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EPEATED ATTACKS REPULSI

THE BRITISH LOSSES **EXAGGERATE** GERMANS GREATLY

CANADIANS IN TURK FORCE FIERCE FIGHT DESTROYED BY WITH GERMANS

Terrific Struggle Is Reported Raging Between Dominion Troops and Foe.

VOW TO HOLD THEIR LINES

Canadian Batteries in Somme Sector Covering Themselves With Glory.

Ottawa, March 28 .- Inquiry at militia headquarters this morning with regard to the rumor that Canadian troops are now engaged in the great battle in France elicited the information that no official word to this effect had been received.

London, March 27 .- It is reported here that the Canadian forces are locked in a death struggle with the Germans. Never was the corps in better shape. Since Passchendaele the corps has been carefully groom-ed for the contest. The men yow the Huns will over break their line.

Ottawa, March 7.—In a cable mesage, given out by the prime minister's ffice tonight, Roland Hill states that in the stupendous gun duel which was he prejude to this greatest of all battles out raging helywen the Scarpe and the raging between the Scarpe and th ise, Canadians played their own little to not altogether insignificant part, the railway construction troops, the price artillery and the motor machine in batteries were in the thick of the great struggle, yet every unit today is congratulating itself. Our casualties were very light, our losses in material not worth considering.

of the stay in our rear," said one officer.

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"Secretary*of War Baker is London.

"Telling Whole Truth.

"In our communications and believe that things were worse that the public we are telling the past few days some news hands were blown up before the crews hands were blown up b ands were blown up before the crews

Chums Meet in Battle.

The another part of the attacked line met a Winnipeg major who had a attery of heavy guns. He was alert and smiling after two days of ceaseless ghting, and quite ready to go in again to a minute's notice. Two of his subterns were Canadians who had servated a properticeship in the Canadians. elterns were Canadians who had served their apprenticeship in the Canadian heavy batteries. 'We kept the game going,' said one of them, 'until we had the strictest orders to get farther back, in case the way was closed behind us. We ran into one break and the crew that came to the rescue was a Canadian railway construction battalion. The captain in command was an old school chum I had not seen since I left Toronto.'

was pegging away as if they had bee that position all their military lives.

KINGSTON'S PETS IN LIMELIGHT

Kingston, March 28 .- The news Ringston, March 23.—The news this morning that the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery is in action in the big battle on the western front brought the sig-mificance of the great fight home more vividly to citizens here. nce of the great fight home vividly to citizens here, the commencement of the the R. C. H. A. has been the fighting in every battle they were in has justified this pride.

CANADA TO SEND THE BRITISH

London, March 28. - The entire Turkish force in the Hit area in Mesopot amia has been captured or destroyed by the British, the war office announces. Three thousand prisoners were taken.

Hit is on the Euphra tes river, one hundred miles west of Bagdad. The town was evacuated by the Turks on March 9. The Turks fell back to Khan-Baghdadi, 22 miles above Hit, before the British columns operating along the Euphrates, which has been conducting a vigorous and successful campaign.

HURRY THE TROOPS, **BRITISH PREMIER'S** APPEAL TO STATES

Washington Says Every Resource of Nation Strained.

New York, March 28.—An Associated Press dispatch from Washington today "We had horseshoes strung all around s," declared the commander of a rail-ray battalion, whose old camp is for he present in the Huns' hands.

"All through the first day the guns of the Canadian Horse Artillery swept gaps in the thick advancing hordes of Hun troops. Sometimes the attackers would divide and sweep by us, and we would find we were actually in front of our own infantry, but not for long did that sheer weight of human flesh citay in our rear," said one officer.

The Splendid Irlsh.

"All through the first day the guns sador, was viewed here today as a call to the American government is straining every resource to get men to the front, and has confident hopes of placing a force of a million or more men in the field during the present year.

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"It appeal of Lloyd George for urgent has the in American troop move-ing the ment to France, read in New York last night by Lord Reading, British ambas-to the American people.

"British officials are already fully advised as to the situation here, and knew that the American Government to the front, and has confident hopes of placing a force of a million or more men in the field during the present year.

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"Heavy Canadian batteries are in tion," concluded the message. "Where you came from and how they got there a marvel. When I found the battery in Calgary. Since that date Mrs. Stitt was pegging away as if they had been says she had heard nothing of her husin 1915 to come to buy a section of land in Calgary. Since that date Mrs. Stitt says she had heard nothing of her husband until she met Major Stewart. The imajor apparently has had a gallant record overseas, his coat is decorated with many ribbous of service and distinguished honors. Mrs. Stitt says that they have five one serving the Empire. tinguished honors. Mrs. Suft says that they have five sons serving the Empire, three of whom have been wounded and are now convalescent, while another is in the navy. The marriage of the Stitts took place in Belfast in 1886. Major Stewart arrived here in 1915. In June 1916, he married Miss Lilian Tipping of this city.

ONE EDITION FRIDAY

The Advertiser will publish one edition for all subscribers on Good Friday, as is the custom on public holidays. A complete bulletin service on the war news will be posted from the dispatches of the Asso-

Maurice Says German Figures

a complete self-contained Canadian unit for service in France, it is considered that there will be no difficulty in Be Patient in Matter of Battle News.

London, March 27—(Delayed).—Engiand, in considering her losses in France, must take into consideration the "usual German exaggeration," Major-Gen. Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, said today.

"In the past," he declared, "the Germans have exalally given the captures of the various districts. In the past," he addquarters of the various districts. In the proposal to proposed to give preference to returned officers who are physically fit and possess the necessary qualifications, and applications from officers who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus, as well as those who have been returned to Canada as surplus and the ca

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thing is being done now.

600 Guns Gone.

"Our total loss of guns, either from falling into the hands of the enemy or by being knocked out, is about 600, according to our best information. This compares with the German claim of 950.

"Probably the same ratio holds good regarding German claims of prisoners, and it must be remembered that the German count of prisoners includes many of cur wounded, whom we were unable to a ke with us.

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cations were earlier and nearer complete

BATTLE BRIEFS

Hindenburg has ordered all German guns in the east thrown into the west-ern offensive. A continuous stream of wounded coldiers is pouring into Germany. Leland Line steamer Esthonian has been torpedoed off the Irish coast. Gen. Maurice says the situation on the western front is now less critical, as the Allies' reserves are forming rap-idly in adequate strength.

Austrians are rushing forces for drive on the Italian front. A cable to Ottawa says some of the Canadian Construction Corps and artillery have been engaged in the big battle.

TANK BATTALION TO WEST LINES Militia Department Calls For 87 Officers and 700

Others. ENLISTMENT VOLUNTARY

Lieut.-Col. R. L. Denison Has Been Placed in Command of New Unit.

Ottawa, March 28 .- Militia headquarters makes the following announcement: A request has been received by cable from the overseas authorities for the mmediate organization and dispatch verseas of a Canadian tank battalion, consisting of \$7 officers and 700 other

As this is the first opportunity which

Denison To Command.

It is expected that the proposal to organize this unique Canadian unit for immediate service overseas will be received with enthusiasm, and it is hoped that they will be ready to leave Canada not later than May 1.

Lieut.-Col. R. L. Denison, late 8th Detailers and lately commanding the

WAR GUILT ON BERLIN

EMPIRE'S HONOR WILL BE KEPT

London, March 27.—In response to the premier's message to Feld Marshal Haig that help was on the way, the field marshal today sent the following:
"The assurances that no effort will be spared at home to give us all assistance are of great encouragement to us. We will do all in our power to maintain the honor of the Empire in this hour of trial, and to prove ourselves worthy of the trust reposed in us."

CONFIRM REPORT ODESSA FALLEN

Three Days' Desperate Fighting Between Reds and Teutons at Sebastopol.

Petrograd, Wednesday, March 27 .- Official dispatches published here confirm the report that Odessa has been recapmust have special technical and mechan- was first bombarded by cruisers which

ARGENTINA ON EVE OF BREAK WITH HUN

unit for service in France, it unit for service in France, it is continued that there will be no difficulty in ered that there will be no difficulty in the service in France, it is on the eve of another time by voluntary enlistment. Also it affords an opportunity to appoint officers, who will be selected from all canada according to suitability through the adquarters of the various districts. It is proposed to give preference to response to give preference to read properties the east of the various districts. It is proposed to give preference to read and possess the necessary qualifications, and possess the necessary qualifications, and possess the necessary qualifications, and applications from officers who have been retained and applications from officers who have been retained sell as those who have been retained self or other duty will be staff or other d

late 8th ding the data, has new unit. Teheran for Berlin, by way of Constantinople to arrange a permanent alliance between Persia and Germany, based diately to persian raliways and to equip the Persian army with German instructors.

BRITISH IN HOLY LAND

London, March 28 .- A further advance by the British forces, which have hold to the gains they have made at

Depulle Must Be Patient. Sen Maurice said the war office was giving out the news as quickly and as giving out the news as quickly and as giving out the news as quickly and as the war office and the patient. The these critical times, "he said, "I want to emphasize that it is everyones, to emphasize that the services as different than the past feet that things were worse that the emphasize that the everyones are suited to avoid being mourney of the content of the past feet to emphasize that the everyones are suited to avoid being mourney of the past feet to every end the past feet of the past fee OF GERMANS ALONG THE OISE

OFFICER AT CALGARY

CHARGED WITH BIGAMY

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Chargery March 28.—Major Stewart, officer in command of the local discharge depot, was arrested here last night on a charge of bigamy, brought by Mrs. Wm. J. Stitt of Toronto, who claims that the man known in Calgary military circles as Capt. or Major Stewart, of the Scots Greys, is her husband, are of the Scots Greys, is her husband, and promptly. Meanwhile let us be patient."

Than those of the Germans.

"In defensive battles, divisional and on the corps headquarters are shifted, wires are down and the men on the scene are more occupied with building up new forces are down and the men on the scene are more occupied with building up new forces are down and the men on the scene are more occupied with building up new forces are down and the men on the scene are more occupied with building up new forces are down and the men on the scene are more occupied with building up new forces are down and the men on the scene are more occupied with building up new forces are down and the men on the scene are more occupied with building up new forces are down and the men on the scene are more occupied with building up new forces are down and the men on the scene are more occupied with building up new forces are down and the men on the scene are more occupied with building up new forces are down and the men on the scene are for the Oise, the Germans last light threw forward important forces are down and the men on the scene are shifted, wires are down and the men on the scene are shifted, wires are down and the men on the scene are shifted, wires are down and the men on the scene are more occupied with building up new forces.

Paris, March 28.—Blocked on the Passigny and Noyon fronts and on the light threw forward important forces the first bank of the Oise, the Germans are force an nounces today. Here the fight hand-to-land the man hand on the occal se

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GERMANS STRIKING AT ARRAS SEEKING PATH TO CHANNEL: CHECKED IN SOMME VALLEY

THE WAR SITUATION

Checked all along the front of more than 50 miles, except at two points, the German drive is fast slowing up. The beginning of the second week of the great battle, which opened with probably the most colossal attack in history and continues with the most intense fighting, finds the British and French holding tenaclously to the western edge of the old Somme battlefield, while inflicting further losses upon the enemy.

British Are Gaining. British counter-attacks have begun in the region of Albert, which the Ger-The formation of this unit will be undertaken forthwith, and arrangements are under way by which it is hoped that personnel of the kind required for this work can be obtained with the least possible delay.

Call for Volunteers,

As this is the first opportunity which resistance of the British, who doggedly

Drove Foe Across Rive Along the Ancre, north of Albert, the

that the German attack is "slowly progressing." The German casualties are estimated to be between 300,000 and 500,-000, and it is reported that long hospital trains are pouring into Beiglur and Germany over all available railroad

Counter-Blow Near, With the allied line holding against the enemy onslaughts, a counter-blow may be in preparation. Premier Clemenceau has declared that the moment is near when the allied reserve force will be thrown into the fight. He added that the Germans would not be able to

Forecasts. Fine and a little milder today and or Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.48 Winnipeg 56
Port Arthur 32
Parry Sound 42 Port Stanley38 Kingston Ottawa Montreal

Weather Notes. A few scattered showers have occur-red in the western provinces, otherwise has been fine in all por-

British War Office Reports Many Heavy Assaults Last Night and Today Along Somme Front All of Which Were Stopped.

HAIG TAKES PRISONERS, GUNS; VIOLENT ALONG FRENCH FRONT

London, March 28 .- This morning the enemy opened a heavy bombardment on the British defences east of Arras. An attack is developing in this section.

Repeated attacks were made by the enemy along the valley of the Somme, in the neighborhood of Beaumont-Hamel, Puisieux and Moyenneville. They were repulsed.

Paris. March 28 .- Fighting was continuing with violence yesterday evening and last night on the battlefront. the war office announced today.

London, March 28.—Prisoners and machine gins have been captured by the British, the war office announces. The fighting continues fiercely on both banks of the Somme.

BATTLEFRONT WIDENS The reference in the official British statement to an attack east of Arras evidently means that the Germans have widened their battlefrom and are delivering a new stroke on the north. The battle was begun last week on a front extending as far north as the River Scarpe, unction of which with the battle line is almost due east of Arras. No fighting north of the river has been reported.

MAY BE SECOND PHASE. The attacks which are developing today may mark the beginner of a second phase of the battle. German military writers in the few days have been hinting that surprises were in store for the British and there has been much discussion of the possibility of a German drive for the coast, with the channel ports of Calais and Dunkirk as the

BRITISH WAR STATEMENT. The statement follows: "Severe fighting took place again yester day evening and during the night astride the Somme and northward from Albert to Boyelles. Repeated attacks were made by the enemy along the valley of the Somme and in the neighborhood of Beaumont-Hamel, Puisieux and Moyenneville. They were repulsed. We captured a number of prisoners and a number of machine guns.

The fighting is continuing fiercely on both banks of the Somme. This morning the enemy opened a heavy bombardment on our de fences east of Arras, and an attack is developing in this sector."

ONE TRIFLING GAIN.

London, March 28.—In the last twenty-four hours, the Germans have made but one comparatively trifling gain as the result of numerous massed attacks along the whole front, says Reuter's correspondent British headquarters. For the British there may be claimed several distinct local successes, either in completely repelling enemy blows wresting back ground won by counter-aetacks.

INTENSE SHELLING NEAR LENS. British Army Headquarters in France, March 28.—The German artillery this morning put down an intense bombardment along the front believe that the Sauches Blazer (courts of Land) but the first the tween Acheville and the Souchez River (south of Lens), but up to the

time of the filing of this dispatch (10 a.m.), no infantry action had been DRIVEN BACK

The Germans made several assaults near Rossignol wood, but on each occasion were driven back. Near Sailly-Laurette another sharp engagement occurred, and here also the British maintained themselves and The Germans are continuing to bring up artillery and rush in new troops from various parts of the line in preparation for the continuance

PRESSURE LESSENING.

London, March 28.—Although the Germans continued last night to use their infantry with ruthless prodigality the general pressure along the front is for the moment less determined. This may be attributed in part to the enemy waiting to bring up heavy artillery preparatory to another great effort, and in part to exhaustion.

British Army Headquarters in France, March 28.—News received from the extreme right wing is that the Allies are holding well. (This refers to the southern sector, where the French have been falling back). Near Beaumont-Hamel the enemy attacked heavily, Severe fighting followed

Beaumont-Hamel the enemy attacked heavily, Severe lighting followed. This morning it appeared that the village virtually was No Man's Land, with the contending lines drawn close on either side.

Hard fighting occurred at several points along the battlefront during the night in consequence of enemy attacks. The latest reports indicate that the British have kept the situation well in hand.

NO FOE TANKS SEEN.

London, March 28.—Nothing can be learned of the appearance enemy tanks on the British front, while these left by the retreating B ish were systematically destroyed, the correspondent reports.

The enemy is continuing to bring troops from far and near to replenish his reverses, and along wide stretches the German front is held by a mere screen of troops.

HAIG CARRIES FIGHT TO FOE IN SOMME VALLEY.

London, March 27 .- The British force London, March 2 are not only offering strong resistance to heavy enemy attacks both north and south of the River Somme, but have carried out numerous counter-attacks south of the River Somme, but have carried out numerous counter-attacks during the day, resulting in the regaining of ground and the driving back of the Germans at various points.

The report from Field Marshal Haig tonight declares that in these operations heavy casualties have been inflicted on the enemy.

The British delivered a counterattack today between the angle of the Ancre and the Somme, and recaptured Morlancourt and the Chipilly and advanced their line to Proyart, the war office announced this evening.

The French have been heavily entry to the British lines.

A number of other heavy attacks both orth and south of the Somme were repulsed with heavy loss to the Germans. The enemy's troops are in Albert The Germans crossed the Ancre yesterday, but were counter-attacked and driven back across the river.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the Light Highest, 38; lowest, 20.

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The French have been heavily en-gaged west of Roye, and were forced Highest, 34; lowest, 22,

to give ground, the announcemen states. Reinforcements for them are arriving. An enemy attack in the neighborhood,

of Bucqoy has so far made no impression upon the British lines.