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PROGRESS OF THE WAR

[March 28 to April 3]

IN the week under review the chief interest in the hostilities again centred in the Western campaign, where the great German drive in Picardy was continued with diminishing force and success till it was completely arrested, for the present at least. At some points the Entente Allies were able to win back some of the positions lost. The fiercest of the fighting was southeast, east, and northeast of Amiens, to which the Germans were able to approach within six miles at one point; but the Allies were able to hold the town itself. There was also fierce fighting in the Arras sector, but the Germans, though in immense strength as they were over the whole extent of the drive, made only slight gains, most of which the Allies subsequently recovered. There was activity in the Verdun sector and at other points on the western front but no changes in positions resulted.

Little news was transmitted concerning military operations in the Russian campaign. No reports came to hand of the further advance of the Germans into Russian territory, and the news of the internal situation indicated that the Bolshevik government was gradually controlling the other factions and gaining supreme authority. In Finland the revolution continued in progress, but it was not apparent which side was gaining the upper hand. German troops were landed during the week; and it was also stated, though not confirmed, that Entente officers were assisting the Red Guards, as the Bolshevik troops are called. Finland may be the starting point of a new attack on the Germans by the Russians. Japan had not yet intervened in Siberia, and it was stated that the Japanese Government had declared its friendliness to the Bolshevik administration. There seemed to be something more than a ray of hope that Russia would soon again be in a position successfully to oppose German attempts at domination.

The situation in the Caucasus was even more difficult to understand, in view of the meagre information forthcoming during the week. The Georgians were said to have joined forces with the Armenians to resist any further encroachment of the Turks, so there is some hope of an improvement in that region.

From the Mesopotamian campaign came news of the capture by the British forces of Hit, an important settlement on the Euphrates, together with over 3000 Turkish prisoners and much military booty. This success will have far-reaching beneficial effects in the subsequent prosecution of the war.

In Palestine General Allenby's forces reached the Hedjaz Railway at Amman, and after destroying a considerable section of it they retired westward. They also made further progress to the north-west of Jerusalem.

There was activity in the Balkans, but no changes of positions resulted. No changes, or successes for either side, were reported in the Italian campaign, but there was an expectation of an impending Austrian drive in great force, for which the Italians were steadily preparing. The arrest—consequently the failure—of the German drive in Picardy may be the means of withholding altogether the threatened drive in Northern Italy. The truth is beginning to be realized throughout Germany and Austria-Hungary of the fearful loss of life involved in the Picardy drive, and the futility of it all.

The bombardment of Paris by the new long-range guns was continued, and one of the shells on Good Friday struck a church in the vicinity and killed seventy-five people and wounded ninety others, mostly women and children. Air raids were also made on Paris during the week and others were averted by the vigilance of the French aviators. During no weekly period of the war were aviators more active; and in this branch of warfare the Entente Allies seem to have secured an undoubted superiority.

The results of the German submarine campaign were apparently much less serious than for many weeks previously, but the menace has not yet been overcome or diminished to inconsiderable proportions. Some brief accounts of individual disasters to shipping have been given out during the week, and these will be found herein under "News of the Sea."

For the further prosecution of the war the Supreme War Council at Versailles appointed General Ferdinand Foch generalissimo on the Western front, and the appointment has been received with general approbation by the press of the Allied countries. Another gratifying

episode of the week was the placing of 100,000 American troops at the disposal of General Foch; and more men will be sent forward as rapidly as transport facilities can be provided. Speculation is rife as to what will be the next move by either side; but trying events of the past two weeks have given the sympathizers of the Entente Alliance full confidence for the future, knowing as they now do the heroism of the men at the front and the vast resources available for their maintenance and succor.

In consequence of the large amount of correspondence in this issue, and owing to the fact that because of changes in our printing staff we go to press six hours earlier than usual, we are obliged to omit a number of items—both news and editorial—that would otherwise have been printed.

THE WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

April 6.—Badajos, 1812. King Richard I of England died, 1199; Albert Dürer, German artist, died, 1528; Sir Francis Walsingham, English statesman, died, 1590; Daniel Defoe, English prose-writer, author of *Robinson Crusoe*, died, 1731; Sir Henry Irving, English actor, born, 1838; William Wordsworth, English poet, appointed Poet Laureate, 1843; H. A. Powell, K. C., New Brunswick jurist, born, 1855; John Francis, publisher of the *Athenaeum*, London, died, 1882.

April 7.—Canada discovered, 1498; St. Francis Xavier, Spanish missionary, born, 1506; Sir William Davenant, English statesman, died, 1668; William Wordsworth, English poet, born, 1770; Giambattista Rubini, Italian singer, born, 1795; Rev. William Godwin, English novelist, died, 1836; Most Rev. Randal Thomas Davidson, Archbishop of Canterbury, born, 1848; D. McNicol, former Vice-President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, born, 1852; Lloyd Osbourne, American author, born, 1868.

April 8.—Atbara, 1898. Lorenzo de Medici, surnamed "the Magnificent," ruler of Florence, and a scholar and poet, died, 1492; Dr. Thomas Gale, English divine and scholar, died, 1702; Edmund C. Genet, first Minister from the French Republic to the United States, arrived at Charleston, S. C., 1793; Duel between Henry Clay and John Randolph, American statesmen, 1826; Albert, King of the Belgians, born, 1875; Anglo-French Treaty signed, 1904; F. Marion Crawford, American novelist, died, 1909.

April 9.—Arras, 1917. Sir Francis Bacon, Viscount St. Albans, English jurist, author and philosopher, died, 1626; Baron Craven, English soldier, died, 1897; Simon Lovell, Scottish soldier, beheaded, 1747; Fisher Ames, American statesman, President of Harvard College, born, 1758; John Opie, English painter, died, 1807; Leopold II, King of the Belgians, born, 1835; National Gallery, London, opened, 1838; Rt. Rev. C. H. Brent, Bishop of Manila, born, 1862; General Lee surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox, 1865; Hudson's Bay Company ceded their territorial rights to Canada, 1869; Hon. W. E. Foster, Premier of New Brunswick, born, 1874; Dante Gabriel Rossetti, English poet and painter, died, 1882; Alaska Boundary settled, 1905.

April 10.—Toulouse, 1814. Hugo Grotius, Dutch jurist, born, 1583; Samuel C. F. Hahnemann, Saxon physician, founder of homeopathy, born, 1755; William Hazlitt, English essayist, born, 1768; Admiral John Byron, English navigator and naval commander, died, 1786; Benjamin West, American painter, President of the Royal Academy of England, died, 1820; "General" William Booth, English preacher and founder of the Salvation Army, born, 1829; Alexander Nasmyth, Scottish painter, father of James Nasmyth the inventor, and painter of the one authentic portrait of Robert Burns, Scotland's greatest poet, died, 1840; Fanny Davenport, American actress, born, 1850; John Howard Payne, American dramatist and actor, author of "Home, Sweet Home," died, 1852; Father Damien, Belgian missionary to the lepers in Hawaii, died, 1889.

April 11.—Pope Gregory XIII, reformer of the calendar, died, 1585; Treaty of Utrecht signed, 1713; Christopher Smart, English poet, born, 1722; George Canning, English statesman and contributor to the Anti-Jacobin, born, 1770; End of the Revolutionary War proclaimed by Congress of the United States, 1783; Stanislaus Augustus, last King of Poland, died, 1798; John Galt, Scottish novelist, founder of the Town of Guelph, Ontario, died, 1839; James B. Forgan, Chicago banker, born in St. Andrews, Scotland, 1852; War for the American Union began, Fort Sumter summoned to surrender, 1861; Hon. Charles E. Hughes, defeated American Presidential candidate, born, 1862; George Augustus Selwyn, Primate of New Zealand, and Bishop of Litchfield, died, 1878; Charles Roade, English novelist, died, 1884; David Dudley Field, American lawyer and publicist, died, 1894.

April 12.—Lord Rodney's naval victory, 1782. Seneca, Roman philosopher, ordered to death by Emperor Nero, 65; Siege of Constantinople by French and Venetian crusaders, 1204; Dr. Edward Young, English poet, author of *Night Thoughts*, died, 1765; Henry Clay, American statesman, born, 1777; Earl of Durham, English statesman, Governor-General of British North America, born, 1792; Hon. A. S. White, Justice of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, born, 1855; J. Murray Gibbon, General Publicity Agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, born, 1872; William M. Tweed, New York Tammany "Boss," died in jail, 1878; Cardinal Taschereau, Archbishop of Quebec, died, 1898; Great Fire in Chelsea, Mass., 1908.

Up-River Doings

St. Stephen, N. B., April 3.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Huestis and the Misses Huestis have been visiting in New York during the Easter vacation.
Miss Isabel Hawley has gone to Halifax, N. S., to take a position as stenographer in the Bank of Montreal there.
Mrs. Robert Lowe, of Portland, Me., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Ganong.
Senator and Mrs. Irving R. Todd leave on Friday for Ottawa, and will be in that city for several weeks.
Mr. Harold McLain, of Halifax, has been in Milltown during the past few days.
The ice has moved in the river at the International Bridge, and it is open water nearly to the Public Wharf.

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Darrel Gordon is home from Rothesay College for a few days.

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Mr. James L. Savage made a business trip to St. John this week.

Councillor J. W. Matthews spent Wednesday in St. Andrews.

Mrs. Richardson and son, of Eastport, were recent guests of Mrs. A. E. Newman.

Mrs. Nelson Cronk, of Gardiner, Me., spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Brown.

Mrs. Russell Newman has gone to Lubec for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Calder are being congratulated on the birth of a son on April 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Edson Mitchell, who spent the winter months in St. John, are at home again.

Mrs. Sophia Lank spent Easter Sunday at Welshpool.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ellinwood, of Grand Manan, were recent visitors here.

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