

# TOTAL OF 1,164,000 GERMAN SOLDIERS ENGAGED

## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ANXIOUS DAYS FOR THE BRITISH PUBLIC

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London, Mar. 24.—Describing the great struggle in France, the Havas correspondent says: "The British retired in good order, ceding ground foot by foot, to strong positions prepared months ago."

"In the later stages of the battle 97 German divisions were engaged. Thus the German command concentrated against the British front half of the forces at their disposal on the whole western front."

Based on 12,000 men to a German division, the number of Germans engaged, according to the Havas correspondent, was approximately 1,164,000.

### British Public Anxious.

London, Mar. 24.—The British people have experienced no other period of anxiety comparable with this week-end since the days of the retreat from Mons, in August, 1914, when the fate of the small British army was undecided.

There was perfect spring weather today and all the streets and parks were crowded, but solemnity and gravity prevailed everywhere, which even a stranger must have noticed. Men and women, and even children were reading the newspapers and special editions which printed the afternoon official reports were bought as fast as the newspapers could supply them. The churches were filled and the day was one of anxious waiting.

### Bulletins Cause Depression.

The British people had not expected any marked retirement by the British army, although they had been warned that this would be a natural development of a great battle. Hence the bulletins caused general depression. Toward night it became known

## MISS MIRIAM J. BAXTER DEAD

Was Younger Daughter of Late George E. Baxter of Andover and Cousin of Hon. J. B. M. Baxter.

Fredericton, March 24.—As a grievous shock to her many friends came the word of the death on Saturday afternoon of Miss Miriam Irvine Baxter, youngest daughter of the late George E. Baxter, of the Normal School staff, who has the sincere sympathy of the community.

The late Miss Baxter had lived the greater part of her life in Andover, but during the last few years had been in failing health and had made her home with her sister at 417 Charlotte street, where she resided for some time.

During her residence in the city she had endeared herself to a large circle of friends and acquaintances through her charitable disposition, gentleness of spirit and warm hospitality.

The Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, M. L. A. and Capt. W. B. McVey, of St. John, are cousins; Mrs. John S. King and Dr. James McVey, of Haverhill, Mass., are also cousins.

The interment will take place at the rural cemetery. The date will be announced later, pending the arrival of relatives.

## FAMOUS BEAUTIES NEVER GET FAT

Womankind wonders why famous beauties grow old, but do not grow fat. They live at sikkon ease, amid the porcelain flesh pots. The wine, that puffs out obscure mortals, flows not liberally down their alabaster throats. Yet their lifelike loveliness does not thicken their limbs nor double their chins. What is the secret of the long-lived gracefulness of the beautiful?

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## DISAGREEMENT IN THREE DYNAMITE CASES SATURDAY

Seven Men Released, But Joseph Tremblay, Eli Lalumiere and Charles Desjardins Will Be Tried.

Montreal, March 24.—The jury trying the nine men charged with complicity in the attempted destruction of Lord Atholstan's residence at Cartierville last summer, disassembled Saturday. They returned to the court in the afternoon and announced that while they were satisfied Goyer, Cyr, Bolduc, Chagnon, Romeo, Wisniewski and Paquette should be given their liberty they were unable to reach a verdict regarding Joseph Tremblay, the member of the gang turning King's evidence; Eli Lalumiere, one of three leaders; and Charles Desjardins, the former federal police officer, who having been assigned to the work of collecting evidence against the anti-conscriptivist propagandists, was later arrested on the charge of inciting them to acts of violence.

Accordingly bail was fixed at thirty thousand dollars each for Lalumiere and Desjardins, and Tremblay was returned to jail without bail, as a material witness for the retrial, which will open on April 2nd. The six remaining defendants were allowed their liberty, and it is said they will not be called upon again to answer the charge on which they had been held.

In addition to the nine involved in today's proceedings, two, Arthur Blackwell and Louis Wisniewski, were released upon the recommendation of Mr. Justice Pelletier at the opening of the trial and one, Monette, the leader of the gang, is serving a life sentence for the killing of a chauffeur.

## IS SERIOUS BUT NOT ALARMING

London, March 23.—Serious but not alarming, tops up the reception by London of today's news from the western front.

It is pointed out that in battles of such dimensions the attacking forces, by the employment of troops regardless of sacrifices, are nearly always enabled to force first line positions. The Evening News in its comment on the situation refers to the failure of the British report to say anything about prisoners, and adds: "In the matter of figures, our opponents have been notoriously inexact."

## FIFTY-FOUR GERMAN AIRPLANES LAID LOW

London, Mar. 24.—An official report on the aerial operations says that fifty-four enemy aeroplanes have been brought down. An official statement dealing with aerial activity on the Italian front is issued today says: "Saturday our aircraft superiority was maintained. Eight enemy machines were destroyed. One was driven down out of control and we suffered no loss ourselves."

## SLAUGHTER IN ENEMY RANKS WAS APPALLING

London, March 23.—The most intense fighting appears to have been a round Roisel and Trincourt. The slaughter in the enemy ranks was appalling. Twelve times every available gun in the area was concentrated on solid massed bodies of enemy troops, while the airmen grew weary with emptying their machine gun returns and dropping their bombs into the dense grey crowds of troops and returning for more ammunition.

## MIKE DONOVAN DEAD

New York, March 24.—Mike Donovan, former middle weight champion pugilist, and widely known as boxing instructor of Theodore Roosevelt, when the colonel was president of the United States, died of pneumonia at a hospital here early today, after a two weeks illness. Donovan was 71 years of age.

## GERMAN PLAN OF ATTACK FOUND

Success Attained by Enemy Falls Far Short of His Plans

London, Mar. 24.—Copies of the German plan of offensive taken from prisoners, according to the British headquarters correspondent of Reuters Limited, show that the enemy's objectives were as follows:

First day, average penetration along the whole front of attack, eight kilometres. Second day, twelve kilometres, and on the third day beyond which the Somme does not appear to be carried, twenty kilometres, and so on.

The success attained thus far falls much short of the objectives, the despatch states.

## GIGANTIC FIGHT FOR BAPAUME, SAYS BERLIN

Berlin, via London, Mar. 24.—Paris has been bombarded by German long distance guns, according to the German official communication issued tonight.

The statement adds that the British, in their retirement, are burning French towns and villages, and that between Somme and the Oise the Germans are still going forward. Enormous quantities of booty have been taken by the Germans, according to the statement, which follows: "Between the Somme and the Oise our corps are fighting their way forward. Chauny has been taken."

"Our booty in war material is enormous. The English in their retirement are burning French towns and villages. We have bombarded the fortress of Paris with long distance guns. A gigantic struggle is taking place for Bapaume. A battle is in progress on the Transloy-Comblies-Meurpes line."

The Somme has been crossed at many points in our attack between Peronne and Ham."

## MOST CRITICAL HOUR OF THE WAR

London, March 25.—The official reports of last night represent the battle position in France as undoubtedly grave. The newspapers recognize this, but do not attempt to appraise the situation or prophesy the course of events. They consider this the critical hour of the war.

The German seizure of Chauny may impel the withdrawal of the French lines, in order to preserve contact and alignment with the British. Much rests on the use of the allied "army of manoeuvre" organized by the Versailles conference, which may prove the decisive force of the battle.

The Daily Mail says that if Field Marshal Haig's reports that the Germans broke through west of St. Quentin uses the term "broke through" in the generally accepted military sense it is serious, but that time alone can show the correct interpretation.

## ARCHBISHOP SENDS CALLS FOR PRAYER

London, Mar. 23.—The Archbishop of Canterbury today issued the following: "It is obvious that in these days of anxiety, special prayers ought to be offered in all our churches on behalf of the army and the righteous cause for which we are fighting."

## CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Mar. 24.—Saturday's night list of 137 casualties reports twenty-one killed in action, one accidentally killed, seven died of wounds, one prisoner of war, ten died, thirty-five wounded, forty-three gassed, seventeen ill, one suffering from burns, and one reported missing in error. New Brunswick names: Engineers: J. Walsh, Moncton, N. B. Railway Troops: Wounded: J. L. Sears, Midgic, Westmorland county, N. B. Wounded: P. Home, St. Marys, N. B.

## HARDEST FIGHTING EAST OF PERONNE AND GENLIS WOOD

British Headquarters, March 24.—The hardest fighting yesterday occurred east of Peronne and in the Bois de Genlis. The most important phase of the battle occurred in the latter neighborhood. During the morning the Germans had pushed southward toward Ham and had succeeded in getting a foothold at some points in the defences to which the British had fallen back.

The British organized a counter-attack and hurled themselves against the Germans with such ferocity that the enemy was forced to give way and the situation was restored. This was one of the very few counter-attacks as yet attempted by the British.

Last night was fairly quiet along the battlefield, but this morning the British again surged forward against the Germans. The southeast of Ham while the enemy continued his assaults in the neighborhood of Mory, southwest of Croisilles.

## THE SITUATION IS STILL CRITICAL

London, Mar. 25.—Commenting on the great battle in France, the Daily Graphic says: "In the main, the enemy is held. Nevertheless we are bound to recognize that the situation viewed as a whole, is critical."

Pointing out that the Germans have been able to bring to bear at certain points of the line an attacking force which vastly outnumbered the defenders, the Graphic concludes, "but, providing the breaking of the line involves no panic, but only a retirement to previously prepared positions, the loss is repairable."

## THINGS NOT LOOKING BAD, SAYS GENERAL

London, Mar. 24.—"Nothin' we have heard up to the present would lead me to think that anything has happened which could not have been expected. There is no reason to come to the conclusion that things are looking bad," General Sir Horace Lockwood Smith-Dorrien says, in an interview with the Weekly Despatch.

## SEAMEN'S MISSION SERVICE

The Sunday evening service at the Seamen's Institute was well attended and much enjoyed. The address was given by the Rev. P. E. Boothroyd and several musical numbers by the Zion Methodist choir were most appreciated. Mrs. J. Seymour presided and Miss Ada Thompson officiated at the piano. Refreshments were served at the close of the service.

## HUN ENGINES OF WAR

London, March 23.—The Central News says all sorts of details are being sent out by German war correspondents. One of them talks about one million yards of piping behind the front. Another says the number of airplanes has been increased ten fold. According to still another tanks, batteries for projecting poison gas and flames, and other modern engines of war in great numbers are on the front.

Along with everything else, the flux supply of the world has also suffered from the common exigency—war. Notwithstanding this fact the shops have succeeded in procuring an amazing lot of linens, in new patterns and at not a great increase in price. Designs furnish adornment a plenty for the new dinner cloths, yet the discriminating housewife prides herself on the personal note that can be secured only by a monogram. Most shops now have excellent facilities for marking linens, or one may draw one's own monogram and have it for execution.

To introduce variety into the appointments of the luncheon table come sets consisting of an oblong centerpiece and twelve dollies whose outer edges conform to the curve of the table's edge, which taper, not unlike a fan, to a narrow edge, which comes within an inch or so of the centerpiece. The two strips of dull wood and the spaces between the places afford a pleasing contrast to the set, which is of flit with motifs of Venice. A similar set has shield dollies, another is of rectangular pieces.

For the formal dinner there are cloths cut work combined with flit insets, likewise exquisite ones of solid lace. These cloths, numbers of them at least, are not absolutely beyond the pocket book of the average housewife, for they can be copied beautifully and at comparatively small cost. For one who is an artist at flit, twelve medallions and an edge are simply the work of a few weeks, and are easily worth the price of having them set into a cloth.

Cold supper sets in English china consist of a rectangular platter in blackberry or hawthorne blossom on a black ground, with a dozen plates to match.

New in shape are the octagonal salad bowls and platters which are banded in black with pink roses rambling around the edge.

Italian pottery lends itself gracefully to table decorations. Creamy white pharmacy jars with simply a line decoration with floral borders, are built for sweetmeats. A low oblong bowl, the newest shape for flowers, comes in the same lovely cream color, in rose or in green.

A new crystal set which is a delightful touch to the oblong centerpiece so much in vogue consists of a compact centerpiece and four candlesticks, banded in blue, rose or green. Very smart are the new summer luncheon sets of natural linen, crocheted with a purposely coarse crocheted edge, and an illogical crocheted flower of colored yarn, detachable of course in one year.

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## FURIOUS FIGHTING NEAR ST. QUENTIN

London, March 24.—A letter to the Daily Despatch, which is understood to have access to sources of information not generally available to the press, says:

"It is in the region of St. Quentin and south of that city that the enemy advance is most serious. It is here also that he is making his biggest effort presumably because the junction of the British and French armies is in this neighborhood."

## TRIPE OYSTERS.

One pound of fresh tripe, salt, fine bread or cracker crumbs, pepper, 1 beaten egg, 2 tablespoons cold water, 1/2 Clean honeycomb tripe very particularly and simmer it for one hour in water to cover. Let it get cold, sprinkle with salt and pepper and cut it in oblong the size of an oyster. Dip these in fine crumbs, then in beaten eggs to which the water has been added, then in crumbs again. Fry in very hot fat until brown. Serve with a border of cold slaw, or slices or points of lemon with chopped parsley sprinkled over them.

## NOT FROM AN AIR RAID.

Paris, March 24.—An official statement referring to the bombardment of Paris today by long distance cannon says pieces of shell on examination were found to bear rifling marks which proved that they had not been dropped but had been fired from a gun. This apparently left a greater mystery than ever as to where the gun in question was located, the nature of it and by what method it was being operated. Another indication pointing to a cannon being used was the regularity with which the shells fell, one every twenty minutes.

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## Easter

For you—Here is the Easter Camouflage.

Everything in dress for every man, and where is there a man who fails to feel the call for new dress up things at this season? New Spring Neckwear in the fresh Spring colors. New Shirts in a gallant gathering of gorgeous tones. New Collars.

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## THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh winds, mostly northwest and west; fair, a little higher temperature.

Northern New England—Fair Monday and probably Tuesday, warmer Tuesday in Vermont; moderate to fresh shifting winds.

Toronto, Mar. 24.—The weather has been fair today in the Dominion, and very mild in the west.

## MINIATURE ALMANAC.

MARCH—PHASES OF THE MOON. Last Quarter, 5th .... 8h. 44m. p.m. First Moon, 12th .... 3h. 53m. p.m. New Quarter, 19th .... 9h. 30m. a.m. Full Moon, 27th ..... 11h. 33m. a.m.

## DEATHS.

PARLEE—in this city on Sunday, March 24, at his home, 118 Harrison street, Walter H., son of Hiram W. and Mary Parlee, leaving beside his parents one sister and one brother. Notice of funeral later.

WHELPLEY—in this city on the 23rd inst., after a short illness, Norville C. Whelpley, of 140 Metcalf street, aged twenty-four years, son of the late David J. Whelpley, leaving one brother and one sister to mourn. Funeral this afternoon from his late residence to Fernhill cemetery. Service at 2:30 o'clock.

SPARKS—At London, England, on the 23rd inst., after a short illness, Theodore Talbot, dearly loved wife of Captain John Barnes Sparks, R.N., and youngest daughter of the late John W. Nicholson of St. John, New Brunswick, Canada.

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## MANY ASSAULTS BY THE GERMAN ARMY REPULSED

(Continued from page 1.) Retreat Planned.

It is permitted to say now what some have known for a long time, namely, that the British never intended to try to hold the forward positions in this region if the Germans attacked in the force expected.

There is every reason to believe that that harder fighting than has yet taken place will develop shortly. The Germans in the British view cannot now hesitate in attacking on their attack and it is a case of break through or admit defeat.

In this circumstances, it is interesting to note a statement made yesterday by a German officer, a prisoner, who declared that the German offensive was an act of desperation brought on by the fact that the fiercest must have peace.

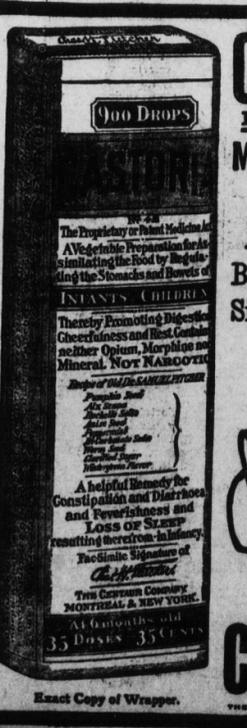
However, the British take such assertions at their face value and are proceeding accordingly.

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