HEAVY FIGHTING Continues in France.

Germans Advance in Massed Formation, Unsupported by Artillery. British Guns of All Calibres Spray Lead on Human Swarms. Tanks Take an Active Part. Enemy Rends British First Line But Cannot Break It.

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me have been prodigious and and pontoons were annihilated or guns. Ultimately a passage ected by the famous Brandenorm of fire, and only after ina large force had thrust their way elop into a distinctly tactical adreorganize, ten tanks advanced and nally driving them back. The scenes on the roads leading to the rear have been the most remarkable parts of the three days' action, with parties soldiers, mixed about among imhigh though the thing were a huge felt that the momentum of the Ger-like Here a clay caked armoured man thrust will have soon spent itself. pressed confidence in the ability of the British to stop the enemy. There has perched on top. Fulfilling der traditional crush through tac-been renewed activity is the German infantry is pushing ally along the Piave, ard unsupported by artillery. The ligh Command is trusting to the overligh Command is trusting weight of numbers to break
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litable in the interval of the overligh Command is trusting to the overlight forces have been heavily engaged. with corpses before retiring.
The long the Fatherland must be have retaliated effectively. There have sting the price at which the offen- the battle front from the Somme sective is being waged. The weather is tors to the North Sea. British forces aming unsettled, the glass is fall- in Palestine have again advanced at and the latest news is that fight- North of Jericho and along the River

10.30 A.M.

French have fallen back from their flercely and at last reports were holding the day on different targets, inadvanced positions but on the other ing hard and hitting the enemy cluding Bruges Docks, Aulnoye railhand, reports would show that the strongly. The battle to-day on hisway station and a large camp south-French lines now virtually toric ground, about Longuevale, was east of Cambrai. Telegraphing from outflank the advancing enemy along perhaps the most spectacular of any graphing from outlank the advancing enemy along perhaps the most spectacular of any in France, Reuthe Oise. In the meantime British strategy seems to be devoted to the task of meeting the attack so that it is unabated, aldirected no longer straight at the line tics of working forward in massed illery fire shows but is diverted towards Oise, where the formation, and British rapid firing German advance has been most rapid. squads and riflemen were reaping a crease, owing to the French troops have taken over sec. horrid harvest from their positions on declared that allied military Committee, declared that allied military opinion tors of the front and released British the high ground. Despite their losses peated heavy attacks on Bapaume night were forced once more to abanstrong counter attacks and inflicting were beaten off by the British who don Mory, which had changed hands heavy losses on the Germans, says a forced Germans back across the Somme at a number of points, only to fall back when the safe retreat of the ingly rapid, as it was in the first rush etiring lines constitutes a mar-of the Teutonic hordes. The yielding is feat. After crossing the line, it is asserted, has absorbed the impetus of the shock and has weathered the storm remarkably well. Berlin claims 45,000 prisoners The enemy ably units which were left to hold the ties in his efforts to cross the easier defended points, while the main portion of Field Marshal Haig's army fell behind. The British losses have been heavy, but it is officially announced that considering the magnitude of the struggle, they are not undue. On the other hand the Germans have suffered terrible, and even Berlin admits that the casualties before Perronne been again bombarded by a mysterihave been located in the Forest of St. Gobain, South of Lafere. An interrup-tion in the bombardment Monday was considered an indication that the mysterious gun or possibly a battery the continued falling back on the part of the British, the people of London and Paris have preserved a remark able calm and this is reflected by the dear, and African natives grin- attitude of Washington, where it is

their backs. It is impossible, to-day, to give details of that most important

phase of the battle fought in the sec-

tor between Guseacourt and St. Quen-

tin, as the country here was shrouded

in mist Thursday morning, and the

line and in a fierce struggle broke

then continued driving hard for Tem-

through it at several places.

pleux near Hargincourt.

AMSTERDAM, To-day. The war correspondent of the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger reports that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg remarked, "after the opening battle is over we have begun to move, and the first act

AERIAL ACTIVITIES.

LONDON, To-day. A bulletin of aviation announces to- trated at Omsk and Arasnoyask. night the text of a statement as fol- passport bureau has been establish bombs were dropped on railway stations at Cologne where a fire started. Over a ton of bombs were distributed between Luxemburg railway station, where a fire broke out, and Courcelles railway station, east of Metz. Two, tons of bombs were dropped on Metz of March 22nd, and on March 23rd, our railway station. The fight was most severe, so far experienced. Our air-dan were extended and some prison planes shot down 45 enemy machines ers and machine guns captured, and and drove down 22 out of control. Two

dissipated. French positions are join- which pushed on in the neighbour- down by our anti-air craft guns. Ten ed to British, to south of St. Quentin, hood of Morchain, where the British of our machines are missing. Over but there have been reports that the were contesting the enemy advance 1,700 tons of bombs were dropped dur-

Back from a visit to the Western front, Major General Leonard Wood, fore the Senate military Committee,

the battle this morning was staged the continues with stubbornness, the largely along the Bapaume and Ar- Germans bringing in without and still largely along the Bapaume and Ar- Germans bringing in without and still largely along the Bapaume and Ar- Germans bringing in without and still largely along the Bapaume and Ar- Germans bringing in without and still largely along the Bapaume and Ar- Germans bringing in without and still largely along the Bapaume and Ar- Germans bringing in without and still largely along the Bapaume and Ar- Germans bringing in without and still largely along the Bapaume and Ar- Germans bringing in without and still largely along the Bapaume and Ar- Germans bringing in without and still largely along the Bapaume and Ar- Germans bringing in without and still largely along the Bapaume and sault, which in the early hours was ground foot by foot, but are carrying held off by the British gunners. For out vigorous counter attacks and inthe past four days French refugees flicting heavy losses on the enemy. have been streaming back from Desperate fighting has taken place evacuated towns in large numbers and around Nesle which has been lost and everywhere along the roads leading to regained several times. There is arthe front were to be met, old men, tillery fighting at various points along women and children, all trudging the front. Shells to the number of stoically behind their horse-drawn 1,375 were fired into Rheims last carts of household furniture, or even night and during the course of the packing a few belongings in a bag on day.

THE SUPER-GUN STILL IN ACTION

Twenty-four shells reached Paris of Saturday, and twenty-seven yesterday Germans advanced without being seen! The interval between shots was re while strong forces of infantry flung duced from fitteen or twenty minutes themselves against the British front on Saturday to an average of nine

ORGANIZED BANDITTS.

HARBIN, To-day, (By A.P.)-Russian and German soldiers in Siberia are organizing an army, composed of one exclusively Russian division, and another which will be two-thirds German and one-third Russian. Four thousand Cossacks are said to have joined 10,000 Germans, the combined force being expected to proceed to Irkutsk. La Grat an American business man at Omsk reports that 1,000 prisoners with maand ammunition, have been concenlows: During the night one of the to give Austrian soldiers credentials enemy's large machines landed be- under Russian names. The Germans hind our lines. Following a success-ful daylight raid on Mannheim, other senal at Irkutsk. All these, according objectives in Germany were attacked to information here, are parts of plans during the night and half a ton of to mobolize along the frontier and op-

> IN THE HOLY LANDS. LONDON, To-day.

other hostile machines were shot was attacked by our patrolling ma-

Sir Robert Bordem announced, in the House of Commons, this afternoon that he had been in communication with Sir Edward Kemp, by cablegram, as to developments in the German offensive. Sir Edward Kemp, by cablegram, as to developments in the German offensive. Sir Edward Kemp had replied that the Canadians were not yet involved. Sir Robert also read an extract of an official report from Paris and London, glying the progress of operations. The Premier continued, "undoutedly as far as one can judge the continued, "undoutedly as far as one can judge the continued, "undoutedly as far as one can judge the continued, "undoutedly as far as one can judge the continued, "undoutedly as far as one can judge the continued, "undoutedly as far as one can judge the continued, "undoutedly as far as one can judge the continued, "undoutedly as far as one can judge the continued, "undoutedly as far as one can judge the continued, "undoutedly as far as one can judge the continued, "undoutedly as far as one can judge the continued, "undoutedly as far as one can judge the continued, "undoutedly as far as one can judge the continued, "undoutedly as far as one can judge the starboard side of the bridge. I was standing by from 10 to 11. The was treet was very good. There was a swell but the word of the success as was attained in the first instance. There is no question at all that very much depends upon the far was a fresh wind. There was a swell but the word of the whole country will be lifted up in an intercession that right can be a position to answer to day." NOTE.—The questions are not filed yet.

In the House of Commands, this afternoon to the Royal Na. The premier continued, "undouted lift had the dead of the ship. I do not know the head of the Marconi room. I was a fresh wind. There was a swell but the following question of the Premier which perhaps he may be in a position to answer to day." NOTE.—The questions are not filed yet.

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ALL REINFORCEMENTS READY.

David Lloyd George, British Premier, says that the men necessary to re-place those lost are now either in rance, or are already on their way. All guns will be replaced and still fur-ther reinforcements of men and guns are ready to enter the battle. The are ready to enter the battle. The Premier's message follows: "British Cabinet wishes to express to the army defence. The whole empire is filled ulties of advancing he contrary no stage seen such close invested at the Americans have also joined in the fighting, but nothing has as yet been officially reported on this point. The fall of Bapaume in the early hours of Monday, was a blow to the British, but it was the result of a determination to fall back. Division captured a quarry, commanding in lines of the enemy captured of the line that is being attacked. Official reports state that repeated heavy attacks on Bapaume were beaten off by the British who are peated heavy attacks on Bapaume were beaten off by the British who also in lines of the line that is being attacked. The first of the front and released British units for work farther north. Berlin tors of the front and released British units for work farther north. Berlin tors of the front and released British units for work farther north. Berlin tors of the front and released British units for work farther north. Berlin tors of the front and released British units for work farther north. Berlin tors of the front and released British units for work farther north. Berlin tors of the front and released British units for work farther north. Berlin tors of the front and released British the high ground. Despite their losses the deferman offensive will fail, and urged great increases of from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 men for the American army.

FRENCH CONTEST EVERY FOOT.

Paris Bulletin, To-day.—French for ces which are fighting to the south of St. Quentin, around Noyon, though retiring slowly, are carrying out strong counter attacks and inflicting heavy losses on the Germans says a lowelming odds, knowing their stack. British artillery in the meantime poured in a period for the American army.

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BERLIN OFFICIAL.

(Via London.)-The Germans are There was hard fighting the statement to his old positions, which were held between the Ancre and the Somme, the beginning of the Somme battle in 1916.

WILL STRIKE NEWFOUNDLAND

SYDNEY, N.S., To-day workers of Nova Scotia Steel and Coal in other mines will strike in sympathy. to be held in Sydney on April 3rd. This decision was the outcome of a meeting of Scotia men held in the Town Hall Square, Sydney Mines, yes-terday morning. All of the mines and shops of the Steel Company present the same busy appearance as they did on Monday. The law concerning on Monday. The law concerning strikes, allowed the employees to spend one day in deciding whether they will strike, and they must then return to work, and give a decision of their intention to strike. At the convention delegrates from all the nines in the district will be present tend. It was decided to hold a meetng of committee men last night, but his morning it was cancelled when was decided to hold the conventio The men are striking for an approximate increase of \$1 per day which would equal the rate being paid miners of the Dominion Coal Co. here. According to one of the men interested, about 3,000 men would be affected f the increase were granted.

A NATIONAL PRAYER.

LONDON, To-day.
The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued to the nation a special appeal for prayers for victory during Holy Week. His appeal says: "Let this week send us hourly to our knees. To our living Lord, in time, and in eternity, we commit with unfaltering hope those brave men, whom in love and trust we have sent forth."

LONDON, To-day.
Field Marshal Haig has sent the following reply to the King's message:
"Your Majesty's gracious message has given universal encouragement to the whole army in France and I beg your Majesty to accept spectful and grateful thanks, and assurance that we will steadfastly continue to do our utmost to deserve the inspiring confidence your Majesty and your people throughout the Empire have placed in us, in this hour of national stress."

Canadian people for the integration of the forces under your command in withstanding the enemy's deseprate attacks. We have complete confidence that the German drive will be adequately met, and that final victory will crown the Allied arms."

LONDON, To-Day.

In the engagements between Allied and enemy destroyer squadrons off Dunkirk last Thursday the British destroyer Botha cut a German destroyer in two.

The situation on the battle front remains very confusing and no decision.

OTTAWA, To-day.
Sir Robert Borden last evening sent
the following message to Sir Edward
Kemp, Minister bf Canadian Overseas
forces: "Please convey to Sir Arthur
Currie the following message—'Canadian people are watching with intense,
intenset the supreme struggle in dian people are watching with intense interest the supreme struggle in which our armies are now engaged. They have perfect confidence that the Canadian forces when called on to take their full part will maintain the splendid traditions of the past three years. We pray that complete victory may finally crown the efforts of the Allied armies."

CANADA'S TRIBUTE TO ALLIES.

LONDON, To-day.

British aviators have bombed the railway station at Cologne, as well as various other important cities in Germany, an official statement on aerial operations announced last night. The following despatch was sent to Field Marshal Haig last evening by His Excellency the Governor General: "On behalf of the Government of Canada, my advisers desire me to convey to you the profound admiration of the unable to push through.

WASHINGTON, To-day.

Two regiments of American rail-road Engineers are attached to British forces on the fighting front. As a result of a collision with a British warship seventeen are dead and seventeen are missing from the American destroyer Manley.

Near Largicourt most intense fighting took place, and so strong was the defenders resistance that enemy were of you the profound admiration of the unable to push through.

The 'Florizel' Inquiry

the land. I gave the orders to take soundings between 11 and 12. I did not hear of the log being used in that watch. At 4 o'clock the wind was on LONDON, To-day.
In a message to Field Marshal Haig, but I don't think the wind was much but I don't think the wind was much more. The ship was not taking any water aboard. Between 4 and 4.50 I was standing by at the after end of was any sounding taken in that hour. felt the bump when the ship struck. deck to assist in getting out the boats them away. I stood under the lee side also remember seeing the chief en-gineer, Timmons, the oiler, and the ed away. I then went forward to the Marconi Room. Four or five people deck. were there. I recognized Lynch, Two death. went to the fiddley. Lynch was the no one on my way there; last one to leave. I stood there for ber when I reached there. half an hour and went inside the Mar-

> the bridge between 9 and 10 and again sengers were life belts were. I did not between 11 and 12. I was not on the bridge at 4 so did not see the captain at that time. I saw a light about 9.45

orders from the leading seaman to take my look out on the bridge. the Florizel on her last voyage. I re- dining room. tired about 9.15. About 8.30 the stew-

Some one running down the corridor.

I dressed and followed Parmiter.

Went across the alley to the port side and forward toward the main entrance. A sea struck the ship then trance. A sea struck the ship then the sea Parmiter afterwards. and I did not see Parmiter afterwards. was in bed when ship struck. I felt I went back to the smoking room her strike. Got up and dresed fully. and I did not see Parmiter afterwards. I went back to the smoking room companionway and got on deck. There were many people there. Quite a number were on the lee side of the smoking room. Curtis, I think, was standing by a lee boat. He advised us to try and go forward. I saw a woman. Her husband was with her. She tank the smoking room washed me off my feet. I got in to a cross alleyway and after in Mr. spoke to him. A sea came and swept Kieley's room. I used to go and se him away. I heard the woman say him once in a while after I found him "Oh, my husband." Three of us tried out. He was in a clothes closet in

were washed overboard. After some was my height that saved me. I difficulty I got to the fiddley but found it was filled. A man was outside dressed in pyjamas holding on. I said there was no room. I then got held on there for a while and then got to the ventilator where I remained the till I got to the Marconi Room. I remained there till I was taken off. When the Marconi room door was smashed in I went to the fiddley, but immediately returned. I did not see the captain till late in the day when he came to the Marconi room. He was back and forth until such time as he tried to get a line ashore.

The Reelis away:

to the fiddley. Mr. James, several firemen and a few passengers were there. Couple passengers and firemen died there. Went in Marconi Room after door swept away.

To Mr. Warren: I came up right aft. At the end of the alleyway I was washed around. Went to Kieley's room, lot of water—sometimes up to my waist. It was easily 3 or 4 feet. I saw one boy and man among some wreckage, pulled them up and put

I was a waiter on the Florizel. I was and then she was washed away. I think they died from exposure. I saw of sailing. Got up at 4 o'clock to dry up some water that had come in cap. through the social hall door on the port side. There was not much water. Was at the work when she struck. I was in charge of state-

NEWS IN BRIEL. AMSTERDAM, To-day. Fall of Bapaume was announced to-night by German Emperor to German

LONDON, To-day.
Flying machines have been active over all sectors of fighting and have ione much damage to enemy.

Mr. Gardner of room 16. Very little

John's. At 3.45 I was called. was in the main alleyway when ship struck. The purser gave me orders to tell passengers to leave rooms with life belts on. These instructions were of them at the time. I later found out gers were on deck. Remained there that one of them was Miss Denief. I till daylight. Some of these were taksengers were on top deck over smok no one on my way there; quite a num-

half an hour and went inside the Mar-coni room. I remained there till I To Mr. Warren: There were no no-tices as far as I know where the life belts were to be found, but bedroo To Mr. Gibbs—I saw the captain on stewards were supposed to show pas gers getting on deck.

Mr. Blackwood: - The stateroom after leaving port. When it started to snow I did not see it after.

Mr. Blackwood: — The stateroon are divided into two sections and the sections were looked after by Dwy sections were looked after by Dwyer To Com. MacDermott—I took my and Reelis. I gave him orders to orders from the leading seaman to warn the passengers and saw them wes, between Bapaume and Per: Arch E. Gardner sworn and exam-open the door of Room 18. All the We drove the enemy back here ined by Mr. Dunfield, said: I belong doors were open at the time. Sure all to Britannia, T.B. I am 27 years of passengers got on deck. Four room age. I was a first class passenger on in charge of Fleet were below, off the

tired about 9.15. About 8.30 the stew-ard came to my room and pointed out the lifebelts to me and said "you won't need them this trip." I was lone in the room at the time. George alone in the room at the time. George grabbed my pants and went to alley-Parmiter was my room mate. About way. I met Mr. Nicholle who also ten minutes to five o'clock I looked me what I thought of it. I told him, I out of the port hole and thought it think, "it's all up with us." Went on was ice. I then got back into bed again. After being here two or three when I got there. Near the funnel I minutes I heard some one shouting. met Whitten and others. I didn't re-I opened my stateroom door and saw main long near smoking room. I got

to get forward. Midway between the his room. I got up on deck through smoking room and the fiddley a heavy the pantry skylight; don't know what sea swept over us. I held on to a sky-light. When I looked the other two 9 o'clock. Kieley couldn't get up. It held on there for a while and then to the fiddley. Mr. James, several fire-

as he tried to get a line ashore.

Chas. Reelis sworn: I am 23 years of age. I am a resident of St. John's.

I saw one boy and man among some wreckage, pulled them up and put them in Room 19. I saw the woman

rooms 10 to 19 on the starboard side. At this stage Enquiry and The ship struck and water started to till 3 o'clock this (Tuesday) afternoon.

losses are enormous. German agents caught spreading alarmist reports among the village population of Northern France are being dealt with

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eavy fighting far to the north is a village known as Ytres and probable that these were the

THE BATTLE REVIEWED.

tiling for every point of vantage, in the Northern sector there has been no cessation in the awful work since yesterday morning. The Germans have continued to hurl great forces of infantry into the conflict, depending highly on weight of numbers to overcome the increasing opposition offered by the heroically resisting British at many points, especially on many points, especially on the long line of battle, ding firm. The German ofort tells of the defeat of the and of their retreat, via Ypres
The British front. In the region of the bay fighting far to the north line an equally strong attempt, was Somme battlefield, of which no report has spoken. There is, which resport has spoken. There is, we, a town called Sailly, south had by the invaders to extend a long narrow salient which they had pushed in the south of Bapaume and near Longuevale, famous in the annals of battle of the Somme. These places a referred to in the statement were again a scene of shambles, in the south of the Somme. probable that these were the referred to in the statement Berlin. Biggest gains made by also have been west of St. Quenters they have captured Nesle Dyscard. These points which are to pot the Teuton attack, are to miles from the front, as it of march 21st. Military observants in the scheme of the Gerpineer system, which was used makensen in Russia, Rusand Sabti in Russia, Rusand Russia, gedly to force the enemy back and reclaim the positions previously held by them along the River. Any decision at all of these centres is yet in abeyrance so far as is known at this time, and the struggle goes on with unabated fury. The resistance of the British right wing has been particularly spectacular. On Saturday the Germans continued the forces of the southward they have the on their centre and have to the German trap. The off the defenders of the saems to be bending the man attack to the south, is hoped its force will be

FIFTH DAY'S FIGHTING. WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE—(by A.P.)—This has been nother day of most desperate and

sanguinary fighting along the whole front of the new battle zone. In fact