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## **Combined Teuton Armies** Overwhelm The Italians; Claim 100,000 Prisoners

The Austro-German armies under the command of Emperor Charles, who has as his chief assistant the brilliant field mashal, 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 my forces have now pushed forward on the Italian left wing and captured Cividale, lying to the northeast of Udine and are nearing the plains beyond. In addition the Austrian town of Gorisia, a point of great strategic value on the Isonzo river, has been retaken from the Italians.

According to the latest Berlin official communication 100,000 Italians have been made prisoners and in excess of 700 guns have fallen into Austro-German hands. The second and third Italian armies are declared to be in retreat.

Rome admits the falling back of the second army, asserting that cowardice similar to that shown by the Russians in Galicia, was exhibited in the face of the foe, the Italians surrendering or retreating without giving battle permitting the breaking of the left wing and thereby offering easy access to the town of Cividale

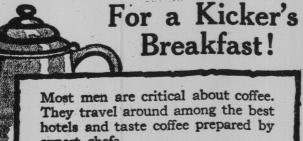
Prior to falling back, however, the Italians destroyed all their depots as stores and Cividale was on fire when the Austro-Germans entered it. Possibly the Italians in this region who are declared by Rome to be retreat ing to prepare positoins on the plains will turn about and meet the enemy

open country fighting. If they do not and the enemy is able to keep up, westward the fast pa that has been maintained since the commencement of the operation, the greater part of the Italian forces along the norheastern line will be threatened with capture. The situation is so grave that a special meeting of the French cabinet has been held for the purpose of deciding upon the question of allied cooperation on the Italian front.

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.

Paris, Oct. 28-The forces engaged in the attack on the Italian army, misist of three hundred and lifty Austrian battalians, reinforced by ten German divisions, according to the Petit Parisien's correspondent at the Italian Both Emperor Charles and General Von Ludendorff, the Ger

termaster general, are present, supervising the operations. Amsterdam, Oct. 28-The occupation of Gorisia this morning tro-German forces is announced in an official statement received here from Vienna. The Italians are said to have retired across the Isonzo



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London, Oct. 28-The text of tonight's

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official statement follows: "During the course of the day, oper-tions by French and Belgian forces ations by French and Belgian forces north of Merckem were successfully ear-ried out. The village of Luyghem was captured this morning by French troops and the whole Merckem Peninsula is

"On the battle front the activity of both artilleries continued. The hostile

bers of our own and the enemy's airplanes were up from early morning till dark. A great deal of artillery work was done by our machines. Several thousands of rounds were fired from heights ranging from one hundred to one thousand feet at hostile targets on the ground. Dur ing the day twenty-nine heavy bombs were dropped on the Roulers section and six on the Abele atr-drome and 121 lighter bombs on hostile billets east of Lens and 124

"As soon as it become dark our night flying squadrons continued bombing and dropped over four tons of bombs on seven airdromes and on of bombs on seven arrowness and on three important railway stations. Several hits were observed near han-gars and on railway tracks while one bomb fell on a train, setting

hines, which, none the less, never or reach their objective. "In air fighting eleven hostile machine were brought down and seven others

French Gain Saturday.

ast night reads: Belgium our attack, begun at "In Belgium our attack, begun at 5.15 in the morning (Saturday) developed during the course of the day with full success on both sides of the road between Ypres and Dixmude. Our troops captured all the German positions on a front of four kilometres (two and a half-miles) and a mean depth of two kilometres, despite stubborn resistance on the part of the enemy, who suffered very heavy losses.

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"On the right we reached the wastern outskirts of Houtholst Forest and captured the villages of Verbrandesmis, Aschhoop, Merckem and Kippe, as well as a great number of strongly fortfiled farms. We took about a hundred prisoners.

"On the Aisne front ther was feeble activity on the part of the enemy artillery. We made new progress before the Chevrigny spur, and further east occupied the Froidmont Farm.

"Ther was spirited artillery fighting during the day in the region of the Monts and on the right bank of the Meuse.

Berlin, Oct. 28—Attacks of allied troops on the Ypres front near Houtholst Wood yesterday brought them no important advantages, the war office reports. French attacks on the Aisne front are said to have been repulsed.

The announcement follows: "Western theatre. Army, group, of Prince Run. theatre—Army group of Prince Rup-precht: In Flanders the firing of the artillery along the Yser lowlands was more intense than previously, especially near Dixmude. Between Blanckert Lake and the Mnin-Yprs road, the artillry fire increased at times to great violence. In the morning the enemy gain attacked at the point of his shal-low penetration southwest of Houtholsi Wood without gaining greater advant-

Wood without gaining greater advantages than on previous days.

"Army group of the German Crown Prince: At the Oise-Aisne canal there was an increase in the activity of the artillery near Brancourt and Anisy-Le-Chateau. In the afternoon strong French forces pressed forward, deeply echeloned, against our lines on the Chemin-Des-Dames east of Fllain and northwest of Braye. Everywhere they were repulsed sanguinarily. Near Souain, Tahure and Mesnil, in Champagne, our thrusting troops carried through enterthrusting troops carried through enter-prises successfully. On the eastern bank of the Meuse the French maintained a strong fire on the trenches recently won us in Chaume Wood.
"Eastern theatre: There

Berlin on Saturday's Fighting.

Berlin, via London, Oct. 28-The text of the German official commussued Saturday night, follows: "Western front: Army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht—On the bat-tlefield in middle Flanders the French and British again brought up strong forces throughout yesterday to seek a decison in the battle. Success was ours. The enemy divisions suffered a sanguir ary loss without result in our def

"Increased artillery fire was directed on the fighting district before the enemy advanced to attack. Behind the advancing rolling fire his storming troops were launched forward.

"North of Bixschoote the French

reached as far as Bultehoek, from there they were thrown back into crater land by our counter thrust.
"Between the Klercken-Poelcapelle road and the Roulers-Ypres railway the British pressed forward in repeated assaults. After fluctuating fighting, which

was especially bitter west of Passchen-daele, the enemy had to content himsel with a few crater lines on the front of his disposition of departure.

"In addition to the main attack sev-eral British divisons were launched against our front from Becelaere to south of Cheluvelt. At the outset they broke into Poezelhoek Park and into Gheluvelt. But by our powerful counter

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beyond the old line. Local engagements lasted into the night, the intense firing Russia will also follow the lead lasted into the night, the intense firing diminishing only temporarily.

"Troops from all parts of the empire took a glorious part in bringing about the issue, which on the day's fighting was favorable for us.

"Army group of the German Crown Prince: On a few sectors on the Oise-Aisne canal, the artillery duel assumed greater intensity towards evening. The enemy infantry in vain endeavored to gain a foothold at many points on the northern bank of the canal.

Russia will also follow the lead of America at the coming Allies' conference in Paris, and by spring she will be able to meet the most powerful attack of the Teutons, becoming, once more, a tremend-ous factor in the war.

FREE NIGHT SCHOOLS

work. Many returned soldiers took advantage of these classes last year, with good results. Several returned men, and others as well, have qualified for good positions by attending the free night school; and it is hoped that many more will avail themselves of this splendid opportunity this year. The classes last year proved very successful. Several of the former pupils have reported at the trustees' office that the instruction they received had been instrumental in secur-The school board is making arrangements to reopen the free evening classes in the assembly hall of the Centennial says that Russia has made no separate peace offers to Germany since the fall of Riga, and will not make any. The Kaiser's attempt arithmetic and writing.

The school board is making arrangements for them increases, ranging from \$100 to \$300, in their yearly salaries.

W. S. Vial, head draughtsman in Fleming's foundry, is the mechanical drawing teacher, and Rex R. Cormier, principal of King Edward school, has charge of the arithmetic and writing.

