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GERMANS IN FULL POSSESSION OF CESEL ISLAND IN RIGA GULF

RUSSIAN FORCES ARE CUT OFF FROM COMMUNICATION WITH PETROGRAD; HEAVY BOMBARDMENTS AND RECONNOITERING IN BELGIUM

The Germans are entirely in possession of the island of Oesel, at the head of the Gulf of Riga, and the Russian forces still there are cut off from communication with Petrograd. Small naval engagements continue in adjacent waters and German aircraft are carrying out reconnaissance over the island.

On the mainland to the south of Riga there has been considerable activity on the part of the Germans, who one point endeavored to throw pontoons across the Dvina river. Russian artillery, however, prevented the landing of the stream.

A report which, if true, probably indicates that the Germans are preparing for a big naval demonstration against the Russians from the Baltic coast from the mouth of the Dvina. It says a large number of German warships were observed Monday and Tuesday, and that the belief prevails that they were reinforcements for the German Baltic fleet.

ONLY BOMBARDMENTS ON OTHER FRONTS

As yet the expected renewal of the great offensive by the British troops in Belgium has not eventuated. Heavy bombardments and reconnoitering operations still prevail.

There have been only bombardments on the southern front in France and the Austro-Italian theater, where, from the Isonzo front to the sea, the Austrians are heavily shelling the Italians. There has been a noticeable return of bombing operations by the British airmen in Belgium and across the line in Germany, and by the Germans against French positions. British aviators have dropped tons of bombs on Bruges and also have lost explosives on a factory in Germany, while the Germans have bombed Nancy and Dunkirk. On the former place killing 19 persons and wounding 40.

German submarines in the North Sea have been responsible for the sinking of British merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons, six under this tonnage and one fishing vessel.

The Italian parliament has just convened, and probably will discuss in secret session the military situation in the Balkans and the general food crisis there. In the Turin riots, a few of which have been received for the first time, large numbers of persons are said to have been killed, machine guns and bombs dropped from airplanes being used to put down the disorder.

THE FIRST U.S. CRAFT DAMAGED

Although American torpedo boat destroyers have covered nearly a million miles since the United States entered the war, crossing the ocean, conveying troops and carrying supplies, only recently has a German submarine succeeded in damaging one of them with a torpedo. The attack occurred somewhere within the war zone last Wednesday, but though the destroyer was badly damaged, she was able to make port. One man, a gunner's mate, was killed, being blown into the sea by the force of the explosion of the torpedo. Five other men were wounded.

DESTROYED THE BRIDGE

Petrograd, Oct. 17.—At 4:45 o'clock this morning the Germans attempted to throw a bridge across the Dvina river, in the Riga region, but the Russian artillery destroyed their plan and destroyed the bridge work.

GERMANS ARE REINFORCING

Stockholm, Oct. 17.—The Swedish correspondent in a dispatch says: "What was Monday and Tuesday a great number of German warships were seen, including submarines and destroyers. It is thought here that the Germans are reinforcing their Baltic fleet."

BRITISH BOMBING RAID

London, Oct. 17.—The British official communication dealing with aviation, issued tonight, says: "British airplanes carried out a very successful bombing raid this afternoon through German ground, a factory west of Saardeschek, some miles beyond the front."

AMERICAN WAR CRAFT WAS TORPEDOED

Washington, Oct. 17.—An American torpedo boat destroyer on a mission to the coast of Spain was torpedoed by an enemy submarine yesterday and had one man killed and five wounded. She managed to make port despite severe damage.

WILL RECEIVE BONUS

Port Arthur, Ont., Oct. 17.—Employees of the Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company will receive a five per cent bonus each pay check from Oct. 1, the date the company making the addition to the bonus voluntarily.

Employer Must Assist in Enforcing Military Service Act

Must Make Inquiry to Find Out How Many of His Employees Are Subject to the Conscription Demands

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—The duties of employers under the military service act laid down in regulations that will be issued shortly.

After the issue of any proclamation the regulations lay down, it is the duty of every employer to make inquiries as to which, if any, of his employees are among the men called out by the proclamation. After the limit for reporting for service or claiming exemption has expired, in the present case (September 16) every employer must ascertain if any of his employees have any questions put to him by the employer for this purpose. The employer must report which, if any, of his employees have failed to comply with the regulations. An employer who refuses or neglects to comply with the regulations is liable to a fine of not more than \$100 and not less than \$50 for each employee or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both.

Imprisonment. An employer who knowingly retains in his service a deserter or a man absent without leave is liable to imprisonment for not more than six months or a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$500.

SUBMARINE LOSSES LIGHT

London, Oct. 17.—Twelve British merchant ships over 1,600 tons were sunk by mine or submarine in the last week, according to the statement of the British admiralty tonight. Six vessels under 1,600 tons and one fishing vessel also were sunk. The official statement reads: 2,124; sailings, 2,094.

"British merchantmen over 1,600 tons sunk by mines or submarines, 12.

"British merchantmen under 1,600 tons, including two previously, 6.

"Fishing vessels, one sunk previously.

"British merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, including two previously, 5."

In the previous week, 14 vessels over 1,600 tons, two under that tonnage and three fishing vessels were sunk.

ITALY HAS FOOD CRISIS BUT WILL CONTINUE WAR

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Frederick, Ontario, Oct. 17.—Returned soldiers have to be chosen, ballot papers printed and a score of details arranged in connection with the taking and counting of the overseas vote.

Difficulties in the allocation of the naval and military vote, both in Canada and overseas, have necessitated special provisions. The problem has been made more acute by the emergency in which the vote shall go in the event of the voter not designating any candidate by name.

BRITISH POSTAL RATES INCREASE ON NOVEMBER 2

Washington, Oct. 17.—Great Britain has agreed to a modification of the postal treaty which fixed a two-cent letter rate from the United States, so as to increase it to three cents for practically all foreign letters now taking the two-cent stamp.

This will bring a large quantity of foreign mail into a class where the United States may collect the additional one-cent letter tax imposed by the War Tax bill. The three-cent rates, which become effective November 2, apply to Canada.

LIBERTY LOAN GREAT SUCCESS

Washington, Oct. 17.—Good news came today from the Liberty loan campaign. Subscriptions, the treasury officials announced tonight, probably exceeded \$1,200,000,000, and may reach \$1,500,000,000, or half the minimum quota set for the country at the beginning of the campaign.

"So satisfactory were official and unofficial reports received today that high hopes are now entertained that the \$500,000,000 mark may be achieved," says the treasury announcement. "And with a continuation of the present rate at which the entire country is speeding up, the \$500,000,000 minimum seems reasonably certain."

ALBERTA CASUALTIES

INFRANTRY killed in action
S. Kemmet, Halkirk
Wounded and Missing
J. E. Eckersley, Calgary.
Wounded
Chas. Harbridge, Botrel.
W. W. Stone, Torild.
W. L. Adams, Edmonton.
A. G. Scott, Edgerton.
Sapper C. Devenny, Irma.
MEDICAL SERVICES
Died
Alfred Kelly, Cowley.
Seriously ill
Nursing Sister Alberta M. Kennedy, Calgary.

BRITISH AIRMEN BUSY

London, Oct. 17.—Tons of bombs were dropped on the docks at Bruges on Monday night by British naval airplanes.

MANY U.S. IMMIGRANTS COMING

Winnipeg, Oct. 17.—Three and a half times as many immigrants from the United States into western Canada have arrived during the first nine months of this year than during the same period in 1915, according to figures furnished by the department of immigration this morning. The number of such persons for the first nine months of the year 1916 was 5,337; for 1915, 14,023; and for 1917, 33,818.

The amount of cash and effects brought in by these immigrants does not show the same proportionate increase for this year over 1915 as did the number of persons. The total cash and effects was \$3,156,376 for 1916; \$3,819,943 for 1915; and for 1917, \$5,914,032.

The amount of cash brought in by the 5,337 immigrants was \$1,895,792; in effects, \$381,137. The total for 1916 brought in by 14,023 immigrants was \$2,530,756 in cash and \$788,188 in effects. All the figures quoted refer only to the first nine months of the year.

KING TELLS OF GREAT WORK OF RED CROSS

IMPORTANT STATEMENT FROM BRITISH KING UPON WORK OF UNITED, EFFORTS IN UNDERTAKINGS OF MERCY

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—His excellency the governor-general desires to communicate the following message from his majesty the king:

Buckingham Palace.

During the last 18 months I have had constant opportunity of witnessing afresh, both at home and in Flanders, the great work of mercy carried on by the united efforts of the British Red Cross society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England. In every theater of the war, regardless of distance, discomfort or danger, the task of alleviating pain and suffering and of ministering to those in need is performed with unparalleled devotion by the men and women who have taken service under the Red Cross. The prompt and unstinted provision of medical and general stores and comforts is an all important work, and one of the main responsibilities undertaken by the joint committee. In hospitals and convalescent homes, hospital trains, motor ambulances and launches our sick and wounded as well as those of our allies, I know, indeed grateful for the aid and co-operation which the joint societies bring to the medical services of the armies; nor have the needs of our prisoners of war been forgotten in the allocation of your funds. I trust, therefore, that there will be no falling off of generous financial support on the part of everyone at home and overseas, without which this work could not be maintained. During the war I have had great satisfaction in sending the joint committee on October 30 a donation of £5,000. This year for the "Our Day" collection on October 15, it is a pleasure to me to contribute £10,000 to mark my appreciation of what has been achieved by the British Red Cross and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England in the past, and my deepest sense of the importance of continuing these achievements in the future.

(Signed) GEORGE R.I.

ELECTIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Winnipeg, Oct. 17.—The Free Press Ottawa correspondent, in a dispatch tonight says: "Elections will be held before Christmas. That is definite, and only unforeseen circumstances will change the decision. December 17 is the tentative date the writs will be issued, nomination day will fall 28 days before that, and the soldiers overseas will start polling their votes the day after nomination. The polls will keep open overseas for the whole period thereafter until election day."

PROVINCIAL CITIZEN STARTS MOVE FOR WIN-WAR ORGANIZATION

Summons Public Meeting at Which Beginning of Organization to Deal With Elections Can Be Started

APPEAL TO ALL

Idea Is to Nominate Two Outstanding Win-the-War Candidates in East and West Calgary

Canada Will Be Affected by New Postal Treaty Between Britain and the U.S.

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TRAINMEN AND CONDUCTORS ARE LOYAL TO CAUSE

Send Resolution to Prime Minister Setting Forth Unswerving Loyalty to the War Aims

BRITISH LOSSES WERE NOT HEAVY

British War Office Corrects Untruthful Statement of Germans

STATES NOW FRIENDLY

Peruvian and Chilean Governments Make Friends.

CANADIAN ACTRESS DEAD

New York, Oct. 17.—Funeral services for Florence, a Canadian actress, who died in Ossining, N.Y., on Saturday, were held in this city today.

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LAURIER REJECTS PROPOSAL FOR A PERMANENT SPEAKER

Borden's Proposition Has Been Turned Down; Would Uphold Dignity of Office

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