

GERMANS UNABLE TO LOOSEEN BRITISH HOLD

MASSES OF TEUTONS CUT DOWN BY DIAZ, ITALIAN LINE HOLDS AGAINST HUN WAVES

Massed Onslaught of Austro-Germans Fails To Break Italian Line and Brings Tremendous Losses—Many Divisions Are Worn Out.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Heavily massed forces of Austro-German troops, vainly trying to break the Italian defensive line, have suffered great losses, according to official dispatches today from Rome, and between the Piave and Brenta rivers alone have worn out six divisions.

The dispatch says: "The forces of Krobathin and Von Below united in the homogenous zone between the Piave and the Brenta Rivers have made a desperate effort to break through the line, availing themselves of their enormous reserves, estimated at twenty divisions, easily defeated. With heavy forces hidden in the thickness of forests, at one point a small patrol composed of Prussian soldiers with machine guns was sent forward to gather information and prepare the attack.

In Thick Waves. "In fact, after a short while, the Austro-Germans appeared in thick waves and directed a furious assault against our positions. At the outset of the attack one of our officers was wounded by an explosive bullet. The soldiers, seeing their leader being hit from a large wound in his forehead and wishing to avenge him, launched themselves against the bayonet with such violence that all the Austro-Germans who had reached our line were killed or wiped out with the exception of one who, taking off his coat, fled shouting 'I am an Italian.' The enemy renewed his efforts and delivered an attack after attack with unabated fury, and our soldiers remained for eight hours at his place directing counter-attacks."

Special Train To Bring Invalids To City On Thursday Party of 162 Arrives Here at 10 a.m. Over C. P. R.

A special train carrying 162 wounded and invalided soldiers, together with 30 officers and 100 attendants, arrived at 10 o'clock at the C. P. R. depot on Thursday. The party is the largest which has returned to the city since the outbreak of war. In fact, the coming party is more than twice as large as the preceding biggest arrival.

The train comes direct from the Quebec discharge hospital, where 143 London men included, many of whom enlisted with the 1st, 13th, 33rd and other early battalions, which left here.

VICTORY LOAN SCORE \$205,659,850 Toronto, Nov. 27.—With two days of the last week of the Victory Loan campaign gone, the total of all Canadian subscriptions now stands up to 10 a.m. today was \$205,659,850. Of this Ontario contributed \$110,576,750. Tomorrow will be the Victory Loan half holiday here and great preparations are being made for a spectacular page.

AUSTRALIANS ARE IN IT TILL VICTORY IS ASSURED London, Nov. 26.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency—Speaking at a luncheon to Sir Walter Dillwyn Davies, secretary of the New South Wales, at which there was a large attendance of high commissioners and agents general, Sir Hon. Walter Long, colonial secretary, said he hoped the record of this gathering would reach the enemy who would then see that London, thanks to the British navy, was not a beleaguered city cut off from the rest of the empire. Paying a tribute to Australia's part in the war, Mr. Long said she had done magnificently under Sir Wm. Birdwood. They were tireless and irresistible. Although anxious to return home they say they will never give in until the war is finished by the establishment of an honorable peace.

C. P. R. TO NAME POINTS AFTER GLORIOUS WINS OF CANADIAN TROOPS Montreal, Nov. 27.—The C. P. R. has taken the step of naming certain stations with the view to commemorating the glorious fields in which Canadian troops won their victories. A beginning has been made in this direction. A station on the Sherbrooke division has been changed to "Vimy," while the Belleville subdivision on the Ontario district, is to be called Lens.

All the fields in which the Canadians have won or shall win laurels will be commemorated by name by the C. P. R. in the christening of stations.

COLD ACROSS LINE. Watertown, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Northern New York is the grasp of a severe cold wave, the coldest for November during the past sixteen years. The official temperature in this city early this morning was 2 degrees above zero, while outside points report temperatures as low as ten below.

ADVERTISING VICTORY BONDS TO LONDON KIDDIES



London's juvenile population knows all about Victory Bonds. One of the publicity stunts was the throwing of balloons from the upper stories of Headquarters, 150 Dundas street. The ensuing scramble.

ITALIANS MAKE SPLENDID FIGHT AGAINST ODDS

Courage, Endurance and Sacrifice of Diaz's Troops Magnificent.

Brave Officers Lost Terrible Carnage Inflicted by Invaders Fails To Shake Defenders.

London, Nov. 27.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency—Reuter's correspondent at Italian Headquarters described the magnificent spectacle of British troops marching into Italy, comprising cavalry, artillery and infantry, extending along the roads for miles, with all other branches of the army following.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 26.—By the Associated Press.—During a trip of 100 miles today through the fighting zone in the north, the correspondent met the major-general in command of the most advanced Italian army, and he looked at the Piave valley, where the pressure has been greatest and the losses heaviest, and obtained from him a most interesting account of the general situation.

A Stirring Scene. Staff officers and orderlies were arriving with reports from all vital points and hurrying off with orders for the maneuvering of troops. It was a stirring scene, but the general paused long enough to give a good account of the situation and details of the condition of the troops and the splendid fight they are making against heavy odds.

The general summed up the physical conditions of the battleground which made the struggle particularly trying on the troops. First, he said there was that terrible strain of endurance and natural fatigue accompanying nights and days of ceaseless fighting with the slightest natural lull was the extreme cold, with the temperature at nights at about 14 degrees below zero, Fahrenheit.

There were no trenches or dugouts which ordinarily give some shelter, and there was no water from unfailing sources such as the soldiers should have when going through such an ordeal. They were on the barren ground of foothills covered with rocks and stones. The ground was without facilities usually required for fighting troops.

Many Officers Lost. After summing up the physical hardships the general added that there was the still more serious condition of many commands being with very few officers, as the continuous fighting had told the slightest natural lull a result new men were suddenly called upon to lead large forces far beyond their experience and sub-officers as well as junior officers were directing superior commands in many instances.

Believe Burridge But Tool. Toronto, Nov. 27.—Walter Burridge of London will likely be turned over to the chief of police of Ingersoll tomorrow morning when he will be brought in in the police court. He is at present held on remand without bail on a charge of having stolen furs in his possession.

BREAD CARDS ORDERED FOR THE FRENCH NATION Paris, Nov. 27.—Bread cards will be issued shortly. They will be in the form of books with detachable coupons, each entitling the holder to purchase a certain amount of bread. The daily allowance has been fixed at 300 grams (about 10 ounces), per capita. Men engaged in hard manual labor will have a double allowance. The system will be applied only to towns and cities, not to country districts.

FIFTY ARRESTS MADE OVER BOMB OUTRAGE Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 27.—Fifty Italians were arrested here last night and taken to a south side police station for investigation in connection with the bomb outrage here Saturday.

HAIG'S GRIP REMAINS UNSHAKEN WHILE MORE HOLES ARE BORED INTO THE HINDENBURG LINES

FRENCH BREAK GRIP OF ENEMY ON LINE ALONG VERDUN FRONT Resistance of the Germans on Banks of Meuse Overcome—Good Raids.

Paris, Nov. 27.—The French last night overcame the resistance of German troops still holding out on a field of operations of the French attack on the Verdun front Sunday, says today's official report. Prisoners were taken in raids elsewhere on the battle line. The communication lines of the enemy were cut by active fighting in the sector between Flin and Pion.

On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) we carried out with success last night an operation in the north of Hill 244. We were at the point of resistance, rounding out the gains obtained on Sunday afternoon. On the left bank of the river a patrol action near Bethincourt enabled us to take prisoners, including an officer.

That Is Impression of United States Congressman Back From Front. MORALE OF ARMIES GOOD Lloyd George and Others Are Unable To Tell Duration of the War.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Eight members of the congressional party which left the U. S. on October 15 to visit the battlefield in France and Belgium returned yesterday to an Atlantic port on an American liner and proceeded to Washington. They were three weeks in Europe. The congressmen were exposed to German rifle and machine gun fire several times, and narrowly escaped being hit.

Washington Sums Up Operations as Distinctly Favorable to Allies. HAIG'S BIG THRUST, PETAIN'S FINE COUP AND DIAZ'S DEFENCE MAKE UP GOOD WEEK

Washington, Nov. 27.—The week just closed has been very favorable to the allied arms, says the latest day's official communique, issued today. "The success of the British offensive in the region of Cambrai and the steady resistance of the Italians in the face of the repeated attacks of the Austro-German forces are two factors which may be considered as co-requisite elements of one and the same movement.

German Plan Failed. "It is evident that the enemy took the offensive in Italy because he desired to extricate himself from the increasingly difficult position in which his troops find themselves at the front. The German higher command were apparently confident that in order to save Italy from invasion, such important contingents of French and British troops would be detached from the western front as to render any further allied offensives in this theatre impossible.

Flight Lieut. Matthew Killed While in Texas. Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 27.—Flight Lieut. Matthew, who joined the Royal Flying Corps at Toronto last summer, and was sent to Fort Worth for winter training, was killed on Wednesday when his machine fell from a high altitude. He completed his course here and was given a commission as first lieutenant on Saturday. He was then transferred to the American aviation service, and when killed was waiting assignment.

New Liberal Daily Launched at Montreal. Montreal, Nov. 27.—A new English daily entitled "The Truth" devoted to Liberal interests, made its first appearance this afternoon.

Port Stanley Man Perishes When Ere Rest Home Burns. Port Stanley, Nov. 27.—George Monteith, 60 years old, perished early this morning in a fire which destroyed the Monteiths, who was known as "Scotty" and was widely known in this neighborhood where he was employed in various capacities as a day laborer.

Port Stanley Man Perishes When Ere Rest Home Burns. At the time, Birks having spent the night at the village. The fire started about 3 o'clock and it is supposed to have caught Monteith asleep. The cause of the fire is as yet unknown.

Port Stanley Man Perishes When Ere Rest Home Burns. An investigation of the tragedy will be made at once.

British Throw Back Another Attempt of Germans To Retake Bourlon Woods—Foe Is Forced To Withdraw From Several Trenches.

London, Nov. 27.—British troops have repulsed another German counter attack at the northeast corner of Bourlon wood, west of Cambrai, according to an official report today from Field Marshal Haig.

Berlin Reports Repulse. Berlin, Nov. 27.—Via London.—The repulse of a British counter-attack on Bourlon wood and village, in the Cambrai area, is announced today in today's official communication.

FORCED TO WITHDRAW. British Army Headquarters in France, Monday, Nov. 26.—By the Associated Press.—British troops, including some from London, last night continued to bore their way forward through the Hindenburg support line, west of Bourlon wood, where vigorous fighting at close quarters in this region, and as a result the British today were in possession of a further section of support trenches 2,000 yards long running east and west just south of Bourlon wood and village, where the British advance in the last few days had this section of the line virtually unopposed.

The Battle for Bourlon. Fighting was renewed today between Bourlon wood and Cambrai, about 10 miles west of Arras, where the Germans were still in all, and continued to work machine guns from dugouts and windows. Fierce was the Bourlon wood and Bourlon village the situation remained such as it was last night, and the British were forced to withdraw when pressed by a new attack.

Pressing Fontaine. The German staff are concentrating all efforts in the attempt to oust the British from this elevation which is a vital link in the German line. It is to maintain himself in the present positions farther north and northwest. The British have been in possession of Bourlon wood, defended partly by tanks which have taken positions at advantageous points. The British have been in possession of Bourlon wood, defended partly by tanks which have taken positions at advantageous points.

Another Canadian Wins Great Honor For Fighting Valor. Acting Corporal Knowal Is Given Victoria Cross. London, Nov. 27.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The London Gazette announced the award of the Victoria Cross, the recipients including five Australians, one Canadian and one South African.

Acting Corporal Philip Knowal, Canadian Infantry, awarded the V. C. for conspicuous bravery and leadership when, in charge of a section, he had the difficult task of mopping up cellars, corridors and machine gun emplacements. Under his able direction all resistance was overcome successfully, and heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy.

NORTHERN ARMY OF RUSSIANS FOODLESS Forces Without Bread, and Meagre Supply of Biscuits. London, Nov. 27.—The Russian army on the northern front has had no bread for several days, according to reports received in Petrograd and transmitted by the correspondents of the Daily Express, and only two or three days' supply of army biscuit is on hand. The army doctors are reported to have recommended the withdrawal of the troops in order to prevent a general flight with its consequent excesses. Instead of a hundred cars of food arriving daily at the Dvinsk front only twenty have been received.

Weather Notes. The pronounced cold wave which covered the Great Lakes region is now centred in the Ottawa Valley, while pressure has decreased over the northern portion of the continent, the weather is fair over the greater portion of the Dominion, and decidedly cold from Ontario eastward.

Table with columns: Stations, High, Low, Weather. Rows include Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg, Port Stanley, Buffalo, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Father Point.

THE SAFE INVESTMENT FOR THE VOICE OF VICTORY BONDS