

THE ITALIAN ARMY CONCENTRATES HEAVY GUN FIRE

SMALL INFANTRY ENGAGEMENTS DEVELOP ON THE ARRAS FRONT

**Increased Artillery Activity in Artois and Flanders—
—More Fighting Activity Near Tahure and Re-
pont on Eastern Bank of the Meuse— Italians
Launch Heavy Drum-Fire and Alarm Enemy—
German Artillery Busy Near Passchendaele.**

London, Feb. 17.—Field Marshal Haig in his report today to the British war office said: "A few prisoners were brought in by our patrols during the night northeast of Hargicourt."

"Except for hostile artillery activity in the neighborhood of Passchendaele there is nothing of special interest to report."

Artillery Lively.

Rome, Feb. 17.—The war office communication issued today says: "There have been lively artillery actions west of Lake Garda east of the Brenita and on the middle Piave. Our batteries carried out effective concentrations of fire on enemy movements east of Val Frenco and on the back slopes of Cima Della Beretta. Very successful counter-battery firing was effected by the British heavy artillery opposite Montebello."

"In the Val Lagarina and south of Canove, on the Asiago Plateau, hostile reconnoitering parties were repulsed by rifle fire. One of our patrols caused great alarm in the enemy's lines at Grave Di Papadopolo Piave."

German Statement.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press)—Small infantry engagements developed yesterday near Cherisy and south of Marcoing on the Arras front in France, the German war office announced today. A number of prisoners were taken by the Germans. The text of the statement reads: "Western theatre—Army group of Prince Rupprecht—in Flanders and in Artois there were increased artillery duels. As the results of small infantry engagements near Cherisy and south of Marcoing prisoners were brought in."

French Statement.

Paris, Feb. 16.—"The artillery was active on the right bank of the Meuse,"

says the war office announcement tonight, "especially in the region of Beuvraux and at several points in Upper Alsace."

Italian Statement.

Rome, Feb. 16.—The official statement issued by the war office today says: "Owing to the bad weather yesterday there was very little fighting in the mountainous areas. Only in the region of Astico was there any fighting, there being a brisk artillery engagement and patrol encounters along the front."

"Opposite Montebello British reconnoitering parties crossed the Piave and reached the enemy lines. There were only the usual artillery actions in the lower reaches of the battlefield. One of our patrols, starting from the bridgehead at Capo Sile, surprised a small post of the enemy, inflicting casualties and returned without losses."

German Raid.

Paris, Feb. 17.—The official communication issued by the French war office said: "The night was marked by somewhat greater activity of the artillery of each side in the region of Chavignon, east of Rheims, and in the Champagne. A German raid at a point east of Ambreville was without result. The night was calm on the rest of the front."

LEMONS BRING OUT THE HIDDEN BEAUTY

Make this lotion for very little cost and just see for yourself.

An attractive skin wins admiration. In social life and in business the girl or woman whose face and hands show evidence of constant care enjoys a tremendous advantage over those who do not realize the value of a healthy skin and a spotless complexion.

At the cost of a small jar of ordinary cold cream one can prepare a full quart of the most wonderful lemon skin softener and complexion beautifier, by squeezing the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orpiment white. Care should be taken to strain the juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan, and is the ideal skin softener, smoothen and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orpiment white from any pharmacy and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart pint of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands. It naturally should help to soften, freshen, bleach and bring out the roses and beauty of any skin.

AN ULTIMATUM TO RUMANIA

**Russian Government Demands
Evacuation of Bessarabia
and Other Things.**

London, Feb. 17.—The Russian government has sent an ultimatum to the Rumanian government demanding the evacuation of Bessarabia by the Rumanian and counter-revolutionary troops and the right to transport Russian troops through Rumanian and Bessarabian territory. The ultimatum according to the report was to expire on February 16.

The ultimatum also demands the extradition of Lieut. General Dmitri Sticherbacheff, commander of the Russian forces in Rumania, who recently was declared an outlaw by the Bolsheviks. Rumania is ordered to hand over the "murderers of Russian soldiers and sailors."

LARGE CITY BAKERS EARN 15 PER CENT.

"I Do Not Consider Profit Excessive," Declares Commissioner O'Connor.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—A summary of the returns of a number of the largest city bakers in Canada for the years 1913 to 1916 shows that the earnings on a capital of \$1,250,000 amounted to an average of fifteen per cent, after all interest and depreciation charges were met, according to a report issued today by W. F. O'Connor, acting chief of living commissioner.

"I do not," says the commissioner, "consider these excessive profits. It must be remembered that modern baking plants are expensive in first cost and in renewals. One manufacturer shows a larger profit than stated above in the early days of the war due to the fact that he purchased extensively before the price of flour advanced and had low management charges. The net earnings of many of the smaller bakers are less than the profits shown above, owing to the smaller volume of production and less efficient methods, while men with limited capital can enter the bakery business at any time there is general active competition in the trade which tends to control prices. Out of the whole I found no present evidence of unfair dealing on the part of the bakers."

PROVINCES WILL AID IN FOOD PROBLEMS

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The conference between the government and the provincial premiers was concluded late Saturday night, following a long and profitable discussion of the important questions which came before it.

The subject of outstanding importance was that of increasing Canada's output of food production and obtaining adequate farm labor, two questions that go hand in hand in the campaign for greater production. The conference, however, covered a much wider range of questions of national interest. The necessity for greater production was explained fully and unreservedly to the provincial premiers.

ITALIAN CALL

Rome, Feb. 17.—Recruiting of the soldiers of the 1500 class was announced today in the Journal official.

ONLY ONE SMALLPOX CASE IN NEWCASTLE

Schools and Theatre Closed But Churches Are Open.

Special to The Standard.
Newcastle, Feb. 16.—There is but one case of smallpox in town, and a second house in quarantine from which one of the inmates has been sent to the Chatham smallpox hospital. As a precaution the rink and theatre are closed and the schools until the 25th. The churches are not closed. The one case in town is of a very mild type.

THE WEATHER.

K.—The Weather at Kilmarnock.
Maritime—Moderate to fresh, north-west to west winds; fair and quite cold.
New England—Fair Monday and Tuesday, not much change in temperature; fresh southwest winds.
Toronto, Feb. 17.—A moderate disturbance, now centred south of Newfoundland, has caused a heavy snowfall in eastern Nova Scotia, while in other parts of the Dominion the weather has been fair and cold.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

February—Phases of the Moon.
Last quarter . . . 4d 3h 52m a.m.
New moon . . . 11d 6h 5m a.m.
First quarter . . . 17d 8h 57m p.m.
Full moon . . . 25d 5h 35m p.m.

London, Feb. 17.—Viscount Northcliffe has accepted the position of director of propaganda in enemy countries, while continuing his position on the American mission.

CHILDREN HATE PILLS, CALOMEL AND CASTOR OIL

If cross, feverish, constipated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them. With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

RED TRIANGLE CLUB.

The Red Triangle Club on King Square was running full time yesterday and throughout the day the room was filled with soldiers. At eight thirty o'clock last evening a song service was conducted there by the choir of Centenary Methodist church. Miss Hea presided at the piano. A duet was well rendered by Mrs. A. P. Crockett and Mr. Munro. Solos were given by Mrs. Crockett, Miss Brennan and Mr. Munro. Rev. H. A. Goodwin gave a short talk to the men after which all joined in singing a number of choruses.

Secretary A. M. McLeod was in charge at the Red Triangle room on the West Side where an entertainment was given in the evening by the choir of the Fairville Baptist church under the leadership of A. P. Allingham. Solos were given by Mrs. Freeman and Mr. McEachern and an anthem rendered by the choir. A. M. McLeod gave a short address. The boys joined in a number of choruses. Refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs. E. A. Young.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

To get the genuine, call for full name LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. 30c.

CORRECT DRESS FOR MEN

How many of you would read our advertisements if we wrote a serious dissertation on the careful construction of our clothing?

Our audience would simply hurdle for the nearest exit.

Today we simply say here's sufficient variety in Ready for Service Suits to suit every man from grave to gay; dignified greys, blues and blacks to cheerful mixtures.

Prices from \$18 to \$35.

February Sale Suits, \$10, \$15, \$17.50, \$20, reduced from \$15 to \$30.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

DEATHS.

PRATT—In this city, on the 17th inst., after a short illness, Sarah A. wife of Henry J. Pratt, and daughter of the late Henry and Amelia Welsford, leaving a husband, two sons, three brothers and three sisters to mourn. Funeral from the late residence on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

O'BRIEN—In this city, on the 16th inst., Minnie, wife of J. P. O'Brien, after a brief illness, leaving husband and two sons to mourn. (Boston papers please copy.)

Funeral on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from her late residence, 206 Metcalfe street, to St. Peter's Church for Requiem High Mass. Friends invited to attend.

McKEAN—At 70 Wentworth street, on Saturday, the 16th inst., Annie G. widow of the late George McKean. Funeral on Tuesday the 19th inst., from her late residence at 2:30 p. m., thence to Trinity Church.

GRANNAN—In this city, on February 17, Philip Grannan, leaving a wife, three sons and two daughters, to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father. Notice of funeral later.

St. John Retail Merchants' Bargain Dollar Day

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Below is a list of the stores which will display the Official Green and Yellow Banners

SHOP AT THESE STORES AND SAVE MONEY

CENTRAL			NORTH END		
C. & E. Everett, Hats and Furs,	Charlotte Street	Ross Drug Co., Pure Drugs,	King Street	Waterbury & Rising, Boots & Shoes,	Main Street
F. W. Daniel & Co., Dry Goods,	Charlotte Street	H. Mont Jones, Furs,	King Street	L. S. Kominsky, Ladies' Clothing,	Main Street
F. A. Dykeman & Co., Dry Goods,	Charlotte Street	T. McAvity & Sons, Hardware, etc.,	King Street	F. S. Thomas, Hats & Furs,	Main Street
J. & J. Manson, Millinery and Dry Goods,	Charlotte Street	J. T. Wilcox, Dry Goods,	Charlotte Street	Wasson's Drug Store, Pure Drugs,	Main Street
Hunt's Clothing Store, Men's Outfitters,	Charlotte Street	American Clothing Store, Men's & Boys' Clothing,	Charlotte Street	F. A. Johnson, Ladies' Clothing,	Mill Street
Emerson & Fisher, Hardware,	Charlotte Street	W. H. Thorne & Co., Hardware, Paints, etc.,	King Street		
Francis & Vaughan, Boots & Shoes,	King Street	W. H. Hayward Co., Ltd., Crockery & Glassware,	Princess Street		
Miss Kate Hennessey, Hair Goods & Switches,	Charlotte St.	D. Bassen, Dry Goods,	Charlotte Street		
Marr Millinery Co., Millinery,	Charlotte Street	M. C. Hetherington, Notions & Dry Goods,	Charlotte Street		
Macaulay Bros., Dry Goods,	King Street	J. Chester Brown, Dry Goods,	King Square		
D. Magee Sons, Hats & Furs,	King Street	A. E. Everett, Furniture,	Charlotte Street		
Waterbury & Rising, Boots & Shoes,	King Street	Louis Green, Cigars,	Charlotte Street		
Scovil Bros., Ltd., (Oak Hall), Ladies' Wear and Men's Furnishings,	King Street	D. McArthur, Stationery,	King Street		
A. Gilmour, Men's Clothing,	King Street	Frank Skinner, Millinery,	King Street		
W. E. Ward, Men's Furnishings,	King Street	H. Horton & Son, Saddlery,	Market Square		
E. G. Nelson, Books & Stationery,	King Street				
McRobbie's Shoe Co., Boots & Shoes,	King Street				
O. H. Warwick, China & Glass Ware,	King Street				
SOUTH END			WEST END		
		Daylight Store, Dry Goods,	Charlotte Street	Amdur's Department Store, Complete Furnishers,	King Street, West
				Ideal Shoe Store, Boots and Shoes,	Union Street, West
UNION STREET					
Waterbury & Rising, Boots & Shoes,	Union Street				
D. J. Barrett, Stoves, Kitchen Ware, etc.,	Union Street				
M. J. Mullholland, Men's Furnishings,	Waterloo Street				
H. N. DeMille, Men's Clothing,	Union Street				
Wiesel's Cash Store, Boots & Shoes,	Union Street				
H. W. King, Hats & Furs,	Union Street				
S. Gilbert, Dry Goods,	Brussels Street				
J. R. Hopkins, Printer,	Brussels Street				
Alex. Corbet, Men's Furnishings,	Union Street				

A glance in the windows of the Dollar Day Stores will convince you that reduced prices are in order for this one day. Almost every line of merchandise is represented in the Dollar Day Offerings!