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# ISH CHASE FOE'S CRUISER

Haig's and Petain's Men In High Spirits as They Move Forward To Positions In the Italian Line.

Berlin, Nov. 17—(Via London).— Austro-German forces invading the northern provinces of Italy yester-day, stormed Monte Prassolan, between the Brenta and Plave rivers, says the official statement issued today by the German general staff. Eight hundred Italians were taken

London, Nov. 17.—The British correspondent accredited to Italian headquarters in a dispatch dated

Thursday says:
Allied reinforcements are reach ing Italy in increasing numbers. To save waiting for trains on the congested railway some French French troops have been brought across the Alps through the snow-covered passes. The Allied troops are marching steadily forward to their appointed places in the Italian scheme of defence. "Both the British and French troops are in high spirits. They are delighted at the change in scene and over the prospect of a

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Italian headquarters, under date of Friday, tells of the grave difficulties of the Italian defenders on the Trentino mountain frontier, where the same troops day after where the same troops day after day are resisting the enemy without opportunity for rest, while the Austro-Germans having greater reserve, assault incessantly with fresh and vigorous troops. Nevertheless, the correspondent adds, the main bulwarks of the defence remain firm and presumably it will not be long before the Allied help makes itself apparent.

new adventure."

Force That Crossed the Piave Is Giving Ground.

Rome, Nov. 17. - The German troops who forced a crossing of the Piave at Zenson are being pushed back steadily by the Italians, it is announced officially. In other sectors nearly 1,000 prisoners have been taken.

## BLAMES PREMIER FOR MISTAKE OF ALLIED ARMIES

Times Critic Declares Lloyd George Is Responsible For Arras Blunder.

London, Nov. 17 .- The military correspondent of the Times, recurring to Premier Lloyd George's speech in Paris,

When the premier narrates the follies of his British and foreign colleague and lays the responsibility for Allied and lays the responsibility for Ained misfortune on them while forgetting his own share in these transactions, it becomes necessary to speak out."

The writer then examines separately the premier's assertions to show that the Government, of which Premier Lloyd George is a member, is responsible for the failures which he pilloried in Paris. The writer asserts among

other things:
"The British army virtually was
placed under Gen, Nivelle (the former
French commander) at the Calais conference by Premier Lloyd George withbut consulting the soldiers beforehand.
Our losses in the later stages of the Arras battle were due to our loyal ef-forts to take a strain off Gen. Neville, and the tardy opening of our Flanders offensive was due to delay caused by

REVOLT IN ECUADOR

### BUST BREAKER DIES AT FRONT

Toronto, Nov. 17.—All Canada heard of the exploit of John Alexander Ferguson, when at the outbreak of the war he tied a rope around the bust of Kaiser Wilhelm at Berlin, Ont. (now Kitchener), and dragged it into a pond. He afterwards enlisted, and on October 30 he was killed in battle Pte. J. A. Ferguson enlisted at Guelph in February, 1915, and August of the same Year found him in France. He was 23 years old, and well known in Kitchener. The young soldier was to have had a furlough at Christmas time, and planned to wed an old country girl on his furlough.

# TOTAL SCORE 73 MILLIONS

Ontario Leads In Contribution With \$47,840,750, Man-

## LARGE ISLAND FLEET TO CARRY THE CATCH TO FOREIGN MARKETS

Newfoundland's Building More Than Makes Up Fer . Many Losses.

St. Johns, Nfld., Nov. 17.-Losses of salling vessels in the Newfoundland trade through storms, German raiders and German submarines since the war started have been more than made up by building within the colony and purchase abroad. The Newfoundland sailing fleet now numbers 125 vessels, and 17 more are on the stocks, the total of 142, making the largest locally-owned fleet in a generation. This is exclusive of boats used only in the island trade.

The fleet, made up of schooners ranging from 100 to 400 tons, has a capacity which will enable the colony to take to foreign markets in Newgfoundland bottoms the entire catcu of cod in island waters, estimated at trade through storms, German raiders

cod in island waters, estimated at about 1,500,000 quintals, or 168,000,000

### TOO OLD TO REVERT

Ballantyne Explain Why He Did Not Get to Front.

Montreal, Nov. 17.—Hon. C. C. Bai-lantyne, minister of marine and fish-eries, at a largely attended meeting of women voters last night, replied to the charge of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux that he was "a safety first colonel." Hon. Mr. Ballantyne stated that the reason why he had not reverted to the rank of lieutenant while in England and gone to France was because he was too old.
"I had to admit," he said, "that fifty years had gone over my head, and they said: "That settles it for you." Montreal, Nov. 17 .- Hon. C. C. Bal-

Hon. Mr. Ballantyne asserted that he left no stone unturned in his efforts to get to the front, and had offered to General Turner to serve in any capacity either at the front or in England.

## IS WORRYING GERMANS martial.

erusalem's Capture Would Imperi Policy in Orient,

After commenting adversely on the miler's references to the Russian and lian campaigns, the writer says:

It would have been better had by George adhered to the facts."

EVOLT IN ECUADOR

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Anayaquil, Ecuador, Nov. 17.—The colution which broke out several days is a small one, and is confined to eral unimportant villages. The Government announces that it will take mint steps to crush the revolt.

Copenhagen, Nov. 16.—An article by Capt. von Salzman, printed in the Berlin Vossische Zeitung, calls attention to the great importance of the British successes in Palestine. The writer says the capture of Jerusalem would threaten German's entire policy in the Orient.

Other writers in German newspapers it to comfort the Turks with the hope of a satisfactory adjustment of the situation at the peace conference, though they say there is no indication that Germany and Austria-Hungary, who are using Turkish troops, do not contemplate sacrificing any of the conquests to help Turkey regain her lost territory.



LONDONERS RUSH TO BUY VICTORY BONDS



Those Who Are Against Food Barons and Profiteering Sure to Attend in Thousands to Listen to Union Labor Head, Against Whom Interests Have Plotted.

are invited to come," says the advertisement of the London Trades and Labor Council in regard to the meeting to be held in the Masonic Hail tonight to hear President J. C. Watters of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. This should insure a crowd that will pack the largest public hall in London to capacity. For there are thousands and thousands of people in London who are not only "opposed to the Big interests," but who are in a fighting mood in regard to the whole question of war and food profiteering. President Watters is certain to receive one of the greatest ovations ever tendered a public man. President Watters stands as the central figure of Canada's vast population of workingmen. He is the man who has been called to the councils of the nations to speak for labor, and he has spoken fearlessly and in tones that have been heard vertisement of the London Trades

from coast to coast. Government newspapers attempted to kill off Watters for the presidency of organized labor by a concerted attack just before the recent Trades Congress at Ottawa. In so many words, the Ottawa Journal-Press, a paper which was recently bounds up by the which was recently bought up by the Conservatives, stated that the president was a man whom labor should depose. The answer of the labor men was to re-elect Mr. Watters

men was to re-elect Mr. Watters unanimously.

The head of the labor men has been plotted against by the Big Interests, attempts have been made to bribe him, and in many ways it has been demonstrated that he was a man feared by the recent Government and the Big Interests.

Every workingman in London should be on hand tonight. It is probable that an overflow meeting may be held on the market square. George S. Gibbons, Labor-Liberal candidate, will also address the meeting.

GENERAL STRIKE ON

AT FINN CAPITAL

Helsingfors, Finland, Friday, Nov. 16.

### AMERICAN CASUALTY LIST IS MOUNTING

Artillery Fire of Germans Is All Business Is at a Standstill Taking Full of Sammies.

With the American Army in France, Friday, Nov. 16.—(by the Associated Press).—The artillery fighting in the sector held by American troops has become even more lively, and there have been further casualities, shrapnel wounding some men in the trenches.

—A general strike of all workmen, including those on the falliways, is in progress, and business life is at a stand-still, except for the light and water have been further casualities, shrapnel wounding some men in the trenches.

—A general strike of all workmen, including those on the falliways, is in progress, and business life is at a stand-appear before the revolutionary committee, where you will negotiate as head of the Government.

—Russian Government troops have under a white flag and appear before the revolutionary committee, where you will negotiate as head of the Government.

—Promised a Guard.

—What shall 1 do. Will 1 have to commit suicide?

"If you are an honest man you will go to Petrograd under a white flag and appear before the revolutionary committee, where you will negotiate as head of the Government.

From 1 and 1 do. Will 1 have to commit suicide? Friday, Nov. 16.—(By the Associated -A general strike of all workmen, inhave been further casualties, shrapnel wounding some men in the trenches.

An enemy shell hit an American gun today and caused casualties. Some of the men wounded in the last two days is well armed. the men wounded in the last two days

### CLEMENCEAU PLANS TO REFORM CENSORSHIP

Paris, Nov. 17 .- The French Government under the new premier, Georges
Clemenceau, it is reported, will suppress
the political censorship immediately. As the political censorship immediately. As to the military and diplomatic censorship a special office will be established at the war department to advise the newspapers daily as to what news ought not to be published as dangerous to the conduct of the war. An editor disregarding the advice would risk courtmartial.

As regards charges of treason and relations with the enemy, it is said that the premier intends to avail himself of the existing special war legislation to "It was a great responsibility," said to Malta was held up by an Austrian upwarried to Malta was held up by an Austrian upwarried to Malta was held up by an Austrian to dynamic was held up by an Austrian well and up by Capt. Stanley Wilson, who was carrying the dispatches, and who himself was taken prisoner by the Austrians and only recently released. Capt. Wilson told the military court which is investigating his capture that he threw one bag overboard, but that to his horror it did not sink, as he had supposed it would. At this juncture he was approached by an Austrian well was held up by an Austrian to dynamic who himself was taken prisoner by the Austrians and only recently released. Capt. Wilson told the military court which is investigating his capture that he threw one bag overboard, but that to his horror it did not sink, as he had supposed it would. At this juncture he was approached by an Austrian well was held up by Capt. Stanley Wilson, who was carrying the dispatches, and who himself was taken prisoner by the Austrians and only recently released. Capt. Wilson told the military court which is investigating his capture fat to take approached by an Austrian was held up by Capt. Stanley Wilson, who was carrying the dispatches, and who himself was taken prisoner by the Austrians and only recently released. Capt. Wilson, who was carrying the dispatches, and who himself was taken prisoner by the Austrians and only recently wilson. The dispatches, and who himself was taken prisoner by the Austrians and only recently wilson. Stanley Wilson, who

the existing special war legislation to refer all such cases to military tribunals.
At present treason is tried before a military tribunal and cases of commerce with the enemy before a civil tribunal.

RICH SMUGGLER FINED. New York, Noy. 17.—Fines aggregating \$8,000 were imposed in the federal court here today on Mrs. Whitney Warren, wife of a wealthy New York architect, and treasurer of the Secours National Fund for the Relief of French women and children, who pleaded guilty to undervaluing expensive gowns she brought into the United States from Paris.

Was Deserted by Officers and Ordered To Surrender To Reds.

COSSACKS OPPOSING HIM

Petrograc, Friday, Nov. 16 .- Deserte by most of his officers and virtually ordered to surrender to the Bolshevik Premier Kerensky evaded the guards sent for him and has disappeared. Gen. Dukhonin has resumed temporarily the post of commander-in-chief of the Kerensky forces, recently defeated at Tsarskoe-Selo.

Gen. Krasnoff, former commande inder Kerensky, and who was arrested with other members of the premier's staff, has been released on the ground that he was only obeying the orders of his superior. Gen. Krasnoff's report concerning the disappearance of Kerensky confirms that he fied under disappearance of the superior.

ensky connirms that he heat duder disguise,

Kerensky Skipped.

Premier Kerensky, when told that his
officers were against him and that his
men were on the point of deserting,
agreed to come to Petrograd, but while
a guard was being arranged he dropped
out of sight.

"At 3 o'clock on the afternoon of
November 16 old style (November 14
new style) I called at the headquarters
of the commander-in-chief," said Gen,
Krasnoff. "He appeared nervous and
excited. "General," said he, you mave
betrayed me, Your Cossacks say they
will arrest me and give me up to the

sailors.'
"'Yes,' I answered, 'such a discussion is now going on. There appears to sion is now going on. There appears to be little sympathy for you.'
"Do the officers feel the same way?" 'Yes.'
'What shall I do. Will I have to

Promised a Guard.

"Kerensky agreed to this, and he was promised a guard. He objected to a guard of sailors on the ground that some enemies were among them. He wanted to wait until night, but finally wanted to wait until night, but finally agreed to make the trip by daylight. I went and called Col. Kishkoff of the 19th Don Cossacks and ordered him to appoint a guard of eight men. A half-hour later the Cossacks told me that Kerensky could not be found I raised the alarm, thinking that he could not have left Gatchina."

M. Bibenko, member of the committee on war and marine, has reported to the Workmen's and Soldiers' Congress that Kerensky fied garbed as a sailor, Before Kerensky's flight, Bibenko said, he talked to the Cossacks and found they were willing to come to AMERICAN WOMAN SAVED BRITISH PAPERS WHEN A SUB HELD UP THE VESSEL

and found they were willing to come to an agreement with the Maximalists, only the officers being opposed. He said that he had promised the Cossacks that they would be cleared and pos-sibly allowed to retain their mounts and arms and to return to the Don re-

gion.

Bibenko denied that Michael Roman-

this juncture he was approached by an American woman traveling on the steamer, who offered to take charge of the other bags, saying she wished to do something for England.

"It was a great responsibility," said Capt. Wilson. "but I took it, and my action was justified, as the bags reached London."

The bags were hidden by the American woman until the Austrians had concluded their search of the steamer.

AKRON'STRIKE OVER.

Akron, Ohlo, Nov, 17.—Street cars were running on all city and interior in settlement of a strike which has affected more than 1,000 employees of the company since Monday morning.

Bibenko denied that Michael Roman-fond. the former Grand Duke Michael Roman-fond. The fond the former Grand Duke Michael Roman-fond, the former Grand Duke Michael Roman-fond. The denied also that Gen. Korniloff had each form prison.

SITUATION AT MOSCOW.

Petrograd, Nov. 16.—The damage done to the Kremiin in Moscow is min- imized in messages received here from the Maximalist delegates in the old Russian capital, who say that only the Alexander Palace has suffered. They confirm the burning of several houses in Moscow. From other sources it is reported the Bolsheviki have planted heavy artillery on Sparrow Hill and on the famous sc

# **CONTINUE TO CARRY RIDGE**

Further Progress Is Reported Along the Heights Near Passchendaele.

London, Nov. 17 .- Further progress was made yesterday by the British troops on the main ridge in the vicinity of Passchendaele, on the Belgian battle front, the British war office announced today.

The communication follows: "A successful operation was car-ried out late yesterday evening by detachments from the Highland, Berkshire and Lancashires Batta-lions in the vicinity of Passchendaele. Further portions of the enemy's defences on the main ridge north of the village, including a strongly fortified farm, were cap-tured by us. We also took a num-ber of prisoners. "West of this locality also

have advanced our lines slightly at certain points. The enemy's artillery has again been active throughout the night on the battle-front. The German shelling has heen particularly severe in

## FIRE FIGHTERS ARE TRAPPED BY FLAMES IN JERSEY'S WILDS

Tewlve Mountaineers Perish While Trying to Stop Bush Blaze.

Allendale, N. J., Nov. 17.—Twelve mountaineers were burned to death yesterday while fighting the forest fire which has been raging for four days in the Ramapo Mountains near here. The twelve men were members of the band of 200 special deputy fire wardens sworn in two days ago.

The fire had swept near the American Brake Shee and Foundry Company's plant at Mahwah, which is engaged on government work. The 1,000 employees were ordered out to fight the fires. In advance of them were twelve mountaineers. While they were fighting the fire, which the wind was blowing to the right of them, the mountaineers evidently did not notice that a veering wind also was sweeping it to the left, forming a circle about them. They did not discover their peril until the flames had surrounded them. Then the twelve tried to fight their way out, with the fire gradually closing in on them. Three hundred men valuly fought the flames to reach the imprisoned mountaineers. A quarter of an hour after they were trapped the fire had comtaineers. A quarter of an hour after they were trapped the fire had com-pletely closed in on them. When the bodies of the twelve were

## found they were charred beyond recog-MINOR ENGAGEMENTS

Paris, Nov. 17.—"There were active artillery engagements last night north of Courtecon," says today's official communication. "We repulsed an enemy communication. "We repulsed an enemy detachment which attempted to approach our lines in this region, and inflicted serious losses on it. Raids en German trenches southeast of St. Quentin, in the Champagne, east of Teton, and in the Woevre, enabled us to bring back prisoners, including one officer, and war materials. In Upper Alsace the artillery fighting was rather heavy at Schonholz. Everywhere else the night passed in quiet."

SCULPTOR RODIN DEAD.
Paris, Nov. 17.—Auguste Rodin, the famous sculptor, is dead
He was born in Paris in 1840, and his peculiar style did not gain recognition until 1880. His impressionistic and inspirational works are known throughout the world.

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shell.
An interesting naval development is longuaged groups in the North Sea, where British light naval forces this morning has now reacher goland bight. The British admiralty tempores the British forces pursuing the german warships, which retired at high speed.

Father Point . 34 26
Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was so the worth and the summaring has now reacher foundland after causing stormy tions over the greater portion Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere is add the weather has been fair.

## OFF COAST OF HELIGOLAND British and German Light Craft Engaged Today In North Sea-Enemy's Vessels Are Making Off With British In

London, Nov. 17 .- British light forces today engaged German light cruisers off Heligoland, the British Admiralty announced today. The German warships retired, and the British forces are now chasing them. The announcement follows:

Hot Pursuit.

"British light forces operating in Heligoland Bight have been engaged with Ger man light forces this morning. The only information we have received thus far is that our vessels have engaged enemy light cruisers, that the latter have retired at high speed, and that our vessels are in pursuit."

## TWO DAYS FURIOUS FIGHTING ENDED IN ROUT OF COSSACKS

Petrograd, Nov. 17.—The battle in which Premier Kerensky was defeated began last Saturday and continued until Monday night, according to the commander-in-chief of the Bolsheviki staff. The premier had five thousand Cossacks and several hundred military cadets with artillery. The Maximalist force included four Guard regiments, several battalions of sailors and numerous detachments of the Red Guard.

Many of the Bolsheviki soldiers were wounded, and a few were killed. The Cossacks in Kerensky's force once attempted a charge near Tsarsko Selo, but suffered heavy losses, after which

GERMAN CRUISERS IN FLIGHT

BEFORE BRITISH SQUADRON

### THE WAR SITUATION

Defeated in battle by the Bolsheviki and deserted by most of his own officers and men, Premier Kerensky is in flight and his whereabouts is unknown in Petrograd. The head of Russia's Provisional Government was about to surrender to the Maximalists under

coercion when he disappeared. turned and the Bolsheyiki are in con-

turned and the Bolsheviki are in control of the ancient capital with forces of the Provisional Government besieged in the Kremiin. Heavy artiliery is being used against the walls.

Moscow Massacres.
Between 2,000 and 5,000 persons have been killed in Moscow sincs the outbrak of the revoit. Gen. Kaledines, leader of the Cossacks, is reported approaching the city with relief for the Kerensky forces.

Previous to his sudden flight, the premier had seen his force, mostly Cossacks, defeated by the Bolsheviki near Taarskoe-Selo, which is now in the hands of the revolutionists. The Bolsheviki troeps were commanded by members of the old aristocracy and former army officers.

A traveler returning from the Caucasus says that while conditions in the provinces are not normal, there is no sympathy with Premier Kerensky. He believes the Russian people want a leader who will maintain authority and order. He believes the Cossacks in Kuban and the Don region have united and formed their own government. and formed their own government. italian Line Holding. From Lake Garda to the Adriatic Ser

From Lake Garda to the Adriatic Sea over the Aslago plateau, and down the Plave valley, the Italians are holding the Austro-Germans in check. Nowhere has the Italian line been penetrated for important gains, although the enemy pressure is very strong. Teutonic attacks have been repulsed with heavy losses everywhere in the mountainous region, except around Cismon, in the Sugana Valley, northeast of Aslago.

Aslago.

The intense artillery duel continues along the Plave. The invaders have been unable to make further crossings of the river. At the river's mouth the of the river. At the river's mouth the enemy advance has been held up, if not stopped completely; through the Italian action in opening the flood gates of the Plave and Sile rivers, resulting in the inundation of 70 square miles of terrain. Attempts to cross the river further north have been defeated by the Italians. The Teutonic force which crossed at Zenson is held on the river's bank by the Italians.

In Flanders.

the Italians.

In Flanders, the British carried out a successful operation last evening in the Passchendaele area, taking more of the valuable ground on the main ridge north of the village, They effected a slight advance, as well, in the difficult low-lying terrain sloping off to the west.

There has been notable artillery activity in the French sector held by the American troops, the German forces causing additional casualties among the Americans from shrapnel, and when an American gun was hit by a German shell.

## TORPEDO SHOTS FAIL TO SINK **NEW TRADE SHIP**

In Moscow the tide apparently has Non-Sinkable Vessel Invented in United States-20 for France.

Washington, Nov. 17 .- The shipping board has approved the build-ing of twenty 4,000-ton non-sinkable ships by the French Government in the United States. By so doing it has walved the rule that no foreign construction should be permitted at this time.

The non-sinkable ship is said to ne non-sinkable ship is said to have withstood torpedo attack in a test in which four shots were fired into the hull, and the only effect was to destroy the cargo immediately surrounding the point of attack.

DECLARE WAR AGAINST AUSTRIANS AND TURKS IS ROOSEVELT'S ADVICE

Princeton, N. J. Nov. 17.—Theodore Roosevelt in an address here last night declared that to make the world safe for democracy demands an immediate for democracy demands an immediate declaration of war by this country upon Austria and the Turks. He urged that the United States take some action toward establishing a permanent policy of preparedness and compared pacifists and pro-Germans to disintegrating forces in Russia.

### THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 52; lowest, 36.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 40; lowest, 30.

TOMORROW-FAIR AND MILD. Forecasts.

Moderate south winds; fair and mild today and on Sunday.

ort Stanley

The disturbance which was situated to the southward of Nova Scotia yesterday morning has now reached Newfoundland after causing stormy condi-