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FAIR AND COLD.

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ITALIANS WIN GREAT VICTORY; ANOTHER RAID ON ENGLAND

SPECTACULAR AND TRIUMPHANT DRIVE BY MEN OF ITALY

Notwithstanding Deep Snows the Italians Carry Out Important Attack Against Austro-German Lines in Mountain Regions and Capture Strong Positions and More Than One Thousand, Five Hundred Men — Blow Delivered on Asiago Plateau Sector of Northern Italy and the Enemy Positions Penetrated Are Tenaciously Held—Berlin Admits the Reverse.

Dull on Other Battle Fronts, Although Germans Have Been Operating with Artillery on Somewhat Extensive Scale on Arras Front and Carry Out Raiding Operations on Several Other Sectors Against Field Marshal Haig's Line—47 Killed and 169 Injured in London Raid—Russian Breach with Rumania Widens—Allied War Council Meets.

Notwithstanding the fact that deep snows still cover the ground, the Italians have carried out successfully a spectacular drive against the Austro-German lines in the mountain region of Northern Italy and captured strong positions and more than 1,500 men. The blow was delivered on the Asiago Plateau sector and the enemy positions penetrated were tenaciously held, despite strong counter-attacks, in which the Austro-Germans were repulsed with heavy casualties. The Berlin war office, in admitting the reverse to the Teutonic allied line, asserts that the Italians repeatedly tried to bring up reinforcements to widen the breaches they made in the enemy front, but that their efforts failed and that 360 Italians were made prisoner.

That airplanes aided materially in the fighting, full details of which have not yet been received, is indicated in the Italian official communication, which asserts that during the progress of the battle the enemy lost twelve aircraft.

The victory of the Italians at this particular point is of considerable significance because of the fact that lately, since the enemy's strong attempts to break through from the hill region to the Venetian Plain failed around Monte Tomba and sectors west, the Austro-Germans have been bringing up reinforcements in the Asiago district, preparatory to a further series of attacks to reach the low lands around Bassano and Vicenza.

Quiet Elsewhere.

Aside from this battle no important military operations have been recorded, although the Germans have been operating with their artillery on a somewhat extensive scale on the Arras front and have carried out raiding operations on several other sectors of Field Marshal Haig's line.

Monday night's air raid, the first of the year, on London and adjacent territory, resulted in the largest casualty list of any raid since that of June 13 last. The total casualties were 47 killed and 169 injured. Forty six of the fatalities occurred in London, where 300 persons were injured. Bombs were dropped by the invading enemy in Kent and Essex. One of the airplanes, a three-seated machine, was brought down in flames from a height of 10,000 feet and all three of its occupants were burned to death.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons yesterday, James MacPherson, parliamentary secretary for the war office, said that some of the casualties in last night's air raid were due to the overcrowding of air raid shelters.

Mr. MacPherson said seventy British airmen went up in search of the enemy machines and that all of them returned safely.

The Russian Puzzle.

Just what the situation in Russia is, remains obscure. One report asserts that there has been a split among the Bolsheviks on the question of peace on Germany's terms and the other that Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, intends to return immediately to Brest-Litovsk for a resumption of the peace conversations with the Austro-German delegates.

Still another Petrograd despatch says Trotsky has reiterated to the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates that the Bolshevik will insist on a democratic peace. On Petrograd Journal declares that Austro-Hungary already has offered to conclude a separate peace with Russia, regardless of Germany.

The breach between Russia and Rumania meanwhile is broadening. In addition to severing diplomatic relations with the little kingdom, the Bolshevik have ordered the seizure of Rumania's gold reserves on deposit in Moscow.

Finland Revolution.

Scant details have come through concerning the situation in Finland, but the reports indicate that the Red Guard is in control of Helsinki, where a revolutionary manifesto has proclaimed that authority is solely in the hands of the working classes.

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EVACUATION OF FINLAND ASKED BIG STRIKE IN BERLIN

Trotsky Declares Russian's Have Merely Defended Themselves When Attacked.

Labor Troubles in Germany Much More Serious Than First Reports.

JOE LYNCH KNOCKS OUT KID WILLIAMS

THREE KILLED

WANTS GREATER PRODUCTION BY AGRICULTURISTS

Hon. T. A. Creer at Work on Plan—Discussion of Labor Problems Resumed at Ottawa.

SBYZKO WINS

TWO ARRESTS

FOOD CONTROLLER ASKS CANADIANS FOR CO-OPERATION

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—Mr. H. B. Thompson, Canada's new food controller, in his first personal public statement to The Canadian Press, today, called for broadminded, constructive co-operation by all the people of the Dominion. He also paid tribute to the work of the Hon. Mr. Hanna, his predecessor in office.

"Now that the full seriousness of the world food situation has been grasped by Canadians," he said, "all will devote their energies to helpful and constructive co-operation in this nation-wide work."

"It has been suggested that, in the process of selecting a food controller, a convention of the most pronounced critics in the country should have been called and that they should have selected one of their number for the position. Lack of time and other good reasons prevented this—which I personally regret."

"The whole urgency of the case is summed up in two words, thrift and industry. Let us understand the meaning of both of these words and then do your utmost. Miracles cannot be performed but enormously greater good can be accomplished if we all pull together."

ARMED SHIP TORPEDOED

Escort Vessel Mechanician Stranded in English Channel and 13 Men Lost.

London, Jan. 29.—The Admiralty announces that the armed escort vessel Mechanician was torpedoed and stranded in the English Channel January 29 and has become a total wreck. Three officers and ten men of the crew were lost.

Italian Victory.

Rome, Jan. 29.—Italian troops made a heavy attack yesterday on the northern mountain front and broke into the enemy lines, the war office reports. Reinforcements which the enemy was hurrying down the Noe and Campolongo valleys were dispersed by the artillery of the Italians and their allies.

"Twelve enemy airplanes were brought down. The Italians held mastery of the air everywhere."

"The Italians took more than 1,500 prisoners. They stormed enemy positions on the heights east of the Asiago Basin and broke through at several points, resisting violent counter-offensives."

Berlin Statement.

Berlin, Jan. 29, via London.—Italian forces which attacked the Teutonic positions on the Col del Rosso region and between Frenselva ravine, and the Brenta river, on the northern Italian front, were thrown back by the Austrian troops, the German official statement announced today.

The Italians gained a footing on Monte Di Val Belli, the statement said, but were driven back from them in a counter-attack.

Paris, Jan. 29.—French troops yesterday penetrated the German lines in Upper Alsace, destroying defence works and brought back prisoners, the war office announces.

Hon. T. A. Creer at Work on Plan—Discussion of Labor Problems Resumed at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—Resumed discussion on the labor situation opened this afternoon at a conference between labor representatives and the war cabinet. Owing to the cancellation of trains, few of the Ontario delegation were able to be present. In consequence the proceedings were merely of a preliminary character. They will be continued tomorrow, when the situation will be discussed more in detail with a view to submission by the labor men of a suggested course of action for the government.

Hon. T. A. Creer, minister of agriculture, is now at work on the preparation of a plan to speed up agricultural production and to meet the demand for farm labor. When completed the plan will be submitted to the war cabinet for consideration.

The Ukrainian Troops Beat Bolsheviki and Take Town of Lutsk

Fighting Extremely Severe and Losses on Both Sides Heavy—Revolution of Proletariat Has Been Proclaimed in Finland and General Paralysis of Industry at Helsingfors — Attack Begun by Red Guard, Assisted by Sailors.

Cable and Telegraph Lines to Russia Have Been Cut—Bolsheviki Split on Question of Peace Majority Being Against Conclusion of Peace on German Terms and in Favor of Holy War — Bolsheviki Not Favorable to Huns.

Geneva, Jan. 29.—After three days fighting the Ukrainian Red's troops have defeated the Bolsheviki army and taken possession of Lutsk, according to a wireless message from Kiev to the Ukrainian committee here. The fighting was extremely severe and the losses on both sides were heavy. Airplanes, the message adds, greatly aided the Ukrainians in gaining the victory.

RED GUARDS ATTACK.

Copenhagen, Jan. 29.—According to information from Finland, the signal for the attack of the Red Guards on Helsingfors was given by a committee of the Russian sailors. This committee had a conference aboard a warship with representatives of the Finnish government, including the premier. The sailors demanded that the civil guard be dissolved. The premier categorically refused to comply with this but left the conference under the impression that an understanding had been reached. Nevertheless an attack was begun next morning by the Red Guards, assisted by sailors.

Revolution Proclaimed.

Petrograd, Jan. 29.—A revolution of the proletariat has been proclaimed in Finland, and the social democratic committee has published a manifesto announcing that the authority belongs solely to the working classes and the organizations representing them. A general strike, excluding, however, electric light stations, pharmacies, hospitals and provision shops, was declared on Monday at Helsingfors. The central committee of workmen has declared a state of siege, prohibiting the carrying of arms, except by the Red Guard, which is entrusted with the maintenance of order.

Bolsheviki Split.

London, Jan. 29.—The Bolsheviki have split on the question of peace on the German terms and in favor of a holy war, an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Petrograd says. As the present government is unable to carry out the formation of a coalition of all Socialist factions was proposed.

Cable Lines Cut.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Cable and telegraph lines to Russia have been cut, American minister Morris, at Stockholm reported today and the only remaining routes of communication with Petrograd now are through Persia and Vladivostok.

The land lines were severed, Mr. Morris reported, at Haparanda and the cables at Viborg. He gave no indication of the significance.

The Bolsheviki.

A Pacific Port, Jan. 29.—The Bolsheviki movement is not being fostered by agencies favorable to Germany, according to Professor Edward A. Ross, professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin, who arrived here today from Russia, where he said he had spent five months. He travelled many thousand miles, talked with all classes of men and women and interviewed Foreign Minister Trotsky. Prof. Ross made a special investigation of the Bolsheviki movement on behalf of the American Institute of Social Service of New York, and will proceed east at once to make his report.

The Bolsheviki movement is sincere, Prof. Ross said, springing from the heart of Russia itself and having as its object the liberation of the people, the establishment of world peace and the institution of pure industrial socialism.

Tatiana and Olga Romanoff, daughters of the former Czar, were reported to be espousing the Bolsheviki cause and attending radical meetings in Tobolsk, Prof. Ross said.

SBYZKO WINS

New York, Jan. 29.—Wladek Sbyzko of Poland, defeated John Olin, of Finland, in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match at Madison Square Garden to-night with a toe hold in one hour, fifteen minutes and twenty-five seconds.

Calgary, Jan. 29.—H. W. Wood, president of the Canadian council of agriculturists, has been summoned to Ottawa. It is understood new and important food regulations are under consideration by the cabinet council.

THE GERMAN MAKE ATTACK NEAR LONDON

Another Hostile Air Raid Over Eastern England Last Night.

BOMBS DROPPED NEAR CAPITAL

Airplanes Make Attack on the Coast of Essex and Kent.

RAID IN PROGRESS AT A LATE HOUR

Seventeen Women and Sixteen Children Killed Monday Night.

London, Jan. 29.—Another hostile air raid over Eastern England began at 9.30 o'clock tonight and up to the present hour is still in progress, according to an official communication just issued. None of the enemy machines has as yet been able to penetrate the London defences, although there are reports that bombs have been dropped in the outskirts of the city. The communication says: "Hostile aeroplanes crossed the coast of Essex and Kent about 9.30 p. m. Some machines attempted to penetrate into London about an hour later."

"Up to the present none of them has succeeded in penetrating the London defences. Some bombs are reported as having been dropped in the outskirts."

"The raid is still in progress."

MONDAY'S RAID

The text of Lord French's statement reads: "The latest reports state the casualties of last night's air raids in all districts visited by the enemy aeroplanes as:

"Killed — Men, fourteen; women, seventeen; children, sixteen. Total, forty-seven.

"Injured — Men, Ninety-three; women, fifty-nine; children, seventeen. Total, 169.

"Except for one killed and seven injured all the foregoing occurred in London. The material damage is not serious."

British Too Lenient.

John Hodge, the minister of pensions, was addressing a public meeting in Battersea, attended by 1,500 persons, when the first firing began. He declared to them his only regret was that the Germans had not been given months ago a taste of what they were giving Londoners.

"When a squadron of British and French aeroplanes bombarded Karlsruhe," he remarked, "what a white flag was set up about bombing 'my beloved Karlsruhe!'"

TWO ARRESTS.

Two drunks were arrested on the West Side early last night and taken to the police station.

WILL ARREST SOCIALISTS

German Government Decides to Apprehend Leaders, Including Editor of Vorwaerts

Amsterdam, Jan. 29.—The German government has decided upon the arrest of six independent Socialist leaders. They include three members of the editorial staff of the Leipzig Volks Zeitung.

It is reported that Adolph Hoffman, editor of Vorwaerts and independent Socialist leader in the Prussian Diet, has been arrested.

The Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts has been outspoken at times against the German government. Commenting on the recent speech of Chancellor Von Hertling before the main committee of the Reichstag, Vorwaerts said: "This would have been an act for the deliverance of the world if it had shown clearly that no egotistical afterthought in regard to domination was hidden behind the German desire for peace. This it has not done. Some parts of the speech will increase our opponents' distrust of the sincerity of the German declarations."

WAS HON. ALBERT SEVIGNY ELECTED?

Technical Violation of Law by Opponent in Westmount—St. Henry May Give Him the Seat.

Montreal, Jan. 29.—With reference to a statement in the Ottawa newspaper Le Droit, to the effect that Hon. Albert Sevigny may be elected for Westmount-St. Henry, because Alfred Ledue, who defeated the minister on December 17, by a majority of 2,200, withdrew his deposit, instead of awaiting the result of the voters' vote, the Montreal Herald says: "It is said by friends of Mr. Ledue that he offered to return the election deposit to the returning officer yesterday, but it was refused."

The Herald says "The returning officer is alleged to have reported to the Ottawa authorities that he had only one candidate in the field, the Hon. Albert Sevigny." Mr. Ledue is out of the city, and the returning officer declines to say anything about the matter.