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# Entente Wins First Round of Decisive Battle In the West

# BRILLIANT COUNTER ATTACK RETAKES GROUND FOR BRITISH

## COUNTER ATTACKS BY HAIG'S TROOPS WIN BACK GROUND

British Regain Part of Position Temporarily Abandoned To Germans On Thursday-Massed Batteries of Germans Badly Pummelled—Enemy Claims Taking First Line.

British Army Headquarters in France, March 22. A brilliant British counter-attack occurred at Doignies. The British advanced with infantry and tanks at 7 p.m. and after fierce fighting drove out the

#### ENEMY FAILS BADLY.

British Army Headquarters in France, March 22. The fighting is still continuing, but the first stage of the offensive has passed. The enemy has failed badly in the execution of his program, as is attested by captured documents showing what he planned to do in the early hours of his offensive.

th Headquarters in France, March 22.—Vigorous counter-attacks ate esterday restored some of the positions which the British had abanisoned temporarily. The exact British line cannot be made public at present. The only reason is that it might furnish the enemy with valuable information. Last night was fairly quiet along the front. This morning the Germans were bombing in the region of Croiselles. There were indications that they intended to continue their attacks today. were indications that they intended to continue their attacks today. Weather Aids British.

THE WAR SITUATION

being held in the British battle posi-tions, he reported, which means that the British line is still intact, although admittedly it has been bent backward at points under the terrific Teutonic as-

British Strike Back.

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TWO CATHOLIC PRIESTS

EXECUTED BY GERMANS;

ALONG ITALIAN FRONT

Rome, March 22.-Fighting is becom

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EDWARD J. CONDO DEAD.

masses and regained some of the

The weather is cold and bleak. A heavy mist makes air reconnais-sances impossible. This is of ad-vantage to the British, as the \*erial observation. in many sections infantry, followed up by shock ops. As a result they suffered

The heavily massed German ar-llery has been badly hammered by heavy casualties. GERMANS CLAIM FIRST LINE.

Berlin, March 22.—Via London.— The British first line has been capfured by German troops attacking from the southeast of Arras, as far as La Fere, the war office an-The heavy artillery fighting con-inues in Belgium and French Planders. Reconnoitring detach-ments are said to have penetrated the opposing lines at many points. Ostend was bombarded from the

#### OPPOSITION CAUCUS CALLED FOR TUESDAY

Ottawa, March 22.—The first Opposition caucus of the session has been called for Tuesday next, when party whips will be named and the arrangements made as to the sessional plans inents made as to the sessional plans. of the forces to the left of the speaker. is stated that it is not the intention the Opposition to unnecessarily proong the session.

#### WOUNDED AND GASSED

Lieut. Davo Logan Double Casualty, According to Official Report.

tie is still raging, according to indications in the news dispatches. Great numbers of Austrian cannon are declared to have been transferred to the western front to reinforce the German artillery. Bulgarians, too, have been brought into the field by the German command, it is declared, the understanding being that they are to be used. Lieut. Dave Logan of this city, who went overseas with the 241st Battalion, has been officially listed as wounded and gassed on March 15.—The message came to his mother, 602 Cheapside street today.

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Lleut. Logan was an officer of the rmy Service Corps, and was on duty in this district for some time as supply ficer before he joined the 241st Canalan Scottish Borderers. He was one of he best known and most popular ounger officers of the city.

standing being that they are to be used as a strategic reserve.

Altogether the indications are that the central powers have massed all possible forces at their disposal on the west front for their present drive. The prospects seem, however, that they will need every man of them if they keep up their attack long with anything like its initial force, as all the reports indicate that the German losses have been terrific under the withering fire of the Brit. rific under the withering fire of the Brit

#### THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 73; lowest, 29.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 54; lowest, 35.

TOMORROW-FINE AND COOL. Forecasts. Northerly wind fresh during the ay; fine and a little cooler today and

in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam. Eight other priests, the dispatch says, have been sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for iller at Brussels on the charge of espionage. The following were the highest and owest temperatures during the 24 hours Stations. High. Low. ictoria ...... 50 40 FIGHTING INCREASING

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Weather Notes.

Several shallow depressions exist on the continent this morning, while a feeble cold wave covers Lake Superior.
Fair weather prevails over the Dominion, except along the British Columbian coast, where rain is falling heavily. Chattanooga, Tenn., March 22.—Edward J. Condo, of Hamilton, Ont., former manager of the Hamilton branca of the Oliver Plow Works, died here this morning.

Geneva, Wednesday, March 20.—Information has reached Basel that the British aerial attack of Monday upon Mannheim, Germany, did enormous damage in the city, causing several furious fires which raged for many hours, especially in the vicinity of the railway station. A powder factory and a gas plant are reported to have exploded. The population, according to these advices, is panic-stricken, and many persons are leaving town and going to Switzerland, especially women and children. The south German press is continuing its campaign against aerial reprisals, but the Berlin Government is declared to show no disposition to negotiate.

# FRENCH REPULSE

positions after lively fighting. The enemy suffered considerable losses.
"In the Champagne, west of Mount Carnillet, a German attack also was repulsed. There were rather heavy artillery engagements in the region of the heights, at some points on the right bank of the Meuse and in the Woevre. The base heen established that on "It has been established that on ""."

# The first stage of the great German offensive on the western front has passed, and it is to be scored as a German failure, the enemy having fallen short of realizing his aims in the first great smash, according to dispatches from British headquarters today. After attacking all day yesterday and until a late hour last night, the Germans let down in their smashing operations. With the American Army in France.

men heights, at some points on the right bank of the Meuse and in the Woevre.

"It has been established that on March 5 Sub-Lieut. Harbelin brought down his tenth German alrplane."

AMERICANS OBLITERATE
LINES OF THE BOCHES.

With the American Army in France, March 21.—Enemy first and second line positions on a part of the sector east of Luneville have been destroyed completely by American antillery fire. After the raid into the German positions last night, the American gunners shelled the positions heavily all night and this morning.

On the sector northwest of Toul a number of German deserted last night and surrendered to a patrol in a certain wood. The Germans approached the patrol shouting "Don't shoot!" The prisoners were turned over to the French. until a late hour last night, the Germans let down in their smashing operation along fifty miles of the British front, and had not resumed their heavy assaults at the latest advices from Sir Douglas Haig today. Further hard fighting was ahead, however, the field marshal predicted. The enemy was still being held in the British battle positions.

#### The battle line has not moved in only one direction, however, the British having struck back spiritedly at the Ger-PRINCE MAX OF BADEN SAYS WILSON IS COMING TO THE GERMAN VIEW

New York, March 22.—The Wolff Bureau of Berlin reports Prince Maxi-liem of Baden as warning Germany that Trotzky's idea must be fought by Garman ideas. He charges Lloyd for the stated reason that the enemy might be given valuable information if the line were accurately traced. by German ideas. He charges Lloyd George with being determined to dethe line were accurately traced.

Big Guns Duel.

While the infantry is being held last speech indicates that the American president is willing to accept the Germany in the infantry is being the dermined to design the control of the dermined to design the control of the dermined to design the dermined to design the control of the dermined to design the dermined to

#### ORANGEMEN IN FAVOR OF NATIONAL SCHOOLING

Montreal, March 22.-The Grand Lodge of Quebec, Loyal Orange Association, at its 69th annual session here yesterday passed a resolution favoring compulsory education and a national non-sec-tarian scheme for the Province of Que-bec and the whole Dominion. Rev. Charles Reid was elected grand master.

#### CONTINUED SLASHING MAY BRING RATE TO LEVEL OF 33 MILLS

ish artillery and machine guns. The German artillery, too, has suffered heavily through counter-battery work by the British, who found the massed guns fine targets for effective destruc-The board of control and the special committee of the council are still bat-tling with the estimates, and will soon each the end of the rope.

The board of education figures were one over last evening, and a reduction f \$5,000 made.

The estimates of the technical school EIGHT SENT TO PRISON London, March 22.—The execution in trussels of two Roman Catholic priests in the charge of espionage is reported negotiations in hand regarding the tech Is of two Roman Catholic priests nical school which will make a change, charge of espionage is reported Exchange Telegraph dispatch Amsterdam. Elight other priests, spatch says, have been sentenced prisonment at hard labor for it.

Small reductions have been made in each department, which on the aggregate make it appear that 33 mills will be adequate. Of this one mill will be for the Government, and two mills for the soldiers' insurance, etc.

"We will probably have a 33-mill rate," declared City Clerk Baker.

several points on the front, and ejected one of the most prominent members of an Austrian detachment which had Parliament intends to ask the Govern-

## **GERMANS TRYING** TO USE PINCERS ON HAIG'S LINE

Hope To Pinch Off a Sharp Salient and Retake the Hindenburg Line.

HOPE FOR GREAT HAUL

Blow Is Similar to Previous One Made in the Arras-Cambrai Sector.

"began at 5 o'clock in the morning, and at 7 o'clock some of the German units left their trenches and attacked the British with heavy and light machine guns. Between 9 and 10 the engagement became general on a front of some 25 miles.

enemy is trying to repeat on a larger scale the operation by which he wor scale the operation by which he won back some of the ground we gained in the battle of Cambrai. Then he pushed in on an angle of our front both from the north and the east. His two bodies did their best to join hands, but could not make it, though they had at first considerable success. Much the same design is being followed now. We have good reason to hope that it will be checkmated as was the previous one."

## CANADA ON SAME BASIS AS ONE OF THE STATES

Washington, March 22 .- Permits for the months of April, May and June have been issued by the fuel adminiration to a large number of coal operators for exports of coal to Canada. C. A. Magrath, fuel controller for Canada, has been given the privilege of calling upon the fuel administration to issue permits to any shippers who may

# 500 MUNITIONS ENEMY'S TITANIC PUSH HELD,

London, March 22.—Thirty German soldiers were killed and more than a hundred others injured, and 500 munition wagons were blown up by an explosion at the Mevrignies station, near Mons, Belgium, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam, filed yesterday. The Germans had stocked enormous munitions trains under camouflaged sheds at Mevrignies.

# **CANADIANS NOT**

NIGHTATTACKS

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London, March 22.—It is not yet possible to give more than very general and vague idea of the fighting on Thursday on the front between the loss and the Sensee, which continues with swaying fortunes, according to the accounts of correspondents at the British front in the morning newspapers.

The German attack made on the British front was and southwest of Cambral front west and southwest of Cambral front west and southwest of the British front with south of where the active source of the Scarpe seems to have delivered its first blow principally in the triangle of the Arras-Cambral and Bapaume Cambral roads, while the German army south of Cambral is striking against our tench systems in the region west of the Scheldt Canal. No doubt the enemy south of Silve of the British front, and the Scarpe seems to have delivered its first blow principally in the triangle of the Arras-Cambral roads, while the German army south of Cambral is striking against our tench systems in the region west of the Scheldt Canal. No doubt the enemy south of Cambral size of the British front, and the Scarpe seems to have delivered its first blow principally in the triangle of the Arras-Cambral roads, while the German army south of Cambral is striking against our tench systems in the region west of the Scheldt Canal. No doubt the enemy should not figure in the tin-front line, Returned follows:

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The enemy suffered considerable losses, and the follows of the German units are considerable losses, and the follows of the German units and the follows of the

Clergy Acted as Pallbearers for Funeral Today.

Father James J. Ryan, who died on Last night the body lay in state in the sanctuary of St. Peter's Cathedral, where it remained all night, being watched over by different priests of the diocese, who came here to attend the funeral.

Six priests acted as bearers. They were Fathers Hanlon, O'Neill, Tobin, Morin, Hagan and Goodwin. MOONEY GIBSON IS SAID TO HAVE ENLISTED WITH

UNITED STATES ARMY

battery at Camp Zachary Taylor, near Louisville. to organize a camp ball team. Comment is made on the unusual fact that Gibson. IN THE CASE OF COAL his friends in the city have heard of

> MRS. SULLIVAN DEAD. Mrs. Eliza Sullivan, aged 78 years, mother of Separate School Inspector J. F. Sullivan, died at the home of her son, 783 Hellmuth avenue, this morning. Mrs. Sullivan had been alling for some time and because of her advanced

Mooney's' enlistment.

issue permits to any shippers who may apply to him.

The administration announcement says that allotments of coal to Canada during the past season were upon the same basis as if Canada were one of the states of the Union. In return, Canada furnishes coal to this country. Much of the product that is used in the northwestern parts of the United States comes from the mines of British Columbia.

TOO MUCH "GAS."—A broken rail on the main line tracks of the G. T. R. a few miles east of Oakville caused a derailment of a train of gasoline tank cars last evning. The escaping gasoline prevented the wrecking crews from doing any work last night, and as a northwestern parts of the United States comes from the mines of British Columbia.

## FOE'S LOSSES GREAT, TODAY'S MESSAGE FROM BRITISH LEADER **ANOTHER GERMAN** and No Serious Attack This Morning TRICK EXPOSED

San Diego, Cal., March 22 .-Major C. P. Bartholf, commande of the Rockwell Field Aviation School at North Island, near here, posted an order today that all goggles made by a certain eastern firm with a German name should be turned in to the officers or destroyed at once. The glasses have been in use at North Island Kelly Field, Texas, and at other training schools for aviators. An investigation by experts shows that the goggles reduce the vision more than 18 per cent.

128 COLUMNS

## CITY TO APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT ON ROAD AREA COSTS

#### Deputation Will Be Sent to Toronto Shortly.

Toronto to interview the prime minister, Sir William Hearst, and the minister of public works. Hon F C. Mc-Dermid, relative to suburban roads. At the meeting of the board of control to-Wednesday morning in St. Joseph's the meeting of the board of control to-day the question was brought up and discussed at some learnth discussed at some length. "The county has established the sub-

urban road area, and has organized it according to the statute," reported Controller John M. Moore. "The coun-Mass was sung at 9 o'clock by Vicar-General Father O'Connor, assisted by Fathers Morin and Goodwin, two visiting priests. Bishop Fallon said the prayers over the body after the mass. The vicar-general also officiated at the minister of public works. We tried to minister of public works. We tried to arrange it during the session, but it was of no avail. We will arrange this later. I have approached the county, and the representatives of the county have agreed to hold up the work until we have arranged this."

"The fact that we have to pay 40 per cent for the repairs of this road area does not strike me as fair," said Mayor Somerville. "We might hear some arguments for capital expenditure on roads, but repairing old roads, long minister of public works. We

An article in the Chicago Post says on roads, but repairing old roads, long in existence, does not look good to me, I do not know what next we will have with the New York Giants, has enlisted, to do for the farmers. They will not and has been made a captain of a field fight, and will not work unless advantages are given them."

Controller Moore will continue his efforts to arrange an interview with the Contracts for sludge pumps, motors

etc., for the sewage disposal works were awarded to Noble & Rich, and the utilities commission, for a total approximately of \$800.

"The Government should exercise more supervision over sewage disposal works," said Controller Moore. "New ideas are rapidly coming to the front on these matters, and the Government should see to it that none but the best are installed." A number of tags for Inspector Mc-Callum's department were received, and were sent to the inspector for tabulation.

MONITORS BOMBARD OSTEND. LONDON, March 21.—Ostend was bombarded by British monitors today, and Heligoland was attacked by seaplanes, according to the official announcement tonight, as follows: "Ostend was bombarded this afternoon by British monitors with successful results. Prior to the bombardment four enemy aircraft were destroyed by our naval air squadrons. Enemy aircraft attacked the British machines, while spotting for the bombardment, with the result that another enemy machine was destroyed. British seaplanes engaged in recognishment is Helicalend.

All Battle Positions Still In British Grip

## MORE HEAVY FIGHTING EXPECTED; GUN CRASHES REACH ENGLAND

Desperate Fighting the Rule A II Yesterday and Far Into the Night as Germans Make T remendous Drive — Huns Failed To Reach Objectives at Any Point.

London, March 22.- Emperor William, Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Gen. von Ludendorff have gone to the western front to witness the German attack, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen Bulgarian and Austrian troops are now on the western front, the dis patch reports.

19 ENEMY DIVISIONS.

London, March 22.—Nineteen enemy divisions were identified in yes terday's fighting, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters wire

London, March 22.—The eagerly awaited British official statement of today, which was expected to give further details of the tremendous fighting indicated in last night's reports, was read with great satisfaction, insofar as it revealed that the enemy had been held and had suffered great losses.

If this turns out to be the great German offer sive that has been predicted, the preliminary round appears to have gone in favor of the Entente, al though, as the official report points out, further heavy fighting is still to be expected. The tremendous artillery duel was heard more distinctly than ever in Kent last night. Houses were continually shaken as the result of the violent concussions.

London, March 22 .- The great battle on the western front continued until late last night, the war office reports. The British are holding the enemy. The statement follows: "Fighting continued until a late hour last night on the whole front between the River Oise and the River Sensee. Our troops continue to hold the enemy in their battle

#### NO SERIOUS ATTACK TODAY.

"During the enemy's a ttacks his massed infantry offered remarkable targets to our rifles, machine guns and artillery, of which full advantage was taken by our troops. All the re ports testify to the exceed ingly heavy losses suffered by the enemy.

"No serious attack has yet developed this morning, but the heavy fighting is still to be expected.

#### CITY GENERALLY TO UNITE IN FITTING RECEPTION TO "FIRSTS"

MR. ROWELL JNWELL; GOES AV. AY FOR REST

Ottawa, March 22.—Acting under nedical advice, Hon. N. W. Rowell, nedical advice, Hon. N. W. Rowell, president of the Privy Council, has left the city for a ten days' rest. Mr. Rowell has been unwell for some weeks.

BRITISH MINERS AGREE TO COMBING OUT PLAN

WYATT'S TRIAL APRIL 4. Halifax, March 22 .- The trial of Commander Wyatt, former chief examining officer of this port, on a charge of

by Council, Soldiers' Aid and Great War Veterans.

The city council will give a recept to the members of the 1st Contingen who have returned, and the reception committee will confer with civic organizations in perfecting arrangements. London, March 22.—It is understood hat the Miners' Federation has accepted the Government's proposal regarding the combing out of men for military Ommission, was present.
One of these was a banquet at

Arrangements Will Be Made

ed that the banquet be held at the Masonic Hall. Another made was to the effect that an entertainment be givet at the Masonic Hall, special places being reserved at the hall for the returned men and their wives, and all bodies in the city allowed to participate.

The question was, however, referred to the reception committee, which will confer with the Great War Veterans' Association and other organizations refind out exactly what is wanted, and what should be done.

This meeting will be held on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

#### MILITIA DEPARTMENT TO SPEND MILLION DOLLARS AT TORONTO

Toronto, March 22 .- One million do lars will be spent in Toronto this year by the militia department. 'A bar racks to accommodate 1,000 men will be erected at Long Branch, and w convalescent hospital on the 25-ac site granted by the city in High Par

C. P. R. HONOR ROLL. Montreal, March 22.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has issued its 31st roll of honor, containing over 100 names of killed and wounded Nearly 7,000 men have gone from the C. P. R. to the front since the headlinning of the war.

### WOULD TURN OVER SCHOOL TO MILITARY DEPARTMENT gaged in reconnaissance in Heligoland Bight attacked enemy mine-sweepers with machine gun fire. There were no casualties on the British side. All our machines returned safely." or of this port, on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the Mont Blanc-Imo collision, which resulted in the Halifax explosion on Dec. 6 last, has been set to take place on April 4, in the supreme court.

Board of Control Favors Sugg estion of New Building's Use For Soldiers-Mayor Say's Board of Education Declined To Allow Council Member s Participate in Negotiations.

for the Government, and two mills for the soidlers' insurance, etc.

"We will probably have a 33-mill rate," declared City Clerk Baker.

SOUNDS LIKE WAR.

Amsterdam, March 22.—A dispatch from The Hague to the Handeisblad says one of the most prominent members of Parliament intends to ask the Government whether it is not time to recall the Dutch minister at Washington and hand passports to the American minister at The Hague.

CECIL FRANKLIN KILLED.

Ottawa, March 22.—It is announced through the naval department that Flight Officer Cecil C. Franklin, R. N. A. S., of Port Rowan, Ont., had been killed.

Editions of the most prominent members of the members of the had suggested that the board of control take part in the negotiations, but his offers had not been received corticular to the deal with the question. The industrial advisory committee had the case in hand at the present time.

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The board will use its best offices to have the building turned over.

The board will use its best offices to have the building over to the militia authorities during the war. It will be been cont

The board of control today discussed the proposition of the militia authorities to take over the new Technical School building for military purposes. The ment and control of it, the present the present that the industrial commendation of the present that the prese

### Subscription Rates Advance In effect April 1, 1918.

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