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ENEMY MAKES SLOW PROGRESS IN ATTACK

BRITISH HOLDING, UNDER SEVERE PRESSURE—GREAT GAS ATTACK BY CANUCKS

BATTLE ON WESTERN FRONT IS SOMETHING UNPRECEDENTED

News from Battlefront More Cheerful—British now in New Positions and "Immovable"—Germans Threw over a Million Men Against British Line, Causing Withdrawal at Certain Places

BRITISH AVIATORS WORK GREAT HAVOC

Critical Period in Fight, the British Aviators Massacre German Infantry with Machine Guns—British Losses Heavy, but German Casualties Near Half a Million

(Special to The Daily News)
London, March 25. (Official)—The fighting continued on the whole line, and the whole, the news is more cheerful. After a bitter struggle the British are now holding new positions, after pushing the Germans back. Fierce fighting is in progress north of Peronne, the British have been obliged to withdraw in places against tremendous masses of grey uniforms sweeping down in the British line. The British retired to new positions foot by foot, fighting fiercely and contesting inch of the way. To the north of Peronne, the enemy crossed the river Somme at some point.

The situation is now more clear-favouring the Allies. Our army working like a perfect machine, repulsing the enemy with appalling losses.

Huge Casualties.
In the first two days of the offensive, the casualties were 225,000, which includes killed, wounded and missing. The British suffered by the Germans probably two to one of the allies. In the last stage of the battle the Huns had over a million engaged, opposite the British line, which is half of the total troops at present on the Western front.

In Desperation.
London, March 25.—The German plans of the offensive which have been captured from the prisoners, show that the success obtained by Hindenburg has fallen far short of the objectives. One captured airman said that the enemy grand offensive was undertaken in desperation, as an immediate peace for Fatherland is vital. Meanwhile the British Headquarters remains confident and satisfied. The British withdrawal during the terrific fighting, and the success they put up under the extraordinary conditions is regarded as the greatest feat in history.

Paris Shelled.
London, March 25.—Paris has been shelled by the monster gun which has been located. It is situated in the forest of the dense forest of Laon, some seventy-six miles distant from the Paris Hotel de Ville. The report states that the bombardment of Paris has been resumed.

Berlin's Hopes.
London, March 25.—A report has been issued by the Berlin Wolfe Bureau by wireless to the effect that the German armies have captured the towns of Peronne and Ham, and have taken some thirty thousand British prisoners.

A Call to the Blood.
Chicago, March 25.—A call to British blood was sounded here on Saturday by the British recruiting officers, as the result of the German drive. They appealed to all British overseas and Canadian subjects living in the United States to take up arms against the "Demon who is gripping at the throat of all that is worth while in life."

British Immovable.
London, March 25.—General Haig reports that the British line is immovable from Peronne to the Somme. The exact British line has not been made public at present, and the only reason is that it might furnish the enemy with valuable information. The fiercest fighting of the first two days of the enemy attack took place between the Canal du Nord and Croisilles, where the British line was penetrated for some distance. Severe fighting took place at St. Leger, some three or four miles behind the former British line, while the Germans en masse forced their way into St. Mory, some fifteen miles south of Arras, and four miles back of the British line. They were driven out of St. Mory by a strong counter attack, and a large party of the Germans surrounded.

Aeroplane Execution.
The skies were thick with aeroplanes, although for the first two days the weather was cold and bleak, and a heavy mist made the air reconnaissance difficult. This was advantageous to the British at first, as the enemy was deprived of greatly needed aerial observation. The British machines have reported colossal slaughter of the grey coated masses of the enemy infantry at one of the most critical periods of the attack. They expended great quantities of ammunition with terrible effect from their machine guns, and had to return many times for more.

The Decisive Battle.
London, March 23.—The British press and the public have unanimously placed the battle on the Western front as the one that decides the war. An atmosphere of quiet confidence prevails. Military experts are satisfied that the enemy will be held; the defence being amazingly stubborn against the tremendous strength of the Huns. The losses known to have been inflicted upon the at-

tacking forces are already beyond description. The British forces holding positions west of St. Quentin have fallen back slightly to prepare defensive positions. The guns of the British artillery are stationed every few yards, while the fighting today continues to be of the greatest intensity, particularly in the two sectors north-west of Cambrai, and about Bullecourt, while Hargicourt is the southern centre.

Wilhelm Commands
The Emperor Wilhelm is in command personally of his forces on the Western front, and he has witnessed the terrific carnage, brought about by Hindenburg's boast that he would be in Paris by the first of April. Already the claims sent out by Berlin credit the attacking Germans with 25,000 British prisoners and four hundred guns and three hundred machine guns.

VANCOUVER DEFEATS TORONTO AT HOCKEY

(Special to The Daily News)
Toronto, March 23.—By a score of 6 to 4, Vancouver defeated Toronto in the second game of the Stanley Cup series this evening. The Vancouver team showed a marked superiority over the N.H.L. champions. The game was played under Western rules.

THE POLICE COURT.

There was a galaxy of cases at the Police Court this morning before Magistrate Carss. There were nine cases of drunkenness, and infringements of the Prohibition Act, one charge of theft and one of assault. Robert Marshall was fined \$10; Tom Guthrie \$10; Mrs. Maynard \$35 or 25 days imprisonment; Mary Douglas, an Indian, \$10 or 10 days imprisonment; Mrs. Kennedy \$50 or 60 days imprisonment; Joe Petrin \$10; Wm. Menner \$50 or 60 days imprisonment for supplying, while the case of Wm. Atkinson was adjourned until the 26th. The charge of assault against Geo. James was also adjourned until tomorrow.

Harry Engle was committed for trial, the charge against him being the theft of a watch valued at \$60, from the store of Messrs. Bulger and Denike on Saturday night. The evidence led showed that the accused, with two companions, were in the store on Saturday night, and after they had gone a \$60 watch was missing. On the apprehension of the three men by Constable Bailey immediately thereafter, the constable's evidence was that the accused dropped the watch in the snow on the street. The prisoner comes from across the line, and has been working up river.

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CECIL CLAYTON HAS AN EXCITING TIME

Mr. Cecil Clayton, son of Mr. Charles Clayton, and nephew of 'Doc' Clayton, late of this city, has many friends here who will be pleased to know that he is still going strong. He is now instructor in the art of flying a seaplane, and is taking out cadets regularly. Recently in company with another seaplane, he was on the German side of the North Sea, looking for submarines, when the two British machines fell in with five Germans. There was a lively scrap while it lasted, and Cecil got in touch with the enemy first, before his companion could come up. He managed to down one of the Hun machines, and crippled another badly, before the remainder turned and fled, with the British machines in pursuit. On this occasion, the British machines were seven hours in the air. The curious part of this encounter was that when the German machine fell, the other British machine thought it was Cecil, and upon reaching home first reported his loss.

ENEMY THREATENS HARDER TERMS ON THE ROUMANIANS

Washington, March 22.—Germany has threatened to impose still heavier terms of peace upon Roumania unless that country agrees to those already proposed, the state department was informed yesterday in a delayed telegram of Ambassador Francis. Field Marshal Mackensen of the German army informed the Roumanians. The ambassador reports that of the alternative. Germany had started the expulsion of Roumanians displeasing to her officials and that von Mackensen was attempting to dictate the personnel of the Roumanian Cabinet.

GERMANY GIVES HOLLAND WARNING

London, March 22.—Dispatches from The Hague report that a local newsagency says that Germany considers her relations with Holland altered by the attitude of the Dutch government toward the Entente and the United States and publishes a report that the abandonment of the Dutch government of the remaining restrictive clauses in its shipping loan terms would be regarded by Germany as cause for war.

THE CRADLE.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hale, of 1219 Eighth Avenue, at the Prince Rupert General Hospital on March 24, a son.

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CANADIANS LAUNCH GAS ATTACK ON THE LARGEST SCALE YET ATTEMPTED

(Special to The Daily News)
London, March 25.—Yesterday morning, the Canadian troops, who are holding the line immediately north to the sectors on which the Germans have started their offensive, launched the greatest gas attack in the history of the war. The scene of the operation was between Lens and Hill seventy-five thousand drums of the deadly vapor were released simultaneously.

LOGGER KILLED ON THE ISLANDS

The launch Della C. arrived in port late on Friday night bearing the body of William Thompson, of Vancouver. He had been engaged in logging near Masset, and in the course of falling a spruce log, a loose limb fell from aloft and struck him right on the neck, almost severing the head from the body. Provincial constable Emmot accompanied the body here, and the launch had a trying experience in making the passage through the snow showers which have been blowing up recently. The deceased man belonged to Vancouver, whether the remains will be forwarded by the B. C. Undertakers here.

WILL INSIST THAT DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL BECOMES LAW

Ottawa, March 23.—No definite time is fixed for the coming into effect of the daylight savings bill. The act, which has been printed for distribution, states that its provisions will be in force in each year during such time as may be prescribed by the governor-in-council. The expectation is that the time will be the same as in the United States. While it is expected that many members of the house will declare themselves against the measure, more particularly those representing rural constituencies, the government will on this occasion insist upon the act becoming law. The bill gives the railway board power to advance by one hour the standard time used by the railways of Canada for such period as may be prescribed by the board.

GERMAN RAIDER HAS BEEN CAUGHT IN THE PACIFIC

A Pacific Port, March 22.—A German raider operating in the Pacific ocean has been captured by an American cruiser and is now being towed to this port, according to a report received here today.

The raider is said to be small vessel, but capable of sinking any merchant ship in the Pacific. It is alleged to have been outfitted from the west coast of Mexico, and manned by a German crew. The manner in which it secured clearance papers is not yet known. It is said an investigation into this aspect is being conducted by department of justice agents.

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cously. Nine minutes later, the artillery opened a terrific bombardment, which did great havoc among the surprised Germans. The whole front was lit up, and the casualties suffered by the enemy was enormous. Everything points to the assumption of the offensive by the Allied forces on the other portions of the line, when the battle will be joined with the greatest activity from the coast to the Alps.

TROTSKY REQUESTS CO-OPERATION OF ALLIES WITH RUSSIA

Moscow, March 23.—The Bolshevik papers charge that the reports of the menace of armed German and Austrian prisoners in Siberia is part of the Government propaganda to discredit the Soviet government and to encourage Japanese intervention. M. Trotsky has also asked the American military mission for ten American officers to assist him as inspectors in organizing and training a new volunteer army and has requested the services of American railway engineers and transportation experts to assist in the reorganization of the railways. He has also asked for American railway equipment in the way of locomotives and cars. There has been a marked change in the attitude of the Allies toward the Soviet government. The entente missions are no longer rushing away from Russia. The English, French, Americans, Italians and Serbians now have military missions in Moscow and they are taking quarters, as they expect to remain. There are many signs of renewed co-operation between Russia and the Allies.

THE POLICE COURT

At the Police Court on Saturday morning, D. Zarrelli was fined the sum of \$10.00 for breach of the closing hours Bylaw, inasmuch as he kept his pool room open after 1 a.m.

John Berger was also fined \$10 for trespass, while there was one drunk who was also fined \$10.00.

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