

1,000 BRITISH INDIAN NATIVES ARE DROWNED AT DURBAN

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ITALIAN REAR GUARD HOLDS BACK FOE

THOUSAND PERISH IN DISASTER AT DURBAN, S. AFRICA, THROUGH FLOODS

British Indian Natives Victims of Drowning Accident When Swollen River Inundates City.

London, Oct. 31.—One thousand British Indian natives are believed to have been drowned at Durban, Natal, according to a Central News dispatch from Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, today.

No details have been received from any source to indicate the nature of the calamity reported in the Johannesburg advices.

DEATH IN FLOODS.
London, Oct. 31.—Four months of abnormal rain in Natal, South Africa, culminated Saturday and Sunday in a storm in which more than eight inches of rain fell in 24 hours, as a result of which widespread destruction is reported, says a Reuter dispatch from Durban, Natal, today.

The Ugeni River, deeply swollen by the storm, swept suddenly down upon Durban, submerging the thickly populated district on the Springfield Flats. Many persons were swept away and drowned. Reuter's correspondent adds, the mortality believed to be great among the Indian population, while much damage was done to railroads by many washouts.

According to a Central News dispatch from Johannesburg the number of British Indian natives drowned is believed to have reached 1,000.

COMMITTEES OF "VICTORY LOAN" NOW ORGANIZED

City-County Organization for Vigorous Campaign Perfected.

LONDON FORCE IS READY

Representative Citizens Are Named To Aid in Solicitation for New Loan.

London's organization for the Victory Loan campaign has been perfected. Last week the first definite steps were taken with regard to the personnel of the organization, and simultaneously preparatory work has been going on to line up a strong city force. The names of the committees were announced today.

As was announced exclusively in the Advertiser last week, Sir George Gibbons is chairman of the city-county organization, acting at the request of the minister of finance.

With the authority also of the minister of finance a committee of responsible men was called upon to nominate the various city officers and committees required to carry out the different phases of the campaign, and representatives of the Dominion organization have been in the city over a week acting in an advisory capacity.

The authorized date of issue of Canada's Victory Loan is November 12, and the work of preparation throughout the Dominion is well in hand. As the plans of the central organization reached the city it is recognized that the effort which will be made to advertise and sell Victory bonds is the greatest thing of the kind the Dominion has undertaken.

Meeting on Thursday.

An important general meeting of all the members of the committees, both active and honorary will be held in the Victory Loan headquarters, 150 Dundas street, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. This meeting will be open to citizens, and all active and honorary members of the city organization are urged to be present, as important campaign plans will be decided upon.

As the result of the local committee's deliberations the following are continued on Page Eleven.

SINN FEINERS START FOOD CONTROL DEPT.

Object Is To Prevent Repetition of Famine of 1847.

London, Oct. 31.—The Sinn Fein organization, according to the Morning Post, has started a food control department in Ireland independent of the Government. The newspaper prints the text of a circular, which it says is being distributed widely, asking priests to help in making an inventory of food stocks as an initial step toward "retaining in Ireland sufficient food for the entire population, and arranging to have it available for distribution whenever famine is to be dreaded."

The circular ascribes the danger of shortage to the excessive exportation of Irish food products, the consumption by the large garrisons there, and the submarine menace. It declares a wish to avert a repetition of the calamity of 1847.

TEUTONS ARE HAMPERED BY HORSEMEN OF GEN. CADORNA

Italian Covering Units Holding Back the Teutons.

MOVING TO NEW POSITION

Berlin Reports That Operations Are Being Developed as Intended.

Rome, Oct. 31.—There were various hill and canal engagements between the Italians and the invading Austro-German troops yesterday, says the war office announcement today. The Italian covering units and cavalry permitted the other troops to continue to move toward their new line.

BERLIN'S REPORT.
Berlin, Oct. 31.—The campaign on the Italian front is being developed in accordance with the intention of the Austro-German leaders, the war office reports.

GERMANS SHELL ITALIAN LINES WITH LEAFLETS

Pictured Italy Under a Joint Rule of British and French.

ADVISED A RETIREMENT

Austro-German Drive Is As Much Political as Military.

London, Oct. 31.—Confidence that Gen. Cadorna will be able to hold his own in Italy in Italian military quarters here. The capture of Udine caused no surprise, as it is pointed out the Italians evacuated Udine some days ago.

The Austro-German drive, according to news received in London from Italy is as much political as military. It is pointed out that for weeks the Austrians have been inundating the Italian lines with bombs filled with leaflets. Numbers of pamphlets and all sorts of literature were dropped from airplanes as well as quantities of pictures showing Italy under the power of Great Britain and France. The soldiers were urged to follow the Russian example and retreat, and then a separate peace might be made.

DEVOTED COURAGE.
Paris, Oct. 31.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Rome says: "The most devoted courage and heroism is shown by the Italian soldiers in isolated positions. One of them, belonging to troops operating between Plesio (Fitzche) and Tolmino was besieged and completely cut off. It sends out a carrier pigeon with the laconic message: 'We will never surrender.'"

The detachment is provided with provisions for twelve days, so there is every likelihood of its fulfilling its promise. The position held is one of prime importance, and it is probable it will play an important part in a counter-offensive.

ALL AVAILABLE MEN NOW BEING UTILIZED BY KAISER'S ARMIES

Women and Children Doing Heavy Work About Railway Stations.

The Hague, Oct. 31.—It is learned from a neutral traveler, who has just traversed Germany that a striking condition there is the almost entire absence of men at the railway stations. Women and children were doing all the work, with the exception of a few crippled soldiers. Children were seen hauling trucks containing baggage and goods. This is undoubtedly a sign, the traveler believes, that Germany is using every available man for military purposes.

The main reason for the new order reducing civilian traveling and curtailing all military furloughs, undoubtedly is a lack of facilities for transportation and for supplying coal, but also due in part to a lack of employees. Relatives are being kept in the barracks. No exceptions are made for the Christmas holidays.

NEW SHIPS FOR BRITISH

London, Oct. 31.—In the House of Commons yesterday Sir Leo Chalmers, member of parliament, private secretary to the minister of munitions, said that up to October 25 five standard ships had been built, but that one of these had been lost. By the end of the year, he added, eighteen such ships would have been built.

\$30,000 INCREASE IN CITY'S BUILDING

The permits issued by Building Inspector Piper for the month of October numbered 13 for a total of \$143,100. In October, 1916, there were 118 permits issued for a total of \$110,140, this month showing an increase of practically \$30,000. The total for the year to date is \$717,380, as compared with \$687,470.

COL. MCLEAREN DECLARES HE WILL BE CANDIDATE DESPITE APPOINTMENT

Toronto, Oct. 31.—Lieut.-Col. John I. McLaren today stated that his appointment as administrative commandant at the Exhibition Camp would not prevent his running for the Dominion Parliament for Hamilton. "I intend to run all right," he said. "Nothing will interfere with that."

LIETUOVIAN GOV. GANONG DEAD

Chief Executive of New Brunswick and Wealthy Manufacturer.

St. John, N. B., Oct. 31.—Lieutenant-Governor George W. Ganong died today at his home in St. Stephen.

Gilbert W. Ganong, lieutenant-governor of the Province of New Brunswick, died at his home here this morning after a week's illness.

Mr. Ganong was appointed lieutenant-governor only last year. He was a chocolate manufacturer, and had represented Charlottetown, N. B., in the House of Commons from 1900 to 1908.

Halloween Scare For Food Speculators



German Forces Sent Reeling Back in Many Attempts To Recapture Crests Stormed by Boys From Dominion.

(By W. A. Willison, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press in Flanders.)

Canadian Army Headquarters, Oct. 30.—As they stormed the outer defenses of Passchendaele, where they captured Belleveue Spur, the Canadians, in rushing Crest Farm at Meetcheele, have attacked the enemy's strongest inner defenses before the village itself and have gained a further footing on the Passchendaele Ridge. Our front line is now well established, and is within 500 yards of the fortified village on the summit of the northern end of Passchendaele Ridge.

Continues Fighting.
Since 8 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning, when our artillery began an hour-long bombardment, the line of battle has been going on. The enemy forces launching one counter-attack after another in a vain attempt to regain his shattered positions.

Opposed by troops as formidable as any in the whole forces of the central empire, our infantry is meeting them hand to hand, and has gained one victory after another, sending them reeling back towards Passchendaele with heavy casualties. No fewer than four counter-attacks have been repulsed, one against our positions at Crest Farm, where Prussian Infantry fought bravely to regain lost positions, and two against Meetcheele. The enemy's attacks were repulsed with heavy losses.

Used the Bayonet.
Wounded men gave dramatic indications of the nature of the fighting in their detail stories. Held up for a moment on the right by heavy machine gun fire, our troops plunged forward, and the enemy was driven back. The enemy's machine gunners, who were the cause of our difficulties, were the cause of our difficulties. The enemy's machine gunners, who were the cause of our difficulties, were the cause of our difficulties.

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HAIG'S SHAKEN BY LAST BLOW ARE UNABLE TO HIT BACK; CANUCKS WIN AT CLOSE

PETROV ENTERED A MONTREAL TO HAVE MILITARY SERVICE ACT DECLARED AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Haig Reports No Counter-Attacks During Night—Stinging Defeat For Rupprecht At the Hands of the Canadians.

London, Oct. 31.—"The Germans made no attempt during the night to regain the ground won yesterday by the British on the Ypres front."

"The German artillery developed some activity during the night on the battle front against the positions captured yesterday," says today's report from Field Marshal Haig, "but no counter-attacks occurred."

"There was nothing special interest on the main front."

STINGING BLOW FOR AT CANADIANS' HANDS.
British Front in Flanders, Tuesday, Oct. 30.—By the Associated Press.—The forces of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria suffered another stinging defeat when the British reached out across a wide front and captured a series of more of the few remaining defenses in the enemy's Passchendaele system.

It has been another proud day for Canada. Her troops this afternoon were sitting almost in the face of the German guns, and the British were hammering them from their positions astride the broadening Passchendaele high-way along the ridge they could see only a few hundred yards away, the great church which stands in the centre of the village.

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