

LONDON CALM AS BIG BATTLE RAGES

Excitement or Nervousness Absolutely Lacking in British Capital.

HOSPITALS IN READINESS

Long Lines of Ambulances Await Arrival of Trains From Channel Ports Bearing Their Loads of Wounded.

LONDON, March 21.—Although a battle is being fought which is likely to develop into the greatest struggle of modern history, and perhaps settle the result of the war, the English people preserve their first composure which they have worn for the last four years.

There are no signs of unusual excitement or nervousness in London, no crowds are outside the newspaper offices or elsewhere.

The statement made by Andrew Bonar Law in the House of Commons has circulated in the hotels and other public places. That is the last news the majority of the people will have of the great struggle before they see the morning papers, but Mr. Bonar Law's words have carried much assurance.

The Germans had talked so freely about their great offensive that many people thought they were making a point to conceal some other policy; some looked for a campaign against Saloniki instead of a big attack in France.

Reports have been circulated that the Germans have built a large number of tanks and super-tanks, but the British, who are not likely to be stopped by these, nor is it conceivable that they will be behind in numbers of tanks or improvements.

Extensive preparations have been made by the English hospitals to receive the trains of wounded from the channel ports which follow every battle. The first of them is expected tomorrow.

Long lines of ambulances began forming at the Charing Cross railway station early this morning to receive wounded men from Channel port trains.

Scenes not unlike those during the battle of the Somme were enacted, the lines of ambulances stretching away from the station for four city blocks.

Only small groups of night workers and railroad employees greeted the first arrivals from the front.

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Summer as bad, if not worse than before," he said, "calling for drastic and radical action."

"We hear much about spies," he continued, "if newspaper reports are true, the Government is not doing its job in getting the spies. We ought to watch them and treat them as all spies are treated in war times."

Senator Jones attacked the action of Yakima, Wash., citizens in tarjering and feathering a local I. W. W. secretary.

"The people are becoming desperate," he said, "and intend to take the law into their own hands to suppress traitorous conduct."

Senator King attacked the I. W. W. as a menace to the people.

WHERE HUN FORCES TOOK OFFENSIVE ON THE WESTERN FRONT YESTERDAY.



ARROWS POINT REGION WHERE BOMBARDMENT WAS MADE AND BRITISH LINE BENT.

GERMAN ATTACK ON

London Admits 50-Mile Front Under Bombardment.

INFANTRY IN ONSLAUGHT

Teutons Claim to Have Penetrated English Lines; Bonar Law Says Some Outpost Troops Have Been Withdrawn.

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forward positions and back areas, a powerful infantry attack was launched by the enemy on a front of over 50 miles, extending from the River Oise in the neighborhood of La Fere to the Senese River, about Croisilles.

"A hostile artillery demonstration has taken place on a wide front north of La Basse Canal and in the Ypres sector.

The attack, which for some time past was known to be in the course of preparation, has been pressed with great vigor and determination throughout the day. In the course of the fighting the enemy broke through our outpost positions and succeeded in penetrating into our battle positions in certain parts of the front.

Several enemy divisions which had been especially trained for this great attack already have been identified, including units of the Guards.

"Captured maps depicting the enemy's intentions show that on no part of the long front of the attack has he attained his objective."

LONDON, March 21.—The artillery action on the west front could be distinctly heard at Dover and other towns on the east coast of England.

Doors and windows of houses in Dover, for instance, were continuously shaken by the heavy concussions.

At Ramsgate besides the sounds of cannonading, bright flashes were seen at sea and the vibration of the explosions shook the windows and dislodged tiles from the roofs.

LONDON, March 21.—Ostend was bombarded by British monitors today and Heligoland was attacked by warplanes, according to the official announcement tonight.

The Admiralty statement says: "Ostend was bombarded this afternoon by British monitors with successful results. Prior to the bombardment four enemy aircraft were destroyed by our naval air squadron. Enemy aircraft attacked the British machines while spotting for the bombardment, with the result that another enemy machine was destroyed."

British warplanes engaged in reconnaissance in Heligoland light, attacked enemy mine sweepers with machine gun fire. There was no casualties on the British side. All our machines returned safely."

LONDON, March 21.—The German attack against the British lines today was on a larger scale than any made thus far during the war on any part of the western front, Andrew Bonar Law, spokesman of the government, told the House of Commons today.

UKRAINE CITY OF KHERSO CAPTURED

Germans Report Invasion Has Reached Point 92 Miles Northeast of Odessa.

RUSSIANS IN PSKOV RETIRE

Northern Part of Nation Alarmed by Progress of Teuton—Trotsky Makes Conditional Warlike Talk at Moscow.

BERLIN, via London, March 21.—Kherso, in the Ukraine, 92 miles northeast of Odessa near the mouth of the Dnieper, has been captured by the Teutonic forces, today's army headquarters report announces.

(By the Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, March 20.—Krementschug, Minamenska and Rompana, in Southern Russia, are being evacuated by government forces.

A Russian commission has left here for Pskov to investigate reports of attacks on German troops.

(By the Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, March 18.—Russia's total war expenditures are now \$5,559,275,000 roubles in Petrograd and Moscow.

(By the Associated Press.) MOSCOW, March 19.—The uneasiness caused by the capture of Ostrova, a town gaining by the central powers of control of the Black Sea has intensified the panic in North Russia and has strengthened the Trans-Caucasian Constituent Assembly, meeting at Tiflis, has refused to ratify the peace treaty with Germany and has urged an immediate war on Germany.

(By the Associated Press.) MOSCOW, March 19.—The money shortage in Petrograd and Moscow and other Russian cities that business operations are virtually impossible.

(By the Associated Press.) MOSCOW, March 19.—Germany has increased her demands upon Roumania and now asks that Roumania surrender to the statement of the advancing German armies, has arrived safely at Moscow.

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500 yards of half-bleached sheeting of fine soft finish and best standard quality—comes 2 3/4 yards wide—not more than 12 yards to any purchaser.

Extra! Number Two—39-Inch Curtain Scrim At 15c a Yard

900 yards of fine quality Curtain Scrim to sell at the above price—comes full 39 inches wide and in white, cream and ecru—plain styles only—a limited quantity to any one purchaser.

Extra! Number Three—A Sale of Writing Paper At 15c a Box

300 boxes of fine linen finish Writing Paper, 24 sheets of paper with envelopes to match—a most exceptional value.

Extra! Number Four—Sale Red Rubber Bottles At \$1.19 Each

Number 2 Red Rubber Combination Water Bottles with hard rubber fitting and five feet of rubber tubing.

Extra! Number Five—One Bar Creme Oil Soap FREE! FREE!

For Friday we have made arrangements whereby we are enabled to give one bar of Creme Oil Soap free with each purchase of three bars for 25c—thus you secure four bars for 25c.

Extra! Number Six—Women's Kid Gloves At \$1.29 Pair

A closing out of broken lines of women's Kid Gloves—both one and two-clasp styles, in white, black and colors—they come with pique or over seams—not all sizes in each color.

Extra! Number Seven—Men's Chambray Shirts At 79c Each

Ferguson & McKinney guaranteed Shirts of blue chambray—they come with military collar and in all sizes from 14 to 17 1/2.

Extra! Number Eight—Popular New Filet Laces At 15c a Yard

A fine showing of the popular Filet Laces in two to six-inch widths. Edges and Bands to match for trimming waists, underwear, dresses, etc.

Extra! Number Nine—Imported Embroideries At 19c a Yard

Included are 27-inch Dress Flouncings, 17-inch white Corset Cover and pink Camisole Embroideries; also 10 to 17-inch Skirtings.

Extra! Number Ten—Satin Taffeta Ribbons At Half Price

A special purchase and sale of fine satin Taffeta Ribbons at one-half regular—included are all colors and all widths from No. 1 up to No. 80.

Roberts Bros. THIRD & MORRISON The Most in Value—The Best in Quality

METAL WORKERS UNITE

Delegates of 50,000 Craftsmen Form District Council to Promote Closer Relationship.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—(Special.)—The Western District Council of Pacific Coast Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders and Helpers was organized here Wednesday at the Labor Temple.

The jurisdiction of the council will extend from San Diego, on the south, to Prince Rupert, B. C., on the north, and its announced aim is to bring the boilermakers, shipbuilders and their helpers into closer affiliation.

The following officers have been elected: President, M. A. McEachern, Vancouver, B. C.; vice-president, G. V. Cochran, Los Angeles; secretary-treasurer, E. B. Wolf, Oakland; executive board, E. B. Wolf, Oakland; John Bowers, San Francisco; R. Hennessey, Tacoma; J. A. Moore and L. Fawkes, Vancouver, B. C.; A. P. Mulligan and J. William Bowers, Seattle; W. L. Cunningham, Portland; G. H. Ferguson, San Pedro.

U. S. TO AID VANCOUVER

Military Authorities to Help Rebuild Much-Used Road.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—Because of the intense traffic on Reservoir street above Tenth street, since the cantonment was built in Vancouver Barracks, the road has become very rough and its improvement has become a necessity.

At a conference between the military authorities and the County Commissioners, it was decided to improve this road from Tenth to St. Johns Road. The county will furnish the scarifier and roller. The Government will furnish the automobile trucks and men to haul the gravel. As the city has depleted its road fund, it cannot assist in the work.

Judge to Reward Children.

NOME, Alaska, March 19.—To the first 50 Nome school children who have bought a thrift stamp and secured a thrift card, Federal Judge William Holshelmer announces he will add another 25-cent stamp each month until he has given each child \$1.

Wool Stocks to Be Held.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Wool pullers and dealers in wool pits have been ordered by the War Industries Board to hold all stocks for the option of Government purchase at a maximum price of 14 cents per pound. Dealers must

make a monthly report. After holding stocks for 30 days dealers may sell in the open market.

Hawley After O. & C. Grant Lands. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash.—

PEOPLES

Peoples Preferred Pictures Today and Tomorrow Only



MARY PICKFORD

in "Amarilly of Clothes Line Alley" Ask Your Neighbor!

EARLE WILLIAMS

Sunday: in "In the Balance"

JUST A JOB OF POSLAM ON SICK SKIN

Just a little dab of Poslam is enough to retard the development of Pimples or to clear an inflamed complexion. The skin's unexpected help has been found down by Poslam over night.

When concentrated healing power is needed to help soothe itching skin, look for that power in its highest efficiency in Poslam.

Cuticura Soap—Is Ideal for the Complexion and Skin Because So Delicately Medicated