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## COMBINED LAND AND SEA ATTACK ON DARDANELLES FORTS

### TO BE ATTEMPTED SOON IS EXPECTATION IN MILITARY CIRCLES

#### Russians to Bombard Bosphorus Botha's Forces Victorious March

London, April 8.—The expectation here in military circles is that a combined land and sea attack on the Dardanelles will begin shortly and that the same time the Russians will bombard the Bosphorus.

to overtake the main German army, which it is thought here are trying to draw the old Boer general as far from his base as possible before making a stand.

#### Casualties List Rather Ambiguous

##### Big Losses Among British Army Officers—Largest Total Casualty List Yet Officially Announced

London, April 7.—The largest total casualties yet recorded in any official list were shown in a statement given out to-night dated March 22nd. This list is believed to cover the losses sustained in part of the sanguinary fighting which resulted in the capture of Neuve Chapelle last month.

#### THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

##### Union Troops Take Possession of Railway Stations at Kalkfontein and Kanus

Capetown, April 7.—It was announced officially here to-day that troops of the Union of South Africa have occupied, without opposition, the railway station at Kalkfontein and Kanus in German South-West Africa.

#### WELSH GUARDS

There was a martial complexion to all the celebrations of St. David's day this year. The newly-formed Welsh Guards mounted guard for the first time over the King at Buckingham palace; Lloyd George attended an imposing parade of the new Welsh brigade at Llandudno, while in Wales and London flags were sold on behalf of the National fund for Welsh troops.

Thousands of people turned out at Llandudno to witness the parade of the first brigade of the Welsh Army corps. General Sir Henry MacKinnon, general officer commanding in chief western command, and Major-General Ivor Philipps, general officer commanding 43rd Welsh division, were accompanied at the saluting base by the chancellor of the exchequer and the Earl of Plymouth, chairman of the executive of the Welsh Army corps.

#### Admiralty Closes River Navigation

##### River Dee and Port of Chester Closed to Shipping After Nightfall—No Explanation Given

Washington, April 8.—The River Dee and Port of Chester have been closed to all navigation by night on an order from the British Admiralty. The State Department has just been informed from London.

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## RUSSIA'S ONWARD MARCH—CZAR'S FORCES NOW ON THE OFFENSIVE

### 114,000 Prisoners Taken in the Carpathian Mountains—Mutiny Among German Captives at Kief

#### Austria to Seek Separate Peace With Russia

##### Correspondent of the Gazette Del Popolo Says Semi-Official Talks Have Been Held on the Matter

Turin, April 8.—The Gazette Del Popolo declares reports that Austria contemplates concluding peace with Russia in order to better defend herself against Italy is not so visionary as official communications issued at Vienna would indicate.

#### Official Report

##### Union Troops Occupy Warmbad—Russian Successes—Appreciable Progress Reported by the French

London, April 7.—Union troops occupied Warmbad in German South-West Africa, without opposition, on April 3rd.

#### Russians Drive Austrians Down Hungarian Side

London, April 8th.—Daily Telegraph correspondent at Petrograd telegraphs Russia has won very important success in Carpathians on Sunday here, troops fought their way over ridge, a point due South of Belograd, and they are now driving the Austrians down the Hungarian slopes of the ridge.

#### Twenty Thousand For Prize Fight

London, April 7.—A London syndicate offered \$20,000 for a fight between Willard and Frank Moran of Pittsburgh. Willard will be offered one thousand dollars travelling expenses.

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## Battle Still Raging Round Neuve Chapelle

### VIOLENT ARTILLERY FIGHTING BRITISH BOMBARD BELGIAN COAST

London, April 8.—A despatch from Amsterdam says fighting is still proceeding in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle and the Allies is bombarding villages of Pecomeles and Herties.

Germany have delivered numerous counter attacks especially at night but have been consistently unsuccessful.

The artillery fighting in Fromel les region is stated to have been particularly violent, the German

formation, but were dispersed and partly annihilated by our fire and bayonet charges. Toward morning of the 24th the enemy began a retreat on certain position. During the day we took as prisoners about 100 officers and 5,600 men, and besides captured several dozens of machine guns.

Frederick Rennet, telegraphing to the Daily News, says: "The first echo of Peremysl comes from the borders of North Poland, where the Germans are desperately trying to galvanize their water-logged campaign. Great forces across the streams running from the Mazurian Lakes towards the Narew have been counter-attacking in an attempt to recapture the trenches lost a week ago, but the Russians are pressing slowly forward, helped by raids of light cavalry, for the possession of the plantation below Myshinetta. There was fierce fighting, ending with the Russians destroying two German battalions, while a third fed.

"An important development took place on the north banks of the Niemen, where a strong Russian column entered German territory westward of Turburg and Tauragen and engaged an important body of the enemy which had moved from Tilst. The advance was of a different character from the expedition to Memel, which secured important prisoners. There are signs that reinforcements are reaching Gen. von Eichhorn, whose task is now to fight to the uttermost to retain a foothold in Western Suwalki Province. A Russian cavalry patrol captured his escorted automobile mall train on Monday.

"The Germans have lost an important crossing of five roads at Domanevitz, on the south banks of the middle Pilca, together with a stone bridge.

"The Russian left wing has gained an important victory in the region of Bartfeld, Hungary, capturing 4,000 prisoners and many machine guns. The situation in the passes is governed by the liberation of the mountain waters.

"The register of prisoners at Kief shows 114,000 taken in the Carpathian fighting during the two months before the fall of Peremysl, and some difficulty has been found in preventing racial trouble among the enormous colony of captives. A German (Hfau) prisoner, hearing of the fall of Peremysl, declared that it must have been due to the treachery of that Czech Kumanek, whereupon a Czech officer struck him. The fight spread and the partisans had to be separated.

"On the last appearance of the Hamidieh in the Black Sea she was disguised to resemble the Breslau."

"The Austrians made several fur-

#### "MY LITTLE BOY"

##### Suggested by the Loss of So Many of Our Boys on the Vicknor, Clan MacNaughton and Bayano

My little boy in the "boatie" lay  
Fast asleep.  
And I had been calling and calling so long  
And trying to find him. Where had he gone?  
Down on the beach where the old boats rest,  
And the little brown beach bird builds her nest,  
Playing the sailorman out o' the deep  
My little boy had fallen asleep.

Out with his father before the dawn  
On the waters grey.  
And he was the happiest boy around  
When he first went alone to the fishing ground  
And the years have come and gone again  
And all the boys have grown to be men  
And my "little boy" as I used to say  
Far, far, has sailed o'er the waters grey.

"My King has called me and  
I must go."  
This would always his answer be  
When I said, "but you'll never come back to me."  
"And what if I never come back again?  
Would you have me stay where so many men  
Are needed to fight our country's foe?  
The King has called me and I'm glad to go."

Your little boy in his "boatie" lies.  
Fast asleep.  
Is this a voice from another land?  
Ah me! I think I can understand  
'Tis coming from over the great grey sea,  
Over the billows in whispers to me  
My sailor had played the man out on the deep  
And now he is lying fast asleep.

—GEORGE COOPER.  
Methodist Orphanage, St. John's.—Twillingate "Sun."