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Collossal Battle on West Front Coming Reichstag Member Calls For Abdication of Kaiser Enemy Massing Troops to Smash Franco-British

HOW THE **ASIAGO** WAS HELD

Stirring Story of Heroism Among Troops of Italian Mountains

By Courier Leased Wire Italian headquarters in northern Italy, Dec. 10—(By the Associated) Press) -A visit to-day to the headmanding a division of heroic Alpini and Bersaglieri disclosed the story of the manner in which this division held the heights back of the Asiago plateau untl it was cut to pieces and the remnant was compelled to fall By Courier Leased Wire back to its present new lines. The

ing his shattered forces, which were seen in long lines along the roads preparing to go back into the fight A major of the general's staff who toward the close of the figh collected the remaining men of the division and led them in the final charge, before the order for retirement came, gave first hand infor

general is now engaged in re-form

nation of the struggle. He said there were Bersaglieri regiments, some Alpini battalions and one infantry regiment in the division, in addition to the usual quota of batteries of field and middle calibre guns. These were rang back of Asiago when the drive reached its maximum intensity last Wednesday. For 24 hours one Bersaglieri regiment had held Mente Tondarecar until its platoons had been reduced from thirty men to six. it was then that the battalions of lpini wer's sent to their relief.

The Alpini fought their way up the hill sing the grant against heavy odds, only to find their comrades cut to pieces. Most of them were lying dead from stab wounds. Now the Alpini battalions found themselves in the centre of a concentration of enemy forces, which gradually encircled them. Some of the battalions manoeuvred and were carried back and forth in the fury of the fighting along the slopes. Others remained on the summit with

the enemy surrounding them. At 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, the colonel of these battalions sent his last report to the general. It says laconically: "The enemy is on all sides and I am about to charge." That was the last which was ever heard of him or any of his

The enveloping enemy masses grew denser and the gallant Alpini band, which had gone to rescue the Bersaglieri, was wiped out of existence.
The fighting continued along other points of the line until the forces were decimated and it became clear these events, gathered the remnant

ber of points on the present line and talked with the officers and men. All were confident of being able to hold when the new officers when the new office pect in a few days, is made.

help win the war.

British Ambassador Points Out to Russians Their Mistake

GERMAN AUTOCRACY quarters of a major-general com- And Not German People, Conducting Armistice

With Russia

London, Dec. 11 .- Further details of the statement made to Russian journalists by Sir Geo. Buchanan, British ambassador at Petrograd, as forwarded in a Reuter dispatch, show that the ambassador declared the Russian aries were mistaken in thinking that a durable peace could be obtained by asking the Germans for an armistice, to be followed by an agreement. The Allies, he said, wished to arrive first at a general agreement in harmony with their declared war

aims, and then to arrange an

been said by any German states-man to show that the ideals of the Russian democracy were shared by Emperor William and his government, the am autocracy, not with the German people, that the armistice nego-tiations were being conduct of knew the Russian army ceased to exist as a fighting force would be disposed to subscribe

peror was a German imperialis tic neace. Although the Allies could not send representatives to take part in the armistice negotiations, they were ready, said Sir George, as soon as a stable government, recognized by the Russian people had been constituted, to examine with that government the aims of the war

On the contrary, the peace contemplated by the em-

and possible conditions of just and durable peace.

Meantime, the Allies were giving Russia the most effective assistance by holding the bulk of the German armies on their of the German armies on their respective fronts.

The ambassador reiterated Great ly escaped a shrapnel shell which burst near his automobile. It was then that the colonel who without the colonel who will be colonel with the colonel who will be colonel with the colonel will be colonel that did not witness a bitter attack then that the colonel who recounted on Great Britain in the official newspapers, giving the impression tha of the division and fought out the Britain, not Germany, was Russia's remainder of the day until the new enemy, and the provoker of the war. Italian lines of defense were formed across the Franzella and Gadena passes leading to the Brenta valley and the plain. It is here the lines are now resting, with good prospects of leading to the Brenta valley and the plain. It is here the lines are now resting, with good prospects of leading to the Brenta valley and the plain. It is here the lines are now resting, with good prospects of leading to the Brenta valley are leading to the Russians of grudge, realizing they were worn out by the sacrifices of war and the general disorganization inseparable from a great political revolution, the ambassador said. Denying reports of ambassador said. The correspondent visited a num- contemplated coercive or punitive acwhen the new attack, which they ex-pect in a few days, is made.

entitled to complain that the council of peoples' commissaries had been negotiating with the enemy without previously consulting the Allies of all sorts, description and prices which was a brief of the London on display at J. W. Burgess, 44 Colborne street. Vote for Cockshutt and whereby the autocracy was replaced. Nevertheless, Great Britain did not wish to induce an unwilling ally to WEATHER BULLETIN continue to share in the common effort by appealing to treaty rights; Toronto, Dec. which appeal might be made. These, night per made. These, he said, were principles recognized by commissaries, namely, those of a democratic peace, a peace which accorded with the wishes of the small-the weather is fair er nationalities, which repudiated the idea of exacting plunder from the weather is fair and decidedly cold in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

Forecasts

Moderate winds, fair and decidedly cold to-day and on Wednesday

Wednesday

The nearly all parts of indemnity or of incorporating reluctant populations in great empires. Such, broadly speaking, was the peace Great Britain, equally with the Russian democracy, desired to see obtained.

BRITISH FLAG FLYING OVER THE HOLY CITY

Future Status of Jerusalem Will Not be Defined Until After the War

London, Dec. 11—No attempt will be made to define the future position of Jerusalem until a general peace comes, The Times says it understands, in the meantime, the city will be treated as in British military occupation and will be under martial law. General Allenby will appoint a military governor. While the British flag will fly over the city, he French and Italian flags will by laced over their nationals. the French and Italian flags will be placed over their national property, such as convents and schools. A solemn thanksgiving and te deum

ITALY SEES

Awakens at Last to Need of **Drastic Measures Against** the Huns

Rome, Dec. 11.—The Italian Government and police have at last awa ernment and police have at last awakened to the necessity of taking drastic measures against German propaganda. The first fruits of this added vigilance have been the arrest of a Roman newspaperman, Aldo Chierioi, who participated in the excursion of Italian journalists to Germany before Italy entered the war. Chierioi continued his anti-war campaign after war was declared, and is now paying the penalty of his

Switzerland, which is the centre of German intrigues in Europe against the Allies.

Four ex-deputies of the Italian Chamber have been arrested in connection with the Bolo affairs. Turmel and Schoeller, who figured in the French revelations, seemed to have assistants in Italy. The wife of Dr. De Planta, Swiss minister at the Quirinal, is a daughter of the latter.

Switzerland, which is the centre of gusto Soares, the former minister of foreign affairs, also was locked up in the provincial barracks, together with Dr. Costa.

Rallway communication with Lisbon is reported suspended.

Largest assortment of Rocking Horses in the city. J. W. Burgess, 44 Colborne street. will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral

VOICED FOR

Influential Member of German Reichstag Calls Upon Emperor to Relinquish His

Throne in Order to Give German People the Inestimable Benefits of Peace,

TIAL MEMBER OF THE REICHSTAG, WRITES IN THE DEUTSCHE ZEITUNG.

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EX-PREMIER IS UNDER ARREST IN PORTUGAL

tionary Excitement Gradually Dies Down

KAISER'S ABDICATION

Snow Storm Has Ceased,

on Apace

and Relief Work Goes

Order Restored as Revolu-

Halifax, Dec. 11.—The snow storm, which hampered the relief workers yesterday, was of short duration and last night was clear and cold. As the snow which fell was near enough to rain to be well saturated, a hard crust had formed to-day further interferring with traffic problems and with the work of clearing away the ruins of wrecked buildings.

All activities, however, are now on a systematic basis, and Halifax men joined to-day with men from other parts of Canada and from cities in the United States in making further progress toward bringing back more normal conditions. The refusal to admit curiosity-seekers to the city already has seekers to the city already has resulted in a noticeable lessen-

resulted in a noticeable lessening of the congestion which was threatening a serious impediment to the care of the injured, the feeding and housing of the homeless and the reconstruction of the devastated district.

Hundreds of men were busy to-day about the less badly damaged buildings. The chief task here was to replace broken windows and doors and to repair roofs torn open by pieces of flying wreckage in the explosion last Thursday. The supply of window glass sent here from other cities proved particularly useful and a party of skilled glaziers from Boston assisted in replacing the thousands of shattered panes.

For all concerned last night

ands of shattered panes.

For all concerned last night was the most restful since the explosion. The sinking of the munitions steamer Picton yesterday, with the subsequent official assurance that there were no more explosive-laden (Continued on Page Five.)

TO QUELL COUNTER

Bolsheviki Send Troops To Suppress the Kaledines-**Dutoff Uprising**

HELP FROM ALL SIDES

Everything Humanely Possible now Being Done for the Sufferers

By Courier Leased Wire Halifax, Dec. 11.—The snow storm, which hampered the relief workers yesterday, was of short duration and last night was clear and cold. As the discourse Leased Wire Halifax, Dec. 11.—The snow the official Petrograd Telegram Bureau, the government has decided to make an end to the counter-revolutionary movement. It has ordered enough troops to suppress the movement to be transferred from the Caucasus. It is expected that the troops in the Caucasus were chosen so as

casus. It is expected that the troops in the Caucasus were chosen so as not to diminish the forces on the eastern front.

Bolsheviki Defeated.

Petrograd, Sunday, Dec. 9—A "battalion of death" which left Staffka, is reported to have defated the Bolsheviki troops near the town of Shlobin, in Mohilev.

All The Huns Want.

London, Dec. 11—The Petrograd correspondent of The Times attributes to a responsible source the statement that during the information conversations between the Russian and German representatives at Brest-Litovsk regarding the armistice on the eastern front, the Germans indicated that the following points on the eastern front, the command of dicated that the following points were likely to be included in any of their peace negotiations.

Germany to have control of the Russian wheat market for infleen

Russian wheat market for fitteen years.

All German goods to be admitted to Russia duty free.

No territory now occupied by the Germans to be surrendered.

The correspondent says the Botscheviki were disappointed by the reserved attitude of the German negotiators and their lack of symipathy with political idealism. Other causes contributed to their depression, but it is stated they are determined to conclude an armistice at any cost if the latest appeal by the Russian commissionaires to the Allies fails.

Petrograd, Monday, Dec. 10—M. Kameneff, chief of the Bolsheviki delegates sent to negotiate an armistics with the Germans, said on his return from Brest-Litovsk that the official sessions of the delegates were followed by a semi-official exchange of (Continued on Page Five.)

that the enemy greatly outnumbered the Italians. The general himself, who was directing operations from a point just back of the line, narrow a point just back of the line, narrow remarked that hardly a day passed. TROOPS TO WESTERN FRONT

Enemy Massing Her Forces There in Hope of Smashing Entente Allies Before United States is Able to Send Aid—Two German Munitions Trains Wrecked

Heavy German reinforcements have arrived in France it is believed in allied capitals, but where the expected blow will fall is yet to be disclosed. For the moment the infantry is inactive along the western front, but the artillery, and especially that of the Germans is very active in

FITS OF PEACE?"

TION TO YOUR ILLUSTRIOUS MAJESTY.

On the British front the Germans are bombarding heavily the positions southwest of Cam-Ypres, the two sectors which have seen virtually all the heavy fighting in the past few months. From St. Quentin to the Swiss border, Paris reports great enemy artillery activity between the oise and the Aisne in Cham-pagne, northeast of Verdun and in upper Alsace. The British and French cannon are replying in kind against the German po-

The heavy German artillery fire may mean that the Germans are attempting to find a weak point; and it may be only for the purpose of drawing allied attention to one spot while the troops from the Russian front are massed for a strong effort

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Strong local German attacks on the right bank of the Meuse, northeast of Verdun, have been repulsed by the French, who

took prisoners.

By Courier Leased Wire

London Dec. 11.—The correpondent at Amsterdam of The Daily Express reports that the Germans are rushing troops to the western front with the idea of smashing the Entente Allies before America is able to act and adds:

and adds:

"One of the results of this is that two German munition trains collided on Thursday. Both were blown up and several hundred soldiers were killed or wounded."

Heavy Firing.

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Dec. 11.—Unusually active artillery fighting and aerial operations on the western front yesterday are reported in to-day's official communication. This activity was particularly noteworthy on the Ypres and Arras fronts.

French Official.

By Courier Leased Wire

Paris Dec. 11.—"Patrol en-

Paris Dec. 11.—"Patrol en-counters occurred north of Bezonvaux (Verdun front) and

near Tahure (Champagne)," says the War Office statement of to-day. "Active artillery fighting developed in some sectors of Upper Alsace and Lorraine. Everywhere else the night was calm." Foe Official.

By Courier Leased Wire

Berlin, Dec. 11, via London.

On the Flanders' front in
France there was a lively artillery duel, the German official
statement issued to-day says:

"On the Italian front there
was active gunfire on both sides
of the Brenta River and along
the lower Piave.

the lower Piave. Street Fighting.
London, Dec. 11.—Street fighting

has occurred in Moscow and the Swedish consul there has advised all. Swedes to leave the city, according to advices received in Haparanda and forwarded by the Stockholm correspondent of The Morning Post. It is added that starvation seems to threaten Moscow. Most of the Swedes there are said to have taken the consul's advice.

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Situation Grave.

London, Dec. 11.—The situation in Moscow is reported to be grave, according to a Times' despatch from (Continued on Page Five.)

THE RECORD OF THE UNION GOVERNMENT

They applished patronage in appointments to Government positions, in the purchase of supplies and in awarding of Government, contracts.

Patronage was the Worst Evil in Politics

They controlled the packing houses by ordering that they must not charge a profit of more than two per cent. on their sales—that is to say only two cents profit on a dollar. They passed an order providing that the flour millers can make a profit of only 25c. on each barrel of flour. They stopped the use of grain in the manufacture of liquor.

They stopped expenditures on almost all Public works with the object of conserving our finances for the war.

They greatly extended the powers of the Food Controller, giving him practically unlimited authority.

They increased the separation allowance to wives and other dependents of soldiers under the rank of Sergeant from \$20 to \$25 a month.

They are standing no nonsense from the Quebec Exemption Tribunals who tried to make a farce of the thing. Thousands of appeals from these Tribunals have been taken by the Government representatives and will be tried promptly. The Government are seeing to it that Quebec does not escape its duty.

They have been in office only eight weeks and have been hampered through having to run an election forced upon the Country by Laurier.

Are YOU Going to Vote WITH the Brave Boys at the Front, or Will You Vote AGAINST Them?