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## OFFICIAL STATEMENT SHOWS THAT GERMANS HAVE HAD BIG LOSSES

### Preliminary Round of Big Offensive Certainly Favorable to the Entente Allies---Strong Enemy Attack Easily Repulsed 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 of the tremendous fighting indicated in last night's reports, was read with great satisfaction, in so far 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, the preliminary round appears to have gone in favor 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 Courey 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 yesterday 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.

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

## NO TIME YET FIXED FOR COMING INTO FORCE OF DAYLIGHT BILL

(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 has been printed for distribution, states that its provisions will be in force in each year during such time as may be prescribed by the Governor-in-Council. The expectation is that the time fixed will be the same as in the United States. While it is expected that many members of the House will declare themselves against the measure, more particularly those representing rural constituencies, the government will on this occasion insist upon the act becoming law. The bill gives the railway board power to advance by one hour the standard time used by the railways of Canada for such period as may be prescribed by the board.

## ORDER MAY BE SET ASIDE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Halifax, March 22.—Capt. Lamedec, formerly master of the Mont Blanc, and Francis Mackay, who was piloting that ship when the fatal collision occurred in Halifax harbor last December, have been notified, through counsel, by Crown Prosecutor Cluney, that an application will be made before the Supreme Court on Monday morning to have the order discharging them from custody set aside.

## THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, March 22.—Moderate pressure against active stocks at the opening of today's market was attributed to the opening of the German offensive on the western front. War shares reacted the better part of a point, and rails yielded as much. In the main, however, losses were largely retrieved by the end of the first half hour, a few important issues then selling over yesterday's final quotations. Liberty bonds were strong.

## CLOCK BOUGHT BY PROVINCE AT AUCTION

Interesting Proceedings on  
Floor of Assembly Chamber  
Thursday Afternoon—  
\$300 Bid.

There was an interesting aside from 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. F. L. Potts, M.P.P., was the auctioneer and knocked down the timepiece to the province of New Brunswick for \$300. It is probable that the clock will remain in the House of Assembly. Premier Foster announced that the province had bought the clock, the leader of the Opposition concurring in the purchase. The proceeds of the sale are for patriotic purposes ladies of this city having organized the auction.

The proceedings caused much amusement to the large number of spectators in the galleries. Dr. Crockett, M.P.P., started the fun by challenging Mr. Potts' right to hold an auction in Fredericton but that did not bother the St. John auctioneer who went right on. Mr. Baxter started the bidding which proceeded in lively fashion.

## MORE SALARY FOR PREMIER OF ONTARIO

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Toronto, March 22.—The granting of an increase of \$3,000 to the premier's salary, the granting of an annuity to Sergeant-at-Arms Glackmeyer and Clerk of the House A. P. Sydere, were among the features of the winding up of the business of the fourth session of the fourteenth Legislature tonight.

There was also some kick made when the provincial treasurer moved that the members for West Kent (Mr.

## AMERICAN TROOPS DESTROY SOME ENEMY POSITIONS

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

(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 Lunerville have been destroyed completely by American artillery 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. On the sector northwest of Toul a number of Germans appeared last night and surrendered to a patrol in a certain wood.

Much information of value was obtained from the deserters, who said they were "fed up" with the war, and decidedly would rather be prisoners. Included in the information obtained was the statement that during the gas projector attack against the American lines on February 27, nine hundred projectors were employed. One half the projectiles fired fell within the German lines and the gas overcame many of the Germans. The next day, according to the deserters, thirty Germans were killed while taking out the dead.

## A HUN TRICK SUSPECTED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
San Diego, Cal., March 22.—Major John Bartholf, commander of Rockwell Field aviation school, near here, has issued an order that all goggles made by a certain eastern firm with a German name, should be turned in to the officers or destroyed at once. The goggles have been in use at North Island, Kelly Field, Texas and at other training schools for aviators. The goggles are declared to reduce the power of vision more than 18 per cent.

## British Hold the Germans In Great New Offensive

### CONVICTS MUST HELP IN FOOD CAMPAIGN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Ottawa, March 22.—The campaign for increased production of foodstuffs is being carried into the seven penitentiaries of Canada. The Hon. C. J. Doherty, who as Minister of Justice has charge of the administration of these institutions, feels that the agricultural operations which have been carried on there in the past should be intensified at the present time when the need for food for Britain and her allies in the war is being impressed upon all Canadians. The Minister of Justice has therefore instructed the wardens of the penitentiaries to bend all the energy of their staffs and of the prisoners in their charge to the task of cultivating every acre of land possible on the penitentiary farms this year.

Has Left City Employ.  
Mr. Fred Farrell, for some years in the employ of the City Street Department 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 McMurray won the first prize and Mrs. C. Fred Chestnut won the booby prize.

Sulman), North Huron (Mr. Musgrove) and Mr. W. J. Hanna (West Lambton) be paid their usual indemnities if they could show that they were absent through or were unavoidably away.

Mr. Dewart and Mr. Studholme raised the protest, but the resolution carried. There was but one objection raised to the Premier's increase, and that was from Mr. Studholme, member for East Hamilton.

## Official Statement Says the Big Battle Continued Until a Late Hour Last Night---Huns Trying to Recapture the Hindenburg Line.

(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 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 delivered 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 the 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 1 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 the battle of Cambrai.

#### Enemy Will be Checkmated.

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 will be checkmated as was the previous one.

## CANADIAN IMPORTERS OF CORN MUST COMPLY WITH NEW ORDER

(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 administration, which becomes effective April 1st. On and after that date Canadian importers of corn will be required to secure from the Canada Food Board an import permit covering intended imports for the current month. A separate permit must be secured for intended imports from each different American shipper, but the name of the shipper need not be stated in the application. The permit, when issued, will be sent to the Canadian 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.

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR APRIL 6TH

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
London, March 22.—An appeal has been sent to all churches in England and America, signed by the pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, who was formerly pastor of Moody church, Chicago, for a day of prayer on April 6th, the anniversary of the entry of the United States into the war.

## AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Montreal, March 22.—The Grand Lodge of Quebec, Loyal Orange Association, at its 69th annual session here today, passed a resolution favoring education and a national, non-sectarian school system for the province of Quebec and the whole Dominion. Rev. Charles Reid was elected Grand Master.