

ITALIANS FORCED BACK ACROSS ISONZO; BRITISH AND FRENCH IN JOINT VICTORY

WEATHER HAMPERED DRIVE IN FLANDERS, BUT SEVERAL IMPORTANT POINTS TAKEN

ITALIANS PUTTING UP VERY STRENUOUS RESISTANCE, BUT FORCED TO SACRIFICE THE FRUITS OF VICTORIOUS DRIVE OF THIS SUMMER; SOUTHERN WING OF ARMY SAID TO BE IN PRECARIOUS POSITION

Fresh gains of terrain by the British and French forces on the Ypres, by the French north of the Aisne river, and by the combined German and Austro-Hungarian armies in the Austro-Italian theater are recorded in the latest official communications from London, Paris and Berlin.

The new gains of the British and French in Flanders were obtained in another swift and decisive offensive, launched in the early hours of the morning, over the front between the southern edge of the Houtholst wood and the region of Gheluvelt. Bad weather and soggy ground hampered the operations to some extent, and all the objectives set out for could not be taken. A majority of them, however, rested in the hands of the allies at the end of the day's fighting, and a considerable number of prisoners and guns also were captured. More than 800 prisoners fell into the hands of Field Marshal Haig's men. With the important railroad junction of Laon their objective, the French troops are continuing their offensive against the forces of the German crown prince north of the Aisne river. In another attack on the right, the village of Flain has been captured, a footing has been gained on the plateau north of Epine de Chevregny, and the enemy has been forced to give ground north of La Chapelle Ste. Berthe. These successes, while not as great in importance as those of previous days on the center and west flank of the attacking line, serve materially to bring the right wing into alignment with the remainder of the front and place the entire line in a better position for another smash northward toward Laon.



LOCATION OF TROOPS ON THE WEST FRONT

Another simultaneous offensive on separate fronts by British and French is under way. The French are making an attack all their own on the Aisne front south of Laon, where the battle-front from the North sea turns sharply east toward Verdun, while co-operating with the British in a supreme effort to overwhelm the Germans in the Ypres region.

PRUSSIAN GUARDS SUFFER HEAVILY FROM CAPTURE

Flower of German Army Eager to Surrender; Wonderful Work of the French Army in Aisne Advance; Great Dash Carries Them Through

DIFFICULT TASKS

Against Picked Divisions of the Crown Prince's Army Holding Fortified Positions; French Drive Their Line Through to Objectives

With the French armies in France, Oct. 26 (by the Associated Press).—However great may be the prizes bestowed upon the French troops for the brilliant victory over the Germans north of the Aisne, it will be too small an appreciation of their heroic effort in the face of one of the most difficult tasks of the war. This is the opinion not only of their immediate chiefs, but of all who have seen them at work. Fronting them were their picked divisions of the crown prince's army, occupying positions that were strongly fortified, and having the keenest appreciation of their value.



SIR JOSEPH FLAVELLE AND HIS COMPANY MANAGER
Sir Joseph Flavelle, president of the Wm. Davies Co. and Mr. E. C. Fox, the manager, were snapped by a photographer as they left the Toronto city hall, following Sir Joseph's examination at the bacon probe. Sir Joseph is evidently telling "my friend Fox" something very pleasant, probably about the session of the meat prices probe, which had just concluded.

BRAZIL DECLARES WAR

Rio Janeiro, Oct. 26.—The chamber of deputies today, by an almost unanimous vote, declared that a state of war existed between Germany and Brazil. The vote was 149 to 1.

The tribunes of the chamber were filled to capacity. After a debate on the opportuneness of proclaiming martial law, the president of the diplomatic committee spoke in favor of a law worded as follows:

"A state of war between Brazil and Germany is hereby acknowledged and proclaimed. The president of the republic is authorized to adopt the measures enunciated in the message of October 25, and to take all steps tending to insure national defense and public security."

The virtually unanimous vote of the deputies was received with general acclamation.

President Braz has sanctioned the proclamation of a state of war with Germany.

The senate unanimously approved the proclamation of a state of war with Germany. According to the newspapers, torpedo boat destroyers have received orders to proceed to Bahia and take possession of the German gunboat Ebbw, which has been lying there for some time.

WILL ADVANCE TO THE REAR

That the attack may not be necessary, however, is forecast by the military expert of the Berlin Tageblatt, who, while belittling the chances of the ultimate success of the French operations, asserts that it is not outside the German rules of warfare voluntarily to abandon territory not essential to Germany's great tactical plan in order that losses may be reduced.

The Austro-German armies on the Isonzo front are fast developing their offensive against General Cadorna's forces. Already the Italians on the northern wing of the 25-mile front have been forced to give ground at several places and back across the Isonzo, north and south of Tolmino, where the battle is raging.

To the south the situation of the Italians is admittedly precarious. Even the Italian war office announces that the evacuation of the Bainsizza plateau is necessary—a retirement which will render null in a great measure the brilliant advance of the Italians in summer campaign.

The combined German and Austro-Hungarian forces up to the present are declared by the Berlin war office to have captured in excess of 30,000 prisoners and more than 300 guns, and it is stated that these figures hourly are being augmented.

ENEMY DISAPPEARS IN RUSSIA

The German retreat along the northern Russian front still continues. Russians endeavoring to take up the pursuit have reached the Riga railway but have not come within sight of the enemy. On the Estonian coast the Germans again have endeavored to make a landing on the Werder peninsula to reinforce the troops successfully put ashore there last week. The Russians have driven them off.

Germany's eighteenth enemy has entered the field against her. By a virtually unanimous vote the Brazilian congress has passed a resolution declaring that a state of war exists between Germany and Brazil. The president has sanctioned the proclamation of a state of war, as has the senate.

HUNS LOST ONLY CANADIAN TRENCH HELD DURING WAR

CANADIANS RECOVER TERRITORY LOST IN A FAMOUS GAS ATTACK AT ST. JULIEN; THE ATTACK YESTERDAY GIVES BRITISH THE ADVANTAGE IN GUN POSITIONS; TAKE BELLEVUE SPUR

Canadian Headquarters in France, Oct. 26 (via London).—By the only bit of the dominion's trenches he has succeeded in holding in this war.

Proceeded by over two hours of concentrated artillery barrage, the advancing force to the north plunged forward through slime and mud to the Germans' advanced positions before Bellevue spur, which was the scene of desperate fighting on October 22, and her extensive wire entanglements with many five-foot thick concrete "pill boxes."

During the last ten days our artillery moved up with the greatest difficulty through seas of Flanders mud, has been giving Bellevue hell, the daily effect of our fire having been demonstrated early in the week when two prisoners wandered into the Canadian line utterly dazed from the effects of our fire on their concrete shelter. To the south of the mazy ravine our outposts for the last week have been constantly encroaching on the German positions. Augustus wood, Bellevue spur and Hillside farm, one is shown in the allied advance, roughly a ten-mile front from Houtholst wood, in the north, to Gheluvelt. Today, at the time of filing this dispatch, the German line is progressing favorably to the south, with stubborn fighting to the north. Among the battalions engaged are those of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and central Ontario.

ALBERTA COAL OPERATORS WIN OUT AGAINST R.Y.

C.N.R. Charge for Switching Cars at Drumheller Coal Field Is Disallowed by the Board of Railway Commissioners

DISCRIMINATION

Alberta Block Coal Co. Said Charge Was Unjust, Exorbitant and Discriminatory Because It Applied to Coal Companies Only

Ottawa, Oct. 26.—The board of railway commissioners held that a special switching charge made by the Canadian Northern railway should be disallowed. The case came before the board at Calgary. The Alberta Block Coal Company and other coal companies operating in the Drumheller district complained that the switching charge—one or two dollars a car owing to the fact of the switch being over 1,000 feet in length—was inequitable, exorbitant and discriminatory, in that it applied to the coal industry only. The Canadian Northern railway replied that the charge was not unreasonable in view of the additional service.

CROSSED ATLANTIC, CARGO BLAZING

A British Steamer Finally Lands in U.S. Port After a Hard Fight

An Atlantic Port, Oct. 26.—A constant battle with flame throughout the voyage across the Atlantic was reported by officers of a British steamer which arrived here today from a Mediterranean port. Shortly after leaving Gibraltar fire was discovered in the forehold, where a large consignment of tobacco was stored.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Old subscribers renewing their subscriptions through a candidate in the Alberta's automobile contest are kindly requested to pay the carrier boy for the current week; thus giving the circulation department time to get their payment properly entered, and avoid getting the boys "mixed" in their collections.

BOOTLEGGERS SENTENCED

Halifax, Oct. 26.—Rayfield Mitchell, a policeman, has been found guilty and sentenced to three months in jail for selling liquor in egg shells to wounded soldiers who landed here on their return to Canada.

CHICAGO PRICE COMMITTEE BUSY

Cut Price on Butter From 3 to 6 Cents in One Move

Chicago, Oct. 26.—The consumer board to realize the benefits of government supervision of food prices today, when the butter price was slashed 3 to 6 cents by the local food price committee. The price committee also cut the cost of cornmeal 1-4 to 1-2 cent a pound, with promises of a greater cut.

WILL ACCEPT NOMINATION

Winnipeg, Oct. 26.—Hon. T. R. Creer, minister of agriculture in the new union government, announced today, says the Winnipeg Telegram, that he would accept the federal nomination in Manitoba constituency if it were offered him.

CANNOT FIND ENEMY

Petrograd, Oct. 26.—The Russian troops on the northern end of the front, following the Germans in their withdrawal in that sector, have advanced as far as the Riga-Orel railway without discovering the enemy, the war office reports.

EMBARGO ON PORK

Copenhagen, Oct. 26.—The Copenhagen newspapers today state that the total prohibition of pork exports is anticipated in order to insure an adequate supply of fats to the Danish population.

"ATTEMPTING TO PUT ITALY OUT OF WAR," SAYS NORTHCLIFFE

Will Be Heavy Fighting in Italy for Some Weeks; the Prussians Believe They Have Won the War

St. Louis, Oct. 26.—Lord Northcliffe, head of the British mission in the United States, in an address before the St. Louis chamber of commerce today, said the Austro-German offensive against Italy is a desperate attempt to "knock Italy out of the war," and that "disturbances in Italy are being fomented by Germany."

"The most serious point in the war news today is that the Germans are attacking the Italian front for the first time. The German communication today speaks of Austro-German troops. It is evident they are trying to put Italy out of the war."

"If I were a Prussian I would think I had won the war. We know they are preparing the occupied country for permanent residence. Our duty is to see that they do not do this."

INVESTIGATE LABOR TROUBLES WITH FERNIE MINERS

Fair Wage Officer Will Investigate and Report to Controller of Operations for His Decision

Edmonton, Oct. 26.—Mining Engineer Parker and Fair Wage Officer Harrison arrived today from Calgary, and Mr. Parker, with Wm. Potter, President Biggs and Mr. Hunter of the Mine Workers' union, went to Coal Creek to investigate the conditions there bearing upon the dispute as to payments under the August agreement. Mr. Parker will report his findings to Commissioner Armstrong, who will make his decision, which it is hoped will settle the matters in this connection and the mines will resume work early next week.

TO HOLD LIBERAL CONVENTION AT HAMILTON, NOV. 20

Representatives From All Ontario Ridings Will Attend to Complete Union Organization

Toronto, Oct. 26.—For the purpose of completing an organization of Liberals pledged to the support of the union government, arrangements have been made for a convention to be held in Hamilton on November 20, to which representatives of the various ridings in the province of Ontario have Liberal associations, which were planned previous to the announcement of the formation of the union cabinet, and the intention was at that time to appoint leader for the wing of the Liberal party favoring compulsory military service. Those having the arrangements in charge announce that some of the speakers for the occasion will be Hon. N. W. Rowell, Hon. F. B. Carroll and P. F. Fardes, the former chief whip.

FAVOR A UNION CANDIDATE AND INVITE LAURIER

Port Arthur Liberals Will Send Delegates to Fusion Convention

Port Arthur, Oct. 26.—Two resolutions were passed at a general meeting of the Liberal association, which lasted until after midnight. One was to meet a suggestion, a petition from union government supporters by appointing 15 delegates to meet a like number of Conservatives in an effort to agree upon a candidate. This was passed early in the meeting without discussion. Three hours later another resolution invited Sir Wilfrid Laurier to visit Port Arthur on his proposed trip west.

REALIZE RUSSIA'S POSITION

Moscow, Oct. 26.—The political congress opened here today. Michael Rodzianko, who was elected president, declared in a speech that the conference aimed at awakening the national conscience, and to indicate the way out of the existing anarchy. Peace at the present juncture, he maintained, would be treason to Russia's allies, cause the annihilation of the country, and drive out her off from the rest of Europe.

WILL ALLOW Y.M.C.A. VISITORS

Atlantic City, N.J., Oct. 26.—The German government has sanctioned visits of Young Men's Christian association secretaries to camps where Americans may be interned during the period of the war, it was announced today, at a conference of 400 directors and district chairmen of the nation-wide campaign which will open November 11, to raise \$25,000,000 for Y.M.C.A. work.

ALL COAL DEALERS AND IMPORTERS WILL HAVE TO REGISTER

Order-in-Council Is Passed Authorizing Importation and Sale of Coal in Canada; Heavy Penalties for Non-registration

FIXED COMMISSIONS

Brokers Allowed Maximum of 30c Per Ton, Wholesalers 35c Per Ton, and the Retailers Held Down to 50c; Instructed on How to Figure Cost

Ottawa, Oct. 26.—An order-in-council has been passed by the Dominion government authorizing regulations issued by the fuel controller for Canada, respecting the importation and sale of coal, which go into effect this morning, the first day of November. Provision is made for the licensing of all importers and dealers in coal now doing business in Canada, and that may hereafter desire to do so.

Application must be made to the fuel controller before the 21st of November, by registered letter, for a dealer or importer's permit. Heavy penalties are provided for doing business without permit. Provision also made for the cancellation of permits in cases where any dealer has been found guilty of giving short weights or where any sufficient cause exists.

Under the regulations every mine operator in Canada must forthwith enter into an agreement with the fuel controller, fixing the maximum price per ton he may charge of the output of his mine.

The most far-reaching provisions of the new regulations are those dealing with dealers' commissions and profits. Brokers are allowed a maximum of 30 cents per ton for their services, while the maximum of 45 cents per ton and retail dealers a sum not exceeding 50 cents per ton. These maximum profits are allowed over and above reasonable overhead and handling charges.

How to Place Cost
The regulations also set forth the manner to be adopted by wholesale and retail dealers of coal to arrive at the "figure of cost." Every two weeks an average to be struck by such dealers of the cost of coal on hand which will be the governing price for the following period of two weeks.

Stringent regulations are made in regard to the hoarding of coal. It is provided that, except between the months of April and September, inclusive, in each year, no consumer shall obtain any quantity of coal in excess of an estimated supply for two months with allowance of three tons. Provision is also made whereby dealers may require a formal statement from their customers to the effect that they are not over-supplied according to the regulations.

May Seize Coal Supplies

The most drastic part of the regulations is perhaps that dealing with cases of emergency, when the fuel controller will have power to requisition any quantity of coal in the possession of any consumer in excess of the legal supply permitted by the regulations. It is not the intention of the fuel controller to disturb those who have their winter supply of fuel on hand, except in cases of emergency when the public interest may demand that they shall share the excess supply with their neighbors. In working out this part of the regulations the mayor, reeve, warden or overseer of any municipality may be made the agent of the fuel controller.

A provision of the regulations is that no charge shall be laid against any coal dealer or broker without first submitting the facts to the fuel controller and obtaining his consent in writing. This is to avoid frivolous complaints and to enable the fuel controller to consider complaints in the light of information as to costs, etc., in his possession or to enable him to get further evidence so as to insure that no prosecution is made without there being real grounds for such action.

CONDITIONS BETTER IN NORTHERN ARMY

IS LATEST REPORT

Armies Have Awakened to Consciousness, and as Result of German Withdrawal Capital Will Not Be Changed for Some Time

Petrograd, Oct. 26.—In connection with the official reports that the Germans are withdrawing some 20 versts to new lines on the Riga front, the commander of the northern front has reported to the government that the position of the Russian forces is improving. He said they had managed to prevent a further advance and had secured the safety of all ways of escape to Petrograd.

The armistice had apparently "awakened to consciousness," he added. As a result of the German withdrawal, apparently for the purpose of strengthening the line for winter permanency, it is understood the provisional government has changed its view that the capital should be removed to Moscow immediately and that it will now proceed very slowly with the removal.

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