

THE DAILY NEWS

DEFEAT OF THE TURKS NEAR JERUSALEM

AUSTRIANS AND GERMANS AMONG PRISONERS TAKEN--MANY TURKS CAPTURED

GREAT DEFEAT OF THE TURKS IN PALESTINE

Many Prisoners Taken and Heavy Casualties are Inflicted Upon the Enemy—Much War Material Taken.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, March 30.—An official report from the Egyptian expeditionary force is published here today stating that a Turkish force numbering about twenty thousand has been completely defeated. The scene of this latest battle is near to Gaza, which lies about 48 miles to the southwest of Jerusalem. Very heavy casualties were inflicted upon the enemy.

The British troops took nine hundred prisoners among whom were the General and Divisional staff of the 53rd Turkish division. The staff included four Austrian officers, and thirty-four other Austrians and Germans, which shows that there must have been some element of surprise in the attack. Two four-inch howitzers were also taken. Full details are lacking.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE NOW GRANTED IN BRITAIN

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, March 30.—In the British House of Commons this week the franchise has been issued to the British women. The women of Great Britain have fought long and hard to get the vote. They have fought in very many different methods, from argument and coaxing to vandalism, and at last they have won their desired point. That the women have proved themselves worthy of having a say in the country's affairs has been shown in the manner in which they have proved their capabilities in the war work. That this vexed question is now settled will be a cause of satisfaction to everyone.

MORE MEN FOR THE ARMY

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, March 30.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Bonar Law, has introduced a re-examination bill into the British Parliament. Under its provisions it is proposed to re-examine all men of military age who have been previously rejected, as unfit for military service. It is expected that this bill will affect a million men. More men are required for the army in France to make up the wastage and to fill up the reserve battalions. Men who have been rejected previously will be taken on for non-combatant service, where their physical condition would not permit them going into the firing line, and in this manner relieve many who are so fit.

Sessue Hayakawa, the noted Japanese actor, will be featured at the Westholme tomorrow in "The Soul of Kura San."

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ALLIES ARE STILL FIGHTING ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Struggle at Hindenburg Line of Feroocious Character—British and French Press Enemy.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, March 30.—Very little information as to the operations on the British front have come through. The Canadian troops are not engaged in the great advance, but are engaged in controlling No Man's Land. The enemy is being harrassed without cessation and no peace is being given to the German horde. Early morning raids and continuous activity of the Canadians keep the Germans worried.

French Front.
Paris, March 30.—An intermittent duel has been in progress from the Somme to the Aisne during the night. Soissons has been bombarded by the Germans by guns of a large calibre. An important German munition and material depot has been captured by the French troops.

The latest word received is that the battle of St. Quentin continues to rage with unabated fury. The French are taking all precautions that the nature of the operations call for and in the face of desperate resistance by the Germans. The advance is necessarily slow, owing to the character of the ground. On the German left the French have carried the strong key position on the plateau of Essigny and Benay. This section runs through a gentle undulating country, which offers admirable fields of fire to the defender. It is considered certain that the Germans will make determined efforts to retrieve their failure here.

GERMANS PLAY TO GAIN TIME

London, March 28.—British military experts today say a play for time is the reason behind the German retirement on the western front.

It is an attempt to husband her resources of men in the hope of deterring the Allied offensive. In the meantime Germany hopes her submarine blockade will bring the Entente to starvation.

According to the British military experts, Germany's leaders have foreseen the necessity of combatting, very soon an offensive from the Entente of unprecedented power.

The German military machine is coldly calculating the necessity of saving as many men as possible for the manning of Germany's industries after the war, realizing the nation will be hard put to survive in the fierce commercial war which will follow peace. Withdrawal and devastation of the land intervening between the old line and the new "Hindenburg line" means that the Allies, before they can start their grand offensive, must rebuild everything. They must fight over a desert.

In the meantime Germany hopes her submarines will accomplish economic defeat of the Allies.

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BRITISH CAVALRY PURSUING GERMANS ON THE WESTERN FRONT.—Note the oddly shaped gas masks, which the horses wear. This photo is of particular interest because of the large part British cavalry is playing on the western front. This is an official photo and one of the first cavalry pictures to reach Canada from the western front.

GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES

(Special to The Daily News.)
Washington, March 30.—Senator Saulsbury, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, advocates the abrogation of the existing treaties between the United States and Germany, because of Germany's gross violation of the treaties in the sinking of American ships and the taking of American lives.

From London comes the report that all Americans are warned to leave Germany before April the second. This shows the seriousness of the situation.

A wireless from Berlin states that the German chancellor declares that Germany has no thought of war with the United States and does not desire it today.

Notwithstanding the Chancellor's statement, it is understood that the United States will be in a state of preparation when Congress meets next week and it is felt that actual hostilities cannot be avoided at this late time. It is not expected that Germany will be able to offer any guarantees which will be accepted, to prevent the entrance of the United States into the conflict. Guarantees made by the German government have proved to be worthless in the past and no change has been noticeable in Germany which would lead the States to believe that any future guarantees would be of any greater effect.

HALIBUT ARRIVALS

The Nautilus has arrived with 2,000 pounds of halibut and the Joe Baker, with 4,000 pounds. The first quantity of any size of spring salmon has also come in, there being between six and seven hundred pounds in port today. The halibut arrivals for the whole week have been very light. A while ago there were few cars and lots of fish and now there are lots of cars and no fish.

War films showing "The Canadian Army in Action" and "The Advance of the Tanks" will be shown in the Westholme Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, April 4th and 5th. Reserved seats now on sale at Orme's Drug Store.

BUSINESS CHANGES IN PRINCE RUPERT

Mr. George P. McColl, who for long has been in the grocery trade in this city, has sold out his business to Mr. George H. Munro. Mr. McColl is one of the old timers in Prince Rupert, having been here since the early days, when the city was in its infancy. Mr. G. H. Munro will take over the business of the 1st prox, and is no stranger to the trade. Before coming west Mr. Munro was in business in Montreal and has a long and successful experience of the trade. Mr. Munro is well and favorably known in the city, having also been here for many years. His many friends will wish him every success.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

(Special to The Daily News.)
Prohibition is defeated by a majority of 822.

An unconfirmed despatch from Tokio states that a Japanese warship has been sunk in the South Pacific.

The entire Swedish cabinet has resigned, headed by Premier Hammarström. The king has accepted their resignations.

A wire from Petrograd says that the ex-Czar is proving a model prisoner and is causing no trouble to the new rulers of the country.

WESTHOLME THEATRE

At the Westholme tonight will be screened William Farnum in "Samson." From dock laborer to the greatest financial power in the land. That is the story of the twentieth century Samson. Maurice Brachard, by natural shrewdness wins his way to the top. In the midst of his success, he marries the daughter of a family of impoverished aristocratic schemers. She despises him for his low origin, although his heart is breaking for her love. They drift apart and "the other man" appears. Samson, to crush the scoundrel who seeks to destroy his happiness, wrecks the market. In the terrific financial upheaval that follows, Brachard himself is ruined. But in his ruin he finds his wife's love and exclaims, "At last I have come into my own."

ASSISTANCE OF KIND WELCOME TO ALLIES

London, March 29.—The Times commenting this morning of the prospects of the United States entering the war, says, regarding a report that has been received here that any American action is likely to be confined to the protection of American and neutral interests on the seas and to assisting commercially and financially the Entente Allies:

"If we may say so without the slightest suggestion of indiscretion we have no doubt that it is help of this kind which would be most useful and most welcome to the Allies. We should rejoice to see American armies fighting alongside our troops in vindication of righteousness and humanity, but we agree with the President and the American press that such aid, although invaluable, would be necessarily delayed beyond the date at which we hope victory will be placed beyond doubt."

The Morning Post expresses the hope that whatever action the United States may take, it will include the placing in the United States prize courts of all German shipping interned there. The newspaper doubts whether the United States, once in the war, could long maintain the distinction between restricted warfare and a full offensive. It contends that the sea is an essential factor in America's problem and urges that the sole specific for the submarine menace is to defeat Germany's main fighting forces and control her naval bases. The Morning Post remarks in this respect that the assumption that the Teutonic fleet can not be destroyed as long as it remains in port, has not yet been proved, and speculates whether it is impossible to devise a method for reaching German ships in port.

"We commend this suggestion to the inventive genius of America," says the newspaper, which adds:

"If America will bear her part in exterminating the submarine, she will confer the greatest and most enduring benefit on humanity."

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THE SUBMARINE MENACE STILL VERY SERIOUS

Allied Shipping is Still Being Sunk by the U Boats—Loaded British Transport is Sent to the Bottom.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, March 30.—The weekly official returns of the losses to merchant ships from enemy submarines and mines continue to indicate that the underwater menace is exceedingly serious, according to the naval correspondent of the Times. Notwithstanding this, however, the renewed confidence of the neutral nations in the capacity of the Allies to meet the situation is indicated by the larger number of ships which are using Allied ports.

Three Ships Sunk.

The British steamer Alnwick Castle has been sunk by a submarine and thirteen men perished. Full details are lacking yet. The British transport Tindareus with a battalion of the Middlesex Regiment aboard, struck a mine off Cape Agulhus. All were saved. Cape Agulhus is near Cape Town in South Africa. The British barque Neath, of 4690 tons, with a cargo of sugar has been torpedoed without warning twenty-eight miles to the southeast of Festnet, off the Irish coast. The vessel sank in seven minutes, but there was no loss of life. The captain was taken prisoner as hostage by the submarine commander. It is believed that the British captured the submarine later and released the captured skipper.

MARRIAGE CELEBRATED ON THE G. T. P. TRAIN

An occurrence altogether out of the usual happened on the last train for the east, which left Prince Rupert. That was the union of impatient lovers right on the train. The contracting parties were Miss Lucy Lavaleur, of Stornoway, N. B., and Mr. Archie McDonald, who also hails from the eastern States, but who is now ranching at Topley in the Bulkley Valley. Miss Lavaleur came up from the south and joined the train at Prince Rupert, and on arriving at Hazelton was joined by Mr. McDonald. Shortly after leaving Hazelton, Mr. Pike, the Methodist minister, was seen on the train and arrangements were made right there and then for the knot to be tied. Mr. McDonald had the licence in his pocket, so everything was all right and proper. When the train would be about Morrice town at 3 o'clock in the morning, the happy couple were united. Two other passengers on the train stood up with them and witnessed the union.

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