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Drive Is Checked On Whole Front

And Enemy Has Been Driven Back to East Bank of Somme Where had Effected Crossing

London, March 25.—German forces crossed the Somme River south of Peronne between that city and Licourt and were driven back to the east banks by counter attacks, reports Field Marshall Haig today.

The first hostile attacks this morning developed north and south of Bapaume. The battle continues with great violence on the whole front.

North of Bapaume yesterday evening powerful attacks were repulsed with heavy enemy losses. At only one point did the Germans reach the British trenches and then they were immediately thrown out. Elsewhere the enemy's attacks were stopped by British rifle and machine gun fire and the Huns were driven back with great losses.

This is regarded as the most optimistic official statement issued by Haig since the German offensive began.

According to the British commander the enemy's advance has been stopped all along the line, temporarily, at least, Paris, March 25.—French troops relieved part of the Allied forces Saturday, a war office communication stated today.

Hard fighting is reported in the Noyon region. French forces held the heights on the right bank of the Oise against important enemy attacks. Northwest of Rheims there is violent artillery fighting. East of St. Mihiel in the Champagne region, where the Americans are located, two enemy raids followed. Active anti-air fighting occurred between Arras and the Vosges region. The British are reported to have captured several German aircraft in the last few days.

BERLIN CLAIMS FURTHER PROGRESS

Announces Capture Forty Five Thousand Prisoners And The Forced Passage Of The Somme.

Berlin, via London, March 25.—French and American troops were thrown back through the pathless wooded country near Lamezelle, Villers and Amiens, the Berlin war office declared today. Thousands of prisoners were captured according to the German war office. The British and American forces were reported to have been driven back in several places.

London, March 25.—The German war office has announced the capture of the Somme. The passage of the Somme River below Ham was also announced. "We occupied the heights west of the Somme" the statement continued.

Haig's statement announced that the Germans had crossed the Somme south of Peronne near Licourt, but stated that they had been driven back. It is not plain whether Haig and Berlin referred to the same action.

Divisions freshly brought up failed to bring a decision in favor of the enemy, the Berlin statement said. In the evening they were defeated in the extreme west, it was declared. The enemy was defeated near Bapaume, German troops broke through and drove us back by way of Corcy and Saclly. Hot fighting is in progress for the possession of Comblanchien. A strong position west of Comblanchien was captured.

AMERICAN CAPTURE PEROONE Amsterdam, March 25.—Kaiser Wilhelm and Field Marshall Hindenburg visited Peronne Sunday evening, according to Berlin dispatches received here today.

The Kaiser ordered flags hoisted, rockets fired and schools given holiday throughout Germany in celebration.

ONE A LINK IN GREAT CHAIN

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AMERICANS ARE NOT IN THE FIGHTING

Sammy's Indignant That German Report Defeat Of American Soldiers

With the American Army, France, March 25.—No American regiments have participated with the British in meeting the German offensive, it is stated authoritatively here today.

The Germans claimed to have defeated American reinforcements in Sunday's fighting.

The American soldiers on the Toul front were indignant when German official wireless statements regarding the defeat of the Franco-reserve force were picked up.

SAMMIES BOMBARD GERMANS The German lines were heavily bombarded and machine-gunned for an hour this morning by the American army, the relief charges.

Other changes means the relief of the front line trenches to French units.

REPAIRS MADE AND REPAIRING OF MACHINES AND ORGANS, also PHOLUS and PH. Photographs repaired. Factory owned, David W. Blacklock, 317 1/2 Cedar street. mh.25-26.

Two Big Silk Days at Mitchell—Tuesday and Wednesday, 26th and 27th.

JOHN LOWRY MAKES JAIL DELIVERY

Took Motor Boat Across The River, Then Probably Boarded Auto

John Lowry added another chapter to the history of the Lowry Boys Sunday night when he walked out of the State Prison at 7:30 and so failed to be in hand to take the night train for Raleigh to work his usual term.

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FULTON LOWRY TO STATE PRISON

REVIVAL AT FIRST METEODIST

Thirty Young People Made Decision At Services On Sunday

Beginning with an early morning service Sunday a special series of "revival" services will continue through this week at the First Methodist Church. Sunday was Decision Day in the Sunday School and more than thirty pupils who declared a purpose to accept Christ and join the church.

The meeting Monday morning in the Sunday School annex at 6 o'clock was indeed a momentous experience for all who attended. There were more than thirty present. The Epworth League has planned this feature of the week and it is under the leadership of this young people's organization that the meeting will be held every morning through Sunday.

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WILL HAVE MODERN CHAMBER DRAVROE

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Source Of Shells Still a Mystery

News that Monster Cannon throwing Bombs In Paris Has Been Located Not Confirmed

London, March 25.—The unexpected arrival of high powered German shells in Paris is today regarded as the greatest mystery of the war.

British experts suggest the possibility that the shells are being propelled from a position at great height, possibly from behind the German lines.

Reports of a big German gun being located seventy miles from Paris are not confirmed.

PARISIANS NOT DISTURBED Paris, March 25, (10:25 a.m.)—The mysterious German shells resumed their falling upon Paris early today. The people remain undisturbed.

The force of the explosions from the shells is not greater than that of many shells dropped on the city in the past from airplanes.

CASUALTIES FROM AIR RAID Several casualties resulted from yesterday's air raid on Paris.

A number of enemy airplanes succeeded in crossing the battle lines at a high altitude and attacking the city. Those were pursued by French airplanes from the front also.

The enemy planes succeeded even after dropping several bombs.

GENERAL WOOD MAKES STATEMENT New York, March 25.—General Wood, who has just returned from France, is reported to have stated that he is not sure that the shells are being fired from a position behind the German lines.

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CONFIDENCE IN GENERAL HAIG

President Wilson And King George Send Messages of Cheer

Washington, March 25.—American confidence that "you will win" is the message that President Wilson sent General Haig today, at the great west headquarters, in its fury.

The message of confidence in the confidence of the President in the critical event now transpiring in France.

London, March 25.—The empire of the world and confident in its soldier's message that King George wired Field Marshall Haig today.

CHIMNEY FIRE ON DAWSON FARM

The department was called to the home of Mr. Byrum on the old Dawson Farm, about a mile from the city, at about 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon, where they found the house flue burning out.

The fire was immediately extinguished with chemicals before the fire had done any damage to the house.

PRICE-SAWYER

Joe Price and Miss Katie Sawyer, both of South Norfolk, Va., were married Saturday night by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden at his residence on Selden street.

BELVIN-DEAL

Paul Belvin and Miss Addie Elizabeth Deal, both of Portsmouth, Va., were married Saturday night by Justice of the Peace, J. W. Munden at his residence on Selden street.

WEATHER

Fair tonight and Tuesday probably light frost tonight in low places and