MANS BREAK THROUGH BRITISH DEFENSES

BRITISH MO'VE BACK ORDERLY TO PREPARED POSITIONS

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OVERWHELMING FORCES BREAK THROUGH DEFENSE AT RANGE OF

London Official Statement Tells of Terrific Fighting in Which Germans Effected Gap in British Lines-British Hold Their Northern Positions

the British west of St. Quentin are may be necessary on this front.

The efficial statement follows: "Heavy righting gottinued until athley backs through our defen-Mittigation West of St. Quentin. Our tripe in this part are falling back JAILER CLICK IS SHOT

"Our troops on the orthern portion form is in progress."

FIRST IN WHOLE WAR

tensh systems, the defensive zone the arm before he was captured. has been broken through. In other attacks the French and British have lived able to bend back the lines,

but not to strike through the zone Moren 23. Powerful en- of defense. Many military critics with great have reached the conclusion that on and artillery have account of the strength of the lines, he British defensive it would be impossible to break Quentin, the war them until one side was worn down

by the fighting. The British towns on the northern Unless the British are able to reare of the halfefeld are holding store the situation by a counter attack a withdrawal on a wide front

The point at which the British under execution. Very heavy line had been broken is near the the date with first enemy forces is southern end of the German attacking front, which extends from Arras to LaFere, 15 miles below St. positions behind the Quentis. Below this sector is the British to which they are falling great are in the front where the line approaching nearest to Faris turns sharply to the east.

The German offensive has develophas bour lost night on the whole ed with almost unparalled rapidity. By the Associated Press. One reason for this is indicated in Field Marshal Hindenburg's reports, would of infantry and showing that the Germans are hurling new troops into the battle.

BY ESCAPING NEGROES

of the lattle from are holding their | Salisbury, March 23 .- A jail delivery was effected here yesterday af-Very heavy nighting with fresh ternoon by six negroes who overpowtook his pistol from him. . Mr. Click was shot in the breast by his own pistol during the scuffle but the ball glanced up, hitting the breast bone and lodged near the skin For the first time in the war on the without making a serious wound. western from stars the opposing ar- Three of the negroes were captured their later in the afternoon. One them. John Mills, was shot through

> It looks like a well organized (Continued or page 4)

Dashing Counter Attack by British Drives Germans Out of Town, Prisoners Taken

By the Associated Press. London, March 23 - The Germans on front. forced their way into Moy, but a The scene of activity behind the large party was sucrounded and fidence.

There is reason to believe 50 German divisions are flowing into the stranger, the correspondent states and probably half as many more are in reserve. Under the blaces they are withdrawing volun- mans began their offensive.

dishing country attack drove them battle front baffled description, but Rester's correspondent at everywhere there is the same well British headquarters telegraphs. A ordered organization and quiet con-

The weather is wonderfully fine, although the visibility is handicapped by local mists.

Moy is on the northern battle fremendous onshaught the British front 15 miles below Arras. It is troops are falling back very slowly about four miles back of the line and in excellent order. In many held by the British before the Ger-

English Are Sure

By the Associated Press. on the wetern front. There was no boastfulness but the feeling was one of confidence and pride in the army, which is fighting the battles of demorney as never before.

The newspapers warn against unin the British breast notwithstanding war.

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 night. that the state of that the fighting instinct still lives convinced that the battle will end the

By the Associated Press

ing the capital and suburbs at inter-

the front is 62 miles.

Paris, March 23 .- 9 a. m .- An air raid alarm has just been given.

Moscow, Tuesday, March 19 .- No. withstanding that peace with Gernany has been ratified by the congress of women's and soldiers' delegates, the German advance in Rusof Petrograd having served only to

Moscow. from three directions, anced 25 miles from Konotap, pro-

niles from Moscow by rail. From the west, the Germans are hands with the Pitts boys, station of Rosonovskava, in the Alpine. government of Vitebsk.

The order to evacuate the hospital and other institutions in Gjhastsk, 100 miles from Moscow, indicates that a further German advance is considered imminent by the govern-

ov and Tchernigov have all been save Kharkov and prevent a further ent o fthe Greensboro Daily News. advance by the Austrians, supporting the Ukraine bourgeoisie rada.

ment is negotiating informally with Ukraine for peace and that he hopes !

By the Associated Press. With the American Army

Germans launched a heavy gas attack against a certain town in our lines northwest of Toul last night. No wind was blowing and the fumes London, March 23.—The attention of military training and that when the moral today of military training and that when the moral today of military training and the world for reverse hours. The batteries of all England was centered today of military training and that when the witness of the fighting instinct dies, the world for several hours. The batteries firing the shells were located east of Regicourt and our batteries shelled them during the afternoon and

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elliott.

Paris, March 23.—The Germans Morganton, March 23.—"Not guil-ty" was the verdict returned at ex-Berlin, via London, March 23.—A of 240 millimetre have been reach- E. A. Hennessee at Glen Alpine, has is officially announced.

tired. It deliberated on the case for third hostile position. The announcement that Paris was two hours before announcing its being bombarded was made officially readiness to return a verdict. The this afternoon Measures for counter court had been dismissed shortly afattacking the enemy's cannon are ter 5 o'clock, the judge instructing the report, and in an uniterrupted the great weight of the enemy inthe sheriff that when the jury had forward movement drove over the fantry. The British here are falling tillery on the British front, as shown settled upon its verdit he and other Crozac canal toward the west. court officials should be notified.

There was a tenseness in the atmosphere of the courtroom and a vibrant, though unexpressed feeling REPUBLICANS MEET of excitement permeating the crowd REPUBLICANS which gathered quickly when it was oised about the streets that a verdict had been reached. This excitement could be plainly read on the face of every person in the court

The prisoners appeared to have as eyes they looked toward the jury convention and R. P. Caldwell secre-whose words meant so much to them. tary. The younger Aaron, seemed slightly When C. R. Brady of Conover of St. Quentin to the river Oise,

sia, still continues, the avacuation Judge Cline impressed upon the the election was then taken up in the crowd in unmistakable language that usual order. change the German objective to he meant to have no demonstration According to reports printed in the of the verdict the jury might render. ficulty in renominating the present newspapers this morning, the Ger He gave officers implicit instructions officers. mans are moving toward Moscow that until formal adjournment no southwest, one should approach the jury or de- nominated. west and northwest. From the fendants. When the defendants southwest they recently have ad- were told to stand up and the clerk UNITED STATES HOLDS asked the jury for their decision vince of Tchernigov, in the general the listeners seemed almost to stop direction of Bryansk, which is 235 breathing until the answer came. approaching Smolensk, which is about family and attorneys. Soon after ordered held for the May term of the 250 miles from Moscow. In the the brothers accompanied by rela- United States district coort at Nornorthwest they have captured the tives, left for their home at Glen fork by the United States Commis-

THRIFTY WALDESIANS

Even in less strenuous times than The governments of Poltava, Khar- county, whose town is Valdese, is a Ukraine government, in an effort to tion, says a Morganton correspond- are still held in the city jail. The Waldensians are as loyal Am-

the Liberty loans were launched they subscribed most liberally. Now formal negotiations will open short- many of them are buying thrift and tlement is making great gardening ment of justice agents are known plans for the approaching season. To encourage the movement among its employes the Valdese Manufacturing ompany is furnishing them, free of charge, seed and fertilizer for their gardens and having the plowing done. A b'g part o fthe mill grounds have been converted into a potato

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press. | New York, March 23.—The cotton market was nervous and unsettled today. The war news seemed to have a depressing influence, while there were reports of rains in Texas. The in opening was 15 to 31 points lower. By the Associated Press. Close

December ____ 30.65 HICKORY MARKETS

WEATHER FORECAST

! moderate northeast winds.

have been firing on Paris with long jury in whose bands rested the fate crossing over the Oise west of Lajury in whose hands rested the fate of Garfield and Aaron Pitts, whose Fere (12 miles south of St. Quentin) Since 8 o'clock this morning shells trial on the charge of murdering Dr. was forced by Judagaur battalions, it By the Associated Press.

been in progress since Monday morn- Between the Omigno stream and vals of about a quarter of an hour, room was an impressive one as the first enemy position, the Germans have finally suckilling 10 persons and wounding jury filed in its spokesman, W. H. made their way through Holnon wood ceeded in breaking the action on It doubtless has not been the enabout 15. The shortest distance from Paris to the case. Judge Cline finished his and fought cross the heights of one point somewhat more into the tente intention to throw the army charge at 4 o'clock and the jury re- Savy and Roupy, penetrating into the open.

Newton, March 23.—The Repubthey sat before the bar just before lican county convention met here explicitly stated that these positions the eyes of Emperor William, Field they learned whether they should live this afternoon with delegates pres- are prepared. or die, that same confident manner ent from every precinct and a sharp DISREGARDING PEACE TREATY they have Hisplayed all during the fight in prospect over the nomination DISREGARDING PEACE TREATY they have displayed all during the light in prospect over the nomination of the present county officers. J. F. the entente line to the south is not The French report fighting in various ing study. Pale but with clear steady Joy was elected chairman of the yet apparent. The British hold the sectors and especially in Champagne

> more nervous than his brother Gar- moved that the present county offi- where the French line begins. No Upon the reassembling of court of Hickory objected vigorously, and

On account of the to-term rule, whatever of approval or disapproval it was thought there would be dif-

The old county officers were re-

BOLSHEVIKI FOR TRIAL

Norfolk, Va., March 23.-Sixty-After court adjourned many shook two members of the Bolsheviki crew "army of manouver," understood to Nicholson, or any one of the comtheir of the Russian steamer Omisk were sioner Percy S. Stephenson, who conducted the preliminary hearing. The men are charged with violations of port regulations, interference with foreign relations and violations of war times the thrift and industry of neutrality. There was no explathe Waldensian colony in Burke nation of the action of the commis sioner without further hearing of the matter of pride to the county and case. Bond was fixed for all of the their example is worthy of imita- men at 200 in default of which ail

The number under arrest was augmented today by the taking into cas-M. Tchitscherin, of the Bolshevic country and are showing- that their on the Omsk making the total held foreign office, in a statement issued today says that the soviet governcould be secured. Officials declined to make any statement regarding the villages, army headquarters anwar savings stamps) The whole set- reasons for the atrests. Depart- nounced. to be still investigating the case.

Paris, Friday, March 22.—At 32.99 o'clock tonight a group of enemy air-32.06 planes crossed our line and bombs 30.84 were dropped on Compeign and dif-30.60 ferent towns in that region. Several machines advanced further to the south, but were forced to turn back by our artillery. The alarm was given in Paris and a half hour Wheat _____\$2.40 later the signal, "All clear," was giv-

Mrs. Fred Brower, formerly Miss egic reasons. Hattie Timberlake of this city, but All day yesterday and much now of Winston-Salem arrived in the last night the conflict continued to to have been around Moisel. Rev. J. D. Harte of Oxford has been the guest for several days of night and Sunday, probably rain; last a last with her friend, Mrs. J. L. Germans hurled fresh reserves into was appalling. Latta.

PARIS IS SHELLED PITTS BOYS ARE BERLIN ACCOUNT GERMANS FORCE FIGHTING MORE INTO OPEN GROUND

Break in British Lines not so Serious as First Reports Indicated-Allies Retire in Good Order to Prepared Positions-French Soon May Strike

Field Marshal Haig reports that ly stands ready for any emergency South of the Somme the Germans the British defensive system west of and might easily prove the deciding back in good order.

> movement will seriously affect the defensive line in the north, as it is

Just what the effect will be upon cers be nominated, A. A. Whitener report has been received from Paris of French action.

German penetration to their lines, however, it is expected that they will soon be in contact with

There is another factor to be conwas created last winter at the allied so would be acceptable, war council at Versailles an entente freight has to be paid. Those who be made up of troops of all allies, mnttee.

which was designed to be available After two days' terrific battling in for action at any point on the wide ing. The scene in the Burke court- the Somme after the capture of the their great offensive on the western from the North sea to the Ad-

into action hastily, but it undoubted-

The concentration of men and arin official reports, demonstrates that the Germans are making a deter-That the yielding of the line at this mined effort to smash the British point has been by no means unex front. Forty divisions, or about pected and possibly had been fore- 409,000 Teutonic troops are in the seen as ultimately inevitable is indicated that the retirement is to pre-estimated, but uno cial reports say pared positions further west. There that there were 1,000 guns on one is no evidence thata this retrograde small sector. Austrian and Bulgarian troops have made their appearance on the British front.

The attack was launched under Marshal von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff, the three guiding

CARD OF THANKS

The Red Cross committee, collect-From the nearness of the point of desire to thank the people of the city for their generous response to the call for help.

It would do their hearts good if the they could see the large packing French and action there is expected. cases that are now ready to ship. One case, however, is not quite full and it is hoped that enough may sidered also should the German be sent in to fill it. Send to the thrust become more serious. There Chamber of Commerce. Money aldesire can hand the cash to W. H.

Germans Claim Capture of 25,000 Prisoners, Some 400 Guns and 300 Machine Guns

By the Associated Press.

Berlin, March 23 .- Between Fon- British line before the attack.) second enemy position and captured trated and the heights west of Gouz-

British counter attacks failed. So far, the statement announces, 25,000 prisoners, 490 guns and 300 machine guns have been taken.

village is about 3 1-2 miles and the uation.

later about 2 1-2 miles behind the Between Gonnellieu and the Omig-

non stream, the statement says, the first two eemy positions were peneeaucourt, Heudicourt and Villers-Faucon were captured.

There were many glum faces in Hickory today when the Record's war news was bruited about the streets. Two villages taken on the Fon- but there were hopes that the Brit taine-Moeuvres front Vaux-al-Vrau- ish would check the drive. Unforcourt and Morchies. (The former here to analyze and explain the sit-

British Gallantly

By the Associated Press.

British Army Headquarters France, March 23 .- 11 a. m .- The pressing hard the British forces de-British, gallantly fighting, are still feding Hermies, about 2 1-2 miles presenting a solid front to the fierce- back of the old line in the region ly attacking Germans, although the southwest of Cambrai. Throughout defensive troops have withdrawn the night the battle extended souththtir lines in certain places for strat-

of

the battle.

The Germans this morning were ward and it was reported this morning that the French were engaged.

The most intense fighting appears

The slaughter in the enemy ranks