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HAIG'S BARRAGE RIPS TO BITS DRIVE AT DAWN

HAIG HITS BACK, FRENCH AIDING; **BREAKS UP RUSH**

British This Morning Opened Up Berlin Reports Bapaume and Heavy Counter-Attacks Assisted By French Troops While Artillery Stopped Attempted Advance At Dawn Near Bapaume.

London, March 25 .- The British this morning were counter-attacking be tween Nesle and Ham, Reuter's correspondent at Bri tish headquarters reports. The French also were in a ction.

North of Bapaume, he states, the Germans were attacking in considerable force at dawn, but did not get through the British barrage.

UNITED STATES ENGINEERS IN IT.

American Engineers have again been in the throes of flerce conflict, which they have done excellent work in transportation. German cavalry in small numbers has been in action, but thus far it has been used merely to harass the British during their withdrawal.

The Germans, says the correspondent, are relying upon sheer weight of numbers in their heavy attacks on the British lines, relieving their tired troops by fresh divisions which press forward without waiting for

BATTLE BY MOONLIGHT. The enemy all day yesterday and through the moonlight last night ept up his hammering of the British positions, the message states, the

British troops resisting with valiant stubbornness. The Germans are employing many small bodies of Uhlans, mainly scouting patrols, it is added.

The Germans have been pushing forward by sheer weight of numbers, with the assistance of little artillery. In the region between Bapaume and Peronne the British fell back again somewhat in the fighting late on Sunday. This marked the main success of the enemy, whose progress is being contested bitterly step

Early this morning the Germans again hurled great numbers of infantry against the British line near Ervillers, but at the latest reports the onrushing troops had been unable to force their way through the inense artillery barrage which the British maintained. HEAVY BATTLE PROCEEDING.

A heavy battle also has been proceeding today on the British right lank, where the enemy had succeeded in forcing his way across the Somme and the canal south of Ham. The Allies were delivering counterattacks with the purpose of pushing the invaders across the waterway. GERMANS ARE WEARY.

There seems small doubt but that the German attacking troops are dog-weary, fighting under great strain; but this is mentioned merely as an interesting sidelight, and not for the purpose of sounding a note of optimism. Harder fighting than has yet occurred undoubtedly will

The British have been fighting with traditional stubbornness, and at many points they have held the Germans back time after time, although hemselves greatly outnumbered. Throughout the night there was fierce fighting north of Bapaume, along the Bapaume-Arras road, but except that Mory again changed

hands the defenders held their own gallantly.

EMPIRE CALM: CONFIDENT, GEORGE'S WORD TO HAIG

London, March 25 .-- King George today sent the following message to Field "I can assure you that the fortitude, courage and self-sacrfice with which the troops under your command continue so heroically to resist greatly superior odds are realized by me and my people. The Empire stands calm and confident in its soldiers. May God bless them and give them

strength in this time of trial." WILSON CABLES HAIG PRAISE FOR SPLENDID VALOR SHOWN

Says All America Confident Secure and Final Victory Will Be Won.

Washington, March 25 .- President Wilson today cabled Field Marshal Haig congratulating him on the British stand against the German offensive and predicting a final Allied victory. The president's message read:
"May I not express to you my warm admiration of the splendid steadfastness and valor with which your troops have withstood the German onset, and the perfect con-fidence all Americans feel that you will win a secure and final victory."

PROFESSOR LABAND DEAD. Amsterdam, March 25.—Professor Paul Laband of the chair of international law at the University of Strasburg is dead at Strasburg. He was born in

TORPEDO ACTED AS BOOMERANG

London, March 25.-How German submarine was destroyed by one of its own torpedoes, which acted as a boomerang, is vouched for in an official statevouched for in an official state-ment by Captain Frewen of the British steamer Flixton. The captain declared that while on his way from Havre to a Welsh port a German U-boat discharg-ed a torpedo, which when a short distance from the steamer was deflected and, describing a semi-circle, struck the submar-ing and sank it. ine and sank it.

Professor Laband, in an article in the Deutsche Review last July, admitted that Alsace-Lorraine was strongly French, and that the natives had not responded to 45 years of effort at German.

FALLS DOWN SHAFT.

Brantford, March 25.—Asa Shaver, an aged employee of the Massey-Harris fell to the stage the audience thought he was carrying out a part of his performs to compel the population to become George.

Buffalo 48 24 Clear Toronto 32 26 Clear Ottawa 36 20 Clear Montreal 32 24 Fair distance of 15 feet. He had been ill for some time, but reported to day, and it is thought that heart failure George.

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Nesle Fallen to Hinden-

Berlin, March 25 .- German headquarters reports that Bapaume was captured during the night. In the evening Nesle was taken by storm, the statement adds. British, Americans and French were thrown back through a pathless wooded

country. More than 45,000 prisoners and more than 600 guns have been captured, the statement says.

Bapaume is on the northern part of the battlefront, where the British line for the most part has been held. It is one of the larger towns on the fighting front, from which a number of roads radiate. The official German statement of Sunday night sald a gigantic struggle was taking place for the town. It is 13 miles below Arras.

Guiscard and Chauny were captured in the evening. Violent fighting developed for possession of Combles and the heights west of the town. The enemy was defeated, the statement says.

OTTAWA BELIEVES CANADIAN DRIVE IS **COMING ABOUT LENS**

Important Battle Announcement Likely To Be Made Wednesday.

Ottawa, March 25 .- There is great inerest about the corridors of Parliament in the news from the front, and it is not unlikely that before the House

DUTCH HAVE REFUSED ALLIES GRAIN OFFER?

Will Not Sanction Seizure in movement was completed, although more than three-fourths of them fell in the ac-

Dutch ships, a dispatch from The Hague to the Daily Mail says.

The original compact for the use of Dutch ships by Great Britain and the United States called for the placing at disposal of Holland of 100,000 tons of foodstuffs. Dutch ships were to carry

HERBERT R. YATES DEAD. Brantford, March 25.—Herbert R. Yates, a noted railway engineer in old days, in which profession he worked with his father. Herbert Yates, one time chief engineer of the Grand Trunk time chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Railway, passed away here this morning. He was long a noted sportsman, being a clever cricketer and tennis player and a good shot. For twenty-five years past he had been one of the most active members of the Brantford Golf Club, being captain of the local team at one time. He is survived by a widow, whose mother, Mrs. Alexander Fair, died vesterday, and one son, Fair, died yesterday, and one son, Rushton of this city. The funeral on Wednesday will be a double one.

THE REAL THING.

London, March 25.—Chung Lung Soo, a magician, died in a hospital yesterday from a bullet wound in the chest, received while performing a trick with



THE BUFFS WIN **UNDYING GLORY**

Kilties Cover a Retiring Force Until Nearly All Had

BUFFS STUCK TO THE END

Battalion of a London Regiment Fought Until But 30 Men Were Left.

London, March 25.-The village rises on Wednesday important official communications will be announced in Parliament. It is thought that the gas attack by the Canadians may be the forerunner of an offensive in the Lens sector, where the majority of the Canadian force is located. Confidential advices as to the progress of events in France are being received by Premier Borden from the war office.

London, March 25.—The village of Mory, southwest of Croisilies, was the centre of an inferno of German shells, according to a correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday. For two miles behind and in front of the village the land was like plowed ground. "I don't believe," a British gunner said, "that there was an inch of ground near my guns which was not hit."

A German prisoner said that his compared went into action, with 258 men.

> A party of Seaforth Highlanders, be-onging to the 51st Division, was ordered to cover some neighboring troops who were falling back. They had to face heavy odds and came under an appalling gunfire, but they held on until the movement was completed, although more

Exchange for Food.

London, March 23.—The Dutch cabinet is said to have decided Sunday to send the allied powers a formal refusal of their offer of grain in return for their offer of defenders. At 4

the fight all night until only a few were left.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW-FAIR Toronto, March 25—8 a.m. Forecasts. Moderate to fresh northwest to west winds, fair today and on Tuesday; not much change in temperature. Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low.
Victoria56 40

Winnipeg . 52
Port Arthur . 52
Parry Sound . 38
Port Stanley . 46
Buffalo . 48
Toronto . 42
Kingston . 38
Ottawa . 36

OUTNUMBERED

Each British Battalion Had To Face Division of the Enemy.

Urvillers and Essigny. Just west St. Quentin the British were forced fall back, but throughout the day ey clung to the Holnon Wood, a little

A Gallant Defence.

South of St. Quentin, a number of strong British redoubts made a gallant defence and it was nightfall before the last of them, with their machine gunners, had been reduced. The end of the first day found the British behind the St. Quentin canal.

Friday morning the enemy renewed his assault with increasing vigor, and after desperate fighting in the region of La Fere, succeeded in getting across to the British side. Further north the British also with-drew from the Nolnon wood. The Germans then drove at Ham, which had been cleared of civilians, and Sat-

irday morning, after obtaining a cross-ng of the canal, drove southward into the British positions.

Drive Against High Land.

In the other main theatre of operations—between Arras and Bapaume—the Germans made their first drive against the high ground between the Cojel and Sensee Rivers. The German preliminary bombardment was terrific and their infantry outnumbered the British eight to one in some cases.

Early the Germans attacked south—

Early the Germans attacked southward into Bullecourt, and the British withdrew to a line covering Vaulx-Vrancourt-Morchies and Baumetz-Lez-Cambrai. The hottest and most disputed rount words. puted point was Mory, which the Gernear my guns which was not hit."

A German prisoner said that his company went into action with 258 men, and had been reduced to 50 at the time he was captured.

A party of Seaforth Highlanders, belonging to the 51st Division, was ordered.

The Germans occupied only yesterday.

During Friday the Germans overran St. Leger, Vaulx-Vrancourt and Henin, One company of machine gunners on Henin Hill held up the German advance for a long time, doing deadly execution in the densely formed ranks,

The Germans have been bringing up artillery in the most able manner behind their shock troops, and have been making full use of this arm as the advance continued.

BRITISH BLOCKHOUSES **DELAYED GERMAN WAVES**

north of La Fere. The Germans crossed the river at Moy and La Fere and advanced upon it from two directions. All one morning they were kept at a distance, but by early afternoon the investing force was several times larger than the number of defenders. At o'clock the Buffs were still holding, though much weaker through lack of numbers. After that nothing was heard of them. It is not known whether they retired, were forced to surrender or were annihilated.

A battalion of the London regiment, confronting the Germans who tried to cross the Oise at La Fere, fought until but 30 were left. A battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment made a similar fight by moonlight Friday, keeping up the fight all night until looks. The were surrounded and subjected to a terrible fire, but all held on during the Germans suffered most from the germans suffered most from the retrible fire, but all held on during the first day of the attack until late in the afternoon.

"The Germans suffered most from the fort, telling of the battle now in progress, says: "Along a considerable part of the front there was a series of redoubts about a mile apart, each redoubt being held by a hundred men, somewhat on the principle of blockhouses in South Africa, with formidable belts of barbed wire around them, and a strong armament of machine guns and trench mortant o "The Germans suffered most from

"The Germans suffered most from the machine gun fire. Their mode of attack in crossing No Man's Land consisted of a first wave of two companies, marching almost shoulder to shoulder, with light machine guns. A hundred yards behind came two more companies, closely followed by a number of machine guns. Next, after an interval of two or three hundred yards, came the light trench mortars and the battalion staff. Again there was a space

FREEDOM'S LEGIONS HAIG'S HEROES HAIG HURLS FOE BACK TO SOMME'S EAST BANK: FRENCH ARE NOW IN IT

THE WAR SITUATION

Is evicently a deep one, however, as the French troops are reported by Parls to be contesting for the heights to the north of Oise with important German forces. The Oise on this part of the front runs southwest past Chauny and passes to the south of Noyon.

MONSTER GUN AGAIN SHELLING FRENCH CAPITAL

Paris Showing Little Interest in Unique Attack-Air-Men Hunt Gun.

Paris, March 25 .- The Matin says one of the shells fired in the direction of Paris yesterday by the Germans struck a church in the suburbs. Several of the persons who were attending a Palm Sunday service were killed.

Paris, March 25.—The long-range bombardment of Paris was resumed at 6:30 o'clock this morning, but was inter-rupted after the second shot. After a brief interval two more shots were fired. The bombardment was again suspended at 9:10 o'clock. As was the case yesterday, the people did not take to shelter. Cellars which were filled on Saturday remained empt; were filled on Saturday remained empty this morning. Little interest was shown in the bombardment.

Soon after they were awakened by the first shot and the people were brought to their windows by the rattling of drums. Policemen circulated through each quarter of the city, introducing the new system of alarm which is distin-

new system of alarm which is dist guished from the alarm in the case air raids. The police came in for great amount of chaffing, the people i ing greatly amused at their lack of p ficiency with the drumsticks. Paris Not Worrying. This appeared to mark their limit of interest in the bombardment.

Work was resumed under normal conditions. All the transportation lines were running. The streets were full of people whose sole subject of conversation was the new battle of the Somme which is generally compared with Vers

which is generally compared with Ver-AIRMEN HUNTING IT.

a man who is said to be in a position to know:

"The 380-mill/metre gun which bom-barded Dunkirk two years ago from a distance of 25 miles was located by our airplanes, and soon put out of action. of machine guns. Next, after an interval of two or three hundred yards, came methods will be adopted with tailon staff. Again there was a space of two hundred yards, and then at prepared exits in the the German trenched has been bombarding Paris for the past tailon staff. Again there was a space of two hundred yards, and then at prepared exits in the the German trenched has been bombarding Paris for the past tailon staff. Again there was a space of two hundred yards, and then at prepared exits in the the German trenched has been bombarding Paris for the past tailon staff. Again there was a space of two hundred yards, and then at prepared exits in the the German trenched has been bombarding Paris for the past tailon staff. Again there was a space of two hundred yards, and then at prepared exits in the the German trenched has been bombarding Paris for the past tailon staff. Again there was a space of two hundred yards, and then at prepared exits in the the German trenched has been bombarding Paris for the past tailon staff. Again there was a space of two hundred yards, and then at prepared exits in the the German trenched has been bombarding Paris for the past tailon staff. Again there was a space of two hundred yards, and then at prepared exits in the the German trenched has been bombarding Paris for the past tailon staff. Again there was a space of two days. Since Saturday our airplanes the field artillery drove out into the grades of the past tailon staff. Again there was a space on the mobility of the days of the past tailon staff. Again there was a space on the mobility of the days of the past tailon staff. Again there was a space on the mobility of the days of the past tailon staff. Again the past tailon staff. Again there was a space on the mobility of the days of the past tailon staff. Again there was a space to the days of the past tailon staff. Again there was a space to the first tailon the fact the fact

British Last Night Repulsed Heavy Attacks Near Bapaume and Drove Portion of the German Troops Across River-Fresh Attacks Developing, With Bapaume As the Storm Centre.

FRENCH TAKE OVER FRONT FOR THE HARD PRESSED BRITISH

London, March 25 .- Fresh attacks by the Germans have developed northward and southward of Bapaume, the war office announces. The British repulsed powerful

attacks yesterday afternoon northward of Bapaume. The British drove back to the eastern bank of the Somme bodies of German troops which had crossed the river between Licourt and Brie, south of Peronne. ENEMY ATTACKS STOPPED.

The statement follows: 'The battle continues with great violence on the whole front. Powerful attacks delivered by the enemy yesterday afternoon and evening north of Bapaume were heavily repulsed. Only at one point did the German infantry reach our trenches, whence they were immediate thrown out. Elsewhere the enemy's attacks were stopped by rifle, n chine gun and artillery fire in front of our positions, and his troops

were driven back with great loss. "During the night and this morning fresh hostile attacks have again developed in this neighborhood and also to the south of Bapaume. "South of eronne, bodies of German troops who had crossed the river between Licourt and Brie were driven back to the east bank b our counter-attacks.'

FRENCH ON BATTLEFRONT.

Paris, March 25 .- The French on Saturday went to the assistance of the British and took over a sector of the battlefront, the war office announces.

In the region of Noyon and on the right bank of the Oise heavy fighting with the Germans is in progress. The statement follows: "French troops began to intervene on March 23 in the battle now being fought on the British front. They relieved certain of the Allied forces and took up fighting themselves on this

sector of the front. FIGHTING FOR RIVER BANK. "At the present time they are engaged in heavy fighting in the region of Noyon, and they are disputing the heights of the right bank of the Oise with important German forces. "Northwest of Rheims there has been a violent artillery action in the region of Courcy and Loivre. In the Champagne two German surprise attacks east of Suippes resulted in failure. French patrols took some prisoners near Tahure.

GERMANS REPULSED. 'There was much artillery activity between Arrocourt and the Vosges. At daybreak German forces attacked the French lines east of Bleneroy and east of Badonviller. The Germans were repulsed wi

ONE GOOD OMEN.

London, March 25 .- The Manchester Guardian says a significant feature of the situation on the battlefront is that after three days of fighting, the enemy claims only 5,000 prisoners more than after the second day, which means that the British withdrawal after the rupture of the front west of St. Quentin was made in excellent order. The newspaper regards this as a good omen for the future.

HANDFUL OF TOMMIES AND TANK FOUGHT UNTIL BUT FEW WERE LEFT. THEN CHARGED THROUGH GERMANS

FOE CORRESPONDENT GIVES TRIBUTE TO BRAVERY OF BRITISH

Paris, March 25.—It is to be hoped that the gun which shelled Paris will very shortly be silenced, says the Figaro, which gives the following quotation from a man who is said to be in a position to the correspondent of Voscince Amsterdam. March 24.—Describing the first day of the battle on the west-shire the following quotation from a man who is said to be in a position to the correspondent of Voscince Amsterdam, which gives the first day of the battle on the west-shire the first day of the battle on the west-shire was held for a time by the correspondent of Voscince Amsterdam, which gives the following quotation from a man who is said to be in a position to sische Zeitung says that the British companies of Leicestershires assisted by artillery was held with "uncanny precision," and its counter-efforts became them back, however, and one company

swarmed over No Man's Land in such great numbers in their first attacks that it was impossible for the British gunners to miss them, telegraphs the co. respondent at British headquarters in France of the Daily Express. Two bateries at Epehy fired steadily with open sights at 400 yards for four hours. Telling of the thrilling exploit of Leicester. "Persieres was held for a time by two was completely cut off. Instead of sur-

London, March 25 .- The Germane