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TURKEY HAS SURRENDERED; AUSTRIA TO WITHDRAW HER TROOPS FROM ITALY

ALL BRITISHERS IN GERMAN CAMPS MUST BE FREED OR NO ARMISTICE

People In Motherland Believe Government Will so Insist

BITTER FEELING IN COMMONS

Recent German Outrages Have Not Tended Towards Conciliation or Leniency—Speculation as to Demands Re German Navy

London, Oct. 30—That the immediate release of all British prisoners will be insisted upon by the government as part of the armistice terms is confidently expected here. Sir George Cave, the home secretary announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the same conditions imposed upon Bulgaria in this matter would be insisted upon in any truce with Germany or Austria, and General Allenby had been instructed to follow the same policy in dealing with the Turks. There is plenty of evidence that British prisoners have received worse treatment throughout the war than the others, except the Russians.

Such a demand will be a very important factor and it is not likely that the other Allies will show less regard for their nationals who are suffering in German camps. Events since the German peace overtures were launched have not tended to instil any spirit of conciliation, forgiveness or leniency toward the enemy in British breasts.

The sinking of the Leinster followed close on the German note. The evacuation of Belgium and French towns, for years under the German rule, has opened what has heretofore been largely a

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—BUY-VICTORY-BONDS—

MILLION MARK PASSED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY

Victory Loan Objective Reached in Rogersville—Total in Canada at 11 a. m. $69,775,900

St. John is showing its deep sense of responsibility and obligation towards the Victory Loan in a way which gives the committee reason to expect that the full amount allotted to this district will be taken up and the objective mark passed. It is not the number of large subscriptions which has aroused this feeling of confidence; it is the way in which the average citizen is digging down into his saving and pledging his credit at the bank in order to subscribe that has shown them that this community realizes the seriousness of the need for the success of the loan and that the people are determined that it shall be a success so far as it lies within their power.

One of the most striking features of the subscriptions is the fast that those who are willing to sacrifice the most in order to put the loan over are those who already have sacrificed more than money to win the war—those who have lost members of their family at the front. Canvassers report that among those whose family circumstances are best known to them those who are subscribing most heavily in proportion to their means are those to whom the meaning of the war has been brought home by sad but glorious bereavement. If others in the community measure up to this standard, they say, there will be no question about St. John passing the objective.

The total subscribed in St. John city and county up to Wednesday night, so far as the reports show, is $1,200,000. In proportion to the increased objective, this is about the same rate as last year when $900,000 was subscribed in three days. Last year the average subscriptions for the city alone throughout the period of the canvass was $89,000 per day. This year, in order to reach the $5,000,000 mark, it will be necessary to average $134,000 a day. As the subscriptions are coming in at the rate of $200,000, the committee has reason to be confident, provided the large subscriptions and those through the banks maintain the same average as last year.

The total for the rest of the province, outside of St. John county is not known and cannot even be estimated at present. Very incomplete reports show a total of $700,000, so far.

The local committee has estimated that at the present rate 12,000 subscribers are required in St. John and they are going after that number, confident that if they get the number the total will take care of itself. In this connection they urge the importance of the small sub-

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Big News Of Enemy Downfall

Ottoman Empire Giving up; Dual Monarchy Near It

Reported That Foch's Terms Have Reached Berlin But More Reliable Statement Says War Council Has Only Completed Preliminaries

London, Oct. 31—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuter's, Limited)—Turkey today surrendered unconditionally.

Reuter's agency has been informed that Great Britain has officially received definite peace proposals from Turkey which are regarded as tantamount to unconditional surrender.

London, Oct. 31—(By the Associated Press)—Turkey has agreed to an armistice.

London, Oct. 31—(3.15 p.m., by the Associated Press)—The Turkish armistice took effect at noon today.

Vienna, Oct. 30—(Via London, Oct. 31) — Austrian troops fighting on Italian soil will be withdrawn, according to an official statement issued by the war office tonight. The statement follows:

"Taking into account the resolve so often expressed to bring about a conclusion of an armistice and peace, putting an end to the struggle of nations, our troops fighting on Italian soil will evacuate occupied regions."

THE TERMS SUBMITTED?

London, Oct. 31—Marshal Foch's armistice terms arrived in Berlin on Tuesday night, so the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin says it learns. An Exchange Telegraph Company despatch from Copenhagen reports this.

PRELIMINARY WORK COMPLETE

London, Oct. 31—The preliminary conversations which lately have occupied the Allied representatives in Paris have been concluded and more important discussions now are beginning, according to reports reaching official quarters here. To take part in the discussions, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, went to France yesterday.

Making Selection Early.

Copenhagen, Oct. 30—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, a copy of which has been received here, says Dr. Richard Von Kuehlmann, former German secretary of foreign affairs, will be one of Germany's representatives at the peace conference.

The Kaiser "not opposed."

Copenhagen, Oct. 31—Request was made by the Solialist members of the lower house of the German Reichstag on Tuesday that the ministry obtain the emperor's consent to a change in the article of the constitution which gives him the right to make war and peace. One of the secretaries announced in the house on Wednesday that he had been authorized to declare that the emperor is nowise opposed to the change.

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REVISION OF SIDE AND TOP WHARFAGE RATES

The revised by-law relating to side and top wharfage here, the effect of which is to nearly double the revenue from this source, adding from $50,000 to $70,000 to the city's income was approved by the common council in committee this morning. On Commissioner Bullock's motion it was recommended to council and will come up for action on next Tuesday.

An extension of time, until December 15, was granted to the contractors who are making the excavation and laying the pipe in the renewal work at Lake Fitzgerald on the Loch Lomond extension, on motion of Commissioner Hilyard, with the approval of the city engineer, who said that the contractors were doing the best they could in spite of the unfavorable weather.

Mayor Hayes presided and all the members of the council were present.

Commissioner Bullock had said that the only criticism that shipping men had to offer was in the form of a suggestion that three separate charges might be totalled and combined in one charge, to save bookkeeping. He had not thought this desirable. Regarding the increased revenue which the change would provide, he said that it would be needed if necessary repairs are to be met.

The mayor said he approved of the increases so long as they did not make it difficult for the port to compete with other places, and Commissioner McLellan concurred in this.

Among the changes provided for is that a vessel lying outside another at the wharf will pay full side wharfage instead of half rates. The anchorage, harbor master's and side wharfage rates will be about doubled.

Loaded scows will be treated like other vessels and charged accordingly.

The revision affects the market slip which now is under special rules. The exemption from wharfage on outward goods, now enjoyed at these wharves, will be cancelled.

Top wharfage rates generally are considerably increased, the rates on flour, fish and molasses being more than doubled.

Rates at Indiantown are to be brought up to the same standard as that fixed for the city wharves.

GERMAN-EMPRESS IS REPORTED CALLING ON KAISER TO ABDICATE

Ill and Weak and Fearful of Revolution—Heir Appearent in Egypt Dead

Paris, Oct. 31—The German empress is very ill and weak, according to a Berne despatch to the Petit Journal. It is said that she is haunted by the memory of the Russian revolution and insists upon the abdication of the emperor.

Barcelona, Oct. 31—Announcement is made here that Ezra Bin Abbas, heir apparent of Ahmed Fuad Pasha, Khedive of Egypt, died of influenza on Monday.

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UNDER THE RULE OF COSSACK LEADER, 25,000 PEOPLE REPORTED SHOT

London, Oct. 31—During the rule of General Krasnoff, Cossack leader and former member of the staff of Alexander Kerensky, in the Don region, 25,000 persons have been shot, according to a Russian wireless despatch received here last night.

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DEATH OF GEORGE WALKER.

George Walker, aged thirty-eight years, son of John Walker, 9 Mecklenburg street and road representative in this territory for W. R. Johnston, clothing manufacturers of Toronto, died a little shortly after noon today at his parents home here where he took refuge when seized with influenza on the road. Pneumonia developed. Mr. Walker was one of St. John's best known out-of-town residents; that is a young man who though travelling for an outside concern with his residence at headquarters, kept in close touch with the old home town and was always welcomed. He learned the clothing business under Thos. J. Morgan in M. R. A.'s. Ltd. and his position with the Johnston concern was a valuable and responsible one. A very sad feature of Mr. Walker's death was the arrival of his wife and little son on the train at 1.45 this afternoon quite ignorant of the terrible shock awaiting them. Besides the parents, he leaves three brothers, Frank S., plumber; William and John, the latter with M. R. A. Ltd.

CZECHS CUT THE LINE BETWEEN VIENNA AND THE HUN CAPITAL

Austria and Hungary "Getting It" From All Directors

NEW STATES ARE FORMED

Rapid Advance of Allies in Serbia Arouses Alarm for Budapest—Jugo Slavs May Cross Frontier and With Allies March on Hungarian Capital

Paris, Oct. 31—Communication between Agram and Fiume and Budapest and Vienna has been totally interrupted. The Czecho-Slovaks have cut the railroad between Berlin and Vienna near Bodenbach and German trains can go only as far as Schnadau, according to a Zurich despatch to the Journal.

Hungary Loses Fiume.

Paris, Oct. 31—The military governor at Fiume recently advised the Hungarian government that he was without material and munitions and unable to defend the city. He received orders to hand over the administration to the Croatian national council, which he did immediately.

Montenegro in Revolt.

Amsterdam, Oct. 30—Advices received by Dutch newspapers from Cetinje, Montenegro, by way of Vienna, say the insurgent rising in Montenegro is spreading. Armed bands have occupied Niksic, Berano and Rejevica and the Austro-Hungarians are evacuating the entire country hastily.

Scutari and Rieka, according to the despatches, already are in the power of the insurgents, and all communal administrators favorably inclined toward the Austrians are being slaughtered.

More Break Away.

Paris, Oct. 31—The Croatian parliament at Agram has voted for a total separation of Croatia, Slavonia, and Dalmatia from Hungary, according to a Geneva despatch to the Matin. The despatch says that Agram is decked in national colors and that the people are celebrating the passage of the resolution.

Fear for Budapest.

Zurich, Oct. 30—The rapid advance of the Allies in Serbia is causing the liveliest alarm in Budapest, according to a Vienna despatch. It is feared that the Jugo-Slavs will cross the Croatian frontier, join the Allied troops and march on the city. This is one of the reasons for the persistence with which Count Andrassy has asked for an armistice.

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Alfonso Recovers.

Madrid, Oct. 31—It is announced that King Alfonso, who has been suffering from an attack of influenza, has been restored to health.

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Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—A moderate disturbance is centered this morning over the lower St. Lawrence Valley, causing strong winds and showery weather in Quebec and the maritime provinces. Showers have also occurred in many parts of Ontario, while in the western provinces it has been fair.

Forecasts.

Lower Lakes, Georgia Bay, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate to fresh northwest winds, a few scattered showers, but mostly fair and cooler; Friday, westerly winds, fair and comparatively cool.

Lower St. Lawrence—Strong northerly winds, shifting to westward, occasional showers today; Friday, westerly winds, fair and cooler.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong southerly winds, with rain. Friday, westerly winds, fair and becoming cooler.

Fair and Cooler.

Maritime—Strong southwest winds, occasional rain; Friday, fresh to strong west to northwest winds, fair and a little cooler.

Superior—Moderate to fresh northwest winds, a few local snow flurries today, fair and cool tonight and on Friday.

Manitoba—Fair and becoming milder.

Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair and comparatively mild.

New England—Fair and cooler tonight and Friday; fresh northwest winds.

DEATH OF CAPT. P. L. FERGUSON

Sad News Comes to Family in St. John—Deep Sea Mariner Who Had Made Notable Record

John C. Ferguson, food inspector of the Inland Revenue Department of the Customs House, received a telegram at noon today from Captain Masters of Moncton informing him of the death of his brother, Captain Philip L. Ferguson, which occurred this morning. Captain Ferguson had been quite ill and had recently been visited by his brother, but there was no thought of immediate danger.

Captain Ferguson was born in this city in 1842 and was the second son of the late Philip and Catherine Ferguson. He received his education in the city schools, at the completion of which he evinced a desire to follow the sea. His heart was in this work and before many years the lad had developed into a competent seafaring captain. As years went by he rose steadily until eventually he reached the pinnacle of his ambition as master of the largest ocean going vessels. For many years he was in the employ of the well known shipping firm of Troop & Sons and among the many ships he commanded was the Hudson, which was eventually wrecked in the China Sea. As a result of his bravery, keen judgment and ability he succeeded in saving the lives of his entire crew and brought them safely to a port in India. At another period, while in command of the Hudson, he stood by a bark named the Minnie Gray, while she was foundering and after great risks saved the lives of the crew of the ill-fated ship. For this gallant deed he was awarded a magnificent remembrance from the British Board of Trade, inscribed on which were details of the gallant deed of humanity and bravery.

For a period Captain Ferguson remained at home for a well merited rest, but soon the desire for the sea asserted itself and he went in command of the steamer Ancona, and later the Marabout. He then retired, and of late years made his home in Moncton.

Captain Ferguson had friends in all parts of the world, and wherever his ship rode at anchor there was always a hearty welcome awaiting the genial captain, who was one of the best known and most highly respected of masters. He had the confidence of the largest shipping firms on the continent, as well as in England, and as a result was given command of their largest and best vessels. His record, which was a glorious one, proved that their confidence had not been misplaced. He was known as "the captain with the big heart." He was of a quiet, reserved disposition, but as friends often termed it, his heart was of gold. He was beloved by his crew, for he never asked one of them to brave a danger that he would not face himself and during his voyages he met hundreds of tourists whollearned to have the highest esteem and respect for the captain of their ship. His death will be mourned sincerely by friends, not only in Canada, but in England and other places where the news spreads.

He is survived by one brother, John C. Ferguson, and two sisters, Mrs. James Gerow and Miss Annie R. Ferguson, of St. John. Lieut. Stephen P. Gerow of the 26th Nova Scotia battalion, somewhere in France or Belgium, is a nephew

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EVERY MAN ON THE SHIP WORE A MASK

Six Thousand Americans Taken Across With Only 50 Cases of Influenza Recorded

London, Oct. 31—A transport carrying 6000 American soldiers has arrived at a British port. During the trip there were only fifty cases of influenza recorded. One death was caused by the disease. The success achieved in combating the disease was due, in the opinion of physicians, to the fact that every man wore a mask during the voyage.

There were several fatalities on the same ship during her previous voyage and the army and navy officials here were face to face with what threatened to be a serious situation.

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BOND-KNOWLES.

A pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Knowles, 93 Elliott row, when their youngest daughter, Kathleen Anna, was united in marriage to Roscoe O. Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bond, Millidge street. The bride was becomingly gowned in white crepe de chene with Brussels net veil with orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of roses. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. A. Goodwin. After a short stay in the city Mr. and Mrs. Bond will leave for Fredericton, where Mr. Bond is employed as manager of the Fredericton branch of the C. T. Townshend Piano Company. They received many wedding gifts, including a mahogany clock from the staff of the C. H. Townshend Piano Company and an electric coffee urn from the Imperial Oil Company, where the bride was employed.

Austrians About Overwhelmed As They Prepare To Leave Italy's Soil

Armies In Flight Across Eastern Venetian Plains Toward Line of Isonzo

Prisoners Taken Number Nearly 40,000; The Enemy Forces Divided and Disaster Threatens; Also in Bad Way in Other Places

New York, Oct. 31—The Associated Press today issues the following:

Disaster threatens the Austro-Hungarian armies from the Stelvio to the Adriatic as they prepare to evacuate Italian territory. All the Italian armies now have entered the great offensive against the Austrians and the Allied troops are advancing rapidly along the entire front from Lake Garda to the Adriatic.

Fighting activity on the western front remains at a virtual standstill. There have been only isolated actions at several points.

IN HEADLONG FLIGHT.

Shattered by the irresistible advance of the Italian, British and French across the Piave the Austrians are fleeing rapidly across the plains of Eastern Venetia toward the line of the Isonzo, from which they advanced one year ago. American troops are participating in the advance of the Italian tenth army which already has reached the outskirts of Sacile, fifteen miles east of the Piave. The total of Austrian prisoners is approaching 40,000.

Apparently the Austrian forces which were along the Piave will have great difficulty in reaching the hills east of the Isonzo. They have been separated from the armies in the mountains west of the Piave and the Allies already threaten their rear from the region of Vittorio. Along the lower Piave the Italian third army has crossed the river and taken up the pursuit. In the centre the Italians have taken Oderso, while farther north they have advanced beyond Vitterio in the direction of Belleno.

In retreating across the plains over the fifty-five miles between the Piave and the Isonzo the Austrian rush backward as through a narrow hallway, walled in on the north by the Carnic Alps and on the south by the Adriatic. From the manner in which the Allies have driven in their wedge east of the Piave it is apparently the intention to outflank the Austrians on the north in the foothills of the Alps and crush them from both the north and the west.

The situation of the Austrians guarding the Trentino along the front from the west of Lake Garda to the Piave also is becoming serious. Between the Brenta and the Piave the fifteen Austrian divisions operating there have been cut off by the capture of Vadal Pass. Elsewhere on this front the Austrians must retreat northward through the Alps, with the Italians, British and French pressing hard at their heels. If, as reported, the Italians are attacking from Stelvio southward to Lake Garda as well as eastward from the lake, the Allies have begun the familiar pincer movement in the Trentino.

Austrian troops are also retiring from Serbia and the left wing already has crossed the Danube. Vienna announces this. The Serbs have reached the Danube near Semendria and the fall of Belgrade and the complete liberation of Serbia would seem but a matter of a few days, if not hours. In western Serbia the Austrians also are marching north toward the Danube.

London, Oct. 31—The entire front is ablaze, a Central News despatch from Rome says. All the Italian armies now are in action.

Vienna, Oct. 30, via London, Oct. 3e—Austro-Hungarian forces on their eastern wing in Serbia are withdrawing from occupied territory and have completed the crossing of the Danube, according to an official statement tonight from Austro-Hungarian headquarters. Elsewhere in Serbia the Austrian withdrawal continues.

British Success.

London, Oct. 31—British forces, fighting east of the Piave, have reached the Livenza River at Francenigo and the Italians have occupied Oderso, according to an official statement on operations in Italy issued at the war office today.

"This advance has been gained," says the official statement, "throughout the entire length of the object asigned me, (the Earl of Cavan. British commander on the Piave) by His Excellency, General Diaz, when he first laid his plans before me early in the days of October. The energy and determination of the infantry has been beyond all praise.

"The difficulties of bridging the Piave led at first to an inevitable shortness of supplies. In spite of lack of food and sleep and in the face of constant fighting, the thirty-seventh Italian division and the seventh and twenty-third British divisions have advanced without relief to their final objectives.

"The Royal Air Force has again done excellent work.

"British and Italian troops operating on the Asiago Plateau have entered Camporovere (northwest of Asiago) and captured the heights of Mocatz. The number of prisoners taken by the 10th army has increased to more han 12,000."

DIVIDES THE AUSTRIAN ARMY.

Italian Headquarters on the Piave, Oct. 30—(By the Associated Press)—Allied troops have taken Monte Cison. This was a most important operation, for by it the roads were opened to Feltre and Vittorio.

Both these cities were Austrian bases. The capture of Monte Cison also divides the Austrian army, forcing the troops to the north to follow a long, slow line of retreat through the mountains of Trentino. The general line of retreat, where the largest number of troops could be moved, would be along the roads and railways toward Belluno and over the plains toward Udine.

Venice is now safe since the third army has driven back the Austrians in the lower plain. Italian cavalry is advancing rapidly at many points. The number of prisoners is growing hourly and may possibly total 40,000. Opposite the tenth army it is estimated that four and one-half Austrian divisions have been partially destroyed.

ODERSO IS CAPTURED.

Rome, Oct. 30—Oderso has been reached by Allied troops advancing east of the Plave River and Serravallo has

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ROOSEVELT AND TAFT IN JOINT APPEAL FOR REPUBLICAN SUCCESS

New York, Oct. 31—Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft issued here today a joint appeal for election of a republican majority in Congress. The statement was said to be the first ever composed and signed by two former presidents of the United States.