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ITALIANS ROUT AUSTRIANS; BRITISH TAKE HUN TRENCH

SEVERAL AUSTRIAN UNITS DESTROYED

ITALIANS FOLLOWING UP PREVIOUS VICTORIES CAPTURE ADDITIONAL POINTS OF VANTAGE FROM GORIZIA TO ADRIATIC SEA AND TAKE THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS—FIERCE FIGHTING CONTINUES.

British Take Village of Alitza by Assault — Russians Report Slight Successes in Galicia and Volhynia — Heavy Explosions in Fort Vaux After German Evacuation.

BULLETIN—Rome, via London, Nov. 3.—In the zone from Gorizia to the Adriatic Sea the Italians have captured additional points of vantage from the Austrians and taken 3,498 more prisoners and guns, machine guns and quantities of arms and ammunition, according to the official communication issued today.

London, Nov. 3.—A Rome despatch to the Wireless Press says the first day of the new Italian offensive cost the Austrians the loss of 15,000 men.

One-third of them were made prisoners, the despatch says. (The Italian war office yesterday reported that 4,731 prisoners had been taken.) The twenty-first Austrian regiment and several battalions are said to have been annihilated.

The weather is favorable, and the battle against the heights east of Gorizia and on the Carso continues fiercely. Austrian counter-attacks are described in the despatch as feeble.

British Take Alitza.

Paris, Nov. 3.—The French statement says:

"On the left bank of the Struma, British troops, following up their successes, have taken by assault the village of Alitza. On the remainder of the front there was intermittent fighting, without infantry action."

"South of the Somme the artillery fighting was fairly lively in the sectors of Lihons and Chilly. A surprise attack was carried out by us against German trenches west of Dauchurt. Very heavy explosions were heard in Fort Vaux. During the night our infantry, which had gone up quite close to the fort, occupied this very important work without any loss. The belt of interior forts of Verdun is now established in its entirety and is held firmly by our troops."

Russians Gain Slightly.

Petrograd, Nov. 3, via London.—Infantry fighting continues in Galicia and in Volhynia with slight successes in both regions for the Russians, according to the official statement issued by the war office today. The Russians have recaptured part of their trenches on the west bank of the Stokhod, in Volhynia, and east of the village of Lipnicadolina, in Galicia. The Russians have pushed back the Austro-Germans in some places.

The statement reads:

"Transylvanian front: No news has been received. Dobruja front: There have been no events of importance. Western (Russian) front: On the River Stokhod in the region of Vitonej and Alexandrovsk (5 miles north of Kiselin) fighting continues. Here a battalion of one of our regiments succeeded in pushing back the enemy, who had occupied part of our trenches on the western bank of the Stokhod."

ANOTHER HAGUE CONFERENCE SOON?

New York, Nov. 3.—The world's court league, of which William H. Taft is honorary president, announced here today the inauguration of a movement to organize an international council, with a view to calling a third Hague conference, perhaps before the close of the war. In the latter event the conference would be prepared to act as a medium for peace proposals. After the war it would serve as a permanent international council of conciliation for formulating and codifying new rules of international law.

SWISS MINISTER REPORTS SEIZURE TO U. S. OFFICIALS.

Washington, Nov. 3.—Seizure of Swiss official documents by British naval authorities at Falmouth, from Jules Metzger, an authorized Swiss courier, bringing them to the Swiss legation here and to the Swiss consul-general in New York, has been officially reported to the state department by the Swiss minister.

The seizure was reported merely as a fact and without any suggestion to the United States, which is in no way concerned.

WAGE ADVANCE FOR THOUSANDS OF WORKMEN

Dominion Iron and Steel Co. and Dominion Coal Co. Announce Big Boost in Pay.

Sydney, C. B., Nov. 3.—The thousands of employees of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. and of the Dominion Coal Co. throughout Cape Breton and at Springhill have been granted an advance in wages, immediately effective. The increase at the works of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. amounts to ten per cent, making in all since May last an advance of twenty-one per cent.

The Dominion Coal Co. announces an increase of ten per cent. as a war bonus and has agreed to a four per cent. bonus, effective immediately. It was not intended to put the four per cent. bonus into effect until Jan. 1, but in view of the high cost of living the company waived its agreement with the union.

In addition to this the coal company will give a five per cent. bonus to all underground producers who work twenty-two days out of each period of four weeks. With the advance last June, those who earn the bonuses get an advance of twenty-seven and one-half per cent. This is an increase without precedent in the history of Nova Scotia coal mining.

TOWN TREASURER SHOT FOR DEER BY DOCTOR

Bingham, Me., Nov. 3.—Lester J. Patterson, town treasurer, and a prominent merchant of Solon, is dead as the result of being shot yesterday while hunting at West Forks. Dr. B. H. Keller, of Appleton, a friend of Patterson, says he mistook him for a deer.

FRENCH MAKE FURTHER GAINS NEAR VERDUN.

Paris, via London, Nov. 3.—The French forces in the region of Verdun have made additional gains near Fort Vaux, according to the official statement issued tonight, which reads:

"On the right bank of the Meuse, after the capture of Fort Vaux, our infantry continued its advance to the outskirts of the village of Vaux and north of Vaux Lake. We gained a footing on the crest dominating the village. The enemy did not attempt a counter-attack."

FURTHER TERM FOR DOMINION GOVERNMENT

British House Will be Asked For Extension and it will be up to Liberals.

Toronto, Nov. 3.—Hon. A. E. Kemp, who stated that he came direct from cabinet deliberations at Ottawa, reached Toronto this evening proceeded at once to a meeting of Ward One Conservative Association and communicated to the meeting, on behalf of the Dominion government, its intention to seek from parliament another appeal to the British House for a further extension of its term of office.

He said: "If constitutional considerations were alone regarded it would have been proper to have held an election in the autumn of 1914 or 1915. The higher consideration of the public interest and decent regard for public opinion were taken into account by the government and one extension of the parliamentary term was proposed for reasons which apply with equal, if not greater force to such further extension as will make an election unnecessary during the continuance of the war."

Up to Liberals.

FIVE ARRESTED FOR DYNAMITING SUBWAY

New York, Nov. 3.—Michael J. Herlihy, financial secretary of the local Car Men's Union, and four others were arrested today, charged with acting in concert in bringing dynamite into this city and with conspiring to blow up the Lenox Avenue subway on October 24. One of the men is said to have confessed.

Herlihy is twenty-one years old. The other men are George Pollok, a former elevated railway guard; Lawrence Kulle and James A. Mirna, former subway guards, and Thomas J. McGuire, a chauffeur, who lives in Caldwell, N. J.

RESULT OF ELECTIONS IN CUBA IN DOUBT

Havana, Nov. 3.—The result of the presidential election held throughout the Republic on Wednesday is still in doubt. The supporters of President Mario G. Menocal, the Conservative candidate, for re-election, running against Dr. Alfredo Zayas, nominee of the Liberals, made claims today that President Menocal's re-election would be brought about by the complete returns.

Incomplete reports of the vote show the Conservatives leading in the provinces of Pinar del Rio and Santa Clara. The Liberals are leading in Oriente Province, but the Conservatives claim that the returns from the 57 missing districts will give them a majority in that province. The carrying of these three provinces by the Conservatives would give President Menocal the victory.

German Naval Vessels Fired on by British Cruisers During Raid

Berlin Reports that Several Steamers were Searched on Trade Routes Between the Thames and Holland and that Two of them were Taken to Port.

Raid of October 26-27.

The admiralty has made the following announcement: It is once more stated that all the German torpedo boats which participate in the enterprise in the English Channel on the night of October 26-27, returned. No boat was damaged by shells or mines.

The English patrol ships sunk by German torpedo boats the British Minister Balfour (First Lord of the Admiralty), admitted that the number was six. The official British report issued previously mentioned none. The German report gave their number as eleven, which, according to a new and careful investigation, must be considered as very conservative.

The German torpedo boats were by no means driven away by the British, for there were present no British forces that could have done this. The few British destroyers which showed themselves were so taken by surprise that they could not fire one shot while the remainder saved themselves by flight.

DESTRUCTIVE ELECTRIC STORM PLAYS HAVOC IN YARMOUTH CO.

Dwelling and Barn at Short Beach Burned, Three Barns Destroyed at Port Maitland and Beaver River Church Set on Fire—None Hurt, But Loss Heavy.

Special to The Standard.

Yarmouth, N. S., Nov. 3.—The worst tempest in years passed over sections of Yarmouth county this afternoon. The storm started shortly after noon and lasted with more or less intensity until about four o'clock.

During the major part of the time artificial light had to be resorted to in town and business was more or less demoralized. The storm was most destructive in its effects, particularly in the villages near the shore. At Port Maitland three barns were struck by lightning and totally destroyed, with their contents which in one case, that of Henry Durland, included live stock. They belonged, respectively to Wm. Tedford, Willard Churchill and Mr. Durland.

The church at Beaver River, a short distance away, was also struck and damaged. The church was set on fire. Nearer the town, at Short Beach, the house and barn of Frank Harris were destroyed.

TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS DISCUSSED BY REICHSTAG

Germans Claim Their Men Taken by Allies Not Given Square Deal—Willing to Release British Civil Prisoners if Britain Does.

Berlin, Nov. 3, via Sayville.—The Reichstag today discussed the treatment of war prisoners. Prince Von Schoenach, of the National Liberal party, says the Overseas News Agency, made a report on the proceedings of the committee, which considered that question as follows:

"With great sadness and profound indignation the committee took notice of the great sufferings of German prisoners. This is especially true of Russia, where numerous cases of brutal treatment have been proved; and also in British camps, from which there are numerous complaints. The prisoners often are forced to work under bad conditions. Frequently they must toil in forty degrees of cold or under a burning sun, and often physical brutality is added to this. The food in many places is most scanty, deficient and badly prepared."

Pope Benedict Thanked.

Prince Von Schoenach acknowledged the kind exertions of the Holy See to improve the fate of the prisoners, continues the news agency. Matthias Erberger, leader of the clerical centre, expressed thanks to the Pope and the population of Switzerland for humane actions toward war prisoners.

The whole house agreed, says the

ROUMANIANS FORCE BACK AUSTRO-GERMAN ARMIES

Near Predeal, However, Troops of Slav Allies Are Yielding Slowly to Blows of Enemy's Artillery.

VIOLENT FIGHTING IN PROGRESS TOWARDS BUCHAREST—THE BRITISH AND FRENCH MAKE GAINS ON WESTERN FRONT—WAR SUMMARY.

Violent fighting continues to mark the Austro-German attempts to penetrate the plain of Roumania south of Kronstadt and Hermannstadt and toward Bucharest. The stiff defense of the Roumanians is yielding slowly to the blows of Austro-German artillery and infantry about Predeal, and Berlin announces further progress south of the border, for the time.

East of Predeal, however, the Roumanians, advancing in the Buzeu Valley, have driven the invaders back over the frontier in the region of Table Butzi. They also have taken Mount Sirlul and Taturmio, along the Transylvanian border, southeast of Kronstadt. South of Hermannstadt, in the region of Rotherthum Pass, the Austro-Germans have extended their lines and captured an additional 350 prisoners. West of Rotherthum and in the Prahova Valley the Roumanians are holding their ground.

WEST ST. JOHN GUNNER GIVES UP HIS LIFE

C. S. Ashwood Killed in Action—Apoahqui Man Dangerously Ill—Albert Co. Soldier Wounded.

Ottawa, Nov. 3.—Gunner C. S. Ashwood of 365 Lancaster street, West St. John, has been killed in action, according to the casualty list issued to night. The list follows:

Infantry.

Missing—John McKenzie, Pictou, N. S.

Seriously ill—A. A. Hattie, Copper Lake, N. S.

Wounded—Simon LeClair, Rustieville, P. E. I.

Died of wounds—Angus McDonald, Mulgrave, N. S.

Missing—F. H. Campbell, Folly Lake, N. S.

A. P. Nicholson, Head of Montague, P. E. I.

J. S. Waterfield, Dartmouth, N. S.

Previously reported missing, now ill—W. A. Graham, 291 Brunswick street, Halifax, N. S.

Dangerously ill—A. W. Bell, Apoahqui, N. B.

Wounded—Milton Covey, Indian Harbor, Halifax, N. S.

J. W. Danahy, Albert county, N. B.

D. J. Thomas, 83 Albermarle street, Halifax, N. S.

DEUTSCHLAND WILL BE CONVOYED OVER

New London, Conn., Nov. 3.—The German armored submarine U-57, a sister ship of the U-53, which recently sank five vessels off the New England coast, is expected to act as a convoy for the undersea freighter Deutschland on her return trip to Germany, according to a statement tonight by Captain Paul Koenig.

The Deutschland's skipper said: "I would not be surprised if the armored submarine appeared off this coast while I am in port. You can't tell what the government will do."

In answer to questions, Captain Koenig said he probably would make his homeward dash within the next ten days.

GERMANS CLAIM THEIR MEN TAKEN BY ALLIES NOT GIVEN SQUARE DEAL—WILLING TO RELEASE BRITISH CIVIL PRISONERS IF BRITAIN DOES.

agency, "when it was stated that beyond any doubt, Germans would be glad if their countrymen made prisoners were treated everywhere as well as war prisoners in Germany."

Joseph Emmell, a Socialist member from Alsace, said the French government had failed to execute loyally its agreement for the release of hostages from Alsace, and that the action of the German government in determining upon retaliation by sending 200 Frenchmen and women of representative families from occupied French districts to Germany was therefore justified.

Claims Law Violated.

Herr Bruckhoff, a Radical member, stated that Germans who were staying in France at the moment of the outbreak of the war all were interned, and that this was absolutely in violation of the law of nations. He added: "The situation of our countrymen made prisoner in foreign lands is bad, partly very bad. I recall only the treatment of our brave submarine crews in England, and the conditions in the French camps, some of which are horrible. Great indignation was aroused because our countrymen made prisoner were sent to Northern Africa and directly in the tropical districts. The treatment of those in tropical camps, especially, was incredible, all civil prisoners."