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ITALIANS FLOOD LARGE TRACT OF COUNTRY TO KEEP VENICE FROM INVADERS' HANDS

Flood Gates of Rivers Piave and Sile Opened

Menace There Was That Enemy Might Approach Venice Through Lagoon or Bembard City—Now There is Twelve Mile Barrier of Water

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—The flood gates of the Piave and Sile rivers, northeast of Venice, have been opened by Italian engineers.

This action probably means an attempt to drown out the Austro-German forces which crossed the Lower Piave several days ago at Grottole, about seven miles northeast of Venice. The flooding of the triangle formed by the two rivers and the Adriatic also probably would make ineffective any German attempt to debouch in force against the right flanks of the Italian army along the Piave. South of San Dona Di Piave, the Sile and Piave rivers are very close together, and near here flood gates were constructed to hold the rivers in check so as to protect the Venetian lagoon. On both sides of this triangle the land is at or below sea level.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—The flood gates of the Piave and Sile, or old Piave, rivers have been opened by Italian military engineers, and the enemy is now faced with a barrier of water.

The flood was loosed at the point where the enemy succeeded in crossing the Piave near Grottole, four miles from the coast, and the whole region where the inundation is now under water. The inundated territory forms a huge triangle about twelve miles on each side, with the apex at Dona di Piave. The enemy had been driven back, but still held on within this triangle until the dykes from both rivers released the water over the low lying plain.

The chief menace at that point was that the enemy might be able to approach Venice through the lagoon or bombard the city from his position between the rivers. The inundation interposes a barrier of water twelve miles across and several feet deep.

Reports which have reached headquarters on other points on the front also are favorable.

Venice Nearly Deserted. Venice, Nov. 15.—(By the Associated Press)—Venice is now almost empty, the population having been reduced from the usual 160,000 to 20,000. Despite the proximity of the enemy lines at the mouth of the Piave river and the unsuccessful efforts the Austro-Germans have made to take the long triangle between the mouths of Piave and Sile rivers, the remnant of the population is calm.

The city may not be defended in case of an attack, in order to spare the monuments and art treasures.

The mayor of Venice, who is a descendant of the Doges and a chamberlain to the Queen of Italy, announced today that he would remain at his post. The outward appearance of the city is very desolate.

THE ITALY FROM GERMAN HORRORS. Rome, Nov. 15.—Pope Benedict has asked the governments of the Central Empire to instruct their military authorities operating west of the Isonzo to follow the rules of international law in respecting the lives and property of civilians and in the protection of women and children.

The Pontiff has also ordered the papal nuncio at Munich and Vienna, if necessary, to appeal personally and directly to Kaiser William and Emperor Charles to obtain the fulfillment of his wishes.

rip on Occupied Positions. Copenhagen, Nov. 15.—Austro-Hungarian and German are taking steps to organize a business bureau for the occupied regions of Italy. The intention is to lose no time in arranging for the planting of early vegetables on a large scale to meet the expected spring food crisis.

The German civil administration in Albania and the Baltic provinces is now being formed.

erman Statement. Berlin, Nov. 16.—The town of Cismone, in the northern Italian front, has been captured, the war office announced. Near the Adriatic, on the western bank of the Isonzo, Hungarian troops advanced and captured 1,000 Italians.

TOWN PRINCE AND BUELOW IN ACCORD. Copenhagen, Nov. 16.—The German crown prince recently had a long conference with Prince Von Buelow, the German imperial ambassador, at the prince's hotel. Prince Von Buelow is believed to be in accord with the German government regarding Germany's political and military objectives, while Chancellor Von Bethmann is the exponent of a policy to reach the Crown Prince is opposed.

Heavy Fire On The Canadian Front

London, Nov. 16.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Telegraphing from British headquarters in France, Reuter's correspondent last night said:—An extremely violent artillery battle raged in the Paschendaele area. The enemy has been shelling for the past two days with the utmost intensity upon advanced lines of the Canadians but if the Germans have been shelling heavily, ours has been heavier. Wounded soldiers speak of our artillery work with the greatest admiration, and say whenever they have been threatened in an infantry attack our barrage has settled down like a curtain, so sweeping that no infantry could live. Moreover under this volume of our counter-battery work the German gun positions are growing more and more difficult to maintain. It is doubtful if a more fierce and more continued artillery duel has ever been seen on this front.

GETTING THE MEN INTO THE LINE-UP FOR ELECTION DAY

Montreal, Nov. 16.—Hon. Albert Sevigny, minister of inland revenue, addressed the Win-the-War Association of Westmount last night, but he had considerable difficulty in doing so as he was noisily interrupted by a crowd which had arrived early with the evident intention of making trouble. There were some objections from the hall while the minister was speaking.

Oppose Sir Herbert Ames. Montreal, Nov. 16.—Alderman W. J. Hurlion of St. Joseph's ward, was chosen last night at a convention of Liberals to oppose Sir Herbert Ames in St. Antoine division.

Two Liberals for One Seat. Montreal, Nov. 16.—Clement Munn was nominated at a Liberal convention for the division of St. Lawrence-George at the Montreal Reform Club last night to oppose Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Unionist, at candidates.

H. Wolafsky, editor of a Jewish newspaper, The Eagle, announces that he had received the Liberal nomination at a previous convention and he would not retire.

Nominations announced are:—Ontario, North Waterloo—W. G. Welch, Unionist; Ontario, N. W. Meintosh, Unionist; Saskatchewan, Prince Albert—Andrew Knox, Unionist; Ontario, North Renfrew—Col. S. J. Mackie, Unionist; Ontario, Toronto Centre—Edmund Bristol, Unionist; Ontario, Hallowell—Dr. R. W. Anderson, Unionist; Ontario, Toronto East—Frank Regan, Laurier-Liberal; Saskatchewan, Saltcoats—Thomas MacNutt, Unionist; Manitoba, Marquette—Hon. T. Crenan, Unionist; Macdonald, Man.—W. Walsh, Laurier-Liberal; Dauphin, Man.—D. Henry, Laurier-Liberal; R. Cruise, Unionist; Victoria—Laurier-Liberals decided not to contest seat; Swift Current, Sask.—M. J. Kelly, Laurier-Liberal; Regina, Sask.—Alderman MacBeth, Laurier-Liberal and Labor; Humboldt, Sask.—Lieut.-Col. N. Lang, Unionist.

LATEST CASUALTY LIST. Ottawa, Nov. 16.—The noon casualty list contained a total of 886 names, classified as follows:—Killed in action, seventy-six; died of wounds, twenty-one; ill, twenty-three; gassed, ninety-two; wounded, returned to duty, seven; wounded, 144; missing, eighteen; wounded and missing, two; died, while prisoners of war, four.

ST. PHILLIP'S CONCERT. The programme at last night's concert in St. Philip's church was as follows: Address by R. H. McIntyre, selection by orchestra, piano solo by R. Bond, reading by J. Berkeley, vocal solo by C. holder, bass quartette; reading by Stephen C. Matthews, cornet solo by Parker Hogan, string trio by Mr. Reed and assistants, vocal solo by F. McLeer, club swinging by Prof. Schurman, banjo solo by Gilbert Davidson, vocal solo by M. McLeer, vocal solo by C. Hamilton, orchestra selection, vocal solo by K. L. Hamilton, address by pastor.

USE FOR OLD CAR SHEDS. The old car sheds in Indiana, owned by the New Brunswick Power Company, are to serve a new purpose in the near future. Since the transfer of the cars to the new shed in Wentworth street the sheds in Indiana have been used for painting, setting up cars and drying sand. This will in future be done in West St. John. One of the sheds has been secured by J. A. Pugsley for storing automobiles, and the other by E. F. Dykeman for the same purpose.

New French Cabinet. Paris, Nov. 16.—George Clemenceau who is forming a cabinet in succession to that headed by Prof. Painleve, expects to present the complete ministry to President Poincaré this afternoon.

Bonar Law told J. Norton Griffiths in the British Commons today that another imperial conference within the next three months was impossible.

Supreme Court Appeals. Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 16.—The docket before the appeal division, supreme court, was completed this morning. Argument was finished in the case of John Scott & Co. vs. McCain Produce Co., Ltd.

The case of Morin vs. Tardiff was heard. M. D. Cornier, for the plaintiff, moved to increase the verdict for the plaintiff or for a new trial; P. J. Hughes, contra. A new trial was ordered to assess damages.

NEW BRUNSWICK SUBSCRIPTIONS. The Victory Loan subscriptions for the entire province recorded last night, including yesterday's local returns, totaled \$1,749,000. Today additional amounts of \$225,000 were received from outside points. Some of the other counties have not reported at all and some have only reported for the first day of two.

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SOMETHING FOR "WILLY" TO WRITE "NICKY" ABOUT!



NEWS OF CASUALTIES COMES TO MORE ST. JOHN HOMES

Wounded in Neck. Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 16.—John Toner has word that his son, Pte. John Albert Toner, infantry, was admitted to No. 1 Field Ambulance on November 6, with a gunshot wound in the neck. Pte. C. W. S. Johnston.

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnston, of 10 Courtenay street this morning, that their son, Pte. Charles William S. Johnston, of the signallers had been admitted to No. 6 Field Ambulance Depot on Nov. 6, suffering from gunshot wounds in the arms and hip. Pte. Johnston was born in Scotland and came to Canada about five years ago with his parents. He enlisted in Truro with the 40th battalion, and was later transferred to a western regiment. He became attached to the signallers while in England. Pte. Johnston is nineteen years of age.

Ottawa List. Ottawa, Nov. 16.—To Thursday night's list of casualties should be added these names:—INFANTRY.

W. West, Greenwood, N. S.; H. Carr, Guyborough, N. S.; M. Des, Bear River; E. D. Sland, Bear Point, N. S.; E. Simons, Halifax; J. Arsenault, Green Point, N. S.; A. Muise, Cape Breton; J. Waters, St. John's, N. S.; J. Cairns, address not stated.

W. W. Cahill, Halifax; P. B. Owen, Yarmouth; W. P. Perrin, Halifax; H. D. McGilivray, Big Marsh, N. S.; A. M. Raymond, Centreville, N. S.; A. M. Turnbull, Digby; C. M. Roy, Millville; E. B. Jobb, East Village, N. S.; H. G. McLean, Annapolis; Lieut. J. C. Heade, St. John; Lawrence Power, Red Bank, N. B.

Wounded and Gassed. P. W. Cook, corner N. B. MOUNTED RIFLES. Killed in Action. A. McKensie, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A St. John Man.

A further list includes these names:—Gibson, Dalhousie, dead of wounds; S. J. Munroe, Campbellton; S. H. Marshall, Petrolia; A. Power, 78 Bristol street, St. John, wounded.

MONTEAL NOW MAY HAVE COUNCIL OF TWENTY-FIVE ALDERMEN. Montreal, Nov. 16.—Charter amendments which, if accepted by the Quebec legislature, would completely abolish the board of control, were adopted yesterday by the city council with little or no discussion. The principle proposed is to have the city governed by a council of twenty-five aldermen.

SUBMARINE MENACE NOT YET OVERCOME, SAYS THE FIRST LORD. London, Nov. 16.—In reply to a question in the House of Commons today Sir Eric Geddes, the first lord of the admiralty, said:—

"The good return of tonnage sinking by enemy submarines last week, and indeed the comparatively favorable result of the last two months ought not to be taken as indicating that the submarine menace is a thing of the past or defeated."

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Germans Beaten By British and French

Hun Attacks Fail in Both Cases—Americans Again in Brush With Enemy in No Man's Land

Paris, Nov. 16.—A German attack in Belgium was repulsed last night by the French. The war office statement follows:—

"In Belgium the Germans attempted to capture one of our points of support north of Yveldehoek. The attack was repulsed completely, and appreciable losses were inflicted on the enemy."

"The night was calm on the remainder of the front except on the right bank of the Meuse, Verdun front, where heavy artillery firing continues."

"German aviators bombarded the region south of Nancy. There were no victims."

GERMANS ONCE MORE BEATEN. London, Nov. 16.—The official statement from British headquarters in France and Belgium issued last night says:—

"Early this morning the enemy bombarded heavily our positions north of the Meuse road and soon afterward this infantry attempted to advance. The attack was successfully repulsed by our fire. Another party of the enemy which endeavored to approach our lines northeast of Paschendaele also was driven off."

"The hostile artillery again has shown great activity in the neighborhood of Paschendaele and also north and south of it."

Americans Fighting. With the American Army in France, (By the Associated Press), Nov. 16.—There have been further encounters between American patrols and Germans in No Man's Land. Last night there were clashes, but the night was dark and showers, and the firing was mostly at a distance. There were no American casualties.

MORE OF OUR BRAVE SOLDIERS WHO HAVE ARRIVED HOME. Ernest E. Mullin, brother of John Mullin of 247 Douglas avenue, was among the soldiers who arrived home yesterday after well doing their share in the war. He went overseas in 1915 with Lieut.-Col.

A. E. Massie in No. 5 Army Service Corps. His homecoming was necessitated by trouble with his eyes and because of German gas. The young soldier is very popular and has been receiving a hearty welcome.

Among the St. John men to return yesterday from the front was Driver A. W. Fowle of 50 Exmouth street, also a member of the 6th C. A. S. C. Driver Fowle was two years and ten months in France. He is home on a two month's furlough.

Another of yesterday's heroes to arrive home was Pte. Arthur Kennedy of 408 Main street. He went across with the 14th but was later transferred to another battalion. He and his oldest son were together in the famous battle of Vimy and both received wounds so that it was necessary for them to be invalided home. Pte. Kennedy has a younger son at present stationed in Halifax in the No. 8 Field Ambulance.

BOYS ARRESTED. Two boys were arrested this afternoon by Detective Briggs on suspicion of being principals in a recent piece of larceny, the sufferer being one of the patrons of the Dufferin Hotel. At the time of going to press no charge had been laid against them.

Phelps and Phelan. WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—A depression is developing quickly off the Nova Scotia coast, while pressure remains high in the interior of the continent. A few light showers have occurred near Lakes Erie and Ontario. Otherwise the weather in Canada has been fair.

Forecasts. Lakes and Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence.—Moderate northwest to southwest winds; fair today and on Saturday, continued mild.

Lower St. Lawrence.—Moderate to fresh north to west winds; fair today and on Saturday; not much change in temperature.

Gulf and North Shore.—Northwest to northwest winds, increasing in force; local rain or snow tonight.

Gales and Showers. Maritime.—Strong winds and gales, north to west, showery.

Lake Superior.—Moderate west to south winds; fair today and on Saturday; not much change in temperature.

All West.—Fair today and on Saturday; not much change in temperature.

Washington, Nov. 16.—New England, cloudy tonight; Saturday, probably fair; moderate northwest and west winds.

GERMANS SAY KERENSKY HAS GAINED UPPER HAND IN MOSCOW

London, Nov. 16.—The Wolff Bureau, the official German news bureau, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Geneva, admits that the provisional (Kerensky) government has mastered the revolt in Moscow. It says that Lenin still controls Petrograd, where the fighting was severe yesterday afternoon.

London, Nov. 16.—A Stockholm despatch to Reuter's Limited says that telegraphic communication with Petrograd has been restored.

General Strike in Finland. Stockholm, Nov. 16.—A general strike has broken out in Finland. Railroad communication from Tornea to Russia has stopped entirely. A train leaving Petrograd on Wednesday morning was permitted to come through, but the train leaving Tornea on Thursday morning is now held up at Uleaborg. Telegraphic communication across Finland is still interrupted.

The strike is due to the refusal of the Bourgeois parties to acknowledge the law of Finland sovereignty adopted on July 18. The railway men's union has not yet joined the strike.

A rumor has reached Haparanda that Premier Kerensky has retired from Gatchina.

CREW LEFT TO FIGHT FOR LIFE IN WATER But 22 Are Believed to Be Drowned

London, Nov. 16.—Seven additional survivors of the steamer Ardmore, reported as either "missing" or "sunk," have been landed. They say that the steamer was submerged without warning at night.

It sank in three minutes, allowing no time in which to launch boats and leaving the entire crew struggling in the icy water. Those rescued kept afloat by clinging to wreckage. The remainder of the crew, numbering twenty-two, is missing and is believed to be lost.

TANK IS IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Nov. 16.—The British tank has arrived in Montreal and is being moved to the front.

Montreal, Nov. 16.—The Victory Loan parade on next Monday morning promises to be the biggest popular demonstration ever known in this city, and it is anticipated that practically all the residents of Greater Montreal will either have part in the parade or will be spectators.

Montreal, Nov. 16.—The trades and labor council here adopted a resolution last night in opposition to interfering with the council funds in Victoria bonds.

Detroit, Nov. 16.—To assist Canada in the Victory Loan campaign, the United States navy band of Great Lakes, Illinois, headed by Lieut. John Philip Sousa, crossed to Windsor, Ont., and marched through the streets. The sailors were given an enthusiastic reception and were joined by Canadian troops.

FURTHER HEARING IN SISTER MARY BASIL'S CASE. Kingston, Ont., Nov. 16.—At the resumption of Sister Mary Basil's case against Archbishop Spratt and others today, Lily McCarthy, K. C., representing the defence, submitted that no evidence had been given against the archbishop and the Roman Catholic corporation and that he proposed to rest his case so far as they were concerned.

Mother General Mary Frances Regis, one of the defendants, was called to stand by the defence. She said she had known the plaintiff for several years and was always on friendly terms with her. The plaintiff was under her at Smith's Falls and their relations had been peaceful. But Sister Mary Basil had some trouble with the Sisters who thought she was not religious enough and spent too much time talking to the doctors.

Holds Championship. Schenectady, N. Y., Nov. 16.—In an exhibition devoid of any sensational plays Frank Taberski of this city last night won the third block in his match with Louis Kreuter of New York city, by a score of 150 to 110, and retains the world's championship for pocket billiards. The total score for the three nights was: Taberski, 450; Kreuter, 278.