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ITALIANS KEEPING ENEMY IN CHECK

GERMANS MAKING STRONG EFFORT TO CRUSH ENTIRE ITALIAN ARMY

BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS NOW HASTENING ACROSS THE WESTERN ITALIAN FRONTIERS TO HELP THE ITALIAN ALLIES

AS RESULT OF TEUTONIC ALLIED OFFENSIVE INTERNAL CONDITIONS IN ITALY ARE DECLARED TO BE UNIFIED

From the head of the Gulf of Trieste, northward along the Isonzo front to beyond Tolmino and thence westward through the Carnic Alps region to the Ploecken pass, forming the eastern and northeastern boundaries of the Austro-Italian war front, the Germans and Austro-Hungarians are operating fast and strongly against the Italians in an endeavor to crush the forces of General Cadorna.

Already the enemy, according to the German official communication, is standing before the town of Udine, the former grand headquarters of the Italian army, having driven on past Cividale. In the press westward from Gorizia he has captured the town of Cormons, ten miles to the southeast of Udine, and the entire Italian line southward to the head of the Adriatic is reported to be in retreat.

In addition to the wedges driven into the Italian front on the east and northeast, the Teutonic allies have started a third wedge in the north, their hope evidently being to cut off the retreat of the greater portion of General Cadorna's army moving west and southwest. The Italian commander-in-chief, however, reports that his men are checking the advance in this region. Evidently the weakness among the Italians has been entirely overcome, as Cadorna says that all movements ordered by the general staff are now being carried out in regular order and that the Italians are fulfilling their duty "by keeping in check the enemy's advance into the plains."

INTERNAL CONDITIONS UNIFIED

Meantime, in order to aid the Italians in their hour of trouble, Great Britain and France are preparing to lend immediate aid, and the possibility is that already troops are being hastened across the western Italian frontiers by way of Turin and Milan to the battle-front in the east. As a result of the Teutonic allied offensive, internal conditions in Italy are declared to have been unified, the preponderating idea of the entire population now being to abolish party lines in order to meet the situation in the best interests of the country. Even the cabinet crisis is expected to be solved with comparatively few changes in portfolios.

On the western front in France and Belgium little fighting has taken place except in the nature of bombardments, though on the Verdun front the Germans in an attack near Chaume wood captured a portion of a French trench. Later, however, they were driven out from the most of it.

The Americans daily are shelling the Germans with the Germans answering their fire. Snow has fallen in the region where the Americans are entrenched.

[illegible] have withdrawn from the entire Werder peninsula, projecting into Moon sound in the Gulf of Riga. The possibility is that their ill success in landing further forces last week caused the decision to withdraw the troops.

FIGHTING ON THE ITALIAN FRONT

The arrows on the above map indicate the direction of the German attack.

GIOLITTI AGAIN IN FULL CONTROL OF ITALIAN PARLIAMENT

One Time Pro-German Leader Has Once More Gained Support of Italian Members

SAYS HE IS LOYAL

He Changed Attitude When Italy Joined in the War With the Allies

Turin, Italy, Oct. 29.—The fall of the cabinet of Premier Boselli is attributed to Giovanni Giolitti, former premier, who thus reasserts his old power as Italy's political leader. Before the entrance of Italy into the war he was in favor of the country's neutrality, representing conservative opinion.

The political situation now enters into a new and interesting phase, which is being watched closely.

It is assumed that the new cabinet will be far stronger at home, in view of the overwhelming majority favorable to Signor Giolitti, which includes the Socialists.

On this account it is believed the new government will not be forced to temporize and make concessions to trouble makers, as did Premier Boselli.

Since the foregoing dispatch was filed, word has been received of the selection of Prof. Orlando to form a new ministry. Signor Giolitti aroused much opposition by his activity on behalf of neutrality, and in the summer of 1915 was reported to have fled from Italy in fear of his life. In May of that year he was reported to have gone to Berlin for an audience with Emperor William. After Italy entered the war he announced his support of the government and urged Italians to rally to the colors and government during the war.

U.S. PACKING HOUSES UNDER FULL CONTROL OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

Control Will Be Absolute and Action Will Be Taken Nov. 1

Chicago, Oct. 29.—Official announcement was made today that every packing house in the country is under full control of the government and that after November 1 the control will be absolute, operation of the plants then being under license.

The announcement was co-incident with the grand jury drive against high-priced milk and was made by J. P. Cotton, chief of the meat division, and Prof. Charles McCarthy, of the University of Wisconsin, personal representative of Food Administrator Hoover after weeks of investigation of the Chicago packing plants.

Within a short time meat price bulletins will appear with the food administration's prices.

I.W.W. IN LONDON

London, Oct. 29.—In the house of commons today, Sir George Cave, the home secretary, said an attempt had been made to establish a branch of the I.W.W. in London, but that it had received little or no support. The home secretary added that all necessary steps had been taken by the government to deal with the matter.

FOOD CONTROLLER MAY ELIMINATE ALL TRAVELERS

An Unofficial Report From Winnipeg States That the Controller Will Prohibit Sale of All Goods Through Commercial Travelers

GREAT SAVING

If the 500 Men Traveling Out of Calgary Were Put in Other Positions, Consumer Would Save $137,000 Monthly

"What are we going to do?" is a question many commercial travelers will ask themselves if the unofficial report from Winnipeg that the food controller contemplates issuing an order prohibiting every commercial house in Canada selling their goods by means of commercial travelers, proves true.

Local wholesalers state that while it will entail overwork on the local staffs it would go a long way towards reducing the H.C.L. Salaries paid commercial travelers in western Canada range from $100 to $250 a month and expenses. The expenses will average $150 a month. At least that is the traveling allowance the majority of firms allow their representatives.

Were the Knights of the Road, who make their headquarters in Calgary, eliminated from this sphere of activity, there being some five hundred of them, there would be a saving of $137,000 per month made to a certain section of Alberta consumers. This is calculating the average salary at $125 a month and the allowance of $150.

Several of the wholesalers when seen by The Albertan yesterday stated that undoubtedly the food controller has the power to call off the travelers, the greater majority of whom would be looking for a job. All appeared satisfied that a saving would be effected and that it would be good business, providing all houses in all lines of business would have to conform to such ruling.

LIBERTY FOR IRELAND

T. P. O'Connor Tells of Progress of Conference.

Chicago, Oct. 29.—The Irish-American constitutional liberty committee was formed here today at a meeting of Chicago Irish-Americans under the guidance of T. P. O'Connor and Richard Hazleton, member of the Irish parliamentary party in the British house of commons. Michael J. Flaherty was elected chairman and W. P. Halley secretary.

"The constitutional movement in Ireland is working successfully to secure self-government for the Irish people," he said. "It refuses to purchase liberty for Ireland at the price of the liberty of the rest o fthe world."

ITALIAN ATTACK WILL BE BOOMERANG SAYS GEN. SMUTS

Italy's Position Is Serious, But Not Discouraging, Says Boer General

Cardiff, Oct. 29.—"The German offensive against Italy is a repetition of the history of the previous autumns," said General Smuts today. "You remember the first autumn of the war when Germany crushed Serbia. She had to offer her people some encouragement to go through the winter on, and, as with Salome and John the Baptist, she brought the head of Serbia on a platter.

"In the autumn of 1916, she brought Rumania's head on a platter and now we see the onslaught against Italy.

"Italy's position is serious, but not discouraging," said General Smuts today. "Italy already knows that the allies will stand by her to the end." We shall not see her head on a platter. I shall not be surprised to see this boomerang come back on the Germans. The war was not decided in Serbia nor Rumania and will not be decided in Italy.

"In the principal theater of the war the enemy is going steadily downward and Germany has been beaten by the French and British airmen."

CELEBRATE VICTORY

London, Oct. 29.—A school holiday has been proclaimed throughout Germany in celebration of the Austro-German victories against Italy, and the display of flags has been ordered. Emperor William and Emperor Charles are expected to meet on the Isonzo front in a few days.

THREE LOADS OF RETURNED MEN

Quebec, Oct. 29.—Three ships reached Quebec yesterday forenoon with some 2,200 men invalided home or on furlough. All are now undergoing their medical examinations before being allowed to proceed.

POSTIES GET BONUS

Regina, Oct. 29.—Regina letter carriers and postal clerks were notified today that the long expected war bonus has been granted. Men getting $1,600 or under are raised $100, and salaries between that amount and $1,800 go up to $1,880. There is no increase for salaries over $1,800. This is a Domin'on-wide measure

ONE AIR RAID FAILED

London, Oct. 29.—Hostile airplanes endeavored to carry out a raid tonight on the southeast counties of England, but none of them was able to pass the outer defenses, according to an official statement issued late tonight.

The statement of Viscount French follows:

"Hostile airplanes attempted to raid the southeastern counties tonight. Our airplanes went up, and the guns and lights were in action. No hostile airplanes succeeded in passing the outer defenses."

Warning of the raid was given Londoners by police and special officers, but in the absence of gunfire in the city area, there was no excitement. A few persons entered the underground railways or went into buildings. As usual, the streets were clearly quickly, except that here and there automobiles, buses and a few pedestrians were going about their business apparently unconcerned. Crowds in the theaters and restaurants remained there until the bugles sounded their "All clear" message, which was greeted by cheers.

CANADIAN TROOPS, WAIST DEEP IN MUD, ARE FIGHTING HARD

CANADIANS NOW MASTERS OF LOWER SLOPES WITH STRONG ENEMY POSITIONS ON LEFT AND RIGHT FRONT

(By the Canadian Overseas Correspondent)

Canadian Headquarters in France, Oct. 29.—Subject to intense artillery fire and fighting machine guns and gas, waist-deep in slimy mud, the Canadians are steadily strengthening their positions on Bellevue spur. On Saturday night the Germans gained a foothold on our right flank, only to be repulsed with heavy losses, when our infantry met them with bayonet and bomb and drove them back. A further enemy attempt to weaken our hold on the right flank, though supported with successive and intense artillery bombardments, has proved unavailing.

Our foremost position is now within 1,000 yards of Passchendaele itself, while the number of prisoners taken by us up to Sunday night amounted to 16 officers and nearly 500 of other ranks. On the left, where Bellevue spur runs on to Passchendaele, with the slimy stretch of the Ravebeek valley between, our men have made slow, stubborn progress through an almost impassable country.

As the result of the last three days' fighting the Canadians, now masters of the lower slopes, have before them strong enemy positions at the Crest farm on the left front, and Meetcheele on the right. In reply to the enemy's employment of gas in the attack Saturday night, our artillery bombarded the opposing batteries with gas shells, to which he retaliated with heavy shelling of our forward area. Again in the afternoon he shelled our right, while yesterday evening he opened a heavy fire on our left positions.

Reports taken from captured prisoners show that the Germans in this area admit the superiority of our artillery, "which destroys everything visible," and the excellence of our airmen, "who dominate our zone of defense and report everything to their artillery."

Examination of prisoners has further proved that the enemy was informed of the Canadian movement from Lens to this salient, and he hurried up fresh forces, including the 111th Bavarian division, to meet the expected attack.

FIRST DIVISION TO HAVE FURLOUGH

Winnipeg, Oct. 29.—The Free Press' Ottawa correspondent, in a dispatch tonight, says:

"All the Canadians who went overseas with the original first division, and who are still in France, are to brought back to Canada on furlough, on a proposal now under consideration by the government, if found practicable by the militia authorities. The idea of the government is that if adequate reinforcements can be provided and the change that might be necessitated in the ranks and among the officers of the battalions would not interfere with the military requirements and the efficiency of the first division as now constituted, the 3,000 or more men who have survived the hardships and fighting from the first terrible conflict at Langemarck down through the battles of the Somme, Vimy ridge and Lens, should be brought back to Canada in a body and given a well-deserved rest."

CREW OF GERMAN RAIDER CAPTURED IN THE PACIFIC

Members of Raider Seeadler Which Was Captured Early in Month

A Pacific Port, Oct. 29.—Count von Luckner, commander of the raider Seeadler, and five German members of the crew, were captured September 21 of the Fiji islands, when an armed launch was taken by Fijian constabulary in pursuit aboard the steamer Amra. News of the capture was brought by a steamer from the Antipodes.

The report of the capture of the Germans confirms a message to this effect received some time ago from Australia.

Just what became of others of the Seeadler's crew is not definitely known. One report was they were at sea in a commandeered vessel. The Seeadler, wrecked on the Mahopa island in the South Pacific several months ago, sank three American vessels during her cruise in the Pacific. Previously in the Atlantic she put an end to 16 vessels of various types.

News of the destruction of the Seeadler was announced in Washington, October 4.

COULDN'T SEND GUNS

Italy Made Appeal to Britain Some Months Ago.

London, Oct. 29.—The Pall Mall Gazette, referring to the fact that the entente allies have taken steps to send assistance to the Italians, says it is recalled that some months ago an appeal was made by Italy for guns. The newspaper adds that this appeal was strongly supported by Premier Lloyd George, but at the time the exigencies of the campaign on the western front, which was then opening, rendered full compliance impossible, as the war office and the generals at the front were making demands for guns which were impossible to resist."

GRANTS SAFE CONDUCT

Washington, Oct. 29.—Safe conduct for Count von Luxburg has been granted by the French and British governments and the former German diplomatic representative to Argentina will sail for Germany by way of New York very soon. The Argentine government requested this country to obtain premission for Von Luxburg.

MUST CARRY CARDS

Rio Janeiro, Oct. 28. — A general census of the German population of Brazil is now in progress of preparation. Hereafter it will be necessary for German residents to carry identification cards.

COAL CREEK STRIKE BEING ARBITRATED; MINES OPEN TODAY

Men Return to Work Pending Decision of Commissioner Armstrong After Long Session; Vote Taken

Fernie, B.C., Oct. 29.—The miners employed at Coal Creek voted to return to work tomorrow pending the receipt of the decision of Commissioner Armstrong, who has the matter in hand for final adjustment. This decision was reached after a lengthy session of Gladstone local here this afternoon and the mines will be working tomorrow.

TO ITALIAN FRONT

Germans Are Hurrying Along Further Reinforcements.

London, Oct. 29.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Rome says it is reported from Berne that the Austro-Swiss frontier again has been closed and that the Germans are hurrying reinforcements to the Italian war front.

BRITISH NAVY IS STEADY ANCHOR OF ALLIED CAUSE

If It Lost Hold Hopes of the Allied Cause Would Be Utterly Shattered, Says Premier Lloyd George

ITALY WILL NOT FALL

British Premier Outlines the Great Work That Navy Has Done Since War Began

London, Oct. 29 (via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Premier Lloyd George, in moving the resolution expressing the thanks of the government to all branches of the forces, said that even had he leisure in these terrible times, especially during the anxiety of the last few days, he felt he could not do justice to this great theme.

The deeds referred to in the resolution had won the admiration and gratitude of every subject of his majesty and he felt no words were needed to commend the acceptance of the resolution to any body of Britons throughout the world.

Anchor of Allied Cause

Referring to the navy, he said it was like a vital international organ, the existence of which we are unconscious until something went wrong. The navy was taken for granted, the navy was the anchor of the allied cause. If it lost hold, the hopes of the allies would be shattered. To understand the great part of the navy one had only to imagine what would have happened if the navy had been defeated even a year ago.

Our armies in France, Mesopotamia, Saloniki and Egypt, would have languished and finally vanished for lack of support in men and materials. France would have been deprived, not merely of our support but of the material assistance which the British navy enabled us still to get from abroad and would have been unable probably to defend herself against the overwhelming hordes of the foe.

Italy Will Not Fall

"Italy, deprived of coal, ammunition and food would have fallen ready prey to her hence and vindictive enemy—which she had not done as yet, and would not do (cheers). Russia would indeed have been defenseless and he said that but for the British navy an overwhelming disaster would have befallen the allied cause. (Cheers)

What Navy Has Done

The Prussians would have been insolent mistress of Europe and through Europe the world. Never in the whole affairs of the world had the British navy been a more potent or more beneficent influence in the affairs of men.

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RUSSIAN OFFICERS TELL SOME TRUTHS

Cannot Answer for Men in Petrograd Garrison

Petrograd, Oct. 29.—The officers of the Petrograd garrison met today to discuss the position of the Russian army and adopt a resolution declaring that authority on the part of its chiefs is virtually non-existent. The resolution says in part:

'The community, as it is at present, cannot defend Russia. On the contrary the approach of winter and the present subversive aspirations of the army and its lack of any sense of responsibility will complete the ruin of the country. We do not renounce our duty, but in answering for ourselves wo do not answer for our men. The time has come to make this declaration openly so that nobody may be deceived or trust in vain delusions."

KAISERS CONGRATULATE

Charles and William Gloat Over Triumph on Italian Front.

Amsterdam, Oct. 29.—A dispatch received here from Vienna says Emperor Charles of Austro-Hungary has congratulated Emperor William on the capture of the Italian town of Cividale by the German troops and has thanked the emperor for placing at his disposal "a number of your splendid divisions."

"The attacking energy of your troops," said the monarch's message, "proved, as ever, to be unconquerable."

Emperor William, in reply, sent the following telegram to Emperor Charles:

"The operations so successfully begun under your command against the Italian army give promise of progress. I rejoice that beside your well-tried Isonzo fighters the German troops in comradeship of arms have beaten our former ally. Congratulations on the recapture of Gorizia and the Carso plateau. Forward with God."

MAXIMUM AWARD IN C.N.R. TO BE TEN MILLION DOLLARS

C.N.R. SHAREHOLDERS WILL GET NO MORE THAN THAT AMOUNT AND MAY GET CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THAT

Winnipeg, Oct. 29.—In a dispatch tonight the Ottawa correspondent of the Free Press says:

"It is stated tonight that tentative agreement has been drawn up between his majesty the king, represented by the minister of finance, and the receiver-general, of the first part, and Mackenzie and Mann, Limited, owners, and the Canadian Bank of Commerce, pledgees of the Canadian Northern, of the second part, providing for a maximum award of ten million dollars in connection with the arbitration regarding the valuation of the capital stock of the Canadian Northern, to be acquired by the government. The agreement, which must first be ratified by the full cabinet, provides, should the value so determined by the board be the sum of $10,000,000 or more, the price shall be $10,000,000; should the value so determined be less than $10,000,000, the price shall be the value less than $10,000,000 so determined. In other words, a maximum price of ten million dollars has been fixed, above which the Meredith-Nesbitt commission must not go when determining the value of the sixty million dollar (par value) stock of the Canadian Northern railway to be acquired by the government. The order-in-council embodying the agreements has been drawn up, and awaits ratification by full cabinet council this week. It is expected that most of the ministers will be at Ottawa by Wednesday or Thursday next."

CONTROLLER STOPS TRADING IN CANNED GOODS FUTURES

All Canners to Be Placed Under License and Future Trading Is Prohibited

Washington, Oct. 29.—Special regulations to prevent speculation in canned goods will be put into operation November 1 by the food administration. All canners will be placed under license and prohibited to make future sales of canned corn, peas, tomatoes, salmon and sardines before February 1. This date later may be extended, depending on the needs of the allies and the American military force. As in other industries controlled by the food administration, canners will be required to sell their products at a reasonable margin of profit regardless of market conditions or replacement values.

U.S. FOOD PLEDGES

More Than 20 Million Homes Have Signed Up.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Food pledge week got actively under way today with half a million canvassers throughout the country securing pledges from 22,000,000 homes for the observance of the food administration's directions and advice in food economy which President Wilson has endorsed. With effective enrolment of families to save throughout the war, the United States will be able to export all the meat, wheat, fats and sugar its allies in Europe sorely need to enable them to maintain their fighting strength.

SENATORS ATTACKED

German Submarine Got After U.S. Passenger Ship.

London, Oct. 29.—The steamer on which were United States Senators John Kendrick and W. M. Kenyon, and Representatives J. J. Rogers of Massachusetts, and Jas. Parker of New York, was attacked by a German submarine off the coast of Wales, Saturday. The gunners on the steamer opened fire immediately and the submarine submerged before having time to launch a torpedo.

PROFITEERING IMPOSSIBLE IN U.S.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Profiteering by retail dealers in foodstuffs will be made impossible after November 1, the food administration announced tonight, under a plan to cut off supplies to those not satisfied with reasonable margins. Manufacturers and other handlers of food, whose businesses will go under license, will not be permitted to sell to distributors who seek undue profits.

"This is one of the most sweeping safeguards," the announcement says, "against high prices which will be incorpofated in the licensing system, for which complete rules and regulations will be made known within a few days."

CONTEST NOTES

After today, candidates have only two full weeks to work for the $569 five-passenger Ford touring car.

Counting it that way, it represents more than $250 a week for the two weeks. Isn't $41.66 a day some sal-a-ree?

The beauty of putting in extra time for the special is that all the votes secured count for the regular prizes at the close of the contest.

Two new candidates may be found in the list today. That's quick action all right. All stand a chance for the special—old, new and former inactive.

Tomorrow the club votes take another tumble—85,000 for a club of $25 worth of subscriptions. Each club mailed or brought in today is worth 95,000 extra votes.

The contest will not close for three weeks from tonight. Wonders can be accomplished in that time—by a live-wire candidate. It is quite safe to predict that only live-wire candidates will win the big prizes.

Oftentimes there is a very small number of votes dividing winners. It is not safe to fail to gather in all the clubs possible. While new subscriptions carry twice as many votes as renewal payments, all subscription collections count equally in the clubs for extra votes.

The number of votes secured during the term the Ford special is on have no bearing whatever in determining the winner. The candidate collecting the largest amount of subscription money for The Daily and Weekly Albertan will be declared the winner. Nothing complicated about this method of awarding.

The call for more receipt books has increased very materially. We have plenty. Phone or wire if it will take too long to get returns by writing. We want nothing to stand in the way of a candidate getting the maximum returns from his or her efforts.

Be sure and get your letter containing today's report in the mail before midnight. When it reaches the contest office it will then be allowed in the 95,000 extra vote clubs and tabbed up to your credit for the special Ford prize. City candidates may turn in their last report up to 10 or 11 o'cock tonight. Be sure and gather one club today—two would be better and three better still.

Don't hesitate about sending in your nomination if you want to work for the Ford special. Your chance is just as good as the next candidate's, more particularly if your territory has not been represented by a candidate or one who failed to make good.