

AMIENS PROTECTED BY SOLID WALL OF TROOPS

FIERCE FIGHTING OF ENTIRE WAR FEW MILES FROM AMIENS

German Plan to Cut Communications Thus Far Frustrated—Artillery Advancing from All Directions to Support Infantry in Defending the City—Bridges Over Oise Destroyed.

With the French army in France, Sunday, March 31.—(By The Associated Press.)—A daring attempt by the Germans to cross the Oise today and form a bridgehead permitting of future advances, was easily frustrated by the French. One of the famous storm battalions succeeded in getting over near Chauny, but never returned. It was almost entirely annihilated. There remained only about one hundred unarmoured men, whom the French took prisoner.

Nearly all the bridges across the Oise have been destroyed and the French hold strong positions on the southern bank, while all possible fords are covered by artillery.

More to the north, in the region of Montreuil, the Germans for the moment at least appear to have renounced their general attacks and resorted to local actions. Two of these were extremely violent between Marcellave and the Somme. There came against the sternest resistance from the French, who repulsed them after very severe fighting. Other attacks occurred on the right bank of the Somme about the same period of the day, and these also met with failure.

Sanguinary Engagements.

Sanguinary engagements in which the combatants again came to close fighting and individual combats took place about the Lassigny sector.

Here the French field artillery caught the advancing German columns under a tempest of shells which drove them back, but only after the ground was strewn with hundreds of bodies.

At Fleumont two German divisions, which had received strict orders to execute an advance whatever might be the cost, and capture a height, found themselves confronted by a French division, which would not give way before the fury of the German waves.

Fierce Fighting.

For a moment the French were forced back but took breath and

**Clear, Peachy Skin
Awaits Anyone Who
Drinks Hot Water**

Says an inside bath, before breakfast, fast helps us look and feel clean, sweet, fresh.

Sparkling and vivacious—men and bright, alert—a good, clear skin and a natural, rosy, healthy complexion are assured only by pure blood. If only every man and woman could be induced to adopt the morning inside bath, what a gratifying change would take place. Instead of the thousands of sickly, anaemic-looking men, women and girls, with pasty or muddy complexions, instead of the multitude of "nerve wrecks," "rundowns," "brain fags" and pessimists we should see a virile, optimistic throng of rosy-cheeked people everywhere.

An inside bath is had by drinking each morning, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour fermentations and poisons, before putting more food into the stomach.

Those subject to sick headache, biliousness, nervousness, rheumatism, colds, and particularly those who have a pallid, sallow complexion and who are constipated very often, are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at once, and use it as directed. It will cost but a trifle, but is sufficient to demonstrate the quick and remarkable change in both health and appearance, awaiting those who practice internal sanitation.

ACIDS IN STOMACH CAUSE INDIGESTION

Create Gas, Sourness and Pain How to Treat.

Medical authorities state that nearly nine-tenths of the cases of stomach trouble, indigestion, sourness, burning, gas, bloating, nausea, etc., are due to an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach and not as some believe to a lack of digestive juices. The delicate stomach lining is irritated, digestion is delayed and food sours, causing the disagreeable symptoms which every stomach sufferer knows so well.

Artificial digestants are not needed in such cases and may not do real harm. Try laying aside all digestive aids and instead get from any druggist a few ounces of Epsom's Magnesia and take a teaspoonful in a quarter glass of water right after eating. This sweetens the stomach, prevents the formation of excess acid and there is no sourness, gas or pain. Epsom's Magnesia (in powder or tablet form—never liquid or milk) is harmless to the stomach, inexpensive to take and is the most efficient form of magnesia for stomach purposes. It is used by thousands of people who enjoy their meals with no more fear of indigestion.

EXCITING SCENES CAUSE BIG STIR IN CHATHAM

Soldier Beaten Up, Windows in Several Houses Broken, Natural History Museum Damaged—Three Arrests Made as Result of Disgraceful Outbreak in Prohibition Town.

Special to The Standard.

Chatham, April 1.—Martin Grippa, crazed with bad liquor, last night beat up one of the soldiers of the exhibition barracks badly, after which he ran amuck in the streets, breaking the windows in several houses, including the Natural History Museum. He was finally arrested and locked up, and awaits trial for assaulting the soldier, being drunk and breaking the windows in Mrs. A. H. Marquis's house.

Herman Rigley, who is alleged to have helped in the beating of the soldier, is locked up also. He was alleged to have been under the influence by Prohibition Inspector Dickson and put up a fight when that officer attempted to arrest him.

CHM May interfered in the case with the result that the officer came out second best, but managed to secure a bottle of whiskey from Rigley before quitting. Rigley will answer to the charge of having liquor on his person. May was arrested today and is charged with interfering with the inspector in the discharge of his duties. Altogether it was the most disgraceful scene Chatham has witnessed in a long time.

SPRING MEDICINE

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the Great Blood Purifier, is the Best.

Spring sickness comes in some degree to every man, woman and child in our climate.

It is that run-down condition of the system that results from impure, impoverished, devitalized blood.

It is marked by loss of appetite and that tired feeling, and in many cases by some form of eruption.

The best way to treat spring sickness is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, the reliable family medicine purifier, enricher and revitalizer of the blood. It is an all-year-round alternative and tonic, and is absolutely the best Spring medicine.

Get your blood in good condition at once—now. Delay may be dangerous. Ask your druggist for Hood's Sarsaparilla, and insist on having it, for nothing else can take its place.

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GERMAN KULTUR AS TOLD BY A RETURNED DOCTOR

Dr. Curran of Montreal Has Returned After a Year's Captivity in Germany—His Ship Captured by a Raider—Was Badly Treated by the Enemy—Loud Praise for Red Cross.

On the 27th of February we were again sent out, the officers to Karlruhe, a reprisal camp; the men to Dulmen. On our arrival we were confined in a hotel for thirty-six hours, then taken to a camp in the danger zone, that is the bombed area, as the Allies had bombed this place a few days previous. We spent two months here, then sent to Crefeld until the 22nd of May, then removed again to Poeskow; here conditions were horrible, we were placed in an old castle infested with rats, and its windows all barred by iron. Twenty-five of us were placed in a tiny room and locked there without the least conveniences. Then we were told that any officer off a mercantile marine must pay to Germany sixty marks every month, in addition every penny of the rationing allowance whilst a prisoner in Germany. Many of our officers had lost everything on their ships when sunk and receiving no money from their respective companies were then forced to do hard manual work. From Poeskow I was sent to Wambach, Hanover, all my belongings taken and all my correspondence searched for fear of any secrets. All papers were torn off parcels, biscuits broken up, bread all cut into cubes for fear of any letters of description. Every morning at nine o'clock we were lined up, and if any one changed to be absent he was deprived of food for twenty-four hours. In the summer we drew food every four days, and in consequence of this much of our food spoiled.

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but a short time. His intention is as the Hun says "Fucking," we in our vernacular of slang "beating it." This he does as soon as opportunity comes.

Dr. Curran also states, "I once saw a Canadian who was a prisoner of war in Germany shot because he leaped up against a wire fence. This was on the 28th February, immediately after a football match. Poor chap met a sad fate as he was literally disembowelled by a German."

The doctor is loud in his praise for the Red Cross of Canada. Support it always.

Dr. Curran is on his way to Montreal on a two months' furlough to enjoy a much needed rest with his friends.

FIERCE FIGHTING EAST OF AMIENS FAVORS ENTENTE

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Both French and British succeeded in getting up a number of reserve divisions and their support steadily is apparent.

The Germans show no signs of slackening their pressure on this front although there is plenty of evidence that no longer carries the punch of the week. This is due partly to the proved allied defence, partly to the heavy casualties the enemy has suffered and partly to exhaustion and the difficulties of transportation.

On every side confidence is growing and faith in the ability of the allies to turn the battle to their advantage is increasing.

It is believed that practically every German reserve division in the west has been service in the present battle and several of them have been withdrawn for rest and reorganization and have returned.

The German system of withdrawing divisions immediately it has obtained its objective or failed is useful now.

The battle of Picardy may be likened to Verdun rather than the Marne or Ypres and if the comparison holds the Germans may be expected to launch another great blow.

They are constantly increasing their number of guns and divisions after being shifted. Having invested

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