

GERMANS CAPTURED PERONNE, WITH HAM AND CHAUNY TOWNS, 30,000 TROOPS AND 600 GUNS; BRITISH HOLD UNBROKEN LINE

Berlin Claims Retiring British Are Burning Towns and Villages, and Report the Third Line Broken—Ninety-seven Divisions Thrown Against Gen. Haig—Germans Have Already Drawn Upon Half of Available Forces in France and Prisoners Says One-third to One-half of These Have Been Put Out—Retiree not According to Allies' Plans.

London, March 24.—"Fresh hostile attacks developed this morning in great strength on the whole battle front," says Field Marshal Haig's report from headquarters, "and they have continued throughout the day." "South of Peronne the enemy succeeded after heavy fighting in crossing the River Somme at certain points. These are being dealt with." "North of Peronne enemy attacks were directed with the greatest violence against the line of the River Toulle (a tributary of the Somme). Our troops on this portion of the battle front have been withdrawn and are fighting on new positions." "Further north repeated assaults by large bodies of German infantry have been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. In this fighting the 17th and 40th divisions greatly distinguished themselves, beating off many hostile attacks." "An official report on the aerial operations says that 51 enemy airplanes have been brought down."

GERMANS ARE EMPLOYING HALF AVAILABLE FORCES.

LONDON, March 24.—Describing the great struggle in France, the Havas correspondent says: "The British retired in good order, ceding ground foot by foot to strong positions prepared months ago." "In the latter stages of the battle 75 German divisions were engaged. Thus

SUFFERED WITH NERVES COULD NOT KEEP QUIET

Diseases of the nervous system are very common.

All the organs of the body may be sound while the nerve centres may be affected.

Many women become run down and worn out by household duties never ending, and sooner or later find themselves with their nerves shattered, and the heart action weakened.

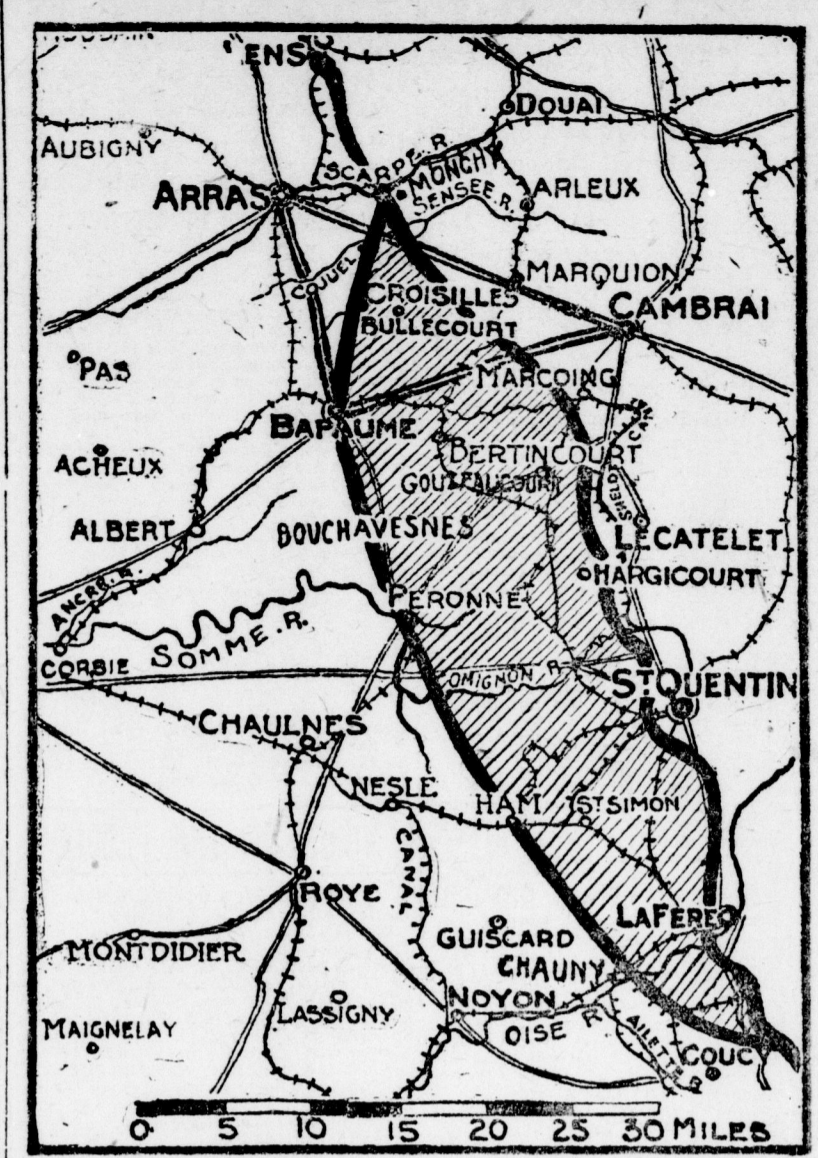
On the first sign of any weakness of either the heart or nerves, flagging energy or physical breakdown, do not wait until your case becomes hopeless.

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills will at once quieten the shaking nerves, strengthen the weak heart and build up the entire system.

Mrs. F. Bailey, 221 Earl Street, Kingston, Ont., writes: "I was suffering very much with my nerves, so much so that I could not keep myself quiet at all. I was recommended to try Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, so I bought three boxes, and I must say I have derived much benefit from them, so much so that my friends have all noticed the change in me."

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The German Advance as Berlin Records It



Germans have been brought to the western front in an endeavor to crush the British army holding the line of the region of Arras to the south of St. Quentin, but it daily becomes increasingly evident that the enemy in his drive has met with opposition not counted upon and been unable to realize to the full his objectives.

Enemy in Desperation. There is every reason to believe that harder fighting than has yet taken place will develop shortly. The Germans, in the British view, cannot now hesitate in carrying on their attack, and it is a case of break through or admit defeat. In this circumstance it is interesting to note a statement made yesterday by a German officer, a prisoner, who declared that the German offensive was an act of desperation brought on by the fact that the fatherland must have peace.

However, the British take such assertions at their face value, and are proceeding accordingly.

In the Italian theatre the snow on the ground and the freshets in the valleys continue to hinder the operations on a large scale, but from the preparatory artillery activity and the skirmishes that are being carried out it becomes increasingly evident that this theatre shortly is to be the scene of a sanguinary encounter.

CAPTURE OF CHAUNY MAKES SITUATION BAD.

LONDON, March 25.—The official reports of last night represent the battle position in France as undoubtedly grave, and the newspapers recognize this, but do not attempt to appraise or prophesy the course of events. They consider this the critical hour of the war.

The German seizure of Chauny may compel the withdrawal of the French lines, in order to preserve contact and alignment with the British. Much rests on the use of the Allied "army of manoeuvre" organized by the Versailles conference, which may prove the decisive factor of the battle.

In earlier reports it was stated that the British third and fourth armies and portions of Franco-American reserves who had been brought up were beaten on the line of Bapaume-Bouchavesnes and behind the Somme between Peronne and Ham, as well as at Chauny, were repulsed with the heaviest of losses.

Storm Monchy Height. The army of Gen. von Below (Tortle) took by storm Monchy, Cambrai, and the heights of the Somme, and thence carried forward the attack in a westerly direction beyond Valenciennes and toward the northwest of Bapaume for the third

FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR. YOU CAN HELP BY NOT WASTING IT.

EASTER WEEK

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Every new trend of fashion in style, material and color is shown in this wonderful display. Our stocks are complete in readiness for the big Easter rush. You can make your selection now from the finest assortment of spring apparel we have ever had.

A Wonderful Selection of New Spring Suits at \$25

In all-wool serges, tricotine, poplins, gabardines and silks. If women who understand much about tailoring and materials will please examine these suits they will see that they are remarkable for \$25.00. In the first place they are all man-tailored, lined with good silk linings, made in the latest spring styles in all the fashionable colors of navy, black, new clay, sand, brown, green and grey. Others from \$17.50, and many exclusive styles at \$35.00, \$45.00 and \$50.00.

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A splendid variety of alluring new models is ready for your inspection. They come in the new long, empire effects that are so new and original.

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We've given them up—until after the war anyway. There is a far better way to give you real Comfort value for your money and we've done it—we've made the Comfort Soap bar much bigger.

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Many of the Premiums—books, glassware, toys, jewelry, etc., used to come from Europe. These cannot be shipped now on account of the war, and the premiums we can still get are either so poorly made or so expensive that the value simply isn't there. The best way out is to give you all the value of the premium in the biggest-selling soap in Canada—that's Comfort. The Comfort bar is bigger now—at the same price.

Of course all wrappers, coupons, etc., now out in the stores will be redeemed as heretofore—but get them in early before our present stock of good Premiums is used up. If the new bar isn't in stock yet, the old one is just as good value—with premiums.

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HINDENBURG'S GOAL THE CHANNEL PORTS, IS NOW DISCLOSED

Must Continue To Waste His Many Division in Bath of Blood.

WILL SOON BE EXHAUSTED

Allies Can Hold Reserves Powerful Enough for Crushing Counter-Stroke.

LONDON, March 24.—While clouds of uncertainty obscure the details of the world's greatest battle, the sun of which were heard in London last night, there is a measure of relief felt that Germany has finally shown her hand.

The purpose and method of her long-looked-for attack have been disclosed. The world's greatest battle, the battle of the channel ports, but he purpose to take the first step toward them by breaking through the Allies' line near the junction of the French and British armies.

The attack thus far has shown no new strategy, but appears to be simply a colossal blow with masses of guns and men hitherto never in a few hours on any battlefield.

There is no surprise that the British line has been forced back. Lines of defence have been bent before all great offensives in this war. What the British people look to the army for is that it shall not break.

With usual caution, the German official reports of the first day's fighting did not reveal to their own people the extent of importance of their effort. Only when a partial success had been achieved.

Child Gets Sick, CROSS, FEVERISH IF CONSTIPATED

Look at tongue! Then give fruit laxative for stomach, liver, bowels.

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm children and they love it.

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is sometimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the wrapper. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

"IT IS GOING WELL"

PARIS, March 24.—A message has been received by courier by the German High Command of the department of civil affairs of the American Red Cross from Edward Eyre Hunt, who is directing the Red Cross relief for civilians, just behind the battle line. In his message Mr. Hunt says: "I have seen something of this situation today and shall see more tomorrow. It is going well. Do not let anyone make you think it is not."

recorded was Emperor William designated as commander-in-chief and the crown prince mentioned.

"Nothing we have heard up to the present would lead me to think that anything has happened which could not have been expected. There is no reason to come to the conclusion that things are looking bad," Gen. Sir Horace Lockwood Smith-Dorrien says in an interview with the Weekly Dispatch.

Enemy Exhausting Himself. Continuing on the great battle in France the Sunday Times says:

"In all previous great assaults the chief success has been gained at the first thrust, but in this battle, whereas the Germans were unable to make a flowery report at the close of the first day, it has to be admitted that their attack has been more satisfactory from this point of view. The German military caste is out for victory, even to the point where they must destroy the people to whom they promised its fruits. They have already flung nearly one-half of their entire western resources against the sector measuring one-tenth of the western front, and must continue to fling fresh divisions into the blood bath.

"With time on our side and fewer troops exposed to the death-blast they may reasonably count on holding in hand reserves powerful enough to deal a crushing counter-stroke when von Hindenburg has shattered his last weapon against the impregnable British wall."

KAISED IN COMMAND, HELPED BY "HINDY" AND CROWN PRINCE

Sends Message That the Lord Has Gloriously Aided.

LONDON, March 24.—Saturday's German official announcement, received here, state that Emperor William is in command on the western front.

"Further evidence that the emperor has staked his all on an offensive, hoping to win and to go down in history as the victor in this great and decisive world conflict."

"Dispatches from Amsterdam picture the emperor kept isolated on a raft of fifteen kilometers. The German crown prince, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, von Ludendorff and other prominent Germans are also reported there with him."

KAISER AND HINDY EXULT. March 24.—"Well, your majesty, I think we may be well pleased with this initial success."

Thus the Berlin Tagblatt quotes Field Marshal von Hindenburg as saying to Emperor William, when the field marshal received the first telegram concerning the offensive on the western front.

The newspaper adds that the time for the offensive was fixed long ago, and that it began at exactly the time set for its commencement, even to the hour.

HOW TO POP CORN

It is done in different ways, but the most approved method is to pop your corns with Putnam's Corn Extractor—corns pop out for fair, and stay out too, when removed by "Putnam's." Try this painless remedy yourself, 25c, at all dealers.

the German empress has received the following message from Emperor William:

"I am pleased to be able to tell you that, by the grace of God, the battle of Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quentin and LaFere has been won. The Lord has gloriously aided. May He further help."

SELECT MEDICINE CAREFULLY

Purgatives are dangerous. They gripe, cause burning pains and make the constipated condition worse. Physicians say the most ideal laxative is Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut; they are exceedingly mild, composed only of health-giving vegetable extracts. Dr. Hamilton's Pills restore activity to the bowels, strengthen the stomach, and purify the blood. For constipation, sick headache, biliousness and disordered digestion no medicine on earth makes such remarkable cures as Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Try a 25c box yourself.

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Cincinnati authority tells how to dry up a corn so it lifts out.

You corn-pestered men and women need suffer no longer. Wear the shoes that nearly killed you before, says this Cincinnati authority, because a few drops of freemasonry applied directly on a tender, aching corn stops soreness at once and soon the corn loosens so it can be lifted out, root and all, without pain.

A quarter of an ounce of freemasonry costs very little at any drug store, but is sufficient to take off every hard or soft corn or callus. This should be dried, as it is inexpensive and does not inflame or even irritate the surrounding tissue or skin.

Traction Company

Sunday service will be resumed on Sunday, March 31. Cars will leave London at 10 a. m., 1, 5 and 9 p. m.

Cars leaving at 1 and 5 p. m. will run to Port Stanley.

LONDON AND PORT STANLEY RAILWAY

Timetable Effective Sept. 20.
TO ST. THOMAS—15:20, 16:20, 7:20, 8:20, 9:20, 10:20, 11:20 a. m., 12:20, 1:20, 2:20, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:20, 7:20, 8:20, 9:20, 10:20, 11:20 p. m.
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