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NEW BRITISH GAINS IN PALESTINE TURKISH FORCES TO MAKE EFFORT TO PREVENT FALL OF JERUSALEM ITALIANS AND TEUTONS ARRAYED FOR GREAT BATTLE ON PIAVE RIVER COLLAPSE OF NEW RUSS REVOLT BELIEVED NEAR

BRITISH ADD TO TOLL OF PALESTINE GAINS

Advance Has Been Carried Thirty Miles North of Gaza—Confusion, Almost Panic, in Turk Lines.

British Headquarters in Egypt, Nov. 12.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa agency).—Each day adds to the magnitude and importance of our success at this front. Each hour adds to the toll of our captives, while our pursuit has already carried us nearly 30 miles north of Gaza. Indeed reports have been received showing that confusion and almost panic exists many miles in the rear of the present Turkish positions, but it would be unwise to speculate on these evidences of their insecurity.

The only place where the enemy showed stubbornness was at Herlish, north of Wadi Hesi where they defeated six determined counter-attacks against the British troops, who were driven back slightly on the left, but recovered their trenches shortly afterwards. The Imperial Service Cavalry also had a sharp brush. After driving the enemy back at Bethmann the latter made a desperate effort to get away a long naval gun, with crew and team, were shot down and the gun captured with 23 prisoners. The main body of the Turks retired due north, but smaller parties like a covey of partridges scattered in various directions. These are being gradually rounded up.

FIRST DAY BRINGS WAR IN FOUR MILLIONS BY FAULTY CONTROL

Disasters to Allies Due Much to Lack of Centralization.

WORKERS ARE PLEASED DEFAULT REMEDIED

Feature Noticed is Number of Purchasers of Small Blocks.

Incomplete returns for the first day from districts in Toronto: District A—322 subscriptions, \$140,000; High man, J. B. Hatheway. District B—401 subscriptions, 195,000; High man, H. Thorne. District C—400 subscriptions, 187,000; High man, P. B. Rapp. District D—360 subscriptions, 175,000; High man, D. C. Friseman. District E—360 subscriptions, 135,000. Total amount from districts, \$805,000. Also approximately \$1,250,000 from special agents' committee. Total subscriptions, \$2,055,000, with over 2000 individual subscriptions.

Province of Ontario. Railway Co., \$125,000; South Waterloo, \$25,000; Perth Co., \$107,500; Lincoln Co., \$45,000; Huron Co., \$72,900; Lambton Co., \$104,500; Lennox and Addington, \$55,450; Leeds and Grenville, \$14,000; County Mid., \$22,200; Perry Sound, \$92,300; Kent Co., \$100,000; Frontenac Co., \$23,000; Wellington, \$132,300; Peterboro, \$50,000; North Waterloo, \$100,550; Pligin Co., \$27,700; Muskoka, \$100,000; Hastings, \$30,700; Haldimand, \$14,550; Hatzings, \$128,000; Suburb, \$50,250; Norfolk, \$31,000; Thunder Bay, \$20,000; Kenora, \$75,300; Oxford Co., \$160,000; Kenora, \$6000. The following special subscriptions were also reported at Dominion headquarters: Imperial Oil, \$1,250,000; Mutual Life, \$2,000,000; Hudson Bay Co., \$1,000,000. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 3).

POLITICAL NEWS IN BRIEF. Hugh Shaw chosen as unionist candidate for Mackay. War Veterans nominate Mayor Redman in East Calgary. London Liberals endorse candidature of George S. Gibbons. Better contacts assured in both Hamilton ridings and Wentworth County. Unionists in South Bruce nominate A. E. McNab as win-the-war candidate. Independent Labor Party in South Wellington will place candidate in field. Labor nominates two straight labor candidates in North and Centre Winnipeg. North Toronto Liberal-Conservative choose delegates to South York convention. Mr. Col. H. Brock is elected president Ward Four Liberal-Conservative Association at annual meeting. Other Political News on Page 11.



Reinforcing a Canadian dressing station in a recently captured village. (Canadian official war photograph.)

ITALIANS HOLD TEUTONS ALONG PIAVE RIVER LINE FOR GREAT BATTLE

Main Army Forces Are Now in Contact and Spirited Bombardments and Infantry Actions Are Reported.

By Associated Press. Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 12.—The Italians are holding the Austro-German advance on the Piave line. Early reports from the front today were favorable. Heavy shelling is in progress all along the new front. The Italians are entrenched back of the west bank of the Piave River, and the Austro-German main force is now taking the place of the advanced guard on the east bank. The strip of water between the opposing lines is about half a mile, widening at some points to a mile. An observer just back from a tour along the line, told the correspondent that the cannonade had become continuous. The Austrians are using five-inch guns, not yet having brought up many of their heaviest pieces. The enemy is turning his fire against the high campanile bell towers of small villages fringing the western bank to prevent the Italian artillery from using them as observation points. The Italian artillery reply is spirited from a considerable number of guns they succeeded in bringing back from the field of war. The battle front has two main sections. The lower extends from Feltrina to the sea, and the upper from Feltrina westward. The Vidor Bridge, where the last Italian rear-guard crossed the Piave, is half way down the lower sector. Near Feltrina, the river turns into the mountains, with a valley and a railway on the west bank. The enemy is on the west bank in this mountain region and may attempt to come down the valley and along the railway. The Italians have no advantage of a river defence at this point, but they have strongly entrenched themselves. The fight at Asiago was clearly a factor to test the strength of the Italian line. Snow is falling in the upper regions and a severe cold spell prevails.

Kaiser on Italian Front. Amsterdam, Nov. 12.—The German emperor arrived Sunday at the Italian theatre, where he met Emperor Charles and King Ferdinand, according to the Gorizia despatch. He congratulated Emperor Charles on his escape from drowning. The German emperor continued his journey along the front. INITIAL EXPERIENCE WITH HUN GAS SHELLS. Americans Forced to Wear Masks Under Prolonged Bombardment by German Artillery. By Associated Press. With the American Army in France, Nov. 12.—The American infantrymen in the trenches and artillerymen in the gun pits have had their first real experience with gas shells. The Germans have let loose many during the past two days, making the use of gas masks necessary. Shrapnel has also been freely used by both sides. During a recent night the enemy machine guns were again turned on the American trenches, the Americans replying with an equally vigorous fire.

RIVAL RUSS FORCES IN FIERCE BATTLES

Bloody Encounter is Reported at Gatchina—Clashes in Moscow, Petrograd and Other Cities Throughout Russia.

Stockholm, Nov. 12.—A bloody encounter has taken place near Gatchina, between soldiers from the front, headed by Premier Kerensky, and Bolshevik forces from Petrograd, according to advices which have reached Ira Nelson Morris, the American minister, from reliable sources. The result of the battle was not reported to Mr. Morris.

It is reported that M. Kerensky is still issuing proclamations as premier and that strong forces are rallying against the Bolsheviks. The reports also disclose, former hetman of the Cossacks, has announced his refusal to recognize the Leninkes, and Maxim Gorky is issuing daily bulletins against them. The committee of public safety which was appointed by the mayor and the city duma, has secured the support of the Menshevik social revolutionists and the bourgeois parties generally and is also receiving support from the railway employees union and the central railway committee. The committee of public safety sent an emissary to treat with the sailors of the fleet. He has reported that the sailors already are showing dissatisfaction, except the Bolsheviks. The committee has issued an appeal to the city population and to the city militia to abstain from violence against the Bolsheviks who have the support of the sailors and 50,000 soldiers of the Petrograd garrison, and to await a peaceful solution of the situation. All the ministers of the provisional government who were arrested at the commencement of the revolt have been released, except the Ministers of War, Education and Justice. The banks in Petrograd are still closed, but the shops are open. Constant Street Fighting. Petrograd, Nov. 11.—Street fighting is proceeding constantly. Junks

BOLSHEVIKI ABANDON OFFENSIVE ATTITUDE

Petrograd Railway Union Forces Revolutionists to Attempt Compromise With Other Democratic Parties.

London, Nov. 12.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph sends the following: "After heavy fighting at Moscow, in which there were 700 casualties, the factions came together on the basis of a socialistic government. The Petrograd railway union sent an ultimatum to the soldiers and workmen's delegates demanding that they effect a compromise by organizing all the democratic powers; otherwise the union would call a general strike. The Bolsheviks agreed to this, but the other democratic groups were unwilling to negotiate with the Bolsheviks until they voluntarily surrendered. Negotiations, however, were resumed and the railway union deferred the strike for 12 hours. "The Bolsheviks have abandoned their offensive attitude and now consider themselves in the position of organizers of defence revolutionists against the armies of Kerensky, Kornilov and Kadetines. The Petrograd railway union has elected a special committee to guarantee the safety of the population. Army headquarters expressed themselves in favor of a combination of the democratic groups."

KERENSKY IS BACK TO RUSS CAPITAL

James Ramsay Macdonald Receives Message From Russian Premier.

London, Nov. 13.—James Ramsay Macdonald, Labor member of parliament, according to The Daily Chronicle, received, on Monday, through a third party, a message from Premier Kerensky of Russia, saying that Kerensky had arrived in Petrograd on Saturday and the authority of the provisional government had been re-established. The Chronicle points out a discrepancy between this message and a telegram from its Petrograd correspondent dated Monday, in which the chaotic condition of affairs there is summarized as follows: "The provisional government has insufficient forces to maintain order, office forces to exert authority."

CONFIDENT DOWNFALL OF BOLSHEVIKI IS NEAR

Washington Looks for Early Overthrow of Revolutionists—U. S. Supplies Still Go Forward.

Washington, Nov. 12.—One of the encouraging signs seen here in today's news from Russia is the mention of Professor Paul N. Milukoff, as one of those associated with the new provisional government, rising at Moscow. Professor Milukoff, who was foreign minister in the original provisional government, formed after the overthrow of the czar, is well known in

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