

# ENGLISH NOW IN RETREAT BEFORE GERMAN DRIVE

## Haig's Defensive System Breaks in Face of Terrific Onslaughts; Army Near St. Quentin Falls Back in Good Order.

London, March 23.—Powerful enemy attacks delivered with great weight of infantry and artillery have broken through the British defensive system west of St. Quentin, the war office reports.

The British troops on the northern portion of the battle grounds 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 states that there are prepared positions behind the British, to which they are falling back.

### UNPARALLELED IN WAR'S HISTORY.

This is the first time in the war on the western front since the opposing armies established themselves in their trench systems that the defensive zone has been broken through.

In other great attacks the British, French and Germans have been able to bend back the line, but not to strike through the zone of defense.

Many military critics had reached the opinion that on account 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.

### MAY FORCE BRITISH WITHDRAWAL.

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 the east.

The German offensive has developed with almost unparalleled rapidity. One reason for this is indicated in Field Marshal Haig's reports, showing that the Germans are constantly bringing up fresh bodies of troops.

### BRITISH RETREAT IN GOOD ORDER.

The statement from the war office says: "The heavy fighting continued until late hours last night on the whole battle front. 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 battle front are falling back in good order across the devastated area to prepared positions further west."

"Our troops on the northern portions of the battle front are holding their positions. Very heavy fighting with fresh hostile forces is in progress."

### GERMAN PENETRATION ONLY PARTIAL.

The statement of the British war office that the troops west of St. Quentin are falling back to prepared positions indicates that the Germans, although they have broken through the British defensive system, have not pierced the entire British zone of defense.

The allusion in the British statement to the defensive system may be only to the main battle front system behind which other lines have been prepared. If that is the case, the Germans have done little more than repeat what the British did in the battle of the Somme, when they pierced the Hindenburg line and captured long stretches of it, forcing the Germans to retreat to prepared positions in the rear.

### BRITISH RESISTANCE INCREASES.

The experiences of the attacking forces in other campaigns show that the Germans as they progress are likely to find their movements difficult and the resistance of the British more effective.

The more deeply they strike into the British lines the further they must move from their bases, entailing increasing difficulties in providing supplies for their troops.

They must move forward over devastated areas, while the British will have the great advantage of good roads and railroads.

Perhaps the greatest problem of the Germans will be to bring up their heavy artillery. In every previous campaign of this nature it has been necessary for the advancing forces to halt frequently while bringing up the heavy pieces.

### DEFENSES VASTLY IMPROVED.

The extent of the British defenses has been a subject of much speculation, but it is known they have been vastly improved during the last winter. Earlier in the war, when the offensive rested with the French and British, less attention was paid to positions of the rear.

The British in particular were said to scorn elaborate defensive zones such as the Germans constructed. After the defection of Russia and consequent increase of German strength in the west, however, it became necessary for the allies to consider defensive measures, which were carried out during the winter.

### FRENCH DISPERSE GERMANS.

Paris, March 23.—The Germans launched an attack on the French lines in the Woivre district last night, which was dispersed by the French fire. The Germans suffered appreciable losses and left some prisoners in the hands of the French.

## GEORGE SCORES SLACKER MINERS

British Premier Says Unpreparedness Will Be No Answer if Germans Reach Calais.

London, Friday, March 23.—Premier Lloyd George, in an exceedingly outspoken speech to a deputation of the miners' federation yesterday concerning the result of the miners' ballot on the coming out of men for military service, declared that to avoid defeat in the field it is absolutely essential to have more men.

"I am utterly at a loss," he said, "to know where the men are to be found, if first the engineers and then the miners say we will not find the men. Other trades will quickly take the same course. That would mean anarchy, not government."

"I have just had news that the Germans have attacked us on a front of nearly 60 miles with overwhelming forces. I am amazed that it should be considered debatable whether the miners and engineers are going to make their contributions to the defense of the country."

### Blames Russ Defection.

Premier Lloyd George declared it would be far better that the government should go out of office than to have its decisions disobeyed, adding: "It is better to talk plainly, and I am speaking with a great deal of feeling because I have just heard of this overwhelming attack, brought about by the failure of the Russian

democracy to have its orders obeyed. "If the attack succeeds, the Germans might be at Calais, and the only answer we can give is a vote of the miners' confederation saying they are not prepared to fight. You

The executive committee of the federation later passed a resolution advising the men not to resist the coming out of 50,000 men from the mines.

### High Prices Are Paid

#### At Fremont Auction

Fremont, Neb., March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—A crowd estimated at 4,000 persons was present at the opening of the Red Cross sale here this afternoon. The opening was preceded by a parade with 1,000 automobiles in line. The Home Guards and Boy Scouts headed the procession. A heifer, the first thing sold, brought \$260. The Red Cross rooster for which \$2,500 has been paid, brought \$1,425. The rooster will be offered at future sales. During the sale an observation balloon from Fort Omaha passed over town and the auctioneer sold it for \$15.

### Buffalo County Schools

#### Raise Huge Stamp Fund

Kearney, Neb., March 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Dan Morris, in charge of the thrift stamp drive in Buffalo county, stated that already there is pledged in the district \$425,000, which amount is only \$35,000 short of the district apportionment. This money was raised entirely through efforts of the county schools and represents only the investments of one-third of the district population. The Kearney drive is to be made later and it would not be surprising if the total apportionment for the county was doubled.

## Brief City News

### Have Most First in New Beacon Press.

#### Lighting Fixtures, Burgess-Granden.

Prudent saving in war times is a hostage for opportunities of peace. Play safe by starting an account with Nebraska Savings & Loan Ass'n, 211 S. 18th St. \$1 to \$5,000 received.

Rabbi Cohn Lectures Sunday.—The Omaha Philosophical society will meet Sunday at 3 p. m. Rabbi Frederick Cohn will speak on the "Significance of the Capture of Jerusalem."

Lone Convicted of Robbery.—John Leone, charged with the robbery of Clarence Anderson at Twenty-eighth and Farnam streets in February, 1918, was convicted by a jury in Judge Redick's court Friday.

Mrs. Jorgensen Will Talk.—Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at socialist hall, Twenty-first and Cumings streets, Mrs. Thor Jorgensen, candidate for a place on the city commission, will talk on "What I Would Do on the City Commission."

Theosophical Society Lecture.—Miss Minnie Jensen will read a paper on how to develop "Clairvoyance" before the Omaha Theosophical society Sunday night, 8:15 o'clock, at the hall, 315 McCague building, Fifteenth and Dodge streets.

Weaver Spoke of Even.—Sixty hundred and fifty members were present Thursday night at the regular meeting of Washington lodge No. 27, Degree of Honor, Ancient Order United Workmen, Frank D. Weaver was the speaker of the evening.

Judge Discharges Jury.—A jury hearing the case of Thomas McDaniell against the Union Pacific railroad was unable to agree after 20 hours of deliberation and was discharged by Judge Wakeley in district court. McDaniell sued for \$7,000 for alleged injuries.

Constitutional Convention.—Members of the Nebraska chapter American Society of Civil Engineers and the Omaha Technical club will meet at the Paxton hotel at 8 o'clock tonight to discuss whether or not a convention should be called to formulate a new constitution for Nebraska. Dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock.

Magnay Enters General Denial.—County Attorney Magnay has entered a general denial to the plea in abatement filed by counsel for the alleged jewel bandits. Trial of Harry Williams, one of the five, is scheduled to begin Monday before Judge Redick. Thirty-three witnesses have been summoned by the state.

Grape Vines on Way.—The carload of grape vines which the Omaha Chamber of Commerce will dispense in Omaha at cost this spring is expected to arrive early in April. The chamber took orders for the vines last fall and winter, and it was expected at that time that when all costs are considered the club will be able to sell the vines at from 2 to 3 cents apiece. Fine fireplace goods at Sunderlands.

## Obituary

LORRAINE MACE, 3-year-old daughter of James Mace, 1136 North Nineteenth street, died early Saturday morning. The body will be taken to Kansas City for interment.

KATE M. HANER, 4407 North Thirtieth street, died in an Omaha hospital Friday night. She was 70 years old. Funeral services will be held at the Stack & Falconer parlors Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## POLITICAL SHRAPNEL

A subcommittee of the "committee of 500" has decided not to take action on the recommendation of candidates for the city primary until after the filings have been closed next Friday. This committee will meet on Monday, April 2, to determine what should be done. In any event it is stated that a ticket of seven will not be endorsed, but probably four or five candidates will be supported.

Rev. Charles E. Cobhey, member of a committee of the Omaha Industrial union, explained that it was the sentiment of his committee to support candidates selected by the committee of 500 and that the Industrial union will not propose a ticket of its own.

Mayor Dahlman's personal organization, launched last week in the city hall, will meet again tonight to perfect plans to promote the mayor's candidacy and incidentally raise a campaign fund. Members of this organization are referred to by the mayor as "personal friends."

Harry B. Zimman, who served three terms in the city council, is emphasizing his stand for efficiency in municipal affairs. "There is no reason why business efficiency should not be applied to all departments in the city government," he declares.



## Professional Ethics

The Millstone around the neck of the people; a brake on the wheels of progress.

It is not my intent to attack the individuals composing the so-called "Ethical Dental Society," many of whom are my personal friends, and most of them high minded gentlemen.

Neither do I intend to defend every Dentist who advertises (although some of them sorely need it), but the point I wish to make is that ADVERTISING does NOT make a quack out of an honest and competent Dentist, nor can the incompetent and dishonest dentist hide the brand of quackery under the cloak of "ethics."

"Ethics" is a misnomer—prejudices would be a better term—because it is the prejudices of a selfish coterie that would block the way of progress.

Dentists who are not satisfied with their incomes will find the public is not satisfied with their work. Whether he is an advertiser, or so ethical that he leans backwards, the public has a way of finding out his true worth.

Under the "Code of Ethics" it is possible for the incompetent, ignorant dentist to charge as much for his services as the most skilled in the profession.

ADVERTISING PLACES A MAN ON HIS MERIT. It doubles his expense of doing business, throws the searchlight of public opinion into his office and home, and he MUST MAKE GOOD or he soon drops out of sight.

However, I draw the line between "advertising" and "notoriety," which some people resort to.

Advertising need not be tame, nor uninteresting—neither need it be confined to dry statistics, but it MUST be honest, it MUST be decent, it SHOULD be interesting, it MUST be fathered by the name of the individual responsible for it, and finally it SHOULD be original.

The Dentist who advertises and backs it up with skillful work, honest prices and square dealing, always "gets there."

The Dentists who imagine they can build a business by deceptive, untrue or grotesque advertising usually "get theirs."

## PAINLESS WITHERS, Dentist

423-428 Securities Bldg.—16th and Farnam Streets. OMAHA, NEB. Office Hours: 8:30 A. M. to 8 P. M. Sunday, 9 to 1.

## Excess Wheat for Bread To Supply Our Sammies

Washington, March 23.—The food administration and army and navy purchasing department today reached an agreement to allow manufacturers of "hard bread" and "navy biscuits" such excess of wheat flour over their

70 per cent allotment as is demanded by new contracts to supply the fighting forces.

## Polish National Flag is Carried in New York Parade

New York, March 23.—The Polish flag as the symbol of a sovereign and

independent nation was carried through the streets of New York today for the first time in a parade of 10,000 Poles, the occasion being the formal presentation of the Polish military commission to Mayor Hylan at city hall.

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# This is the FINAL Week of Our Great March Furniture Sale

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Don't Delay—Grasp the OPPORTUNITY while it still presents itself—furniture SAMPLES like these and at the prices we NOW quote will not be obtainable after THIS sale is over. There are still a number of BEAUTIFUL samples remaining from this BIG purchase

Three Rooms Furnished Complete, \$79 Your Own Terms

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The modern home requires that the Living Room not only be properly furnished, but it must be done so with care and thought. Our beautiful two and three-room living room suites comply with every requirement. There is elegance of style, quality and comfort embodied in every suite. Many are in all-over upholstery, many others in tapestry; some with loose cushions and pillows. Prices... \$47.50, \$59.50, \$79.50, \$97.50, \$125.00

Purchases Will Be Held Without Charge and Delivered Later If So Desired.

### March Sale Beautiful RUGS and DRAPERIES

Wilton Velvet Rugs, 27x54 inches. Choice patterns. Our price... \$2.15  
Wilton Velvet Rugs, 36x72 inches. Late patterns. Our price... \$4.65  
Seamless Brussels Rugs. Splendid service giving rugs, 6x9 feet sizes. Our price... \$11.95  
Axminster Rugs. A new lot in 8-3x10-6 sizes; splendid quality. Our price... \$24.95  
Seamless Axminster Rugs. In 9x12 foot sizes. Very late patterns. Our price... \$29.50  
Extra special, Crocheted Bed Spreads; large size; plain homed. An extra special value. Worth \$5.00. Monday only... \$2.95

### March Sale Dressers

Many samples from the big exhibitions together with hundreds from our own stock. Finishes are Golden and Fumed Oak, Mahogany, Walnut and Bird's-eye Maple. Sale prices—\$10.50, \$14.50, \$18.75, \$26.50

### March Sale Bed Room Suites

Elegant designs from the big Exhibition Show Rooms. Many in the massive Colonial designs, in Golden and Fumed Oak, Walnut, Mahogany and Bird's-eye Maple finishes. Many others are handsome reproductions of the period styles. Prices are—\$61.50, \$82.50, \$97.50, \$127.50

### Columbia Grafonolas

The World's Greatest Musical Instrument. Complete assortment in all the different styles and finishes. Price range \$18.00 to \$275.

### March Sale of Dining Room Tables

Including all the remaining samples from the Exhibition Show Rooms and the balance of our own samples. Many in the Colonial designs, others Period reproductions. Sale prices, \$10.50, \$16.50, \$19.50, \$27.50

### March Sale of Parlor and Living Room Rockers

Hundreds of samples from both the Furniture Exhibition stocks and our own immense stocks. Many in the wood seats, others in upholstered seats; some all-over upholstered; some in cane seats and backs. All in a wide range of patterns. Sale prices, \$2.98, \$4.50, \$5.95, \$7.50, \$12.50, \$1.50, \$27.50

### March Sale of Duofolds and Davenport

Frames are constructed of solid Oak, Golden and Fumed Oak finishes. Upholstering is in genuine Morocco and genuine Spanish Leather. Sale prices—\$19.50, \$28.50, \$37.50, \$42.50, \$49.50, \$57.50

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