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BRITISH ARMIES FIND LITTLE OPPOSITION IN MESOPOTAMIAN ADVANCE, WHICH PROCEEDS RAPIDLY--VERY EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS WHICH WILL CUT TURKEY OFF IN ASIA

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, May 4.—A separate peace, with the reluctant consent of Germany, may be forced upon Turkey with the renewal of the highly important operations to the north and northwest of Baghdad by the British expeditionary force in Mesopotamia.

Communications issued in London during the last two days disclose a remarkable extension of the British offensive in Mesopotamia. Both Mosul and the city of Aleppo are indicated as the objectives of this vast forward movement, the object of which is to cut Turkey off from all her southerly possessions in Asia.

The advance in the direction of Mosul has been a rapid one and has met with very little opposition. The British forces have left the valley of the Tigris river, sending their main force north-east of the river and close to the Persian border.

The extreme eastern possessions of Turkey in Asia will therefore be cleared of enemy forces, who are everywhere fleeing to Mosul. Strong forces are also operating in the valley of the Euphrates, which are already threatening the caravan routes leading to Mosul from the west. With the cutting of the communications, and thus interfering with the route for reinforcements or supplies, it is hardly considered that there will be any serious difficulty in bringing this important city of Central Asia under British control.

In Palestine.

London, May 4.—A resumption of the offensive against the Turkish forces still in Palestine resulted in the capture of the village of Essalt along with some two hundred and sixty prisoners. Strong forces also advanced along the line of the railroad, and have occupied the village of Mezreh. The clearing out of the Turks from the high lands on the other side of the Jordan valley is proceeding apace.

GERMANS ARE USING NEW INVISIBLE GAS

Amsterdam, May 2.—Speaking before the Main Committee of the Reichstag, Lieut.-Gen. von Stein, Prussian Minister of War and State, said that gas fighting is not a development of this war, but had been used earlier in position warfare.

"Our new powder develops carbonic oxide gas," he said. "We organized the employment of this gas, and the enemy soon followed. Thanks to our excellent gas masks the success of extensive enemy gas attacks in the Somme battle amounted to but little."

"After the development of the gas attack gas shells made their appearance. We now are manufacturing an invisible gas. The enemy has not caught up to us. Our losses through the effects of gas have been slight. The statements relative to the terrors of gas fighting have been greatly exaggerated. The majority of gas poisoning cases in the hospital are doing well, and there will be no permanent injury to the men's health to fear. Our experts have made masks which give absolutely certain protection."

"No country will agree to renounce the use of gas. It is, therefore, necessary for the experts to labor continuously to keep us ahead."

ZEEBRUGGE HARBOR WILL SILT UP WITH SAND SINCE RAID

London, May 3.—A statement made by a high official of the Admiralty is to the effect that the destruction of the mole at Zeebrugge alone is sufficient to inconvenience the Germans greatly.

Sand is a special hindrance to navigation on the Belgian coast and the Zeebrugge harbor has been kept open only by the steady work of two dredges. Now there is a gap in the Mole 120 feet long; one dredge at any rate is sunk, and the hulks of the sunken cruisers are forming admirable obstacles against which the sand can drift up. If only the wind will drive the tide in force through the gap in the Mole, Admiralty officials are confident that the harbor will quickly silt up, and it will be very difficult for the German dredges—if there are any left—to make much headway against the sand, especially as British seaplanes are not forgetting them.

Longer Inland Trip.

As for the Bruges Canal, it may perhaps be cleared in three or four weeks, but, as its banks are so weak, the Germans can use only light charges in blowing up the two concrete cruisers. This means the submarines will have, for a time, to use Ostend as a base for operations against the Channel and consequently they will have to take a longer inland trip to reach blue water and will then have to come out of a port much more easily looked after by the Dover patrols.

Independently of that, Admiralty officials say, the campaign against the submarines proceeds satisfactorily. They believe that the Anglo-American forces are holding them down, and they doubt if the rate of construction is quite as fast as it was. The demand for steel for tanks may have hindered the U-boat builders.

MAILED FIST TOO STRONG FOR DUTCH

Toronto, May 2.—A special Mail and Empire cable says:—Holland has surrendered to the German mailed fist after a period of twenty-four hours in which her position was suddenly reported to be serious. Every one was invited to believe that negotiations had reached a deadlock and that the question of peace or war was in the balance. As a matter of fact this period of depression and scare was actually coincident with the moment when her agreement was reached and there are not a few who entertain the suspicion that most of the alarming reports current at The Hague and Amsterdam were due mainly to the deliberate creation of a feeling of fear by German agents and partially traceable to the necessity of preparing home and the Entente public for an about-face by the government so far as the attitude adopted in the verbal note of February 8 is concerned.

Paris, May 2.—Germany demands from Holland, says the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin, the right to send war material over the Limbourg railway to Antwerp, the right to send foodstuffs for shipment from Antwerp and the

CHINA SENDING TROOPS TO FRANCE TO AID IN FIGHT

An Atlantic Port, May 1.—Captain Ting Chia Chen, military counsellor to the President of China, and also to the Chinese minister of war, arrived here yesterday on a French steamship. He said that China now is sending troops to France to fight for the Allies.

Captain Ting, who is a graduate of West Point, for some time has been in Europe as a military observer in the war theatre for his government.

"China is preparing to do her part in making the world safe for democracy," he said tonight. "It is true that China has troops now on the way to the battle front, and it is the calculation of the Pekin government to have no fewer than 40,000 fighting men with the French by early summer. I have just left France, and there remained behind me ten other Chinese officers whose duty it will be to select training camps in France for Chinese troops."

The Captain added that there

is a spirit among the Chinese people that Prussia must be suppressed for the good of mankind and the advance of civilization.

CRUISER RAMS A BRITISH LINER

(Special to The Daily News.)

An Atlantic Port, May 3.—The coast liner City of Athens was rammed by a French cruiser off the Jersey coast early yesterday morning. The liner was en route to Savannah, Georgia. A thick fog shut out all sight when the warship crashed into the City of Athens. Survivors declare that the ship sank in seven minutes.

The Princess May from Vancouver is expected in this afternoon about 2:30. The Princess Sophia is also expected in from the north.

HUNS OCCUPY FORTRESS OF SEBASTOPOL

Strong Russian Base is in German Possession—Troubles in Ukraina—Officials Imprisoned.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 3.—A report sent out by the Berlin Wireless says that the great Russian fortress of Sebastopol in the Crimea in the Black Sea has been occupied by the Germans. This has been expected here since the capture of Simferopol by the enemy last week.

Conspiring.

London, May 3.—The Ukraina peasant deputies are reported to have overthrown the government of that republic. This report follows a dispatch saying that many Ukrainian officials have been imprisoned by the Germans for conspiring against the military authorities of the Central Powers.

No Hope.

London, May 3.—Commenting upon the food situation in Germany, the newspapers there intimate that the hope entertained for a speedy relief from food scarcity by the conquest of southern Russia, have been dispelled. The farm lands there are untilled and the supposedly overflowing granaries are empty. So acute is the scarcity of clothing now in Germany that men and women are being attacked in the public streets by ruffians in Berlin and stripped of their garments. The German newspapers received here have many such stories.

FINE ENTERTAINMENTS ARE GIVEN AT ANYOX

Last Wednesday and Monday, two very successful entertainments were given to the people of Anyox, the first by the pupils of the Anyox school, and the second by the Anyox Glee Club. The school pupils presented a play, entitled "Robin Hood" and in this ever-new old story of Merrie England, the pupils acquitted themselves well. Miss Fotheringham, the school principal, and her assistants deserve great credit for the well controlled and smooth manner of the production. Robin Hood, Friar Tuck, Little John and Alin-a-dale, Prince John, and Maid Marian were well played, while the songs and choruses were exceptionally well done. A feature of the period of the play is the Morris dances, and the dancers most gracefully performed this old English dance. There was a very large turnout to see the pupils, and the hall was filled to its capacity. The Anyox Orchestra supplied the music, while the proceeds were for the benefit of war orphans.

The Glee Club.

Then on Monday of this week, the Anyox Glee Club gave their last concert for the season, and it was possibly the best yet. At previous concerts the glees were sung by male voices only, but this time the ladies took part in the concerted pieces, which proved very acceptable. The programme consisted of songs, duets, quartettes, octettes, recitations and glees, a sketch, called "Sold," or "Hubby Gets His." This proved to be a very humorous affair, and was well acted by all who took part in it. The scenery, the make-up, and the character costumes were very good. There was a full house for this last function of the season, and the proceeds are in aid of the Union Church.

ARTILLERY IS VERY ACTIVE IN FLANDERS

No Important Infantry Action in Progress—Enemy Raid Repulsed—Offensive is Coming on Somme.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 3.—Field Marshal Haig's report last night says:—"A raid which the enemy attempted this morning in the neighborhood of Hebuterne was repulsed." The Germans are displaying increased activity on the Somme, from Montdidier salient to Noyon. All the indications are that the enemy will renew his offensive in this sector.

Berlin's Report.

Berlin, May 3.—The artillery duel has increased in intensity in the Mount Kemmel sector, and has been repeatedly revived between the Somme and Lucebrook, near Montdidier and Lassigny and Noyon. The French artillery has been very lively during the afternoon hours on the Lorraine front, where minor enemy thrusts have been repulsed.

Huns Hungry.

With the French Armies in the Field, May 3.—Hundreds of horses which were killed by the French artillery, have been eaten by the German soldiers, in the absence of their own kitchens and rations. The broken and heavy nature of the ground, which is the result of the tremendous artillery fire, has made supplying the front line a matter of extreme difficulty for the enemy, besides which the terrific and incessant bombardment does not permit of other food being brought up. According to letters found upon prisoners, the German soldiers have been hungry for days on end.

JUNE CAPRICE AT THE WESTHOLME THEATRE

"A Small Town Girl" is the big attraction at the Westholme this evening, when June Caprice, one of the most famous young actresses on the screen, will appear as the star. She has the role of a little girl from a small country town, who has always wished to get to the big city. Eventually she does so, but when she gets there, she finds it to be anything but what she expected. An old sweetheart, stolen diamonds, crooks, police and so forth all feature in this story which is one of great interest. Little four-year-old Jane Lee, one of the youngest of film actresses, also appears with June Caprice, and helps largely with the tale. There is also to be one of the two-reel Fox comedies, a series of which have been running weekly for some time now. These have already made a reputation, and this is well upheld this evening. Hank Mann will certainly make you laugh.

The Cradle.

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SIR WM. ROBERTSON HAS NO HOPE THAT WAR WILL END SOON

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, May 3.—General Sir William Robertson, ex-chief of the general staff, speaking here yesterday, said that the war is likely to last for a long time yet. How long it will last, no sane man dares to intimate.

renewal of treaties relating to the importation of sand and gravel.

"As Holland," the newspaper adds, "recently yielded to Anglo-American pressure, she must grant these conditions to redress the balance."

Situation Serious.

London, May 3.—An Agency dispatch received here from the Hague declared that Holland had not yielded to any of the German demands, and that the situation is now serious.

TENDERS WANTED

Tenders are solicited immediately for the purchase of the McCaffery, Gibbons & Doyle, Ltd., office building.

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IRISHMAN DEPORTED FOR DRILLING MEN AT DUBLIN BY NIGHT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Dublin, May 3.—William Pedler, an important citizen of this city, was sentenced by the magistrate yesterday to four months imprisonment for drilling men near Dublin by night. At the request of the military authorities, the magistrate ordered the accused to be deported after serving his sentence.

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