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 veloped when the reports were despatched from headquarters this forenoon. Neither was there any movement of the infantry along the French front, probably from the
same reasor.

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London, April 9.-The German artilery developeda the line from La Bassee canal to south of Armentieres, aethe line from La Bassee canal to south of Armentieres, ac-
cording to to-day's war office announcement. The text of
the statement reads: "Early this-morning the enemy's artillery developed
great activity on the front extending from La Bassee canal to south of Armentieres. Elsewhere on the British front, except for heavy hostile shelling in the neighbor--
hood of Villers-Bretonneux and Mericourt L'Abbe, there hood of Villers-Bretonneux and Mericourt L'Abbe, there
was nothing special to report." was nothing special to report,"
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on both sides at great activity on the part of the artillery
Montdidier and points along the front north of Montdidier and betwen Montdidier and Noyon. No in-
fantry action occurre. "On the left bank of the Oise there were intermittent
bombardments. Advanced French troops, in conformity bith orders which had been given, carried out a with-
wirawal to prepared positions southwest of the long forest drawal to prepared positions southwest of the long forest
of Coucy and south of Coucy-le-Chateau. German troops were kept constantly under the French aytillery fire and
suffered heavy losses in the course of this operation "Two German raids northwest of Rheims were re-
near Eparges, in the sector of Reillon and nerth of Bon"
homme achived no greater success.
"Everywhere else the night passed in quiet."
IN TONES cruiting tribunals with their safeguard of the right of appeal might be abolished. There is also a demand that the supply of labor needed by shipyards, farms and munitions factories shall be asstred and safeguarded. Lloyd George intends to foreshadow in his speech to-day the introduction shortly of a home rule measure which would set up an Irish parliament in Dublin with due safe-
guards for the Protestant minority and a compromise on the much discussed customs guards for the Protestant minority and a compromise on the much discussed customs
question. According to one paper the new bill also is expected to include military ser-
vice and an executive responsible to the Irish parliament, but with no control over vice and an executive responsible
naval, army and foreign affairs.
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