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THE GREAT SPRING DRIVE IS NOW STARTED

MAJOR OPERATIONS RESUMED ON WEST FRONT--TREMENDOUS BOMBARDMENTS

HUNS START OFFENSIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

After Tremendous Bombardment with High Explosives and Gas Shells, German Attack is Launched on a Fifty Mile Front Against Allies--Massed attack Costly to Enemy

TREMENDOUS LOSSES SUFFERED BY ENEMY

Force Counter Attacks by British Infantry and Tanks Hurl Enemy Back from Dented British Line at Seven O'clock Last Night--Massed Battalions Make Fine Target for British

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, March 22.—Yesterday morning, after an intense bombardment with high explosive and gas shells of the British forward positions and back areas, in and about the Cambrai sector, powerful infantry attacks were launched by the enemy on a fifty mile front, extending from the Oise to the Zenne River. This assault was all the marks of the beginning of the enemy's grand offensive. The attack was pressed with all vigour and determination throughout the whole day, and finally the enemy were enabled to break through the British outpost positions on certain parts of the front. The enemy is reported to be advancing at several points between the Scarpe River and St. Quentin. His infantry penetrated

GERMAN ATTACK STARTED WITH LARGE FORCES

Divisions Were at First Thrown Against British Line and Many Others Since Arrived.

London, March 23.—Continuing attacks were made on Friday morning almost the entire battle front by the German forces, and their attacks were made in great strength. At several points, they made gains, while at others they were repulsed bloodily by the British counter attacks. The enemy losses continue to be very heavy, and every advance is being made at a great sacrifice. Identification of the enemy's attack shows that their opening attack was delivered by over forty divisions, which were supported by great masses of German artillery, reinforced by many Austrian batteries. Many other German divisions have since taken part in the fighting, and more are continually arriving. Further fighting of the most severe character is anticipated.

German Claims.
Berlin, March 23.—The German troops in their initial attack against the British in France have captured sixteen thousand prisoners, along with two hundred guns.

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The action took place off Dunkirk this morning.

Brilliant Counter Attack.

London, March 21.—After a most brilliant counter attack, which occurred at Deignis, when the British advanced with large masses of infantry, preceded by large numbers of tanks, the enemy were driven back at seven o'clock last night.

The eagerly awaited British official statement today which was expected to give further details of the tremendous fighting indicated in last night's reports, was read with great satisfaction, as it revealed that the enemy had been held, and had suffered great losses.

If this turns out to be the great German offensive that has been predicted, and by means of which Hindenburg has boasted that he would be in Paris by April 1st, then the preliminary round appears to have gone in favor of the Entente allies, although, further heavy fighting is still to be expected.

Official Statement.

London, March 23.—The great battle on the western front continued till late last night. The British are holding the enemy. The official statement issued by the British War office is as follows:

"Fighting continued until late last night on the whole front between the rivers Oise and Senee. Our troops continue to hold the enemy in their battle positions."

"During the enemy's attack yesterday, his massed infantry offered

SIR THOMAS WHITE MAY RESIGN THRO' ILL HEALTH

Winnipeg, March 22.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Free Press says: "Canada will have to raise nearly a billion dollars during the coming years. Finance is probably the most serious problem which faces the government. It is stated upon good authority that Sir Thomas White's resignation as Minister of Finance is in the hands of the premier. Sir Thomas, it is stated, is a nervous and physical wreck, and is now at Pasadena, California, the victim of over application to work. The Budget will be introduced into Parliament by the Hon. A. K. McLean."

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BRITISH HOLD MORE PRISONERS THAN GERMANS

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 21.—Replying to a parliamentary deputation which urged a general exchange of German and British prisoners under 45 years old, Premier David Lloyd George declined to give his consent to the proposals. He said that the plan would mean the exchange of 3,000 British prisoners against about 14,000 Germans held in British prison camps.

DRASTIC LAW FOR NEW YORK STATE IF BILL PASSES

(Special to The Daily News.)

Albany, N.Y., March 21.—All able-bodied males between 18 and 50 years of age will be required to be employed regularly in a useful occupation during the war with Germany, after proclamation by the governor to that effect, under the terms of a bill introduced in the legislature here by Senator Theodore Douglas Robinson. Habitual loitering in streets, pool-rooms, saloons, hotels, stores and depots would be interpreted as evidence of violation of the act.

of which full advantage was taken by our troops. All reports testify to the exceeding heavy losses suffered by the enemy. No serious attack has developed this morning, but the heavy fighting is still to be expected."

French Front.

Paris, March 23.—The Germans are carrying out a heavy bombardment along several sectors of the front. Three infantry attacks near Hurlus were broken up by the French.

PARIS BEING BOMBARDED BY HUGE GERMAN HOWITZERS

SHELLS FALLING IN THE CAPITAL CITY AT FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERVALS SINCE EIGHT O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.—GUNS SITUATED SIXTY TWO MILES DISTANT—TEN PEOPLE KILLED.

BRITISH NAVAL AEROPLANES VISIT OSTEND AND HELIGOLAND BIGHT

MINE SWEEPERS IN HELIGOLAND BIGHT ATTACK WITH MACHINE GUNS FROM AIR—OSTEND ALSO BOMBARDED BY BRITISH MONITORS—BRITISH SUSTAIN NO CASUALTIES AND ALL RETURN SAFELY.

BREAK IN POWER WIRES MAKES MUCH TROUBLE

The heavy snow fall which started in on Thursday evening, about eight o'clock, and which has continued intermittently since that time, besides being generally disagreeable and unexpected at this time of the year, has caused several breaks in the power wires from Shawatlans. The heavy weight of snow clinging to the overhead wires may be the cause of the trouble, and since shortly after noon yesterday till after 7 p.m. in the evening, there was no "juice" available in the city.

As a result our presses and linotype machinery had no motive power, and the Daily News was unable to issue as usual. The auxiliary steam plant was got into commission last evening, and was capable of only supplying part of the lighting necessary. Third Avenue was a dingy street last night.

Parties of linesmen were out all yesterday trying to locate the break, or whatever was the trouble but had not done so, up till this morning when the examination was resumed. The lines on the townsite were closely examined, without showing anything out of the usual, and the search was continued across Shawatlans passage. Here the going was very rough, the men were often wading through gullies up to the waist in the soft wet snow.

Superintendent Duncan was on the job until 3 o'clock this morning, and was out again by daylight continuing the search for the location of the trouble.

OFFICIAL FIGURES RE SHIPPING LOSSES

Washington, March 22.—Hitherto secret and correct figures of the British Admiralty on the submarine losses and world shipbuilding were made public here today by the British Embassy. They show that from both enemy action and marine risk on January 1, 1918, the allied and neutral shipping had lost since the war began 11,827,572 gross tons, while all the shipyards outside the Central powers had turned out 6,606,275 tons.

These figures, which have been so long withheld, are now made public. The memorandum of the Admiralty states that this is now done so that the figures will impress upon the people the necessity for united action in making good the losses imposed by the submarines, while at this time, they will not stimulate the enemy.

Miss Pollard and Miss McQuillin of Tye, who have been visiting the city for the last few days, left again this morning for Tye.

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(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 23.—The Germans are firing upon the city of Paris from a distance of sixty-two miles with a new gigantic gun. The shells have been falling into the city at fifteen minute intervals since eight o'clock this morning. Already ten people are reported killed and fifteen injured. No further reports of casualties have been received, nor of any destruction to property.

Only One Break.

London, March 23.—The enemy have pierced the British front at only one point on a fifteen mile front from Arras south. The battle continues with unabated fury. Berlin claims to have captured 25,000 prisoners, 300 guns and 400 machine guns. The British gunners are serving their guns wearing their gas masks. The City of Rheims has again been heavily shelled. It is calculated that altogether sixty German divisions have been engaged on the Western front.

Monitors in Action

London, March 23.—Ostend was bombarded yesterday afternoon by the British monitors with successful results. Prior to the bombardment, four of the enemy aeroplanes were destroyed by our naval squadrons.

While the British naval machines were spotting for the bombardment, they were attacked by the enemy aircraft, with the result that another of the enemy machines was destroyed.

At Heligoland.

British seaplanes were engaged in a reconnaissance in Heligoland bight and attacked the enemy mine sweepers with machine gun fire. There were no casualties on the British side. All our machines returned safely.

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