

bich was a continuance of Friday's Marshal Haig reports from headquartruggle, but the most important ac-tion seemed to be taking place on the reach left, where it was reported the siderable fighting, however, south of defmans were pursuing their furious the Somme. The text of the report ttacks. reads: Along' the rest of the battlefront "North of the Somme the enemy did

compartive inactivit ycontinued so far not renew his attacks today. Some s infantry fighting was concerned. German Plans.

heavy hostile shelling, however, has This then was the status of affairs n the tenth day of the battle, and hile no one can foresee what trend thile no one can foresee what trend "South of the Somme a hostile at-tack developed in considerable force uch vast operations will take, there re many things to support the follow ig interpretation of the situation: two Jays past there has been a essation along the major portion of the northern front of the bitter warare waged at the outset. Undoubt-dly this is in accordance with the tested." erman plans, for it was impossible

enemy to proceed further EIGHTY-THREE PLANES ithcut pausing to bring forward his DESTROYED BY BRITISH upporting artillery, reorganize his ighting forces and establish comjunications. These things are now eing accomplished. The main factor Successful Aerial Operations on Italian Front With Loss of Only Ten By British. ffecting the operations is the question

Delay Aids Defence.

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London, March 31. — Eighty-three enemy airplanes have been destroyed by British aviators since they have been operating on the Italian front, ton issued tonight. The British have bost 10 machines in aerial fighting. The text of the communication which

The crucial sector, which in the tells of the communication, which pening days of the battle lay in the icinity of Albert, which the Germans "On the Italian front the British loped to use as a gateway to the troops holding the Montelo section vestern advance, now appears to have were relieved in the middle of March below the and since have taken a new sector propped to the zone This is due to two reasons. on the Asiago Plateau.

"Our flying corps since its arrival n the first place, the resistance ofred along the northern front un- in Italy has destroyed \$3 enemy masubtedly upset the schedule and plans chines and lost 10."

t the German command. Finding heir progress here too slow. the KING GEORGE VISITS Jermans turned their attention to the outhern sector, where they had con inued their successes.

Spends Fifty Hours Among Soldiers To Continue in South. Who Stemmed First of Enemy's In the second place, the entrance of he French into the battle also raised

Offensive. large problem for the enemy, and London, March 31 .- The King left ave the Germans a further reason pushing hard below the Somme London Thursday morning, according to an announcement in the court n order to divide the allied armies if a order to divide the allied armies if ing to an announcement in the court ment of Premier Lloyd George that ossible. The probabilities are that the circular, and after visiting the troops Gen. Foch had been appointed to the fermans will continue to exploit their on the western front, returned uccesses on the south. The extension Buckingham Palace last night.

tricted by the marshy valleys of the King George's visit to the front, Avre and the Somme. says: What the enemy's ultimate objec: "In the course of an inspection the

ng his wedge between the two armies inspected an American section, the s a matter of speculation, but it is members of which he congratulated not unreasonable to assume that he upon their fine and smart appearmiens and thence to the sea. On the "The King spent a crowded 50

streme north the Germans probably hours in France, moving about freely will press their attack again Arras, among troops who had taken part in or they not only desire possession of the first onrush of the German ofthis city, with its railway facilities, fensive."

sectors.

out wish to broaden the salient they ave driven in the British line. Whole Long British Line

ARTILLERY DUEL IN ITALY.

ritish Aviators Bring Down Seven Ene-my Machines in Air Fights.

hines,

March 31-Sunday morning the Bri-tish were holding the whole of their nome, March 31.—Along the entire alian front there is an intensive artil-ry duel in progress and considerable tivit, by patrol parties, says the Itallong line with strength. They had smashed numerous heavy German attacks at various points and success official nication issued today. itish aviators downed seven enemy ma-

fully taken the initiative on several prices. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

Is Being Strongly Held

With the British Army in France.

Against the British.

VILLAGE IS RETAKEN.

Moreuil and Wood North of Town Also Recaptured, Aided by

Canadians.

London, March 31 .- That the Germans on Sunday not only failed to taken by the Germans and finally about midday south of the main Pe-ronne-Amiens road. Fighting is conmake gains against the British troops carried in a bayonet charge made tinuing in and between the valleys of the Luce and the Avre, where pos-session of tactical features, woods and tilles in france, but lost ground four miles and Suffered heavy and British troops mingled in the same ranks. The woods north of villages is at present being con-

the Scarpe our line has been, ad-

that the enemy's losses in his fruitless attacks were heavy. "South of the Somme yesterday, by

euccessful counter-attacks, we re-London, March 31. - Eighty-three gained possession of the Village of Demum. In brilliant operations yesterday by the Canadian cavalry and British infantry, in conjunction with were without result." the French, we recaptured Moreuil and the wood to the north of that place.

"This afternoon a heavy German attack developed in the angle 'between the Rivers Luce and Avre, and the fighting continues. South of Moreuil the Germans are attacking in the direction of Ramevil and Mailly. "This morning the French had

made some progress from the south of Montdidier to Lassigny, retaking several villages which they lost yes terday.

HIS TROOPS IN FRANCE FOCH'S APPOINTMENT IS **BEING WELL RECEIVED**

London is Satisfied and Waits Lloyd George's Statement Regarding Further Sacrifices.

London, March 31 .- The announcesupreme command is likely to be well

received, notwithstanding some mur- cular features of the British defense the front of attack undoubtedly is Reuter's correspondent at British murs that British soldiers should iue to the terrain, which is re- headquarters in France, describing fight only under a British general, composed largely of an odd assort Lloyd George's words in his state-ment of troops who had been hastily ment concerning the further sacri-assembled, had a vital stretch of

fices for which the country must be front to hold and maintain against night be if he should succeed in driv- King visited an airdrome, where he prepared and the plans which will be furious German onslaughts until reannounced when parliament meets inforcements arrived. are taken to foreshadow measures for

work. The country apparently is but found no weak spot. ready to stand behind him.

DINEEN'S ENGLISH HATS.

Get your good hats early this spring There is always an ad-

vantage in buying early, even when you have so large a stock to select from as that 157 ait Dineen's. We spe-

cialize in English lines makes at popular -famous and exclusive makes at popular

undiminished violence during the night, and the result was to empha-

size the check administered to the Opposing Batteries-Much formidable Garman effort of yester-Hand to Hand Fighting. day to break thru the line.

"Between Montdidior and Moreuil the fire of the French infantry mowed

With the French Army in France, down German battalions which re-March 31 .- A great flood of German newed the assault without ceasing. Moreuil, ciptured by the Germans, infantry flowed against the French was retaken by the French, again taken by the Germans and finally in France, but lost ground four miles east of Arras and suffered heavy casualties in fruitless attacks, is an-nounced in a statement issued by the nounced in a statement issued by the nounced in a statement issued by the Moreuil also were captured as the re-war office tonight. The statement sult of valiant fighting. In this re-sult of valiant fighting. In this re-function of last year, the battle line found themselves with the French was broken into and revolvers and war office tonight. The statement suit of valuent righting, in this iter says: "North of the Somme the day has been quiet. Immediately south of the Germans, it has been quiet. Immediately south of the Germans, it has been the suit of the Germans, it has been quiet. Immediately south of the Germans, it has been quiet. Immediately south of the Germans, it has been quiet. Immediately south of the Germans, it has been quiet. The French and Germans met of the summit. Dismounting, they clamchecking of the Germans, it has been established. was complete. The French and Germans met often bered up the hillside, but shortly afthe Scarpe our line has been ad- estimate were able to make progress as in hand-to-hand fighting in the Vil-vanced to the east of Feuchy (east French were able to make progress as in hand-to-hand fighting in the Vilvanced to the east of Feuchy (east of Arras). It has been confirmed far as the vicinity of Canny-sur-Matz. It has been confirmed far as the vicinity of Canny-sur-Matz. In manu-to-manu ingitting in the vil-inges of Orvillers, Plemont and Ples-manding general reprimanded them A division of picked troops which, as lages of Orvill, announced last night, recaptured Ple- sier de Roye.

The French artillery overpowered turn immediately to the hill. The mont and held it against all attacks, the much weaker German guns. Ap- Canadians mounted their horses and took 700 prisoners. "On the remainder of the front parently the enemy has not been able rode to the summit under the heavithere was intermittent cannonading Three German raids on the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) is and French in retiring at the first ordered to join in the general retire-

GERMANS "DIGGING IN" ANS "DIGGING IN" IN LASSIGNY DISTRICT bridges. This prevented the bringing up of powerful German weapons, and with the French. They had used all

with the French. They had used all their ammunition when picked up, but continued to fight obstinately with the bayonet when the Germans approached too closely. They suffer-ed severely, but many of the men managed to get thru to the French Battle is Slackening and Situation i Satisfactory, Say Reports From Paris.

slackening, according to reports until one or the other succumbed. line. Paris, March 31 .- The battle tacks of the Germans have been less violent and less numerous today, and

t has been observed that the enemy is feverishly digging himself in, particularly in the neighborhood of Lassigny.

situation is, most satisfactory.

With the British Army in France, March 31 .- One of the most spectalast week was when a little army,

The enemy advanced in force and

Today was the date set for the German entry into Paris, according to an interview Von Hindenburg gave the German newspapers some time before the offensive began. He

ot to break thru their lines.

Allies' Guns Overpower Inferior Then Rode Thru, Heavy Fire,

Occupied Position and Held It him and was struck with a flying Till Ordered to Retire.

missile. Lieut Bourdreau, a return-ed soldier who formerly belonged to the 22nd Battalion, the French-Can-adian regiment which distinguished With the French Army in France, itself at Courcelette, who had charge March 31.—The closeness of the co- of the infantry last night, was also

signy. It was purely a battle of foot soldiers. Around Lassigny, the town which formed the limit of the Gerwas broken into and revolvers and ammunition were removed. The po-lice who were called were unable to prevent the rilling of the establish-During the attack on the drill hall

and the Brousseau store the pol made no arrests. for' retiring and ordered them to re-

Since Saturday

village were captured by the French. withstand the heavy thrusts of the In the bend of the line between infantry against his battle line.

have met the enemy in furious com-

hats, and everywhere defeated him

The Town of Moreuil changed hands four times, but finally rested in the

hands of the British and French,

while the woods to the north of the

with sanguinary losses.

Read the Riot Act. Mayor Lavigueur read the Riot Act last night and the soldiers, pre-vented from taking aggressive meato bring up his big cannon, the Brit-ish and French in retiring at the first rush when the battle started ten days sures to prevent the rioting hitherto,

ago, having destroyed roads and small bridges. This prevented the bringing troops are now temporarily acting moderation. The leaders in the rioting hurled insulting epithets at them, but they were ignored. The military forces here consist of local militia, and their behavior during the epi-sodes of Friday and Saturday nights was exemplary. Today the Roman Catholic Church

thru its head here, Cardinal Begin, sided with the forces of law and order. The cardinal issued a proclamation which was read in all the churches, and in which he exhorted the people to keep away from all gatherings and persuade disturbers to discontinue persuade disturbers to dis

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persuade disturbers to discontinue their rioting. Rioting Renewed. The prospect was that Sunday would pass off without further disturbances. During the day, beyond a few gath-erings at which the incidents of the past two days were discussed by citi-zens, nothing unfoward occurred zens, nothing untoward occurred. However, at 8.35 o'clock this evening the military fell foul of a mob of young men. The soldiers were engaged in removing the firearms and cartridge men into the fray, to gain ground, except an infinitesimal tract at the French front near Mesnil. British and also captured machine guns. At last accounts the Germans had launched French front near Mesnil. British and French machine guns and riflemen, as in days past, again tere great holes in the ranks of the field gray as they endeavored to press on. So great has been the loss of the Germans in front of the British on the Somme that they seem unwilling and British War Offices seemingly the soldiers the most with on fire. The indicate that the allied troops have reached the limits of their retrograde fire brigade was called out and the fire brigade was called out and the

the Scarpe the British themselves movement. In any event, they have were put under control, but canceled the engagement Field Mar-of Arras captured the Village of shal von Hindenburg made with him-bine, where Von Hindenburg is en-deavoring to pierce thru to the old self to take dinner in Paris on All Foois' Day. Instead of the truffie and other viands with which the Ger-man commander-in-chief had preman commander-in-chief had preman commander-in-chief had pre-dicted he would regale himself in the French capital on April 1, his fare will be that of the German army, and instead of passing triumphantly thru the boulevards of the city a vic-

thru the boulevards of the city a vic-tor over the French and British troops, he will be busily engaged in dodging the shot and shell hurled at him by them and endeavoring to withstand the heavy thrusts of their were successful in the case of the infantry against his battle line. store of Samson and Filion in St.

both the army and other forms of war work. The country arms of war **April Fool** deavoring to pierce thru to the old German positions as they stood before his retreat in 1916, the British and French troops, fighting together,

time before the offensive began. He told the reporters how the German army would break the allied line and roll right onward into the French capital. Easter Sunday has now passed and Paris is 70⁻ miles from the battlefront. Moreover the French have defeated a powerful German at-

Troops Hastily Summoned continued on various sectors, but several villages. Held Line Successfully

everywhere the enemy has been held everywhere the enemy has been held and even pushed back at some points. Nowhere has he been able, altho he continued to throw great masses of men inte the frav. to gain ground. British armies have taken a consider-

From the region of the Somme Moreuil and Lassigny the Germans southward to where the battle line turns eastward, furious fighting has continued on wallow control has addition recaptured The general impression is that the