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The Daily Mail

The Weather.

Maritime: Northwest to
west gales, decreasing tonight.
Fair and colder. Sunday, fair
and cool.

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BRITISH WELL SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF FIRST STAGE OF ENEMY DRIVE

Fighting was Most Intense in Two Sectors ---Airmen Made Good Use of their Machine Guns--The Huns Attacked in Mass Formation.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)
British Army Headquarters in France, Friday, March 22.—
British troops between the Scarpe and the Oise have fallen
back in places, but the British generals had foreseen this event-
uality and made preparations accordingly. In the face of a
great attack it is not only impossible, but quite unsound to at-
tempt to hold the front line trenches everywhere.
Good defensive tactics usually aim at organizing resistance
so that the further the enemy advances the stronger will be
the opposition he meets. Taking the situation as a whole, the
British are well satisfied with the results of the first stage of
the fighting. They have worked terrible slaughter among the
attackers.

THE GERMANS SMOTHERED THE BRITISH WITH EVERY FORM OF HATE A GUN COULD THROW

Before they attacked today on the sector between the Canal
du Nord and Croiselles, on the northern battle front, the Ger-
mans for four hours smothered the British with every conceiv-
able form of hate which a gun could throw.
The enemy depended largely upon large numbers of trench
mortars to cut the wire entanglements. The British had had
warnings that the Germans would use great quantities of gas
shells. This proved to be the case, although there was nothing
new in the gas attacks, and the British gas masks appear to
have been most effective.
The British fought for hours with gas masks on, but even
this drawback could not dampen their jubilation at the havoc
caused as the German infantry presented itself in the form
of point-blank targets.

ENEMY ARTILLERY CONCENTRATION WAS THE GREATEST YET SEEN ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Nine German divisions negotiated the assault in this sec-
tion, but they met with strenuous resistance. British machine
gunners did terrible damage as the Germans moved forward.
At least forty German divisions have been identified and the
German artillery concentration is the greatest that has been
seen on the western front.
It is reported that in one section the Germans came across
No Man's Land in regular formation and gaps in the ranks
were quickly filled in to present a solid front. They are said to
have stopped when they reached the barbed wire, and to have
cut it by hand under a heavy fire from rifles, machine guns and
artillery. However, the report is not verified; but it is cer-
tain that the Germans advanced in more dense formations than
ever before, and naturally suffered grievous casualties.

British Hung to Their Position.

Six German divisions delivered a very heavy attack against
the British south of St. Quentin. Despite the fact that the
enemy had a superiority in numbers, the British hung dogged-
ly to their posts, and it was only after the Germans had stop-
ped the assault that the British withdrew their lines somewhat
in order to give them protection by means of the Oise river and
flooded ground around it. Further attack here will be exceed-
ingly costly to the enemy.

MONEY VOTED FOR RAILWAYS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Ottawa, March 22.—Railways and
canals votes chargeable to income in-
clude in addition to the Intercolonial
Railway and Hudson Bay Railway
votes, \$700,000 for the Quebec bridge,
\$1,860,000 for the Welland Ship Canal,
\$500,000 for the Trent Canal, and \$250,-
000 for the National Transcontinental
line.
Public works votes chargeable to
capital include an additional \$1,500,-
000 to cover cost of construction of
the new parliament building at Otta-
wa, and \$1,000,000 for the new depart-
mental building at Ottawa.

THE U. S. BUYS RUSSIAN SHIPS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, March 23.—A despatch to
the Daily Mail from Tokio says:
"The newspaper Kokumin Shimbun
announces that Admiral Knight, the
commander of the United States Asiatic
fleet, has purchased all the ship-
ping on the Russia coast. This to-
tals 650,000,000 tons. Admiral Knight
is now at Vladivostok."

NOTED CANADIAN ENGINEER DEAD

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Ottawa, March 23.—Sir Collingwood
Schreiber, general consulting engineer
for the Dominion government, died
this morning at the age of 87 years.
Lady Schreiber and their two daugh-
ters, Mrs. Travers Lewis and Mrs.
Lawrence Lamb, survive.
Mr. Schreiber was for many years
chief engineer of the Intercolonial.

BROKERS TO SAVE DAYLIGHT

Montreal, March 23.—Members of
the Montreal Stock Exchange appear
to be pretty well agreed that, even if
the Canadian daylight saving bill does
not go through, the stock exchange
will probably observe daylight saving
hours, in unison with the New York
market, and will open at 9 o'clock in
the morning.
Ananias may have been the most
prominent liar of his time, but in these
days with the magic aid of the tele-
phone, almost any normal husband
could make him look like a mere bun-
dler.

ANGLICAN SYNOD WILL OPEN HERE MON., APRIL 8

Service at the Cathedral That
Night—First Business Ses-
sion at Church Hall
Next Morning.

The Anglican Synod of the Diocese
of Fredericton will meet in this city
April 8th to 12th. Rev. Canon Sisam
of Moncton is to be the synod preach-
er. On Monday, April 8th at 8 p. m.,
there will be a service for the clergy
at Christchurch Cathedral. At 10.30
the following morning Holy Commu-
nion will be celebrated and the first
business session will be held in the
Church Hall at 2.30 p. m. the same
day. At 3.30 the synod service will
be held. On the succeeding days
Holy Communion will be celebrated
at 3 a. m. with business sessions be-
ginning at 10 a. m. On Wednesday
evening His Lordship the Bishop and
Mrs. Richardson will give a reception
for the visiting clergy. On Friday the
various committees will meet.

At the Police Court.

At the police court yesterday Alfred
Goodie of Kingsclear, was convicted
of violating the fishery regulations by
illegal fishing and was fined \$50 or
two months in jail. The fine was al-
lowed to stand, the defendant paying
the costs. He also was convicted of
attempted assault on a fisheries war-
den and was fined \$20 or two months
in jail. A charge of violation of the
Game Act was also laid against him
and Joseph Kennedy for carrying fire-
arms in the woods of York county dur-
ing the closed season. It will be re-
minded that some time ago M.
Frank Cassidy of Kingsclear, had a
valuable horse shot. It would appear
that the parties accused were out
hunting and shot Mr. Cassidy's horse
by mistake, thinking it was a deer.
The convicted parties were fined \$10
each. Chief Game Warden L. A. Ga-
gon was the informant.

FEELING OF CONFIDENCE PREVAILS IN ENGLAND

Great Pride Felt in the Noble Men Who Are Defending Democracy Against Au- tocracy---Newspapers Optimistic.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
LONDON, March 23.—The attention of all England was
centred today on the western front. There was no boastful-
ness, but the feeling was one of supreme confidence and pride
in the army, which stands on the first line of defence between
democracy and autocracy. The newspapers warn against un-
due optimism, but they point out that the fighting instinct still
lives in the British breast, notwithstanding the long years of
peace and ignorance of military training, and that when that
fighting instinct dies the world will see the death of the British
nation. Since it has developed that this is indeed the great
heralded German offensive, the most colossal struggle in the
world's history, the public and press are unanimously of the
opinion that its failure will mean the end of the war.

Germany Staking All.

The Times says Germany evidently is resolved to stake all
her chances on the western front, and adds: "She has com-
mitted herself to the greatest gamble in history. We believe
she will fail, and it is precisely because the failure of the pre-
sent attack must react disastrously upon Germany that we de-
rive encouragement from the military position today."
The Morning Post begs the nation "to keep a cool head and
allow no plausible argumentation upon scanty facts to persuade
it to premature conclusions."
The Manchester Guardian says: "If the Germans persist in
attacks at great losses, they will have lost the war."

HEBEAS CORPUS DECISION IN HALIFAX CASE TO BE REVIEWED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
HALIFAX, March 23.—In the Supreme Court this morning
before Chief Justice Harris and Judges Longley, Drysdale, Rit-
chie and Chisholm, Crown Prosecutor Cluney moved to fix a
day for reviewing the decisions of Mr. Justice Russell granting
habeas corpus applications made on behalf of Aime Lemedec
and Francis Mackey, master and pilot respectively of the Mont
Blanc, who were charged with manslaughter in connection
with the Imo-Mont Blanc collision here, which resulted in the
disastrous Halifax explosion on December 6th. The Chief Jus-
tice named Tuesday, April 2nd, for the hearing of Mr. Cluney's
application. L. A. Lovett, K. C., acting counsel for Captain
Lemedec, said that the captain, having been granted his dis-
charge, and not having been notified of any possible review of
the decision, had left the city and the jurisdiction of the court.

Huns Break Through British Line West of St. Quentin

RETURNED MEN ENTERTAINED BY THE COUNTESS

Turkey Supper Last Night to Thirty-four Members of the Great War Veterans' Association.

The Countess of Ashburnham very
pleasantly entertained about thirty-
four returned soldiers at a turkey su-
per at her residence last evening. Dur-
ing the evening His Lordship the
Bishop Fredericton addressed the
men in a very pleasing manner men-
tioning particularly his recent trip
overseas and his visit to France. He
praised the Canadian troops to the
highest pitch and spoke of the kind
words of the British and French of-
ficers in reference to the Canadians.
The Bishop's speech was excellent
and full of feeling and was greatly en-
joyed by those present. A staff con-
sisting of eighteen young ladies as-
sisted the countess in her task of
serving the supper. The Earl of Ash-
burnham presented the boys with ci-
gars and cigarettes.
The countess expects to receive
a large silk Union Jack from the Old
Country and will present it to the C.
W.V.A. in Fredericton for its rooms.
The affair last night was made the
more enjoyable by piano solos by Mr.
Trapania and songs by Sergt. Nolan.

Heavy Fighting With Fresh Enemy Forces is Going on---British Fall Back in Good Order to Prepared Positions--- Situation Looks Serious.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)
LONDON, March 23.—Enemy attacks delivered with great
weight of infantry and artillery have broken through the Brit-
ish defensive system west of St. Quentin, the War Office an-
nounces. The British troops on the northern portion of the
battlefield are holding their positions. The British west of St.
Quentin are falling back in good order to positions further west.
Very heavy fighting with fresh enemy forces is in progress.
The War Office statement follows: "Heavy fighting con-
tinued until late last night on the whole battlefield. During
the afternoon powerful hostile attacks, delivered with great
weight of infantry and artillery, broke through our defensive
system west of St. Quentin. Our troops on this part of the bat-
tle front are falling back in good order across the devastated
area, to prepared positions further west. Our troops on the
northern portion of the battlefield are holding their positions.
Very heavy fighting is in progress."

BREAK IN LINES MAY CAUSE A WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRITISH TROOPS ON A WIDE FRONT

For the first time in the war on the western front since the
opposing armies established themselves in their trench systems,
the defensive zone has been broken through. In other great at-
tacks the British, French and Germans have been able to bend
back the line, but not to strike through the zone of defence.
Many military critics had reached the opinion that on ac-
count of the strength of the lines it would be impossible to
break them until one side or the other had been worn down to
such a point that it would be no longer able to man it strongly.
Unless the British are able to restore the situation by a counter
attack, a withdrawal on a wide front may be necessary, with
open field warfare. The point at which the British line has
been broken is near the southern end of the German attacking
front, which extends from Arras to LaFere, 15 miles below St.
Quentin. Below this sector is the great arc in the front, where
the line, approaching nearest to Paris, turns sharply to east.

GERMAN AIRPLANES CROSS LINES AND DROP BOMBS IN COMPEIGNE AND OTHER TOWNS

The German offensive has developed with almost unparal-
leled rapidity. One reason for this is indicated in Field Mar-
shal Haig's reports, showing that the Germans are constantly
bringing up fresh bodies of troops.
At nine o'clock last night a group of enemy airplanes cross-
ed the lines and a certain number of bombs were dropped on
Compeigne and different towns in that region. Several ma-
chines advanced further to the south, but were forced to turn
back by the fire of French artillery. Apparently the Germans
had intended a raid on Paris itself, but French airmen rose to
meet the oncomers and not one enemy machine succeeded in
reaching the capital.

DECISION IS AGAINST THE EXPRESS CO.'S

Ottawa, March 22.—The board of
railway commissioners have decided
against the claim of the Dominion Ex-
press Company in regard to express
rates on fish. The Dominion Express
Company in the past has made deliv-
eries of fish by cartage to consignees.
By supplements to the tariff the com-
pany sought to cancel all cartage deliv-
ery applying to fish in carload lots
from the Atlantic to Pacific.
Whilst specific references are made
to the Dominion Express Company,
other express companies are bound by
this judgement.

DYNAMITERS' TRIAL NEARING THE FINISH

Montreal, March 22.—In his charge
to the jury in the case of the alleged
dynamiters in the court of King's
Bench here this evening Mr. Justice
Belletier expressed the opinion that
detective Charles DesJardines and Eli
Lalumiere were guilty of the charge
of having conspired to blow up Lord
Atholstan's summer residence at Car-
terville last August and to kill Lord
Atholstan and his family. There was
absolutely nothing in Lalumiere's fa-
vor, his Lordship said, while the con-
duct of DesJardines, as a government
detective, was shameful. As to Joseph
Tremblay, who had confessed that
he had taken part in the dynamiting
of the Atholstan residence, the judge
said Tremblay had rendered a great
service to the public by giving evi-
dence against his companions. The
evidence against Chagnon, Cyr, Goyer
Bolduc, Paquet and Wisintainer was
weak, the judge told the jury. His
lordships address this evening was in
French and tomorrow he will address
the jury in English.

CAPT. REDMOND WAS ELECTED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, March 23.—Captain William
Redmond succeeds his father, John E.
Redmond, the Nationalist leader, in
parliament.
Results from the election for the
seat for Waterford show that Captain
Redmond received 1,243 votes, as
against 764 for his opponent, Dr.
White, a Sinn Feiner.

HEAVY FINE WAS IMPOSED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, March 23.—A despatch to
the Exchange Telegraph from Amster-
dam says the city of Brussels, Bel-
gium, has been fined 2,000,000 marks
for a recent demonstration by anti-
Flemish agitators.