Circulation Last Week 237,770

Daily Average, 39,617

53rd YEAR. No. 22916

THE LONDON, ONTARIO, ADVERTISER,

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 31, 1917, 96 COLUMNS.

PRICE, TWO CENTS.

ITALIAN REAR GUARD HOLDS BA

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.

Rule of British and

French.

ADVISED A RETIREMENT

Much Political as

The main reason for the new order re-

London, Oct. 31.—In the House of Commons yesterday Sir Leo Chiozza Money, parliamentary private secretary to the minister of munitions, said that up to October 25 five standard ships of approximately 5,200 tons each 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.

FOR BRITISH

NEW SHIPS

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 Durbar, Natal, today.

The Ungeni 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 samage 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. WITH LEAFLETS Pictured Italy Under a Joint

City-County Organization for The Austro-German drive, according to news received in London from Italy

The Austro-Jerman Landon from Holy Vigorous Campaign Perfected.

London's Force is Ready and the Control of the Vigorous Campaign Perfected.

Deprenentative Oitizens Are Named To Aid in Solicitation for New Loan.

London's organization for the Vigorous Campaign of the Control of College Site of Colleg

In the Victory Loan headquarters, 150
Dundas treet, 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 tollowing are Continued on Page Eleven.

Wdy Statiums.

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 rallway stations. Women and children were doing all the work, with the expansion of a few grippled sol

SINN FEINERS START FOOD CONTROL DEPT, believes, that Germany is using every available man for military purposes.

Object Is To Prevent Repetilack of facilities for transportation and for supplying coal, but also due in part to a lack of employees. Relatives are now requested not to visit soldiers stationed in garrisons. No exceptions are to be made for the Christmas holidays. tion of Famine of 1847.

London, Oct. 31 .- The Sinn Fein or-Post, has started a food control department in Ireland independent of the nment. The newspaper prints the text of a circular, which it says is bedistributed widely, asking priests to help in making an inventory of food stocks as an initial step toward "re-taining 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 automarine menace. It declares a wish to avert a repetition of the calamity of

TEUTONS ARE HAMPERED BY HORSEMEN OF

Italian Covering Units Holding Back the Teutons.

MOVING TO NEW POSITION

Berlin Reports That Opera tions 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.

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

COL. McLAREN DECLARES HE WILL BE CANDIDATE

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 Parilament for Hamilton. "I intend to run all right." he said. "Nothing will interfere with that." 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 LIEUT .- GOV. GANONG DEAD Declares Food Controller and Chief Executive of New Brunswick and

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

Gilbert W. Ganong, Heutenant-gover-nor of the Province of New Brunswick, died at his home here this morning after a week's iliness. Mr. aGnong was appointed Heutenant-Mr. aGnong was appointed lieutenant-governor only last June. He was a chocolate manufacturer, and had repre-sented Charlotte, N. B., in the House of Commons from 1906 to 1908.

\$30,000 INCREASE

Halloween Scare For Food Speculators



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 defences of Passchendaele, when they captured Bellevue Spur, the Canadians, in rushing Crest Farm at Meetcheele, have attacked the enemy's strongest inner defences 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 Fullied Filage on the summit of the northern end of Passchendaele Ridge.

Continues Fighting.

Since 8 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning, when our artillery began an hourand-a-half barrage, until the time of writing at 3 p.m. continuous fighting has been going on, the enemy forces launching one counter-attack after another in a vain attempt to regain his treasured positions.

Opposed by troops as formidable as any in the whale forces of the central empires, our infantry is meeting them hand to hand, and has gained one vic-

ENOUGH FOOD SAVING DESPITE APPOINTMENT TO SUPPLY A MILLION SOLDIERS IN FRANCE, SAYS DR. ROBERTSON

Nation's Women Have Done It.

Winnipeg, Oct. 31 .- "The present saving on beef, bacon and flour in Canada, under the direction of the food controller and the co-operation of the women of OFFERED LARGE SUMS the country is saving enough of these foods to supply a million soldiers in France," said Dr. Robertson, chairman of the central food committee, speaking

German Forces Sent Reeling ARGONNE ATTACK

Paris Reports Artillery Battle in Progress North of

Paris, Oct. 31, A German attack in the Argonne last night was beaten off by the French, he war office reports. An artillery battle is in progress over the front of the recent French attack

NO ACTION TAKEN TO ARRANGE FURLOUGH

Ottawa, Oct. 31.-It was stated at

Land and, alighting on a bush, began to sing.

"Consternation reigned in the British lines. If the bird had been discovered by the Germans, the work of weeks would go for nought, as the enemy could easily interpret the meaning of its presence and prepare to combat the sapping eperations. The infantry was immediately ordered to open fire on the canary to destroy it. But it seemed to bear a charmed life. Even the sharpshooters failed to bring it down, as it hopped from twig to twig. Finally the artiliery had to be called on. A trench gun, with a well-almed shell blew the bird and the bush and the song into nothingness.

TO ORGANIZE STRIKES IN CANADA AND U. S.

\$30,000 INCREASE
IN CITY'S BUILDING

of the central food committee, speaking here last night.

"This," said Dr. Robertson, "is only a part of what will be done, but is most encouraging to all concerned. In other numbered 75 for a total of \$143,100. In October, 1915, there were 118 permits issued for a total of \$143,100. In Sweet 118 permits issued for a total of \$110,145, this month showing an increase of practically \$30,000. The total for the year to date is \$717,930, as compared with profits of the big milling companies over \$842,570.

New York, Oct. 31.—"Dr." Karl von Edwards, on trial here on a charge of having stolen \$35,000 in jewelry and \$500 in money from Mrs. Minnie K. Strangmann, wife of a Buffalo brewer, testified yesterday that he had been offered \$1,000 as week to undertake a mission of strike organization in this country and Canada in behalf of the German Government. Von Edwards declared that he spurious the offer on several occasions, but that date is \$717,930, as compared with profits of the big milling companies over \$15,000 which was paid him in a hotel in Buffalo,

HUNS SHAKEN BY LAST BLOW ARE UNABLE TO HIT BACK: CANUCKS WIN AT CLOSE WORK

here to have the military service act declared unconstitutional.

The petition was filed on behalf of Paul Emile Mongeau, one of the anti-conscription orators now being held for trial on a charge of making alleged seditious utterances. It will be considered by Judge Bruneau. Parties named in the petition are Judge St. Cyr, who come for trial, and Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice.

THE WAR SITUATION

are driving through the plains of Ven etia toward the Tagliamento River, while nother army is endeavoring to break ough the Italian defences in the Car. nic Alps in an attempt to outflank the Tagliamento line. Udine, abandoned some days ago by Gen. Cadorna, has been occupied by the invaders, whose advance guards are being harassed by Italian cavalry between Udine and the

Saves Bulk of Forces. Saves Bulk of Forces.

Gen. Cadorna apparently has succeeded in saving the bulk of the forces which occupied positions south of Tolmino, as during the last two days Berlin has made no claim of additional captures of large numbers of prisoners and guns.

Udine is less than fifteen miles from the Taylamente and if the Italian comthe Tagliamento and if the Italian com-mander is to make a stand there, heavy fighting along that line should take place thin a day or two at the latest.

The Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flaice Company blosed down its cooking flash for the Carnia region has not developed greatly and seemingly is not yet a serious menace to the Tagilamento line. Vienna reports the eaptiers from the Italians of positions at Pontafel, near the Pleecken Passes on St. Pal. These positions are on the Austro-Italian border, and it is probably not unlikely that Gen. Cadorna is preparing to draw in his lines there to better protect the line of the Tagilamento, but does not say how near the German forces are to that river. The Teuton Gains.

Since last Wednesday the Austro-German say of the Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flaice Company blosed down its cooking flash for the Austro-Italian border to be provided the Company to do business.

This announcement was made today. It was expected that the Government would issue a permit to the company but nothing has been heard from Food Controller Hanna on the subject.

The fruit is probably not unlikely that Gen. Cadorna is preparing to draw in his lines there to better protect the line of the Tagilamento in the Ampizzo and Tolmezzo regions. Berlin reports an advance has been from tolmino such as the Government would be used to the Tagilamento, but does not say how near the German forces are to that river.

The Teuton Gains.

Since last Wednesday the Austro-German blow the advance has been from Tolmino southeastward to Udine, a distance of about 25 miles.

French and British troops and guns to the developed the Brooks and the Italians. The greatest depth of the advance has been from Tolmino southeastward to Udine, a distance of about 25 miles.

French and British troops and guns the product and the product an

that no action had been taken to arrange for leave of absence in Canada for the men who went to the front with the first contingent. A high official of the militia department of Premier Orlando has been announced. Italy's foreign policy will a CAINCT FORD nounced. Italy's foreign policy will un-dergo no change, as Baron Sonnino will retain the portfolio of foreign affairs.

In Flanders.
In Flanders the British have been successful in minor operations northeast of Ypres. Canadian troops carried the bulk of the fighting in actions near Passchendaele and Poelcapelle, with the object of straightening out the British line. A boggy terrain, rainfall and strong winds hampered the attackers strong winds hampered the attackers, but they reached their objectives, which included further sections of the Pass-

included further sections of the Passchendaele Ridge.

Emperor William has placed at the head of his Government, Count von Hertling, premier of Bavaria and former leader of the Catholic Centre, a strong opponent of parliamentary and franchise reforms. Whether he will be acceptable to all the Reichstag parties is not indicated. The Reichstag does not meet again until early in December. Copenhagen dispatches indicate he will hardly be welcomed by the Socialists and the pan-Germans.

No Counter-Attacks.

German efforts last night against the territory gained by the British in the Passchendaele region were confined to artillery fire, no counter-attacks developing.

Washington, Oct. 31.—How one little canary bird caused consternation among an entire division of British troops and had to be killed, is told by Dr. Robert Davis, recently arrived in the United States to lecture at the officers' training camps on activities of the Red Cross in Europe.

"For more than a month on a northern sector of the line, the British had been secretly mining beneath the German trench," said Dr. Davis.

"The work was almost complete. During the operations several canary birds were, as usual, kept in the excavations to warn the workers of the presence of fire damp, which is fatal to birds. One little songster, however, escaped from its job, flew into the middle of No Man's Land and, alighting on a bush, began to sing.

"Consternation reigned in the British

The Reichstag does not meet again until early in December. Copenhagen dispatches indicate he will hardly be welcomed by the Socialists and the pan-Germans.

No Counter-Attacks.

German efforts last night against the territory gained by the British in the Passchendaele region were confined to artillery fire, no counter-attacks developing. In the Alsne region Gen. Petain apparently is preparing to renew his attack southwest of Laon, where he scored his recent brilliant advance. Berlin reports a concentrated effort of "powerful proportions" from the French gain until early in December. Copenhagen dispatches indicate he will hardly be welcomed by the Socialists and the pan-Germans.

No Counter-Attacks.

German efforts last night against the territory gained by the British in the passchendaele region were confined to artillery fire, no counter-attacks developing. In the Alsne region Gen. Petain apparently is preparing to renew his attack southwest of Laon, where he scored his recent brilliant advance. Berlin reports a concentrated effort of "powerful proportions" from the French gain until early in December. scored his recent briliant advance. Berilin reports a concentrated effort of
"powerful proportions" from the French
guns in this area, while today Paris
announces an artillery battle in progress there. In the Argonne a German
surprise attack was repulsed.
From the Russian northern front
come additional evidences of the German peace drive against Russia, in the
form of continued attempts by the German troops to fraternize with the Russian soldiers. The Russian artillery
frustrated the German efforts, Petrograd declares.

AMERICAN CAPITAL

Washington, D. C., Oct. 31 .- At midnight the national capital goes Among the establishments going out of business today, under the terms of the Sheppard prohibition law, are geveral which served during a historic existence in more than half a century as familiar meeting places for prominent political figures of past generations.

Washington is planning a farewell celebration and the usual carnival scenes probably will be enacted as the closing hour approaches.

GEREAL

Corn Flakes Company Wil Close Down Entirely Unless License Comes.

WORD FROM HANNA

Local Firm Forced To Discontinue Part of Manufacturing Already.

AIRPLANE OF ENEMY CHASED OFF COAST

Attempted Raid on Kent County Easily Frustrated.

London, Oct. 31.—A German airplane which flew over the coast of Kent early today was driven off without doing any damage.

The following official account of the incident was given out here today: the incident was given out here to-day:

"A hostile airplane crossed the Kentish coast early this morning. It did not penetrate inland, and, being engaged by anti-aircraft guns, immediately dropped bombs in fields and made off to sea, dropping the rest of the bombs in the water. There were no casualties, and no damage was caused."

WAR WHISKEY" KILLS SIX DRINKERS AT NEW YORK

New York, Oct. 31.-Six men died here yesterday from wood alcohol polsoning, and two others are in hospitals
in a critical condition.

An investigation by the police disclosed that the victims had succumbed to the effects of the polson after purchasing a "war whiskey" in a saloon, the proprietor of which has been taken to police headquarters for avanination.

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 mainder of the front."

STINGING BLOW FOR AT CANADIANS' HANDS.

DODGE BROTHERS WIN

SUIT AGAINST FORD
INVOLVES \$60,000,000

NVOLVES \$60,000,000

Compels Motor King To Disburse Accumulated Dividends of Company.

Detroit, Oct. 31.—The suit brought against the Ford Motor Company and Henry Ford by John F, and Horace E, Dodge to compel Ford to disburse accumulated dividends to the stockholders, instead of using the money to Increase the company's business, was decided in favor of the Dodge Bros The decision was announced today by Circuit Judge Hosmer.

The case was argued here several weeks ago, and witnesses testified at that time that about \$60,000,000 was in
The inform overseas did not achieve their triumph without some cost in casual-triumph without some cost in the paddenar and the morasses in order to bring the ther line for the Paddebeek River and the morasses in order to bring the ther line from the British had not reconsing the Paddebeek River and the morasses in order to bring the ther line from the British

Slopes. Under Severe fire.

The infantry working eastward along the crest of the Passchendaele Ridge toward the village progressed rapidly, although under a severe fire from many points. Crest Farm, just north of the highway, put up a strenuous resistance, and a hard struggle was staged here. The farm was armed heavily with rapid Continued on Page Three.

THE WEATHER LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 55; lowest, 39.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 30; lowest, 25. TOMORROW-FAIR

Toronto, Oct. 31—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Today—Moderate to fresh southwest
and west winds, cloudy, with a few
snow flurries.
Thursday—Fair with much the same temperature.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today
Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria. .52 44 Fair.
Calgary .40 18 Clear Winnipeg .24 18 Cloudy Port Arthur .64 22 Fair.
Parry Stund .38 30 Cloudy.
Port Stanley .36 24 Cloudy. emperature.

Port Stanley . Buffalo