

Russians Smash Turks on Black Sea

Austro-German Forces Cross Tagliamento River

Success For Russ Arms Against Turks in the East

Great Naval Battle in Adriatic May be Impending

Advanced in Places to Enemy's Third Line

BATTLE FOR CHEMIN DES DAMES OVER

German Retreat Marks End of One of War's Greatest Struggles REVERSE FOR ENEMY Battle Endured Longer and Cost More Lives, Than Verdun GERMAN LOSSES HUGE Casualties Were Suffered By Foe in Hundred Thousands

By Courier Leased Wire London, Nov. 5.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Correspondent) Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters telegraphed yesterday: "The German retreat from the Chemin des Dames marks the end of one of the great battles of the war. Beginning on April 19 when French reached the crest overlooking former German position down to the banks of the Aisne and the enemy communications in the Ailette Valley. It ended yesterday after six months of almost continuous fighting. It lasted longer and cost more lives than the battle of Verdun. In the first three months of the battle when fighting was most persistent the enemy divisions were relieved at a quicker rate than during the corresponding months of the battle at Verdun. No German division that was sent away from battle was ever called on to return. "The Germans will, of course, say they abandoned the ground voluntarily in order to husband their men. The truth is that since October 23 when the Zouaves stormed Malaisson fort, the Germans lost and abandoned twenty miles of the Hindenburg line. "To retain this sector of the front, stretching from Laffaux to Graonne, the Germans provoked over twenty battles and almost as many times the accepted battle forced on them by the French. They engaged in many minor operations and suffered casualties to be numbered by the hundred thousand. "As a result of their effort they bit by bit won back the greater part of the crest line and had every intention of establishing themselves comfortably thereon for the winter. The French command viewed the situation with calm and have since been methodically preparing to reverse the position at one blow, instead of wasting men in innumerable minor attacks. "When the blow fell at dawn on October 23, perhaps two thirds of the crest line was in German hands. By evening on Monday four of their best divisions had been put out of action. Excepting at Les Boves they were everywhere driven from the plateau. With the fall of Boves they went their last foothold on the crest and yesterday they gave up the lines they held under the crest of the northern slope which were taken from the rear from new French positions in the valley. Their right dropped in back noiselessly to the other side of the Aisne."

SPANISH CABINET ONE OF COALITION Will Continue Policy of Neutrality and Summon New Parliament

By Courier Leased Wire. Madrid, Nov. 4.—The ministerial declaration, published at the conclusion of a cabinet meeting today, calls attention to the exceptional period through which the country is passing. These conditions, the declaration says, caused men of different tendencies to unite temporarily in the formation of the new cabinet, whose object is to continue the policy of neutrality to get promptly and energetically for the settlement of economic problems, to give all possible attention to questions bearing on the country's development and to summon a new parliament elected independently of all governmental interference.

DENMARK LETS HUNSEAMENGO

German Sailors From Destroyed Cruiser Are Not to be Interned RETURN TO GERMANY Berlin Admits Loss of Small Auxiliary Cruiser Only

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Nov. 5.—According to the Copenhagen correspondent of The Times, German sailors from the auxiliary cruiser Marie will not be interned, being regarded as shipwrecked. Nine of them already have gone to Berlin. The British Admiralty on Saturday announced the sinking of eleven armed German ships, including an auxiliary cruiser by British naval forces in the Cattegat. Copenhagen despatches of the same day reported that the German auxiliary cruiser Marie had been destroyed in the Bay of Biscay. The British auxiliary patrol boats, including the Crocodile, were also sunk. Truth Hurts. Copenhagen, Nov. 5.—It is officially announced in Berlin that a small auxiliary cruiser has been sunk by destroyers, but no other warships are missing. JOIN FLYING CORPS. Nine or ten candidates thus far have been sent from Brantford and Brant county to enlist in the Royal Flying Corps, by the local interviewing board. Another meeting of the board will be held this week, when another group of applicants will be examined.

ADRIATIC MAY SEE BIG NAVAL ENGAGEMENT

Activity in Gulf of Trieste May Presage Great Battle at Sea

While General Cardona's forces are holding the invading Austro-German hordes along the Tagliamento, an Italian naval bulletin referring to intense activity in the Gulf of Trieste, indicates that the Adriatic may soon be the scene of an important development, and the turning point in the present struggle in that theatre of the war. Meanwhile, France and Great Britain are rushing their greatest military and governmental leaders to aid Italy. Premier George, Gen. Sir William Robertson, chief of the imperial staff of the British army; Lieut-General Jan Smuts, the former South African commander, and other officials, in company with Premier Painleve, who is heading the French mission, are on their way to Rome for a conference with the Italian war chiefs, presumably to map out an intensive campaign involving the Italian forces reinforced in both man and material drawn from France and Great Britain. In Flanders, only minor operations are reported, these being confined to artillery activity and small raids. Infantrymen of the American overseas forces had had their first clash with the Germans in a front line trench position, and three Americans were killed, five wounded, and 12 captured. The Germans attacked at daybreak on November 3, under cover of a heavy barrage fire, which isolated a short salient occupied by a company of Americans and apparently left the little force at the mercy of their enemies. The report from General Pershing dealing with the engagements, which was made public by the war department today, did not give the names of the casualties, and also omitted to mention whether the trench had been captured. However, the fact that one wounded German was taken by the Americans leads to the belief that the attacking party did not remain to further contest the position, but were content to slip back to their protecting lines with their prisoners. That American troops receiving intensive training in the trenches had had their first fight with the enemy was estimated on Saturday in a cryptic official statement from Berlin announcing the capture of North American soldiers.

EFFECTIVE RAID BY BRITISH TROOPS London Men Kill Many Germans and Took Several Guns.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Nov. 5.—Further details concerning yesterday's raid by London troops in the neighborhood of Gavrelle show that 34 prisoners, four machine guns and two trench mortars were captured by us," says today's official report from the Franco-Belgium front. "In addition a large number of the enemy estimated at nearly 100 were killed and all dugouts in the raided area were destroyed or left in flames. Our casualties were very light. "Yesterday evening a party of Sherwood foresters raided the enemy's trenches northeast of Loos, capturing a few prisoners and killing a number of Germans. Our casualties were again light. "Hostile reconnoitring parties were dispersed by our fire last night in the neighborhood of Hollebek and Reutel."

SEAMEN WERE MASSACRED BY HUN PIRATES

Appalling Story of Cold Blooded Murder of British Convoy Crews

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Nov. 5.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—An appalling story of the cold-blooded massacre by the Germans of the crews of the British North Sea convoy told by the Norwegian newspapers. The Tidensteen says that the German cruisers were observed at 6 o'clock in the morning and were thought to be British vessels, but at 7 o'clock when there was more light, they suddenly began shooting, and the convoy was terrified to see the British destroyer at the stern of the convoy beginning to sink, although it fought to the end. The German cruisers, after signalling the vessels to stop, advanced on each side of the convoy which they swept with all their guns at a range of less than 200 yards. Two German destroyers came up and helped to spread death and destruction over the defenceless ships, shells falling thick and fast. The Germans were not content to sink the ships, but stilled the lifeboats, and each living thing coming their way was mercilessly slaughtered. The survivors owed their lives to the high seas which were running, making the boats a difficult mark. In the midst of the massacre another British destroyer came up and immediately attacked, but was soon sunk in the unequal struggle. The German flotilla then cruised backward and forward along the sinking steamer, pouring a fresh and terrible rain of shells at a range of one hundred yards. One shell went through the Swedish steamer Wiendar, exploding in the lifeboat on the other side and killing all its occupants, fourteen men and three women. The other lifeboat rowed back to rescue the captain and two waitresses from the wreck. A shell struck the boat and killed five other occupants only the mate escaped by swimming. The Wiendar was now a mass of flames. The two girls jumped into the sea and were apparently drowned. The captain was saved by clinging to the wreckage. The two women were sinking an English ship hoisted the white flag. The answer of the Germans was a shot which killed them both. Twelve men of an other ship had to use not into the lifeboat when a shell killed them all."

DELAY IN REFORMS ANGRERS HUNGARY

Another Crisis Threatens Unless Franchise Reforms are Granted

By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, Nov. 5.—Another crisis is threatened in Hungary owing to the intention of Dr. Alexander Wekerle, the premier and minister of finance to introduce in parliament new budget proposals before submitting a franchise reform measure. The parties led by Count János Andrássy and Count Michael Karolyi both oppose the premier's program and Count Karolyi threatens to leave the government party unless Dr. Wekerle puts franchise reform first. Count Karolyi has gone to Vienna to consult Emperor Charles concerning the matter. TURKEY HOPES TO QUIT HUNS Complete Independence From all Great Powers Her Aim in War TALAAT BEY SPEAKS Turkey Cannot Make Peace Without Recovering Lost Territory

By Courier Leased Wire. Copenhagen, Nov. 5.—Talaat Bey, the Turkish grand vizier, declared that Turkey's aim in the world war was to secure independence from all the great powers, including her present allies, according to an interview granted the Constantinople correspondent of The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin. He said Turkey could not make peace without regaining all her lost territory, either by force of arms or negotiations. The Sultan, he added, might possibly accept Emperor William's invitation to visit Berlin. Russian Red Cross. By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, Nov. 5.—Measures to the activities of medical organizations, including the Red Cross, have been undertaken by a committee at army headquarters with the object of eliminating all those whose employment is not absolutely necessary. This action has been taken on account of the difficulty in obtaining the food supply. REAL ESTATE BOOMING. During the month of October there were sixty-two realty transfers recorded in the city of Brantford. This is an increase of nineteen transfers of property as compared with the corresponding month of the previous year.

PRESSURE OF HUNS IS INCREASED

Austro German Forces Intensify Attack on the Italian Front CROSS TAGLIAMENTO Cadorna May have Stronger Defences to Fall Back Upon READY TO RETREAT Stand Taken on Western Bank of Tagliamento Merely Temporary

By Courier Leased Wire. Rome, Nov. 5.—The Germans have crossed the Tagliamento river, the war office announces. "The pressure against the Italian northern wing has been intensified. "The announcement follows: "The enemy, who has succeeded in bringing some of his forces onto the right bank of the Tagliamento, north of Ponzano, has intensified his pressure against the left wing of our line. "On Saturday night and Sunday, our airplanes and airships effectively bombed hostile troops in the basins of Caporetto and Tolmino and along the left bank of the Tagliamento. On Saturday, in addition to the two machines mentioned yesterday, our aviators brought down three enemy airplanes. One fell in the vicinity of Caldanzazo and the other two near Lagoana at Grado. "After their retreat from the Isomno in consequence of the Austro-German offensive the Italians took up positions along the west bank of the Tagliamento, which runs across the northeast tip of Italy from the Alps to the sea, and offers a natural line of defence for the plains of northern Italy. This line is shorter than the old one and apparently was more practicable for defensive purposes, but it is not certain that the Italian commander, General Cadorna, intended to hold it, as he may now have had sufficient time to organize it, electing merely to defend it while preparing another line further back. "Blasano is on the northern edge of the plain, in the foothills of the Alps. It is about 40 miles north of the Adriatic. Austrian Official. Berlin, Nov. 5.—(Via London)—Austro-German troops have crossed the middle Tagliamento river, in northeastern Italy, and taken six thousand prisoners, the war office reports. They are advancing towards the west. "The text of the statement reads: "Italian front; German and Austro-Hungarian divisions have gained the crossing on the middle Tagliamento, and are advancing westward. "From the Italian brigades defeated in this engagement, more than 6,000 prisoners and a number of guns have been taken." TABERNACLE PROGRESSING Satisfactory progress is being made with the tabernacle on Brant Avenue. The wooden roof has been completed, and the Brantford roofing company is to-day finishing off the structure with their product. The electric wiring of the building is also expected to be finished by tonight. MERCHANTS' CORNER At Philadelphia merchant says that, after exhaustive investigation, he finds that the average man devotes twenty minutes a day to reading a day. The "average man," if he does that, will have discovered that these twenty minutes are more profitably spent than any other part of his working day—and he will expand the time to an hour. Merchant, there is keen competition on the part of advertisers to secure for a consideration of their messages a share of those precious twenty minutes.

GERMANY IN GRIP OF HIGH COST OF LIVING

Grain Production Can Not Be Materially Increased During War Time; High Prices For Clothing Prevail

By Courier Leased Wire. Copenhagen, Nov. 5.—During the course of a debate on food conditions by the Prussian Diet committee, Herr Hosch, Conservative, said that for various reasons it could not be expected that the grain production of Germany could be increased materially during the war or for some time thereafter. He suggested that the government devote its attention to increasing the production of potatoes, to provide food necessary for the population and proposed that the government immediately announce a minimum price for the potato harvest of 1918, coupled with assurances to producers that all potatoes above those necessary for human consumption would be released for fodder purposes. Herr von Waldow, president of the Food Regulation Board in a speech confirmed Herr Hosch's statement regarding grain, declaring that a lack of labor, draft animals, artificial fertilizers and fuel hampered any increase in production. Herr von Waldow also warned against accepting advance estimates of the grain and potato crops, as statistics in the past had proved unreliable. While this debate was proceeding in the Diet the Berlin common council was complain-

RUSSIANS SMASHING THE TURKS

Ottoman Troops Beaten Back on Region of Black Sea Coast

By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, Nov. 5.—In the region of the Black Sea coast the Russians have driven the Turks from their first line and advanced in some places to the third line, the war office announces. Much booty was captured. Berlin, Nov. 5.—Repulse of a British attack on the Macedonian front near the Vardar River is reported today by army headquarters. The announcement follows: "After strong artillery preparation for days past which was continued yesterday between the Vardar and Lake Doiran British battalions attacked south of Stoyakevo. Their advance collapsed with heavy losses and without results before the Bulgarian positions."

AN ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION OF THE Township of Brantford Riding of Brant Will be held on Tuesday Evening at 8 o'clock IN THE Borden Club Rooms BRANTFORD The Candidate and Others will Speak

ing that no adequate measures were being taken to reserve adequate supplies for urban consumption and to prevent the feeding to cattle of supplies necessary to feed the people. It also entered a general complaint that even the short supplies of vegetables had been diverted from the cities, where there was a virtual vegetable famine. The Tages Zeitung complains of the prohibitive prices charged in the country districts for clothing for farm workers. It prints a table of comparison showing, for example, that socks costing in peace time forty pfenninga now cost four marks; boots that cost twelve to fifteen marks now sell for a hundred and twenty marks; aprons that were formerly one mark twenty pfenninga now cost fifteen marks. Material for dresses, made from the new nettle cloth, costs twenty-seven marks. The farmer declares that these prices, which farm hands are unable to pay, are driving the laborers to the munition works and the cities and are threatening a tie-up of agriculture. Polish Constitution. Berlin, Sunday, Nov. 4, via London, Nov. 5.—The constitution of the new Polish State is a document containing nine

DOMINION FROWNS ON LAURIER'S MANIFESTO

Liberal Leader's Statement Meets With Disapproval From Most Sources—People Want No Delay on Conscription

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Ont., Nov. 5.—(The London Free Press, (Conservative)) says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier has removed from the issue of the war time election the last hope of conscriptionist Liberals that he would at least give recognition to the military service act, now that it has been enacted into law. A pledge is given to 'forthwith' submit the act to a vote. Sir Wilfrid has thus receded from his earlier promise first to give voluntarism a fresh trial. Evidently the appeals for exemption from military service under the act have convinced him that he cannot proceed further along this line. To whom would Sir Wilfrid submit his referendum? To the electors of the war-time franchise? Not so. He would open the polls to every citizen of Canada of legal age, whether native born or naturalized. Every one of enemy birth, no matter how short his citizenship in Canada would have the ballot. Want No Vote. St. John, N.B., Nov. 5.—The Standard (Unionist) quotes Laurier's promise of a referendum on conscription, and says: "Laurier would postpone conscription until the people have

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had a chance to vote on it. Patriotic Canadians want no such chance. They realize that the Empire's house is burning, and they don't want to cease all effort to extinguish the flames until the people have taken a vote to determine what brand of hose shall be used. By his pronouncement, Laurier has gained thousands of votes in Quebec, but has lost tens of thousands throughout the rest of Canada. Wants Another Chance. The Edmonton Bulletin, Hon. Frank Oliver, proprietor, says editorially: "To amplify the argument of the manifesto, the need for conscription has often been broadly stated to be the failure of volunteer enlistment in Quebec. From present indications; conscription is not likely to give very much more satisfactory returns than the voluntary system did. Sir Wilfrid's challenge is: Give Quebec a fair chance. Under sympathetic leadership, and she will do her share. If she does not, then enforce conscription by mandate of the people, but not in defiance of the people (Continued on Page Four)

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Nov. 5. Pressure is low along the British Columbian coast and to the southward of Nova Scotia, and very high in the interior of the continent. Rain is falling in British Columbia where in Canada the weather is fair. Forecasts. Moderate east to south winds; fine to-day and on Tuesday and becoming a little milder.

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