BIG GERMAN GUNS STILL LAG BEHIND

Crossing of Tagliamento River Does Not Imply Fresh Austrian Victory.

London, Nov. 5.—The British correspondent accredited to Italian headquarters, telegraphing Monday, says:

"The crossing of the Tagliamento does not imply a fresh Austrian victory, for the river is only the first line of defences upon which depends the arrest of the invasion of northern Italy. The enemy has established a bridgehead at Pinzano and also is shelling the Italian army's side of the river. But he has not had time yet to bring up his biggest guns.

"The struggle will be largely a race between the enemy's heavy artillery and the arrival of allied reinforcements. The Italian army is sorting itself out again.

"The inevitable shortage of ammunition and the loss of guns will, of course, be grave drawbacks, but the Italian positions are naturally strong and capable of being made stronger. It is thought likely that the latest Austrian attack in the Trentino is only a feeler, but that the Italian wing there must also be ready for severe trials."

The Daily Mail's correspondent at headquarters, in a despatch dated Sunday, says:

"The continuance of rainless weather, while good for the morale of the troops, has prevented the expected flood, which would have made the Tagliamento a formidable obstacle. The comparatively dry conditions have enabled the enemy to carry out operations, both in the river bed and on the western bank of the stream."

The Daily Mail's Milan correspondent, telegraphing Sunday afternoon, says that the situation is growing serious and that the Milan evening papers insist on the greatest possible aid from the allies.

BUSINESSMEN TO AID RAISING VICTORY LOAN

Ottawa, Nov. 5.—Sir Thomas White has requested prominent men in every city and county in Canada to act as honorary committees to assist the local organizations in the Victory Loan campaign. The replies of acceptance are of a most gratifying character.

Reports received at the finance department show that the whole Dominion from coast to coast is exceedingly well organized for the launching of the loan on November 12. The Dominion, provincial and local organizations have taken hold of the work with enthusiasm, and if the loan is not a huge success it will not be for lack of a most complete and thoro organization by the most energetic business men in Canada.

SCORE'S OVERCOATING FEATURE TODAY.

Hardly a man in all the land needs to be impressed with the warmth and service there is in a good frieze overcoat for winter wear. The Score's Estate Sale feature for today is a genuine Irish frieze overcoating, made to your measure, in the Score's "Balaclava" or Lord Chesterfield styles, from a superior range of patterns and colors, but specially mentioning Oxford and Cambridge greys, regular $38 for $30. R. Score & Son, Tailors and Haberdashers, 77 King street west.

HAMILTON NEWS

ARE ANXIOUS ABOUT STOCK OF CEREALS

Secretary of Hamilton Board of Trade Pleads for Retailers.

Hamilton, Nov. 5.—In a letter to the food controller, T. L. Brown, secretary of the Hamilton Board of Trade, draws attention to the fact that the retail trade had a considerable stock of packages of cereals on hand on Oct. 31, and that it is unbelievable to think that it is the intention to prevent the sale of these goods. The fact that corn flakes will not keep in bulk is also noted, the letter stating that by prohibiting the sale of this cereal a demand would be created upon other cereals that an effort is now being made to conserve.

The registration of men eligible under the Military Service Act is proceeding very slowly at the post office. Figures issued today show that a total of 5384 had been examined by the medical boards, 3282 had registered at the post office, 2022 had filed exemption claims and 360 had reported for service.

With five more days to go there is still a total of 1616 to be handled by the medical boards and 3718 to report at the postoffice.

At the meeting of the board of control tomorrow J. P. MacLeod, assessment commissioner, will submit a statement showing the actual assessments of Hamilton hotel property during the past three years and what reductions of 10 per cent., 15 per cent., and 20 per cent. will amount to. This statement is being prepared at the solicitation of Controller T. M. Wright. The controller suggests that tax remissions on standard hotel properties be laid over until the estimates were being considered next year, but the council demanded immediate action.

One of the largest individual fines levied in this city in connection with the Ontario Temperance Act was imposed today by Magistrate Jelfs upon Colin Garson, 145 Forest avenue, the latter being fined $600 for violating the act.

Bail was granted by Judge Snider today for six of the eight street railway conductors charged with the theft of tickets and money from fare boxes. He fixed bail at $500 in each case, with two sureties of $250 each. They elected to be tried by a judge.

The Barton Township Council this afternoon passed a bylaw to the effect that ratepayers who are behind in their taxes after Dec. 14 will be disqualified to vote in the township elections. This step was proposed at last month's meeting, and met with the unanimous approval of the councillors today.

DRASTIC MEASURES TO CONTROL GERMANS

Important Conference at New York Considers Stopping of Sabotage.

New York, Nov. 5. — Enforcement of more drastic measures to control enemy aliens was planned at a conference here today of representatives of the department of justice, the United States secret service and the police, called as a result of suspicious fires on the water front and recent damage to government property and ships.

Suggestions were made that enemy aliens be moved from seaport towns to the interior. The police will be required to watch alien enemies in their precincts and to report on their movements. It is planned that enemy aliens not only will be barred from the water front but an order will be issued restricting them to use particular routes on designated ferries.

SUGAR SHORTAGE TO PINCH CANADA

New York Refiners Hear Too Much Goes Into Alcohol.

New York, Nov. 5.—That the sugar famine, which is now becoming acute in the United States, will soon be reflected in Canada and will lead to a closer supervision and probable curtailment of the amount of raw sugar allotted to the Canadian refineries, is the opinion expressed in New York sugar circles today.

Today's New York Sun says: "The sugar situation again became acute today when scores of stores the city over had to display the "No Sugar" sign. Large stores, as well as chain grocers and corner shops, had to endure the humiliation of being sugarless. All boros of the city were affected by the shortage. As high as 20 cents a pound was charged by some dealers, despite an agreement among retailers not to charge more than 10 cents.

Many of the stores have been without the commodity for several days, and there is little prospect of obtaining a fresh supply. In the sugar trade the opinion was expressed today that the shortage will remain grave thruout November. Housewives have got to realize, it was said, that consumption will have to be cut down a great deal more than has been done if the crisis is to be met.

Grave Shortage.

"The situation today only bears out what I have been saying right along," said James H. Post, chairman of the American refiners' committee, today. "There is a grave shortage and it will last until the first of December. We can't expect relief until the Cuban crop is available. There is little relief in sight from the south or the west. The people have got to cut consumption away down. Sugar is being distributed as fairly as possible, but there is not enough to go around."

The distribution of raw sugar is controlled by a committee, which allots the available supply to the refineries of both the United States and Canada. Canada is not at present represented, but will be as soon as the Canadian refineries agree upon their representatives. Reports have reached the committee that some of the raw sugar and molasses which now find their way to Canada are being used for the production of alcohol and this, it is said, will have the effect of inducing closer scrutiny in the allotment of sugar to the Canadian refineries. Practically no sugar or sugar products are now being turned into alcohol in this country, where methods of refining leave but a small residue of waste material available for this purpose. Some Canadian refineries apparently are not equipped for getting a maximum production of refined sugar from the raw materials and are converting an undue percentage of their receipts into alcohol.

Chairman Post expressed the view that sugar is too valuable a food product to allow any portion of it to be diverted to by-products. It is probable that the Canadian food controlled will be asked to see that no raw sugar or molasses entering Canada is used for other purposes than the production of sugar.

DESTROYERS THE CURE FOR SUBMARINE EVIL

New British and American Warships and Merchantmen Sure to Overcome the U-Boat.

London, Nov. 5.—Having completed their tou rof the English shipyards, Senators Kenyon of Iowa and Hendrick of Wyoming this morning went into conference with Vice-Admiral Sims, commander of the American destroyer squadron. After the conference Senator Kenyon said:

"We are convinced destroyers are the best antidote for U-boats. We cannot have too many of them. The additional destroyers and the hundreds of thousands of tons of new shipping which England and the United States are turning out will in time overcome the U-boat."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK IN SALVATION ARMY

Demonstration in Massey Hall Last Evening Was Attended by Large Crowd to Witness Work.

A special feature in connection with the Salvation Army Congress was the young people's demonstration, held in Massey Hall, last evening. Over 3500 people were present to witness a demonstration of the kind of work that these young people are doing. The work of the "Life Saving Guards" and "Life Saving Scouts" as exemplified was especially commendable. Other items worthy of mention were a march by Riverdale and Wychwood Bugle Bands, a vocal trio by Captain Mapp, Assistant Leader Moore and instructor Beer, several drills by Adjutant Maisey's class, and a drill by Mrs. Brigadier Attwell's class of primary girls.

OFFICERS NOMINATED.

Col. Henry Brock Likely to Head Ward Four Conservatives.

Members of Ward Four Liberal-Conservative Association held a harmonious meeting in Broadway Hall last night. The gathering was called for the purpose of nominating officers for the coming year. Two were named for president, Col. H. Brock and A. Draimin, but the latter declared his intention of retiring in favor of Col. Brock. A letter from the secretary of Ward Four Riding Conservative Association was read, which contained a refusal to accept an offer of amalgamation of the two associations. The reason being that the appointment of G. R. Sweeny as president was not acceptable to the riding association.

Mr. Sweeny delivered an address as retiring president. He had tried to unite the two associations, but without success, and believed it his duty to retire.

The following were the nominations: President, Col. Henry Brock, Archie Draimin; first vice-president, J. T. Lester, A. A. Gray; second vice-president, James Hossack, John McClelland; third vice-president, J. M. Mehr, C. Garfunkel, W. R. Flett, W. E. Smith; financial secretary, James Knowles, J. D. Bailey; treasurer, Charles Black, W. E. Smith, W. H. Saunders; recording secretary, E. A. Fennell, W. R. Flett, W. Armstrong.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE MEETS.

The regular meeting of St. John's Lodge, A.F. and A.M., No. 75 G.R.C., was held last evening in the Temple Building, when there were about one hundred present. The chair was taken by Wor. Bro. C. F. Boddy, worshipful master, and there were a great many distinguished visitors present, including W. Bro. T. Barber, P.M., Occident Lodge, No. 346, and W. Bro. H. Tusen of Colusa Lodge, No. 240, of California. The first degree was worked with full musical ritual, and following the business of the evening the party adjourned to the supper room, where refreshments were served.

POLITICS INSPIRED DRIVE AGAINST ITALY

Isonzo Offensive Designed to Bolster Up Public Spirit of Nations of Central Powers.

Copenhagen, Nov. 5.—An attempt is being made by the Pan-German forces to use the victory in Italy as a lever to overturn the previous decisions on peace terms, and particularly to coax or blundgeon Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, and Chancellor von Hertling into a revision of the attitude taken in the replies to Pope Benedict's peace note.

The Isonzo offensive has been revealed as being even more political than military in character, designed not only to induce sentiment which will perhaps force Italy to abandon the war, but also to bolster up the very shaky war spirit in Austria and relieve the pressure which Count Czernin has steadily exercised on the German Government to secure peace at almost any price.

JAPANESE WILL SUPPLY CHINA WITH ARMAMENT

Tokio Helps Peking Authorities To Reorganize Chinese Army

Tokio, Oct. 12 (By mail)—A report that Japan has agreed to furnish the Tuan ministry at Peking with arms to the value of 30,000,000 yen has been published here, but has not been confirmed. The Asahi, representing the opposition to the government, deprecates such an action on the part of the Terauchi ministry as likely to give offence both in America and also in South China. In government circles, however, it is explained that Tokio is merely helping the Peking authorities to reorganize the Chinese army, not at all with the object of oppressing South China. Furthermore, it is said that the United States will supply China with arms if Japan does not do so.

VETERANS ENDORSE COL. COLES.

London, Ont., Nov. 5.—Lieut.-Col. W. G. Coles was given the fullest endorsation of the Great War Veterans' Association at a largely attended meeting tonight as their win-the-war candidate in the coming general election. He formally accepted.

FORCES OF TEUTONS CROSS TAGLIAMENTO

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German divisions which effected the passage are advancing westward, it is added.

Across Tagliamento.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 5.—The reports of heavy artillery fire on both banks of the Tagliamento, with chief pressure on the Italian left wing, shows that Austro-German patrols have crossed the river, as foreseen, and that the enemy is trying to throw his main body into the plain of the western Friuli region.

The enemy attack in the Giudicaria Valley on the Trentino front also shows clearly his purpose to make a mass attack from the north.

The situation is still grave. Attention is now centred on the strength of the defenses west of the Tagliamento River and on the ability to effect the vast reorganization and oppose the whole force of the concentration of allied troops and reinforcements against the tremendous pressure the enemy is exerting.

All the allies should realize that one of the supreme trials of the war has reached the final stage.

The chief pressure of the enemy advance is now being exerted against the newly constituted left wing of the Italian army in an attempt to throw the bulk of the hostile forces across the Tagliamento River and then resort to the enemy's favorite device of a turning movement. The Tagliamento is the boundary between the eastern and the western Friuli region, and having overrun the eastern region it is the evident purpose of the enemy general staff to profit by speedily throwing its masses into the western region before the Italians are able to carry out their reformation process.

Time is the chief factor for Italy in reconstructing her lines, and speed is the chief factor for the enemy, altho the Marne furnished the warning of the danger in pushing an army ahead too fast.

Face a Colossal Task.

The Tagliamento is something more than a military obstruction, as it is also relied upon to give time for reorganization. This involves not only fighting but feeding, and it is a colossal task to re-establish the deranged subsistence service of a vast army, so that rations may be supplied with that unfailing regularity which keeps up the morale of the troops.

The natural defences west of the river are also strong, as the region is known as the Holland of Italy, being a network of canals and rivers, most of them running straight across the line of the advancing enemy wave.

The French troops received an enthusiastic welcome and the presence of the French and the English supplies brought inspiration thruout the Italian ranks. The American action also was noted with the deepest satisfaction.

It is felt that the allies are now keenly alive to the Italian front and that the legend that there is only one front, on the Flanders line, is ended.

The co-operation of the allies is being watched and accompanied by a patriotic wave thruout Italy. The walls everywhere are covered with patriotic declarations for the defence of the country. The workmen of the great Ansaldo gun and ammunition works united in a petition to the government asking permission to leave their work and take arms in the field.

The Navora and Genoa cavalry regiment which General Cadorna has conspicuously thanked for the rearguard services they performed are everywhere heroes of the hour and may be considered worthy of all praise. The correspondent's party saw them last Sunday during the pell mell retreat, witnessing the inspiring spectacle of these troopers spurring forward across the fields.

THICK MIST PREVENTS AIRPLANE ACTIVITY

British Aviators Fly Only in Coast Sector, Destroying One Enemy.

London, Nov. 5.—The official communication issued this evening dealing with aviation follows:

"Yesterday owing to thick mist very little flying was possible, except on the coast. In this sector successful artillery work was carried out. One German airplane was downed in air fighting. None of our machines is missing."

To Boost Agricultural Production in Dominion

Ottawa, Nov. 5.—District representatives of the Ontario department of agriculture are to be enlisted in the campaign for increased production. A meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon in Toronto, when the Hon. W. J. Hanna, food controller, Mr. H. S. Arkell, acting live stock commissioner, and Mr. J. D. McGregor of Brandon will speak, placing before the committee representatives the facts of the world's food situation.

GERMAN SOLDIERS PROTEST ATROCITIES

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no morality and no ethics any more. There are no human beings any more, but only beasts. Down with militarism!"

"In Name of Christianity."

"This was the experience of a Prussian soldier, at present wounded in Berlin, June 22, 1916.

"If you are a truth-loving man, please receive these lines from a common Prussian soldier."

This was the plea of another German soldier on the eastern front:

"Russian Poland, Dec. 19, 1914.

"In the name of Christianity I send you these words:

"'My conscience forces me as a Christian German soldier to inform you of these lines.

"'Wounded Russians are killed with the bayonet according to orders.

"'And Russians who have surrendered are often shot down in masses, according to orders, in spite of their heart-rending prayers.'

"In the hope that you, as the representative of a Christian state, will protest against this, I sign myself:

"A German soldier and Christian.

"I would give my name and regiment, but these words could get me court-martialed for divulging military secrets."

This letter was from a soldier on the western front:

"To the American Government:

"Washington, U.S.A.:

"Englishmen who have surrendered are shot down in small groups. With the French one is more considerate. I ask whether men let themselves be taken prisoner in order to be disarmed and shot down afterwards? Is that chivalry in battle? It is no longer a secret among the people; one hears everywhere that few prisoners are taken; they are shot down in small groups. They say naively: 'We don't want any unnecessary mouths to feed. Where there is no one to enter complaint, there is no judge.' Is there no power in the world which can put an end to these murders and rescue the victims? Where is Christianity? Where is right? Might is right.

"A soldier, and a man who is no barbarian."

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

BERLIN announces that the Germans have crossed the Tagliamento River, and Rome reports the crossing as on the Italian left wing. The enemy is apparently attempting a turning movement at a point near the foothills of the Alps. Reports from Italian general headquarters show that the enemy had previously thrown his patrols across the upper waters of this stream. The hostile attacks in the Trentino cause many persons to believe that the main onset is coming from the north. At any rate the enemy quite plainly shows his intentions of exploiting his initial advantages to the utmost before the Italians recover from their surprise and confusion. The aid already despatched by Great Britain, France and the United States has inspirited the Italians. Despite the optimistic reports sent out from Rome, however, it can clearly be seen that the Italians have not yet safely passed the crisis. The enemy has produced a new deleterious gas and his artillery shows a power that must come as a disagreeable awakening for the allied munition ministries.

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The Italian general staff has done marvelously well in evacuating the bulk of its military stores from the area behind the Isonzo. The commissariat, however, is still encountering difficulties in feeding the troops in their new alignment. Until this is done well the soldiers can hardly be expected to fight well. It seems now well established that the Germans made use of a lavish distribution of gold to suborn disaffected elements in the Italian army. When all is told, perhaps, one of the gravest and greatest scandals in history will be disclosed.

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The British are keeping up their victorious pressure against the Turks before Gaza and behind Beersheba, in Palestine. The operations are proceeding, according to an official bulletin issued last night. The British have captured 207 Turkish officers and 2529 men up till the present. Their successes have already dealt the enemy a severe blow. The time has come for Britain to demonstrate her victorious ascendancy over the Germans by the occupation of a large stretch of territory. The Russian attack in Asia Minor, near the Black Sea shore, may be the forerunner of more ambitious assaults. If the allies should occupy Anatolia they would deprive Germany of her sole remaining source of cotton supply. It is this cotton which is permitting the enemy to continue the war by providing him with the base of propellent explosives. Attacking the Turk in Palestine and in Mesopotamia is attacking the enemy at his weakest point. More British public support will accrue to this campaign as a result of the demolition of the centralist theory of there being only one important front, and that front being in France.

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The Belgians are having quite a brisk time in their artillery and raiding operations. Dixmude is the centre of their increasing pressure, and all this activity shows preparations for an advance in co-operation with the British army. The coast sector is also claiming increasing bombardments from British artillerists. The strategy of Sir Douglas Haig becomes increasingly plain. It is to drive into the German lines a large salient as on the Somme. This will compel the Germans to retire as they did last spring. The retirement will evacuate a large section of territory. The British salient as at present driven has attained too sharp an apex to proceed safely much deeper without widening the base. It is for this reason that the Belgians are becoming aggressive.

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The British battle front in Belgium has experienced comparative quietness for the infantry with only a small British advance near Poelcapelle. The artillery, however, has not intermitted its bombardment. The German guns also display liveliness against certain roads and approaches. The British artillery tactics is designed to subject the German troops to an intense and constant nervous strain. The inveterate practice is to increase the volume of fire to drumfire as if preceding an attack. This compels the Germans to keep in constant readiness and it strains the nervous system of their soldiers to a high pitch of tensity in order to be ready for meeting the uncertain shock.

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The American army has had its first encounter with the Germans, losing a detachment of 19 men and non-coms. Twelve of these survived to become prisoners, and three were wounded. The detachment resisted the enemy with great gallantry. It was cut off from its supports by an intense German barrage. Two French soldiers with the detachment shared its misfortune. The Americans thus cut off are the soldiers referred to by the enemy the other day as North American troops. A Berlin newspaper account went into heroics over the German exploits to make the German people lightly regard what they are confronting.

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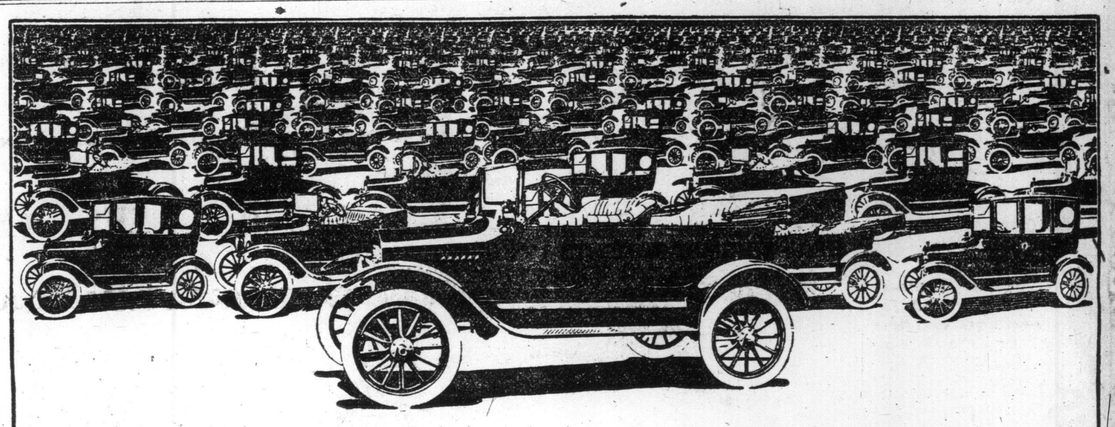
The situation on the Aliette River is unchanged. The Germans still hold the northern slopes and the French the southern. The enemy maintains a constant fire of machine guns, stinkpots, and explosive shells against the French from his higher positions, either as a strong rearguard demonstration or as a serious action to enable him to consolidate his new lines along the Aliette. The extreme liveliness in shooting off ammunition seems to imply that the foe withdrawal has not reached its limits.



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