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BIG GUNS PAVE WAY FOR GREAT GERMAN OFFENSIVE ITALIANS REPULSE TEUTONS—ALLIES IN HOLY CITY—CIVIL WAR IN RUSSIA

POWERFUL ATTACKS OF TEUTONS BEATEN

Italians Defeat Determined Efforts of Austro-Germans to Recapture Positions in Capo Sile Region on Lower Piave Line.

Rome, Dec. 11.—Powerful attempts made by the Austro-Germans to re-attack the Agorzina and Zolani positions in the Capo Sile region of the lower Piave river were summarily repulsed yesterday by the Italians, it was announced today by the war office. The text of the statement reads: "Artillery was active along the whole front and there were intense duels between the Brenas and the Piave. The enemy's batteries, which were answered by ours, were remarkably active in the coastal zone. In the Capo Sile region a powerful enemy attempt made in the afternoon to take our Agorzina and Zolani positions after heavy artillery preparation was summarily and completely repulsed. We forced the enemy to retire, leaving many dead and some scores of prisoners."

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Thirteen Negro Soldiers Are Executed for Murder

RUSH TROOPS TO WEST FOR GREAT OFFENSIVE

Enemy Will Try to Smash Allied Lines Before America is Prepared to Act.

Big German Drive Expected in West

Enemy Bombardments Interpreted as Preparation for New Offensive Against Allies.

London, Dec. 11.—Unusually active artillery fighting and aerial operations on the western front yesterday are reported in today's official communication. This activity was particularly noteworthy on the Ypres and Arras fronts.

Operations of the nature and extent indicated by the official British communication almost invariably precede a great attack. The preliminary bombardment designed to break down the opposing defences and clear the way for the infantry advance, may continue for a week or more.

London, Dec. 11.—The Rotterdam correspondent of The Telegraph sends a report that Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, arrived in Berlin on Sunday. The correspondent alludes to Czernin's visit as one that may have tremendous consequences as regards the whole course of the war. The correspondent also mentions Czernin's arrival at the German capital in his recent speech to the Hungarian delegation and from other news, that Austrian divisions freed from the Russian front, are to be used in the western front.

ENEMY OFFERED PEACE BY NEUTRAL CHANNEL

British Government Would Act Only With Allies—No German Reply.

London, Dec. 11.—Foreign Secretary Balfour told the house of commons today that a communication had been received by Great Britain from Germany last September, thru a neutral diplomatic channel, to the effect that Germany would be glad to get into communication with Great Britain in regard to peace. The British Government replied that it was prepared to receive any communication the German Government might desire to make, and to discuss it with Great Britain's allies. Germany returned no reply, Mr. Balfour added.

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AMERICA MUST HURST HER WAR PREPARATIONS

U.S. Senator Points Out Grave Situation Created by Defection of Rumania and Russia.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Warning that the United States must prepare to assume further burdens to win the war was given today in the senate by Senator Reed in vigorously opposing a trust scheme the Webb export commission bill, which President Wilson in his recent address urged congress to enact.

Sherwood Foresters in Successful Raid

Capture Number of Prisoners West of Hulluch—Enemy Raiders Are Repulsed.

Chancellor of Exchequer To Move Big Vote of Credit

London, Dec. 11.—In the house of commons tomorrow the chancellor of the exchequer, Andrew Bonar Law, will move a credit of £350,000,000, bringing the total for the fiscal year 1917-18 to £2,450,000,000.

ENEMY ARTILLERY SEEKS AN OPENING FOR OFFENSIVE

German Big Guns Active Along Whole Front From North Sea to Adriatic, With Allies Vigorously Replying.

London, Dec. 11.—Along the entire front from the North Sea to the Adriatic artillery duels of great magnitude are being fought, which doubtless are the forerunners of the expected great offensive the Teutonic allies have in view before the American troops can reach the battlefronts in great numbers.

COSSACKS WILL FIGHT FORCES OF BOLSHIEVIKI

General Korniloff Heads Move Against Maximalists—Bolsheviki Defeated by Women's Batt.

London, Dec. 11.—The Cossacks are preparing to fight, the Petrograd correspondent of The Daily Mail reports. Three trainloads of Cossacks are said to be at Bielorod and three at sumy, commanded by General Korniloff. Ex-remist Red Guards to the number of about 1000 are expected at Kharukov from Moscow. The correspondent says a General Kaledines, the Cossack leader, is disbanding infantry regiments in the Don territory and sending them home on account of their extremist opinions.

Kaledines' Revolt Grows. London, Dec. 11.—In Russia the counter-revolutionary movement headed by General Kaledines is growing in strength. Realizing the seriousness of the situation considerable forces of troops from the Russian front are being rushed from the trenches to give battle to the Kaledines Cossacks.

Women Defeat Bolsheviki. Petrograd, Sunday, Dec. 9.—A "battalion of death" which left Staffka is reported to have defeated the Bolsheviki troops near the town of Shlobin, in Mohilev.

PRESENT SITUATION OF ALLIES IS SERIOUS

Churchill Takes Grave View of Entente Outlook in Great European Struggle.

London, Monday, Dec. 10.—Speaking today at Bedford on the subject of the allied war aims, Winston Churchill, minister of munitions, said that the situation was more serious than it had seemed reasonable three months ago to expect. The serious and allied countries also, were endangered. The future of the British Empire and of democratic government was hanging in the balance, and would continue to hang there for a considerable period.

British, French and Italian Troops in Streets of Holy City—Loss of Jerusalem Severe Blow to Turkish Power and Prestige.

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Strong Feeling in Russia Against Bolsheviki Regime

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MACLEAN MEETINGS, SOUTH YORK

Maclean Meetings, South York. Wednesday, Dec. 12.—Mackham Town Hall and Uxbridge. Speakers: Rev. William Patterson, D. J. Cooke, Church, Toronto; W. F. Maclean, Miss Boulton, Aid. Basi and others.

At Hook Buildings (Eglinton Ave. East) at 8 o'clock. Address to the girl employees by Mrs. Morrison in the interest of Thursday, Dec. 14.—Oakwood (York Tp.). Fairbank (York Tp.). Friday, Dec. 14.—Edwards (Ward Six), Belmont Assembly Hall.

Speakers:—Major Church, Rev. Wm. Patterson, D. J. Cooke, W. F. Maclean, Aid. Basi, J. R. MacNicol and others. Silverthorn, Miles Hall (York Tp.). Speakers:—W. F. Maclean, Aid. Basi and others. Saturday, Dec. 15.—Wilkes Hall (York Tp.).



FORCES OF ALLIES ENTER JERUSALEM

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REVOLUTION IN PORTUGAL DISQUIETING TO ENTENTE

Bears Such Resemblance to Bolsheviki Revolt That Much Apprehension is Felt in Allied Capitals.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The situation in Portugal inspires more apprehension as further details arrive here concerning the recent revolutionary upheaval. It is felt to bear a disquieting resemblance to the first act of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates in Russia.

Dr. Sidonio Paes, who fomented the revolution, says The Matin's correspondent, has put under lock and key the revered President Machado and Premier Costa, the two men to whom Portugal's entry into the war on the side of the allies is due. The correspondent says Senior Costa had a strong majority in parliament, while the opposition which has overthrown him has very slight support in the electoral body. Machado Santos, the rebel leader, who is one of the three men who have taken power, the cor-

CREW DESERTS BLAZING CRAFT AT DARTMOUTH

Residents Put Out Fire, Preventing Another Halifax Disaster.

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TO SUPPRESS LOOTING

Police Establish Patrol in Devastated Area—Rescue Work Proceeds.

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Narrow Escape. The case of a man who survived thru the explosion disaster here, and who was found among the ruins today, is reported. When plans for the search while the searchers were removing the debris from the North street railway station. He had been caught between two beams and beyond a few bruises was unhurt.

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Police Chief Denies Execution of Looters

No Truth in Story of Shooting at Halifax—Special Constables on the Job.

Halifax, Dec. 11.—Chief of Police Haaranen denied tonight that any constables have been shot, as wired from here.

In order to augment the police force and give the much overworked constables a chance to rest, a number of prominent men of the city undertook the work of special constables tonight.

MONT BLANC DIDN'T FLY PROPER DANGER SIGNAL

No "Danger" Flag on Munitions Ship, Which Steered Erratic Course, Say Imo's Crew.

Halifax, Dec. 11.—There was no red flag atop the French steamer Mont Blanc to indicate that she was laden with munitions, according to statements obtained today from survivors of the Norwegian steamer Imo. The survivors also declared that they did not know the Frenchman was carrying high explosives, and thought that the Mont Blanc's crew was running for shelter, fearing the ship would go down while fire was raging on her decks, starboard.

Blame for the crash also was charged by the survivors to the navigator of the Mont Blanc, which, they said, was entering on the wrong side of the harbor.

The Imo survivors said there was a slight mist, and while in the narrow channel they heard two blasts, indicating, they said, that a ship was approaching on the Halifax side of the harbor, which was the wrong side. The Imo's course was directed toward the Dartmouth side, and while taking that course they heard one blast, which indicated a vessel was on the right side. The Imo attempted to stop, but could not, and the Mont Blanc was struck under the bridge, starboard.

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