### LONG DISTANCE BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS ENDS

## PARIS WAS CALM DURING LONG RANGE BOMBARDMEN

First Shock of New German Method Has Now Passed and French Are Supremely Confident of Ultimate Allied Victory — Germany's Great Cannon Located in Forest of St. Gobain, East of

Paris, Mar. 24—The newspaper Le Journal in its editorial regarding the big gun says that the piece of 240 millimetres calibre is of Austrian make. It is a very delicate piece of machinery which the enemy. must be handled by expert mathematicians and gunners, the news-paper adds, as the loading and pointing is a difficult task. It is declared that each shot costs about \$4,000.

This is a new conception of our enemies.

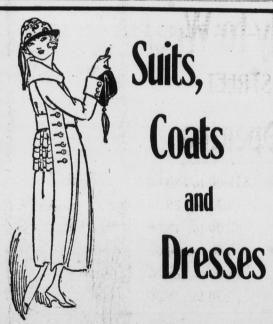
ments.

The ordnance experts were not ready last night to commit themselves as to whether the shell was a sort of aerial torpedo driven by propellors, whether an inner projectile contained in the original shell is released by an explosion when the shell has travelled a certain distance from the gun, or whether the original projectile itself reaches its destination, propelled perhaps by an explosive of a force hitherto unknown.

In yesterday's bombardment twenty-four shots in all were fired from 7.20 a.m. to three o'clock p.m., a shell dropping every twenty minutes with monotonous regularity. The bombardment presented all the characteristics of a bombardment; by heavy artillery, there being regular intervals between the shots and the shells falling within a restricted area. Enemy aviators, who flew high over the city during the early hours of the Bombardment regulated the firing.

Le Petit Journal says that Jules Verne had foreseen this gun, and it declares that moreover it's a French invention. "More than a year ago, it adds, we discovered the secret of firing our cannon more than 100 kilometres. The secret lies in the greater suppression of the atmospheric resistance."

The Echo De Paris declares the bombardment is designed to give the impression that Paris is within the range of the Germans



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#### BRITISH HEAVILY **ENGAGING HUNS** ON NEW LINE

Haig's Saturday Night Report is More Encouraging-Germans Repulsed with Great Slaughter Near Jussy.

London, Mar. 24—The battle is con tinuing with the greatest intensity the whole front south of the Scarpe Field Marshal Haig's repor

last night announces: troops have taken up their new pos

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"During the night strong hostile attacks in the neighorhood of Jussy, (south of St. Quentin), were repulsed with great losses to the enemy. On the northern portion of the battle front the enemy's attacks have been pressed with the utmost determination and regardless of loss. Our troops have maintained their positions on the greater part of this front after a fiarce and prolonged struggle. "Great gallantry has been shown by the troops engaged in the fighting in this area and south thereof. The 19th and 9th Divisions distinguished themselves by the valor of their defense. In one sector alone six hostile attacks, in two of which German cavalry took part, were beaten off by one of our infantry brigade.

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Professor Paul Painleve, former premier and president of the Academy of Science, told the Excelsior that by using tungsten in the fabrication of the projectile, the tungsten shells would be of about half the diameter of steel shells of an even weight, and that therefore the atmospheric resistance would be less, this accounting for the extremely long range. He also touched upon the possibility of a propeller being employed on the projectile.

Alfred Capus, in the Figaro, alludes to the making of the gun as a great mechanical feat, but points that as a military factor the weapon is entirely inefficacious. The Petit Parisien comments upon the bombardment as an extremely minor incident as compared with the gigantic battle in progress on the British front.

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Forty-nine German divisions have een identified thus far on the battle give the impression that Paris is within the range of the Germans guns.

"It is a political cannon," the newspaper says.

Paris, March 24.—Palm Sunday in gun more than 70 miles distant, at Paris was ushered in by the loud ex- 6.55 o'clock this morning. The alarm plosion of one of the ten-inch shells was sounded immediately. Many peofired by the Germans from their new ple took shelter, but larger numbers front extended southward and it was reported this morning that the French army was now engaged.

as crowded as usual, the women, who sell palm leaves, doing their custom ary thriving business.

The shells arrived at regular inter vals of twenty minutes at first. The deconations seemed louder, amid the ordinary Sunday calm, than yesterday but they seemed to have lost their power to disturb the population, which refused to be distracted from its Sun

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The replidity of the fire increased after the first few shells landed, explosions following seach other every fifteen minutes on the average. Some of the shots came after an interval of only 12 minutes.

Paris, March 24.—The comments of the French press this morning were about evenly divided between the big gun which is bombarding the city from the back of the German lines and the terrific battle raging on the British front. The tone of astonishment at the feasibility of the performance, while as to the battle, the favorable ending of it is considently expected.

The newspapers do not conceal their admiration for the mechanical feet of the Germans in penetrality of the bombardment. The barbarity of the bombardment from the barbarity of t



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Victory in the battle raging near Monchy, Quentin and La Fere the Germans. The Br fourth armles and pa American reserves are deen beaten, with the at the line from Bapat vesnes and behind the tween Peronne and Hat Chauny.