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## THE COURIER, BRANTFORD, CANADA, TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1917. TWO CENTS FRANCO-BRITISH CONTINUE BIC ADVANCE

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Confidence in
Ability of Von
Hindenburgand
Daylight Saving
Their Other
Leaders New Ministry Contains Re presentatives of All
tions of Republican
WAS WELL RECEIVED By People of France; Cab-

Meditate a Fresh Drive Upon Calais?
Believed That This Might be the Motive of Von Hindenburg in Present Retirement; French Forces Advance at Unprecedented Rate; St. Quentin Must Fall Very Soon
By Courier Leased Wire
French troops pushing hard on the heels of the retreating Germans are to-day
within striking distance of the "Hindenbu rg line" the supposed goal of their retiring within striking distance of the "Hindenbu rg line" the supposed goal of their retiring
foe. The milestones on this line are the his toric towns of Lille, Cambrai, St. Quentin,
Laon and La Fere. The troops of General Niville were rushing towards St. Quentin yesterday at a rate almost unprecedented in the present world war, and had reached
a point within five miles of the city. Unless some unheralded factor has entered ina point within five miles of the city. Unless some unheralded factor has entered
to the situation, the French have by this time either entered St. Quentin or the German retreat has halted
In the meantime to the north, the B ritish are doggedly pushing forward to-
ward Cambrai and are apparently within striking distance of that town, the heart of
the Lille-La Fere line and famous since the days of the Romans. The British are a the Lille-La Fere line and famous since the days of the Romans. The British are ad-
vancing more slowly than the French, but nothing either in the official reports from vancing more slowly than the French, but nothing either in the official reports from
Paris or London or in the unofficial stor ies of newspaper correspondents at the
front, indicates that either army has yet come in contact with the main German forces. front, indicates that either army has yet come in contact with the main German forces.
The theory that the Germans propose to halt their retreat on the Hindenburg line has
been put forward by military critics in the allied capitals, but there has been no indicabeen put forward by military critics in the allied capitals, but there has been no indica-
tion from Berlin of the plans of the German general staff and the purpose and
meaning of the dramatic retreat of the in vaders of France remain clothed in considerable mystery.
French military observers estimate that the German retirement has already released 150,000 to 200,000 troops who are a vailable for a long predicted counter offen-
sive to be launched against the allied lines at some speculative point. The Paris news-
papers regard some such move on the pa rt of Von Hindenburg as almost certain and papers regard some such move on the pa rt of Von Hindenburg as almost certain and
discuss the possibility of another tremend ous effort to smash a way through to Cal-
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 tive is apparently in sporadic fighting in the Champagne district and on the Verdun
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