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HELP IN FOOD

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

British Hold the Germans

# GIAL STATEMEN SHOWS THAT GLYMANS HAVE HAD BIG LOSS

## Preliminary Round of Big Offensive Certainly Favorable to the Entente Allies---Strong Enemy Attack Easily Repuised by French Troops.

#### (By Canadian Press, direct wire.)

LONDON, March 22 .- The eagerly awaited British official statement of today, which was expected to give further details the purchase. The proceeds of the when the need for food for Britain and of the tremendous fighting indicated in last night's reports, was read with great satisfaction, in so far as it revealed that the tion. enemy had been held and had suffered great losses. If this turns out to be the great German offensive that has been predicted, the preliminary round appears to have gone in favor spectators in the galleries. Dr. Croc. all the energy of their stauffs and of of the Entente, although as the official report points out, fur- ket, M.P.P., started the fun by chail the prisoners in their charge to the of the Entente, although as the official report points out, further heavy fighting is still to be expected.

The tremendous artillery duel was heard more distinctly than ever in Kent last night. Houses were continually shaken as the result of the violent concussions.

#### FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT TELLS OF THE REPULSE OF ATTACKS BY GERMANS

PARIS, March 22.-Local attacks were made by the Germans at various points during the night, but they achieved no success, the War Office in the following statement:

"French troops repulsed strong German raids south of Juvincourt, in the sector of Godat, north of Courcy and north of the Aisne. In the two last named regions German detachments were driven from advanced French positions after lively fighting. The enemy suffered considerable losses. In the Champagne, west of Mount Carnillet, a German attack was also repulsed. There were rather heavy artillery engagements in the region of the heights, at points on the right bank of the Meuse and in the Woevre. It has been established that on March 5th Sub-Lieut. Marbelin brought down his tenth German airplane.'

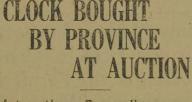
#### DOCUMENTS CAPTURED SHOW THAT HUNS FAILED TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM PLANNED

British Army Headquarters in France, March 22 .- The fighting is still continuing, but the first stage of the offensive has passed. The enemy has failed badly in the execution of his programme, as is attested by captured documents showing what he planned to do in the early hours of his offensive.

Vigorous counter attacks late vesterday restored some of the positions which the British had abandoned temporarily.

The exact British line cannot be made public at present The only reason is that it might furnish the enemy with valuable information. Last night was fairly quiet along the front This morning the Germans were bombing in the region of Croiselles. There were indications that they intend to continue their attacks today.

Berlin Claims First Line Taken.



Interesting Proceedings on Floor of Assembly Chamber Thursday Allernoon-\$300 Bid.

There was an interesting aside rom legislative affairs at the House of Assembly yesterday afternoon when the grandfather's clock made by Mr. J. B. Adams of this city and recently obtained by Mrs. R. FitzRandolph at a raffle was sold at public auction in the Assembly Chamber. Mr. is being carried into the seven peni F. L. Potts, M.P.P., was the auction- tentiaries of Canada. The Hon. C. J. eer and knocked down the timepiece Doherty, who as Minister of Justice

to the province of New Brunswick for has charge of the administration of \$300. It is probable that the clock will remain in the House of Assembly. Premier Foster announced that the cultural operations which has been province had bought the clock, the carried on there in the past should leader of the Opposition concurring in be intensified at the present time sale are for patriotic purposes ladies her alies in the war is being impressof this city having organized the auc- ed upon all Canadians. The Minister

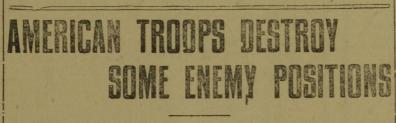
of Justice has therefore instructed the amusement to the large number of wardens of the penitentiaries to bend The proceedings caused much auction in Fredericton but that did possible on the penitentiary farms this not bother the St. John auctioneer year who went right on. Mr. Baxter start-

ed the bidding which proceeded in lively fashion.

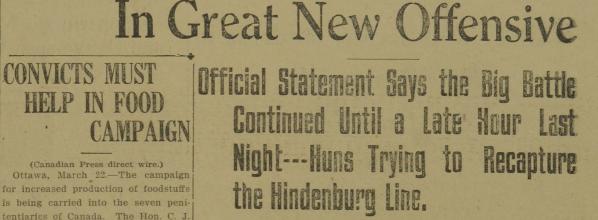
MORE SALARY FOR PREMIER

### (Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, March 22 .- The granting of Sulman), North Huron (Mr. Musgrove) an increase of \$3,000 to the premier's and Mr. W. J. Hanna (West Lambton) salary, the granting of an annuity to be paid their usual indemnities if Sergt-at-Arms Glackmeyer and Clerk they could show that they were absent of the House A. P. Sydere, were am- through or were unavoidably away. ong the features of the winding up of Mr. Dewart and Mr. Studholme rais the business of the fourth session of ed the protest, but the resolution carthe fourteenth Legislature tonight. ried. There was but one objection There was also some kick made raised to the Premier's increase, and when the provincial treasurer moved that was from Mr. Studholme, mem that the members for West Kent(Mr. ber for East Hamilton.



Artillery is Getting in Some Effective work the battle of Cambrai. ---Huns Who Surrendered say They are Tired of the War.



#### (By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, March 22.-The great battle on the western front continued until late last night, the War Office reports. The British are holding the enemy. The statement follows:

"Fighting continued until a late hour last night on the whole front between the river Oise and the Sensee. Our troops continue to hold the enemy in their battle positions. During the enemy's attacks yesterday, his massed infantry offered remarkable targets to our rifles, machine guns and artillery, of which full advantage was taken by our troops. All reports testify to especially heavy losses by the enemy.

It is not yet possible to give more than a very general and vague idea of the fighting Thursday on the front between the lenging Mr. Potts' right to hold an task of cultivating every acre of land Oise and the Sensee, which continues with varying fortunes, according to accounts of correspondents at the British front published in the morning newspapers.

#### GERMAN ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED ON A WIDE FRONT TO WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF CAMBRAI

The German attack made on the British front west and southwest of Cambrai evidently aims at recapturing all the Hindenburg line, says a despatch to the Morning Post from British headquarters in France, which adds:

The German army attacking south of the Scarpe seems to have delivired its blow principally in the triangle of the Arras-Cambrai and Bapaume-Cambrai roads, while the German army south of Cambrai is striking against our trench systems in the region west of the Scheldt canal. No doubt the enemy plan is that the attacking forces of their two armies may succeed in forming a junction and thus cutting off a considerable slice of athe British front and taking back all the Hindenburg trenches lost several months ago.

#### THE ENEMY TRYING TO WIN BACK SOME OF, THE GROUND LOST IN THE BATTLE OF CAMBRAI

The enemy bombardment, says the correspondent of the Daily Mail, began at 5 o'clock in the morning and at 7 some of the German units left their trenches and attacked the British with heavy and light machine guns. Between 9 and 4 the engagement became general on a front of some twenty-five miles. The British front in this area forms a rather sharp salient. If the enemy could pinch off this salient and run his line straight in a northwesterly slant instead of having it run at an angle first north and then west, he would hope to surround and capture a good number of British troops.

The enemy is trying to repeat on a larger scale the operation by which he won back some of the ground we gained in

#### Enemy Will be Checkmated.

Has Left City Employ. Mr. Fred Farrell, for some years in the employ of the City Street Depart-ment and recently city teamster, has left the city employ. He has been succeeded by Mr. John Russell. Mrs. H. H. McNally entertained at a bridge of three tables Wednesday evening, when Mrs. Harold McMur-ray won the first prize and Mrs. C **OF ONTARIO** Fred Chestnut won the booby prize

BEBLIN, March 22, via London.-The British first line has been captured by German troops attacking from the southeas of Arras as far as LaFere, the War Office announces. Heavy artillery fighting continues in Belgium and French Flanders.

## TIME YET FIXED FOR COMING

#### (By Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, March 22 .- No definite time is fixed for the coming-into effect of the daylight saving bill. The act, which On the sector northwest of Toul a number of Germans appear has been printed for distribution, states that its provisions will ed last night and surrendered to a patrol in a certain wood. be in force in each year during such time as may be prescribed by the Governor-in-Council. The expectation is that the time ers, who said they were "fed up" with the war, and decidedly iration, which becomes effective April 1st. On and after that fixed will be the same as in the United States. While it is ex- would rather be prisoners. Included in the information obpected that many members of the House will declare them- jained was the statement that during the gas projector attack from the Canada Food Board an import permit covering intendselves against the measure, more particularly those represent- against the American lines on February 27, nine hundred pro- ed imports for the current month. A separate permit must be ing rural constituencies, the government will on this occasion insist upon the act becoming law. The bill gives the railway in the German lines and the gas overcame many of the Ger-shipper, but the name of the shipper need not be stated in the board power to advance by one hour the standard time used mans. The next day, according to the deserters, thirty Germans application. The permit, when issued, will be sent to the Canby the railways of Canada for such period as may be prescribed were killed while taking out the dead. A HUN TRICK

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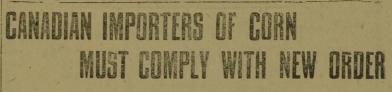
#### (Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the American Army in France. March 21.-Enemy first and second line positions on a part of the sector east of fire. After the raid into the German positions last night, the American gunners shelled the positions heavily all night and this morning.

Today a patrol crossed No Man's Land and found that the first and second lines had been wiped out. The patrol also obtained additional information and returned without casualties Artillery fighting on both sides on this sector continued all day

Much information of value was obtained from the desert-

Then he pushed in on an angle of our front both from the north and the east. His two bodies of troops did their best to join hands, but could not make it. Much the same design is being followed now. We have good reason to hope that it



#### (By Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, March 22 .- In order to facilitate the importation of corn into Canada, the Canada Food Board has worked out a new arrangement with the United States food adminisdate Canadian importers of corn will be required to secure jectors were employed. One half the projectiles fired fell with-l secured for intended imports from each different American

adian importer, who must send it to his American shipper. The latter in turn will forward it with his own application for an export permit to the war trade board at Washington. Such export permit will then be promptly issued. TO TITLES DAY OF PRAYER

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