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NOTHER FRENCH VICTORY

NOTHER DRIVE BRINGS FRENCH FORCES EIGHT MILES FROM LAON

ARGE QUANTITIES OF WAR STORES WERE ABANDONED BY ENEMY IN HIS RETREAT; SINCE DRIVE BEGAN FRENCH HAVE CAP-TURED 12,000 PRISONERS, MORE THAN 200 OF WHOM WERE OFFICERS; ENEMY IS NOW RETREATING AT SOME POINTS ON WEST-ERN FRONT, BUT MAKING GAINS AGAINST **ITALIANS**

The French forces in the Aisne region continue to develop their neess of Tuesday, when they made a rapid advance over a front about six miles, capturing important German positions and a umber of prisoners.

Following up minor successes, the French again attacked Thursday along the entire line, forcing the Germans to abandon key mountain, east of Vauxaillon, the village and forest of mon, the village of Pargny-Filan, on the east of the line, and merous fortified farms and other posts of vantage.

The latest drive of the French brings General Petain's army within sight of the important railway junction of Laon, the objectsought for, which now is a scant eight miles distant. Large we sought for, which now is a scant eight miles distant mantities of war stores were abandoned by the enemy treat, and additional guns and prisoners were captured. tities of war stores were abandoned by the enemy in their

The number of prisoners taken since the drive began now eds 12,000, more than 200 of whom are officers. Two thousand of the prisoners were bagged Thursday.

RAPIDITY OF DRIVE

An indication of the rapidity with which the drive has been arried out is the total number of guns the Germans were forced to eave behind. These aggregate 120, among them several howitzers, of to mention several hundred small calibre pieces like Minenner-

rer and machine guns.
On the 25-mile front, running from Monte Rombon to the sainsizza plateau, the battle between the Austro-German forces and le Italians appears to grow in intensity, with the Austro-Germans ggressors, but with the Italians stubbornly resisting everywhere.

GERMANS CLAIM VICTORY Although the German war office asserts that gains have been

ade at various points along the line, the Italian official communiation does not concede losses except on the east bank of the sonzo, south of Monte Rombon. To the contrary, this communition asserts that the Bainsizza plateau, where the Germans had nnounced success, and on the west slope of Monte San Gabriele, nemy attacks were repulsed and that the Italians even took several undred prisoners. Not alone does the German war office assert that the Italian line parring the way to the valley of the Flished the Weakness of Austrian insizes plates, but that large quantities of booty were taken by Austro Germans and that more than ten thousand prisoners into their hands, including divisional and brigade staffs.

REPULSE COUNTER-ATTACK While the operations of the Ypres sector of the front in Flan-scontinue to be carried out mainly by the artillery, with the thish and French guns hurling the greater weight of metal, the ans have launched another strong counter-attack south of the tholst forest, where the British and French armies have joined

Again this attack met with repulse. In intensive air fighting Wednesday night, the French airmen of down or forced to land twenty-five German planes.

RETIREMENT OF GERMANS

The retirement of the Germans on the northern Russian front thinnes. The enemy is now back as far as the Rodenpoistial line. Behind them the Germans are destroying everything that line. Behind them the Germans are destroying everything the practical demands of the entente, especially the guarantees for a general phase based upon the recognition of the contribution of the contribution of the guarantees for a general phase based upon the recognition of the contribution of the guarantees for a general phase based upon the recognition of the contribution of the guarantees for a general phase based upon the recognition of the contribution of the guarantees for a general phase based upon the recognition of the guarantees for a general phase based upon the recognition of the guarantees for a general phase based upon the recognition of the guarantees for a general phase based upon the recognition of the guarantees for a general phase based upon the recognition of the guarantees for a general phase the Riga, the Germans have attempted futile landing on the Werder small nations as free and independent. insula in order to harass the Russian right wing, but were opped by the Russian fire. Possibly in view of the operations of man naval units at the head of the Gulf of Finland, the civil pulation is evacuating Kronstadt, the great Russian fortress and ral base near Petrograd.

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RITISH PLANES DOING BRILLIANT WORK IN FRANCE

TREE AND HALF TONS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES DROPPED BY ONE AIR SQUADRON; GER-MANS GETTING BACK THEIR OWN BY NUM-EROUS AIR RAIDS

night factories and railway nications in the vicinity of squadrons with excellent results.

ee and one-half tons of explowere dropped on the Burbach is by naval machines. The damage was considerable; many fires Three thousand three hundred and ped on railway stations, junctions sidings in and around Saarbrucken

obtained, resulting in numerous lions. One train proceeding to rucken received a direct hit from big bomb and was destroyed. A total

enemy's anti-aircraft defenses tions were good, but later became best dogs in Canada, having captured the best dogs in Canada, having captured the championship for the best dog in championship for the best dog in show on innumerable occasions. He was a sweet in Edumonton up to about three months ago and was born in Alberta. re strong. At first weather con-

on. Oct. 25.—An official state- improvement in the weather on the aerial operations issued tonight British front, though drifting clouds and a very strong west wind made observation and fighting over the enemy's lines difficult. One hundred ing the day on the enemy's billets; 12 and fifty-four bombs were dropped during the day on the enemy's billets; 12 heavy bombs on an airdrome near Courtral, and 71 others on German troops in trenches and in the open. "At times the fighting was severe

Four hostile machines were downed ty-five pounds of explosives were by our airplanes; one was shot down by our infantry, and three other maanother squadron. Many direct hits trol. Six of our machines are missing."

ALBERTA PRIZE WINNER DEAD Winnipeg, Oct. 25.—Ch. Clipstone First Shot, George Kynock's wonderful Airedule terrier and winner of 25 championships throughout Canada and the United States, died here today. He had the reputation of being one of the

BRITISH GOVERNMENT DEFEATED

London, Oct. 25.—Premier Lloyd George's government suffered its first defeat in the house tonight. In the bill to promote the production of petroleum in the United Kingdom, provision was made for a payment of a royalty of nine pence per ton. An amendment striking this provision out was carried by 44 to 35.

The defeat of the government is regarded as purely mechanical and will not affect the government's tenure of

BULLETINS

REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL Petrograd, Oct. 25.—It is considered well-informed military circles that in well-informed military circles that the object of the German withdrawal beyond the Dvina is to complete the defense of Riga as to make its recapture impossible. The aremy is also shortening his Baltic front by about 30 miles, rendering ussless positions of the Russian artillery on which much work had been expended, and necessitating the establishment of other position closer the enemy's new line

STRICTLY NEUTRAL Stockholm, Oct. 25 .- The new governent recently formed with Prof. Eden as premier, declares its most sincere desire to maintain the strictest nonpartisan neutrality toward all the belligerent powers. This was the substance of information today by the foreign minister, Dr. Helinor, to the American minister, Ira Nelson Norris.

NOT NECESSARY Amsterdam, Oct. 25.-Dispatches from Berlin say that the German emperor does not consider the resignation of Dr. Michaelis as chancellor necessary, and that it is therefore probable that he will

NEW MINISTRY
Paris, Oct. 25.—Political circles in Italy, says the Petit Parisienne, are now convinced that Professor Orlando, minister of the interior, shortly will be called upon to form a national ministry.

TO DECLARE FOR WAR Rio Janeiro, Oct. 25.—Parliament will vote tomorrow on the question of authorizing the government to declare that a state of war exists betwene Germany and Brazil, and also on all necessary legislation for the carrying on of war.

EMIANS MAKE

Washington, Oct. 25.—Stermly repressive censorship for the past two weeks by the Austrian authorities has failed to prevent the leakage of reports to this country by cable of fierce attacks upon the government in the reichrath by

One of these bitterly charged Premier Czernin with being the victim of Ger-man theorists who looked to world domination, and he declared that Austria might have been saved from all of her present misery had not the Ger-manic race, which predominated when

KING ALBERT GOING TO ITALY Washington, Oct. 25.—King Albert of Belgium, has decided to visit Italy very soon, and will make an inspection of the Italian army at the front and visit

GERMANS MUST GIVE UP ANOTHER FOND AND FIXED IDEA

Military Critic Warns Them That There Will Be No United States-Japanese War

Copenhagen, Oct. 25.—Captain von Salzmann, military critic, and far eastern expert of the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin, warns his readers that they no longer warns his readers that they no longer have the right to count upon a future war between Japan and the United States, which has become a fixed idea with the average German and a definite element in the average of the calculations. This element is a calculations. the government calculations. This element in the government calculations. This ele-ment, Von Salzmann writes, must be eliminated for a long time, at least, and Germany ifistead must count upon Japan to enter into the Paris agreement and participate in an anti-German post bellum business war.

business war.
Capt. von Salzmann takes his text from the recent speech in London of Viscount Chinda, Japanese ambassador to England, in which he warned against German intrigue for the purpose of creating friction between Japan and the United States. The captain also refers to the negotiation at Washington of Viscount Ishii, head of the Japanese mission to America. He says Japan and the United States are taking a lesson from the European conflict and aparently have decided it is best to settle their problems by arbitration and friendly agreement, rather than by costly warfare, and that it looks as though these nations would come to an agreement regarding China.

HUNS HADN'T HEARD IT

Greatly Surprised to Find U. S Troops in France.

Washington, Oct. 25.—The presence of American troops in France caused great astonishment to the crews of the Zeppelins brought down by the French last Saburday, while returning from a raid on England. Official dispatches to the state department said the prisoners declared that not one of them knew of the landing of any American expeditionLONDONERS NOT TERRORIZED BY AIR RAIDS



The photo shows a London crowd just after the last air raid on that city. The group of sightseers seem imperturbable as ever. The other picture shows the new metal hats with which the special constables have here previded to restort them. have been provided to protect them from falling shrapnek—London Daily Mirror photo.

GERMANS MAY MAKE GENERAL RETIREMENT

Copenhagen, Oct. 25.—The Germans, under pressure of the French victory on the Aisne, will endeavor to effect a general retirement to a new Hindenburg line well in the rear of their present positions. Various hints from German sources lately have indicated that the German experts, recognizing the menace, particularly to the exposed salient souththe Italian line barring the way to the valley of the Philad.

the Weakness of Austrian were preparing a new fortified line somewhere between Laon, were preparing a new fortified line somewhere between Laon and their former front, to which they appected

The French attack seems to have anticipated this strategy, and the German withdrawal, if made now under the hammering of a victorious opponent, is likely to be a quite different operation from that planned.

ALL PROFITEERING IN NATION'S FOOD

WILL BE EXTENDED IN OTHER DIREC-TIONS, IS ANNOUNCEMENT BY HON. T. A. CRERAR

Winnipeg, Oct. 25.—Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of agriculture in the new Union government, tonight addressed the Women's Non-Partisan league. Mr. Crerar dealt first with the evils of patronage, saying that every member of the union government was determined to do away with the evil. He compared the business method of having an employe and edvancing him according to his merits, irrespective of friendship or relationship, with the costly and often corrupt methods of the patornage committee. of the patornage committee.

The minister then took up civil service reform, the importance of which he said would be realized when he mentioned that would be realized when he mentioned that prior to 1914 the civil service of Canada cost, roughly speaking, \$130,000,000 per year. Mr. Crerar then dealt with the need for economical and yet efficient administration. This was especially called for in view of what Canada's debt would be by the time the war had been brought to a successful conculsion. Canada's obxbe by the time the war had been brought to a successful conculsion. Canada's obligation to pension her gallant soldiers and their dependents adequately would be duly fulfilled, and in no niggardly manner. To meet this and all other obligations honorably wise and economical administration would be the duty of the union government. union government.

Conscription of Wealth king of the need for conscription of vealth, Mr. Crerar said that profits from business, and especially war profits, would be laid under contribution, and for this purpose he favored the income tax. To this the new government would give seri-ous and immediate consideration, and he could assure them that war profiteering

DESERT RUSSIANS

British Minister Denies the Senseless Rumors Circulated by Germans

London, Oct. 25 (Via Reuter's Ottawa agency).—In the house of commons today Lord Robert Cecil categorically denied rumors that the western powers were contemplating a separate peace at the expense of Russia and Rumania. He said the rumors were appead by enemy agents in Russia with the hope of discouraging Russia. Great Britain was determined, he said, to abide by its Russian aliy and assist her to consolidate her new found liberty. He paid tribute to the valiant resistance of Russia in a period of exceptional difficulty and trial and assured the Rumanian people that England would not desert them in the present crisis.

GERMAN PRESS IS

Amsterdam, Oct. 25.-German newsapers are uneasy over the French advance northeast of Soissons. Those at Cologne say it is impossible to minimize the importance of the French blow.

The Volke Zeitung says: "We must not exaggerate the meaning of the French advance. It is only an initial success... We must not forget what resistance our brilliant troops have offered to the numerically is uperior name."

enemy."

The Frankfurter Zeitung characterizes the battle as "painful" for Germany, but not desperate, and believes France's extreme is the capture of

LIVESTOCK SALE TODAY A special street car will leav the corner of Eighth avenue and

Center street today at 1 p.m. sharp for J. W. Durno's sale.

UNFORTUNATE TINC LAP-DOG OF THE

Boche Despoilers

London, Oct. 25.-A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Athens says ESCAPED SAILOR that during the debate in the chamber of deputies of the proposal to send the members of the last Gounaris cabinet before the high court on charges of not meeting their ministerial responsibilities, Premier Venizelos told of a conversation he had with former King Constantine. Replying to a suggestion that Greece join the entente, the form-er king was quoted by M. Venizelos as having said: "How can I present myself before the emperor (meaning the German emperor) if I go against him?"
M. Respoulies, minister of the inter-ior, quoted Constantine as having said to him: "I would prefer to commit suicide rather than go against Germany." The minister said that on the king's attention being drawn to Greece's treaty obligations Constantine replied: "For me this does not matter."

TORONTO LIBERALS

Not Likely to Place Candidates Against Union Government.

Toronto, Oct. 25 .- Some prominent local Liberals are taking objection to the announcement made last night that the Toronto Liberals would contest couraged so as to increase the population of the country that production might be vastly increased and industries of all ment candidates appear. This announce-kinds correspondingly developed. This

> Liberals and Conservatives Unite in Eastern Townships.



MRS. F. GINDIN of special \$50 prize in The

DIRECTOR OF COAL OPERATIONS ORDERS INCREASE OF WAGES

All Mine Operators in District 18 Ordered to Pay the Men 20 Cents Per Day Extra Irrespective of Wages Received

COST OF LIVING

Order Is Result of Finding by High Cost of Living Commissioner: Investigation Made of Prices During Last Six Months

As a result of the findings of the ommission appointed by the mine operators and miners and the government to ascertain the increase in the cost of living from April 1, 1917, to August 1, 1917, W. H. Armstrong, fuel controller for District 48, has fixed the increase in pay due to the increased cost of living at 20 cents per day irrespective of wages received. This is in addition to the percentage increase arranged at the close of the coal miners' strike. Mr. Armstrong's finding reads:

Director's Order Calgary, Oct. 24, 1917.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by order of the committee of the privy council posted under the provisions of the War Measures Act of Canada, 1914, I hereby direct that in accordance with classe (d) of the order cordance with clause (d) of the order of June 27, 1917, the following shall

A commission has been appointed under the said order and has reached a finding that the increase in the cost of living for the period April 1, 1917 to August 1, 1917, to be 19.74 cents per GERMAN EMPEROR

August 1, 1917, to be best day.

I therefore direct that all employes of the mines in District 18 shall receive an increase in wages of twenty (20) cents per day, dating from August 1, 1917. Signed W. H. Armstrong, director of coal operating.

This means an increase of 5.86 per cent on the family budget.

Another survey will be apken starting per 1 and will be repeated above four souths by the commission. F. Wheat by, commissioner representing the mines of a slightly greater increase.

the cost of dry goods.

WAS RE-CAPTURED

Officer of Boche Cruiser Interned at Honolulu Is Arrested in New York

New York, Oct. 25 .- Jacob von Horn, who was an officer on the German cruiser Geler, which steamed into the Honolulu harbor before the United States entered the war to escape British warships and was interned there, was arrested by agents of the bureau of naval intelligence here tonight and taken to Ellis island for internment. Von Horn is believed to have come to the United States before this country declared war against Germany

MRS. F. GINDIN WINS \$50 SPECIAL CONTEST PRIZE

In a Field of Almost Fifty Strong Contenders a Calgary Competitor in the Albertan Circulation Contest Comes First for a Period of Three Weeks

Sherbrooke, Oct. 25.—A meeting of the Eastern Townships Liberal-Conservative association was held here this afternoon. Senator Pope presided. A resolution was passed endorsing the war policy of the government. Meetings will be called in all the counties in the eastern townships of prominent the ready for the accountant's scrutiny. Mr. Crossfield took the first receipt book used to feet of deciding jointly on candidates who favor the union governments believed to feet of deciding jointly on candidates who favor the union governments of the last reports received the leadership changed many times. It was not until the returns for Tuesday had been added to the totals that the prize winner could be determined, proving conclusively that the last day of the special cafer carried the balance of power.

ance of power.

Mrs. Gindin is to be congratulated upon her success. A check for \$50 may be had at the contest office this afternoon. The first information that any candidate or the public will have as to the result of the special offer will be found in The Albertam this morning. The report of the accountant follows:

Accountant's Report

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In checking up the contest recor
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