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Germans Get Foothold After Stupendous All-Day Effort.

EXPECT NEW DRIVE AT DOUAUMONT

Berlin Claims Fresh Advance Toward Esnes from Malancourt.

London, March 22.—Against the stiffening resistance of the French, the German flanking attack west of the Meuse has apparently been checked. All day the Germans attempted to debouch from the Avocourt wood, captured yesterday, in the direction of Esnes, only to be hurled back by the barrier of fire which General Petain had drawn across the front of the wood.

As the sum of the day's stupendous efforts Paris admits only the loss of the small hill of Haucourt, little more than half a mile southeast of Malancourt. Insignificant in itself, the Germans are thus given an additional grip on Malancourt, and through it on Le Mort Homme.

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By FRANCIS W. HIRST.
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London, March 22.—The money market is firm under the tax-gatherers' screw. The stock market is curiously cheerful. I judge from last night's "Westminster Gazette" and other signs that official sentiment is gradually being converted to the possibility of a satisfactory peace settlement in the not far distant future.

There was a hopeful sentence in Premier Asquith's last speech, but M. Ribot, the French Finance Minister, went even further on Friday night, for he said: "It is permissible, without boasting, without vain optimism, to perceive the end of this horrible war."

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This view has undoubtedly found its way to the Stock Exchange. A well known jobber told me to-day that honorable peace was not only desired, but expected, and certainly prices in some markets appear to reflect an optimism which expenditure, debt and impending taxation would not account for.

I hear from neutral visitors that Berlin is very shabby, but stubborn, and Vienna bright and lively, but tired of war.

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The autopsy was performed at Grand Rapids at the request of Percy Peck, a son, by Dr. Victor C. Vaughn, of the University of Michigan. Another examination of the brain will be made to-day by Dr. Otto Schultze, medical examiner to District Attorney Swann, to determine whether the drug was administered before death.

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CANO JOINS VILLA, EL PASO HEARS

Mexican Ambassador Said to Be Ready to Leave Post.

El Paso, Tex., March 22.—A report received to-night says that Colonel Cano, who was reported by Carranzas on Monday as fighting Villa near Namiquipa, joined the bandit leader after a parley with him in which Villa informed him that they should join hands to fight off "the foreign invaders."

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