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## War News.

### Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

#### IN PALESTINE.

LONDON, Nov. 7. The British have captured Gaza and made an advance of nine miles, carrying the whole Turkish system of defences in this region and capturing two towns in addition to Gaza.

#### ADVANCE NORTH OF BEERSHEBA.

LONDON, Nov. 7. Further advance has been made north of Beersheba, a town 11 miles above that city having been captured. General Allenby reports our troops captured Khureifeh, eleven miles north of Beersheba, soon after midnight on Monday, and that reported counter attacks throughout the whole of yesterday were repulsed. Further south, our troops advancing in a northwesterly direction from Beersheba, carried the whole of the Turkish defences south of the line to Tel-Ah-Hareer, and Tel-Ah-Sheriah, capturing both these last named places. General Allenby states throughout the operations the troops displayed magnificent dash and endurance. Estimates of captures are not yet available, but on one portion of the front of operation six guns were taken. A later telegram announces Gaza was captured this morning; no further particulars.

#### STILL PURSUING ITALIANS.

BERLIN, Nov. 7 (Official). On the Venetian Plain, the Livorno line has been reached. During the pursuit several thousand prisoners were taken.

#### ITALY'S NEEDS.

ROME, Nov. 7. On Monday, commenting on Italy's needs in the present critical situation, the Popolo Romano urges sufficient help from the United States. It helps to come from that source, now is the time, says the paper. Italy, it says, is resisting and will resist, but she must have assistance, and that in certain lines in order to be effective, as without grain and coal abundant supply she cannot win. The newspaper declares that Italy's broad question never has been understood abroad. Her population, it points out, lives largely upon bread, and she needs 17,000,000 quintals of wheat to supply this demand. It also urges that 100,000 tons of shipping in addition to the present supply is not

enough. It is time that the Allies quit making such mistakes as at the Dardanelles and in the Balkans, it adds, and finally, understand the importance of Italy's front. Alluding to the seriousness of the threat against Italy, David Lubin, representative of the United States at the International Institute of Agriculture, said to-day, perhaps it will prove a good thing. The Austro-German invasion certainly has stirred up the patriotism of the Italians as I never dreamed it possible; also, it will show the Allies the need of haste to combat the Austro-German plans to defeat Italy separately, now that Russia is not to be relied upon, and also before the United States troops arrive in the spring. It is an important fact that the Austrians and Germans are horribly short of food for the civilian population, that they must attack, and naturally have done so at the weakest point.

#### STILL RETIRING.

LONDON, Nov. 7. The Italians are retiring in order from Tagliamento, according to a despatch to the Daily Mail from Italian headquarters in Northern Italy. Italian cavalry scouts are fighting according to plan. Enemy scouts on Monday were in the neighborhood of Maniago, 12 miles west of the Tagliamento. All the new troops with which the Italians have come in contact during the past ten days were brought from the Russian front, according to an accredited British correspondent with the Italian army. He adds that a British hospital unit, which became lost during the retreat from the Isonzo, has now joined the Italian forces.

#### REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 7.—On the effectiveness with which reconcentration can be carried out of the newly chosen Italian front, depends the issue in the military movement now in progress. This reconcentration is developing with reasonable promptness considering the magnitude of reorganization necessary after the recent retreat and the enemy's pressure now extending along 15 miles of the Tagliamento. In military circles it is felt that more is needed than assurance from Italy's Allies. As the time presses for getting actual reinforcements of men and munitions on the threatened lines, it is considered that this is an emergency which should stir the Allies to real action in sending important help, as the enemy masses are so overwhelming that small additions to defensive forces will not turn the tide at the decisive moment. Reports indicate that the Central Powers have staked everything on trying to crush Italy, while she alone is bearing the entire campaign with the Allied Tenth forces. The feeling is that it is not less 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 develop as a result of the present operations.

#### THE REVOLUTIONISTS.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 7. An armed naval detachment under orders of the Maximalist Revolutionary Committee has occupied the office of the official Petrograd Telegraph Agency.

#### COSSACKS' DEMANDS.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 7. In the early hours of the morning a delegation of Cossacks appeared at the winter palace and told Premier Kerensky that they were disposed to carry out the Government's orders concerning the guarding of the capital, but they insisted that if hostilities commenced it would be necessary for their forces to be supplemented by infantry forces. They further demanded that the Premier define the Government's attitude towards the Bolsheviks, citing the release from custody of some of those who had been arrested for participating in the July disturbances. The Cossacks virtually made a demand that the Government proclaim the Bolsheviks

outlaws. The Premier replied, "I find it difficult to declare the Bolsheviks outlaws. The attitude of the Government towards the present Bolshevik activities is known." The Premier explained that those who had been released were on bail and that any of them found participating in new offences against the peace would be severely dealt with.

#### THE USUAL SINKINGS.

LONDON, Nov. 7. A decrease in the British merchant ships sunk the past week is noted in the Admiralty report. Only eight ships of over 1,600 tons were sunk by mines or submarines and four under that tonnage. No fishing ships were sunk. The British merchant ships recorded are the smallest in point of numbers since the unrestricted warfare began.

#### HAIK'S REPORT.

LONDON, Nov. 7. Field Marshal Haik's report from Flanders to-night reads: During the day the work of organizing our new positions at Pesschendale 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 reaction has yet followed its capture. Over 400 prisoners, including 21 officers were taken by us in our attack yesterday. So far as has been reported our losses were very slight.

#### BERLIN OFFICIAL.

BERLIN, Nov. 7 (Official). West Front.—An assault directed with strong forces against the heights of Beclaire and Ghelevelt was shattered for the most part before our lines, says the statement, such of our enemy as penetrated our lines were overcome in a hand-to-hand fight. Later our destructive fire prevented an attack which was being prepared. Heavy artillery fighting on the battlefield lasted into the night. With other armies on the western front there was a revival of artillery activity at many points which increased in great violence especially on the eastern bank of the Meuse. On the Russo-Galician and Macedonian fronts there were no military operations.

#### FOOD SUPPLIES.

LONDON, Nov. 7. Sir Arthur Yapp, Director of Food Economy, in a speech yesterday, said that while Britain's food conditions were serious, the position of the Central Powers was still more serious. The only commodity Germany had in any degree resembling us was potatoes, of which the allowance was seven pounds per head weekly. There was no tea in Germany, he said.

#### ANOTHER REFERENDUM.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 7. The Commonwealth has decided to take another referendum on conscription.

#### VIOLENT ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 7. An official issued on Tuesday says that on the Sinai front there has been violent artillery activity on the Gaza sector and weak artillery firing on sectors of the center and left wing.

#### HERR FRIEDBERG RESIGNS.

LONDON, Nov. 7. A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Amsterdam, says Herr Friedberg, leader of the National Liberal Party in Germany, has declined the Vice-Presidency of the Prussian Ministry, because Count Von Hertling, the new Imperial German Chancellor, was unwilling to offer portfolios in the Imperial or Prussian Government to other members of Parliament. The position of Count Von Hertling as a majority Chancellor, by this fact is rendered more difficult.

#### FRIGHTENING DEPOSITORS.

MANCHESTER, Nov. 7. Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking at a great

war aims meeting here to-night said that a determined effort is being made by a small section to frighten depositors, particularly small investors from lending money to the State, by saying it is unsafe. "Nothing could be more absurd. It is also nonsense to say the debt would be repudiated."

#### MEETING OF REICHSTAG.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7. The German Reichstag will meet again on Nov. 22, according to a cabled report received to-day from Zurich, Switzerland.

#### COMMISSIONERS' SAFE ARRIVAL.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7. The safe arrival at a British port of the American commissioners to the Allied conference, headed by Colonel E. M. House, was announced late to-day by the State Department. In making the announcement, Secretary Lansing said the conference at— would be essentially a war conference with the object of perfecting more complete co-ordination of activities of the Allied nations in order to attain the highest efficiency. This is the American Government's first definite announcement of the purposes of the meeting. The members of the mission are: Admiral William S. Benson, Chief of Naval operations; General Tasker H. Bliss, Chief of the Army Staff; Oscar T. Crosby, Assistant Secretary to the Treasury; Vance McCormick, Chairman of the War Trade Board; Bainbridge Colby, of the Shipping Board; Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor, of the Food Administration, and Gordon Archibald, Secretary.

#### GERMANS RESTING.

LONDON, Nov. 7. The Germans made no effort during the night to regain the ground captured yesterday on the Ypres front by the British. On the battle front there is nothing to report except intermittent German artillery operations, says to-day's official statement. Our troops have been engaged in consolidating the positions won in yesterday's attack. A successful raid was carried out last night by Liverpool troops northwest of Quent; we captured a few prisoners.

#### HYLAN'S VICTORY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. Judge Hyland's plurality, based on virtually complete returns early today, was 145,668.

#### EMPEROR NEEDS REST.

LONDON, Nov. 7. A despatch from the Hague says a message received here from Cologne asserts that Emperor William cancelled his visit to Gorizia. The doctor here have ordered the Emperor not to overtax his strength. The despatch added that although not ill the doctors say the Emperor needs more rest and less travelling. The past six months have been particularly strenuous for him.

#### A Faithful Dog.

Mr. Richard Cashin, who had his leg broken as the result of being thrown from his carriage while turning a sharp corner near his home at Cape Broyle, yesterday morning, reached the city by special train last night and was taken to the hospital. An X-ray examination showed the break to be a clean one. Following the accident the injured man lay on the ground for over an hour while the horse continued at break-neck speed towards home. Accompanying Mr. Cashin was his faithful dog, which for the past fifteen years has been the pet of the family, and possessing an instinct almost human, stood by his master and howled and whined till assistance came.

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