BRITISH LINE CUT AND PUSHED BACK

Germans Make Thrust Toward French Capital and British Give Way.

SLAUGHTER IS TERRIFIC

Teutons Near St. Quentin Rupture English Line and Advance Nine Miles, With Battle Raging With Increasing Intensity.

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(south of St. Quentin) were repulsed with great loss to the enemy.

"On the northern portion of the battle front the enemy's attacks have been pressed with the utmost determination and regardless of losses. Our troops have maintained their positions on the greater part of this front after a fierce and prolonged struggle.

Great Gallantry Shown.

"Great gallantry has been shown by the troops engaged in the fighting in this area and south thereof. The 19th and ninth divisions distinguished themselves by the valor of their defense. In one sector alone six hostile attacks, in two of which German cavalry took part, were beaten off by one of our infantry brigades.

"The enemy's attacks continue with great violence."

(By the Associated Press.)

Assaulting the British lines on the south, the Germans have forced their way forward over a front approximately 21 miles in length, have penetrated to a depth of four or five miles west of Cambrai and have reached Ham, west of St. Quentin, a distance of about nine miles west of the British lines as they stood before the inception of the Teutonic offensive on Thursday.

The German claim that the forces of the central empires are fighting on a line northeast of Bapaume, Peronne and Ham has not been substantiated by British official dispatches, but the British reports show that there has been a retirement at various points, especially at St. Quentin, where Field Marshal Haig says his forces have taken up their new positions and are heavily engaged with the enemy.

Berlin's Claims Big.

According to a Berlin official dispatch "a considerable part of the British army has been beaten." But this is not borne out by any facts so far known. That 25,000 men have possibly been captured by the Teutons may be considered as a natural result of the slow British withdrawal on various parts of the line. This number, however, is very small in comparison to the forces Haig has thrown into the fray.

The frightful combat continued all day Saturday.

Fighting Is Heavy.

This new line also is now being attacked by the Germans and news dispatches filed from the front late in the day indicated that the fighting already was heavy in the vicinity of Ham, which represents a penetration of some nine miles for the Germans.

Ham is approximately 11 miles southwest of St. Quentin. A supreme effort by the Germans to cut the line in this region is forecast in the dispatches. They have put cavalry in the field to follow up the infantry and evidently intend to throw the Uhlans into the fray when the infantry columns open the breach the German high command is counting upon.

Mory Scene of Struggle.

Further north, the British lines, while they have drawn back, are holding well in their new positions. The maximum British retrogression there seems to have been about four miles, at Mory, which has changed hands several times.

Reports that the French have become involved in the struggle seem credible, as the recession of the British right flank, which was resting approximately upon La Fere, at the River Oise, would inevitably carry with it the French left, which had rested upon the Oise.

The advance is being accompanied by a terrible slaughter of the Germans, who in their massed formations are being cut to pieces by British guns of all calibers. The British casualties, too, have been heavy, and Berlin claims the taking of 25,000 British prisoners and 400 guns.

"All Highest" in Command.

Emperor William himself is in command of the German armies fighting this battle, which he had previously declared would be the decisive one of the war, and London commentators credit him with assuming this post with the aim of going down in history as the victor in the greatest conflict in the world's history.

Despite the advances made by the Germans, no loss of confidence on the allied side in the ultimate outcome is apparent. "Serious, but not alarming," is the view London takes of the situation. Attention is largely centered on the St. Quentin thrust and the next big developments are looked for to come from that sector.

BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 22.—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.

French Army Engaged.

Throughout the night the battle front extended southward, and it was reported this morning that the French army had become engaged.

The most intense fighting appears to have been around Roulsel and Trincourt. The slaughter in the enemy ranks was appalling.

Enemy Is Mowed Down.

Twelve times every available gun in the area was concentrated on solid massed bodies of enemy troops, while the airmen grew weary with emptying their machine-gun drums and dropping their bombs into the dense gray crowds of troops and returning for more ammunition.

The Germans forced their way into Mory, but a dashing counter-attack forced them out. A large party was surrounded and probably captured.

Mory is on the northern battle front, 15 miles below Arras. It is about four miles back of the line held by the British before the Germans began their offensive.

Second Line Attacked.

The Germans this afternoon were pressing the attack hard on the British right flank near Ham, while on the northern end of the battlefield there has been desperate fighting since yesterday about Mory, which changed hands several times.

It was reported this morning that enemy infantry had pushed down across the Canal De La Somme and had driven forward against the positions to which the British had retired. German cavalry was seen advancing behind the infantry.

There was small doubt that the attacking forces intended to make a supreme effort to rupture the British line in this sector.

Germans Get Reinforcements.

All day yesterday and much of last night the conflict continued to rage with increasing violence as fresh German divisions were hurled into the fray in an attempt to smash through the British defenses.

The War Office says that there are prepared positions behind the British, to which they are falling back.

The operation is so vast and is changing with such kaleidoscopic rapidity as the line surges backward and forward that it is impossible to visualize the scene sufficiently to give a connected and accurate account of it at present.

Teuton Strength Gigantic.

Forty-six German divisions have been identified thus far on the battle front and prisoners have been taken from 18 of them. Some estimates place the number of German divisions engaged as high as 90, but it is impossible to say whether this is accurate.

Certainly the Germans are putting all their available strength into the assault and fresh troops are constantly appearing.

The fighting yesterday was of the most sanguinary character and the enemy continued to lose great numbers of men through his system of massed attacks. That does not mean that the British have not suffered casualties. They necessarily have, but their losses are much smaller than those of their opponents.

Battle Front Is Hell of Fire.

The visibility became excellent late yesterday and the whole battle front was turned into a veritable hell, with the artillery action, as the unprecedented concentration of divisions on both sides cut loose their freight of death.

Men who fought through the great battles of the Somme, Flanders and Arras say that they never before have seen anything to approach the awful gunfire of the present conflict.

The expression "drumfire intensity" loses its significance in this instance, for there is not even an infinitesimal space between the explosions as the thousands of guns of all calibers work to their fullest capacity. Especially bitter fighting occurred last night in the region of Roisel, Mory, Moohy (Morchies?) and Beaumetz.

The British air service has been doing valuable work with its machine guns against the advancing enemy.

LONDON, March 23.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters telegraphs that there is reason to believe 50 German divisions are flowing into the struggle, and probably half as many more are in close reserve.

Under the tremendous onslaught the British troops are falling back very slowly and in excellent order. At many places they are withdrawing voluntarily so as to maintain an unbroken front.

The scenes of activity behind the battle front baffle description, but everywhere there is the same well-ordered organization and quiet confidence.

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

The Germans this morning were pressing hard the British forces defending Hermies (about 2½ miles back of the old line in the region southwest of Cambrai).

The British, gallantly fighting, are still presenting a solid front to the fiercely attacking Germans, although the defensive troops have withdrawn their lines in certain places for strategic reasons.

MAP SHOWING GAINS CLAIMED BY HUNS IN PAST TWO DAYS.

Dotted Lines Mark Battle Front Where Offensive Began. Heavy Line Marks Present Battle Front. Teutons Broke Through Northwest of St. Quentin and Advanced 11 Miles to Position Before Ham, According to Berlin's Statement. While Bent at Other Points, Line Is Said Not to Have Been Broken.

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A Combination That Makes for Better Health This Spring.

Every man and woman who would enjoy good health this Spring, and would have such life and strength as not to be a slacker, but equal to anything, must have an abundance of iron in the blood.

The new iron tonic, Peptiron, combines this valuable metal in medicinal form so that it is easily absorbed and readily assimilated.

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LAUNDRY TRUST HINTED AT

Violation of City Ordinance Alleged in Complaint Filed.

Are some laundries in Portland operating under agreement to serve certain patrons in violation of the city anti-trust ordinance?

Thomas Garland, an attorney, who is proprietor of an apartment-house at Washington street and Trinity Place, is of the opinion that such is the case. As a result of information placed in the hands of the City Attorney's office yesterday, Mr. Garland caused a complaint to be filed against the management of the Crescent Laundry, charging Manager Johnson with violating the ordinance.

According to Mr. Garland, he endeavored to switch his business to another laundry a few days ago and the proprietor refused to accept the patronage on the ground that "the business of this apartment-house belongs to the Crescent Laundry."

TEUTONS CLAIM VICTORY

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the Emperor at Spa, Belgium, which is being kept isolated on a radius of 15 kilometers.

The German Crown Prince, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, General von Ludendorff and other prominent Germans also are reported there with him.

Brownsville Man May Run.

ALBANY, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—W. J. Moore, of Brownsville, may be the Democratic nominee for Sheriff of Linn County at the forthcoming election. Mr. Moore, who was in Albany yesterday, said that he would not make a fight for the nomination, but if it is tendered to him he will make the race in the general election. There are three candidates in the field for the Republican nomination for this office—Joseph R. Frum, of Lebanon, present chief deputy in the office; R. E. Warner, of Holley, and C. M. Kendall, of Albany.

Oviatt Funeral Held.

The funeral of Paul C. Oviatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Oviatt, of 2141 East Alder street, was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the chapel of J. P. Finley & Son, Rev. J. F. Ghormley officiating. His death followed an accident in a local shipyard. The pallbearers were: L. G. Wolfkill, W. F. Jeffers, L. O'Halloran, J. M. Kinklater, John Clancy and F. Mannan. Interment was in Mount Scott Cemetery.

Guard Volunteers Wanted.

There is an opportunity for 25 men to serve their country in a volunteer capacity for duty at home, as Multnomah Guard, Company B, is short of its quota that number. Outfits are furnished complete. Captain McMillan is in command and any one wishing to join may call at company headquarters Tuesday night at the Armory.

Seaside Man Arrested.

ASTORIA, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—J. O. McCollum was brought to the County Jail this morning from Seaside on a charge of burglary. It is said that McCollum rented a house at Seaside, the owner retaining one room for the storage of some goods. McCollum is alleged to have broken into this room and taken property.

Austrians' Homes Are Raided.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 23.—(Special.)—Raids on the homes of Austrians here last night resulted in the seizure of 100 gallons of wine and a quantity of raisins designed for wine making. Four arrests were made.

A Child 2 or 3 Years Old.

requires something stronger than the sweet liquid laxatives now on the market which are prepared especially for infants.

LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN fills this long-felt want. It acts on the liver and regulates the bowels without griping or disturbing the stomach. A Liquid Digestive Laxative, pleasant to take. 50c the bottle.—Adv.

Clear and Strengthen the Voice

With Brown's Bronchial Troches. A quick acting remedy for hoarseness and irritation.—Adv.

See classified ad. men wanted, West Linn Mills, page 12, section 2.—Adv.

Easter Display and Sale of New and Attractive Kaltex Furniture

—The growing demand for strong, sanitary and serviceable, yet light, lasting and beautiful furniture has been met.

—KALTEX, which is finished in soft, pleasing colors and upholstered with cretonne and tapestry, will add that graceful and harmonious touch of dignified elegance to YOUR HOME.

—So essentially different in itself is KALTEX, that a surprising richness is added to your other furniture—the Walls, the Draperies, the Carpets. Look over the extra fine selection of KALTEX, which is on display now at "The Store of a Million Friends"—TWO BLOCKS NORTH OF WASHINGTON.

What's the Cost? Just a Mere Trifle! Look 'Em Over Below!

—Nifty Chair and Rocker to match, strong wood frame—KALTEX wrapped, upholstered seat and back. Each at..... **$9.50**

—Ivory Arm Chair, spring cushion seat, tapestry upholstered, braided KALTEX trimming on back and arms. This one for..... **$20.00**

—Chair, with broad arms, loose cushion and back, upholstered with beautiful cretonne, shaded brown ivory finish, at..... **$22.75**

—Round Library Table in ivory, plain top, braided edge, wrapped legs and braided edge fern shelf..... **$18.75**

—Lustered Ivory (shaded brown) Arm Rocker, with waive-top back, loose cushion and back of tapestry-figured cretonne, at..... **$24.50**

—Library Table in ivory, 24x36-inch top, braided KALTEX edge, "cris-crossed" and wrapped legs. This is a peach for only..... **$26.50**

—Here's an especially nifty KALTEX Rocker in glossy brown. Loose cushion and back are of good weight tapestry; coil-spring seat..... **$13.50**

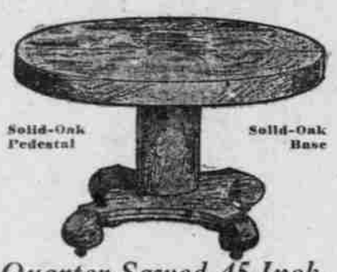
—KALTEX Brown Chair and Rocker, with broad arms, medium high back, coil-spring seats. Cretonne upholstered. Each at..... **$16.50**

—Combination Library Table and Writing Desk, quarter-sawed oak top, magazine shelves and front drawer, braided KALTEX edges..... **$26.00**

—Brown KALTEX Reading Rocker has magazine pocket, loose cushion and back, upholstered in tapestry, at..... **$17.75**

—Big Library Rocker, high back, broad arms and loose cushion in tapestry. Yours for..... **$28.50**

—52-inch Settee, with eight legs, upholstered back and three loose cushions of flower-strewn cretonne..... **$49.50**



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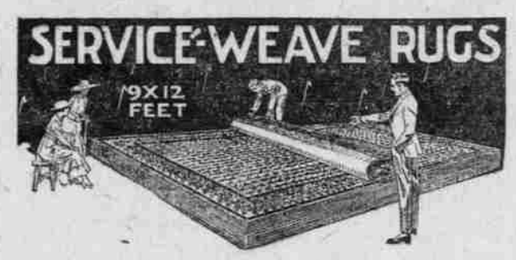

De Luxe Axminster 9x12 Rugs!—Take Your Pick **$32.65**

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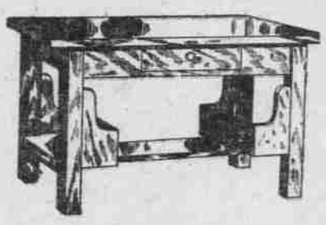
—Just as practical as they are beautiful and just as durable as they are inexpensive. Present day designs and colors demand the avoiding of strong contrasts. Soft browns and tans, such as the practical housewife calls "Good Wearing Colors," are on display.



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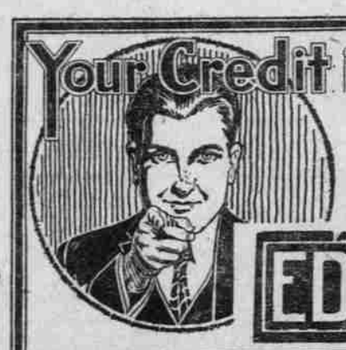

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FIFTH AND OAK STREETS

Albany Schools Bar German.

ALBANY, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—By unanimous vote at a special meeting today, the Albany School Board abolished the teaching of the German language in the local schools. The German Lutheran Parochial School in this city also announced today that it would discontinue the teaching of German.

College President Indorsed.

DALLAS, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—Pomona Grange, of Polk County, in session at Oak Grove today, indorsed by resolution the administration of President Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College, and commended the Board of Regents for the steps taken to retain Dr. Kerr at the head of that institution.

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