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More Confidence Felt in London

London, March 30.—Although the London newspapers regard the situation on the Western front as still serious, there is noticeable a tone of greater confidence in their discussion of the battle, now in its tenth day.

The Daily Mail Graphic believes that to day's news is distinctly encouraging, while the Daily Telegraph says: "The week ends fairly well. It has been the most breathless and anxious time for the Allies since the opening day of the war, but the enemy has been slowed up and every day that

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passes strengthens our confidence the more."

London, Mar. 30.—The heavy continued pressure of the enemy's converging movement has brought the Germans to within about twelve miles of Amiens. The British line is now west of Marcel Cave and Demun, but despite this the situation is still regarded as hopeful. While the enemy advance has not yet been arrested, it certainly has been greatly retarded.

The explanation for the movement on Arras, according to French critics, is that the Germans felt that the shape of the salient driven into the British line exposed them to flank counter-attacks and they extended their offensive toward Arras. However, although the enemy achieved some local successes, including the capture of a British battalion, which fought courageously until surrounded, the attempt to capture Arras failed.

French military authorities feel very hopeful over their success in blunting the enemy design to drive down the valley of the Oise, and declare that the German attempt to break through at the junction of the British and French armies in the Mont Didier region was also a failure.

BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 29.—(By the Associated Press).—The German attempt to force the British back along the Scarpe and capture Arras cost them an enormous prey in casualties, although they used on divisions. North of the river the British held to their position and wavered but slightly before the enemy onslaught. South of the river, however, the British retired slightly between Hamoux and Bouleux.

There was hard fighting on both sides of the Scarpe. To the north the most desperate conflict was staged about Roenx, which was the scene of sanguinary struggles last year. The Germans succeeded in forcing the British to withdraw from this place. North of Gavrelle the enemy tried to push the British back on Baillet, but were repulsed by a heavy machine gun fire. South of the river the most bitter fighting was about Telegraph Hill, which changed hands several times.

Below the Somme, British artillery has been doing marvellous work in getting the heavy guns back during the withdrawal. One battery of heavies was cut off and lost for three days. Although often surrounded, the men worked their way out to the British lines with all the guns. On high ground near Albert there are five machine gunners who are cut off 600 yards in front of their own infantry, but who still are doing great execution among the enemy. Tanks also have been doing a small but important work. They have been travelling in pairs, steam up one advance and making decisions.

The sector of the long bastion lying south of the River Somme continued to day to be the crucial zone of conflict. The Germans, following up their small gains of yesterday in their northwesterly drive toward Amiens, were pressing the attack vigorously. They were meeting with the most obstinate resistance on the part of the British defenders, however, and latest reports are that there had been little or no change in the situation since last night, despite the hard fighting. On the extreme north, the enemy had desisted for the moment from their assault against Arras, but there are indications that they are still waiting for fresh troops before renewing their drive.

EVERY ROYAL HONOR CARRIES A NUMBER

Have Precedence in Appearing Before Royal Personages is Always Determined

In the United Kingdom all matters of precedence before Royalty are regularly settled, and nothing is left to chance. In fact, each person who bears a title, or occupies a position entitling him to any precedence at all, has a number showing his exact position in the scale of relative precedence. According to that work, Lord Deedes' number is 10,120, while Mr. Borden's number is 10,231—a good way lower down. As a matter of fact, however, the numbers prefixed to the various names, though indicating the relative position of those entitled to precedence, do not show the actual numerical position of each. Thus Lord Deedes' number of 10,120 does not mean that there are 10,120 persons of higher rank than his. Nor does Mr. Borden's number of 10,231 persons of higher rank than his. What is signified is that they belong respectively to the 12th and 13th classes—Lord Deedes as a Baron, to class thirteen, and Mr. Borden, as a Privy Councillor, to class eighteen—in the scale of precedence called, for convenience, 10,000 and 18,000 respectively, and that the honors from which they derive precedence are respectively 126th and 137th in order of seniority in their own degrees. The numbers prefixed to each name, in fact, combine two series.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's number is 18,113-1234 higher up than that of the Prime Minister. For, though both are in the eighteenth class, as Privy Counsellors—this class comprises Knights of the Garter, Knights of St. Patrick and Privy Counsellors—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's number is above Mr. Borden's for the reason that the former was created a Privy Councillor in 1897, and the latter not until 1912. And the Prime Minister of Canada is not, as such, figure in this scale of precedence at all. In fact, it is a members of "The Most Honorable Privy Council of Great Britain" that fix and the leader of the Opposition and their places in the scale. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it is true, as a G.C.M.G., or Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George, is entitled to a place in the scale of precedence, but to one very much lower down than that which his Privy Councillorship affords him—one, in fact, with the number 27,060, instead of 18,113.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is the only Canadian G.C.M.G. But there are quite a few K.C.M.C.'s, or Knight Commanders of St. Michael and St. George, whose order of knighthood entitles them to a place in the thirtieth class of the scale of precedence. Thus Sir Frederick Borden is number 30,294 Sir William Mulock is number 30,295 Sir Allen Aylesworth is number 30,410 Sir Joseph Pope is number 30,411 Sir M. Gibson is number 30,412 Sir Edmund Roblin is number 30,450 Sir Richard McBride is number 30,451 and Sir John McCreedy is number 30,452.

Among other numbers are the following: Sir Thomas Shaughnessy 33,572; Sir Henry Pellatt, 33,853; Sir William Mortimer Clark, 34,004; Sir Edmund Osler, 34,414; Sir Glenholme Falconbridge, 34,065; Sir Edmund Walker, 34,225; Sir Lyman M. Duggan, 34,311; Sir William Mackenzie, 34,368; Sir Donald Mann, two numbers below his brother railway man late.

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Actor Loves Criminology It is curious what hobbies some actors have. That of Mr. H. B. Irving, for instance, is criminology, and one day he was at every notable criminal prosecution. He was regular in attendance at Bow Street when the case of George Joseph Smith was being heard.

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