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PROGRESS OF THE WAR [February 22 to February 28]

THE period under review was marked by substantial gains for the Entente Allies, the larger portion falling to the British army, but France and Russia also acquiring a considerable amount of territory in the Western campaign.

Whatever may have been the cause that led to the defeat of the Entente in the Eastern campaign, it is not altogether beyond the pale of possibility that the Entente may have been able to transport in their forced retreat.

Some activity was reported in the Caucasian campaign, attacks and counter attacks having been made south of Lake Van, the net result being to the advantage of the Russians.

The most important event of the week was the capture of the Mesopotamian campaign, the British having completely surrounded and occupied Kut-el-Amara and secured some thousands of prisoners and large quantities of war material.

The week was without news of the campaigns in Egypt and East Africa; and only meagre and unimportant news transpired concerning the Balkan and the Austro-Italian campaigns.

A raid by German destroyers was made on the unfortified Kentish towns of Margate and Broadstairs, the material damage done being slight, but one or two people were killed.

The German submarine operations were continued throughout the week, but the number of victims steadily diminished. However, the list of vessels torpedoed and sunk during the week included the Canadian liner Lacombe, a vessel of over 18,000 tons, carrying as passengers and crew 234 persons, of whom 13 were lost by drowning or exposure.

President Wilson, during the week, appeared before a joint session of both Houses of Congress and asked for authority and a grant of money to enable him to deal with the situation created by the German submarine campaign of frightfulness.

HON. GEORGE J. CLARKE

MAN goes to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets. In St. Andrews, on Thursday the mortal remains of Hon. George J. Clarke, one of her most distinguished sons, were laid to rest with impressive solemnity and every mark of esteem for the memory of the deceased statesman.

In the private walks of life Mr. Clarke displayed the most estimable qualities of devotion as a son, brother, husband, and father. He will be remembered by all who knew him for his complete freedom from vindictiveness and for his delightful sense of humor.

THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION

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