 FRENCH FORCE SOMIE CANAL

North of Soissons Considerable Progress is Made by French Troops, With an Advance North of Tergnier-British Advance Rapidly South and Southeast of Redeemed City of Peronne.
London, March 21.-The capture of forty more villages on the front in France is announced in the official statement from The communication says:
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"South and southeast of Peronne we have advanced rapidly during the last 24 hours and reached points some 10 miles to the
east of the River Somme. We have occupied another forty villages east of the River Somme. We have occupied ane
in this area. "Between Nurlu and Arras the enemy is beginning to develop
considerable resistance at a number of piaces. Nevertheless his rear guards are being steadily driven from their positions and our progress continues.
"We carried out successful raids during the night east of Arras and northeast of Neuville St. Vaast. A bontile ruiaing party
east of Neuville St. Vaast was repulsed. "The enemy blew a mine this morning nouthear of tris,
damaging his own trenches.
"Therable artillery activity diuring the day "There has been considerable artillery activity diuring the day by both sides in the NO PROVISIONS LiFT?
A semi-official communication issued in Paris today absolutely denies the German affirmation that the retreating troops on the Somme front left five days' provisions for the civilian popula-
tion. "On the contrary," the communication adds, the Germans
not only took everything eatale prodiced in the region, but scized a part of the stores in localities which had been provided by the
American and Spanish relief committees. Fruit trees were cut American and bithout being used for military purposes, poplars along the
dowads were sawn three-quarters thru, vines were torn from walls and trelises, agricultural tools were smaehed wantooly, numerous grenades were placed around the ed defiled",
streams were chemically poisoned or disued by the French war office The official communication
tonight reads: forces remain in contact with the enemy between Roupy and St. Quentin.
"East of Ham we forced this morning at two places a pasaage of the canal of the Somme despite lively resistance by the Ger-
mans. The operation, conducted visoroualy, enabled us to clear mans. The operaiom, as far as the outskirts of Castres in this region.
have been caused by the enemy
"Most of the villages before our lines in the neighborhood of St. Quentin are in flames.
"We have advanced north of Tergnier (which lies couthwest of Lafere). In the valley of the Ailette there have been aldirmiathes between patrols. The enemy, who occupies in force the oask bank
of the Crozat Canal and the Ailette, has subjected our lines to a lively bombardment. "In the region north of Soiscons we made considerable progress and fought several quite spirited engagements. Mott. of
the conquered villages are entirels destroyed. "East of the Meuse the enemy delivered several surprike at-
tacks against the Calonne trench, but thees failed under our firr. tacks against the Calonne trench, was relatively calm on the rest of the front." Belgian communication:
A bombardment on both sides oceurred at various points on
Belgian front, particularly in the direction of Dixaude, Drei Grachten and Steenstracte.

Gen. Nivelle's entry into Noyon was impressive. As the genMarseillaise were heard. The emotion of the people was great. Sobs were heard thruout the
soldiers were wet with tears.

The mayor of the town, surrounded by a number of old men, advanced toward Gen. Nivelle. A child with her hair done up the child in his arms and kissed her. Gen. Nivelle then visited the hospital and amid applause pinned a war cross on the habit of
Sister Romuald, who during the thirty months in which the town was occupied by the Germans showed great devotion to the inhabitants.
Because of the precipitate departure of the Germans Noyon suffered less than Roye. Nevertheless a number of houses were
destroyed, notably the cathedral. The Germans blew up the rail. road station on the eve of their departure. The historic fountain
is intact. Besides the fifty young girls who are reported officially to
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