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BRITISH CHASE FOR GERMAN CRUISER FLEET

STRONG FORCES OF ALLIES POURING ACROSS THE ALPS TO RESCUE OF THE ITALIANS

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 yesterday,
stormed Monte Prassolano, between
the Brenna and Piave rivers, says
the official statement issued today
by the German general staff. Eight
hundred Italians were taken prisoner.

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

Allied reinforcements are reaching
Italy in increasing numbers. To
save waiting for trains on the congested
railway some 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 new adventure."

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 enemy troops
are resting the enemy without
opportunity for rest, while the
Austro-Germans having greater
resources, 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.

ITALIANS PUSH BACK TEUTONS

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, says:

"When the premier narrates the
folly of his British and foreign colleagues
and lays the responsibility for Allied
misfortune on them while forgetting his
own share in these transactions, it be-
comes 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 respon-
sible 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 con-
ference by Premier Lloyd George with-
out consulting the soldiers beforehand.
Our losses in the later stages of the
Arras battle were due to our loyal of-
ficers to take a strain off Gen. Nivelle,
and the tardy opening of our Flanders
offensive was due to delay caused by
this."

REVOLT IN EQUADOR IS BEING CRUSHED

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Nov. 17.—The
revolution which broke out several days
ago is a small one, and is confined to
several unimportant villages. The Gov-
ernment announces that it will take
prompt steps to crush the revolt.

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 Wil-
helm at Berlin, Ont. (now Kitch-
ener), and dragged it into a pond.
He afterwards enlisted, and on
October 20 he was killed in battle.
His name is now being carried by
the J. A. Ferguson enlisted at
Kitchener in February, 1916, 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 visit an old coun-
try girl on his furlough.

VICTORY LOAN TOTAL SCORE 73 MILLIONS

Ontario Leads In Contribution
With \$47,840,750, Man-
itoba Running Second.

Toronto, Nov. 17.—Dominion head-
quarters of the Victory Loan announce
that the total amount reported as sub-
scribed up to 11 a.m. today for all parts
of the dominion is \$73,850,000, divided
as follows:

Prince Edward Island, \$765,400; Nova
Scotia, \$2,443,600; New Brunswick,
\$76,120; Quebec, \$1,022,650; Montreal
City and Island, \$6,814,850; Ontario,
\$47,840,750; Manitoba, \$4,154,950; Sas-
katchewan, \$1,938,400; Southern Alberta,
\$1,441,600; Northern Alberta, \$425,550;
British Columbia, \$1,805,300.

LARGE ISLAND FLEET TO CARRY THE CATCH TO FOREIGN MARKETS

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

St. Johns, Nfld., Nov. 17.—Losses of
sailing vessels in the Newfoundland
trade through storms, German raiders
and German submarines since the war
started have been made up by
building within the colony and pur-
chasing abroad. The Newfoundland sail-
ing 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
local trade.

The fleet made up of schooners
ranging from 100 to 400 tons, has a
combined tonnage of 125,000 tons, and
is capable of carrying 1,500,000 pounds
of goods to foreign markets in New-
foundland bottoms the entire catch of
cod in island waters, estimated at
about 1,500,000 quintals, or 150,000,000
pounds.

TOO OLD TO REVERT

Bailantyne Explains Why He Did Not
Get to Front.

Montreal, Nov. 17.—Hon. C. C. Bal-
lantyne, minister of marine and fish-
eries, at a largely attended meeting of
women veterans last night, replied to
the charge of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux
that he was "a safety first colonel."
Hon. Mr. Bailantyne 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.'"

Hon. Mr. Bailantyne asserted that
the capture of Jerusalem would threaten
the British Empire, and he had offered to
General Turner to serve in any capacity
either at the front or in England.

PALESTINE CAMPAIGN IS WORRYING GERMANS

Jerusalem's Capture Would Imperil
Policy in Orient.

Copenhagen, Nov. 16.—An article by
Capt. von Salzman, printed in the Ber-
lin Voelische 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
try 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 con-
quest to help Turkey regain her lost
territory.



This picture gives some idea of the way the Victory Loan bonds are being sold over the counter at head-
quarters, 159 Dundas street.

"BIG INTERESTS" OPPONENTS EXPECTED TO CROWD HALL TO HEAR TRADES LEADER TONIGHT

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

"All opposed to the Big Interests
are invited to come," says the ad-
vertisement of the London Trades
and Labor Council in regard to the
meeting to be held in the Masonic
Hall tonight to hear President J. G.
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 stands as the
central figure of Canada's vast popu-
lation of workmen. He is the
council of the nations to speak for
labor, and he has spoken fearlessly
and in tones that have been heard

AMERICAN CASUALTY LIST IS MOUNTING

Artillery Fire of Germans Is
Taking Toll 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 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
have died.

CLEMENCEAU PLANS TO REFORM CENSORSHIP

Paris, Nov. 17.—The French Govern-
ment, under the new premier, Georges
Clemenceau, it is reported, will sup-
press the political censorship immedi-
ately. As to the military and diplomatic
censorship a special office will be estab-
lished 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 disre-
garding the advice would risk court-
martial.

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GERMAN CRUISERS IN FLIGHT BEFORE BRITISH SQUADRON OFF COAST OF HELIGOLAND

HAIGS TROOPS 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 Passchen-
daele, 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,
Berks and Lancashire Divisions
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 we
have advanced our lines slightly
at certain points. The enemy's ar-
tillery has again been active
throughout the night on the battle-
front. The German shelling has
been particularly severe near the
Passchendaele sector."

KERENSKY AGAIN EVADES ENEMIES AND DISAPPEARS

Was Deserted by Officers and
Ordered To Surrender
To Reds.

COSSACKS OPPOSING HIM

Petrograd, Friday, Nov. 16.—Deserted
by most of his officers and virtually
ordered to surrender to the Bolsheviks,
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. Kravskoff, former commander
under 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. Kravskoff's report
concerning the disappearance of Ker-
ensky confirms that he fled under dis-
guise.

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 15
new style) Kerensky, in a dark coat
and a hat, appeared nervous and
"glazed" in the face. He was accom-
panied by a few staff officers, and he
betrayed me. Your Cossacks say they
will arrest me and give me up to the
Reds."

"Yes," I answered, "such a discus-
sion is now going on. There appears to
be little sympathy for you. That only
the officers feel the same way he
asked."

"What shall I do. Will I have to
commit suicide?"

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

Kerensky agreed to this, and he was
promised a guard. He objected to
an agreement with the Maximilians,
and some enemies were among them.
He wanted to wait until night, but finally
agreed to make the trip by daylight.
I went and called Col. Kishkoff of the
10th 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 com-
mittee on war and marine, has re-
ported to the Workers' and Soldiers'
Congress that Kerensky fled garbed as
a sailor. Before Kerensky's flight, Bi-
benko said, he talked to the Cossacks
and found they were willing to come to
an agreement with the Maximilians,
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-
off, the former Grand Duke Michael
Alexandrovich, was with Kerensky.
He denied also that Gen. Korniloff
had escaped from the city.

MINOR ENGAGEMENTS ALONG WESTERN LINES

Paris, Nov. 17.—"There were active
artillery engagements last night north
of Courcouron," says today's official
communication. "We repulsed an enemy
detachment which attempted to ap-
proach our lines in this region, and in-
flicted serious losses on it. Raids on
German trenches southeast of St.
Quentin, in the Champagne sector,
were made last night. The result was
to bring back prisoners, including one
officer, and war material."

The artillery fighting was rather
heavy at Schoneberg. Everywhere else
the night passed in quiet."

BIG C. N. R. INCREASE

TORONTO, Nov. 16.—C. N. R. gross
earnings for the week ended Novem-
ber 11, 1917, were \$1,400,000, an in-
crease of \$214,700 over those of the correspond-
ing period of last year, when they were
\$1,185,300. From July 1 to date gross
earnings were \$16,485,600, being an in-
crease of \$344,700 over the correspond-
ing period of last year, when they
amounted to \$16,140,900.

SCULPTOR RODIN DEAD

Paris, Nov. 17.—Auguste Rodin, the
famous sculptor, died today.

British and German Light Craft Engaged Today In North Sea—Enemy's Vessels Are Making Off With British In Hot Pursuit.

London, Nov. 17.—British light forces today
engaged German light cruisers off Heligoland, the Brit-
ish Admiralty announced today. The German warships
retired, and the British forces are now chasing them.
The announcement follows:
"British light forces operating in Heligoland Bight
have been engaged with German light forces this morn-
ing. The only information we have received thus far
is that our vessels have engaged enemy light cruis-
ers, that the latter have retired at high speed, and that
our vessels are in pursuit."

TWO DAYS FURIOUS FIGHTING ENDED IN ROUT OF COSSACKS AND DISASTER FOR KERENSKY

Petrograd, Nov. 17.—The battle in
which Premier Kerensky was defeated
began last Saturday and continued un-
til Monday night, according to the
military news from the Bolshevik staff.
The premier had five thousand Cossacks
and several hundred military cadets
with artillery. The Maximilian force
included four Guard regiments, several
battalions of sailors and numerous de-
tachments of the Red Guard.

Many of the Bolshevik soldiers were
wounded, and a few were killed. The
Cossacks in Kerensky's force once at-
tempted a charge near Tsarskoe Selo,
but suffered heavy losses, after which
they retired into the town. The Maximi-
lans now hold Tsarskoe Selo.

The correspondent of the Associated
Press visited the scene of the fighting
today and was surprised to find a great
number of officers commanding the Bol-
sheviki. One of them, who was a colonel,
explained that they were disappointed
with Kerensky, who first destroyed dis-
cipline in the army, and were against
him above all.

A colonel of one of the famous Petro-
grad guard regiments is now command-
er of the Bolshevik staff, and directs
the operations of his army from a house
on a hill top two miles beyond Pulkova.

THE WAR SITUATION

Defeated in battle by the Bolsheviks
and deserted by most of his own of-
ficers 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 Maximilians under
coercion when he disappeared.

TORPEDO SHOTS FAIL TO SINK NEW TRADE SHIP

Non-Sinkable Vessel Invented
in United States—20
for France.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The ship-
ping board has approved the build-
ing of twenty 4,000-ton non-sink-
able ships by the French Govern-
ment in the United States. By so
doing it has waived the rule that
no foreign construction should be
permitted at this time.

The 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
declaration of war by this country op-
posed to Austria and the Turks. He urged
that the United States take some
action toward establishing a permanent
policy of preparedness and commu-
nism and pro-Germans to disinte-
grating 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.
Toronto, Nov. 17.
Forecasts.
Moderate and sunny; fair and mild
today and on Sunday.

Temperatures.
Stations. High. Low. Weather
Victoria ... 50 ... 42 ... Clear
Calgary ... 50 ... 30 ... Fair
Winnipeg ... 52 ... 32 ... Clear
Port Arthur ... 52 ... 36 ... Fair
Perry Sound ... 53 ... 36 ... Cloudy
Port Stanley ... 49 ... 28 ... Cloudy
Toronto ... 46 ... 33 ... Fair
Kingston ... 44 ... 30 ... Cloudy
Ottawa ... 42 ... 28 ... Cloudy
Montreal ... 28 ... 23 ... Clear
Quebec ... 40 ... 26 ... Clear
Father Point ... 34 ... 26 ... Cloudy

Weather Notes.
The disturbance which was situated
to the southward of Nova Scotia yes-
terday morning has now reached New-
foundland after causing stormy condi-
tions over the greater portion of the
Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere in Can-
ada the weather has been fair.