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TELETYPE FORCES CAPTURE GORIZIA 100,000 Italians Made Prisoners, Is Latest Claim by Berlin

GORIZIA IS RETAKEN BY AUSTRO-GERMANS

Further Grave Repulses for Italians, Some of Whom Surrender Without Fighting—Berlin Now Claims Total of 100,000 Italian Prisoners.

London, Oct. 28.—The Austro-German armies under the command of Emperor Charles, who has as his chief assistant the brilliant Field Marshal von Mackensen, are shaking the entire Italian line from the Julian Alps region to the Adriatic Sea. Having pressed back the Italians at several points upon Italian soil, the combined enemy forces have now pushed forward on the Italian left wing and captured the town of Gorizia, lying to the north of Udine, and are nearing the plains beyond. In addition, the Austrian Town of Gorizia, a point of great strategic value on the Isonzo River, has been retaken from the Italians.

ALLIES MAKE NEW GAINS ON WEST FRONT CAPTURE TERRITORY IN DIXMUDE SALIENT AND GET 100 ADDITIONAL HUN PRISONERS

ENEMY WILL ABANDON THE DIXMUDE SALIENT

Major Morant Informs Countrymen German Forces Will Soon Have to Withdraw From More Western Positions.

Copenhagen, Oct. 28.—Major Morant, military correspondent of the Berlin Deutsche Tages Zeitung, in an article in that newspaper, expresses the belief that the Germans soon will be compelled to evacuate the narrow Dixmude salient between Dixmude and the Paschendaele Ridge, including the fortified Wood. Major Morant prepares his customary alibi for a reverse on the Aisne front by attributing to the French the intention of driving beyond Leon and upon Maubeuge and Brussels, and will claim a German victory when the French stop short of this imaginary goal.

MERCKEM PENINSULA OCCUPIED BY THE FRANCO-BELGIAN FORCES

ENEMY WARSHIPS FORCED TO HUSTLE BACK TO PORT

German Destroyer Hit by Shells in Running Fight Between Six Allied and Three Hun Vessels.

London, Oct. 28.—A German torpedo boat destroyer was hit twice by shells from British and French destroyers during a fight Saturday afternoon between six allied and three German vessels off the Belgian coast, according to an admiralty statement issued today. The three Germans were forced to seek safety under the land batteries. The statement says: "Six British and French torpedo boat destroyers patrolling off the Belgian coast Saturday afternoon sighted and attacked three German torpedo boat destroyers and seventeen German planes. Two direct hits were obtained upon one of the enemy's destroyers, which immediately retired under the protection of their land batteries."

Entente Troops Make Important Gain of Territory in the Dixmude Sector—Over Thousand Huns Captured in Operations, Friday and Saturday.

French Front in Belgium and France, Oct. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The story of the highly important victory won by the French and Belgian armies over the marsh lands of Flanders yesterday is the record of a spectacular military operation, which by its completion would have been deemed impossible by the average person. It is a story of men who battled their way forward over morasses and thru water in which they sank literally to their necks at times, and with rifle and cold steel conquered the enemy in a large and vital strip of territory which includes within its borders such places as Kippe, Merckem, Aschoope, Venbrandeems and Kostermolen.

Gorizia is Occupied. The occupation of Gorizia this morning by the Austro-German forces is announced in an official statement received here from Vienna. The Italians are said to have retired across the Isonzo. Gorizia was captured by the Italians on August 9, 1916, at the time of the synchronous offensive of the allies on the French, Galician and Italian fronts. The Italians took about 20,000 prisoners in the city. The capture of Gorizia was one of the most important successes of Italy's campaign against Austria.

FRENCH PUSH FURTHER ON OVER SHELL-PITTED EARTH

Allies Eject Germans From Hotly Contested Froidmont Farm on Aisne Front—Many Prisoners Comprised Boys of Sixteen.

London, Oct. 28.—It is estimated in an "Exchange" telegraph despatch from Rome that the Italians are opposed on the front of the Austro-German attack by forces four times their number. The Austro-German forces, which consist of three hundred and fifty Austrian battalions, reinforced by ten German divisions, according to The Petit Parisien's correspondent, are pushing their victorious movement further along the Chemin des Dames, where they ejected the Germans from the hotly contested Froidmont Farm and other points and captured many prisoners. The correspondent visited the centre point of the week's battle at Malmaison.

MACLEAN CHAIRMAN OF TREASURY BOARD

Former Financial Critic of Opposition Will Be Acting Finance Minister.

Ottawa, Oct. 28.—Hon. A. K. Maclean has been appointed vice-chairman of the treasury board, and will be acting minister of finance while Sir Thomas White is absent from the capital. In the late parliament Mr. Maclean was the financial critic of the opposition. Since the beginning of the war he has been a strong advocate of increased taxation and decreased domestic expenditure.

BRITISH AERIAL ATTACKS DEAL HEAVY BLOW

Raids Actively Continue Over Belgium, Damaging Railway Stations.

PATROLS CARRIED OUT

Germans Report Allied Onsets Against Important Industrial Centres.

London, Oct. 28.—British aerial attacks on German military establishments in Belgium were continued actively on Friday night and Saturday, and an official report issued today indicated that considerable damage was caused. "On Saturday afternoon bombing raids were carried out on the Sarapelloek aerodrome, the Engel aerodrome, and the Ostend-Thourout railway line south of Enghien. A great number of patrols were carried out. Two enemy aircraft were driven down out of control, one of them falling into the sea. All of our machines returned safely."

POLITICAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Liberal and Conservative of Waterloo will name a fusion candidate. Great War Veterans endorse W. F. Nickle as win-the-war candidate for Kingston. Brantford Conservatives chose W. F. Nickle to contest the riding as a supporter of union government. Liberal executive of South Wellington declares itself in favour of the union government, and will call a convention at an early date. Lennox Conservatives will hold a convention on Nov. 14 to select a win-the-war candidate. The convention will be open to the Liberals. E. W. Nesbitt tells Liberals of North Oxford that if chosen as representative of a labor representative in any cabinet other than a labor cabinet. The Greater Toronto Labor party will consider a resolution opposing the inclusion of a labor representative in any cabinet other than a labor cabinet. Hon. J. A. Calder has received the union of the Ontario Conservative Party, John Mahay, the grain grower candidate, will retire in Mr. Calder's favor. A return by acknowledgment is expected. Great War Veterans' Association will fight in North Oxford and has nominated Lieut.-Col. Donald Sutherland, a war overseas, and who resigned as the Conservative candidate, as its standard-bearer. Liberals of North Perth differ on their line of action in the coming contest. Some prefer the party system, but the majority signify their intention of cooperating with the Conservatives in selecting a union candidate. Hamilton Liberals accept the resignation of Major Sheehy as candidate in east riding and release Lieut.-Col. John McLaren from party obligations. Col. McLaren has announced himself as the war candidate in the west riding. M. M. MacBride, Independent-Labor member in Brantford, is not yet sure of his candidature, according to his last statement. He, however, has received the endorsement of his constituents, who support him as just as anxious to win the war as any other citizen. The political parties of Ninisning are undecided. The Liberals meet next month to consider the resignation of A. J. Young as party candidate, and on November 10th a convention will be held for the purpose of electing the Labor party and Conservative party on a candidate. West Algonquin Liberals are in favor of fusion candidates, but the Conservatives have named their standard-bearer in the situation in the riding stands. Mr. Smith is running as an independent. James Lockwood is the representative of the labor men, and T. E. Simpson is the Conservative nominee. For Full Political News See Pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

CANADIANS DIG SOLDIERS ON NECK OF SPUR

Men of Dominion Defeat Germans, Gaining Dominating Bellevue Positions.

REPEL TWO ATTACKS

Currie's Forces Engage in Sanguinary Struggles With Enemy.

By R. T. Small, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press. British Front in Belgium, Oct. 28.—The Canadians this morning were digging themselves in across the neck of the Bellevue spur, west of Paschendaele, having maintained themselves on this newly-acquired height in the face of another fierce German counter-attack last night. This was the most important news from the front of yesterday's offensive, for by securing a footing on this spur the British gained a dominating and vital position to which the Germans had clung tenaciously. The capture of this territory was one of the most brilliant strokes in recent days, and involved some of the bitterest fighting seen along the Flanders front. The Canadians had scarcely reached the crest of the spur yesterday morning after battling across the marshy ground in the face of a terrific hail of machine gun fire when the Germans counter-attacked them in force along the crest of the spur from the east. A sanguinary struggle followed at close quarters, and the men from over seas were compelled to give ground a little. They fought their way back, however, and regained their former vantage ground. Last night the enemy again rushed forward in an attempt to dislodge the British. Heavy fighting ensued and the Germans were gradually forced to withdraw, leaving the Canadians in possession. During the night the latter readjusted their line across the neck of the spur and consolidated the positions.

CANADIANS INFLECT A DEFEAT ON THE ENEMY AT LAAMKEEK

Dominion Forces Met Stubborn Resistance, But Were Victorious in Hand-to-Hand Fighting—Smashed Several Determined Counter-Attacks on Their New Positions.

By W. A. Willison. Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Oct. 27.—For the last 24 hours persistent fighting has been going on on the Canadian front. To the left of our advance the splendid success gained yesterday morning in the capture of Bellevue Spur has been followed by the final defeat of the enemy forces at Laamkeek. Very heavy resistance was encountered at both of these points, the enemy machine gun and artillery fire being particularly severe, but the Germans were finally driven out, after hand-to-hand fighting in which our infantry stormed their positions and captured their formidable "pill box" stronghold defences. To the right our infantry scored a signal success in advancing beyond the objectives of the dominating road on the Paschendaele task. Driven from his strong positions and organized defences, the enemy is fighting especially to regain control of the Bellevue Spur and the dominating ridge to the south. Realizing the tremendous importance of this high ground, which information from captured prisoners proves, the German infantry was ordered to hold until the

New Liberty Loan Passes The \$5,000,000,000 Mark

Washington, Oct. 28.—The second Liberty Loan apparently has passed the \$5,000,000,000 mark. A last day drive of titanic proportions through the nation rounded up more than \$1,000,000,000 and was bound to have carried the total several hundred million dollars beyond the maximum sum treasury officials had hoped for. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo announced late last night that the loan was an overwhelming success.

FIRE GERMAN GUNBOAT TO AVOID ITS CAPTURE

Eber is Destroyed by German Crew in Bahia Harbor to Anticipate Seizure by Brazilians.

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 28.—The Germans Saturday set fire to and sank the German gunboat Eber, a vessel of 948 tons, which has been lying at the port of Bahia. This was in anticipation of the seizure of the gunboat by the Brazilian authorities, torpedo boats as having received orders yesterday to proceed to Bahia to take possession of the Eber. Yesterday the Brazilian chamber of deputies and senate declared a state of war between Germany and Brazil, and President Braz sanctioned the proclamation of a state of war with Germany. The gunboat Eber, which was 293 feet long, had a complement of 125 men.

CANADIAN TRIBUNALS FOR UNITED STATES

Dominion Government Will Hear Appeals for Exemption in Particular Districts. Ottawa, Oct. 28.—A novel feature in connection with the Military Service Act may be the establishment of Canadian exemption tribunals in the United States. When the proclamation calling out the first class of men was published, a similar notice was issued in the United States. Canadians resident across the boundary are urged, wherever possible, to return to Canada for the hearing of their applications for exemption, if such applications have been made. It may, however, be found that where large numbers of Canadians have settled in a particular district, it would be more practicable to send a tribunal across the line. For this purpose, an order-in-council has been passed.

Fresh Troops Defeated

The French were faced with fresh troops, but they hurled themselves on the enemy with bayonets and won their way to the line which included both these villages. The advance northward was a heart-breaking task. The ground was vile, and the whole region was pitted as machine gun nests, from which the Germans poured a vicious fire. The attack on Marokom was made under a terrific fire from the German artillery. This place lies close to the flooded Martjeval and the mud lay deep all about it. The French was not strongly defended by the enemy, but even before the French reached it the German guns had begun to shell it heavily.

Flounder Forward

Thru this barrage of high explosives the Polish floundered forward to the high ground in the outskirts of the village, and then flung themselves on the defenders with rifle and bayonet. It was a completely abortive attack. Similar fighting ensued in Merckem, and the Frenchmen won their way thru, leaving many German dead behind. Similar fighting occurred at Kippe where the assaulting troops again came under a heavy German artillery fire. Even there the French kept on.

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