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War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

WAR SUMMARY.
The new gains of the British and French in Flanders were obtained in another satisfactory and decisive offensive launched early this morning on the front between the southern edge of Houtholst Wood and the region of Ghelvel. Bad weather and soggy ground hampered operations to some extent and all objectives could not be taken. The majority of them, however, rested in the hands of the Allies at the end of the day's fighting. More than 800 prisoners were taken by the British.
With the important railway junction of Laon as their objective the French are continuing their pressure against the forces of the German Crown Prince, north of the Aisne River. In another attack on the right the village of Filian was captured and footing gained on the plateau north of Epine de Chevrigny, and the enemy was forced to give ground north of La Chapelle St. Berthe.
The Austro-Germans on the Isonzo front are fast developing their offensive against General Cadorna's forces. Already the Italians on the north wing of a fifteen mile front have been forced to give ground and at several places are back across the Isonzo, north and south of Tolmino, where the battle is raging on Italian territory. The Italian war office says that the evacuation of Bainsizza, Helligengeist Plateau, is a necessary retirement which will render null in a great measure the brilliant advance of the Italians in the summer campaign.

ATTACKS BY BRITISH AND FRENCH.

LONDON, Oct. 26 (Official).
At 5.40 o'clock this morning attacks were launched by the French and British armies northeast and east of Ypres. The Allied troops are reported to be making satisfactory progress. Rain fell heavily during the latter part of the night and is still continuing.

FRENCH CAPTURES.

PARIS, Oct. 26.
The village of Draubank, Pappesgood Wood, and a number of fortified farms were captured by the French in the attack launched this morning. Hundreds of prisoners were taken.

BERLIN OFFICIAL.

BERLIN, Oct. 26 (Official).
The attack of the Teutonic Allies on the Italian front is progressing, and the large number of prisoners captured is being added to hourly. The statement asserts that strong French and British attacks in the Ypres region were repulsed with losses.

REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT TELLS.

LONDON, Oct. 26.
Reuter's correspondent at Italian headquarters telegraphing Thursday stated the weather had broken and there was mud and slush everywhere.

Nevertheless the artillery duel was ever increasing in extent and volume and was beginning to reveal the vast nature of the Austro-German movement which stretches from Plezza to the Carso. The second and third armies are offering most stubborn resistance and are ready to pass to the offensive directly the opportunity offers. The Italians are using machine guns to their utmost in an endeavor to stem the enemy's advance. British artillery is playing a great part in the battle.

FRENCH FORCE CROSSING OF TWO RIVERS.

PARIS, Oct. 26.
The French forced a crossing of two rivers, wading through water up to their shoulders on the Aisne front. The ground newly won is being consolidated and no important fighting occurred during the night. The Germans renewed their attacks in the Verdun sector and were again beaten back suffering large losses.

FRENCH REACH AISNE CANAL.

With the French Armies in France, Oct. 26.—The French have reached the Aisne Canal, and Laon is eight miles away in sight. Following up the victory of Tuesday, the French took Monkey Mountain, east of Vauxaillon, the village of Phion and the forest of the same name, as well as the village of Pargny-Platin. Certain demoralization in the German command is shown by contradictory orders found on prisoners and the question is asked whether another retreat is intended. Crossing the battle field in the vicinity of Vuralina and St. Guilain Farms, the correspondent obtained ample evidence of the extent of the splendid victory of the French. Hundreds of prisoners in large groups were making their way to the rear, marching without escort. Damaged machine guns lay everywhere, while scattered around were heaps of ammunition, cannon and immense quantities of material. Many Germans were captured in an enormous cavern. The approaches were battered severely and large holes had been torn in the roads, demonstrating the power and accuracy of the French artillery. Not an inch of ground hereabouts had been left unchanged. The cavern had galleries about one kilometre in length with many exits, most of which had been damaged greatly by the French guns. When the French infantry dashed forward in the darkness, they approached the entrances warily and found them full of Germans waiting for the moment of attack. Rifle grenades and smoke bombs soon brought them out with their hands raised in token of surrender. Meanwhile the tanks had advanced with the infantry men until the second German position was reached, destroying on the way any nest of machine guns. One tank was opposed by a determined German officer with a large body of men who poured bullets upon the armoured sides of the machine without effect. Finally the French officer in command descended from the tank and with his revolver forced the whole group to surrender. Another tank found a battery of field guns facing it. As soon as the tank opened fire half of the artillery men threw up their hands, while the remainder

bolted, only to fall beneath a hail of machine gun bullets from the monster. To-day the French advance proceeded rapidly and units reached various objectives with regularity. After taking the village of Pison, patrols went forward and entered the forest of the same name. They found many German cannon abandoned, but with breech blocks gone. Dead horses killed by the German gunners lay beside the cannon. The Germans had found it impossible to get the weapons away over the marshes adjoining the Aisne Canal, over which most of the bridges had been destroyed, making retreat of the artillery impossible. Hundreds of machine guns were captured by the French and many of them were turned on the fleeing Germans who had left plenty of ammunition behind. It is reported that 150 cannon have fallen into the French hands, but the number is uncertain owing to the condition of the battle field and its width. The same uncertainty applies to the total number of prisoners, hundreds of Germans being encountered on all parts of the field marching wearily back to the French lines.

WAR BETWEEN GERMANY AND BRAZIL.

RIO JANEIRO, Oct. 26.
The Chamber of Deputies to-day, by almost a unanimous vote, declared that a state of war existed between Germany and Brazil. The vote was 149 to 1.

"A state of war between Brazil and Germany is hereby acknowledged and proclaimed. The President of the Republic is authorized to adopt measures enunciated in his message of the 24th October, and take all steps tending to ensure national defence and public security." Such is the wording of the Diplomatic Commission's action in favor of war.

ON THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Oct. 26.
The British official statement, dated Salonika, and dealing with operations in Macedonia, says: Yesterday our cavalry and infantry captured the villages of Salma, Kispaki Ada and Kakaraska, all on the northeast shore of Lake Tahnino. After completing our task we returned to our lines with 110 prisoners and one machine gun, leaving behind 60 dead Bulgarians.

ITALY'S CABINET TROUBLES.

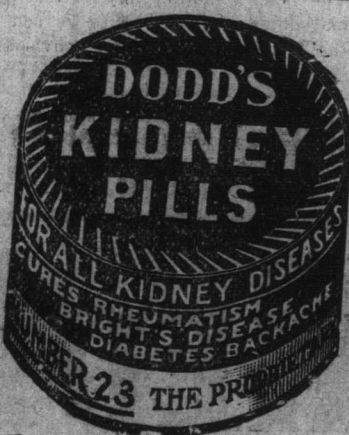
ROME, Oct. 26.
The Government was defeated in the Chamber of Deputies to-day when a vote of confidence was faced by 314 to 96.

SITUATION ON THE ITALIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Oct. 26.
The situation on the Italian front is at present obscure. The Minister of War yesterday electrified the Italian Chamber in a strong speech, reassuring the people that the army was fully prepared and asserting the enemy will never tread on Italian soil.

ITALY'S POLICY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.
No change in Italy's foreign policy nor weakening of her aggressive prosecution of the war is expected here as a result of the fall of the Cabinet. Official despatches from Rome to-day say before the failure of the vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, the entire Chamber applauded a speech by Foreign Minister Sonnino, reviewing the international situation, calling the phases of the Pope's peace proposal pro-German and declaring the intention of Italy and the Allies to fight until the war is won. All references to the Allies were greeted with enthusiasm, and when the Minister spoke of the visit of the King of Belgium to the King of Italy the entire Chamber rose to applaud. According to advices received here, the fall of the Cabinet was due solely to dissatisfaction over the food administration and in the reconstructed Government Baron Sonnino will be retained at the head of the Foreign Office. His speech, which was cabled to the Italian Embassy, touched upon Italy's entry into the war and declared their hope; and cheerful and courageously bearing burdens of war which they wanted and for which they are ready to stand any sacrifice.



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We offer this week a line of Ladies' Black Cashmere Gloves suitable for immediate wear. These are fleeced lined and come in all sizes. Don't wait until these are all bought up. Would be good value at 30c. per pair. Sale Price, per pair . . . 24c

SPECIALS.

LADIES' COATS.

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BOYS' UNDERWEAR.

Boys' Fleeced Underwear, the kind that every boy needs to protect him from catching cold, whether out to work or school. We offer this week 3 sizes only: 26, 28 and 30 inches in Shirts and Drawers. Sale Price, per garment . . . 55c

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An odd line of Children's Sleeping Suits to fit children ages 4, 6 and 8 years; these are fleeced lined and well made. Protect the little ones during these cool nights by buying a suit of these. Sale Price, per 77c

COTTON BLANKET ENDS.

Plain White and Fawn Cotton Blankets, in assorted sizes. These come by the pound, but we have weighed them up by the yard for your convenience. They are a good quality fleeced, and are good value considering the present price of Blankets. 89c to \$1.10 each.

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LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 29, 1917. OFFICIAL WAR FILMS.

It is the intention of the War Office Cinematograph Committee to issue bi-weekly "Topical Film" Budgets showing all the principal events of interest in connection with the war. For this purpose the committee has taken over, for the period of the war, the Topical Film Company. Pictures from the British fronts in France and elsewhere will be shown along with French, American, Italian, and Portuguese films. Naval and military events at home will also form part of the record. It is proposed to circulate the films through the British Empire, France, the United States and other countries. The enterprise will be run on commercial lines, and the profits devoted to military charities.

DUG-OUTS AND DODGE-HOLES.

Londoners are given the choice during the moonlight nights of a plentiful supply of dug-outs and dodge-holes in case of enemy aircraft alarm. On a large number of substantial buildings in the City and West End alike is to be found bold placarded a notice that the public are welcome to take shelter in the cellars therein at time of alarm, but of necessity at their own risk. The Tube railway stations also are to be regarded generally available, though one of the most extensive of these is "the Underground" appears the warning: "Owing to insufficient cover the station is unsuitable for the protection of persons sheltering during air raid." There are commercial concerns which seek in this regard to combine private profit with public protection—as, for example, a West End of London insurance office which hangs out the bland announcement on its outer walls: "In the case of air raids, take cover in our cellars. Meanwhile, take cover under our pipes." The Corporation of the City of London, while on partitionism proves of a frugal mind by carefully limiting in advance the number of affrighted wayfarers to be welcomed to the Guildhall crypt, bidding the overflow to go elsewhere. The crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, indeed, is hard by, and this also is to be opened when occasion calls, though the imaginative may not care to take shelter in that part of the edifice which "Harrison Ainsworth" (a well known nineteenth century novelist) or

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