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## British Through German Line On Ten Mile Front In Opening Of Big' Spring Offensive

Enemy's Defences Penetrated At Every
Poin t Of Attack, Says Haig-Canadians Probably In It drive on front beiween arras ano lens

Commander Reports Satisfactory Progress in Smashing Attack Made This Morning-Move Looked Forward to For Last Few Days-Important Gains Also Elsewhere

## London, April 9-The British early this morning attacked the German lines on a wide front, from a point south of Arras to the south of Lens, thus opening what is believed here to be a general spring <br> Tfiensive. The move has been looked forward to eagerly for some days, the offensive of the British flying <br> corps in the latter part of last week, the attack on Zeebrugge on Satrrday night and the aotivity of the French in Belgium, as shown in yesterday's official communication from Paris, were considered a prelude to important military operations. The British coormmander, General Hais, whose reports are always modest, says the German line

 The British commander, General Haig, whose reports are always modest, says the German lineHas been penetrated everywhere and that satisfactory progress was made in the direction of Cambrai
and St . Quentin, important positions in connection with the new German line.
The extension of the attack northward to Lens doubless was intended to give the British more The extension of the attack northward to Lens doubtless was intended to give the British mor
elbow room for their operations from Arras to the point of juncture with the French around St. Quentir
London, April 9 -British troops today penetrated the German


No estimate of the number of Germans captured can yet be
given, the statement says, but the number is considerable. Referring to the attack on the front between Arras and Lens, the
says, "we are making satisfactory progress at all points." IN EARLY HOURS THIS MORNING
London, April 9-The statement which is timed 11.25 a.m. is as
follows: ".We attacked as 5.30 o'elock this morning on a wide front
from South of Arras to south of Lens. Our troops have everywhere
penetrated the enemy's lines and are making satisfactory progress

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In the direction of Cambrai we stormed the villages of and Boursies and have penetrated into Havrincourt Wood. and advanced our lines southeast of Leverguier. Led Fresnoyle Petit
"No estimate of the prisoners taken can yet be given, but considerable numbers are reported captured.
The fighting tine from Lens to Arras is approximately ten miles in Iength
and lies directly north of the field of the retreat which the Germans have been



 In the Lens revion, into which the Britsish are driving, is a rich coal fie
which the Germans have been explotiting since their occupation of this territion



 British within two and a halfit miles of St. Quentin's outskirits. FRENCH REPORT


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report trom the remainder of the front.
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State Department Expects Word By To-morrow-Ally Has Bowed Again to Will of Kaiser--President Wilson's Reply to King George


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