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Confidence in Italian Military Circles Over Situation ITALY CAN HOLD OWN Austrian Drive as Much a Political Move as Military Stroke PROPAGANDA SPREAD

RAIDS ON PRUSSIA Enemy Munition Works and Gas Plants Also Bombed

By Courier Leased Wire Petrograd, Oct. 31--The newspaper, Rabotchnaya Gazeta reproduces the text of a telegram sent by Premier Kerensky, prohibiting until further orders, the carrying out of the death sentences at the front.

By Courier Leased Wire. Ottawa, Oct. 31--The following official statement was issued to-day: "On behalf of the government the prime minister desires to emphasize the considerations set forth in his public announcement of October 25. "Men prominent in public life in both political parties have unselfishly stood aside in order that union might be achieved. The members of the present administration have sunk their party differences, disregarded all minor considerations and united in an earnest effort for a supreme national purpose. They feel that it is not too much to ask the people of Canada of whatever party allegiance to pursue the same course, to unite in the same spirit and thus to aid in the same purpose. "The government has no desire or intention of interfering with the right of the people in each riding to select the candidate of their choice but they desire united endeavor in making the selection. It is hoped that the women in each riding will be invited to co-operate for that purpose. "Those who are prepared to support union government naturally expect that they shall have a voice in the selection of union candidates. Any course which prevents this is liable to provoke discord and undermine unity of effort which is most needed."

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By Courier Leased Wire. London, Oct. 31--Confidence that Gen. Cadorna will be able to hold his own is felt in Italian military quarters here. The capture of Udine caused no surprise, as it is pointed out the Italians evacuated Udine some days ago. The Austro-German drive, according to news received in Italy, is as much political as military. It is pointed out that the capture of Udine has been the result of a political move, and that the Austro-German drive is as much a political move as a military stroke.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Oct. 31--The Germans made no attempt during the night to regain the ground won yesterday by the British on the Ypres front. "The German artillery developed some activity during the night on the battle front against the positions captured yesterday," says to-day's report from Field Marshal Haig. "There was nothing of special interest on the remainder of the front."

Petrograd, Oct. 31--The Ministry of War has been authorized to provide armed guards for passenger and freight trains. M. Liverevsky, minister of ways and communications, having reported anarchical conditions on the railways. The report showed that stations and freight trains had been looted and passengers robbed. Cossacks on duty. Petrograd, Oct. 31--The request of the Siberian Cossacks, that they be given representation on the jury which will try Gen. Korniloff, leader of the recent revolt, has been granted by the government. The request was based on the grounds that the General's father was a Siberian. A Siberian regiment has been named to guard Gen. Korniloff, pending his trial.

NEW CHANCELLOR UNLIKELY TO MEET REICHSTAG'S APPROVAL British Deal Still Another Blow at Wavering German Hold on Passchendaele System--Canadian Troops Played Great Part in Smash, Adding Another Bright Page in the Dominion's Honor Roll.

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By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Oct. 31--A despatch to the Havas Agency from Rome says: "The most devoted courage and hardiness is shown by detachments of Italian soldiers in the front lines, fighting in isolated positions. One of them, belonging to troops operating between Plesio (Feltre) and Udine, was besieged and completely cut off. It sent out a messenger with the laconic message: "We will never surrender." The detachment is provided with provisions for twelve days, so there is every likelihood of its fulfilling its promise. The position held is one of prime importance and it is probable it will play an important part in a counter-offensive. The Situation. German and Austro-Hungarian troops are driving through the Plains of Veneto toward the Tagliamento River, while another army is endeavoring to break through the Italian defenses in the Carnic Alps, in an attempt to outflank the Tagliamento line. Heavy fighting along that line should take place within a day or two, the latest.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Oct. 31--The British war office last night issued the following statement on aviation activity: "Yesterday there were a few fine intervals during which our airplanes observed for our artillery and fired several thousand rounds from their machine guns at enemy troops in the trenches and on the roads. Over 100 bombs were dropped on hostile billets at Roulers and elsewhere during the day and again at night. In air fighting, four hostile machines were driven down and one was driven down under control. Two of our machines are missing. "Last night our machines again attacked the railway station and lines around Saarbrücken (Rhenish) Prussia, north east of Metz. Germany. The bombs were seen to burst with good effect. All our machines returned, though the weather conditions were exceptionally bad. This morning at 11 o'clock 12 of our machines went further south and attacked the munition works and gas works at Pirmasens, 20 miles beyond Saarbrücken. Bombs were seen to burst on factories and the gas works with excellent results. Many photographs were taken, and the weather was good. All our machines returned."

Inheritance Tax. Petrograd, Oct. 31--A supplementary inheritance tax has been approved by the Minister of Finance. It is estimated it will produce about fifty million rubles additional revenue annually. By Minister III. Petrograd, Oct. 31--Alexander D. Protopopoff, former Minister of the Interior, and one of the leading actionaries of the Imperial regime, has been removed from the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, to a hospital, on account of ill health. After his removal he was threatened with lynching by a group of soldiers, who broke into the hospital and demanded to be assured of the truthfulness of the reports that his condition was serious. The hospital authorities succeeded in placating the soldiers, and Protopopoff was not harmed.

By Courier Leased Wire. Emperor William has placed at the head of his Government Count von Hertling, Premier of Bavaria, and former leader of the Catholic Centralists, a strong opponent of parliamentary and Franchise Reform. Whether he will be acceptable to all the Reichstag parties is not indicated. The Reichstag does not meet again until early in December. Copenhagen despatches indicate he will hardly be welcomed by the Socialists and the pan-Germans. London, Oct. 31--No official announcement of the appointment of Count von Hertling as German Imperial Chancellor has been made according to special despatches from Amsterdam, but it is believed to be certain. The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin and Neuste Nachrichten of Munich say the Count has accepted, while the Deutsche Tages Zeitung says he will accept and that Dr. Michaelis will become Premier at Prussia. On the other hand a despatch to the Daily Mail from Amsterdam ascribes to Catholic Centralist circles in the Bavarian Chamber of Deputies the statement that Von Hertling's acceptance is conditional upon Dr. Michaelis not having any high official position and upon Von Hertling being wholly independent of Berlin official circles. The Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung, of Essen, is indignant over the possibility of Von Hertling's appointment, which it says would be an irreparable blunder.

By Courier Leased Wire. Chief of Police Leigh of the B. & O. began an investigation of the report that the pier watchman had been seen to throw a firebomb into the pier. The pier was not long after the ship had been towed into midstream that the fire broke out. The fire was caused by a firebomb thrown by a pier watchman. The pier was not long after the ship had been towed into midstream that the fire broke out. The fire was caused by a firebomb thrown by a pier watchman. The pier was not long after the ship had been towed into midstream that the fire broke out. The fire was caused by a firebomb thrown by a pier watchman.

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An Unwitting Traitor. Washington, Oct. 31--How one little canary bird causes consternation among an entire division of British troops, and had to be killed, is told by Dr. Robert Davis, recently arrived in the United States to lecture at the officers' training camps on activities of the Red Cross in Europe. "For more than a month on the northern sector of the line the British had been secretly mining beneath the German trenches," said Dr. Davis. "The work was almost complete. During the operations several canary birds were, as usual kept in the excavations to warn the workers of the presence of fire damp, which is fatal to the birds. One little songster, however, escaped from its job, flew into the middle of a No. Man's land and alighting on a bush began to sing."

SINN FEINERS' FOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT Bureau Independent of Government Being Established in Ireland TO PREVENT FAMINE Excess Export of Foodstuffs May Cause Serious Shortage

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Oct. 31--The Sinn Fein organization, according to the Morning Post, has started a food control department in Ireland, independent of the Government. The newspaper prints the text of a circular, which says, in being distributed widely, a King priests to help in making an inventory of food stocks as an initial step toward "retaining in Ireland sufficient food for the entire population and arranging to have it available for distribution whenever famine is to be dreaded." The circular describes the danger of shortage to the extensive exportation of Irish food products, the consumption by the large garrisons there and the submarine menace. It declares a wish to avert a repetition of the calamity of 1847.

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"Zimmie" Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay. Fresh strawberries and west wind cloudy with a few snow flurries. Thursday--Fair with much the same temperature.