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## TURKISH DEFEAT IN PALESTINE

ENTIRE STAFF CAPTURED

JAP WARSHIP REPORTED SUNK—HEAVY DAMAGE BY GALE

GREAT BRITISH VICTORY OVER TURKISH FORCES: ENTIRE STAFF IS TAKEN

### IMPORTANT MUNITIONS DEPOT CAPTURED BY THE FRENCH: BIG GUNS HAMMER SOISSONS

Nivelles Continues To Harass Germans and Takes Supplies and Munitions—Keeps in Contact With Enemy At All Points.

MILITARY CRITICS BELIEVE FOE PLANS RETREAT ON BIGGER SCALE

### SEND MORE MEN. CRY OFFICERS ON THE WEST FRONT

Say Some Canadian Journals Are Too Optimistic.

WAR IS NOT YET WON

Many More Young Canadians Needed To Help Whip Germans.



### SERIOUS TURMOIL IN SPAIN: GOVT. SUSPENDS GUARANTEES

Internal disorders and widespread strikes in Spain have been reported at intervals during the last year. In December a general strike of 24 hours was called by the labor organizations as a protest against the increased price of food. In January rioting and incendiarism at Saragossa were reported. Last summer the railway employees struck, and for a week Spain was under martial law.

### THE WAR SITUATION

The Germans are striking back in Champagne in a determined effort to divert General Nivelle from his ceaseless pounding at the base of the shrunken Hindenburg line. The scene of the counter-offensive launched by Field Marshal von Hindenburg, about a 15-mile front, starting about 15 miles east of Rheims. Attacking in force in this sector the Germans have driven the French from some of their advance trenches, but have failed so far to make a serious impression on the defenders' lines.

**IRON RING CONTRACTING.**

In the meantime the iron semi-circle which General Nivelle has thrown around the southern half of the great St. Gobain plateau is steadily contracting. If the French maintain their present rate of advance it can only be a matter of a very few days before the entire plateau is in their grasp, removing the last great natural barrier to Leon.

The British are moving forward steadily to the north, but the fact that they are capturing villages with cavalry indicates that they are not yet in contact with the main German forces. The most advanced British outposts are still ten miles from the Cambrai line, where Allied observers have assumed the Germans propose to make their real stand.

**EXPECT BIG RETREAT.**

Military critics in Paris and London believe that the present German retreat is only part of the plan for a retirement on a commanding position to the north. In support of this theory it is pointed out that the withdrawal from the Noyon and Bapaume salients is rapidly forcing the whole German line into the form of an immense right angle. The upright of this angle runs north and south for 120 miles from Neuport on the Belgian coast to Leon. The horizontal runs for about an equal distance north to the Lorraine border. It is at the apex of this angle that General Nivelle is boring his way, threatening to cut the forces of the invaders squarely in two.

[By Stewart Lyon, Correspondent of the Canadian Press in France.]

Canadian Army Headquarters, March 29.—Officers of the trenches who are in a position to judge of actual conditions here, strongly deprecate what they speak of as the undue optimism recently voiced in some Canadian journals and by public men. The only possible result of this optimism, they point out, is to make the people at home think the war is won and that there is no need for more men than are now in France and England.

The truth is, that during the period of relative inactivity on this front the wastage of men has been going up and down the lines, and one can see the result in the reduction of elderly men to work behind the lines. Young Canada will face the foe on this part of the front in this year's campaign, and young Canada must pay the price.

Some battalions doing their first turn in the trenches may have in their ranks a certain number of men ranging up toward 40, but they do not last, and from the point of view of staying power they are not a good investment.

### MIDNIGHT GALE RIPS AND RAZES AT TILLSONBURG

Hurricane Lifts Part of the Linen Mills Roof.

KILLS STOCK AT BELMONT

Big Barn in South Dorchester Goes Over, With Heavy Loss.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Tillsonburg, March 29.—Shortly after 11 p.m. last evening, a hurricane struck the town, which lasted only 4 or 5 minutes, but left hundreds of dollars' worth of damage in its path. At the Dominion linen mills the roof was lifted clear off the boiler-room and one wall partly demolished and causing much loss to the firm.

Only four years ago the entire roof and one wall were demolished and carried across the street, partly destroying two new houses under construction at the time.

A part of the Tillsonburg Shoe Company's roof was lifted, fences and large trees are uprooted, and many large awnings over the business places on Main street are ripped to shreds, and many windows broken. Reports from the country convey the fact that much damage was done to fences, and the storm was accompanied by a deluge of rain and hail.

**FOUR CATTLE KILLED.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Belmont, March 29.—A heavy windstorm which raged across this district between 10 and 11 o'clock last night demolished the barn of Edward Wismer, near Mapleton, killing four cows and injuring others. A pine grove adjoining was destroyed. On the 9th concession, the estate of Ed. Legg was razed. This blow was very heavy in Belmont, but only minor damage has been reported so far.

### SUPPLY DEPOT TAKEN.

Paris, March 29.—An important munitions and supply depot has been captured by the French, the war office announced today. Artillery fighting continued during the night between the Somme and the Aisne, and the French kept in contact everywhere with the German lines. Soissons was bombarded by heavy German guns.

The statement follows: "From the Somme to the Aisne there is no change in the situation. Intermittent artillery fighting occurred during the night. Our troops everywhere maintained contact with the enemy's lines."

**TAKE ENEMY'S DEPOTS.**

"In the course of the operations of recent days south of the Oise we took possession of important depots of materials and ammunition. Yesterday German long range guns fired seven shells at Soissons. In the region of Rheims we made a successful surprise attack north of La Fismes, where the Germans had a strong attack on the Champagne region, gaining a foothold in the French first line, but, according to the official communication issued tonight by the war office, all their attempts against the communication lines were repulsed."

"There were no important events on the remainder of the front."

### Sub Sinks Vessel, Takes Captain, Then British Take Sub

Washington, D. C., March 29.—The British bark Neath from Mauritius for Havre with sugar, was torpedoed without warning at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, 28 miles southeast of Pointe, according to state department reports today. Two Americans were aboard.

The message in part was conflicting in such that the captain of the Neath was taken as a hostage by the submarine, but afterward stated that the captain was landed yesterday afternoon at Queenstown. No explanation for the apparent discrepancy was given.

**CAPTURED THE SUB.**

Washington, March 29.—Capture by the British of the submarine which destroyed the Neath and the consequent release of the captain was suggested by naval officials as a suggestion of the discrepancy in the dispatch. It was thought probable that after the captain was made prisoner the undersea craft was captured and abandoned. Neath's captain landed at Queenstown.

### CHARGE OF MURDER HAS NOW BEEN LAID AGAINST C. HOWARD

Detroit Detective Took Action at Noon.

WILL ASK EXTRADITION

Additional Charge of Theft Is Also Laid Against the Prisoner.

Information charging him with murder and the charge against C. K. Howard, alias Robert Rogers, alias Harvey Young, who is now a prisoner at the post, is the latest in a series of charges against him. He has been confined since his arrest on Sunday night by Detectives John A. Reid of the Detroit police force, laid the information before the police in the act of tapping a wire at the corner of Warren and Grand River avenues in the American city.

Howard is charged with the murder of Patrolman Emil Schmidt of Detroit on the early morning of Tuesday, 28 last, the patrolman being shot to death by a man believed to be Howard, who was caught by the policeman in the act of tapping a wire at the corner of Warren and Grand River avenues in the American city.

Howard has admitted to the detectives that he tapped the wire, but refused to admit he knew anything about the murder.

He agreed to return to Detroit on condition that he would be proceeded against on the minor charge, but in this assurance could not be given, and as a consequence extradition will be necessary.

Extradition would have been necessary even in the case of a minor offence, as Howard claims to be a Canadian citizen, and consequently could not be deported, as the American government would decline to consider deportation of a Canadian citizen.

**Witnesses Will Be Heard.**

Howard will appear before Judge Continued on Page Three.

### GERMANS ENTRENCHED ALONG THE NEW LINE: NOW FOR THE BIG GUNS

ALLIES BRING UP HEAVY PIECES FOR THE BLASTING.

London, March 29.—The British army in Palestine has defeated a Turkish army of 20,000 men, capturing 900 men, including a general, the war office announces.

**ENTIRE STAFF TAKEN.**

London, March 29.—The entire divisional staff of the 53rd Turkish Division in Palestine has been captured by the British, it is announced officially.

The official statement says that British troops have advanced for a distance of fifteen miles along the southern Palestine coast of the Mediterranean. The British forces have pushed forward from Rafa to the Wadi Ghuzze, a river five miles south of Gaza (Ghuzze). Gaza is twenty miles north of the Egyptian-Syrian boundary.

**THE REPORT.**

The text of the official statement reads: "Telegraphing yesterday the commander-in-chief in Egypt, reports that we advanced our troops fifteen miles from Rafa to the Wadi Ghuzze, five miles south of Gaza to cover the construction of a railway. The British forces, including four Austrians and 32 Austrians and Germans of other ranks. We also captured two Austrian 4.3-inch howitzers. 'All the troops behaved splendidly, especially the troops of the Welsh, Kent, Sussex, Hereford, Middlesex and Surrey Regiments and the Anzac and Yeomanry mounted troops.'

**NEAR JERUSALEM.**

London, March 29.—British operations in Palestine are progressing successfully on a large scale, with the British forces closing in steadily on Jerusalem.

On March 7, a British column was reported within forty miles of Jerusalem, at Beit Chail, or Beichon, about 35 miles inland. This column has recently been supported by a stronger force, and is now advancing along the coast, where it can be supplied and supplied by sea. The British army, moving northward from Rafa, has pushed up the Mediterranean shore to within five miles of Gaza, the historic front over which the French and British have been advancing, according to a statement today by Major-Gen. F. D. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office. He said that whether the positions taken up by the Germans formed the much-advocated Hindenburg line, would be revealed under the French and British armies had brought up their heavy artillery.

### HAIG'S CAVALRY ROUTS FOE NORTHWEST OF ST. QUENTIN; GOES AHEAD 3,000 YARDS

THE BRITISH REPORT.

LONDON, March 29.—British cavalry today captured the villages of Villers-Faucon and Caucourt, north of Reims, and also to the north of this region took the German line at two points. The British moved forward steadily to the north and west of Croisilles, according to the official communication issued tonight.

The communication says: "Following up the success of yesterday morning, our cavalry captured during this afternoon Villers-Faucon and Caucourt, and several prisoners and four machine guns."

"Last night a hostile attack on our new positions at Equignout was driven off with considerable German losses."

"Farther north our troops established themselves during the night at two points on the Boignes-Lagnicourt road after a short fight and today gained ground south and west of Croisilles, meeting with strong resistance."

"We carried out successful raids early this morning east of Aix-Noulette and north of Neuville-St. Vaast."

**THE FRENCH REPORT.**

PARIS, March 29.—Heavy artillery fighting between the French and Germans took place today on the Essigny-Benay road. The Germans delivered a strong attack on the Champagne region, gaining a foothold in the French first line, but, according to the official communication issued tonight by the war office, all their attempts against the communication lines were repulsed."

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### SIR WM. ROBERTSON AT ITALIAN FRONT; IS BIG DRIVE NEAR?

Heavy Fighting Undoubtedly Expected Soon.

London, March 29.—The most interesting piece of news from the war theatre today is the announcement of the visit to the Italian front of Sir William Robertson and Gen. Weygand, representing Gen. Nivelle.

It can be assumed that the presence of the British chief-of-staff and the representative of the French headquarters staff at the post of the Italian supreme command means that heavy fighting is expected in that war zone.

Whether or not the Allied chiefs expect the Italians to launch an offensive toward the unguarded southeastern French border (Savoie) through Italy, with the Italian army as a military factor, is a subject of great speculation here.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the German submarines have been concentrating their efforts against shipping bound for Italian ports, with the possible hope of causing a shortage of necessary war and food supplies.

### AMERICAN WARSHIP SUNK BY A RAIDER IN SOUTH PACIFIC?

Vancouver, B. C., March 29.—A dispatch to the Canadian News from Tokyo says that a German raider has sunk the American warship, the USS. The names of the vessels were not disclosed.

The presence of a German raider in the Southern Pacific and in the Indian Ocean has been rumored several times lately. Official reports having been given out to the effect that two British merchant ships had been sunk in that vicinity.

### RUSS WORKMENS' ORGAN FAVORS VIGOROUS WARFARE

Petrograd, March 29.—The official organ of the Council of Deputies of workmen and soldiers devotes a leader in its Tuesday's issue to the necessity of vigorously carrying on the war against Germany. The paper says: "Russia, although disturbed by revolution, must not give the Hohenzollerns and their partisans any ground on which to dislodge the Russian revolution. We must let them know that revolutionary Russia will vote all its forces to the accomplishment of victory."

### WORKERS OF RUSSIA ASK THE TEUTONIC BRETHREN TO DETHRONE MONARCHS

Petrograd, March 29.—A Russian London, March 29.—An appeal to the workers of the German and Austrian coalition to rise against the imperial authority and to establish their freedom, says the Petrograd Telegram Agency. (The Russian official news agency), was launched at a mass meeting of workmen, soldiers and deputies held today at the Duma.

By a united effort, the appeal declares, "we can stop this awful murder, which is the shame of humanity."

### PURCHASE MORE HORSES FOR BRITISH CAVALRY

Ottawa, March 29.—The purchase of horses for the British war office will begin again at once in Canada. Recent military operations on the western front show that the cavalry are active, and more horses are required. No horses have been bought in Canada since late last fall.

### AMES CONFERS WITH THE WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT, ADVISING AS TO FUND

Washington, March 29.—Sir Herbert Ames today held a conference with the Government today, giving them advice on the organizing of a fund for the dependents of soldiers and sailors.

### GEN. LESSARD WILL AID BLONDIN IN RECRUITING

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 29.—Brig.-Gen. F. L. Lessard has offered his services to Col. Blondin in recruiting a new Canadian unit. He is willing to serve in any capacity, Col. Blondin is naturally pleased at receiving this offer from the most distinguished French-Canadian soldier, and has accepted. He is anxious to join in a recruiting campaign for the new French-Canadian regiment.

**"NEWS QUARANTINE."**

Washington, March 29.—Officials of the state department today confirmed reports that American relief workers withdrawn from Belgium and Northern France would be taken to Germany and submitted to a short "news quarantine." This procedure was agreed upon to prevent the dissemination of information that might be of value to the enemy. Officials here, therefore, refused to comment on the matter. Brand Whitlock will not be detained in any way but will proceed immediately to his post as ambassador in France, the temporary Belgian capital.

### THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London and the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 44; lowest, 25.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 43; lowest, 33.

**TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.**

Toronto, March 29.—3 a.m. Forecasts.

Strong west to northwest winds; a few local snow flurries but generally fair and cool today and on Friday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: High. Low. Weather.

Victoria	46	34	Fair
Calgary	45	30	Fair
Winnipeg	45	32	Clear
Port Arthur	45	34	Clear
Parrs Sound	44	26	Clear
Toronto	42	35	Fair
Ottawa	40	30	Cloudy
Quebec	34	30	Snow

**Weather Notes.**

A depression which was in Manitoba yesterday morning has since traveled quickly, and now covers the Ottawa Valley. It caused light rain and snow over Ontario during the night, and is now giving snow in Quebec.

### HEAD TAX AT FRONTIER IS AMERICAN REGULATION, OTTAWA GOVT. EXPLAINS

Ottawa, March 29.—Some misunderstanding seems to exist as regards the proposed head tax on Canadians entering the United States, and it is not a Canadian but an American regulation. Hereafter foreigners entering the United States may obtain identification cards, otherwise they may have to pay the head tax, which will be refunded if they return within a certain specified period.

United States officials here say they have not yet been apprised of the regulations to be framed on the statute.

### RUSSIAN FIRE STOPPED ADVANCE OF GERMANS

Petrograd, March 29.—Via London.—Teutonic attacks on the southern end of the Rumanian front were delivered yesterday, but were stopped by the Russian fire, the war office announced today. The advance was attempted in the region northeast of Fokshani. Only raiding operations are reported from the Caucasus.

**TWO REBELS RELEASED.**

New York, March 29.—An Associated Press dispatch from Boston today says: "The release of two Irish rebels, through the efforts of Mayor Curley, was announced today. The men, David O'Hanlon and his brother, Michael, were arrested during the revolt in Dublin last April and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment. Their three brothers, living in this city, appealed to Mayor Curley to use his influence to secure their release under the terms of the amnesty agreement promulgated by the British Parliament. The mayor took up the matter with Ambassador Spring-Rice, who informed him last night that the men had been set free."

### ROBERSON TRAVELOGUE

Coupon

This coupon and 10 cents will entitle bearer to seat in balcony at any of the travelogue shows to be presented under the auspices of THE ADVERTISER at the Lyric Theatre, beginning Thursday night, March 29.

With this coupon will entitle holder to reserved seat downstairs.

Reserved seats may be purchased in advance, others only before the travelogue for which it is good.

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Saturday Night—"England."

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### NO CHANCE OF CONGRESS BEING NON-PARTISAN FOR WILSON'S SPECIAL SESSION

Washington, March 29.—The United States Government continues to prepare for war. National Guard units recently demobilized have been ordered back into service. Representative Mann says he expects to be a candidate for the speakership of the House, which upsets hopes of a non-partisan organization at the special session of Congress next week.