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THE TIDE TURNS ON THE WESTERN FRONT

ALLIES MAKE GAINS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF LINE--HUNS ADVANCE NO FURTHER

GERMANS LOSE GROUND ON ARRAS FRONT; FRUITLESS ATTACKS WITH GREAT LOSS

FIGHTING SUNDAY RESULTS IN GAINS FOR ALLIES AT ARRAS AND IN OISE VALLEY--GERMANS DIGGING THEMSELVES IN OVER ENTIRE INVADED TERRITORY--COMPARATIVE LULL REIGNS.

(Special to The Daily News)

London, April 1.—The German attacks on the British front in the neighborhood of Arras on Saturday and Sunday have resulted in their complete discomfiture. Instead of making any progress, the British troops have thrown them back from their positions they already held. Four miles East of Arras, where the Huns have been established for so long, the British were successful in driving the German forces back further. The enemy made several fruitless attacks, during which he suffered extremely heavy losses, according to the statement issued by the War Office, before the British drove him out of his own position.

The attacks launched by the Germans were made with extreme violence, but they broke before the accurate and steady fire of the British guns. Machine gun and rifle fire wreaked havoc with the attacking lines of the grey coats, while the artillery barrage behind them prevented their return to their own lines or reinforcements coming up to their aid. Several strong attacks were made in this manner, before the British drove forward irresistibly upon the demoralized Germans in a swift counter attack, which attained all that was expected of it.

French Make Gains.
Paris, April 1.—The German attacks are becoming less violent and less numerous, as the French stiffens and refuses to give more. The enemy is now feverishly digging himself in, particularly in the neighborhood of Arras, immediately south of the British line. Fighting was continuous on Saturday with undiminished violence, the German batteries renewing their attacks incessantly, although cut down by the concentrated fire of the French troops. Tremendous destruction was done among the attacking enemy battalions which were hurled time after time against the French line in a desperate effort to break through. In the Oise valley, however, the French refused to give up any ground, and commenced counter-attacks seriously. The village of Moreuil, which was captured by the Germans was regained by the French forces. The fighting was furious in the southern bat-

TURKISH FORCE ANNIHILATED IN MESOPOTAMIA

British Capture or Destroy Enemy Troops Northwest of Hit, on Euphrates in Palestine.

(Special to The Daily News)

London, March 30.—The entire Turkish forces in the Hit area in Mesopotamia have been captured or destroyed by the British, the War Office announces. Three thousand prisoners were taken. The statement follows:
"On March 26 a highly successful operation was carried out by our troops operating on the Euphrates north west of Hit, which resulted in the capture or destruction of virtually the entire Turkish force in that area. Early in the morning our columns advanced to the attack against Turkish positions about Khan-Baghdadi, 22 miles north west of Hit. Our cavalry made a wide movement around the Turkish positions towards Aleppo, in rear of the enemy."

"By nightfall the enemy's main positions north of Khan-Baghdadi had been carried by assault. Pursuit of the remaining fugitives already has been carried beyond Hadith, 45 miles north-west of Hit. Our casualties were slight. Hit is on the Euphrates river, 100 miles west of Baghdad. The town was evacuated by the Turks on March 9. The Turks fell back to Khan-Baghdadi, 22 miles above Hit, before the British columns operating along the Euphrates which has been conducting a strenuous and successful campaign."

A further advance by the British forces which have crossed the Jordan river in Palestine is announced by the War Office. The statement follows:
"Yesterday afternoon our forces east of the Jordan converged on Amman. Our mounted troops are within a mile of the town. (Amman is about 25 miles east of the Jordan). We took 200 prisoners, drove down four enemy airplanes, and heavily bombarded enemy troop trains on the Hedjaz railway. Many direct hits were observed."

"Last night successful raids were carried out between the Jerusalem-Nabulus road and the Jordan valley."

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U. S. GOVERNMENT IS DOING UTMOST

Washington, March 30.—Mr. Lloyd George's appeal for urgent haste in American troop movements to France, read in New York last night by Lord Reading, British Ambassador to the United States, was viewed here today as a call to the American people.

The British officials already are fully advised as to the situation here and know that the American Government is straining every resource to get men to the front and has confident hopes of placing a force of a million more men in the field during the present year. The untiring enthusiasm of the American people as a whole, officials point out, must back these efforts, however, if they are to be successful.

Ships Needed.
The task of moving men rests as much with the shipbuilders, both employes and employees, as with any government agency. The rate at which troops are expected to go forward can not be stated, for military reasons, but it is largely dependent upon the supposed speed with which ships are turned out.

VANCOUVER LOSES FIFTH HOCKEY GAME

(Special to The Daily News)

Toronto, April 1.—After a slashing defeat of the Toronto team on Friday evening by 8 to 1, the Vancouver Hockey team evened up the score, making two games for each team. The deciding game was played here on Saturday, under Eastern rules, when Toronto won, the score being 2 to 1. This leaves Toronto the victors of the series.

B MEN IN CLASS ONE TO BE CALLED UP

(Special to The Daily News)

Ottawa, March 31.—Responding to a demand from the military today from the viewpoint of the Council has decided to call up for service all men in the medical category B, in Class one, under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

FISHING ARRIVALS

The Tom and Al was in yesterday with 24,000 lbs. halibut; Alameda 3,000 lbs; Roald 2,000; Washington 18,000 lbs; Nakano 12,000 lbs; Deborah 2,000 lbs; Ringleader 1,000 lbs; Margalice 4,000 lbs; Lincoln 12,000 lbs; Troy 4,000 lbs. These catches were all sold yesterday when the price varied from 13c to 17c. The bad weather which has been prevailing outside for the last several days is reflected by the small catches of halibut which the vessels have brought in.

GERMAN PROGRESS IN FRANCE HAS NOW COME TO A STOP. FURTHER ADVANCE HELD

NEW THRUST BETWEEN ARRAS AND LENS IS HALTED AND FAILS TO PROCEED, ALTHOUGH GREAT LOSSES SUFFERED.—WHOLE GERMAN LINE AT A STANDSTILL, WAITING ARRIVAL OF ARTILLERY.

(Special to The Daily News)

Paris, March 31.—Along the battle front of the Oise, there has been a noticeable diminution of fighting during the day, according to a statement issued by the War Office tonight. During eight days, in which it has swept forward over the rolling hills of Picardy, at times like a tidal wave, the enemy's progress has been checked in all but one of the sectors of the front, and there it has been merely creeping for the last two days.

Arras Thrust Fails
London, March 31.—The thrust made by the German forces in

AUSTRIANS NOW CONCENTRATE ON ITALIAN FRONT

Nearly Half a Million Men from Russia and Galicia are Now in Italy.—British Fliers do Good Work.

(Special to The Daily News)

London, April 1.—It has been officially reported from Rome that Austrian divisions from Russia and Galicia numbering approximately 480,000 men, have arrived on the Italian front. No developments have occurred there to indicate where the blow expected from the Teutons will fall.

Many Aeroplanes Down.
London, April 1.—Eighty three enemy aeroplanes have been destroyed by British aviators since they have been operating on the Italian front, says a British official communication issued last night. The British have lost ten machines in aerial fighting.

VON HINDENBURG SAYS HE IS FIGHTING FOR A "STRONG GERMAN PEACE"

Amsterdam, March 30.—Chancellor von Hertling has telegraphed to Field-Marshal von Hindenburg expressing "sincere admiration for the splendid deeds of our army," and saying he found lively satisfaction because of the decorations conferred upon Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff by the Kaiser.

"The entire German nation," the message added, "rejoices with me. It looks with well-founded confidence to Your Excellency, knowing that if von Hindenburg and von Ludendorff lead, victory is a necessity."

Replying, Field-Marshal von Hindenburg telegraphed: "The army will not relax until, with God's help, it has won for the homeland the good victory which it needs as the foundation for a future based upon a strong German peace."

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front of the battered city of Arras, which, according to the reports sent out by Berlin, netted thousands of prisoners, has apparently come to a stop before Orange Hill, Telegraph Hill, and the Labyrinth, which are the strongholds held by the British in this sector.

Situation Satisfactory.
London, March 31.—(Associated Press.)—The situation in the Western front in France today, from the standpoint of the allies, is reported to be very satisfactory. The night has been comparatively quiet along the British front. It is reported that the Germans are digging themselves in from Thiepval to La Boisselle. In the Albert region, the British lines have been strengthened at all points.

The Canadian artillery have been intensely active carrying on a terrific bombardment against the Germans on that front. North of the Somme, we were forced back from Meyers, but took many prisoners in the counter-attacks. German attacks made upon Deder broke down. The Germans are now twelve miles from Amiens, but their advance has been greatly retarded, and the situation is regarded as hopeful.

Big Guns Slow.
London, March 31.—The Germans are still experiencing great difficulty in bringing up their artillery. Meantime, there is quite an apparent lull in the fighting practically in all sectors, broken only by local counter attacks made by the allies for specific purposes. This lull on the part of the Germans is probably preceding further attempts of greater intensity, in their endeavor to break through to Paris and to the coast. The driving rainstorms and the high winds that have been prevailing for the last day or two have again turned the roads into mud, and the troops in the field have not even the shelter afforded in trench warfare. The allied line, however, is prepared and ready for the next rush by the Germans, who have half of their strength on the Western front right on the fighting line. They have scoured their whole line at other places for reinforcements, so that they may be strong enough to break through by their overwhelming weight of numbers.

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A Meeting of the Retail Merchants of the City—all classes of business—will be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, on the afternoon of Wednesday 6th inst. at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of Organization in connection with a campaign on Food Conservation, Elimination of Waste, etc.
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ALLIED LINES STRENGTHENED DURING LULL IN FIGHTING

(Special to The Daily News)

With the British Armies in France, April 1.—The situation today from the viewpoint of the entente, is reported to be more satisfactory. Along the British section of the battlefield last night was comparatively calm.

The British lines have been strengthened rapidly on every quarter along the front, where there is a most heartening display of determination and optimism. In the vicinity of Albert, the Germans today were reported to be digging themselves in along the

line from Thiepval to La Boisselle, and the same thing happening on the German line opposite to the French forces, which indicates that they are preparing to revert back again to the old system of trench warfare.

For a brief space, the tide of conflict has slackened, but any moment, they may set in again. When the Germans have brought forward their artillery and overhauled their fighting machine, the struggle will undoubtedly be renewed, perhaps with greater ferocity than before.