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# GAZA IS CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH

Nine-Mila Advance Is Made By General Allenby's Troops In Palestine Operations BRITISH SHELL ROULERS --- ITALIANS STILL RETREAT

American Commissioners to Attend Approaching Allied Conference.

### REASON FOR MEETING

Entente Powers Will Endeavor to Arrange Better Co-operation in War.

Washington, Nov. 7. — An American mission landed in Englant today on the eve of the opening of the first great war conference in which the United States will participate.

Col. E. M. House, President Wilson's personal friend and adviser, is the officially designated representative of the United States. He is active of the United States. He is accompanied by a staff representing companied by a staff representing of departure.

The new British offensive in Palestine, which is being prosecuted vigorously, now that the oppressive heat of the summer season no longer causes enforced inactivity, is being developed along a front extending eastward from the Mediterranean coast. Gaza is 30 miles north of the Egyptian border, near the coast. It is about 30 miles southwest of Beersheba, which the

Announcement by Secretary of State
Lansing tonight of the arrival of the
party at a British port, released
American newspapers from a pledge
of science as to the personnel of the on and its movements. The delistinguished men in the government war councils was a carefully guarded cret until they were safely thru the ibmarine zone. Even many army and navy officials were not aware that their chiefs had sailed.

date and place of the conference has not been made public, tho the understanding here is that the sessions are about to begin. In a statement accompanying his announcement. Secretary of State Lansing emphas zed the fact that this gathering is to be a war conference and nothing else, charged with mapping out a plan of campaign against Germany to "bring the conflict to a speedy and

atisfactory end."
The e have been many indications that the conference was called at the request of the United States. n selecting its representatives the United States has provided in advance against becoming involved in any discussion of any peace terms or political questions. There is no diplomatic representative with the mis-son. The business at this time of member of Co'. House's staff is war-making and there can be no discussion of any matters not having to do directly with the prosecution of

Lansing's statement says: "In looking forward to the assem-bling of the conference it cannot be strongly emphasized that it is a war conference and nothing else, devoted to devising ways and means intensify the efforts of the belliger-ents against Germany by complete co-operation under a general plan and thus bring the conflict to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion." This is the American Government's first definite announcement of the purposes of the meeting.

### POLITICAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Brantford parties agree on policy, but not on candidate.

Organization formed in Lincoln County for purpose of avoiding election.

Mervin Smith is chosen by Socialists o North Waterloo to contest riding.

Meighen appeals for unity at Dundas meeting, which endorses G. C. Wilson as candidate.

The Central Conservative Association executive fixed the dates of conventions in the Toronto constituences.

South Oxford Liberals have notified Conservatives of willingness to co-operate on selection of union candidate. Conservatives and Liberals in South

tho are supporters of union gov-will name a candidate on Mon-Unonists of North Waterloo fear that Dr. J. F. Honsberger withdraws, W. D.

culer, Laurier nonlinee, will get contro Great War Veterans, at meeting in London, charge Conservative organization with delicerate attempt to prevent them running candidate.

Hon. J. D. Reid, who is in Toronto adjusting the situation, states that the campaign for the union government is progressing satisfactorily.

# GAZA IS CAPTURED BY BRITISH FORCES

Gen. Allenby's Troops Make Advance of Nine Miles in Palestine Drive, Smashing Turk Defences.

captured the City of Gaza, in Pales front of operations six guns have been ine, the war office announces. A further advance also has been taken.

A further advance also has been made north of Beersheba, a town 11 miles above that city having been captured.

"General Allenby reports that our troops captured Khuweilteh, 11 miles north of Beersheba, soon after midnight Monday, and that repeated counter-attacks thruout the whole of yesterday were reported," says the statement.

London, Nov. 7.—The British have Estimates of the captures are not yet

companied by a staff representing every war agency in the United States, including Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations, and General Pilss, out the operations the troops displayed of staff of the army.

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### 'PLANES AID DRIVE AT PASSCHENDAELE

of the Enemy.

### **WEATHER IS BAD**

Rain, Wind and Fog Hinder, But Many Targets Are Bombed.

London, Nov. 7 .- An official statement issued tonight on the aerial operations at the front reads: "During Tuesday morning a high wind and rain greatly interfered with

trated well to the east of the line. While so employed they were caught in a heavy mist which suddenly developed. Seven of our machines fail-

"During the night 62 heavy bombs ere dropped on the enemy's railway communications, billets and airdromes the vicinity of Roulers and Cou-Roulers station and town. "In the air fighting one German machine was brought down and two others were driven down out of control. Four of ours are missing, in ad-

dition to those mentioned above." NEW VOTE ON CONSCRIPTION.

Melbourne, Australia, Nov. 7 .- (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)-The Commonwealth Government has decided to take another referendum on conscrip-

# **ALLIES MUST RUSH**

the Italians.

### IS BIG EMERGENCY

Teutons Must Be. Foiled in Plan to Put Italy Out of War.

By the Associated Press. Italy, Nov. 7.—On the effectiveness any bond (whatever the denomination) may have it registered, in which the work in the air. Nevertheless our low-flying airplanes maintained constant touch with our advancing infantry, and in addition fired a large number of rounds from their machine guns at the enemy shell holes as well as the enemy shell holes as well as the health which are concentration can be carried out on the newly-chosen Italian front depends the issue in the military movement no win progress. This reconcentration is developing with guns at the enemy shell holes as well as in the back areas. Many fleeing targets were signaled to our artillery from the six and were again and many fleeing targets were signaled to our artillery from the six and were again and were again to be also as the enemy shell holes as well as in the back areas. Many fleeing the six accordance in the six and were again to be a six and the enemy shell holes as well as in the back areas. Many fleeing the six accordance in the six and the enemy shell holes as well as in the back areas. Many fleeing the six accordance in the six and the enemy shell holes as well as in the back areas. Many fleeing the six accordance in the six and the six accordance in the si from the air and were dealt with by magnitude of the reorganization ne- will thus be assured of the absolute

In military circles it is felt that extra work for the department of fisomething more is needed than assurances from Italy's allies as time presses for getting actual reinforce. ments of men and munitions on the threatened lines. It is considered that is in an emergency which should stir the allies to real action in sending trari. Several large explosions, followed by fires, were observed in the are so overwhelming that small additions to the defensive forces will not turn the tide at the decisive moment The reports indicate that the central powers have staked everything or trying to crush Italy while she alone

is bearing the entire campaign with the allied Teutonic forces. The feel-ing, therefore, is that it is no less in the interest of the allies than of Italy that adequate reinforcements should second the effort to stop the immediate onslaught and be in a position to follow up what must inevitably de velop as the result of the present op.

### Ottawa reports Rowell will be given Brantford, but John Harold, Liberal nominee, thinks otherwise, SHOW VERY MARKED DECREASE

Admiralty Announces Only Eight Ships of Over 1600 Tons Were Sunk Last Week, as Compared With Fourteen the Previous Week.

under that tonnage. No fishing ves-

se s were sunk. The summary is as follows: Arriva s, 2.384; sailings, 2379. British merchant vessels over 1600 West York Conservative Association will hold a convention at Weston on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of section a candidate for the forthcoming election to support the union government of support the government of support t

London, Nov. 7. — A marked de-crease in the merchant ships sunk during the past week is noted in the aby in tonnage, for, while in the should be able to utilize with great admiralty report tonight. Only eight week ending Sept. 16 only eight vessels over 1600 tons were sunk by sels of 1600 tons or over were sunk. The Daily Mail says: mine or submarine and four vessels 20 vessels under that tonnage were destroyed. The next best record in point of numbers was in the week the Ypres stient is a thing of the ending Sept. 30, when 13 vessels past or rather it has been turned were sunk, 11 large and two small. against the Germans. We now

Italy's Shipping Losses. Rome Nov. 7.—The Italian shipping lois; es from submarines in all seas for the week ending Nov. 4, were, two steamers under 1500 tons and three

fully attacked, including five pre-

### BRITISH ARTILLERY **DOMINATES ROULERS**

British Big Guns Can Now Pound Important Railway Junction

London, Nov. 7.—Roulers, an important railway centre north-west of Ypres is now dominated by British guns. Canadian, troops yesterday completed the capture of the important part of the Passchendaele-Gheluvelt ridge by taking Passchendaele. Goeberg and Mosselmarkt. The Germans suffered heavy losses and a number of prisoners fell into British hands. Passchendaele dominates Roules and the plain surrounding ie.s and the plain surrounding the town, which lies five miles northeast.

Finance Minister Extends Valuable Privilege to Small Investors.

"SAFETY FIRST" DEVICE

Registration Will Guard Bondholders Against All Risks of Accident.

HELP TO CADORNA Ottawa, Nov. 7.—The finance minister has issued a new instruction in CAN VIEW FUTURE connection with Victory bonds which Airmen, Flying Low, Con-Little Time Available for Getance to many small investors. He
ting Reinforcements to has decided to grant the privilege of registered as to principal and as to principal and interest.

In previous loans the privilege of registration was necessarily confined to bonds of the larger denominations, such as \$1000 bonds or more. Bonds of lower denominations were issued as bearer bonds with compons at-

tached, and while carrying equal bemedits 'as to principal and interest were liable to being lost by the owners. Under the privilege now given Italian Headquarters in Northern by the finance minister the buyer o

our batteries.

"During a fair interval many of our airplanes, acting in conjunction with our operations on the ground, penetrated well to the central days of the list of the

# **VICTORY PUTS FOE**

Capture of Passchendaele Ranks Among Greatest Events of War.

### LONDON PRAISES FEAT

Prelude of Important Strategic Conception.

London, Thursday, Nov. apture of Passchendaele is dealt with in the editoria's in this morning's newspapers as of extraordinary importance and as completing the long and persistent fights for the ridges north and northeast of Ypres, which it is contended are the symbols of a great strategic conception for the development of which their capture was the essential prelude. The Times says:
"The possession of the ridges gives
Haig a dominating position in West

"The capture of Passchendaele is one of the greatest events of the war. against the Germans. We threaten the German positions on the coast and at Lille."

The Daily Telegraph says: "The position of Passchendaele is a sylvol of complete success in the most sailing craft under 100 tons.

French Shipping Losses.

Paris, Nov. 7. — The losses to French shipping by submarine or ling plains below, where every movetremendous operation yet attempted our arms. The enemy will now The sinkings of British merchant ment and every position will be under moning them to Petrograd. Loyal ships recorded in the latest admiral-type one vessel over 1600 tons and destructive ty report are the smallest in point of the morning by submarine or ment and every position will be under moning them to Petrograd. Loyal ships recorded in the latest admiral-direct observation and destructive ty report are the smallest in point of the morning mines in the week ending November ment and every position will be under moning them to Petrograd. Loyal ships recorded in the latest admiral-direct observation and destructive troops are guarding the city.

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## ITALY'S FORCES NEAR LIVENZA RIVER LINE

Cadorna Conducts Retreat in Orderly Fashion --- Rearguards Check Enemy--- Will Make Stand at Piave River.

London, Nov. 7.—The Italian armies dicating where General Cadorna, reare continuing their retreat westward over the Veretian plain from the Tag. will make his stand, but the belief still

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### NOW THREE MILLION

Believes Italy Can Hold Out Maj. - Gen. Macready Says Until Entente Nations Reinforce Her.

Manchester, Nov. 7. — The British cha cellor of the exchequer, Andrew Bo ar Law, at a great war alms meetforces, in a speech today, declared that Great Britain could look to the future not only with hope but with absolute confidence. He said that Great Britain's "For all we know," he said, "the next stormed in many instances before the

Be in Store.

### MORE MEN REQUIRED

Every Available Man Must

forces, in a speech today, declared

"A might'er force never existed."

"Great Britain, had trebled the airplane engine production since October, 1916

"As for the submarine campaign," continued the chancellor, "I can say with certainty that it is not going to hring us to our knees."

Referring to the Italian situation, Mr. Bonar Law said:

"A might'er force never existed."

"Major-Gen. Sir C. F. N. Macready, adjutant-general of the army, in a statement today, asserted that Great Britain still needs men. He could not give exact figures, but he declared: "Every man that can be spared from the industries is needed—badly need.

"A might'er force never existed."

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He believed the Italian army would be able to stop the German advance intil aid had come from Great British and France.

## ARMED CLASH IS LIKELY IN THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL

Haig Completes Essential Bolsheviki Attempt to Seize Capital, While Maximalists Occupy the Telegraph Offices --- Government Takes Precautionary Measures.

occupied the offices of the official pressed three Maximalist and two re-Petrograd Telegraph Agency.

represent tosa congress of workmen's ed to the soldiers' and workmen's and soldiers' delegates, to be called headquarters. shortly, that that body take over con-trol of the capital for which all neces-

Petrograd, Nov. 7.—An armed naval detachment, under orders of the Maxima ist revolutionary commission has men's quarters in the city and sup-

occupied the offices of the official Petrograd Telegraph Agency.

Leon Trofzky, president of the central executive committee of the Petrograd council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates, has informed members of the town duma that he has given, strict orders against outlawry and has threatened with death any persons attempting to carry out pogroms.

Trotzky added that it was not the intention of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates to seize power, but to control all orders of the general staff in the Petrograd district, which was refused. Thereupon the committee announced that it had appointed special commissioners to undertake the direction of the military, and invited the troops to observe only orders signed by the committee. Machine-gun detachments moverners actionary newspapers.

and soldiers delegates, to be cared shortly, that that body take over control of the capital for which all necessary arrangements had been perfected.

A definite break between the Bolsheviki-controlled local soviet and the Russian general army staff came today. The Soviet's military committee ordered troops at Peterhof. Pavlovsk and Tsarkoe Selo to disobey orders from the war ministry sum-

(Concluded on Page 11, Column 4.)

Many Positions Captured Before Enemy Forces Could Get Into Action.

London, Nov. 7.—The Italian armies are continuing their retreat westward over the Venetian plain from the Tag-liamento River and southward from the Doiomites and Carnic Alps region toward the pialin. The retreat is declared by the Italian war office to be an orderly one, with the rear guards the enemy, and with airplanes also playing an important part in harassing the invaders, destroying bridges that have heen thrown over the Tag-liamento and bombing troops trying to cross the stream.

Altho the Berlin official communication asserts that the Germans have reached the Liverza River on the Tag-liamento and bombing troops trying the expected Gen. Cadorna would been expected Gen. Cadorna would hen to expected Gen. Cadorna would hen expected Gen. Cadorna would hen expected Gen. Cadorna would hen to expected Gen. Cadorna would hen expected Gen. Cadorna would hen to expected the Liverza River on the Tag-liamento or working been taken, merely saying that several thousand troops have fallen into their hands.

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behind Passchendaele. Eighteen officers and nearly three hundred other ranks have been taken prisoner by our men; making a total prisoner by our men, making a total since the beginning of the operations, on October 25, of more than thirty officers and nearly nine hundred non-commissioned officers and men. All the prisoners agree that Passchendaele Ridge was to have been held, or if lost, recaptured, at all costs. They all bear testimony to the deadly character of our artillery harrage testing. character of our artillery barrage, ter-timony which is borne out by grat-praise of our own infantry. Our ma-

hine-gun fire also was very destruc-Gained With a Rush.

It was 6.02 a.m. when our barrage lifted and the infantry went forward. From then till 7.30 the Canadian bat-Join Colors.

Join Colors.

London, Nov. 7.—Field Marshal Viscount French, commander of the home forces, in a speech today, declared

## Referring to the Italian situation, Mr. Bonar Law said: "We are watching with the deepest arxiety what is happening in Italy—with deep anxiety, but not without hope." Every man that can be spared from the industries is needed—badly needed. Every woman that comes forward helps her country by releasing a man. We appeal to them to answer the call." George H. Roberts, minister of labor, George H. Roberts, M. Roberts, M. Roberts, M. Roberts, M. Rob TAKEN FROM HUNS

British Consolidate New Positions Captured in Passchendaele Region.

### NO ENEMY ATTACKS

Four Hundred Prisoners Cap tured in Latest British Flanders Drive.

London, Nov. 7.—Field Marsha Haig's report from Flanders tonight

"During the day the work of organ-izing our new positions at Passchen-daele and on the high ground in the neighborhood of the village continued without interruption from the enemy in spite of the great importance which it is known the enemy attached to this commanding locality, no hostile read tion has yet followed its capture.

"Over 400 priseners, including 30 officers, were taken by as in our set. officers, were taken by us in our at tack yesterday, so far as has been reported. Our losses in this highly successful operation were very light."

GERMAN REICHSTAG TO MEET. Washington, Nov. 7.—The German reichstag will meet again Novembe 22, according to a cabled report, re-ceived today from Zurich, Switzerland

## SALE OF MEN'S FUR COATS.

The Dineen Company offer Very Special Bargains in Men's Fur-Line Coats, made in their own workroom by skilled furriers. The prices the those coats are marked to sell at an considerably lower than they could b rocured for later on. Furs of al

kinds are advancing.
Men's Fur-Lined Coats, \$65 to \$306