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CHECK GERMAN ADVANCE!

WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRITISH FORCES ALONG BATTLE LINE IN FRANCE LONG PLANNED

The Associated Press Correspondent with British Describes Operation of Army as Masterly Withdrawal, Made Possible by the Gallant Shock Troops in Front Lines Who Checked Advance of Germans, While Artillery, Machine Gun and Rifle Fire Worked Appalling Slaughter Among Masses of German Infantry as They Were Sent Forward.

This Enabled British to Fall Back Deliberately and Without Confusion—This Army Has Been Conserved—Where British Stormed Germans' Newly Acquired Positions Huns Have Been Driven Back—Germans Occupy Chauny, Situated on Road to Compiègne, Gateway to Paris—Paris Bombarded by German Long Distance Guns.

The withdrawal of the British forces along the battle front in France was long ago planned, in the event of the Germans attacking in great force. This announcement comes from the British front through The Associated Press correspondent, who describes the operation of the British army as a masterly withdrawal, made possible by gallant shock troops in the front lines, who checked the advance of the Germans, while artillery, machine gun and rifle fire worked appalling slaughter among the masses of German infantry as they were sent forward, thus enabling the main body of the British to fall back deliberately and without confusion.

This army, it is declared, has been conserved, and up to the present very few counter-attacks have been made against the Germans. Where the British have stormed the Germans' newly acquired positions they have driven them back. But each mile of advance makes the bringing up of supplies to the German artillery and infantry more and more difficult and unquestionably the British strategy, as demonstrated since the beginning of the great attack, is to let the enemy, so far as he may, wear himself out against a powerful defense.

Both British and French forces, where their lines meet south of St. Quentin, are watching events with optimistic eyes.

The town of Chauny, southwest of St. Quentin, situated on the road to Compiègne, the gateway to Paris, has been occupied by the Germans and, according to the Berlin official communication, everywhere between the Somme and the Oise rivers the Germans are pressing their advance.

Throughout Sunday, along the entire fifty mile battle front, the fighting never ceased for a moment, and where Field Marshal Haig's men were unable to withstand the terrific onslaughts delivered by greatly superior forces, ground was given, but always in orderly fashion.

It has now been definitely ascertained that considerably more than a million Germans have been brought to the western front in an endeavor to crush the British army holding the line from the region of Arras to the south of St. Quentin, but it daily becomes increasingly evident that the enemy in his drive, has met with opposition not counted upon and been unable to realize, to the full, his objectives.

In addition to Chauny, the Germans are claiming the capture of both Peronne and Ham, and to have increased the number of prisoners taken to more than 50,000, in addition to 600 guns and large stores of war materials.

Burning Villages?

It is claimed also by the Germans that American and French regiments which were brought up to reinforce the British have been defeated, but no further information than this mere statement has been vouchsafed.

In their retirement, according to Berlin, the British are burning towns and villages behind them. This statement, however, seemingly is capable of being received with reserve as the Germans themselves, in the famous "strategic" retirement, left little standing in the territory they evacuated, even denuding the country of trees.

One of the mysteries of the offensive, which now has been solved is that the shelling of Paris is being done by a long-range German gun. This statement is contained in the Berlin communication and a Paris despatch says that one of the guns has been located near Laon, about seventy-six miles from the center of Paris. Throughout Sunday morning and into the mid-afternoon shells were dropped in Paris at intervals of from twelve to twenty minutes.

Already the spirit of bonafidism

which pervades the German army in times of success is being strongly manifested. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has complimented the German Emperor on the "initial success" and the latest German official communication is loud in its plaudits of the German troops, declaring that the attacking spirit of the infantry could not have been exceeded.

Other Battlefields.

On the other battlefronts the fighting activity continues comparatively slight, except for reciprocal bombardments and trench raiding operations. Along the Aisne front and in Champagne the artillery duels between the French and the Germans have been somewhat violent.

The Americans on their sectors, especially northwest of Toul, are daily keeping up their artillery practice, with visible good results, against the German positions in front of them and then carrying out successful raids. In the Italian theatre the snow on the ground and the freshets in the valleys continue to hinder the operations on a large scale, but from the preparatory artillery activities and the skirmishes that are being carried out it becomes increasingly evident that this theatre shortly is to be the scene of a sanguinary encounter.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT IN P. E. I. ENDS FATALLY

St. Louis Man Falls Between Cars and Loses Leg at Thigh

Charlottetown, March 23.—A fatal railway accident occurred at Portage Station last night. John Bolgers, passenger, was on his way to his home in St. Louis accompanied by his wife. In attempting to get on the train just as it was starting, he fell between two passenger cars and had his left leg severed at the thigh. He was hurried by the train to the nearest doctors but they decided his case was hopeless. He died this morning.

NEW HALIFAX HOSPITAL

Halifax, March 24.—It is understood that a hospital is to be built in Halifax for the American Red Cross or for sailors and soldiers of the United States who may become ill in this port or be brought to Halifax needing treatment. The site will be on the eastern side of the harbor adjoining the Nova Scotia hospital.

LOSSES OF THE GERMANS ARE VERY HEAVY

British Resistance Declared to Be Efficient by Paris—Violent Fighting Between Croiselles and Perznier.

Washington, Mar. 24.—Violent fighting between the British and Germans was continuing at 2.30 o'clock this morning between Croiselles and Perznier, an official despatch from Paris today announced. The Germans are using ninety-seven divisions of troops and their losses are heavy. The British resistance is declared to be efficient.

The despatch says: "March 24, 2.30 a.m.—The German offensive is continuing between Croiselles and Terznier with violent fighting, in which the Germans are said to have used ninety-seven divisions. The English resistance is very efficient in everything, and the German losses are very heavy. The fighting line is brought back to about six or seven kilometers behind the third line. Confidence remains complete."

Paris, Mar. 24.—The war office communication issued today says: "German troops, after a violent bombardment, undertook a surprise attack to the south of Juvincourt, but were repulsed with heavy losses." "There has been fairly spirited artillery fighting in the region of La Prete Wood; in the Vosges not far from La Fontenelle and at Hartmannsweilerkopf."

A later war office communication says: "There was intermittent artillery activity north of the Chemins-Dames. Artillery engagements, sometimes violent, occurred in Champagne, in the region of the Monte, on the right bank of the Meuse, between Courieres Wood and Besoncourt, and at Hartmannsweilerkopf."

MANY ASSAULTS BY THE GERMAN ARMY REPELLED

Large Bodies of Hun Infantry North of Peronne Sustain Frighful Losses

HEAVIER FIGHTING TO COME, IS PREDICTED

British Troops Fall Back, Germans Crossing the Somme South of Peronne

FRENCH AND BRITISH ARE MORE OPTIMISTIC

British Holding Strongly to Front to Which They Withdrew

London, Mar. 24.—"Fresh hostile attacks developed this morning in great strength on the whole battle front," said Field Marshal Haig's report from headquarters, "and they have continued throughout the day."

"South of Peronne they succeeded, after heavy fighting, in crossing the River Somme at certain points. These are being dealt with."

Attacks Repelled.

"North of Peronne," says the official statement tonight from British headquarters in France, "enemy attacks were directed with the greatest violence against the line of the River Toulle (a tributary of the Somme). Our troops on this portion of the battle front have been withdrawn and are fighting on new positions."

"Further north repeated assaults by large bodies of infantry have been repulsed with heavy loss to the infantry. In this fighting the seventh and tenth divisions greatly distinguished themselves, beating off many hostile attacks."

Allies More Optimistic.

With the British Army in France, Mar. 24.—(By The Associated Press)—The British and French who co-operate at the junction of the two armies, were viewing the trend of the German offensive with optimistic eyes this morning. Hard fighting was in progress, but the latest reports showed little or no change in the situation in favor of the enemy since yesterday.

Fighting of a most desperate nature has been continuous since the initial attack, but so far the British have used few troops other than those which were holding the front lines.

Gallant Defense.

These shock troops have been making as gallant a defense as was ever recorded in the annals of the British army, and as a result they have enabled the main body of the forces to fall back deliberately and without confusion and occupy positions which had been prepared long before the German offensive began.

The Germans, on the other hand, operating under the eyes of the Emperor and the Crown Prince, have been hurled vast hordes into the fray with utter disregard for life and followed into abandoned positions, getting farther and farther away from their supplies and finding their communications in a increasingly difficult.

Frightful Masses.

More than fifty German divisions have already been identified by actual contact, and many of these men were simply given two days' rations and sent over the top into the frightful maelstrom made by the allied artillery, machine guns and rifles. The slaughter of the enemy infantry as it advanced in close formation over the open has been appalling.

The British losses have been within the bounds expected, due to the tactics of the commanders. The Allies have lost a considerable number of men in prisoners and a certain number of guns. But very few pieces of artillery have been taken by the Germans since the first day. In fact, the whole withdrawal has been executed in a masterly fashion, showing how thoroughly the British had planned for the very events which have occurred. (Continued on page 2)

THE RIVAL ARMIES BATTLING OVER THE BLOODY TERRAIN OF THE STRUGGLE OF 1916

Germans Occupying Ground Which They Left Under Pressure Just One Year Ago Have Won Tactical Success, But Are Considerable Distance Yet from Strategical Victory—British Army Makes Deep Withdrawal Measuring Fifteen Miles at One Point, But They Are Still Intact, Lines Stretching with Elasticity of Rubber Band and Are Not Broken.

French Co-operating with British at Junction of Their Lines West of St. Quentin—Apparently Germans Planned Turning Movement With Ham as Its Pivot, Paris Being Ultimate Objective—Immediate Objective is Rolling Up of British Army—Several Violent Hun Attacks Repulsed.

(By Arthur S. Draper)

(By Special Cable to the New York Tribune and St. John Standard.)

London, March 24.—In hundreds of thousands of British homes in all parts of the Empire Palm Sunday was one of keenest anxiety, while the whole world focussed its attention on the colossal struggle on the devastated plains of Picardy, watching hopefully and confidently Haig's gallantly heroic effort to stem the tide of German hordes, and British women praying not only for the success of their army but also for the safety of their men.

The fate of Britain and the allied cause swing in the balance, but the faith and courage match the tenacity and obstinacy of those Englishmen, Scotsmen, Welshmen and Irishmen, upholding all the fine traits characteristic of the best British traditions.

Haig's frank admission of reverses and Ludendorff's claims of tactical successes are impressing the people with the gravity of the hour. The battle of Picardy has become almost a war movement along a sixty mile front, German cavalry being engaged in the west for the first time since 1914. In three days the tables have turned and now the rival armies are battling over the bloody terrain of 1916 with Bapaume and Peronne again appearing in the communiques.

The straight line drawn from Arras southeast to Ham approximates the enemy position of Sunday morning, which means that the Germans are back on the ground they left under pressure just a year ago. The enemy has won a big tactical success, but is a considerable distance yet from a strategical victory.

The British armies have suffered heavily, being forced to make a deep withdrawal, measuring fifteen miles at one point, but they are still intact. The lines stretched with the elasticity of a rubber band but are never broken. The French are co-operating with the British at the junction of their lines west of St. Quentin. Apparently the Germans planned a turning movement with Ham as its pivot, Paris being the ultimate objective. The immediate objective is the rolling up of the British army.

The terrain east and south of Peronne is crossed by little streams and canals, and is hardly better than a marsh, therefore offering a fairly good defensive system. Haig's Sunday morning report indicates that he has already repulsed several violent attacks at this point. Should the enemy succeed in penetrating these positions, that city, Amiens, Soissons and Rheims would be embarrassed. By their rapid retirement, costly as it may prove in the loss of men and guns, the British have succeeded in putting the enemy at a disadvantage, for he has outmarched his railways and his ammunition supplies. There is a consequent pause now. It is a question whether the Germans will open the onslaught elsewhere or persist in the present sector.

Counter Drive Possible.

A counter drive by either or both British and French troops in another sector seems possible. The enemy has used fifty divisions, he has had huge losses, and unless the second phase of the battle brings him further success, he must find poor compensation in his haul of prisoners, guns and recaptured territory.

Textbook Tactics.

To date the Germans have followed textbook tactics, introducing no new engine of war, unless the sensational shelling of Paris be considered a part of the present operation. In Picardy the big features of the thrust were the intensity and range of the bombardment and the lavish expenditure of gas shells.

Whether the Germans have duplicates of the Paris gas on the Picardy front, or merely naval guns, it is impossible to state, but certainly in no period of the war have such distant points of the British back been shelled as in the last four days. Towns and villages ordinarily immune from everything except aerial attacks have suffered from shell fire.

The Paris gun probably was used at this moment in the hope of demoralizing the Parisians and deceiving them into believing the German army close upon Paris. In the popular mind it shares the interest in the course of the battle because it opens an entirely new field. A battery of these guns in Flanders might shell the whole south-east coast of England.

Some weeks back I told of a new German gas which was tried at Ypres

MAGNIFICENT DEFENCE BY THE BRITISH

London, Mar. 24.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Reuter's correspondent at the British headquarters in France, in a message today, states:

"The enemy is now throwing his last ounce of weight and resources into the struggle. Upon the course of the immediate future hangs the issue of the war. A captured armen stated: 'This offensive is the result of desperation. We must have peace quickly now.'"

"Our troops throughout the 23rd and 24th were very hard pressed by the endless enrolling legions through and Lens in great quantities. These shells were used in the present offensive, their fire being directed largely against the British batteries, the guns of which were forced to work for many hours in their masks,

whose weary ranks fresh divisions were being continually poured.

"The magnificent defence which the slowly retiring British line has made thus far may assuredly constitute one of the greatest epics in history.

"I find at the headquarters today unbroken serenity, confidence and satisfaction with the general change in position during Saturday afternoon. In the region of Ham things temporarily looked ugly when the enemy outflanked us and his cavalry poured out in order to extend an enveloping movement. But vigorous counter-attacks drove the enemy back and restored our position.

Vast Battlefield.

"When reading German claims, remember the extent of the battle front, the enemy's unforgettable concentration of guns, which is the greatest ever collected—a vast hecatomb marking the wake of his advance. The French troops on our right, after the lengthy rest, are at the top of their dashing morale. Yesterday there was heroic fighting in the center of the battlefield, where our machine gunners a number of times had to cease killing through sheer exhaustion. Never have the British armies so superbly met such an overwhelming test. Included are the South African contingents and the Newfoundland battalion, both of which have been fighting magnificently.

"The fourth day of the offensive has failed to bring any surprises, although the long range guns are doing their utmost day and night."

TOTAL OF 1,164,000 GERMAN SOLDIERS ENGAGED

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ANXIOUS DAYS FOR THE BRITISH PUBLIC

British Forces Retire in Good Order, Ceding Ground Foot by Foot, to Strong Positions Prepared Months Ago, as Withdrawal Was Long Expected — Ninety-Seven German Divisions Engaged, Totalling Approximately 1,164,000 Men.

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 to-day 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 speculating on the reports of 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 died.

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

Womanhood wonders why famous beauties grow old, but do not grow fat. They live at sikk case, amid the porcelain fish pots. The wine, that purges out obscure mortals, flows not liberally down their alabaster throats. Yet their lifeline loaf does not thicken their limbs nor double their chins. What is the secret of the long-lived gracefulness of the haughty?

One-half ounce Marmola, 24 oz. Fl. Ex. Cascara Aromatic, 4 3/4 oz. Peppermint Water. This is the famous Marmola Prescription, long familiar to the fashionable pharmacist of the world and their clientele, but which has only recently penetrated to the knowledge of the hot polluted of womanhood. Since the convenience sake, it has been put into elegant pocket form, the Marmola Prescription Tablet, which can now be had of well known drug stores, fashionable and ordinary, or the Marmola Co., 884 Woodward Av., Detroit, Mich., in large cases for seventy-five cents.

that the official view of the situation did not warrant such despondency. The loss of guns was regarded as inevitable, but the British casualties are understood to be relatively small considering the magnitude of the operation so far as the reports give them. The participation of American soldiers in the battle was one of the much discussed features.

Saturday Night. London, Mar. 24.—There was no material change in the situation on the battle front in Northern France throughout the night, although further fighting occurred at a number of points, the war office announced to-day.

British troops are holding the line of the Somme River to Peronne. Small enemy parties which attempted to cross the river in the neighborhood of Pargny were driven back.

Northward from the Somme at Peronne the British troops are holding their positions, after beating off a number of attacks during last night. The text of the statement reads: "There has been no material change in the situation on the battle front during the night, although further fighting has taken place at a number of points."

"Our troops are holding the line of the Somme River to Peronne. Small parties of the enemy which endeavored to cross in the neighborhood of Pargny were driven back."

"On our right we are in touch with the French and to the north of the River Somme at Peronne our troops hold their positions, after beating off a number of attacks on different portions of this front during the early part of the night."

SERIOUS FIRE AT ST. DAVID'S RIDGE, CHARLOTTE CO.

House of Emery Thompson, with Contents and Barns of Gorham Thomas with Much Valuable Machinery Destroyed—Loss \$14,000.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, March 24.—A serious fire occurred this afternoon at St. David's Ridge, six miles from town, but being on high ground it was plainly visible from St. Stephen.

The fire started from a defective chimney in the second story of the farm house of Emery Thompson, and that splended practically all its furniture. The barns were saved. The loss is estimated at \$4,000, on which there was insurance.

A strong wind was blowing and flying embers set fire to the barns of Gorham Thomas, closely adjoining, and these were all consumed.

Mr. Thomas conducts a large farming and dairy business and lost seventy-five tons of hay, many farming implements, wagons, milking machines, three cows and thirty pigs.

He saved sixty-three head of cattle and five horses. The house caught fire several times, but was saved from destruction by hard work. His loss will not be less than \$10,000 on which there was some insurance, but not sufficient to cover the loss on machinery.

MANY ASSAULTS BY THE GERMAN ARMY REPULSED

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 flank and it is a case of break through or admit defeat.

DISAGREEMENT IN THREE DYNAMITE CASES SATURDAY

Seven Men Released, But Joseph Tremblay, Eli Lalumiere and Charles Des Jardin 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," sums 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, March 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 guns 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.

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 to-day.

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 use 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, Midgie, 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 Dispatch.

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 doilies 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 doilies, 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 given by the 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 sweetness. A low oblong bowl, the newest shape for flowers, comes in the same lovely cream color, in rose or in green.

PAPE'S DIAPEPSIN FOR INDIGESTION OR BAD STOMACH

Relieves sourness, gas, Heartburn, Dyspepsia in five minutes.

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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."

Nock Sausage. Rightly made, this is delicious. Wash half a cupful of dried lima beans over with cold water and soak overnight. Drain and cook in boiling salted water until tender—about one and a half hours. Press through a sieve and add one-third of a cupful of bread crumbs, three tablespoonfuls of bacon fat, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, powdered sage and paprika to suit the individual taste, and one lightly beaten egg. Allow the mixture to become cold, form into small sausages and egg and bread crumbs them. Fry in deep, hot fat until well browned. Serve with apple rings.

TRIPLE OYSTERS.

One pound of fresh tripe, salt, fine bread or cracker crumbs, pepper, 1 beaten egg, 2 tablespoonfuls cold water. 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.—Juliana.

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.

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. And the best of all—your New Spring Suit in a new pattern—and don't forget, a light weight Spring Overcoat is a necessary luxury.

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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.
New Moon, 12th 3h. 53m. p.m.
First 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.

Only One "BROMO QUININE." To get the genuine call for full name LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. 30c.

Mrs. James F. Clark—Special to The Standard. Fredericton, March 24.—Mrs. Lydia Clark, wife of James F. Clark, died at her home, Scotch Settlement, Saturday after a long illness at the age of eighty years. The deceased is survived by two sons, Willard H. Clark, of Queensbury, and Fred W. Clark, of Scotch Settlement; also one daughter, Mrs. J. E. Smith, of Devon. The funeral will take place Monday.

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INVALIDATED SOLDIERS

Twelve Officers—Soldiers Who But May Not Steamer Elevator

Halifax, Mar. 24.—A ship arrived today with 775 invalided home. Among those back for various Canadian twelve officers and one nurse. The soldiers will probably tomorrow afternoon, but Tuesday before they get passage and while occasional was tempestuous weather the whole was pleasant.

On nearly every day going on to keep the people. One day the ship's steward "Foo Foo" had given a concert for a drum and other instruments. The ship's people gave a concert on another day.

KAISER AGAIN DEPARTS

LORD HAS AID

German Empress Characteristic Mes "All Highest"

Amsterdam, Mar. 24.—From Berlin says the German Emperor has received the following from Emperor William: "I am pleased to be able that by the grace of God, Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quentin has been won. My glorious ally, May help."

SAYS STATEMENT PRESIDENT

Dutch Foreign Minister declares Holland's Status United States Port

The Hague, Mar. 23.—The Dutch parliament, Dr. F. W. van der Sluis, has received the following statement from the Dutch government: "The statement of the Dutch government is that the vessels were idle in ports of States was 'absolutely without'." Dr. Louzon added the provisional agreement part of them were already and some of them already

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HOSPITAL SHIP WITH 779 ARRIVES AT HALIFAX

INVALIDED SOLDIERS HAVE GOOD TIME COMING ACROSS

Twelve Officers and One Nursing Sister in Party—Soldiers Will Probably Be Landed Today, But May Not Get Ashore Until Tomorrow—The Steamer Eleven Days on Passage.

Halifax, Mar. 24—A hospital ship arrived today with 779 soldiers invalided home. Among those who came back for various Canadian points are twelve officers and one nursing sister. The soldiers will probably be landed tomorrow afternoon, but it may be Tuesday before they get ashore. The steamer was about eleven days on the passage and while occasionally there was tempestuous weather the trip on the whole was pleasant. It is uneventful.

On nearly every day something was going on to keep the people amused. One day the ship's stewards and the "Foo Foo" Band gave a concert. This band used a butter tub with canvass for a drum and other similar instruments. The ship's pierrot company gave a concert on another deck. Yet another concert was given by the patients who developed much talent. Lantern slides of the American expedition for Sir John Franklin were shown, the lecturer being the chaplain of the ship. One day the purser of the ship lectured on a trip to the West Indies. Thus day after day passed and the patients stood the voyage well.

KAISER AGAIN DECLARES LORD HAS AIDED HUNS

German Empress Receives Characteristic Message from "All Highest"

Amsterdam, Mar. 24—A despatch from Berlin says the German Empress has received the following telegram from Emperor William: "I am pleased to be able to tell you that by the grace of God, the battle of Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quentin and La Fere has been won. The Lord has gloriously aided. May He further help."

SAYS STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT UNTRUE

Dutch Foreign Minister Declares Holland's Ships in the United States Ports Not Idle

The Hague, Mar. 23—In addressing the Dutch parliament, Dr. Loudon, the foreign minister, declared that President Wilson's statement that Dutch vessels were idle in ports of the United States was "absolutely without foundation." Dr. Loudon added that under the provisional agreement, the greater part of them were already chartered and some of them already navigating.

GERMANS FAILED TO ATTAIN OBJECTIVES

First Phase of the Assault Has Fallen Far Short of What Was Arranged by Their Plans.

London, Mar. 24—Copies of the German plan of offensive taken from prisoners, according to Reuters' correspondent at British headquarters, show that the enemy objectives were as follows: First—Average penetration, along the whole front of attack, eight kilometers.

Second—Twelve kilometers, and on third, beyond which the scheme does not appear to be carried, twenty kilometers. The success attained thus far falls much short of these objectives, the despatch states.

GUY VINCENT WAS KILLED SATURDAY

Life Crushed Out When He Was Buried Under Landslide at Fair Vale—Deceased Was Only 16 Years of Age.

A sad accident occurred opposite the C. G. R. station at Fair Vale Saturday morning when the life was crushed out of Guy Vincent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Vincent of that place. The unfortunate youth, who was only sixteen years of age, was engaged in excavation work in a gravel pit which was situated on the beach. At 10.30 o'clock, when those digging had penetrated to a depth of three feet and had extended their excavating eight feet into the pit, the roof of frozen gravel, probably owing to the rays of the sun, suddenly collapsed. Three of the men were able to escape, but Guy Vincent was caught in the slide and buried.

INTERESTING LECTURE AT IMPERIAL THEATRE

W. Sargeant Delivered Address on "The Great Plagues"—Bible Students Had Been Killed in Germany for Refusing to Yield to German Militarism.

W. Sargeant, V. D. M., of St. John spoke in the Imperial Theatre yesterday afternoon on The Great Plagues of Rev. 16. The lecturer said he believed the plagues were in the form of books of Bible interpretation, and proved tormenting only to those who had the spirit of persecution and lacked the spirit of Christ (Rev. 16:2). He believed the Seventh Vial had been partly poured out and the process would be completed in the Lord's own good time and way. Among other things he said that the Kaiser probably hated these books more than any other man on earth, and that a number of Bible students had been shot in Germany for refusing to yield to German militarism. He claimed that according to the Bible Germany could not win the war, for that would make her the Fifth Universal Kingdom, whereas the Bible stated the Fifth of these dynasties would be Messiahs. A very pleasing feature of the lecture was the music by a New Edison phonograph supplied by the courtesy of the firm of W. H. Thorne. Mr. Sargeant characterized the machine as one of the great modern wonders, which proves we are entering the Age of Christ.

WILL THE GERMAN FLEET COME OUT?

Washington, Sunday, March 24—It is announced here that from information received from London this afternoon the German casualty list up till noon today was not less than two hundred and forty thousand of all ranks. The British losses for the same period of time are placed at less than half that number, the latest estimates giving from ninety-five to one hundred and ten thousand.

EVEN CROSS, SICK CHILDREN LOVE SYRUP OF FIGS

If feverish, bilious, constipated, give fruit laxative at once.

Don't scold your fretful, peevish child. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with sour waste.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomachache, indigestion, diarrhoea, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul waste, the sour bile and fermenting food passes out of the bowels and you have a well and playful child again.

Children love this harmless "fruit laxative" and mothers can rest easy after giving it because it never fails to make their little "insides" clean and sweet.

Keep it handy, Mother! A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Remember there are counterfeiters sold here, so surely look and see that yours is made by the "California Syrup Company." Hand back with contempt any other fig syrup.

POLITICAL CLASH AT WEXFORD, IRE.

Nationalists and Sinn Feiners in Street Fights Following Election of Capt. Redmond—Sinn Fein Candidate Injured.

Waterford, Ireland, Mar. 23—The election of Captain William Redmond to the house over Dr. White, a Sinn Feiner, was accompanied by disorders here which lasted all night. Crowds of men and women paraded the streets. Windows were broken, fire arms were used and twenty persons were injured. One of these is Dr. White, who was hit on the head with a brick when the result of the election was announced.

MONCTON AIRMAN MAY BE A PRISONER

Lieut. Lloyd Sands Has Been Missing Since Last Thursday—Recently Returned to Front.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Mar. 24—W. T. Sands, C. G. R. foreman, has been officially informed by cable that his son, Lt. Lloyd Sands of the Royal Naval Air Service, has been missing since March 21. Lt. Sands had visited his home at Christmas, having just returned to the front. He was engaged with a long distance bombing squadron, making reprisals and it is possible he has been taken prisoner in Germany. Further news is anxiously awaited by his parents.

BRITISH HOLD SOMME LINE

London, March 24—British troops are holding the line of the Somme river to Peronne. Small enemy parties, which attempted to cross the river in the neighborhood of Pargny, were driven back.

Northward from the Somme, at Peronne, the British troops are holding their positions after beating off a number of attacks during last night.



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OUR OXFORDS HAVE ARRIVED

All the charm of Spring is manifested in the handsome Oxford styles we are now showing. Here is just one of the many smart models that are sure to be in the fore among Fashion's Favorites for this season.



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Wear them now with spats, and then when the warmer days come you have what amounts to a new pair of dainty street shoes by simply putting aside the spats.

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A YOUNG CHOPPER KILLED IN WOODS

Horatio J. Harding Falls on Axe Near His Home in Northumberland County.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Mar. 24—The report of a sad fatality of which Horatio J. Harding, aged eighteen, was the victim, comes from Gaythorne, near Tabin-stac, Northumberland county. Young Harding, with a cousin, was in the woods near his home chopping logs when he slipped off a log and fell on his axe. A terrible wound was inflicted and he died shortly after, before he could be removed to his home.

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LONG DISTANCE BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS ENDS

PARIS WAS CALM DURING LONG RANGE BOMBARDMENT

First Shock of New German Method Has Now Passed and French Are Supremely Confident of Ultimate Allied Victory — Germany's Great Cannon Located in Forest of St. Gobain, East of Laon.

Paris, Mar. 24.—The newspaper Le Journal in its editorial regarding the big gun says that the piece of 240 millimetres calibre is of Austrian make. It is a very delicate piece of machinery which must be handled by expert mathematicians and gunners, the newspaper adds, as the loading and pointing is a difficult task. It is declared that each shot costs about \$4,000.

This is a new conception of our enemies, the newspaper comments.

The ordnance experts were not ready last night to commit themselves as to whether the shell was a sort of aerial torpedo driven by propellers, whether an inner projectile contained in the original shell is released by an explosion when the shell has travelled a certain distance from the gun, or whether the original projectile itself reaches its destination, propelled perhaps by an explosive of a force hitherto unknown.

In yesterday's bombardment twenty-four shots in all were fired from 7.20 a.m. to three o'clock p.m., a shell dropping every twenty minutes with monotonous regularity. The bombardment presented all the characteristics of a bombardment by heavy artillery, there being regular intervals between the shots and the shells falling within a restricted area. Enemy aviators, who flew high over the city during the early hours of the bombardment regulated the firing.

Professor Paul Painleve, former premier and president of the Academy of Science, told the Excelsior that by using tungsten in the fabrication of the projectile, the tungsten shells would be of about half the diameter of steel shells of an even weight, and that therefore the atmospheric resistance would be less, this accounting for the extremely long range. He also touched upon the possibility of a propeller being employed on the projectile.

Alfred Capus, in the Figaro, alludes to the making of the gun as a great mechanical feat, but points that as a military factor the weapon is entirely inefficacious. The Petit Parisien comments upon the bombardment as an extremely minor incident, as compared with the gigantic battle in progress on the British front.

A FRENCH INVENTION?

Le Petit Journal says that Jules Verne had foreseen this gun, and it declares that moreover it is a French invention. "More than a year ago, it adds, we discovered the secret of firing our cannon more than 100 kilometres. The secret lies in the greater suppression of the atmospheric resistance."

The Echo De Paris declares the bombardment is designed to give the impression that Paris is within the range of the Germans guns.

"It is a political cannon," the newspaper says.

Paris, March 24.—Palm Sunday in Paris was ushered in by the loud explosion of one of the ten-inch shells fired by the Germans from their new

BRITISH HEAVILY ENGAGING HUNS ON NEW LINE

Haig's Saturday Night Report is More Encouraging—Germans Repulsed with Great Slaughter Near Jussy.

Special to The Standard.

London, Mar. 24.—The battle is continuing with the greatest intensity on the whole front south of the Scarpe river. Field Marshal Haig's report last night announces:

"South and west of St. Quentin our troops have taken up their new positions and we are heavily engaged with the enemy.

"During the night strong hostile attacks in the neighborhood of Jussy, (south of St. Quentin), were repulsed with great losses to the enemy.

"On the northern portion of the battle front the enemy's attacks have been pressed with the utmost determination and regardless of loss. Our troops have maintained their positions on the greater part of this front after a fierce and prolonged struggle.

"Great gallantry has been shown by the troops engaged in the fighting in this area and south thereof. The 19th and 8th Divisions distinguished themselves by the valor of their defense. In one sector alone six hostile attacks, in two of which German cavalry took part, were beaten off by one of our infantry brigades.

"The enemy's attacks continue with great violence."

Ninety German Divisions Hurlled Against British.

British Army Headquarters in France, Mar. 23, 11 a.m.—(By the Associated Press)—The British, gallantly fighting, are still presenting a solid front to the fiercely attacking Germans, although the defensive troops have withdrawn their lines in certain places for strategic reasons. All day yesterday and much of last night the conflict continued to rage with increasing violence, as fresh German divisions were hurled into the fray in an attempt to smash through the British defences. More intense fighting is expected. The operation is so vast and is changing with such kaleidoscopic rapidity as far on the battlefield and forward that it is impossible to visualize the scene sufficiently to give a connected and accurate account of it at present.

Forty-nine German divisions have been identified thus far on the battlefield and prisoners have been taken from eighteen of them. Estimates place the number of German divisions engaged as high as ninety, but it is impossible to say whether this is accurate. Through the night the battle front extended southward and it was reported this morning that the French army was now engaged.

appeared in the streets on the way to the churches, which were almost as crowded as usual, the women, who sell palm leaves, doing their customary driving business.

The shells arrived at regular intervals of twenty minutes at first. The detonations seemed louder, amid the ordinary Sunday calm, than yesterday but they seemed to have lost their power to disturb the population, which refused to be distracted from its Sunday habits to any great extent.

In the absence of means of transportation, a great many persons were seen on the streets leading to the centre of the city walking to keep their appointments.

The rapidity of the fire increased after the first few shells landed, explosions following each other every fifteen minutes on the average. Some of the shots came after an interval of only 12 minutes.

Paris, March 24.—The comments of the French press this morning were about evenly divided between the big gun which is bombarding the city from the back of the German lines and the terrific battle raging on the British front. The tone of the comment on the bombardment is one of astonishment at the feasibility of the performance, while as to the battle, the favorable ending of it is confidently expected.

The newspapers do not conceal their admiration for the mechanical feat of the Germans in penetrating their new weapon, but speak disparagingly of the useless barbarity of the bombardment. The Matin says it is consoling to note that the number of victims is small, but it asks for reprisals on German cities.

Special to The Standard. Bulletin—Paris—The German monster cannon which has been located in the Forest of St. Gobain, west of Laon, is exactly 122 kilometres (approximately 76 miles) from the Paris city hall.

The gun, says the Matin, is established near Anzy, in St. Gobain Forest. This would place it somewhere further south in the wooded area and estimates the distance at about 70 miles from Paris.

New York, March 25.—The New York Sunday morning special contains special dispatches to the effect that Paris is being bombarded at a distance of seventy-four miles, and that mysterious cannon are located twelve kilometres behind the German front.

Paris, March 25.—The Germans have been firing on Paris with long range guns since eight o'clock this morning shells of 240 millimetres have been reaching the capital and suburbs at intervals of a quarter of an hour killing about ten persons and wounding about fifteen. The shortest distance from Paris to the front is 100 kilometres (sixty-two miles).

The announcement that Paris was being bombarded was made officially this afternoon. Measures for counter attacking the enemy's cannon are under execution.

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OUR AIRMEN BOMB HUNS

British Flyers Work Havoc on German Troops and Ammunition Depots.

Special to The Standard. London, March 24.—An official statement of the aerial operations issued tonight says:

A thick morning mist on Friday prevented our airplanes from leaving the ground during the early part of the day. When the mist cleared there was much activity in the air on our battlefield. The enemy's low flying machines were particularly accurate, engaging our forward groups with machine guns.

"The enemy's massed troops again offered good targets for our low flying airplanes. The locations and range of bodies of hostile troops and transport were reported to our artillery and successfully engaged.

"Eight and a half tons of bombs were dropped on hostile railway stations in the rear of the battlefield and also on the enemy's billets and high velocity guns, troops and transport.

AMERICANS ALSO SHELLING HUNS

Special to The Standard.

With the American Army in France, Mar. 24.—An enemy observation balloon near Montez broke from its moorings this morning and floated toward the American lines. The artillery brought it down in No Man's Land and then completely destroyed it, firing about one hundred shots.

The American artillerymen continue shelling of the German first lines and communicating trenches.

Men's Wear For Easter



- Fancy Shirts - \$1.25 to \$6.00
- New Cravats - 50c to \$2.00
- Soft Collars, fancy stripes and silk - 20c to 50c
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GERMAN CAPTURE OF MONCHY, CAMBRAL, ST. QUENTIN AND LA FERRE CLAIMED
Victory in Battle of Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quentin and La Ferre asserted by the German line from Bapaume to the Hind Somme Well as at Cambrai

Berlin, March 24.—The German Admiralty per...
The statement adds that 30,000 prisoners have been taken and 600 guns have been captured.
Victory in the battle of Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quentin and La Ferre was claimed by the Germans. The British fourth army and part of the American reserves are reported to have been beaten, with the line from Bapaume to the Hind Somme and behind the line between Peronne and Ham at Chaunoy.

Text of the statement follows:
"Western theatre: The British third army and portions of the American reserves, who had been beaten and on the Bapaume-Bouchavesnes line, between Ham, as well as Chaunoy, were the heaviest of the army of General (Otto) took by storm and south thereof of the attack in a western front Wancourt and Heugny were engaged in a fight. Bapaume for the third time was captured. Strong British were repulsed."
"The army of General Witz, following upon the vanquished enemy, pursued in close pursuit. Fighting as the third enemy, Equancourt, Nurlu, Fosse, Bernes Line.

Attack Resumed Early yesterday morning

GERMANS CLAIM MORE THAN 30,000 PRISONERS

CAPTURE OF PERONNE AND HAM CLAIMED BY BERLIN WAR OFFICE

Victory in Battle Which Has Been Raging Near Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quentin and La Fere Asserted by the Germans—Heaviest Losses on the Line from Bapaume to Bouchavesnes and Behind Somme Between Peronne and Ham, as Well as at Chauny.

Berlin, March 24—(Via London, British Admiralty per wireless press)—The Germans have captured Peronne and Ham and defeated British and American regiments brought up from the southwest for a counter-attack on Chauny, according to the war office statement.

The statement adds that more than 30,000 prisoners have been captured and 600 guns have been taken by the Germans.

Victory in the battle which has been raging near Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quentin and La Fere is claimed by the Germans. The British third and fourth armies and parts of Franco-American reserves are declared to have been beaten, with the heaviest losses on the line from Bapaume to Bouchavesnes and behind the Somme between Peronne and Ham, as well as at Chauny.

Text of Statement.

The text of the communication follows:

Western theatre: The battle near Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quentin and La Fere has been won.

The British third and fourth armies and portions of Franco-American reserves, who had been brought up, were beaten and on the line of the Bapaumes Bouchavesnes and behind the Somme, between Peronne and Ham, as well as Chauny, were repulsed with the heaviest of losses.

The army of General Von Below (Otto) took by storm Monchy Height and south thereof carried forward the attack in a westerly direction beyond Wancourt and Henin. It is now engaged in a fight northwest of Bapaume for the third enemy positions. Strong British counter-attacks were repulsed.

The army of General Von Derrmar-Witz, following upon the heels of the vanquished enemy, pressed forward in close pursuit Friday night as far as the third enemy position in the Equancourt, Nurbu, Templeux, La Fosse, Bernes Line.

Attack Renewed.

Early yesterday morning they re-

newed their attack against the enemy and defeated him, in spite of his desperate defense and continual counter-attacks. A junction with the left wing of the attack of General Von Below was effected.

Between Manancourt and Peronne the troops of Generals Von Kethen and Von Gotard have forced a crossing over the Tortille sector and on the Somme battlefield are fighting around Bouchavesnes. Peronne has fallen. Other divisions have pressed forward to the south thereof as far as the Somme.

As early as Friday evening the army of General Von Hutier, pressing closely forward, took by storm the third enemy position, broke through it and compelled the entire to retire.

Reach the Somme.

In ceaseless pursuit the corps of General Von Luttwitz and Von Oeltz have reached the Somme.

Ham fell after a desperate fight, into the hands of our victorious troops. English reserves, which were thrown against them in a desperate attack sustained sanguinary losses.

The corps of Generals Von Webern and Von Conte and the troops of General Von Geyl, after a fierce battle crossed the Crozat Canal.

French, English and American regiments, which had been brought up from the southwest for a counter-attack, were thrown back on Chauny in a southwesterly direction.

Emperor Stakes All.

London, March 23.—Today's German official announcement received here states that Emperor William is in command on the western front.

This announcement is regarded as further evidence that the Emperor has staked his all on the offensive, hoping to win and go down in history as the victor in this great and decisive world conflict.

Despatches from Amsterdam picture the Emperor at Spa, Belgium, which is being kept isolated on a radius of fifteen kilometres. The German Crown Prince, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, General Von Luden-

SOME CAPTURED GERMAN GUNS WERE BROUGHT FROM BALKANS

Huns Lost Heavily in Attempting to Cross Somme by Means of Four Bridges—All Roads in Rear of German Advance Blocked by Columns of Troops, Guns and Transport Vehicles.

London, Mar. 24—Reuter's correspondent at headquarters telegraphs: The correspondent reports that among the captured machine guns are some that were identified as having been used in the Balkans last year.

The Germans made attempts on Friday night to cross the Somme by means of four bridges, the attempts, however, were detected and frustrated with loss by the British artillery fire, his message states.

All the roads in the rear of the German advance, the despatch continues, are blocked by columns of troops, guns and transport vehicles, furnishing targets upon which the British artillery is making deadly play. Rough estimate of the casualties inflicted vary between thirty and fifty per cent. of all the enemy divisions, so far identified.

"I give these figures for what they are worth," the correspondent adds. "They probably are based mainly on statements made by prisoners."

dorf and other prominent Germans are also reported there with him.

Saturday's Statement.

Berlin, March 23, via London.—Between the Omignon stream and the Somme, after the capture of the first enemy positions the Germans made their way through Holnon Wood and fought across the heights of Savy and Roupy, penetrating into the third hostile positions.

South of the Somme the Germans broke through the hostile lines, and the report, and in an uninterrupted forward movement drove the enemy over the Crozat Canal toward the west.

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for noon today and in the afternoon the streets were in a still greater state of animation.

Paris, Mar. 24—A semi-official note issued today warns the public against pessimistic reports that the Germans have broken through the front and thus are able to bombard Paris from close by.

"The French front is intact, any assertion to the contrary is a lie," the note reads.

Paris, Mar. 24—It is believed in military circles that the Germans are using two long distance guns against Paris.

LONDON HEARS BIG GUNS

London, Mar. 24—The guns in France are distinctly heard in London. Particularly in high places there is a continuous throbbing. Many persons have gone to house tops to listen.

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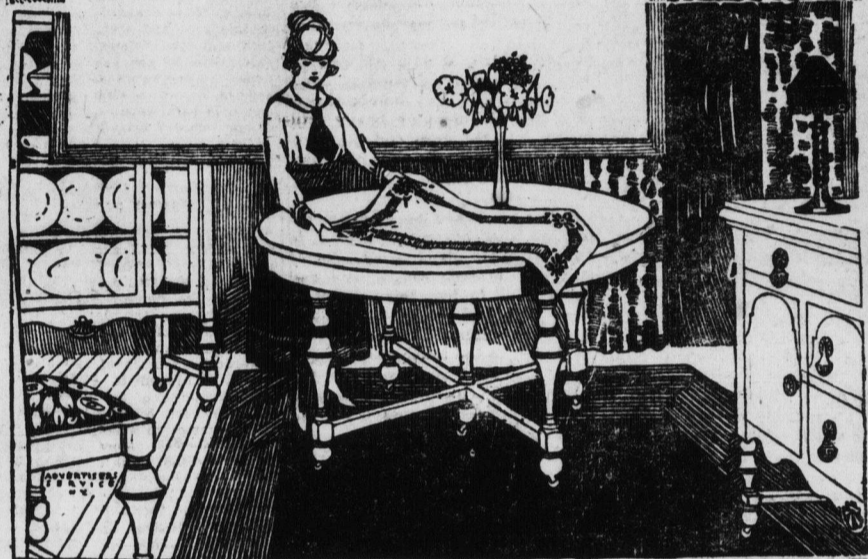
Paris, Mar. 24—Today's bombardment seems to be over as this despatch is sent, no shell explosions have been heard for more than an hour from the Associated Press office. The subways and tramways began running again be-

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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.

THE WAR NEWS.

The news from the Western front is serious, in point of the number of casualties, but it contains nothing to indicate that the Germans have attained anything more than a preliminary success.

During an operation so extensive and so important as that in progress during the past few days, it is but natural that there would be conflicting stories sent over the cables.

Another significant fact is that while reports indicate that the Germans had at least 1,164,000 men engaged and with this force were unable to attain their objectives, the Allies have reserves of more than one million behind their lines.

Also the German casualties were extremely heavy. One report sets the number at 240,000, while the Allies suffered less than half as severely.

The bombardment of Paris was not effective, the chief result being to arouse the people of France to a renewed determination to win.

The situation on the Western front will probably not be known with accuracy for several days, but even from present reports, taken in their most serious aspect, there is no cause for alarm.

THE MARNE AGAIN?

When the record of this war is written and compared with other conflicts of history it will probably be found that, from every standpoint of measurement, the operations now going on in France have eclipsed the events of any previous occasion wherein great bodies of men met in combat.

As far as can be gleaned from accounts of the complete preparation made by the enemy for what was expected to be his decisive thrust, Germany had made ready for this engagement on a scale far superior to anything hitherto attempted.

were thrown forward in close formation for the single purpose of breaching the Allied lines.

This is not the first occasion upon which the German effort, though backed by terrible power failed of success.

The Mons story suggests a fanciful thought in connection with the titanic struggle now going on.

Public interest during the past forty-eight hours has been divided between the progress of the great battles on the western war front and the shelling of the suburbs of Paris by a great new German gun which, yesterday's cables stated, had a range of more than seventy miles.

GERMANY'S NEW GUN.

According to the cables Paris was under bombardment for eight hours and in that time twenty-four shells were thrown, practically all of which landed in the outskirts of the city and consequently did not effect the damage that would have resulted from a shorter range bombardment where the projectiles might have fallen in more densely populated areas.

It is at once evident that such a weapon must be most carefully sighted as, at the distance, the most minute variation in the aim would make a very great difference in the landing point of the projectile.

In considering the new weapon it should be remembered that the additional range does not give greater force to the projectile when it falls and explodes.

It is not by shelling cities at an immense range that the Germans will save themselves from defeat.

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will terrify the Hun. The only effect of the newest Hun device will be to more completely unite the people of the Entente nations in their determination to bring the Teutonic foe to his knees.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE RULE OF THE ROAD.

To the Editor of The Standard: Sir—Your correspondent, "Nova Scotian," seems to be very confident of his statements on the rule of the road and as to my identity, I hasten to say that in both cases I am severely in error.

As to the rules of the road, the position taken by your correspondent only goes to confirm the facts stated in my letter. He says the present rule came in with the U. E. Loyalists, and prior to that (in old Canada, that is to say, French Canada), the rule was always to the right. Precisely so.

At the evening service in St. David's church last night Rev. J. A. MacKeigan preached a special message on the lesson to be learned from the present crisis in France and pressed home on his people the power of patience, basing his remarks on the words "Let us run with patience the race set before us."

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Personally I would like to see all Canada hold to the British custom in the rule of the road, there seeming to be no good reason why the five provinces who now hold that way should change in order to harmonize with the American custom.

Thinking you for valuable space, I am, yours, etc., BRITISH-CANADIAN.

A BIT OF VERSE

MY GARDEN MUST BE BEAUTIFUL

My garden must be beautiful; For when the shadows play In length'ning shapes along the wall, And comes the cool of day, Perchance my Lord might come to see The place where roses bloom for me.

And if He asked to come within This house of mine to rest, How fair and sweet the rooms should be, For such a wondrous Guest? 'Twere better far to keep them so, Lest He might come before I know.

And if He stayed for friendly speech As fell the light of day, How should I know to talk with Him Or holy things to say, Unless my soul acquainted be With some of Heaven's mystery?

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BY LEE PAPE. Ma was out shopping this afternoon, and a automobile stopped in front of our house and Mrs. Hews got out, Mrs. Hews being a fat round lady blinking her eyes all the time from a habit she likes to watch her do it. And she rang our front bell, and I thawt, G, I wish ma was home so she wood come in and blink a while.

And I went and opened the door, and Mrs. Hews wawked rite in, saying, Good afternoon, Benny.

And she went in the parlor and sat down by the window, and I sat down on the sofa and started to watch her blink, wondering if it wood feel any different to be that fat. And she kepp on setting there blinking her eyes, and I kepp on setting there watching her, and after a while I had to sneeze. Wich I did, and Mrs. Hews turned around, saying, Wy, Benny, I didnt heer you come back.

Back ware? I sed.

Back from telling your mother Im heer, sed Mrs. Hews blinking. I didnt tell her, I sed.

Wat, have you bin sitting there all this time like a carved image? sed Mrs. Hews blinking.

Yes mam, I sed.

Well go and tell her immediately, sed Mrs. Hews blinking, and I sed, shes out.

Out? sed Mrs. Hews blinking.

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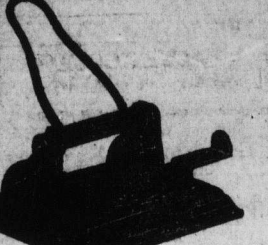
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ST. JOHN COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS WILL ASSIST SOLDIERS' COMFORT

First Appeal to Public on Saturday Next—Representative Meeting Held Saturday Night—All Present Enjoyed Musical, Vaudeville and Motion Picture Programme.

A large number of the resident Commercial Travellers Association, Mr. Smith, took part, and he impressed upon the meeting the fact that this was not an effort of the association but that of the resident travellers and about, he made with all the energy of which the travellers were possessed. Others participating in the discussion were Messrs. Sims, Stewart, Fenwick, Pritchard, Golding and Ellis, and at its conclusion a motion was made that the meeting approve of rendering any assistance they could to the Soldiers Comforts Association on tag day.

Carried unanimously.

It was then moved that President Smith nominate a committee to act as an executive in connection with the work to be performed and this was carried and Messrs. Sims, Fenwick and Pritchard were nominated.

In a few concluding remarks the chairman on behalf of the Soldiers Comforts Association thanked the travellers present for their very kind offer of assistance and offered a portion of his office, 41 Princess street, as headquarters for the committee. This offer was accepted and the headquarters for the week will be at 41 Princess street.

The main feature in directing the action of the travellers was that this association had never appealed to the public and that they were entitled to some extra assistance with their first appeal.

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon at which a large amount of preliminary work was done. Mr. Thomas Simpson, who acted as one of the secretaries of the Victory loan campaign, and who is a commercial traveller, will act as secretary in this campaign and will be established at 41 Princess street.

TWO ABLE SERMONS BY REV. MR. TEDFORD AT THE TABERNACLE

Preached to Large Congregations at Both Services—Will Be the Permanent Pastor of the Church—Comes from Liverpool, N. S.

At the Tabernacle church yesterday Rev. Mr. Tedford of Liverpool, N. S., who is to be the new pastor in the church, occupied the pulpit both morning and evening. The reverend gentleman is a very forcible speaker and gave grave lessons worthy of commendation. In the morning he based his sermon on First Corinthians, taking as his subject the "Three unshifting anchors of the unfading life," speaking of Paul in the chapter "Sweeping away all that hinders, usually counted 'the bulwark of power and test of devotion' enthroning supreme principle of the Christian life, namely, love. The greatest key to the muso of Christian life.

From cradle to grave, the reverend gentleman stated life is ever to be the unfolding light in the midst of all uncertainties, and we can only in part know and understand each step, a movement out into the great unknown. Each day brings its own experiences, to two are alike. It seems God is in those experiences trying to teach and develop every phase of our being. Moving out from child the life must never pitch its tent to cease its struggle but even to move on to the front to give the description of the benefits accruing as the front, from the work of the Soldiers Comforts Association. Both officers gave clear and practical opinions of the benefits derived from the work and were loud in their praise of the S.C.A. A general discussion took place in which the president of the Maritime

TROUBLED FOR YEARS WITH BRONCHITIS

DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP GAVE INSTANT RELIEF.

Bronchitis is a disease which is very prevalent during the late winter and early spring, when there are sudden atmospheric changes. It is a condition of inflammation of the bronchial tubes which irritates the throat and causes you to cough in order to get rid of it. The cough may be tight or loose according as to whether the mucous is sticky and hard to remove, or soft and easily expelled.

Bronchitis is not really dangerous, but the complications which are liable to follow makes it necessary to get rid of it on the first sign. This you can do by using Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. A remedy that has been on the market for over twenty-five years.

John D. McFarlane, Jr., S. W. Margate, N. S., writes: "I was troubled for years with bronchitis, and could not find any relief. I was especially bad on a damp day. I went to a drug store and asked him for something to stop the constant tickling in my throat. He gave me a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, which I found gave me instant relief. It is the best remedy for bronchitis I know of, and I now take care that I always have a bottle of it on hand."

See that you get "Dr. Wood's" Pimples in a yellow wrapper; three pine trees the trade mark; price 25c. and 50c.; manufactured by The T. Millburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

STANDARD'S EXTRAS EAGERLY SOUGHT AFTER YESTERDAY; INTENSE EXCITEMENT PREVAILED

Three Special Editions Found Thousands of Purchasers—Everybody Pleased at Grand Defence of British—Police Service Needed to Keep Sidewalk Clear in Front of Standard Last Evening—Telephone Calls to Standard from All Over Province Seeking Latest News of the Big Battle.

About every man, woman and child in the city were aware that the big defensive battle was raging along the western front, and all were more than anxious as to the outcome. From early yesterday morning until late last night the telephone service in The Standard office was kept working overtime, and the calls were coming in hundreds. The questions asked were all about the same, "What's the latest from the war?" "How is the British making out against the Hun?" "Are the British holding the lines?" "Kindly tell me what are the losses at the front and have the Hunns broken through our lines?" and many such questions were answered, and every answer was so favorable that it brought back the words "That's good" and "The news is certainly in our favor" and it now looks as if the Germans were certainly beaten."

The calls to The Standard were not only from persons in the city for many long distance calls were received. The news that something big was expected had reached many points throughout the province. There were calls from St. George, St. Stephen, Fredericton, Hampton, Woodstock, Bathurst, Campbellton, Chatham, St. John and in fact many places nearer to the city. In all cases the news sent out that the big German drive had been repulsed was received by the people of the province with much joy; that the British were able to hold their lines was indeed good news and was received everywhere with most satisfaction.

The Standard, seeing that the people would be very interested in news on such an important battle, got out two special editions of the paper yesterday. The first edition was put on the street about one o'clock in the afternoon, the second edition made its appearance at 4:15 o'clock, and the third and last edition was issued shortly after eight o'clock last evening.

Never before was the office of The Standard so crowded with the rising generation of St. John's fighting class, strong sturdy boys pushed and jammed in a most friendly manner, all wishing to get out on the street first with the "war extras." The sidewalk on Prince William street in front of The Standard office was at times blocked with "grown-ups" waiting for the extras and in many cases a newsboy would only have to leave the building when he would sell out and then join in the crush again with his companions to obtain another supply. Thousands upon thousands of papers were issued with every edition and they were carried away by the young West St. John boys from Fairville, West St. John and in fact from every section of the city, and the crowd was so large on Prince William street last evening with boys and adults that the services of a policeman was necessary to keep a clear passage on the sidewalk.

As soon as the boys obtained their

GAINED 20 LBS. AND FEELS FINE

Never Expected to be So Well and Strong Again—An Enthusiastic Statement Endorsed by a Postmaster.

Parkerville, N. B., Mar. 23.—Here is a cheerful letter from a man who was greatly broken in health and much discouraged. Fortunately he found in Dr. Chase's Nerve Food the exact treatment he required and was fully restored to health and vigor.

As a blood builder and invigorator of the nervous system, this food cure of Dr. Chase's has a most remarkable record. You can prove this for yourself by reading the letters published in this paper.

Mrs. W. A. Rudolph, Liscombe, N. S., writes: "Some time ago I was so run down I could not walk any distance without getting out of breath. When I went to bed at night I could not rest, my heart was so bad and my breath so short, I had begun to think I would have to give up working, when I saw Dr. Chase's Nerve Food advertised, and read of how other people suffering as I was had been helped. I sent for four boxes, took them, and now, thanks to Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, I am feeling well again. I am able to do a good day's work, and can rest well at night. I hope someone who is suffering as I was may see this letter and be induced to try Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, as I feel sure they will obtain speedy relief from this treatment."

This is to certify that I am acquainted with Mrs. Rudolph, and believe her statement regarding Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to be true and correct.—Mr. W. A. McDiarmid, Postmaster.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50c. a box, a full treatment of 6 boxes for \$2.75, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates and Co., Limited, Toronto. Do not be talked into accepting a substitute. Imitations only disappoint.

one sister, Muriel, both of this city. He was a traveler in the employ of the Swift Canadian Company. He had been sick only a few days.

Walter H. Parlee.

The death of Walter H. Parlee occurred yesterday at the home of his father, Hiram W., 118 Harrison street. The deceased was a well known young man and had been ill about eight weeks. Besides his parents he leaves one sister, Mrs. Harry Miller, of this city, and one brother, Gordon, who is fighting in France.

DOCTOR URGED AN OPERATION


Instead I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Was Cured.

Baltimore, Md.—"Nearly four years I suffered from organic troubles, nervousness and headaches and every month would have to stay in bed most of the time. Treatments would relieve me for a time but my doctor was always urging me to have an operation. My sister advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound before consenting to a operation. I took five bottles of it and it has completely cured me, and my doctor has advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. —NELLIE B. BURTON, 609 Calverton Rd., Baltimore, Md.

It is only natural for any woman to dread the thought of an operation. So many women have been restored to health by this famous remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, after an operation has been advised that it will pay any woman who suffers from such ailments to consider trying it before submitting to such a trying ordeal.

OBITUARY

N. P. Whelpley.
Norville P. Whelpley, a popular young man of the North End, died Saturday morning in the hospital, following an operation for appendicitis. He was a son of the late Daniel J. Whelpley of Carter's Point, and was in the twenty-fourth year of his age. He is survived by one brother, Cecil M., and




PURE Chocolate, pure sugar, fresh fruits make Moir's Chocolates all that you expect of a good candy. Every package is full of delightful and toothsome surprises.

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Isn't This True?

When you "feel mean"—dull, tired, nervous, bad digestion, no appetite—

Don't you find out, afterwards, that your bowels were not acting freely and naturally?

Due, of course, to a liver gone on a strike.

Take two or three pills—once. After that, only one, until you're all right.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS
Genuine bears Signature

Colorless faces often show the absence of iron in the blood.

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N. Y. QUOTATIONS.

Table of New York stock market quotations including various commodities like sugar, wool, and metals.

MONTEAL SALES.

Table of Montreal market sales for commodities such as steamships, cedar, and various goods.

TORONTO PRODUCE

Table of Toronto produce market prices for wheat, flour, and other grains.

MARKET DID NOT GET DEMORALIZED ON THE WAR NEWS

At End of First Hour Declines Did Not Exceed Two Points, But They Increased Later. (McDOUGALL & COWAN.)

NEWS SUMMARY

(McDOUGALL & COWAN.) New York, March 23.—Chicago and Northwest year ended Dec. 31, 1917, surplus was \$17,125,000, after expense and charges decreased \$3,243,900, equal to \$10.07 a share against \$13.34 a share earned in 1916.

CHICAGO PRODUCE

Chicago, March 23.—Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 2 yellow, 1.15 to 1.20; No. 3 white, 91 1/2 to 92 1/2; standard, 91 1/2 to 92 1/2.

MONTEAL PRODUCE

Montreal, Mar. 24.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 3, 1.07 1/2; extra No. 1, 1.07 1/2.

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Table of Montreal sales for various commodities including iron, steel, and other goods.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

Table of New York cotton market prices for various grades of cotton.

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Berlin States Towns of Ham and Peronne Have Fallen—Germans Claim to Have Taken Six Hundred Guns. London, March 24.—The number of prisoners captured by the Germans near southwest for a counter-attack were thrown back on Chaunley, the official statement adds.

WASHINGTON IS IGNORANT OF U. S. TROOPS IN ACTION

Possible, However, That American Engineers in Cambrai Sector Were Caught in Some Sudden Movement. Washington, March 24.—Nothing has been received here to indicate that American regiments were brought into the fighting, as referred to in the Berlin dispatches.

JAPS WANT TO SEND HALF MILLION MEN

Special to The Standard. London, March 24.—A dispatch from Tien Tsin says that the Japanese University professors are conducting a campaign in favor of sending half a million troops as far as Irkutsk into Siberia to check the German ambitions in the far east before it is too late.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY IN MUCH DEMAND

Scarcity of Labor and Increased Production Some of the Reasons. (McDOUGALL & COWAN.)

BONDS MAY DECLINE IN NEAR FUTURE

Difference of Opinion as to Whether Stocks Will Follow Suit. (McDOUGALL & COWAN.)

New York, March 23.—Owing to the growing and acute scarcity of labor it is reported from well informed channels that the demand for agricultural machinery is growing to large proportions in view of the efforts of the government to increase the output of crops.

BERLIN, AS USUAL, CLAIMS VICTORY

German War Office States British Third and Fourth Armies and Parts of French and American Reserves Have Been Beaten. Berlin, March 24.—(British Admiralty per wireless press)—Victory in the battle which has been raging near Monchy, Cambrai, St. Quentin and Laferre is claimed for the German army in today's headquarters statement.

AMERICAN GUNNERS USING GAS SHELLS

Have Done Good Work Against German Batteries in Rear of Toul Cemetery. With the American Army in France—Hundreds of gas shells were fired by the American artillery on the Toul sector into the village of St. Baussen. The American observers reported that the work of the artillery was effective.

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Was General Consulting Engineer for Dominion Government and One of Last of Old Time I. C. R. Officials. Ottawa, March 23.—Sir Collingwood Schreiber, general consulting engineer for the Dominion government, died this morning at the age of 87 years.

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Tourists, shippers and importers are hereby informed that, notwithstanding the fact that two of the steamers which have been operating on the

CANADA-WEST INDIES SERVICE

have been requisitioned by the Ministry of Shipping (for Imperial reasons), we have found it possible to formulate a time table with the remaining two steamers whereby we can give a departure alternately from Halifax and St. John every three weeks instead of every fortnight as heretofore.

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COUNTER-ATTACK DRIVE G

Near Croiselles Fight Capture a Village Troops—Increase

British Army Headquarters are pressing their attack near Ham, while on the fighting has been going changed hands several times.

It is reported that across the Somme canalitions to which the British German cavalry were, and there was small to make a supreme effort which is near the junction.

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COUNTER-ATTACKS BY BRITISH DRIVE GERMAN TROOPS BACK

Near Croiselles Fighting is Very Severe — Huns Capture a Village But Are Driven Out by Our Troops—Increasing Losses to the Enemy.

British Army Headquarters in France, Mar. 24.—The Germans are pressing their attack hard on the right flank of the British near Ham, while on the northern end of the battle line desperate fighting has been going on since yesterday about Mory, which has changed hands several times.

It is reported that some of the enemy infantry pushed down across the Somme canal and drove forward against prepared positions to which the British had retired.

German cavalry was seen behind the advancing German infantry, and there was small doubt that the attacking forces intended to make a supreme effort to rupture the British line in this sector, which is near the junction of the French and British lines.

The British strategical withdrawal along the battlefield to better positions has been carried out deliberately and in accordance with the plan, there saving the lives of British troops, while the attacking forces have been advancing under increasing difficulties with huge loss of life.

About Mory the battle has been especially fierce, and when the story of the British defense can be read it will be a record of a magnificent stand. The fighting here began yesterday morning, when the Germans attacked with a superior number of troops.

The British held on during the day, but last evening the enemy gained a foothold in the village after a sanguinary struggle at close quarters.

The Germans advanced for this new attack from Croiselles and for hours were held off by a company of British machine gunners who were stationed on high ground and swept the enemy ranks with a grilling fire.

The British organized a counter-attack as soon as the Germans entered the village and pushed the enemy back.

BRITISH AT ST. QUENTIN FALL BACK TO NEW LINE

Retirement is Made to Prepared Positions and It Does Not Indicate Material German Success — Heavy Fighting All Along Western Front.

Special to The Standard.

London, March 25.—Powerful enemy attacks delivered with great weight of infantry and artillery has broken through the British defensive system west of St. Quentin, the war office announces. The British troops on the northern portion of the battlefield are holding the positions.

The British west of St. Quentin are falling back in good order to positions further west. Very heavy fighting with fresh enemy forces is in progress.

The war office states that there are prepared positions behind the British

to which they are falling back.

The statement follows:

"Heavy fighting continued until late hours last night on the whole battlefield. During the afternoon powerful hostile attacks delivered with great weight of infantry and artillery broke through our defensive west of St. Quentin.

"Our troops on this part of the battlefield are falling back in good order across the devastated area to prepared positions further west. Our troops on the northern portion of the battlefield are holding the positions. Very heavy fighting with fresh hostile forces is in progress."

WASHINGTON CONFIDENT HUN RUSH WILL BE STOPPED

Special to The Standard.

Washington, March 24.—While the most intense interest prevails here in the gigantic struggle on the western front, confidence remains unshaken that the German thrust will be eventually repulsed. On all sides admiration is expressed at the skill with which the British met the greatest shock ever hurled at an army.

Even should the British be forced further to regroup their lines, the impetus of the German blow must diminish from now on, military experts believe, and counter-strokes on a major scale are then expected. The war department has cabled General Pershing, the American commander for the exact situation on the British battle front.



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THE BRITISH ARE DOING GREAT WORK IN THE AIR

London, Mar. 24.—Our aircraft work during the battle has been most successful. The fighting in the air has been very heavy, almost all the combats taking place between Arras and St. Quentin.

Twenty-seven enemy machines were brought down and twenty were driven down out of control. Two hostile machines were shot down in our lines by anti-aircraft guns, and another by the infantry. Eight of our machines are missing.

During the night our squadrons dropped over fourteen tons of bombs on the hostile billets, ammunition dumps and areas in which the enemy's attacking troops were concentrated. All our machines returned.

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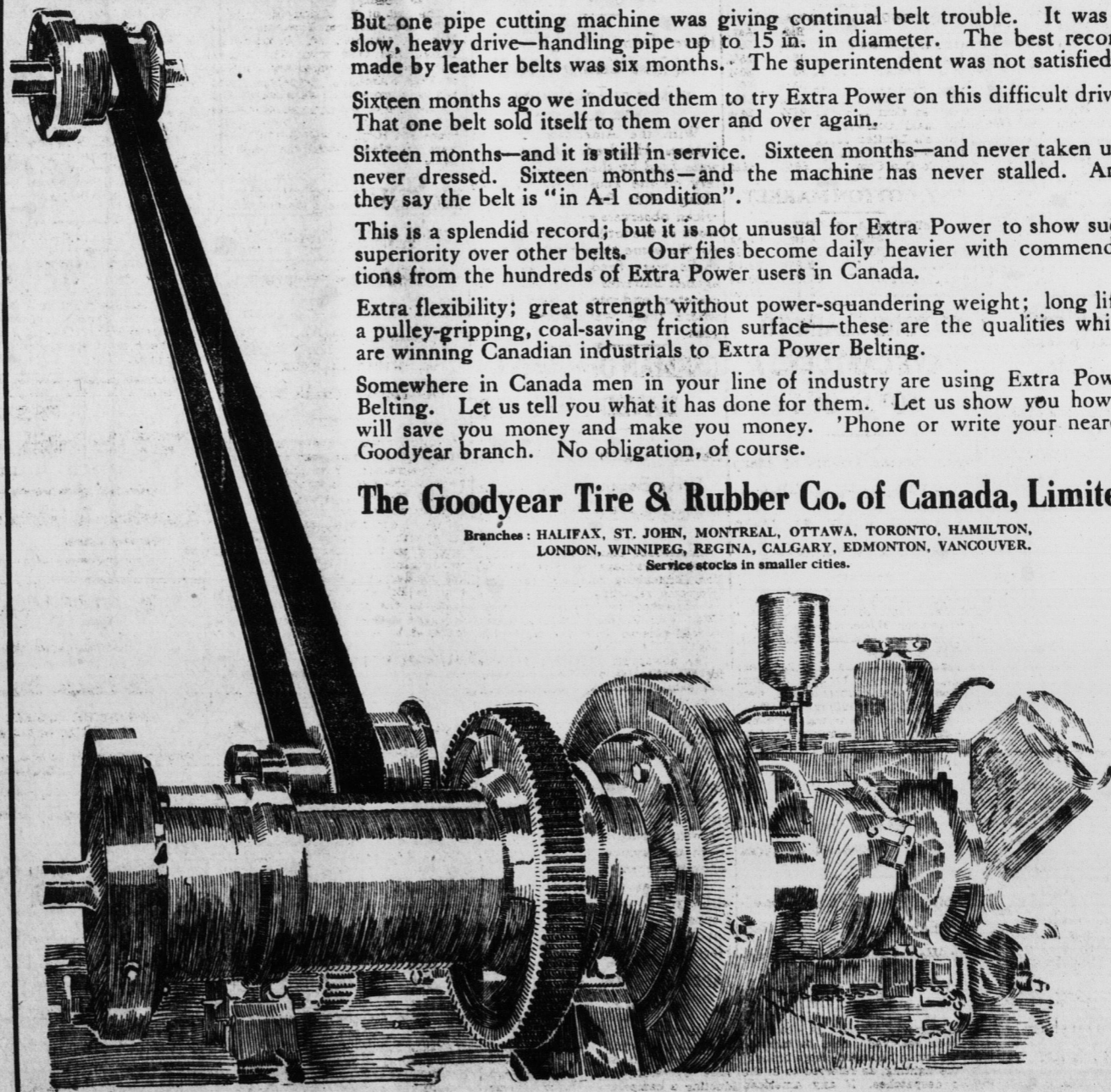
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Miss Sarah Adams, a rich spinster, Miss Helen Desmond Mabel, her eldest niece, the bride, Miss Evelyn Chapman Inez, her youngest niece, the maid of honor...

John Phelps, a rich old bachelor

Mr. Arnold H. Fowler Chester Phelps, his nephew, the groom... Mr. J. Gordon Kenney Parker Glenn, the best man... Mr. F. W. W. Bartlett Scene—the "den" at Restview, the home of Miss Adams.

SOUTHERN CHOP SUEY.

Dear Merrylee—Am glad some recipes I have sent in are helpful to you. Here is a Southern chop suey you might like to try sometimes for a change: Dissolve 2 beef cubes in 1 cup hot water then turn in pan and add 1 cup sliced onions, 1 cup cut celery, 1 cup tomatoes, 1-2 box noodles and 1 cup water. Have low fire and let simmer until everything is nicely cooked. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve with baked potatoes.—Little Sunshine.

FISH BISQUE.

If you are serving fish save the trimmings, cook them down in a little water, onion and a little mace or nutmeg, then add an equal amount of milk to the liquid, thicken with flour and butter, or other fat and serve as a bisque.—Birdie.

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T. McAvity's office staff trimmed the team from the retail in their game Saturday on the Y.M.C.A. alleys. Following are the teams and score:

Office
Splane . . . 96 70 81 215-72 1-3
Everett . . . 63 81 71 215-71 2-3
Conner . . . 69 84 96 209-69 2-3
Stratton . . . 69 78 82 229-73 1-3
Leggo . . . 79 88 77 244-81 1-3

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VANCOUVER WON FROM TORONTO

Score Saturday Night Was 6 to 4 — Westerners Used Badly by Toronto Players.

Toronto, Mar. 23.—By a score of 6 to 4, Vancouver defeated Toronto in the second game of the Stanley Cup series tonight, showing a marked superiority over the N.H.L. champions on the play throughout. The game was played under western rules and the losers were manifestly handicapped. This displayed little system and their rushes were of an individual variety while the winners combined neatly at all times. The majority of their scores were earned and but for the error and deliberate rough play in the final session, Vancouver would probably have won further off. When the Blues realized that they were in for a beating they cast all decency aside and hurled the visitors a rough passage. Taylor was a marked man and finally he was compelled to retire, following a vicious slash over the arm from Randall's stick. The latter young man had acted of a major variety. Mummyner ran him a close second in this respect, his work being so crude that even the home fans booed him. For the error and deliberate rough play the Toronto players were playing short-handed owing to penalties.

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The teams and score were:

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Cosman . . . 89 78 88 255-85
Wright . . . 69 84 71 244-81 1-3
Smith . . . 68 71 83 205-68 2-3
Harrison . . . 65 56 70 190-62 1-3
Hoyt . . . 65 54 72 195-65

314 308 335 963

South Wharf.
Gorman . . . 76 97 79 251-83 1-3
Vincent . . . 89 92 76 255-85
Smith . . . 85 87 87 259-86 1-3
Bent . . . 92 81 86 258-86 1-3
McDonald . . . 78 84 78 236-78 2-3

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ST. JOHN TEAMS DEFEATED.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Mar. 24.—St. John High School and Senior Y.M.C.A. basketball teams played Moncton High School and local senior Y.M.C.A. teams here Saturday afternoon and evening, both visiting teams being defeated. High School teams played in the afternoon being defeated 44 to 16. St. John Y.M.C.A. team played in the evening and met defeat by a score of 46 to 16. In the evening the visitors were entertained at supper in the Y.M.C.A.

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SUSSEX

Sussex, Mar. 23.—Mrs. E. H. Vickers entertained at an informal dance, at the Assembly Room, Opera House block, on Wednesday evening.

Rev. W. D. Wilson, Provincial Inspector under Prohibition Act and Sub-Inspector Crawford were in town on Monday.

Miss Nan Craigs was in town on Thursday, the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craigs, en route to Glace Bay where she has accepted a position.

Mrs. J. R. Hunter of St. John was the guest of her sister Mrs. George Hoyt, a few days this week.

Thomas Kirby of St. John was in Sussex on Wednesday.

Mr. Crandall Prescott spent the weekend in St. John.

Mr. Guilford White spent Tuesday and Wednesday in St. John.

Mr. Walter Craigs was in St. John part of this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. O' R. Seely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McFadden are being congratulated on the arrival at their home last week of a young daughter.

On Tuesday evening the girls in Miss Farris' Sunday School class, accompanied by some friends, enjoyed a sleigh drive to Apohaqui. On their return they went to the home of Miss Edna Heffer where a pleasant evening was spent. Those present were Miss Farris, Miss Gail, Mildred Radcliffe, Dorothy Davidson, Greta Mercer, Mildred Price, Edna Heffer, Margaretta Arnold, Julia Keith, Ralph Courad, Harold Price, Malcolm McIntyre, Claude Jeffries, Lloyd Sinnott, Claude Berry, and Elmer Robinson.

Great praise is due all those connected with the Revue, at the Opera House on Monday and Tuesday evenings, in aid of the Soldiers Comforts fund. The stage setting was very attractive, decorated with cherry trees profuse with blossoms, draped in the British colors, and relieved with a touch of green forming the arches, from which hung shaded electric lights.

Mrs. George Wetmore who had charge of the revue, has reason to feel proud of her work. Mrs. Ora King directed the choruses, and Mr. Geo. Warner the Ladies orchestra.

The vocal numbers of Misses Howard, McAnn and Mills were well rendered and they had to respond to enccores. Miss Marjorie Roach in her comic songs showed marked ability. Miss Marjorie Wetmore in "Huckleberry Finn" was also clever.

Mrs. D. H. McAllister delighted the audience with her dancing of the pipe.

In the Spanish Dance Mrs. McAllister appeared with the Misses Moore, Prescott, Marjorie Wetmore and Sybil McAnn.

The clowns, Misses Moorehouse and Johnson were funny in their dance, and their antics called forth much mirth.

The programme was as follows:
Orchestra . . . Straits from Killarney.
Solo "Poor Butterfly" Miss S. Little.
Dance, Highland Fling. Miss Dorothy Handley.
Chorus "Little Tattle" . . . Ladies and Waitresses.
Comic Song. . . . Miss Marjorie Roach.
Dance, Clowns . . . Miss Given, Moorehouse and Miss Lila Johnson.

COMIC KID SONG, Miss Marjorie Wetmore.

Dance, "Sailors Hornpipe" . . . Mrs. D. H. McAllister.
Solo, "Gail in the Park" . . . Miss Margaret Howard.
Chorus, Medley . . . Ladies.
Orchestra, while refreshments were served to the ladies on the stage.
Solo, "Gail in the Park" . . . Miss Gretchen Mills.
Dance, Spanish . . . Mrs. D. H. McAllister.
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Comic Song, "Long Boy" . . . Marjorie Roach.
Dance, Highland Fling . . . Mrs. McAllister.
Chorus, "Glowworm" . . . Ladies.
Grand Finale, Confetti dance, Spanish looking well and in England, where he is now filling a military position, was three times wounded and for conspicuous bravery was awarded the distinguished Service Medal. Walter Barden went overseas with the 104th Battalion, and shortly after reaching England was operated on for appendicitis. He repeatedly tried to get to France, but the Medical Boards turned him down as his side was weak from the effects of the operation. During his stay in England he was connected with the Quartermaster's department. "Billy" looks a trifle thin but is in good spirits and hopes in time to sufficiently recover from the operation he underwent to yet be able to reach France.

Harry Smith was with the 104th as regimental shoemaker and was badly engaged at that work while in England.

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CONFIRMATION SERVICE.
Confirmation service will be held in Trinity church this evening when a large number will be confirmed by His Lordship Bishop Richardson.

PTE. E. M. HUESTIS.
Among the St. John men expected to arrive today from Halifax is Pte. E. M. Huestis of the 36th Battalion. Pte. Huestis lost a leg in an engagement last August. He was later given the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry.

AN INTERESTING PICTURE.
A picture that is creating considerable interest is that shown in the window of J. M. Roche & Co., King street, of over two hundred aviation puppets in front of the military school at aeronautics, Toronto. In the picture may be seen some young St. John men.

LEFT FOR OTTAWA.
A conference of the Great War Veterans' Association will be held in Ottawa today when representatives from all branches in Canada will be present. S. C. Tippett, a member of the national executive, left for the capital Saturday evening to be present at the conference.

TO PETITION GOVERNMENT.
The St. John school trustees have commissioned John A. Sheehy to petition to petition the government to allow them to assess for \$50,000 more next year. This means that the total assessment would be in the vicinity of \$300,000 and a proportionate increase in the tax bills for the citizens.

A CORDIAL WELCOME.
A cordial welcome was given returned war veterans at the discharge depot Saturday morning by the returned soldiers' reception committee. His Worship Mayor Hayes addressed the men and also welcomed the members of Imperial forces who are in the city en route to Bermuda.

VITAL STATISTICS.
Four marriages and seventeen births—nine girls and eight boys—were reported to the registrar during the past week.

A SUNDAY PUDDLE.
A large puddle of water at the corner of St. James and Sydney streets furnished considerable amusement to a large number of soldiers and their lady friends. In the bad light the puddle looked as if it had been frozen solid and it was only after pedestrians had taken one or two steps into it and found themselves up to their knees in water that they realized the Commissioner of Public Works or the Commissioner of Water and Sewerage were providing innocent Sunday amusement for the Canadian Tommy Atkins and his lady friends.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.
The junior boys of the Y. M. C. A. held an impromptu entertainment Saturday evening. There was an attendance of about eighty-seven boys. The programme included a bag horn selection by Albert Carthy; accordion selection, Herbert Nase; piano duet, Jack Bond and Ronald Smith. Part of the evening was pleasantly spent in singing camp songs and telling stories. This entertainment was so successful that it was decided to hold a similar one next Saturday evening.

PALM SUNDAY WAS FITTINGLY OBSERVED.
Special Services in Catholic and the Anglican Churches—Palms Distributed to Members of Congregation.

Yesterday was Palm Sunday, and was fittingly observed in all the Catholic churches of the city. At the cathedral during 11.15 mass, Father Coughlan announced the usual fast days for holy week. Confessions would be held on Wednesday afternoon, and a Pontifical high mass at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning.

COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED.
Most important matters will be considered at meeting of Citizens' One Hundred Committee, Board of Trade rooms, Tuesday evening, 26th inst. eight o'clock. Every member expected. By request of chairman.

DOMINION POLICE AFTER SLACKERS SATURDAY NIGHT

Exits at Opera House Guarded and Many Men Interviewed—Wife's Wedding Ring Saved One Young Man from Detention.

Saved from spending a few hours in custody by a wedding ring was the experience of one of the young men, who was in attendance at the show in the Opera House on Saturday night when the playhouse was visited by the Dominion police constables in search of men who failed to comply with the provisions of the Military Service Act. The house was packed to the doors, as it is generally filled on Saturday nights, and incidentally there appeared to be in the audience many men of military age and eligible for service. The affair was carried out with very little inconvenience to either the management or the patrons.

The men in the upper section of the house were asked to remain in their seats until they had satisfied the Dominion police of their status with respect to the act. Many were the excuses advanced by some of the men. In some cases they were married and had left their wives and also their marriage certificates at home. Other cases which required considerable examination were those of saloon keepers who had not on their person a birth certificate. Over thirty were held temporarily by the police until they could explain their cases. When finally held down out of the number apprehended, four were given in charge at the police station for the night.

Some of the men had friends who could vouch for their statements, and they were allowed to go. In one case a young lady pleaded for the surrender of her gentleman friend, but the stern duty of the officer, as laid down by law, had to be executed. A rather singular certificate which answered the purpose but not stated in the act, was a wedding ring.

A young man was stopped at the door by one of the officers and asked to show his registration card. He replied that he was not in the first class. The officer then asked for his marriage certificate, but he was unable to produce it.

"I'm a married man," prevailed the gentleman. "Has your wife got her wedding ring on?" asked the officer. This was sufficient and the man's wife was asked to show the ring which was received as satisfactory proof by the officer.

It was reported in the city that the other playhouses had been searched on Saturday night. The managers of the different theatres state that the Dominion police did not search the houses, but that they have been attending to their duties for the past few days, by sitting up all who come out after the shows.

A suggestion put forward by a citizen, and one well worthy of consideration, is some means of identification whereby those who have complied with those who have not. He suggests the issuing of some inexpensive button to be worn by the individual. This would save the inconvenience of being held up by the police, maybe on more than one occasion.

EVANGELIST KENYON OPENED CAMPAIGN

Largely Attended Meetings at Central Baptist Church Yesterday—Prof. Duffy of Moncton Led the Singing.

Evangelist Kenyon commenced his campaign yesterday at the Central Baptist church. All the services were marked by a good attendance.

At the morning service he took for his subject "The Need of Revival." He showed that a revival deepens the spiritual life of the church and awakens the city to its spiritual needs and tended generally to uplift city life. He spoke of the objections held to a revival by those who say that it only causes excitement and emotion and will not last. He said that it is often necessary to have a revival in politics, as dead politics fosters corruption and graft, and the same thing is true of the church. A dead church means that it is being ruled by the world. People will say and do extravagant things in a revival the same as in any other reformation of life, but it is the extravagant truth that awakens. That a revival only stirs the weak and emotional he said was not true, but that it awakens the strongest and best people. He spoke of the backslidden church as a crisis of church members as hindrance to a revival.

At the service in the afternoon he spoke on the "Yielded Life." He made a strong plea for Christians to get back in close fellowship with God. Last evening he took for his subject, "Limiting God." Professor Duffy of Moncton led in the singing at these services.

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Boys from 15 to 19 Years Wanted to Help Supply the Necessary Labor—Supervisors to See Boys Obtain Desirable Home.

The Canada food board has effected the organization of the soldiers of the soil, for the purpose of enlisting the help of the boys on farms during the coming season. Taylor Statten has been appointed national superintendent, A. H. Chapman is provincial superintendent, and A. W. Greg provincial secretary. The directors in charge of the work in St. John are A. R. Crookshank, chairman; Dr. J. H. Frink, Dr. James Manning, T. H. Estabrooks, R. E. Armstrong and Thomas F. Drummond.

Because of the present need of increased food production and the shortage of man power on the land, the farmers of Canada welcome the assistance of willing boys from 15 to 19 years to help supply the necessary labor.

Our soldiers need every ounce of food we can produce and every boy who has the strength to do his share towards winning the war. For his services he will be paid according to his value as a worker, the town and city directors for the province will appoint supervisors to see that the boys are not placed in undesirable homes. Enrollment will begin on April 5th and will continue for a week.

COUNCIL MEETS THIS MORNING

Commissioners Will Be in Special Session—Commissioner McLellan Will Present Two Memorials

A special meeting of the city council will be held this morning at which many important matters are to come up.

Commissioner McLellan has his two memorials to be presented to the government ready to present to the council, one in regard to the city getting a share of the fines imposed for violations of the prohibition act, and the other dealing with the police magistrates.

The application of the Booth Fisheries for lease of lots on the West Side is also to come up and the Booth people are pressing for a decision as they claim unless construction can be commenced at once the factory can not be completed in time for this season's catch.

Another important matter is the Main street paving, the tenders for which were opened some days ago and referred to the mayor, Commissioner Fisher and the city engineer.

The report of the City Assessment Commission which was tabled on Friday is another important matter which the council has to deal with and it is just possible an afternoon session will be held as well as the morning one.

WOOL STEALING CASE RESUMED

Prisoners Talked to Detective—Telegram Found on a Prisoner Warned Him to Keep on Going.

The wool stealing case was resumed in the police court Saturday. Detective Blidesscombe gave evidence of arresting George Drew, Stanley Harten and John F. Hayes in Montreal, that on the train to St. John Harten remarked to Hayes, "It's a darn shame that as fellows should be brought up for this and so many other fellows get free that's getting so much more out of it." "Yes," was the reply. "One fellow got an automobile out of it."

The witness here asked if the name had been mentioned and the detective replied in the affirmative. He was then told to inform the authorities of it in private.

The witness said that he suggested that the prisoners should give King's evidence, and they appeared to agree to do anything they could. They informed witnesses that a man locked up in St. John knew everything about the business which had been going on for three years, and that they would try and get the information from him. A telegram found on Harten stated that "They're wise to everything—you best keep going. Picked up five or six and looking for the rest."

Witness continued that at the time the police had picked up five of the prisoners Harten told who the telegram was from and said he had received \$20. The case was adjourned until today.

THE KELLER FAMILY HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM BURNING HOME

Lee Keller's Residence and Barn at Springfield Destroyed by Fire Early Yesterday Morning—Two Valuable Horses Lost.

Lee Keller and family had a narrow escape early yesterday from losing their lives when their home was burned at Springfield.

It was three o'clock when the occupants were awakened and found that the dwelling was all in flames and the rooms were filled with smoke. There was little or no time to save anything, and no time was lost in getting outside. It was only a few minutes after when the flames burst through the roof and in a remarkably short time there was nothing left of a fine residence but a pile of burning debris.

It was before Mr. Keller could reach one of his barns, which was near the residence, when that building was a prey to the flames, and it was demolished along with the contents, which included two valuable horses. Another barn containing stock and produce, being further away from the residence was fortunately saved.

It could not be learned for certain last evening what had caused the fire, but it is believed that a defective chimney was the cause. The loss to Mr. Keller will prove heavy.

REV. DR. STEEL ON GREAT WORLD WAR

Huns Are to Be Beaten so as to Prevent Any Further Struggles or Future Generations.

Rev. Dr. Steel occupied the pulpit of the Zion Methodist church last evening. A good sized audience listened to his forcible sermon on "The Need of Vision." Rev. Dr. Steel, in the course of his remarks, made strong reference to the great world war—emphasizing the fact that the Huns are not only to be beaten but beaten so as to prevent any further struggle for the generations yet unborn.

RAYMOND AMERO DIED YESTERDAY

Injured by Falling into the Harbor on March 13—Contracted Pneumonia and Died in the Hospital.

The death of Raymond Amero of Yarmouth, took place at the General Public Hospital yesterday morning from pneumonia brought on by a plunge into the waters of the harbor on March 13.

Mr. Amero was employed by J. Fred Belyea, and while working on one of the sheds slipped, striking his head on a stick of timber which rendered him unconscious, and he fell into the icy waters of the harbor. Help was immediately at hand and the man pulled out of the water. He was taken into Mr. Belyea's house and dry clothing put on him and the ambulance summoned, as it was impossible at the time to obtain the services of a physician on the West Side. The injured man was rushed as quickly as possible to the hospital, but failed to rally from the shock and pneumonia set in with fatal result.

He is survived by his wife and an adopted son. His wife was with him at the time of his death and will accompany the remains this morning to Yarmouth where interment will take place.

Announcing for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening next at eight p.m. Grand Spring Fashion Parade.

Under the auspices of the Y. W. F. A. Presenting the pomp and pageantry of spring modes, in charming setting, on second floor. As a spectacle this event will prove of wonderful interest to every woman, as a style function of the very first importance, these lovely modes are not the whispering of spring, they are spring itself, concrete and authentic.

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Ladies' Spring Coats, full or three-quarter length, in Tweed, Cover, Delhi, Serge, or Poplin, Grey, Sand, Biège, Taupe and Navy are the popular shades, \$17.25 to \$25.

Ladies' Serge Dresses, shown in a large variety, including the combination Dress of Fouard and Serge, or Satin and Serge. Long Tunic Dresses with Narrow Skirts are the thing and may be had in Navy Black, Sand, Brown and Green, \$21.00 to \$40.00.

Do your Easter Shopping Early in the week and take advantage of Large Stocks and Complete Assortments.

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The New Bags this season are shown in many novel effects. The latest in Mohr Silk with Natural Wood Frames. Black, Green, Taupe, Brown, Purple, \$4.50 to \$8.25 each.

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Easter Novelties in Whitewear Dept. Pretty Tea Aprons in fancy Mullin and Swiss Lace and Embroidery Trimming, 50c. to \$1.35.

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