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ITALIANS WITHDRAWING TO NEW STRONG LINE

LIEUT.-COL. COLES, KNIFED BY CONSERVATIVE MACHINE, WILL LIKELY RUN AS INDEPENDENT

Soldiers' Choice, No Longer Governed by "Unionist" Convention Decision, Announces Expectation of Contesting Federal Seat as Win-War Conscriptionist-Independent—Declares He Is in Fight to Finish and Name Will Go On Ballot.

Lieut.-Col. W. G. Coles, choice of the Great War Veterans' Association as London candidate for the Dominion Parliament, and contender for the "Unionist" convention nomination in this city, will run irrespective of the attitude taken by the "Unionists" at the convention called for Thursday night in the Masonic Hall. This is assured. Col. Coles will not make the definite statement until after the "Unionist Convention," but he informed The Advertiser today that:

"I AM A WIN-THE-WAR CANDIDATE, A CONSCRIPTIONIST, AND I EXPECT TO BE AN INDEPENDENT.

"I will not make any statement until after tomorrow night as to whether I will run if I do not secure the Unionist convention nomination, but MY NAME WILL GO ON THE BALLOT IF I AM ALIVE."

Those who follow the political situation in London see in the changed attitude of Col. Coles, on the question of "Unionist" indorsation, the direct results of the operation of the straight-line Conservative machine operating under the veneer of "Unionism," a veneer which has proven a thin disguise for partizanship.

When Col. Coles was first indorsed as a candidate by the executive of the Great War Veterans' Association, he declared that he would await the decision of the Unionist convention, before which he would allow his name to go. He declared that his candidature depended on the action of this convention. Subsequent developments have created a change.

Machine Seen at Work.

The local Tory machine was to be seen working at its best at the meeting held Tuesday night at the Masonic Hall for the purpose of appointing delegates to represent each sub-division at the "Unionist" convention on Thursday next.

It was understood that of the six delegates to be appointed to represent the sub-division, one soldier and one woman delegate would be included. All supporters were invited to attend the meeting, and an especial invitation had been extended to women voters.

In spite of all this plausibility, the cut-and-dried Tory machine work began to protrude, and when the voting began it became evident just how far the "unionist" intention went.

Two women were present and only one soldier, Lieut.-Col. Coles, and yet when the votes were counted it was found that Lieut.-Col. Coles' name was not among the six chosen, and neither were the names of either of the ladies.

"Knifed Col. Coles."

Two or three of the local Conservative faction, who are really conscientious in their efforts to affect a unionist nomination, were exceedingly peeved over the affair.

"They surely knifed Lieut.-Col. Coles," said one today, "and right in his own sub-division, too. He has been a Conservative all his life, and although the meeting was overwhelming Tory, only three of us stood by him.

He was the only soldier at the meeting, with several younger men present who ought to have been overseas, but evidently they didn't want to have him vote at the convention as a delegate."

"Yes, it is true. I was thrown down in my own sub-division last night," said Col. Coles to The Advertiser, commenting on the action in eliminating him as a possible delegate to the unionist convention. "So far as I know, only three of the men stood by me to the last in a sub-division where I have lived for 40 years."

Out to Beat Him.

"Then it looks as if they were out to beat you out of the unionist convention?" was suggested.

"Has it ever looked anything else?" replied the candidate.

"Has your changed attitude on the question of 'unionist' indorsation been due to the action last night?" was another question.

"I wouldn't say that entirely, but it has helped," declared Col. Coles.

Anent his candidature as an independent-soldiers' candidate, the colonel said:

Open Air Campaigning.

"We have no clique, no party, no machine. We are out and out 'win-the-war' men. We are fighting men or we wouldn't have gone to France. We have nothing but our uniforms and what we brought back from France, but we are in the fight. There are no millionaires among us to provide for machine operators, to hire halls and arrange meetings, but we have the market square, the street corners of London, and we will use them.

"We went to France to fight for those at home who wouldn't go, and we can fight just as hard in Canada as we did in France. We aren't party men, but simply soldiers, who are out to win the war. If I had not been a fighting man I wouldn't have gone to France, and I am a fighting man, and will be in this fight, too.

No Machine Assistance.

"There is no machine to back us up, no organization to pick and choose its helpers and their rewards, but we are out to fight. After the action of the convention tomorrow night I will have something further to say."

NOMINATIONS

Stonewall, Man., Nov. 7.—Thomas Hay of St. Clements was the unanimous choice of the Unionist convention for the county of Selkirk which met here yesterday to select a candidate for the coming federal election.

CALGARY FUSIONISTS.

Calgary, Nov. 7.—The Unionist position in the Calgary ridings is becoming clearer, and it is decided that a fusionist candidate will be placed in both fields, East and West Calgary.

On Thursday night the Liberal and Conservative associations will each select 25 delegates to a Union convention to be held on Monday night, November 12.

SOURIS SELECTS MAN.

Boissevain, Man., Nov. 7.—At a union convention held here yesterday afternoon, Dr. Finlay was unanimously chosen at the Union Government candidate in the constituency of Souris.

Six names were placed before the convention in nomination, three of whom immediately withdrew their names.

Nanaimo, B. C., Nov. 7.—The Nanaimo Federal-Conservative meeting at Duncan yesterday decided not to contest the constituency, but to support a Liberal Unionist, provided that Liberal Unionists of Victoria supported a Conservative Union candidate.

MACKLEM PLEADS NOT GUILTY IN DETROIT COURT

Refuses Offer to Make Restitution—Is Released on Personal Bond.

Windsor, Nov. 7.—Arraigned in the police court, Detroit, before Justice Stein this morning on a charge of uttering and publishing a forged check drawn on a Canadian bank and purporting to have been signed by Hiram Peck, a Detroit businessman, Omar L. Macklem, a Canadian soldier, who claims the title of staff colonel in the British war office, and whose real identity has caused a sensation in the United States and Canada, entered a plea of "not guilty." The case was adjourned until Monday in order to gather more evidence.

Macklem's sister offered to make restitution for the alleged forged check, but he refused to permit her to do this, declaring he was innocent of any wrongdoing.

Macklem was released by Justice Stein on his personal bond. He says that by Monday cablegrams from England will establish his right to the title of "colonel."

NOT PRESSING CHARGE.

DETROIT, Nov. 6.—Omar D. Macklem, late of Tilbury, will not be tried on forgery charge after all. Hiram Peck, who caused the warrant to be issued for the "Colonel's" arrest, stated today that for "patriotic reasons" he had about agreed not to press matter any further. He says Macklem owes him about $100 in addition to the amount obtained on the $150 check, and if this is made good he will cancel his complaint.

Attorney Antonio Entenza, one of Detroit's most brilliant lawyers, was retained by Macklem today and says his client is able to make restitution.

"We will fight extradition, we will fight the charge of forgery if it is pressed, and we will not quit until we have cleared Macklem's name of wrong doing," said the attorney.

The principal in the affair, who was released from the county jail last night said today he was not worrying. "The whole affair is a mistake—a misunderstanding from start to finish, but my vindication will come in time," he said.

NOT AN IMPOSTOR.

North Bay, Nov. 7.—The arrest in Detroit on Sunday last of Col. Omar L. Macklem, whose wife resides here, came as a surprise to his many friends in this town, many of whom saw the colonel's credentials when he visited here in July last, and which were apparently perfectly authentic. Col. Macklem, so far as the Canadian Army is concerned, was honorably discharged in November, 1916, as the result of wounds received at the third battle of Ypres. During his convalescent period he invented a safety hand grenade, for which the British Government paid him a handsome sum and gave him the title of "colonel" in the staff of the British war office, so he claimed. Mrs. Macklem stated that she received word today from Detroit that everything was all right and that the authorities in Detroit received a reply from the war office that Macklem is no impostor.

ENEMY THRUSTS AGAINST FRENCH WERE REPULSED

Sharp German Attacks at Several Points Come to Naught.

Paris, Nov. 7.—The Germans made an attack last night on the Verdun front at Chaume Wood. The war office announces that the enemy was repulsed.

German attacks near St. Quentin and northwest of Rheims also failed. The communication follows: "Enemy attacks against our trenches in the region of St. Quentin and northwest of Rheims (in the sectors of Sapignuel and Godat) cost him losses without any result.

"On the right bank of the Meuse a violent bombardment in the region of Chaume Wood was followed by an infantry attack. Beaten back by our fire, the Germans were not able to approach our lines.

"On the remainder of the front there was intermittent cannonading."

AUSTRIANS CONTINUE PEACE PROPAGANDA, ARE DUTCH REPORTS

President of the Lower House Hopes for Early Peace With "Former Ally."

Amsterdam, Nov. 7.—Dr. Gustav Gross, president of the Austrian Lower House, at the opening of Tuesday's session of that body, according to a dispatch from Vienna, referred to the Italian defeat as follows:

"Above all, we may rejoice that the prospects of peace have improved, and that our former ally Italy, which for more than two years was such a menace to our southern frontier, it may be hoped, soon will be struck from the list of our enemies."

"READY FOR PEACE."

Amsterdam, Nov. 7.—Czech deputies in the Austrian Lower House on Tuesday, says a dispatch from Vienna, asked Dr. von Seydler, the premier, for a statement regarding the prospects for the realization of a desire for peace expressed in a letter sent to the deputies by Bohemian women in Moravia. The premier replied that he appreciated sincerely the desire of the women, and added: "Austro-Hungaria and its allies repeatedly and publicly have declared their readiness for peace and have proposed a peace program on which basis an honorable peace is possible for us, and our opponents."

MID-DAY CASUALTY LIST OF 250 NAMES

Mounted Rifles and Artillery Chief Sufferers—34 Gassed.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—Mounted rifles and artillery figure largely in today's mid-day casualty list of 250 names. The killed and died of wounds total 42, while 34 Canadians are shown as gassed.

Wounded—654732 Arthur Porterfield, Seaforth; 654248 W. J. Hamm, Blyth; 654237 Sergt. N. G. McDougall, Bayfield.

Dangerously ill—491078 Harry Maycock, 13 Hemlock, St. Thomas.

CAPT. MERRILL RELEASED

While Mentally Unbalanced From Gassing He Shot Govt. Clerk.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 7.—Capt. John Edward Merrill, formerly of the Princess Patricias, who shot and killed John F. Rogers, a clerk in the Canadian Government railway offices at Moncton on October 17, 1916, has been released from the provincial hospital here and has gone to Montreal. It was his mental condition, due to being gassed at the front, that caused the tragedy. He has several medals for bravery.

SAMSON AND DELILAH

Advertiser Illustration.

BRITISH OFFENSIVE OF TUESDAY TAKES FIGHT OUT OF FRITZIE; NO ATTEMPT AT COUNTER-ATTACK

London, Nov. 7.—The Germans made no effort during the night to regain the ground captured yesterday on the Ypres front by the British.

"On the battlefront there is nothing to report except intermittent German artillery operations," says the official statement today. "Our troops have been engaged in consolidating the positions won in yesterday's attack.

"A successful raid was carried out last night by Liverpool troops northwest of Queant. We captured a few prisoners."

BORDEN GOVERNMENT CAN DO NOTHING FOR THE LETTER-CARRIERS, DOHERTY ANNOUNCES

Will Not Give Conciliation Board and Refuses Further Allowance.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—Copies of a resolution, which was moved at a meeting of the local Letter Carriers' Association last Monday evening, demanding "that the Government refund to each of us our retirement fund allowance which has been kept from our wages, and that the Government cease making this deduction in our salaries until such time as a suitable increase is granted," will be sent to Premier Borden, Hon. C. J. Doherty, acting postmaster-general, the Federated Letter Carriers' Association of Canada, and Messrs. Fripp and Chabot, the local Federal members.

A committee reported to the effect that following the refusal of the minister of labor to grant the letter carriers a board of conciliation to inquire into the wage situation, a letter had been written to Hon. C. J. Doherty asking for an allowance of $20 per month, or a board of conciliation to adjust wages. A reply had been received from Mr. Doherty, saying that it would be impossible to grant any further allowance than that of $100 per annum passed at the last session of Parliament.

PETROGRAD GUARDED BY LOYAL TROOPS

Kerensky Steals March On Workmen—Suspends Three Papers.

Petrograd, Nov. 7.—Negotiations between the general staff in the Petrograd district and the military committee of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates, looking toward the strengthening of the staff by the inclusion of Democratic members, have broken off. The military committee, learning that the military governor during the night had summoned troops in the environs of the capital to Petrograd, ordered these troops to disobey the Government. The entire city is now guarded by loyal troops.

The situation is complicated further by the action of Premier Kerensky in suspending three Maximalist and two Conservative newspapers. The city authorities last night ordered a disconnection of the bridges between the quarters of the city inhabited by working classes and the centre of the capital, thus stopping the tramways.

MONTREAL STREET CAR TURNS TURTLE; MANY PASSENGERS ARE HURT

Montreal, Nov. 7.—Thirty-two passengers on a Notre Dame street car were injured last night, when the car left the track at the intersection of Notre Dame and Seigneurs streets and turned turtle, owing, the motorman claims, to a drunken man interfering with him. No person was seriously hurt. Eighteen of the passengers had their wounds dressed at hospitals, and then were able to go to their homes.

SAN JOSE VOTES TO WIPE OUT SALOONS

San Jose, Cal., Nov. 7.—San Jose voted saloons out of existence today by a majority of 1,547, and as a result 75 saloons will close their doors on January 1st next. Wholesale liquor houses will be permitted to continue to run subject to certain restrictions.

CAPT. BELL DROWNED.

An Atlantic Port, Nov. 6.—Capt. J. E. Bell of the steamer Black Prince was drowned off the Atlantic coast on Sunday, when he fell from the deck of his ship while taking in the lifeboats preparatory to entering port. Capt. Bell, in many trips through the war zone in the last two years has successfully eluded German submarines several times.

MORTIMER CLARK'S ESTATE.

Toronto, Nov. 6.—The late William Mortimer Clark, former lieutenant-governor of Ontario, who died on August 10, left an estate valued at $129,097.57.

Joseph O. Orr, late manager of the Canadian National Exhibition, left an estate valued at $22,486.

AGED BRANTFORD MAN TRIES SUICIDE WHEN REDUCED TO BEGGARY

Brantford, Nov. 7.—William Johson, aged 72 was found with a deep gash in his throat, on Colborne street, early this morning, having used a knife with telling effect. He had been reduced to destitution, giving the police this reason for his attempt to end his life. He had recently been in Guelph and Brampton, and has two sons and a daughter in Toronto.

LEE NOT COMING OVER.

London, Nov. 7.—A report printed yesterday that Major Sir Arthur H. Lee, director-general of food production, would shortly go to the United States to confer with Herbert C. Hoover and other American officials, with reference to food supplies, brought a denial of its truth from Sir Arthur.

"Neither I nor any other officer of the food department is going to the United States," the director-general told the Associated Press.

MASKED ROBBERS AT SILVERDALE, ONTARIO

Hold Up Station Agent and Take $200 in Cash.

Hamilton, Nov. 7.—A daring hold-up took place at Silverdale, on the T., H. and B. line last night, when masked robbers held up the station agent, Ernest Birdsall, and took $200 from him. The robbers threw a bag over the agent's head and one rifled his pockets, while the other held him.

WOMEN OF NEW YORK WIN GREAT VICTORY IN STATE ELECTION

By a Majority of 100,000 They Secure Unlimited Suffrage.

New York, Nov. 7.—The women citizens of New York State were given unlimited suffrage in yesterday's election after a fight of 70 years, by a majority which is expected to reach 100,000 when all election districts have completed their tabulations. Early today, with 1,348 out of 5,772 election districts missing, the vote stood: 533,319 for the amendment and 446,791 against. At both the city and state suffrage headquarters scenes approaching hysteria were enacted as the women showered embraces, kisses and congratulations upon each other when results came in. On the sweeping character of yesterday's victory in this state, the leaders predicted that Congress would be influenced to act favorably upon the constitutional amendment enfranchising women citizens of the nation.

SOME LAVAL STUDENTS EXEMPT FROM SERVICE

Montreal, Nov. 7.—Dr. L. D. McGnault announced to Laval University students yesterday that exemption from the terms of the military service act had been granted by the Government to students of the medical, veterinary and dental faculties.

DOCTOR DIES AT FRONT.

Sydney, N. S., Nov. 7.—A cable from London today says that Dr. K. A. McCuish, 43, Glace Bay, died at a French hospital from wounds received while on duty at the battlefront. Dr. McCuish went overseas with the St. Francois Xavier Hospital Unit. Deceased was graduated from Dalhousie, and practiced at Glace Bay. Dr. McCuish married Miss Hattie McKinnon of Whycocomagh, who is living at Glace Bay.

ITALIAN ARMIES FALL BACK TO DEFENCES ON THE LIVENZA WHERE STAND WILL BE MADE

Cadorna Selects Tortuous River Along Which To Halt Teuton Invasion—Italy's Troops Regain Old Spirit, Retiring In Good Order ---Gallant Feat of Grenadiers---Rear Guard Stops Rushes of Austrians---War Zone Is Extended.

Rome, Nov. 7.—The Italians have withdrawn in good order from the Tagliamento River toward the Livenza, it is announced officially.

The Livenza is the next river line behind the Tagliamento, its mouth is 12 miles below that of the Tagliamento. Its course is tortuous, and it has been generally assumed that General Cadorna would undertake nothing more than a delaying action there, making his stand along a more favorable line, such as that of the Piave River.

WITHDRAW TOWARDS LIVENZA.

The announcement follows:

"As the low water in the Tagliamento rendered difficult defence of the river, we have withdrawn our line toward the Livenza. The retirement was accomplished in good order, under the protection of northward covering units and of rearguard toward the south.

"Yesterday and last night our airplanes and airships repeatedly bombed enemy troops at work in repairing bridges over the Tagliamento or in movement across the river. Four hostile machines were brought down by our aviators.

EXTENDS WAR ZONE.

Italian Army Headquarters, Tuesday, Nov. 6.—General Cadorna has issued an order including in the zone of military operations all territory to the north and east of the Po and Mincio Rivers.

This district takes in all of Northeastern Italy front a point on the Adriatic coast about 30 miles south of Venice westward and northward to Lake Garda on the Trentino front.

MORE PRISONERS FOR FOE.

Berlin, Nov. 7.—Via London.—The Germans are continuing their pursuit of the Italians, and have taken more prisoners, the war office announces.

"In the mountains and on the Venetian Plain the pursuit is being continued," says the statement. "Some thousands of prisoners have been brought in."

THE WAR SITUATION

A retirement by the Italians to a shorter defence line is under way along a front of 160 miles. Not only from the Carnic Alps to the Adriatic along the Tagliamento are Gen. Cadorna's men retreating before the Austro-Germans, but also in the Dolomite and Carnic Alps. Gen. Cadorna probably is retiring upon the Sugana Valley, which lies east of Trent, and upon the lower Piave, connecting the two natural positions by a line from the Brenta, which flows through the Sugana Valley to the Piave at a point south of Feltre.

AN ORDERLY RETREAT.

The retreat from the Tagliamento apparently is not so rushed as that from the Isonzo, and the Italians are reported to be falling back steadily, their rearguards in constan touch with the advancing Austro-German scouts. The Italian concentration along a new defence line is progressing systematically.

Roulers, an important railway centre northwest of Ypres, is now dominated by British guns. Canadian troops yesterday completed the capture of the important part of the Passchendaele-Gheluvelt Ridge by taking Passchendaele, Goeberg and Mosselmarkt. The Germans suffered heavy losses, and a number of prisoners fell into British hands. Paschendaele dominates Roulers and the plain surrounding the town, which lies five miles northeast.

GERMANS FOUGHT HARD.

The Germans had fought hard to hold Passchendaele, and several times the British had been checked in attempts to take it. Tuesday the enterprise of the Canadians was too much for the Germans, and they had to surrender their position, which means much to further British progress toward the Roulers-Menin railway, one of the several lines entering Roulers.

Each successful effort by the British brings nearer the inevitable German retirement from the positions directly affected by the ever-widening Ypres salient. A retreat, however, is a menace to the submarine bases of Ostend and Zeebrugge and the city of Bruges, the base of German operations in Flanders, and it is apparent that Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria is doing his utmost to retain the positions now held rather than to retire and straighten his line.

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, 50; lowest, 33.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 33; lowest, 21.

TOMORROW—FINE.

Toronto, oNy. 7—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Moderate winds; fine today and on Thursday; not much change in temperature.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	54	42	Cloudy
Calgary	56	33	Clear
Winnipeg	50	30	Fair
Port Arthur	36	26	Fair
Parry Sound	40	18	Clear
Port Stanley	52	22	Clear
Buffalo	50	30	Clear
Toronto	46	26	Clear
Kingston	42	24	Fair
Ottawa	40	26	Fair
Montreal	38	28	Cloudy
Quebec	36	26	Cloudy
Father Point	38	30	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

Pressure is very high over the Great Lakes, while a shallow depression covers the Bay of Fundy.

Light snow or rain has occured in New Brunswick. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has remained fair.

GAZA TAKEN BY BRITISH

London, Nov. 7. — The British have captured the city of Gaza, in Palestine, the war office announces.

Recent reports from Palestine indicated that the British were encircling Gaza, driving the Turks before them.

OPENING RUSH HERE TO SWAMP LOCAL BOARDS

Number Making Personal Applications at Tribunals Tomorrow Large One.

WILL HEAR MEN LATER

Evidence in Oral Pleas for Exemption Likely To Be Taken in Future.

The first official step toward determining the liability for service in the Canadian army of those men in Class One who are seeking exemption will be taken Thursday morning, when the seven local tribunals will throw their doors open for business in various parts of the city.

The civilian arbiters of the young Londoners' destiny will begin operations at 10 o'clock in the morning, and judging by the number of men who are applying for exemption there should be no scarcity of customers on the opening day. Owing to the fact that many men have not gone to the postoffice either to report for service or to claim exemption, it is believed that many of them are waiting until the tribunals open so that they can present their claims personally.

They are apparently convinced that they can present their claims to better advantage orally, than they could in writing.

Will Issue Receipts.

The tribunals will sit Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the sole purpose of hearing the claims of those who do not wish to make use of the printed forms to be obtained from the postmaster. From present indications, however, they will not have sufficient time at their disposal to actually hear the claims of these men, but will simply record them, and issue receipts as the postmaster has been doing, and then hear the evidence later. The receipt will protect the man if challenged on the street to show that he has reported for service or claimed exemption. The tribunals will remain open until 5 in the afternoon each day.

On Monday the tribunals will begin to take up the cases sent to them in writing by the deputy registrar, W. E. Wismer, and the majority of these will be handled entirely in writing without the man being asked to appear in person, it is expected.

Extension Seems Probable.

Owing to the fact that so many men have not registered or claimed exemption, it has begun to look as if the time might be extended beyond November 10th, though there is nothing official regarding the matter. The tribunals are also expected to finish their work before December 10th, but if claims for exemption continue at the present rate, it will, it is estimated, require until Christmas time, or even until January 1st, 1918, to complete the job.

The following is a list of the tribunals to which a man may go tomorrow and claim exemption in person:

London, No. 185—J. H. A. Beattie and George Frank W. McKay at lecture room, London Armories.

London, No. 183—Henry S. Blackburn and Joseph Dean, at local master's office, county building, Ridout street.

London, No. 184.—R. Hubert Dignan and Dr. A. R. Pringle, at city registry office, Talbot and Carling streets.

London, No. 186—Stephen Grant and T. J. Murphy, No. 4 fire station, Colborne and St. James streets.

London, No. 187—Edward E. Reid, and Hume B. Elliott, K. C., at East London town hall, Dundas and Rectory streets.

London, No. 188—John A. Nelles and Leonard H. Scandrett, at Foresters' Hall, corner of Craig street and Wortley road, South London.

London, No. 189—C. R. Somerville and W. C. Fitzgerald, at East London town hall, Dundas and Rectory streets.

DEVONSHIRE GOING WEST.

Ottawa, Nov. 6.—His Excellency the Governor-General leaves on a hurried trip to the coast and prairie provinces on the 11st inst. Her excellency had hoped to accompany his excellency in this occasion, but owing to slight indisposition is unable to do so. While the governor-general is in the west the duchess will go south for a change and rest.

DAVIS IS CLEVELAND MAYOR.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 7.—Harry L. Davis, Republican, was re-elected as mayor of Cleveland yesterday, leading four other candidates by 15,343. Cleveland cast 38,581 votes in favor of prohibition and 68,561 against it.

SITUATION CLEARING.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 6—(By the Associated Press).—The situation is getting clearer and the steadiness with which the troops are falling back to the new positions gives a promising outlook. The general conditions, none the less, continue grave, though for the first time there is a note of encouragement and confidence in the course of events.

The enemy's pressure today made itself felt on the centre and right as well as on the left wing. Rearguards, however, repulsed enemy rushes and permitted the systematic development of Italian concentration along another line.

GALLANT GRENADIERS HELD BACK AUSTRIANS.

Italian Army Headquarters, Tuesday, Nov. 6—(By the Associated Press).—Again a brigade of Grenadiers has covered itself with glory, standing like a rock in the face of the advancing Austro-German tide until it was overwhelming. After the enemy had crossed the Tagliamento and was pressing on between Pordenone and Portogruaro, the Grenadiers were assigned to the task of holding up the advance in this region. No shelling from the enemy could dislodge them. They lay prone behind brushwood, calmly awaiting the foe.

Fought to Finish.

As soon as the enemy came within range his ranks were swept with the rifle fire of the Grenadiers. The Austro-German lines were filled up immediately, however, and continued to advance in overwhelming waves. As they approached the Grenadiers rose to their knees and hurled their grenades, but were unable to turn back such great numbers of the enemy.

Th last surviving officer then ordered a bayonet charge. Without hesitation the Grenadiers dashed at the foe. When last seen the few survivors, using their rifles as clubs, were fighting on until, one by one, all fell. That did not occur, however, until they had accomplished their task, for their resistance delayed the enemy until the Italian troops reached a place of safety and were reformed for action.

NEW ITALIAN LINE RUNS ALONG PIAVA.

Paris, Nov. 7.—The new Italian line of defence will run along the course of the Piave River, says the Rome correspondent of the Matin. He describes this line as one which an army that has pulled itself together and is determined to resist can hold for a long time.

"It is hoped here," the dispatch continues, "that if an energetic counter-offensive becomes necessary at one of the most threatened points, Franco-British forces will participate. In this way a retreat to the Adige line may be avoided. The Tagliamento was fortified hastily and could not be held."

RETIRING IN ORDER.

London, Nov. 7.—The Italians are re-

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ONE FIREMAN KILLED, THREE FATALLY HURT, IN LOUISVILLE BLAZE

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 7.—One fireman burned to death, three others probably fatally hurt, and several persons less seriously injured, is the known toll of a fire which early today destroyed the Willard Hotel, one of the landmarks of Louisville.

Nearly a score of occupants of rooms on the third and fourth floors of the hotel were burned, none of them seriously.

The fire started on the fourth floor and was drawn down an airshaft to the third floor in the vicinity of elevator shafts and stairways, cutting off the escape of occupants of both floors. All of them are believed to have been rescued.