

ITALIANS PULLED 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 Field 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 Flin 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.

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 as they are back across the Isonzo, north and south of Dolino, where the battle is raging.

To the south the situation of the Italians is admitting of no improvement. The Italian government has announced that the evacuation of the Isonzo basin is necessary—a requirement which will render null in a great measure the brilliant advance of the Italians in the 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 W. A. Williams, special correspondent of the Canadian Press)—"Back again in the lower salient, remaining forward of the Passchendaele ridge, the Canadians, fresh from destroying the enemy's gas positions, have advanced at daybreak this morning on the front extending roughly from Passchendaele, on the Zonnebeke road, to Belleuven. They have many strong positions in front of them, such as Wolfe Ridge, Bellevue spur, Augustus wood, and the higher land to the northwest. The Canadian troops, avoiding the swampy area, swept forward in two waves. First taking the higher ground to the north of the marsh, they knocked the brunt of their attack against Bellevue, while the second wave to the south advanced against Augustus wood, Helme House and Hillside farm. While not a major operation, this morning's attack will rank as one of the most historic incidents in the war. The history of the dominion, for the first time, is a veteran division on April 24, and a half year ago, when the Germans, launching their gas attack, captured St. Julien and might have stormed through to the coast but for the desperately gallant fighting of the battered battalions of the dominion. Today those trenches are ours again.

RESIGNS IN FAVOR OF UNION CANDIDATE

Medicine Hat, Oct. 26.—Dr. Oliver Boyd, Liberal candidate for Medicine Hat federal riding, has placed with the executive of the Liberal association his resignation as candidate in favor of a union candidate, to be selected by a joint conference of Liberals and Conservatives. Dr. Boyd takes this action in the interests of unity, and in support of the union government.

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 the finest divisions of the German crown prince's army, occupying positions that were strongly fortified, and having the keenest appreciation of their value. Notwithstanding this the French not only succeeded in attaining every objective set them, but exceeded the hopes of the most sanguine, and advanced beyond the appointed places. More than 11,000 prisoners already have been counted and sent to the rear. Others are coming in.

The French line now runs along the southern side of the Aisne canal without a break from westward of Vauxallion to the eastward of the town of Trélon. The Prussian Guards, who were the flower of the German army, were fighting in the front line. Their extraordinary exertions had not extinguished their good humor and willingness. Notwithstanding privations and suffering from weather conditions, the Prussians were shot at energetically as they had done with the rifle during the furious battle.

The German artillery, which showed activity last evening, was quieter today, because the French batteries had mastered it. The French superiority in this arm is demonstrated by the proportion of shell wounds to bullet wounds among the French wounded. On the French side only three men were wounded by shell splinters to one by the bullet, as compared with the ratio of 19 to one in the battle around Verdun.

The French guns now are able to enfilade the German positions in three directions, menacing the German lines. The canal on the borders which the French advance rested is dry, but the bridge and locks had been destroyed during the artillery fighting.

The Prussian Guards entered very heavily, but principally by quietest work, because the French noticed that they surrendered more readily than the other units. Elements of five fresh German divisions were observed at various positions on the front of the French line, and the evident intention was to break through to the rear of the Germans to offer strong resistance to a further advance.

For the moment, however, the French have gained everything they wished to gain, and can afford to await future developments.

CHICAGO PRICE COMMITTEE BUSY

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

Chicago, Oct. 26.—The consumer began to realize the benefits of government supervision of food sales today, when the butter price was slashed 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 promise of a further 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 Marquette 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, but without discovering the enemy, the war office reports.

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.

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.



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 148 to 10. 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 accept the measures announced in this 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 satisfaction. President Brazil 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 boats destroyers have received orders to proceed to Bahia and take possession of the German gunboat Eber which has been lying there for some time.

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

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."

Representatives From All Ontario Ridings Will Attend to Complete Union Organization

Toronto, Oct. 26.—For the purpose of completing an organization of Liberal candidates pledged to the support of the union government, arrangements have been made for a convention to be held in Hamilton on November 23, to which representatives of the various ridings in the province of Ontario have been invited. The convention was 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.

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 consciousness, 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 enslavement of the country, and cut her out from the rest of Europe.

WILL ALLOW Y.M.C.A. VISITORS
Athens, Oct. 26.—The German government has sanctioned visits of Young Men's Christian association delegates 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 a 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 on 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's importer's permit. Heavy penalties are provided for doing business without permit. Provision is 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 prices 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, wholesalers a maximum of 35 cents per ton and retail dealers a sum not exceeding 50 cents per ton. These maximum profits are allowed once and only once, and are to be calculated on the basis of the cost of the coal.

How to Place Cost
The regulations also set forth the method to be adopted by wholesale and retail dealers of coal to fix their selling price. Every two weeks an average price for such dealers of the coal sold in their hands will be determined. The 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 hoard any quantity of coal in excess of an estimated supply for two months with allowances of three tons. Provision is also made whereby dealers may require any quantity of coal in excess of the estimate to be supplied for two months with allowances of three tons. Provision is also made whereby dealers may require any quantity of coal in excess of the estimate to be supplied for two months with allowances of three tons.

Conditions Better in Northern Army
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 units 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 entrance to Petrograd.

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

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