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## ALLIES ARE ON HEELS OF GERMANS YET

### HUNS LAY WHOLE COUNTRY WASTE AS THEY RETIRE—MANIA FOR DESTRUCTION

#### ADVANCE BY THE BRITISH CONTINUES

Gales and Rainstorms Hampering Germans in Their Retreat and Allies in Their Forward Move.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 21.—The British are still pursuing the retreating Germans and are dogging the heels of the retiring foe. The whole country vacated by the Germans has been systematically looted and anything that could not be carried away was destroyed. The church of St. Jean, which is a historic edifice, is now a mass of ruins. As a building it was of no military value, but was wantonly destroyed.

#### Peronne Vacated.

The Germans have been finally cleaned out of Peronne. Every house was a fort and every street corner a nest of machine guns. Small parties of Germans were left in the town to occupy the attention of the advancing British, and street fighting of a merciless nature was engaged in. No prisoners were taken. The German retreat has perceptibly slowed up, which may be accounted for by the stormy weather. Cold winds blowing a gale and severe rainstorms are hampering the retreating Germans very much, and of course the pursuing Allies have to face the same conditions. Notwithstanding the adverse conditions the British have made considerable progress and forty more villages have been cleared of the Germans and now remain in the hands of the Allies.

#### French Front.

Paris, March 21.—In the gigantic drive extending from Chalnes to Oise, the French have wrested over one hundred square miles from the Germans by continuous fighting. The retreating enemy has laid the surrounding country waste. Released from the comparative inactivity of trench warfare, the French soldiers welcome the change to the open country and are sweeping jubilantly onward. The whole land is filled with pursuing squads.

#### ITALIAN FRONT

Beyond artillery bombardments which are unceasing, quiet prevails.

#### MESOPOTAMIA

Little news is coming through of the progress of the army under General Maude. The Russians have made further progress to the east and are driving the Turks in a northwesterly direction.

#### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

(Special to The Daily News.)

The United States are preparing to officially recognize the new Russian government when it formulates.

The Yarrowdale prisoners are now on their way through France to Barcelona, en route home.

New French war cabinet has been formed. Andree Ribot is the new Premier.

Rumors of revolution in Germany are spreading.

The chief of police in Vancouver is said to have been shot yesterday when making an arrest.

#### LONDON CAFE AND GRILL

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BOXES FOR LADIES

#### ATROCITIES IN ARMENIA

By Viscount Bryce, former ambassador to the United States. The slaughter of between seven and eight hundred thousand Armenians by the Turks since the beginning of the war reveals the Armenians quite as much martyrs to Christianity as any of the early Christians who died in Nero's arena. Many thousands have died for their Christian faith when they could have saved their lives by renouncing it.

This has perhaps not been realized even by those who in Europe or America have read of and been horrified by the wholesale slaughter and hideous cruelties by which half of an ancient nation has been exterminated. They can hardly understand how there should be religious persecution in our time; so let me try to explain the facts.

#### Political Plot.

It was not religious fanaticism that led the present rulers of Turkey to seek to root out Christianity. So far from being fanatics most of these men, though nominally Mohammedans, have no religion whatever. Their aim was political. They wanted to make the whole Turkish Empire Mohammedan in order to make it uniform, with only one creed and no differences between one class of subjects and another. They saw that the Christian part of the population suffering under constant oppressions and cruelties, continued to turn its eyes westward and hope for some redress from the Christian nations; so they determined to eliminate Christianity altogether.

#### Given to Officers.

During these recent massacres whenever any Christian would turn Mohammedan his life was spared. It was only as a Christian that he was killed. Many a Christian child was torn from its parents to be brought up as a Mussulman. Thousands of Armenian Christian girls were sold in the market or distributed among Turkish officers to be imprisoned for life in Turkish harems and there forced into Mohammedanism. But many more thousands of Armenians, women as well as men, were offered their choice between Christ and Mohammed and when they refused Mohammed were shot or drowned forthwith. For days and days together the bodies of Christian women who had thus perished, were seen floating down the Euphrates.

#### BASKET GAME

Last evening's basketball game between the Intermediate Tigers and the Boys Own ended in a decisive win for the latter. From the very start the play was fast, although there was some wild shooting on both sides. At half time the game stood 12-10 in favor of the Boys. Immediately at the opening of the second half, the Boys began to increase their lead. The Tigers rallied nobly, but were unable to gain. During the last half the fine shooting of Ed. Smith and W. Blythe was very marked. When the final whistle sounded the score stood 32-22 in favor of the Boys Own.

The lineup of the teams was as follows: Boys own Club—Currie, centre; Mitchell, left; Smith, right; Ransom and Morrow, backs. Tigers—Smart, centre; Murphy, left; Blythe, right; Craggs and Poole, backs.

Mr. Carmichael refereed the first half and Jim Murphy the second. This makes a game each for these teams and the deciding game to be played next Tuesday should be an exciting one.

Mr. Jesse Brooks, of Usk, is paying Prince Rupert a visit. Mr. Brooks is a mining man.



#### BRITISH VICTORIOUS ON THE SOMME

This map shows the battle-line at the beginning of the German withdrawal.

#### 'RUTHLESSNESS' IS STILL THE ORDER

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 21.—Two out of five Belgian relief ships have been attacked by German submarines. The steamers carried the distinguishing marks of the Relief Committee and their description was known to the Germans. In addition to this they carried a "safe conduct" granted by the German government. The destroyed ships' boats were shelled by the submarine and all the occupants were killed. On the other ship that was sunk, seven of the crew were killed, also notwithstanding the German "safe conduct." The value placed upon a German pledge is now no more than it was at the beginning of the war.

#### TROUBLE IN FINLAND

(Special to The Daily News.)

Stockholm, March 21.—The revolution of the Russian people against the Bureaucrats has been finally successful in Finland. Fighting in Helsingfors has continued over the weekend and riots have been common in the city. The garrison at Sveaborg, the fortress defending the port, finally joined with the popular cause and the joint efforts were successful in overcoming all resistance. Admiral Joeton and fourteen officers aboard the warships in the harbor have been killed.

#### NEW WELLINGTON GOAL.

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#### RUSSIA REBUILDING POLITICAL EDIFICE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, March 21.—Foreign Minister Miliukoff in a great speech yesterday declared that the provisional government which controls the destiny of Russia, will use every energy with the unanimous consent of the nation, to effect a speedy victory. The problems now confronting the new government are immense. Her whole political edifice will require rebuilding, and in doing so, Russia will enormously strengthen her moral forces to organize and to obtain that victory. The foreign minister stated that the Grand Duke Nicholas had cemented his alliance with the people of Russia, when he induced the Czar to abdicate the throne. The Grand Duke has always been of a democratic opinion and when his action became known to the people, his standing with the nation was assured.

#### ITS A LONG, LONG WAY

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 21.—In a speech here today, Austin Chamberlain, Director of National Service, declared that the nation should not be too optimistic regarding the break up of the German front. "The German retreat will cease soon," he said. "It's a long way from Bapaume to Berlin. There will be much more hard fighting. Its no use blinding ourselves with one victory. We've got to see it through."

#### HAD TO STOP TRAINS BECAUSE OF MOOSE

British Columbia has evolved a new way of hunting moose, namely, by snow plough and by passenger train. In one day a few weeks ago train No. 2, running on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, near Tete Jaune Cache, killed two of the great-antlered monsters, and lost over an hour in trying to avoid killing more.

This is not a traveller's yarn, but is solemnly recorded on the files of the chief game warden's office in correspondence passing between the department and Superintendent J. D. Kirkpatrick, in whose division of the railroad the happenings occurred. And the superintendent goes further; he complains to the department that a great many times the trains in the McBride division these days have had to be stopped in order that the train crews can drive the moose off the right-of-way.

The explanation of the occurrences is twofold. The first is due to the heavy snowfall in the north this year which is making it hard travelling for the big game. The second is due to the work of the railway officials in keeping open the transcontinental line with snow ploughs. The railway track is about the only bit of easy travelling in the district these days, and, well, what would you do yourself if you were a moose?

One of the Grand Trunk snow ploughs operating between Rooney and Hansard killed a moose which was ploughing through the snowdrifts in a contrary direction to the snow plough. The trouble with the moose is that they do not understand that the great shrieking monster which pursues them can not leave the tracks. In their own fear they are afraid to leave the open track for the snowdrifts or the protecting forests nearby. They keep on ahead of the engine until, as in the case of No. 2 train on February 6, they grow tired, and then with true bull moose courage, turn and charge the oncoming engine. It was after the second killing that the crew of No. 2 decided they would have to go slow to give the noble animals a chance for life.

The McBride district, which lies between Fort George and Tete Jaune Cache, east of the Great Canyon of the Upper Fraser, is now regarded as the great moose and bear country of the province. More big game parties went in there last year than there were guides to attend them and some extra guides are to be supplied this year. Two of the new guides—men who had been there fifteen years ago, but had moved away to the Cariboo district—report that the increase in the moose herds since they were in the country first is tremendous.

#### RESULTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY MATCH

The result of the championship hockey match played in Seattle yesterday between the Canadiens N. H. A. champions and the Seattle team, P. C. H. A. champions, resulted in a win for Seattle. The final result was 6-1 in favor of the southerners.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the St. Andrew's Society will hold an informal dance on April 2nd, in the Railwayman's Hall, Westholme orchestra, and refreshments. Admission 50c. Surplus for the Patriotic Fund. 62-6-9-72-5

Mr. Archie Watt, the G. T. P. locomotive superintendent, left on this morning's train for Jasper. Some new big engines coming to Rupert?

#### WASHINGTON ADMITS GRAVE SITUATION

Sinking of the Three American Merchantmen is Held to be Causus Belli—Relief Ships are Sunk.

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, March 21.—Washington admits that the situation with respect to the participation of the United States in the war is graver than ever it has been previously. High officials state that the United States government is in communication with Great Britain and evolving a system whereby it will be possible for adequate protection to be given to all merchantmen crossing the Atlantic from the German submarine menace. This, it is said, would be a matter for the United States to arrange for herself unless she intended taking active part in the war. Britain already has enough to do protecting her own mercantile marine, and help to the United States could only be given as an ally. A declaration of war is looked for at any time.

#### WITHOUT WARNING

London, March 21.—One of the American vessels, the Valencia, sunk by German submarines received no warning till a torpedo blew a hole in her side. The survivors were adrift from Friday morning till Sunday afternoon in an open boat. Their sufferings were great and all the rescued are weak from exposure to the cold and wet. The submarine commander refused their request to tow them within sight of land.

#### MORE STEAMERS SUNK

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, March 21.—The Norwegian steamer "Collingwood" has been sunk by a German submarine. The Collingwood was unarmed and made no attempt to attack the submarine. The master and crew of this ship allege that the commander and crew of the submarine were drunk. They were talking of sinking a French ship only two hours earlier. This vessel, the "Jules Gomez", carried as part of her cargo a quantity of champagne and cognac, and this was looted by the submarine crew before sinking the ship.

The regular meeting of the Helping Hand Society will be held at the residence of Mrs. L. W. Reilly on Wednesday, March 21 at 8 p. m. All members are requested to attend. 68

Mr. Wm. Keith, of the Forestry Battalion who was expected to return on this morning's boat, will not be up for a day or two yet.

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