

# War News.

## Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

### WAR SUMMARY.

From the head of the Gulf of Trieste, north along the Isonzo front to beyond Tolmino and thence west through the Carnio Alps region to Ploechen Pass, forming the eastern and northeastern boundaries of the Austro-Italian war front, the German and Austro-Hungarian troops are operating fast and strongly against the Italians in an endeavor to crush the forces of Gen. Cadorna. Already the enemy, according to a German official report, is standing before the town of Udine, the former grand headquarters of the Italian army, having driven on past Cividale. In the press westward from Gorizia he has captured the town of Cormons, ten miles to the southeast of Udine; and the entire Italian line southward to the head of the Adriatic is reported to be in retreat. In addition to wedges driven into the Italian front on the east and on the northeast the Teutonic Allies have started a third wedge in the north through the Ploechen Pass, their hope evidently being to cut off the retreat of the greater portion of Gen. Cadorna's army moving west and southwest. The Italian command, in other, however, reports that his men are checking the advance in this region. Evidently the weakness among the Italians has been entirely overcome as Cadorna says that all movements ordered by the General staff now are being carried out in regular order and that the Italians are fulfilling their duty by keeping in check the enemy advance in the plans. In the meantime, to aid the Italians in their hour of trouble, Britain and France are preparing to lend immediate aid, and the possibility is that already troops are being hastened across the Italian frontier, and by way of Turin and Milan to the battlefield in the east. As a result of the Teutonic Allied offensive, internal conditions in Italy are declared to have been unified, the preponderant idea of the whole population now being to abolish party lines in order to meet the situation in the best possible interests of the country. Even the Cabinet crisis is expected to be solved with comparatively few changes in portfolios.

### SAY ADVANCE CHECKED.

ROME, Oct. 29. The Italians are checking the advance of the Austro-German troops into the plains of Northern Italy, the war office announces.

### NEARING ITALIAN FRONTIER COAST.

BERLIN, Oct. 29. Austro-German troops are nearing the frontier of the Italian coast. The number of prisoners is increasing. The Italian front is yielding north of the broad sector which was pierced in the big Teuton attack, the weakening extending as far as Ploechen Pass, near the Italian Isonzo front which has collapsed. The statement says the Second Italian Army is retreating towards the Tagliamento. All roads are covered with columns in a disorderly retreat. The crowds comprising both soldiers and civilian population. The Austro-German forces on the Isonzo front are commanded by Gen. Otto Von Buelow, it is announced.

### THE OLD STORY REPEATED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29. Lack of material, munitions and guns, and unseasoned troops on the

right wing in face of an overwhelming Austro-German force coming from the Russian borders are the causes assigned by technical experts of the Italian mission here for the Italian defeat in the Julian Alps. There must be a reformation of fighting lines, they say, and the campaign meanwhile being of necessity on defensive lines. The members of the mission are confident relief and assistance will be forthcoming very soon from Italy's Allies. Men are not wanted. Italy has an abundance of men. Munitions, steel, coal, cannon, and last but not least, food, are what must be had at once. The Italian war which first failed under the enemy's great assault, it is said here, was composed of territorial not seasoned in war. The break made it necessary for the whole front to be withdrawn to avoid a flanking attack. The Italian general staff knew that no less than 700,000 German and Austrian troops were facing Cadorna's army. Nevertheless, the attack should have been resisted successfully, the Italians here say, had help been given by the Allies to Italy's call for munitions and supplies. Most of the 700,000 cannon lost were taken without having fired a shell for want of ammunition. That the Allies now will make every effort to supply the Italian army is not doubted. Last week the Italian Embassy here learned that the American Shipping Board had allotted twenty-five ships, or 100,000 tons, to Italy, and these ships should be able to carry not only ammunition but supplies of food to the Italian people and thereby relieve the internal political strain. In throwing her enormous force against the Italians, the mission here believes Germany has played her greatest card. The Italians when turned back were within 35 miles of Laibach which in the opinion of the Italian general staff, was the key to success, and the capture of that place by Italian forces would have meant the collapse of Austria, which in turn would cause defeat for Germany.

### WILL NOW AID ITALY.

PARIS, Oct. 29. The Italian situation is summarized by the Temps' military experts as follows: The Austro-German drive on the Italian front, developed with disquieting energy. The enemy right descending in valleys that converge on Avizda, have reached Cividale. All Italian forces on the plateau of Bainsizza and on the Carso as far as the sea, menaced with envelopment, have been obliged to evacuate regions that they were at so much pains to conquer. They are retreating towards the west, beyond the Isonzo. In the same way as the Germans went to the aid of the Austrian troops, the Allies are going to give their support to the Italian army, where they will find on the Tagliamento, a line of resistance where it is to be hoped the Italian position will be re-established as was ours on the Marene. There is no time to lose, Cividale is only 25 miles from the Tagliamento, and the enemy's columns march with prodigious speed.

### WITH THE CANADIANS.

LONDON, Oct. 29. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Telegraphing from British headquarters in France, Reuter's correspondent says: The story of how the Canadians captured an important vantage point on Passchenraede ridge adds another epic to the Canadians' great records. Their objective was a little moss-covered spur curving around in U-shape from the main ridge. Its capture was the principal achievement in the day's struggling against overpowering elements. The Canadians attacked from two directions, their right pressing along the main ridge, and their left working round

towards Bellevue spur. These positions lay in a broad gully which much heavy rains had made impassable, preventing an attack or from attacking frontally. Progress was slow as the whole face of the spur was thick with blockhouses spitting forth deadly fire. Prisoners taken are unanimous in the belief that the defenses were regarded as the strongest organ of resistance on this front. It had been ordered that the place must be held until the entire garrison was killed, because the enemy regarded it as a vital link in the ridge system. The right struggled forward, gradually overcoming obstacles. The left was frequently checked by the fire from the blockhouses. While pressing up the slope, the men were frequently hit deep in squelching mire, but with their rifles balanced on their shoulders they struggled onwards thus for six hours, until in view of the impossibility of the task they were ordered to withdraw and return to their original assembly line, where they were refreshed with hot stimulants. Reinforcements were brought up and the Canadians advanced again in face of driving rain. Yard by yard the semi-liquid slope was breasted and pill-box after pill-box was cleared until the crest of the spur was reached and passed. Illustrating the strength the opposition overcame, the troops found flanking the roadway along the crest a whole line of blockhouses within 300 yards. Lightest machine guns were taken there. Later the Canadians repulsed violent counter attacks.

Canadian Headquarters in France. Subject to intense artillery fire and fighting machine guns and gas, and waist-deep in mud, the Canadians are still strengthening their positions on Bellevue spur and Passchenraede ridge. On Saturday night the Germans gained a footing on our right flank only to be repulsed with heavy losses when our infantry met them with bayonet and bomb and drove them back. A further enemy attempt to weaken our hold on the right bank, though supported with successive and intense artillery bombardment, has proved unavailing. Our foremost position held within 100 yards of Passchenraede itself, while the number of prisoners taken by us Sunday night amounted to 16 officers and almost 500 men. On the left, where the Bellevue spur runs up Passchenraede with the slimy stretch of Rayebrook Valley between it and Passchenraede ridge itself, our men have made stubborn progress through an almost impassable country. As a result of the last three days' fighting the Canadians are now masters of the lower slopes to Passchenraede, and have before them strong enemy positions at the crest of the farm on the left front and McEchcoole on the right. In reply to the enemy's employment of gas in the attack on Saturday night, our artillery bombarded the opposing batteries with gas shells, while for at least 48 hours our guns had been maintaining persistent fire on Passchenraede crest farm, Haalon Copse and selected strong points. Early on Sunday morning German artillery shelled our right heavily, but brought down upon itself concentrated fire of our guns, to which there was retaliation with heavy shelling of our forward area. Again in the evening he shelled our right, while yesterday evening he opened a heavy fire on our left positions.

### ITALY'S POLITICAL SITUATION.

TURIN, Italy, Oct. 29. The fall of the cabinet of Premier Bosselli is attributed to Giovanni Giolitti, former Premier, who thus reasserts his old power as Italy's political leader. Before the entrance of Italy into the war he was in favor of the country's neutrality, representing conservative opinion and business interests. The political situation now enters into a new and interesting

phase which is being watched closely. It is assumed the new cabinet will be far stronger at home in view of the overwhelming majority favoring Signor Giolitti, which include the Socialists. On this account it is believed the new government will not be forced to compromise and make concessions to trouble-makers as did Premier Bosselli. It probably will be able to deal with problems of food and clothing speculation. If Baron Sonnino remains in the new Cabinet as Foreign Minister, there will be no decided change in foreign policy.

Since the foregoing despatch was sent, word has been received of the selection of Prof. Orlando to form a new ministry. Signor Giolitti aroused much opposition by his activities in behalf of neutrality, and in the summer of 1915 was reported to have fled from Italy in fear of his life. In May that year he was reported to have gone to Berlin for an audience with Emperor William. After Italy entered the war he announced his support of the Government and urged the Italians to rally to the King and Government during the war.

### SNOW FALLING.

With the American Army in France, (By Associated Press.)—American batteries are continuing to shell German lines at regular intervals. The enemy is following similar tactics. No further official statement has been issued, but there has been no special infantry action. Snow fell last night and interfered with all operations.

### COUNT VON LUCKNER CAPTURED.

PACIFIC PORT, Oct. 29. Count Von Luckner, Commander of the German raider Sea Adler, was captured on Sept. 21st off Fiji Islands by the Fijian Constabulary, according to word brought by a steamer arriving to-day from a trans-Pacific port.

### RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 29 (Official.) On all fronts fighting activity was limited to fusillades. In Bystritsa region in Lamentou village sector, groups of Austrian soldiers accompanied by their officers, approached our trenches and tried to fraternize. They were dispersed by our artillery. On the Baltic Sea there was no fighting activity in the Gulf of Finland, but travelers have been busy. On the night of Saturday the Germans left the Werder Peninsula, after the Werder Major had been burned down and provisions stolen.

### WINTER AVIATION QUARTERS.

PORT WOLFE, Texas, Oct. 29. Brigadier-General Hoare, Commander of the Canadian division of the British Royal Flying Corps, established his headquarters here to-day for the winter.

### THE MEAT SUPPLY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29. An appeal to the country's farmers to breed pigs in large numbers so as to increase the meat supply for the Allied and American armies, and for home consumption, was issued to-day by the Department of Agriculture.

### THE SAFETY OF TRIESTE.

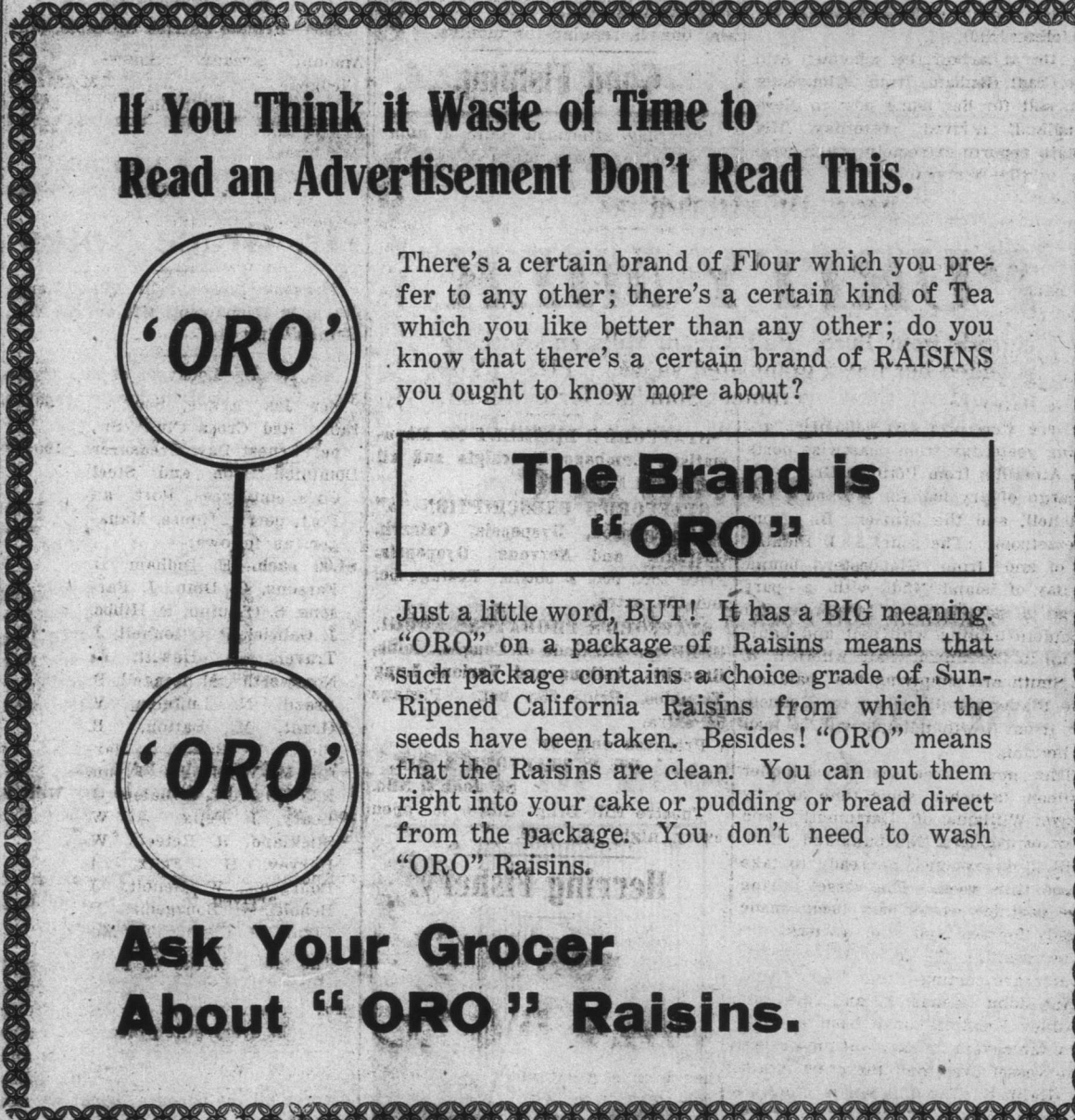
ZURICH, Oct. 29. The safety of Trieste seems to be the chief cause of rejoicing in Austria. The Neue Freie Presse, of Vienna, says that ever since Italy declared war the monarchy has not ceased to be anxious for that city. It speculates as to whether British and French influence will prove strong enough to prevent the collapse of Italy's war policy, or whether the mass of the population, recognizing the seriousness of the situation, will become convinced peace is necessary.

### GERMAN ATTACK.

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NAVAL MEN ENTERTAINED.—The Naval Reservists who returned on furlough last evening, drove to Government House this morning and were entertained by His Excellency the Administrator.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind N.W., blowing strong, weather fine; 20 schrs. passed in yesterday afternoon and two three masted schrs. passed in this a.m. Bar, 29.60; ther. 42.

GOOD RECRUITING PROMISING.—It is estimated that on the three hundred craft now in the harbor from various outports there are a thousand men on board. Consequently it is to be naturally expected that within the next few weeks and by the time that these young men are squared up with for their fish cargoes additional help will have to be engaged at the different recruiting stations in the city.

SCHEME DEFEATED.

LONDON, Oct. 29. La Metropole, a Belgian newspaper published here, says a German attempt to separate the Allies has been defeated by Baron Bragauville, Belgian Foreign Minister.

CONGRATULATES CANADIANS.

British Front in France and Belgium, Oct. 29.—In congratulating Lieut. General Sir Herbert Plumer, commander of the Second Army Corps, for the victory won on Friday on the Ypres front, Field Marshal

## Recruiting Notes.

There was a slump in recruiting at the West End Station yesterday, only one recruit, a young man belonging to the city, put in his appearance. The number of recruits to come along for the past two weeks is very low, especially when compared per cent of the enlistments before St. John's.

It is estimated that on board the schooners now in port there are over five hundred young men, physically fit that should offer their services to the Regiment. One man from a northern outport has four sons in his own and another from a western port has sons, all of whom are apparently unmarried.

The recruiting party which left short while ago for the south coast have accounted for a few recruits at Burn and at other places.

A married man who enlisted recently was heard to say, that \$11.0 a day and \$20 a month separation allowance and with board and clothing, besides having an opportunity to get a smack at the Hun is a job that no fellow has a right to kick at.

## Shipping Notes.

Halifax, Oct. 24.—The schr. Wood hauled down to Hendry's wharf yesterday from Bedford Basin, and she was loading part cargo of St. John's Nfld.

In for a harbor, the schooner Ilete, Capt. Benham, from Gloucester with salt for her home port in Newfoundland, arrived yesterday. The captain reports extremely rough weather to the westward.

The schr. J. D. Hazen is expected here to-day from Lunenburg, carrying general cargo for St. John's, where she is now owned by Mr. M. Barr. Capt. George Penney leaves the vessel here to take charge of another vessel which Mr. Barr has purchased. Capt. J. Forster, Carbonar, Nfld., will take command of the Hazen here.

There were but two schooners arriving yesterday from coastwise ports, the Atheling from Port de Gloucester, a cargo of dry fish for W. and C. Mitchell, and the Cruzier from Chezzetcook. The schr. J. J. Hazen, of and from Gloucester, is en route to Bay of Island, Nfld., with a cargo of salt, arrived yesterday. The complete loss of the schooner, which was up to DeWolfe's wharf where Mr. Smith are supplying the schooner. The Flaherty will return to Gloucester from Newfoundland with a cargo of herring.

The new three-masted schooner Phileas, launched some time ago by Mayor Williams, of Dartmouth, is now owned by a Newfoundland firm. It is expected, be ready to leave cargo this week. The vessel has the past few weeks has been in readiness for sea, and the owners are now awaiting the registration which are coming from New Brunswick. Capt. John Kendrick and his wife Sydney Kendrick have been in the fax for several weeks waiting for the vessel over, and the crew has in Halifax. The Phileas is one of a number of vessels recently purchased by this Newfoundland concern, Nova Scotia.

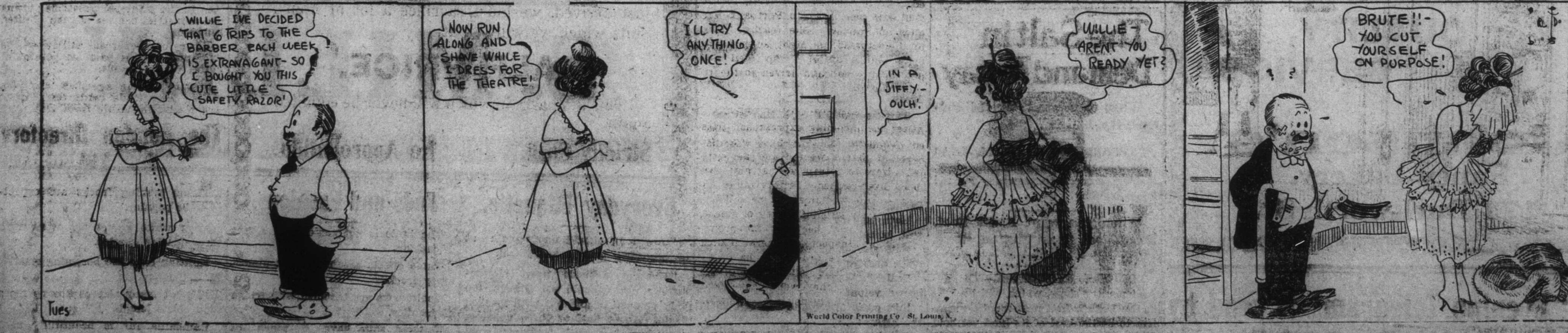
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