scarpe and capture Arras cost them an enormous price in casualties, although they used ten divisions. North of the river the British held to their positions and wavered but slightly before the enemy onslaught. South of the river, however, the British retired slightly between Fampoux and Boisleux.

Hard Fighting the Rule.

There was hard fighting on both sides of the Scarpe. To the north the most desperate conflict was staged about Roeux, which was the scene of Sanguinary struggles last year. North of Gavrelle, the enemy tried to push the British back on Bailleul, but were repulsed by withering machine gun fire. South of the river the most bitter fighting was about Telegraph Hill, which changed hands several times. and capture Arras cost them an enor-

SHIPBUILDERS REACH BETTER UNDERSTANDING

which will appear in Saturday's Can ada Cazette. It will be recalled tha exception was taken to the book he cause it contained extracts from "Th Fiddlers" and "Defeat." two book previously denied the right of circulation in Camada. The censorship notice in part is as follows:

"Notice is homely given that editions of the book." The Parasite, by Arthur Mee, and Ben H. Spence, with a foreof the nock, the parasite of the nock, the parasite, has been morbibled. The said. The Parasite, has been morbibled in February, 1918, by the Ontorio and said to have been printed by the Methodist Book Room, Toronto, and The Darasite, by Arthur Mee and Ren H. Snence with a foreword by Dr. Strart Holden, M.A., published in the same way, and said to have been printed by the Atwell Fleming Printing Company, Toronto have been declared by the secretary of state of Canada, to contain objectionable matter, and that the nossession within Canada of any issue or copy of the said. The Parasite, has been morbibited. Any person multivof an offence against this order shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$5,000, or imprisonment for any term not expecting the parasity and for the parasity and for the parasity of an offence against this order shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$5,000, or imprisonment for any term not expecting the parasity and for the parasity and parasity and the parasity a

or imprisonment for any term not ex-ceeding five years, or to both such fine and imprisonment."

SAYS BOURASSA IS SEDITIOUS

Montreal, March 30.—L'Evenement of Quebec, whose offices were wrecked last night, jesterday published a communication which stated that if Henri Bourassa were in France he would be sent before a courtmartial on account of his seditious articles. "His articles are directed against the Allies, and especially against England, which he constantly represents under the worst possible colors. His articles are of the most criminal and seditious character, and have done an irreparable wrong to the French-Candians and the Province of Quebec, a great many of ince of Quebec, a great many of our people being influenced by his crazy doctrines."

THE QUEBEC RIOTING

Mayor Charges That M. S. A. Officials Largely Responsible.

BORDEN WANTS FACTS

Confidential Report Said To Have Reached Govt. From Col. Landry.

and discrimination on the part of the officers responsible for the enforcement of the military service act seems, to a large extent, to account for these unfortunate occurrences, sincerely hope that immediate in structions will be issued to the prope authorities here in order that further

trouble be avoided.

The Premier's Reply. To this telegram the Premier sen "Your telegram has been received and transmitted to the militial service council for their consideration. They desire to have particulars of the alleged lack of distance text and discrimination to ulars of the alleged lack of discretion, tact and discrimination to which you allude. My telegram to you made no statement beyond a reference to the press reports which were fairly summarized therein. If these reports are inaccurate it would be greatly in the public interest that the truth be known at once. To that end I hope you will let me know what steps were taken by the civic authorities to identify those who engaged in the assault on the federal officers, and whether any arrests have been made."

Mayor Blames Cowardice of Police For Outbreak-City Is Quiet This Morning.

Quebec, March 30 .- After a stormy rictous night, during which two news-paper offices and the premises of Registrar Gobeil were destroyed with the military patrolling the streets, Quebec was very quiet this morning. The regi-ments in quarters in Quebec come from Ontario, and they have been reinforced by local militia. Police Were Cowardly

Mayor Lavigneur began this investi gation of grave charges made against the police in regard to the smashing up of the Chronicle and L'Evenement of-fices. One correspondent wrote here that "Mayor Lavigneur, faced with the absolute breakdown of the civil machinery, largely due to the indifference or cowardice of some of the police force, was compelled to call on the soldiers to

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The mayor told the Canadian Press complete.

All Working Together. day that the strictest measures have

London, March 30.—Among the feats of British endurance may be mentioned that of a detachment which marched eighteen hours, fought throughout one night and half of the next day, repelled three attacks, twice recentured a certain village, and captured a certain village, and dug trenches.

HINDENBURG'S SMASH SLOWS UP BEFORE UNBREAKABLE WALL; FRENCH HOLDING THE BIG RUSH London and Paris Today Report the Enemy

Near Montdidier.

SPEED AND SPIRIT WILL TURN TIDES **AGAINST THE ENEMY** 

French Coming Fast to British Aid, Says Times.

ACCORD IS COMPLETE

Wilson, Haig, Petain and Foch All Working in Complete Harmony.

London, March 30 .- Alluding to what it

and that the strictest measures have been taken today to prevent the resurrence of the riots here.

Gen. Landrey, commander of the Quebec Military District, said that he had not yet received instructions to proclaim partial law, but that measures are here.

All Working Together.

"The crisis of the past ten days has served only to hasten and to crystallize arrangements for the mutual support under which Field Marshal Haig and Sir Henry Wilson are working with Gen. Foch and Gen. Petain. They have all been in the closest personal touch durmartial law, but that measures are being taken to protect the property and lives of citizens.

THE MAYOR'S EXPLANATION.

Quebec, March 30.—Although it was apparent from his actions while standing in the fire chlef's automobile and waving a document that Mayor Lavignueur had read the riot act, he denied later having done so. The mayor stated that he intended reading it, but when he arrived on the scene things were quieted down, and he did not think it necessary.

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He regretied the property and been in the closest personal touch durbuch durbuch they have taken they have had the full-set support of Premier Clemenceau, whose irrepressible courage is a godsend to France in this hour, and to the whole alliance.

"Also, although this factor is necessarily of less immediate importance, let us pay tribute to the promptitude and hearty goodwill with which the American military authorifies have met every claim made upon them.

"It is well to remember at such a time that the Allies have these gigantic resources steadily mobilizing behind martial law, but that measures are be- been in the closest pers

Will Be Ready To Block Am Move of the Germans.

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the Bolshevik premier, is ill of pneu-monia, a Reuter's Petrograd corre-spondent reports. The correspondent monia, a Reduce s letting and spondent reports. The correspondent also says it is reported that Gen. Alexieff, former Russian commander-inchief, who recently has been one of the leaders in the Cossack movement against the Bolsheviki, has been areasted in the Don region.

HOW CORNERED BRITISH GUNNERS GALLANTLY SAVED THE BATTERY

British Headquarters, March 30.—
Describing the fighting on the Somme a correspondent says: "At one point where the Germans got across the river in force about Cerisy taking the troops in the Proyart-Mericourt neighborhood in the rear, we fell back but the retirement was gallantly done. Our men were taken in the rear before they knew it.

"As there were guns to be got away La Motte."

FRENCH FIGHT DESPERATELY. Paris March 30 .- French troops, supported by reserves, are offering desperate resistance to powerful assaults of the enemy, the war office announces. Paris, March 30 .- The battle, which was renewed with violence during the night, is progressing on a front of forty kilometres (about 25 miles) from Moreuil to beyond Lassigny.

Firmly Held At All Points, With French

Desperately Resisting Heavy Assaults

LULL BEFORE NEW STORM. London, March 30 .- The Germans are still rushing forward artillery and reorganizing their forces, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters reports. The slowing down in the battle, he says, probably is only a lull before another storm of still greater intensity,

The situation on the British sector of the new battle front this morning was more satisfactory from the Allied standpoint. The night comparatively quiet.

BRITISH LINES STRENGTHENED British Army Headquarters in France, March 30 .-

The British lines have been strengthened rapidly in every quarter along the front. There is a most heartening display of determination and optimism. In the vicinity of Albert the Germans today are reported to be digging themselves in along the line from

Thiepval to La Boiselle. British Army Headquarters in France, March 30 .-The situation today from the Entente viewpoint is reported more satisfactory. Along the British section of the

battlefront last night was comparatively quiet, ATTACK BROKE DOWN. The statement follows: "North of the Somme only local actions have taken place. South of the Somme the enemy's attacks yesterday at Demuin and Mazieres succeeded in pressing back our troops from the latter village. We secured a number of prisoners in our counter-attacks. At

Demuin all the enemy's attempts to capture the village broke down after sharp fighting, which lasted throughout the afternoon. "During the past week our cavalry have fought with great gallantry, both mounted and dismounted, and repulsed the enemy, inflicting heavy losses on him in numerous engagements."

COUNTRYSIDE FILLED WITH BODIES. London, March 30.—The Morning Post's correspondent in France draws a gruesome picture of battlefield conditions. "Prisoners state that the countryside is full of bodies, and that the air is horrible with the odor of death," he writes. "Wells cannot be used. The ruined villages are impossible as billets because they are strewn with German dead. There are piles of bodies along the roads and between them. The enemy has only recently found time to bury any of his dead, "The spectacle of the battlefield carpeted with the bodies of their comrades has affected fresh troops, who in this way discovered to the surprise that the British are not too weak to fight. Prisoners say the

ATTACK BROKE DOWN. London, March 30 .- The Germans, attacking yesterday at Demu and Mozieres pressed back the British from Mezieres, the war office announced. All the enemy's attempts to capture Demuin broke down after

the British endurance and skill in fighting is delaying the progress of the

sharp fighting, which lasted through the afternoon. WAR TIDES SLACKEN.

British Army Headquarters in France, March 30 .- For a brief space the tides of conflict have slackened, but any moment they may set in again. When the Germans have brought forward their artillery and again. When the Germans have brought forward their arthrey and overhauled their fighting machine the struggle undoubtedly will be renewed, perhaps with greater ferocity than before,

Yesterday afternoon the enemy had a small success south of the Luce River on the British right flank. Strong German forces, attacking

there, captured Mezieres and also Maison Blanche, north of that village The British immediately organized a counter-attack and pushed forward determinedly against the invaders.

the war, says Bryce, "is uninke other the world has seen, not only be vastness of its scale, but in the endous issues involved. It is a war inciple, a war waged for liberty is military tyranny, a war to save ind from being enslaved by one tious and aggressive power, whose try chiefs have proclaimed that mean to dominate Europe first and the western hemisphere. That is brought the United States to beside the Allies in Europe."

ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

Idon, March 30.—Nikolai Lenine, Bolshevik premier, is ill of pneutant and the growth of the salient driven into the British line exposed them to flank counter-attacks, and they extended their offensive toward Arras. However, although the enemy advanced in masses, carrying large numbers of machine guns. One find the growth of the salient driven into the British line exposed them to flank counter-attacks, and they extended their offensive toward Arras. However, although the enemy advanced in masses, carrying large numbers of machine guns. One freports extended their offensive toward Arras. However, although the enemy achieved some local successes, including the capture of a British battalion, which fought courageously until surrounded, the attempt to capture Arras.

Following were drawn closer about the eastern side of Arras, yesterday's continued pressure of the enemy's continued pressure of the enemy'

French military authorities feel very hopeful over their success in baffling the enemy design to drive down the valley of the Oise, and declare that the German attempt to break through at the junction of the British and French armies in the Montdidier region also was a failure.

The French claim that the Germans The French claim that the Germans took Mondidier too late to profit by the s move, and that the French now have forces in this region strong enough to meet all eventualities.

GERMANS PAY GREAT PRICE.

British Army Headquarters in France, Victoria ...

March 29.—German prisoners taken in yesterday's fighting declare that they were told before entering the battle that Arras must be taken at all costs.

Already they have paid a great price in lives in the endeavor to occupy the city, for the slaughter among the storming troops was exceedingly heavy.

Defences Draw Closer.

Along the rest of the battle front the fighting was normal. The British de-GERMANS PAY GREAT PRICE.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 58; lowest, 22.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 44; lowest, 32.

Fair and very mild today and on offt by the Sunday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours Stations. High. Parry Sound..... Port Stanley.....

Weather Notes. Fair, mild weather prevails over me

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