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ATTACK DIED DOWN IN NIGHT---FRENCH HOLD OISE BANKS FIRMLY

KAISER'S RESERVES ARE PETERING OUT; FEW HOURS WILL SEE **ALLIED FORCES SAFE**

Germans Fighting Desperately Against Time But Reserves Are Rapidly Becoming Exhausted-Entente Position Likely To Be Greatly Bettered Within Short Time.

British Headquarters, March 26 .- During the night there was comparatively little change in the line. No heavy attack this morning has been reported up to 10 o'clock. The British were still holding the enemy strongly about half way between Combles

British Army Headquarters in France, March 26.-There is reason to believe important events will be recorded within the next few hours, which may lead to a betterment of the position of the armies which are temming the German onslaught, The enemy is fighting desperatelyly hard against time. On the first

day his reserves were reduced to 52 divisions. At the end of the second day some forty divisions from the reserves had been put in-A heavy German attack yesterday about Ervillers was completely smashed by the British artillery fire.
AIRMEN CREATE HAVOC.

re of concentration of traffic behind the German front. Tens of thous ands of rounds were fired point blank into enemy formations, while airmen fulfilled effectively their role as eyes of the artillery.

reports from all along the front indicate that the German loss of life yesterday was heavy. The enemy advanced ga nst allied guaners, woo were firing with open sights. ast night British airmen took heavy

At Point-Blank Range.

toll from the German infantry in Ba-No official figures are at hand, but from compilations made personally, the correspondent is convinced that at least 30 German airplanes have been brought

down in the last five days. Fighting All Along Line. The fighting yesterday continued with ore or less intensity along the whole line. The Germans pushed hard in the ghborhood of Fonches, Chaulnes. Estrees, Dompierre, Mericourt, Miraumont Achieth-le-Grand, Sapiegnes and Ervil Heavy fighting occurred about Grewilers, and a desperate conflict was waged in the vicinity of Neste, which the Germans now hold. The enemy also atacked strongly in the direction of ance which appeared to stem the ad-

AGENTS OF GERMANS IN NORTHERN FRANCE ARE

London, March 26.—German agents are spreading alarmist reports among the civil population around the battle zone in Northern France, according to a dispatch from the Reuter correspondent at Ritish headquarters dated Monday. British headquarters dated Monday. These persons are being dealt with

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"The spirit and determination of the British troops is excellent. The enemy losses have been enormous. The situation in many places remains very confused, which is natural in fighting that the characters of a constant of the c tion in many places remains very con-fused, which is natural in fighting that un has assumed more of the character of a war movement than at any time since the days of the Marne."

BERLIN CHURCH BELLS

DASHING FEATS BY BRITISH IN

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the next German astern. The enemy craft, however, eluded the effort of the crippled Britisher, but only to fall a victim to the French destroyers. Ablaze, the German boat lay disabled while the Frenchmen pounded her with torpedoes and gunfire. The Morris lost the rest of the quarry in the mist and took the lame Botha in tow, while the French

Swift Current, Sask., March 26.—
Charles A. McCaffery, aged 19, was burned to death, and William Cottle, livery keeper, and William White of the Northern Crown Bank were badly burned in a fire which destroyed Mr. Cottle's house at Port Reeve Sunday morphing.

LEGISLATURE CLOSED WITH HONORING HERO

CELEBRATE SUCCESS

London, March 26.—Berlin was decorated Monday and church bells were ringing in celebration of the success on the western front, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. The Catholic churches in Berlin have arranged for a special day of prayer.

Toronto, March 26.—The fourth session of the 14th Legislature of Ontario was prorogued at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The prorogation speech, read by the lieutenant-governor. Sir John Hendrie, briefly reviewed the legislation passed during the session. After the prorogation Sir John presented a medal to Lieut. Loughton, who won the Military Cross in Flanders for devotion to duty and great gallantry.

AIRMEN BOMBS

further massing of German troops was

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CHANNEL FIGHT

How Allied Wasps Routed

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Pounded By French.

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THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 41; lowest, 25.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 29; lowest, 19.

Wednesday.

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Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria 48 38 Cloudy Calgary 58 30 Clear

Winnipeg 54 28 Fair Clear

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ADVANCE IS ABOUT REACHED

Counter Measures of Allies, Prepared in Advance, Will

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Soon Take Effect.

London, March 26.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—A dispatch from French headquarters today says that the news should be read with entire calm and unshaken confidence, and that adchough our front was compelled to recoil under the hammer blows of von Hindenburg-linevitably a move that was fully foremeasures prepared in advance will take the hammer blows of von Hindenburg-linevitably a move that was fully foremeasures prepared in advance will take the hammer blows of von Hindenburg-linevitably a move that was fully foremeasures prepared in advance will take the hammer blows of von Hindenburg-linevitably a move that was fully foremeasures prepared in advance will take the field Marshal Halg.

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The destroyers started in pursuit of the Germans in a northwesterly direction and discovered eventually that the enemy ships were making for their basis, a grim little fight ensued, according to the sorties of eye-witnesses.

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[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 26.—The Opposition met in caucus for the first time this morning. The gathering was of a very general in character. J. A. Robb, M. P. for Huntingdon and Chateauguay, was gleeted chief whip, and T. J. Papineau of Beauharnois assistant. Both have been in the House since 1908. Whips for the provides have not yet been appoint.

THE WAR SITUATION

Torpedoed a Destroyer.

None of the German torpedoes found a mark, but the Morris, emerging from an enemy smoke screen, cut off a German destroyer of a large type and torpedoed her at a range of 500 yards.

There was an explosion in the enemy vessel, and she sank immediately.

Meanwhile, the Botha had been crippled and she began to lose her way. The rew determined to do what damage they could and fired both their torpedoes at the two leading enemy boats.

the form of a wedge with a but and wide wings.

That Monster Gun.

As the battle line now stands it is not much greater in length than the line which the German attacked, but the enemy has sprung one of the greatest surprises of the war.

General Sir Desmond O'Callaghan, formerly president of the army ordnance committee, says of the German gun:

NOT SAIL SHIPS WITH THE LABOR DELEGATES

London, March 26.—The Seamen's and Firemen's Union has decided that its members shall refuse to sail on any ship conveying delegates appointed to the inter-allied labor conference in the

CALL UPON CIVILIANS FOR MORE SACRIFICES London, March 26.—The morning newspapers call upon civilians to ac-cept still more privations and make still greater sacrifices in these fate-

HIGH WATER MARK OF ENEMY HAIG'S RESISTANCE STIFFENING; ENEMY DRIVE SLOWING UP

MUCH BETTER

Washington, March 26.-Information eceived today by the British military attache, Major-Gen. James D. McLachlan, is that the situation at the battlefront decidedly improved during yes terday. The advices are based upon the

CONTROLLER TO SPEEDY ACTION

City Telegraphs the Federal Power Chief For Immediate Answer to Previous Letters.

ONLY HOPE IN DRAYTON

Order to London Electric to Continue Operations Apparently Only Solution.

City Clerk S. Baker this morning telegraphed Sir Henry Drayton, federal power controller, asking that he wire a reply to the city's letter anent the local nower situation. a reply to the city's letter anent the local power situation.

Some days ago the city wrote Sir Henry, asking that he take action in regard to the closing of the London Electric plant on March 31. The letter pointed out the seriousness of the local situation, and that unless action was taken 1,800 customers of the London Electric would be without power or light after Sunday. was built in austria;

Has novel explosive

Geneva, March 26.—The long-range gun bombarding Paris, according to a Vienna dispatch received here, are of Austrian manufacture, having been built at the Skoda factory. The gun itself is not new, but its novelty comes from a new type of shell and the explosive gases used in the gun. There are said to be only two or three of the guns.

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TANKS USED BY FOE

British Headquarters Reports Slow, Orderly Withdrawal, Taking Heavy Toll of Enemy, Who Are Now Behind Schedule.

NEW FURIOUS ATTACKS ON FRENCH, BUT POILUS READY

British Troops Take Up Posit ions Between Albert and Roye -Paris Says Initial Rush of Foe Stopped and Entente Blow About To Take Pla ce.

London, March 26 .- Exacting the heaviest toll for every foot of ground the British line continues to withdraw slowly before the pressure of the German masses, Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters wires. Over a large part of the battle zone the retirement is being made voluntarily so as to maintain an unbroken front. Prisoners say the advance of the Germans is behind their schedule.

Paris, March 26.—The battle continues with the greatest violence, and the Germans are making still greater efforts along the whole front between Noyon and Chaulnes, the war office announces. Noyon was evacuated by the French during the night. The left bank of the Oise is being held firmly by the French,

"The battle continues with violence. During last evening and in the night the enemy multiplied his attacks on the whole front between Noyon and Chaulnes. The French artillery, well established in the region of Noyon, and supported effectively by our infantry, is retarding the The statement reads: German thrust. Frequent counter-attacks have been made and heavy losses inflicted on the enemy. Noyon was evacuated during the night in perfect order. The French are holding the left bank of the Oise firmly

DIED DOWN DURING NIGHT.

London, March 26 .- The fighting died down during the night, the war office reports. The British established themselves in new positions east of Roye and Albert NEW ATTACK

The Germans this morning began new attacks against the combined French and British forces south

The German losses have been so great that the enemy has been obliged to bring up reinforcements from all parts of the western front. The war office has established the fact that more than 70 German divisions (in the neighborhood of 840,000 men) have been engaged.

BRITISH OFFICIAL STATEMENT. The statement follows: The fighting died down during the night. Our troops establish themselves on new positions east of Roye and Albert.
"North of the Somme continuance of the fighting is expected, but has not yet developed. Attacks are reported to be developing this morn ing south of the Somme against our troops and those of the French i the neighborhood of Roye and Chaulnes. "The enemy's losses continue to be severe. He has been obliged to reinforce his battlefront from all parts of the western theatre. Over seventy hostile divisions are known to have been engaged in the battle.

GERMANS MARVEL AT BRITISH. London, March 26.—The tenacity of the British resistance, the prisers say, exceeded anything the Germans deemed possible. They complain of great privations, on account of lack of supplies, and extreme weariness also is telling heavily. Owing to the dense masses of supporting troops, however, the enemy is able to replenish his forward lin

The weather remains dry, thus favoring the enemy.

were rumors to that effect about the city.

While the application of the big munitions plant at Niagara for 23,000 and horsepower will seriously aggravate the general power situation, it will not affect the situation of the London electric light consumer. Their only hope tric light consumer. Their only hope tric light consumer. The power controller to the London Electric to continue operations. In this event they will undoubtedly pay a much kigher to the Hondon Electric, whom sumers of the London Electric, whom sumers of the London Electric, whom the hydro will take over, may be seriously affected by the application of the outlook is anything but.

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iffer. any case the power situation is cut up that they were replaced by fresh formations. It is these divisions which have been checked at the positions on which it was foreseen by the Allied general that a stand would b

FIRST GERMAN RUSH
LOSING MOMENTUM.

French Front in France, Monday, March 25.—Entire confidence reigns that the Germans' last trump in the world battle will be overtrumped when the proper moment comes. The Allied endeavors of both infantry and cavairy.

The initial rush of the enemy seems the enemy seems there is a state of the enemy seems there is a state in which even more troops were employed than in the battle of the Marne, gives no indication what the esults would be. Nevertheless, developments are awaited by the Allies eithout anylety.

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Weather Notes.

With the American Army in France.

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