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## Huns Retreat Leaving Many Dead in the Big Attack on Haucourt

LONDON, April 8.—The region northwest Verdun, around Haucourt and between Bethincourt and Hill 255 is still the scene of sanguinary encounters between French and Germans. Continuing their vigorous counter-attacks on the trenches taken from them by the Germans between Bethincourt and Hill 265, the French, with the use of hand-grenades, have recaptured additional portions of their lost ground, and in addition have made progress in communicating trenches. Around Haucourt the Germans launched a violent attack against the French, previously having prepared the way by heavy bombardment lasting several hours. The French, however, through the use of their curtain of fire and rapid-fire guns, put down the attack, and forced the Germans to retreat, leaving numerous dead on the ground as they made their way back to their trenches. On the remainder of the front in France and Belgium, artillery engagements alone have been in progress.

On the Eastern front there have been a continuation of the lively artillery engagements in the Lake region south of Dvinsk, especially about Lake Narocz, where the Russians succeeded in occupying portions of German trenches. Artillery of both sides has been busy around Riga and Friedland and in East Galicia.

The Austrians recaptured from the Italians a ridge north of Monte Cristabell, and in the operation made a number of prisoners and captured two machine guns. Attacks by the Italians in large force north of the Sugana Valley were repulsed according to Vienna.

Flood conditions along the Tigris River have again hampered the British force, which is endeavouring to make its way up the river to the relief of the British force besieged at Kut-el-Amara.

In the Caucasus region, near the Black Sea Coast, the Russians have captured Turkish positions, also along the Kara Dere River and inland along the Upper Tehoruk River, and continue their progress against the Ottomans, despite the cold and heavy snow.

### French Vessel Sunk

LONDON, April 7.—Lloyds announces that the French sailing vessel, St. Hubert, has been torpedoed and the crew rescued.

### Floods Hinder Operation Along The Tigris

LONDON, April 7.—Stormy weather in Mesopotamia has complicated the situation along the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara, where the British relief force is fighting its way to the relief of General Townshend's beleaguered garrison at Kut-el-Amara, and has recently made marked progress towards its goal, says a British official this evening.

Further rise of the Tigris is accentuating the flood conditions also, it is reported.

### "Simla" Sunk

LONDON, April 7.—The British steamship Simla, 5884 tons, has been sunk. Eleven members of the crew were drowned.

### Liebknicht Muzzled By Reichstag

LONDON, April 8.—A despatch from Amsterdam says Dr. Karl Liebknicht (Socialist) was one of the speakers when the Naval Budget was presented yesterday in the Reichstag for a second reading. He tried repeatedly to discuss the motive for Von Tirpitz's resignation as Naval Minister, and also the question of Germany's submarine warfare, but he was called to order and finally ordered to desist. The Budget passed its second reading during the evening.

### Only Target Practice

LONDON, April 7.—Heavy firing was heard on several evenings in Kiel Bay, west of Bagukop on the Danish Island of Langeland, which has given rise to rumors of a naval battle. It is explained by Reuters' correspondent at Copenhagen, as having been due merely to a German naval gunners' practice of unusual proportions. Many ships have been out of Tachewaning firing at targets towed by fast cruisers.

### British Win Again In East Africa

LONDON, April 8.—Another success for the British in East Africa, has been reported by Lieut-General Smuts, commander of the British Expedition operating against the Germans. The following is the despatch: "As the result of a movement commenced on the afternoon of Monday by mounted troops, under General Vanderventer, we successfully surprised a German force with machine guns, stationed in a mountain stronghold in the Arusha region. This force was surrounded during the course of Tuesday and surrendered on Thursday morning."

### Danish Steamer Torpedoed

COPENHAGEN, April 8.—The Danish steamer St. Jerneborg, from Newcastle for Bagnoli, Italy, has been torpedoed and sunk outside Cagliari, Sardinia. The crew were saved. The St. Jerneborg was a vessel of 1,593 tons and built in 1913. Her home port was Copenhagen.

### Bulgar Ex-Minister Get in Trouble

BERLIN, April 8.—Two prominent Bulgarian politicians, Dr. V. Ghenadiev, former Foreign Minister and M. Malinoff, former Premier, has been arrested for accepting French bribes, says a Sofia despatch to the Overseas News Agency.

## France and Britain Claim Right Seize Merchandise Shipped By Parcel Post

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The reply is in the form of the identical memorandum presented to Secretary of State Lansing with a brief note of transmittal from the British and French Ambassador. It denied any violation of neutral rights, and asserts the right of the Allies to treat merchandise shipped by parcel post like merchandise transported in any other way, but promises that legitimate neutral mails will not be subjected to avoidable delay.

### Controversy No Nearer Settlement

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Discussing the case with an Associated Press correspondent to-day, Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade, said all nations maintain the right to take men from vessels on the high seas, as men are most dangerous explosives, and a kind of contraband. The Germans and Austrians seized on the China were undoubtedly engaged in warlike operations against the Entente Allies. They were conspiring against us in Shanghai, and were bound for the neutral port of Manila, where where they could be expected to continue their efforts to stir up trouble.

When questioned about the report that Frank L. Polk, Counsellor of the State Department at Washington, has informed Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British Ambassador to the United States, that the American Government would demand the release of the men unless it could be proved they were on their way home for service as combatants, Lord Robert Cecil said: "I cannot make any reply to that question as the British Government has not yet received any such demand."

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### Germany Cannot Be Trusted

LONDON, April 8.—Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade, made a sharp reply on the speech in the Reichstag of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, German Imperial Chancellor. Conversing with American correspondents on behalf of the Foreign Office, Lord Robert said the suggestion that Germany might abandon her submarine warfare if Great Britain relaxed food blockade, is hardly likely to be entertained by Britain, which had no faith in any promise made by Germany, regarding submarine warfare would be kept. "Germany slackened for some time when the operations of the British Navy deprived her of the necessary number of submarines," said Lord Robert, "but had now begun it again. I am convinced Germany cannot be trusted to keep any promise."

### Two "Dutchmen" Disabled

LONDON, April 8.—Lloyds report the Dutch steamer "Eemdjik", from Baltimore, March 18, for Rotterdam, damaged, being towed into harbor. All the crew are saved. The steamer passed the Isle of Wight to-day. Lloyds also reports that the Dutch steamer Rijndijk, from Portland March 23, for Rotterdam, damaged off Scilly Island.

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### Republicans Boost Root

NEW YORK, April 8.—A movement for the nomination of Elihu Root for the presidency was launched last night by a statement bearing the signatures of 74 prominent Republicans. It is supported by Robt. Bacon, a former member of Col. Roosevelt's Cabinet and one of his closest friends. In a statement published to-day by Mr. Bacon, he says: "My first choice is Elihu Root, my second choice Theodor Roosevelt."

### Except Extreme Socialists

BERLIN, April 7.—Comments in the German Press indicate that the war aims of the Government, as set forth by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, will have the support of all Germans, with the exception of the most extreme Socialists.

A striking feature in this discussion is the open or tacit assumption, that the Chancellor's words regarding the Polish Provinces, meant nothing less than their annexation, and the fact that the annexationists have no objection to what the Chancellor said.

### Reichstag Supports Submarine Policy

AMSTERDAM, April 7.—The German Reichstag to-day adopted the Committee's resolution on submarine warfare, as well as the Budgets of the Imperial Chancellor and Foreign Office officials.

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## Increasing Floods In the Tigris Now Complicate Matters

### Three British Vessels Sunk

LONDON, April 8.—The loss of three more British vessels was reported to-day by Lloyds. The steamship Braunton and the schooner Clyde, of Whitstable, were blown up. The crews were saved. The steamship Chantala was sunk.

### Swedes Demand Release of Stmr. Vega

LONDON, April 7.—The capture by a German torpedo boat of the Swedish steamship Vega, from Stockholm for Copenhagen, is reported in a despatch from Copenhagen. The message says that the Swedish Government has protested against the capture and demanded the release of the steamship.

### French Make Fresh Gains N.W. Verdun

PARIS (via St. Pierre), April 7.—West of the Meuse, during a night attack under cover of a bombardment on our positions between Bethincourt and Hill 265, the Germans penetrated, our first line of trenches along the Bethincourt-Chattancourt Road, but our immediate counter-attack dislodged them from the greatest part of the captured ground, and they hold at the present time a few advanced trenches on a length of 300 metres. East of the Meuse has been intermittent cannonade. We continue to advance in German trenches south-west of Douaumont Fort. Slight artillery activity in Woivre. Elsewhere on our front nothing important transpired.

PARIS, April 7.—German forces have penetrated a French trench of the first line between Bethincourt and Champancourt, according to an announcement made to-day by the French War Office. This locality is in the Verdun region, west of the Meuse. A French counter-attack at once drove them back from a large proportion of the positions thus seized.

PARIS, April 7.—The French in a grenade attack, have retaken a portion of the trenches captured from them by the Germans between Bethincourt and Hill 265, north-west of Verdun. They have made progress in the communicating trenches in the same region.

According to a French official issued to-night, a German attack over a front of about a mile and a quarter around Haucourt has been repulsed. Seal Cove to-day reports a N. E. wind and snow. Not much ice in Bay and a few seals.

### Venezelos Gets Great Reception

ATHENS, April 8.—A vast throng assembled to-day outside the home of former Premier Venezelos in a demonstration over his re-entry into active politics. Crowds were so dense that the Royal procession returning from the cathedral was "stopped," several persons being injured. The feeling is tense.

### Japan Objects to Seizure by Britain

TOKIO, April 7.—It is reported that the Government has requested Britain to explain the recent seizure of nine Hindu passengers from the Japanese steamer Tenio Maru. The matter is one requiring delicate handling from Japan, because she is the actual ally of Britain, and committed for the defeat of Germany.

Some newspapers interpret the action of the British cruisers as the result of the British feeling that Japan is not carrying on a sufficiently energetic campaign against enemy intrigue. At all events it is believed here that Britain and Japan will settle the question in a manner satisfactory to both countries. Britain taking into consideration the resentment caused among the Japanese public.

### Awaiting Germany's Answer

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The President and his Cabinet considered the submarine situation again to-day without deciding on any action at this time. It is understood the situation will wait on Germany's answer to inquiries on the recent destruction of the Sussex and other vessels.

### Big Uproar in The Reichstag

LONDON, April 7.—There was an uproar in the Reichstag yesterday, when Hugo Hanse, leader of the newly-formed Socialist minority group, declared his party strongly opposed to the partition of Poland, and demanded the restoration of Belgium, the Baltic peoples—Lithuanians and Letts—did not desire union with Germany before the war, said Herr Hanse. The injustice done to Belgium must be compensated for by her restoration as a state.

### Forestalled

Maud—"No, I cannot marry you." Percy (savage)—"Oh, well, there are others just as good." Maud—"Better—I accepted one of them yesterday."

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