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## BRITISH COUNTER ATTACKS BRING GAINS

### DEFENCE STIFFENS—FURTHER ENEMY PROGRESS HELD—HUN ATTACK SMASHED

#### BRITISH COUNTER ATTACK REGAINS PART OF GROUND LOST: ALBERT EVACUATED

ENEMY ADVANCE IS CHECKED DEFINITELY IN THE SOMME REGION BY BRITISH DEFENCE, WHICH GROWS STRONGER EACH HOUR—FRENCH TROOPS BREAK UP GERMAN ATTACKS IN THE OISE VALLEY.

(Special to The Daily News)  
London, March 28.—The British delivered a counter attack to-day between the angle of the Ancre and the Somme, recapturing Morancourt, and Chippilly, according to an announcement made by the War Office this evening. These villages lie immediately south of the town of Albert, and west of Bray-sur-Somme. The town of Albert itself has been evacuated by the British, who however, are strongly posted upon the railway bankment immediately west of the town, and are maintaining their positions. Other counter attacks have also been made north and south of the Somme, where further ground has been regained, and the Germans driven back at various points. The British are standing firm along the front, which appears to be the strongest they have occupied since the battle began.

against the new British line south of the Somme. It was repulsed after severe fighting, the War Office announces. In consequence of attacks yesterday afternoon and evening astride the Somme, the British troops were forced back for a short distance in the region of Bray.

**Seventy German Divisions**  
London, March 28.—The official British statement yesterday said that it has been established that more than seventy divisions of German troops have been engaged in the battle lasting for the past week. The usual estimate of the present strength of a German division is twelve thousand men, so that the loss of fifty per cent would mean casualties in excess of four hundred thousand men for the Germans in less than a week of fighting.

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#### MANY CANADIANS WERE IN THICK OF THE STRUGGLE VERY FEW CASUALTIES

(Special to The Daily News)  
Ottawa, March 28.—In the cable message given out at the Prime Minister's office, Roland Hill states in the stupendous gun duel, which was the prelude to the greatest of all battles which is raging between the rivers of the Somme and Oise, the Canadians did their part. The forces of

the Canadians which were engaged consisted of railway construction troops, horse artillery, and motor machine gun batteries which were in the thick of the great struggle.

The casualties among these Canadian forces were very light, and the losses sustained are not worth considering, in view of the good work they put in.

#### HUNS ARE ADVANCING ON MOSCOW IN THREE LINES

(Special to The Daily News)  
Moscow, March 27. (by the Associated Press).—Notwithstanding that peace with Germany has been ratified by the congress of plenipotentiaries and soldiers' delegates in Russia, the evacuation of the city is continuing, and the German advance in Russia is continuing. The evacuation of the city is continuing, and the German advance in Russia is continuing.

Pte. Harris, late of Prince Rupert and Bella Coola writing from England the other day voices his desire to again eat a piece of Rupert halibut or salmon. Fish is only available there on Fridays, and it is not so good there as in Prince Rupert. The cafes serve tea and coffee without sugar, and their patrons have to bring their own if they want it. Pte. Harris thinks that the allies have something up their sleeve for the Germans this spring, and that everybody over there is quite confident that the allies can beat the Huns.

Intimation has been received by Chief Vickers of the murder of Mrs. Rachael Levine at McCarthy, Alaska. McCarthy is near Cordova. Mrs. Levine was a former resident of Prince Rupert, being married here some three years ago, before she left for the North.

At the Police Court this morning before Magistrate Cars, D. Zarrelli was fined \$15 for a breach of the closing hours Bylaw, this being his second offence. E. W. Grundy was also fined \$15 for using obscene language.

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#### TRENCHES WERE WIPED OUT BY HIGH EXPLOSIVES

Artillery Preparation Described as the Greatest Ever Experienced—British Guns drenched with Gas

London, March 27.—The artillery preparations of the Germans in the drive against the British lines which is now in progress is described by those who took part in it as the most violent they ever endured, according to the Daily Mail's correspondent on the British front.

"The thing that stands out characteristic of the fighting up to the present," says the correspondent, "is that we did so well under the difficult impact."

**Gun Every Few Yards.**  
Continuing, the correspondent says: "On one corps front there was a gun every few yards. The strength of the mortars which the enemy brought up in such great numbers, sent over such an overwhelming weight of iron and high explosives that in most parts of the front, wire ceased to be an obstacle and trenches were obliterated. At the same time all of our known battery positions were drenched with gas, but their gas shells failed to reach all of our batteries. At one point where the Germans found our wire unbroken they set to work with scissors until they had made a way through, an incident reminiscent of the methods of fighting inculcated by Frederick the Great. All of this was done under our machine guns."

"A curious fact reported by our airmen was that the Germans composing the special assault divisions wore new uniforms."

**British Airmen Effective.**  
"Our flying corps did their very best work despite adverse winds. One of our men in the early morning reconnaissance spotted several thousand Germans moving westward south of Bullecourt, and another reported three thousand of the enemy in a sunken road in this area, waiting to advance."

"Few enemy machines were seen and they mostly flew low, peppering our trenches with their machine guns. This is the first battle where the British gunners had to serve their guns in gas

#### HIGH SCHOOL GIVE SPLENDID CONCERT IN EMPRESS THEATRE

What is possibly one of the most finished and accomplished performances upon the concert platform was given last evening in the Empress Theatre by the students of the Prince Rupert High School. The different items on the programme were rendered in a manner superlative, and Mr. J. C. Brady, the principal, has every reason to be proud of his pupils.

There were choruses, three in number, which could not be excelled in attack, interpretation and general effect, and the dramatic numbers were superb. The manner in which the climax was attained in these could not be excelled. A display of gymnastics by a team of the girl students was very prettily done. Among the other outstanding numbers was a solo dance by Miss Muriel Patmore, which was a thing of beauty, and a violin solo duet by Messrs. M. Syrotuck and W. Murphy. Harvey's orchestra also rendered two overtures during the evening.

The theatre was filled to overflowing by a most appreciative audience, who one and all enjoyed the performance thoroughly.

The proceeds of the concert, which will be well over \$150, will be devoted to patriotic purposes. The necessary expenses of the production have been few, thanks to Bro. Moody who gave the use of the Theatre to the Students free, and also to Harvey's Orchestra who likewise contributed their services without charge, for which the High School Students feel grateful.

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masks and it was a difficult task. Fortunately, practices with gas masks have been taking place frequently for an hour daily. I found everyone I saw pretty confident. At first they did have a hard job to meet the masses of Germans who came on in denser formation than ever before, yet all reports show that they fought magnificently."

#### FRENCH TROOPS BREAK UP STRONG GERMAN ATTACKS IN VALLEY OF OISE

FRESH DIVISIONS OF GERMANS THROWN AGAINST FRENCH LINES EAST OF MONT DIDIER WITH BUT LITTLE SUCCESS—ASSAULTS REPULSED SEVERAL TIMES—OTHER ATTACKS BROKEN UP.

(Special to The Daily News)  
Paris, March 28.—With many fresh divisions, the Germans attacking the French lines east of Mont-Didier, and although the assaults were repulsed several times, the enemy succeeded in making some little advance. Mont-Didier is some ten miles west of Roye, where the War Office announce that the French troops have taken up new positions. The enemy also made several powerful attacks around Noyon and Lassigny, which were broken up with great losses being inflicted upon the attacking forces.

**The Drive Fails.**  
Paris, March 28.—Premier Clemenceau has declared that France may now be certain that the enemy drive has failed, according to the latest news which he has received from the front.

**Heavy Casualties.**  
London, March 28.—The British forces in France are not only offering strong resistance to the heavy enemy attacks both north

and south of the river Somme, but have carried out numerous counter attacks, resulting in the regaining of the crest of the ridge, and driving back the Germans at several points. The report from Field Marshal Haig declares that in the operations, exceedingly heavy casualties were inflicted upon the enemy. In the north, the enemy has been definitely checked and in the south, where his latest and most important gains have been made, he has been unable to push west of Roye and Noyon. The British line from the Scarpe river southwest through Albert to the Somme has held fast for twenty-four hours, and the Germans have been repulsed in local attacks along this sector.

**Situation Improved.**  
London, March 28.—Field Marshal Haig's latest reports have greatly raised the spirit of the public and the newspapers. Although uttering a note of warning that all danger has not passed, the newspapers consider that the situation is much improved.

#### GERMANY IS PREPARING FOR ALLIED OFFENSIVE

#### SERGEANT J. H. KELLY WINS MILITARY MEDAL

(Special to The Daily News)  
Washington, March 28.—Official French dispatches received here today state that the newspapers in Germany are preparing the people for a Franco-British offensive. The entry of a powerful army of reserves, which the allies have kept in readiness and have not yet used during the past week, is forecasted. The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger publishes a dispatch received from the front declaring that the British forces, during their retreat, saved their entire complement of heavy artillery.

**London Bombardment Coming**  
London, March 28.—General von Rohe, a German authority on Ordnance, states that the bombardment of Paris, which happened last week, is merely in the nature of a trial for the guns, which are really intended to bombard London.

Word was received in town some time ago that Sergeant J. H. Kelly, of Prince Rupert had won the Military Medal, and only the other day the details came through At the fight for Paschendaele Ridge, volunteers were called for the building of a light railway in order to carry up supplies of ammunition for the heavy British guns. The men constructing this light railway would be under fire, all the time, as the job was a dangerous one. A hundred men were required for the work, and although they had several casualties they managed to finish the building of the new line of track in record time.

Sergeant Kelly received a letter of congratulation from the Commanding Officer, and also the Military Medal in recognition of this share in the arduous duty which fell to him.

Building railroad tracks in the face of the enemy fire is no simple matter, and the feat of creating a record on this occasion over rough, broken and fireswept ground and having all the other difficulties of the front line to contend with, is no mean one.

A brother of Mrs. Kelly, Pte. R. Falconer, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, also received the Military Medal for bravery on the field.

#### WEDDING BELLS.

The ceremony of marriage was celebrated last evening at 5.30 p. m. in the Baptist Church by the Rev. W. W. Wright. The high contracting parties were Mr. Gustavus Strompahl, and Miss Jeffy Banks. Mr. Strompahl is engineer on the "Kelly" and the bride is the sister of Mrs. Joe. Gay.

The wedding was a quiet one, only the immediate friends of the bride and groom present. The newly married couple will take up their residence on Eighth Avenue.

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**VANCOUVER LOSES  
THIRD HOCKEY GAME**

Toronto, March 28.—Toronto took the lead over Vancouver last night in the World's Hockey series. Last night's score resulted in the Eastern team winning by 6 to 3. This third game was played under Eastern rules. Toronto is a two to one favorite to win the series.

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