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HAIG ADVANCES SOUTH OF SOMME; FOE STARTS PRELUDE TO NEW RUSH

SPLENDID AND SPECTACULAR IN BREAKING FOE'S DRIVES Sergt. Frank W. Nickle Met Fate on March 28.

Thrilling Stunts of the British Cavalry, Mounted and on Foot. Make One of Finest Stories of Great Struggle.

With the British Army in France, Sunday, April 7.—No finer chapter has been provided from the story of the British defence since the German offensive began than that furnished by the

Never during the present war had horsemen been given the chance which they had in this more or less open warfare, and they made the most of it. They have been here, there and everywhere filling in gaps, strengthening the lines and covering the retirement of infantry. Their work has been brilliant and they thoroughly enjoyed every minute, despite the gruelling engagements.

The correspondent saw long lines of cavalry on the roads. They were battle worn and plainly showed the marks of hard fighting. More than one trooper led a riderless horse. But the men' heads were up, and their lances de wilbed defiant circles, while the horses cavorted as though they, too, were ready for more trouble.

Cut Through Foe Lines.

In the first three days of the German drive the cavalry fought mostly on foot, and did valuable work. It was dismounted cavalry that held the Ollezy-Ham line on March 22, while the infanry withdrew. There was terrific fighting here. One party of dragoons was cut off all night, during which they were out in the open battling for their lives. Finally, they cut their way through the

Finally, they cut their way through the German libes at Jussy by main force. On the 23rd the cavalry came into its own, for the horses were brought forward and the troopers began a series of spectacular feats.

When Noyon was first threatened, cavalry was sent to hold the line of the Olse west of the town. The British infantry was forced to fall back on the 26th and the cavalry was pulled back also with the intention of occupying the ridge near the yillage of Porquericourt in the vicinity of Noyon. The Germans also were after this hill.

Battle in the Woods.

A race develor between the horsemen and the enemy infantry across the rolling ground. The Germans reached the northern part of the wood, but the cavalry arrived at the other side at the content of the wood were a monthly of the many and believe to supply 150 power customers with the added load of the London Electric taken on by the Helena Power Company early last week because they could not get power elsewhere, are again without power.

This fact is directly traceable to the action of the utilities commission in cutting off the Helena's two plants from hydro service.

These customers could not get power from the hydro in time. They asked the Helena Company if they could take care of them. At that time the Helena's two plants, the costume company and Holeproof Hosiery, were being run by hydro. The power developed by the Helena Power Company was being used to supply 150 power customers with the added load of the London Electric taken on by the Helena Power Company and Holeproof Hosiery.

cavalry arrived at the other side at about the same time, and went rushing through the forest against the Germans. An intense battle at close quarters ensued. The cavalry was doing great exbattle at close quarters en-

Canadians in This.

The next big action was on March 30. when the Germans got into a wood northwest of Moreuil. Word came from the British command that the wood must be cleared out. The position was filled with enemy infantry, who had brought forward great numbers of machine guns, which were mounted in every available vantage point, even in The cavalry w's called upon They responded and came pounding up to the wood in a picturesque manner. Here a part of them dismounted and vent in on foot, but the Canadian Horse tore into the forest and hurled chemselves on the enemy. As one rooper later put it: "There was a hell of a fight."

Step by step the Germans gave way pefore the onslaught until the western part of the wood had been cleared beween Moreuil and Demuin. The cavalry held it until next morning, when the inantry took over the position. On the the Germans again attacked in force, and once more the British infantry, although fighting gallantly and stubbornly was compelled to pull back because of the overwhelming weight of the numbers opposed to them. During the afternoon the cavalry again attacked here, and drove most of the German back somewhat, but the enemy still clung to the high ground and kept send-ing forward supporting infantry.

An Old-Time Charge. That night it was decided the cav alry should attack again the next morn ing, April 1. They did and no more splendid sight has been seen along the front as when they came charging across the field as in the days of old and drove straight into the banks of machine guns cattered among the trees. The first charge gave the horsemen a footing in the wood. They reformed and surged forward again. This time they got to centre of the forest. Once more they drove thier horses full tilt against the German line. The latter held for Hetle, and then sagged and broke and through to the eastern side of the wood, the enemy fleeing before them. Behind them the ground was strewn with German dead and wounded A Hall of Death.

gunners got in some fine work. As the Germans massed in the open, the artil-lerymen poured shell after shell into their ranks, one battery alone firing their ranks, one battery alone firing 2,000 rounds at this magnificent target. TWO PLEAD GUILTY TO For an hour the German infantry was kept coming forward but only a few o them reached the wood and the attack vas smashed easily by the troopers.

BAD MANITOBA BLAZE. Dauphin, Man., April 8.—Fire Saturary destroyed eleven buildings in the Mrs.

GERMAN LOSSES

AT LEAST 300.000

With the American Army in France, April 8.—An American officer, who has just returned from the battlefields of Northern France, where he has been since vitually the beginning of the German offensive, estimates that this for the Germans have lost at this far the Germans have lost at least 300,000 men in killed, wounded and missing.

This officer formerly was in the British army, and is familiar with all the conditions.

50 CUSTOMERS HIT BY BECK'S EDICT TO CURTAIL POWER

Helena Co. Forced To Cut Off Commercial Consumers.

LOAD GREW TOO HEAVY

London Electric Customers in Same Position as Before Shutdown.

The utilities commission, however, threw a monkey wrench into the machinery on Wednesday. They cut off the power from the Hele a Costume Company and the Holepr of Hosiery Company. Carrying the increased load company. Carrying the increased load the Helena plant ran but a short time when the fall back in order to cover the retirement of the infantry, which had succembed to ressure at other points. The troopers withdrew from the wood and brought up the rear, pausing often to fight rearguard actions with the holtypressing enemy.

Canadians in This. customers whom they were adding, as they feared if they tried to carry the extra load it would mean further break. downs and trouble for their own cus-

"We were sorry to do it," said Man-ager H. B. Elliot, "but we were forced to take the step to protect our own customers."

EARLY INFORMATION ON LONDON ELECTRIC MAY BE EXPECTED

Commissioner Mitchell Says Outlook Is Favorable.

"Things look very favorable," stated Utilities Commissioner F. G. Mitchell today, after spending all morning at the London Electric plant.

shortage." This must mean that Mr. Mitchell sees a way by which the full 1,300 horse-power of the London Electric plant could be utilized. He was asked if this was a fact, but said he was not prepared to give out the details of his scheme.

The general griphon in the city is that

The general opinion in the city is that the employment of the London Elec-tric plant is the only solution of the power situation. Sir Adam Beck has stated that all he wanted was the power and he would do the rest. One alderand he would do the rest. One alder-man pointed out that Sir Adam has alnected since October must also be cut off. If this action is taken, and if Sir Adam says, there is a further reducfor a counter-attack, and here the horse tion of hydro power supply, the aldergunners got in some fine work. As the men contended that Sir Adam's 700 or BALTIMORE SCARED BY

DETECTIVE'S SON **GIVES HIS LIFE ON**

WON MEDAL FOR VALOR

Saved Lives of Fellow-Soldiers Left in Perilous Position.

Another London boy has fallen on the field of honor in France in the person of Sergt. Frank W. Nickle, M.M., son of Detective Thomas Nickle, who was killed in action on March 28th. A telegram from the records office, Ottawa, was received by Detective Nickle this morning. Beyond conveying the information that his son had been killed in action no other details were given.

Promoted in France.

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Sergt. Nickle enlisted with the 63rd Battery in June, 1916, and proceeded overseas with a draft from that unit in October of the same year. A few months after his transfer to France



THE LATE SERGT, FRANK NICKLE. awarded the military medal. At the

awarded the mintary medal. At the same time he was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the battery.

Sergt. Nickle was 24 years of age. Prior to enlisting with the battery he was employed for some years with R. Struthers & Co. A Figure in Sports.

His education was obtained in the Princess avenue public school, the London Collegiate and the Westervelt Business College. He was an allaround athlete, and was known as one of the best ball players in the city. One of the best-liked young men in the city, he was called "Teck" by his companions.

On Saturday last his parents received a letter written by him a few days after his return to France following a furlough in England. He was only on duty a few days when killed. Although he was through many of the heaviest engagements of the last year he was never wounded, and mentioned the fact in his last letter.

Another Brother in Service.

Another brother, Walter Roy Nickle, is in England at the present, and exunder Princess avenue public school, the Lon-

is in England at the present, and ex-pects to proceed to the front at any me. The telegram notifying Detective

The telegram notifying Detective Nickle of the loss of his son was delivered at the police station this morning, and came into the hands of Detective Egelton. He telephoned his brother officer that a message had arrived, and the latter immediately realized the purpose of the notification. Detective Egelton also recently lost a san at the front. FEDERAL GRANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OFFICES OF PROVINCIAL GOVTS.

plant, Mr. Mitchell stated that the engines of the plant are ready for operation fifteen minutes' notice.

Mr. Mitchell said that another scheme had developed out of his first one. He would not say just what it is, but promised something definite in a day or two. "I believe I am on a fair way to get relief for the city," he added. "Not only will we be able to take care of the London Electric customers, but also those who are suffering from the hydroshords are suffering from the hydroshords are suffering from the hydroshords with the full flow in a case will the allotment to a province exceed the amount expended for the maintenance of employment of the respective province screed the amount expended for the maintenance of employment of the province and province are suffering from the hydroshords who are suffering from the hydroshords and the maintenance of employment of the maintenance of employment of the province are suffering from the hydroshords are suffering from the hydroshords

OF NEW SERVICE BILL

of the service.

HARMLESS EXPLOSION

Renzie & Mann ordered to supply, would fall far short of the city's wants.

TWO PLEAD GUILTY TO

DESERTING FROM HERE

Stratford, April 8.—Ernest Sourbier and Alfred Hoeltze pleaded guilty here today to deserting from the W. O. R., London, and will be handed over to the military authorities. Otto Hotlize and many persons living in the southern and the premise affected. However, it was unusually be an explosion. This time, however, it was unusually heavy.

PORT STANLEY BYLAW

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Toronto, April 8.—Clauses of a sanitary bylaw, No. 444, of the town of Port Stanley, providing that the officer the lower part of this city and brought eastern sections from their beds.

The dumping of slag into the river is a nightly occurrence, and it is generally accompanied by an explosion. This officer must be remunerated out of the general rates of the municipality.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT AROUSED BY FIELD OF HONOR OUEBEC MAYOR TELLS PROBERS

Investigation Into Recent Disorders at Quebec Opened Under the Coroner.

Quebec, April 8.—Coroner Jolicoeur today opened his official inquiry into the death of the four civilians that were killed during the rioting at St. Sauveur last Monday night.

The idea that the coroner's inquest would be held simply to observe the customary formality was quickly dismissed when the trend of the questioning of the coroner and jurors became

absentees. Warned of Trouble.

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"Friday morning," continued the mayor, "Mr. A. Gobiel, head registrar, telephoned me, telling that there was a rumor that the crowd would attack the registrar's office (Friday night) in the Auditorium Annex. I ordered Chief of Police Trudette to have the entire relies force on hand. In the after. tire police force on nand. In the noon I got a letter from Mr. Gobeil co dering him to mobilize the entire police

dering him to mobilize the entire police force and give such instructions as would preserve the public peace and property. He told me not to worry.

"About 7 that evening I telephoned Chief of Police Trudette, asking him what precautions he had taken, and telling him I wanted to see him. He called at my house about 7:45, and he was with me when a constable reported to him over the telephone that a mob was forming in St. Rochs with the intent of going up town. I left home in an autoing in St. Rochs with the intent of going up town. I left home in an automobile to go to meet Gen. Landry, and took the chief of police. Passing the corner of Palace and St. John streets, I saw a group of disturbers. I went to Gen. Landry's office, where we remained half an hour. In the meantime

the molb had smashed the windows of the Chronicle and L'Evenement. I then asked Gen. Landry to call the militia, but he said to do this he would peace. After hunting up a justice of the peace, who signed the papers, I returned to Gen. Landry, who then told me that the troops were at my disposal and that to get men I had only to read

CHATHAM STUDENTS OF the riot act."

HOUSE WILL DEBATE

the House of Commons will before the close of today's sitting discuss W. F. Nickle's resolution in regard to hereditary titles. Mr. Nickle's resolution will be econded by A. R. MacMaster, Liberal tember for Brome. Mr. Nickle's reso-Ottawa, April 8.—The intention of the Federal Government to aid and encourage the organization and co-ordination of employment offices is conveyed in a resolution by Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, notice of which appears on the order paper. Provision is made for a federal grant.

GOING TO THE FRONT St. John, N. B., April 8 .- Twenty-one

short-termed prisoners at the Maritime Ottawa April 8.-Formal notice is Province Penitentiary at Dorchester given by Hon. A. K. McLean of the resolution on which the new civil service bill will be based. The resolution sets forth the purpose of the Government tion, it is stated, that they will be parto make appointments to the public doned at the end of the war. The men service upon competitive examination and otherwise eliminate political patronage in the control and management be brought under escort to St. John. None of the men were convicted of a more serious offence than petit lar-

PORT STANLEY BYLAW

BIG GUN SCORE-EIGHT CHICKENS

Paris, April 8.—The official announcement yesterday that no casualties resulted from that day's bombardment of Paris by the Germans, says the Petit Parisien, was not in strict accordance with the facts. It affirms that there were victims—eight chickens.

SPECTACULAR JACK LOOKS AS "INNOCENT AS SEMINARY BOY'

Roberts Remanded on Shooting Charge at Toronto.

BAIL WON'T BE ALLOWED

In Fact, It Was "Emphatically Refused" When Applied For by Prisoner.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, April 8.—Just back from London, Ontario, and looking as fresh and innocent as a seminary boy, Jack Roberts, much-wanted elleged criminal, arrested by detectives after a running fight at London on Friday last, appeared in police court this afternoon.

He was charged with shooting at Detective Stewart in front of the Toronto city hall last winter and with stealing a quantity of furs from Northway's store in Ingersoil.

On these two counts he was re-On these two counts he was re-

Brydges street, at the time her hus-band was arrested, left on Saturday

FARMER OF RALEIGH KILLED BY EXPRESS

J. Scott's Rig Struck by a Wabash Train at Bloomfield.

crossing, 2 miles west of the city. The horse was also killed, and the buggy reduced to kindling. An inquest was

BIBLE PROTEST OVER GOVT.'S BAN ON BOOKS

WIPING OUT TITLES

Chatham at a public meeting held Sunday voiced strong objections to the Government action in banning the "Finished Mystery," and a resolution was passed Mystery," and a resolution was passed earnestly protesting against the action of the secretary of state, and intimating, "that in our opinion, the people of the Canadian commonwealth will resent an action which may well be regarded as an infringement of the linallenable rights of all men to full religious freedom in the loose of today's sitting discuss W. F.

Chatham, April 8.—Bible students of "Doubtless the Germans will make further great efforts before they action was passed for the failure of their great from their opening drive, but it is safe to say that each day that pauses finds the Allies in a better position to resist with definite action, "that in our opinion, the people of the Canadian commonwealth will resent an action which may well be regarded as an infringement of the linallenable rights of all men to full religious freedom in the line by fresh contingents from their own armies and that of the United States."

EMPIRE STATE EXPRESS

SOLDIERS WILL DEMAND EXPULSION OF ALIEN ENEMIES ON THE COAST

Victoria, B. C., April 8.-Returned solings on Wednesday next to lay Government their demand for the internment or deportation of allen en-emies and I. W. W.'s and for radical measures to deal with conscientious ob-jectors to military service.

MISS McCONNELL DIES SUDDENLY AT WINNIPEG Relatives of Home Superintendent Re-

side in This City. [Special to The Advertiser.] temper the 24 night: Winnipeg, April 8.—The death occurred yesterday of Miss Amelie Mc-Connell, superintendent of the Social hours. Service Rescue Home. She was taken suddenly ill Friday evening and died at Victoria. Hospital from a hemorrhage off brain. Deceased came from Toronto just a year ago to become superintendrelatives, who have been con

BOLO GRANTED REPRIEVE: MAKE REVELATIONS Paris, April 8 .- Shortly following the

action of President Poincare in refusing clemency to Bolo Pasha, convicted of treason in acting as the agent of German propaganda in France, it was announced today that the military judicial authorities had granted Bolo a reprieve. Their action was based on the representation of his attorney that the convicted man had revelations to make to the authorities.

The length of the reprieve is not given in the official announcement, which in making public the fact of the reprieve states that it is granted "for the moment."

Father Point... 36 28 Fair Weather Notes.

A trough of relatively low pressure extends from the Lower Lake Region southward to Florida, while both eastward and westward the barometer is very high.

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GERMANS INTENSIFY BATTERY ATTACKS ON BRITISH FRONT; HAIG GAINS A LITTLE GROUND

RESERVES KEEP POURING ENTENTE LINES

Every Day Finds the Front in **Better Position To Stop**

SOMME RUSH FAILED

Huns Used 25 Divisions On a Narrow Salient, But Could Not Get Through.

Washington, D. C., April 8 .- Every day finds the Allies in a better position to resist with definite success the great German offensive, according to an officlal review today by the British mititary attache here. The French, British and American reserves are pouring in daily to help check the German drive: "The opening of the third week of fighting east of Amiens," says the review, "finds the position of the Allies

steadily improving. "A very strong effort by the enemy to drive down the Somme to Amiens during which he used about twenty-five divisions on a front of a few miles was stopped last week with complete success. Only in one place was the German line advanced and then only to a depth of less than a mile on a marrow front. front.
"North of Albert the British advance,

beat off repeated and vicious attack Enemy Discomfitted. "Near Montdidier, the French with-drew a short distance to strong posi-tions. The enemy is nowhere within nine miles of Amiens. He is still three miles distant at his farthest point of ad way, the cutting of which would bring him no real victory. The best proof of his discomfiture is the use that he is making of minor incidents for windowdressing purposes.

ressing purposes.

"A short time ago in the course of the steady advance of the British army n Palestine a small force was thrown cross the Jordan to cut the Herjas railway. Its work done, it retired the waterless waste through which the railway runs and rejoined the army. This retirement was advertised by the Germans as a triumph for the Turks, who are alleged to have thrown the British force back over the Jordan. "Similarly, the Germans are glosting today." the Chronicle and L'Evenement. I then asked Gen. Landry to call the militia, but he said to do this he would have to obtain authority in writing from the mayor and two justices of the crossing, 2 miles west of the city. The "As a matter of fact these successes are valueless. Such advance as they im-

are valueless. Such advance as they imply is at the extreme south of the battle zone, somewhere some 40 or 50 miles from Amiens, and its tactical view is no greater than its strategic value. Pierremande and Folembray are only outposts of the real French position in that neighborhood, and there is no reason to believe that they were more than lightly held.

The seemed large as compared with the have seemed large as compared with the surface interesting the formance of the forman offensive, yet all of them are important, as they are the foundation for bigger events to come.

Twice last evening and again this morning the Germans undertook to advance their lines at points in the sector north and south of Albert, and each time they failed at 8 o'clock this morning.

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Hostile Artillery Active Along the Entire British Sector During Night and This Morning, and New Monster Drive Is Expected-French Report Heavy Battery Engagements---British Late Yesterday Advanced Slightly South of the Somme.

With the British Armies in France, April 8 .-Intense hostile artillery work has been proceeding at various points along the British battlefront throughout the night and this morning. North of the River Scarpe and south of the Somme River German guns are conducting an unusually heavy bombardment such as heretofore has indicated an impending attack. No infantry action, however, has been reported up to 8 o'c. ck this morning.

VIOLENT ARTILLERY DUELS.

Paris, April 8.-Violent artillery engagements occurred last night, especially on the left bank of the Oise River, says today's official report.

SMALL BRITISH ADVANCE.

London, April 8.—On the southern bank of the Somme the British last night made a small advance, it is announced officially.

London, April 8.-The British statement says: "We advanced our ne slightly during the night on the south bank of the Somme, cast of Vaire-Sous-Corbie.

"North of the Somme a few prisoners and a machine gun were cand by us in the neighborhood of Neuville-Vitasse. "The enemy's artillery has shown increased activity during the night on the whole British battlefront. Heavy hostile gas shelling has taken place also between Lens and LaBassee Canal and east of Armentieres.

FURIOUS FIGHT FOR WOOD. London, April 8 .- Yesterday Rissignol wood was found filled wit German dead, and the low-lying ground in front of the ridges told as awful story. It seemed certain the Germans will try again to capture

the heights, for they cannot slt where they are.

The British counter-attack at Aveluy wood, south of Mesnil, yester day, was an entire success, and the old positions were recovered. men who went through this fight declare the Germans lost three killed to one for the British. It was a desperate fight. The British stormed the wood after battling forward with machine guns and rifles, and the continued the battle with hand grenades and bombs. The Germans clung desperately to their positions, but were gradually forced to fall

IN SUNDAY ASSAULTS.

With the British Army in France, April 7.—By the Associated Press.—Attacks and counter-attacks continue to spring up at various points along the British battlefront. While none of them have seemed large as compared with the intense conflicts waged in the first days of the German offensive, yet all of them are important, as they are the foundation for bigger events to compared with the same times to compare the foundation for bigger events to compare the formation for bigger events to compare the foundation for bigger events

north of Albert.

The Germans were seen coming while they were still a mile away, and the British artillery and machine guns put down an intense barrage among them, stopping the projected assaults. Sometime afterward the enemy reformed his forces and made another effort, but this was checked without the use of infantage. was checked without the use of infan

One of the attacks last evening was delivered southwest of Albert, where Afbany, April 8.—The Empire State express, which left New York this morning for the west, and train No. 16, eastbound from Buffalo, collided with a fieight wreck near Amsterdam shortly after noon. The eastbound train is reported to have overturned into the Mohawk River.

First reports received in Albany were to the effect that no one was killed. It was stated, however, that the wreck had interrupted wire communication and that only meagre details of the accident had been received here.

Forty passengers were injured, but none killed.

THE WEATHER and completely smashed them. British Hold Wood.

Further fighting occurred today at Hangard Wood, which has been the scene of much cruel fighting in the last few days. The British in the early LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 60; lowest, 42.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 43; lowest, 36.

AND COLDER.
Hangard Wood, which has seene of much cruel fighting in the last Afew days. The British in the early hours, delivered counter-attacks by hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: high they forced the enemy back somewhat and took a few prisoners. According to the latest reports the British are holding to the western edge of this wood. In this connection it is interesting to TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER.
Toronto, April 8—8 a.m.
Forecasts.

Fresh northerly winds; fair and colder tonight and on Tuesday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria ... 51 44 Cloudy Calgary ... 56 32 Clear Winnings 26 12 Clear Winnings 27 Clear Winnings 27 Clear Winnings

BATTLE DIES DOWN.

London, April 7.—The second phase of London, April 7.—The second phase of the great battle along the Somme which the Germans began on Thursday last has died down. It lasted less than three days, and the fighting has resolved itself into more or less isolated engagements, in which the French and British allies have more than held their own.

The attention of the Germans for the present is mainly directed at the lower end of the battle zone, which apparently dended of trees in the German retreat of March, 1917. Facing them now are the nd of the battle zone, which apparently

front from Arras to Coucy, north of Solssons, the Germans are nibbling at time they failed. At 8 o'clock this morning a considerable enemy force advanced for an attack in the vicinity of Bucquoy, weak spot. So far, the enemy has been repulsed along the western leg of the "elbow" sallent. In the Chauny-Coucy-La Fere triangle along the Olse, on the extreme eastern end of the south-ern front of the battle line, the French have retired to higher ground. Preparing New Attack.

Correspondents at the British from In France say signs are not wanting that the Germans are getting ready to launch another heavy attack on a long front in an endeavor to reach Amiens Enemy efforts north of the Somme have been made solely in an endeavor to capture artillery positions, but the Germans have not gained their objectives. Aerial fighting continues heavy. French and British aviators have brought down enemy machines, while Berlin re ports the destruction of 18 Entente air

From Arras to the Somme the British ine still stands as it did ten days ago The latest enemy attempt was made in the region of Bucquoy, 20 miles north of the Somme, but both efforts were broken up by the British artillery fire. Immediately south of the Somme there has been only local fighting, with no change in the position of the battle. change in the position of the battle front, Gen. Petain's men still maintal: their splendid offence east of the Amlens-Paris Rallway. The German have tried to advance north of the Amiens-Roye road in the regon of Han gard, but the French artillery fire was sufficient to break up the attack, Berlin Claims.

Berlin claims further advances in the region north of Coucy and around the lower forest of Coucy. No mention of fighting here is made in Paris. South of Chauny the ground is low and marshy, and especially along the Oise River and the Oise Canal. Folembray 65 miles northeast of Paris, and Pierremande, reported captured by Berlin, are on the lowland between the forest of Coucy and the heights north of the

Whether the German attacks on the front between the Oise and Coucy are designed as a feint to draw French attention from a more vital point or are the beginning of a strong effort to force the French back to the Alsne remains the designment to the product of the control of th March, 1917. Facing them now are the heights of the line running south o they are attempting to enlarge for the purpose of getting elbow room in which to move their vast masses of troops.

Meanwhile Gen. Foch, the commanderChemin-des-Dames sector.