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DE VALERA TO SPEAK Meeting Called by East Clare Member Prohibited By Government

REVOLT THREATENS Uprising Denounced By Leaders Among Catholic Clergy

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Nov. 3.—Concerning the political situation in Ireland, The Daily Mail, in its second edition today, says:

"There is reason to believe that a feeling of disquiet has developed in Dublin and some country districts over the Sinn Fein situation. Prof. De Valera's meetings fixed for Sunday at Newbridge and Kildare have been prohibited."

Prof. De Valera is member of parliament for East Clare, but has never taken his seat. Denounced Uprising. London, Nov. 3.—The Sinn Fein movement has suffered during the last few days a serious check in consequence of the denunciation of any sort of armed rebellion by some prominent members of the Roman Catholic clergy, according to the Dublin correspondent of The Daily Mail. The correspondent refers especially to a sermon by the Rev. Thomas P. Gilmarin, bishop of Clontarf, on the eve of the recent visit to Loughrea of Prof. De Valera, one of the prominent Sinn Fein leaders. Bishop Gilmarin declared that a recourse to armed force under the present circumstances would be morally unlawful.

When De Valera spoke at Loughrea he showed himself, according to the correspondent, very apprehensive of ecclesiastical influence and his language was much more pacific than at any Sinn Fein conference. The important newspaper, The Irish Catholic, denounces strongly Sinn Fein physical force methods. "It," adds the correspondent of The Daily Mail, "the Sinn Feiners continue to preach a hot gospel of revolution, they will be denounced by the church."

KITCHENER ASSIZES By Courier Leased Wire. Kitchener, Ont., Nov. 2.—Chief Justice Sir William Mulock sentenced Harvey A. A. Bricknell, former bookkeeper of Kitchener Water Commission, found guilty on three counts of the indictment in which he was charged with embezzlement, to six months in the common jail. His Lordship again criticized the city council for their appointment of auditors who were lax in the performance of their duties and stated Bricknell could not be held entirely responsible for the defalcations.

CANADIANS SUFFERING. Cornwall, Ont., Nov. 2.—Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. S. Bryan received a letter from their son, Private Elburn Bryan, who went overseas with an Ottawa battalion and was gassed and is now in hospital in England. He referred to the arrival of a wounded soldier named Dion of Toronto, who was brought in terribly wounded. "What are they going to do with the rest of us here?" said the letter, "leave us to be slaughtered? We have no much of the line to hold and we have to hold it. If reinforcements don't soon come we will only have one division."

WEATHER BULLETIN Toronto, Nov. 3.—Since yesterday morning a few local showers have occurred in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys. Otherwise the weather has been fair over the Dominion except on the British Columbia coast, where rain has fallen heavily. Forecasts. Moderate winds, fair and comparatively mild to-day and on Sunday.

Present German Withdrawal May Prove as Momentous a Retreat as That of Last Spring--Allies Pressing Foe Hard

By Courier Leased Wire.

Another German retirement is under way in France. For the second time within eight months Allied pressure has caused a withdrawal of the Teuton line on the Western front.

The Germans have retreated from the hilly front of the Chemin des Dames, northeast Soissons and south of Laon, according to Berlin, which, however, fails to define the limits of the retirement accurately. The French official statement of Friday night has not yet reached this country and the other side of the Berlin report is not known. The German statement says the troops of the German Crown Prince systematically withdrew their lines unnoticed and undisturbed by the enemy."

Probably the Germans have only retired across the Ailette River from Ohavignon to Craonne, a distance of about 13 miles, or they may have started on a retreat paralleling that of last March on the Somme, when they finally fell back before Anglo-French pressure from Arras to Soissons.

Even if they have only withdrawn across the Ailette it is not unlikely because of General Petain's successful drive of last week when he reached the Oise-Aisne canal eight miles southwest of Laon and captured more than 12,000 prisoners. From the positions gained then the French could and did bombard the Germans clinging to the hilly strip between the Chemin des Dames and the Ailette.

The hills on the northern bank of the Ailette generally are not as high as those on the south and the Crown Prince may have gone back to the line of the River Ardon which runs southwest from Laon and joins the Ailette north of Chavignon. It is improbable that the Germans did not retire across the Ailette as not to do so might place them in a worse position than on top of the ridge.

The retirement might include Laon, the reputed southern citadel of the Hindenburg line of last March, but if the front of the Ailette is given up, a line from St. Quentin through La Fere, Laon and Montargis to Neufchatel-sur-Aisne, along the railroad between La Fere and Neufchatel might offer a good halting place. A retirement only to the northern bank of the Ailette between Chavignon and Craonne might not affect the line from Chavignon north of St. Quentin, but a further retreat would involve the present lines as far as La Fere at least. On the eastern end of the Chemin des Dames if the retirement is not made secure quickly, there is the possibility of a French blow at Champagne which might straighten out the entire line from Craonne to Verdun.

General Cadorna has halted on the western bank of the Tagliamento to face the on-coming Austro-German. The eastern bank of the river, Berlin reports, has been cleared of Italians from the Fella valley, where the Tagliamento turns westward to Tolmezzo to the Adriatic. Italian guns are bombarding the invaders along the new line, but apparently no attempt has yet been made by the Austro-Germans to force a crossing of the river. There are no indications as to the whereabouts of the Austro-Germans reported driving through the Carnic Alps early in the week in an attempt to turn the flank of the Agliamento. Reports from Switzerland say the Germans are hurrying troops and guns into the Trentino. This might mean either to strengthen the Austrians there, or to start a drive south from Trent in an attempt to cut off the Italians now on the Venetian plains.

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CONSCRIPTION Paul Mongeau Thinks His Writ May Obstruct Military Service Act

Montreal, Nov. 3.—Paul Emile Mongeau, the anti-conscriptionist under arrest on a charge of violating the Military Service Act, who has applied for a writ of prohibition to prevent Judge Saint Cyr from giving judgment in his case, addressed a meeting last night at St. Mary's Labor Club. He expressed the hope, gathered from his lawyer's view of the case, that the proceedings he has taken will lead to a delay of five years in the operation of the Military Service Act.

HUN RAIDER DESTROYED BY BRITISH

German Cruiser "Crocodile" Is Sunk in Scandinavian Waters FIVE TRAWLERS SUNK British Destroyers Sent Six Foe Vessels to the Bottom

By Courier Leased Wire.

Copenhagen, Nov. 3.—A German commerce raider and five armed trawlers have been sunk by British destroyers in Scandinavian waters.

Elsinore, Denmark, Nov. 3.—"Wounded men from a German auxiliary cruiser, sunk in the North Sea, were landed here to-day."

Copenhagen, Nov. 3.—The sinking of a German raider named Crocodile and of five German armed trawlers is reported by men on two Danish steamships. They say they sighted the German vessels in flames and later saw her sink.

The Crocodile was a new ship of nearly 1,000 tons and carried a crew of 100 men.

London, Nov. 3.—The Admiralty announces that certain British forces have been engaged in the Cattegat, an arm of the North Sea, between Sweden and Denmark, and that prisoners are being brought in. No further information is yet at hand.

Copenhagen, Nov. 3.—The commerce raider which was disguised, and the trawlers, were sunk in the Skagerrak, an arm of the North Sea, between Norway and Denmark. The British destroyers thus effected another clean-up of German naval forces in Scandinavian waters.

Picket Foundered. Washington, Nov. 3.—The Navy Department has been advised that a picket boat of an American battleship in home waters has foundered and its crew of twelve men are missing. It is believed the men are lost. The Navy Department issued this statement: "The Navy Department announces that on October 30, the picket boat of the United States, S. Michigan, foundered. Apparently the entire crew were lost. The finding of the bodies of three of the crew and the failure to find any trace of the boat or its occupants leads the department to believe that all were lost."

Moose Jaw has the largest number of cadets in the R.F.C. than any other city in Saskatchewan.

Kerensky's Statement, Rather Than Threat to War, An Affirmation of Russia's Loyalty to Allied Cause

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Nov. 3.—Most of the morning newspapers print Premier Kerensky's interview conspicuously, but the comment is not general. The Petrograd correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, who is now in London, writes:

"Premier Kerensky's statement seems to have been taken a little too seriously in some quarters. It even has been construed as a hint that Russia is toying with the idea of a separate peace. This theory should not be allowed to establish itself."

RUSSIA GAVE WHAT SHE HAD

Probably all Kerensky wished was to indicate facts, familiar to close students of Russia for some time, and they are such as to arouse sympathy rather than suspicion. It is true that Russia is worn out and it has been true for a much longer time than has elapsed since the outbreak of the revolution. Unfortunately until that event military exigencies prevented the truth from being told about Russia's share in the war which has been greatly under-estimated. The essential fact is that what Russia had she has given."

RECALLS RUSSIAN HEROISM

The writer then tells of the immense sacrifice in men that Russia has made recalled the revelations in the trial of General Soukhomlinoff, former minister of war, of how Russian heroes stood up with only sticks, stones and fists, against the organized German troops. He believes that the Russian casualties have been higher than any other of the main belligerents.

The Graphic says: "We should hate to regard the statements as authentic. They have the ring of pro-German propaganda."

The newspaper then says that Kerensky "if he has made such a statement" should be reminded that France and Great Britain have been in the war as long as Russia, but are not yet weary and do not desire to shirk their responsibilities. Russia, it declares, also has received generous assistance from the allied and the United States. The Graphic concludes: "Now is the time to prove her devotion to the ideals of the allies, not by lip service, but by good hard blows on the weakened Austro-German lines in the east."

Criticizes Kerensky. London, Nov. 3.—General Gurko of the Russian army, who arrived recently in England from Russia, in an interview in The Daily Express, says that Premier Kerensky showed lack of political sense and tact in blaming the British fleet for not entering the Baltic. He declared that such entry was not only impossible, but that it could not have been carried out in time to prevent the Germans from landing on the islands in the Gulf of Riga.

General Gurko considers it true to a certain extent that Russia bore the brunt of the fighting in the first 18 months of the war, but it realized that if the allied cause was not to be ruined this was necessary. He agreed with Kerensky that Russia is exhausted for the time being, but adds that Russia should be able to undertake her share of the fighting.

LABOR CANDIDATE By Courier Leased Wire. North Bay, Ont., Nov. 3.—At the convention of Win-the-War Independent Labor party of Nipissing, held here last night, Charles Harrison of this town was the unanimous choice of the gathering. All portions of the riding were represented. Senator Robertson and Messrs. Marks and Bancroft of Toronto spoke. Mr. Harrison has been a resident of this town for many years. He is a Canadian Police conductor, has strongly identified himself with the labor movement, and is at present chairman of the Order of Railroad Conductors.

HEARTLING SUCCEEDS MICHEALIS

Official Announcement is Made of New Appointment to Chancellorship SUPPORT HOPED FOR Conservatives in Reichstag Are Opposed to New Chancellor

By Courier Leased Wire

Count von Hertling, it is announced officially from Berlin, has been appointed Imperial German chancellor in succession to Dr. Michaelis, who retires to another, but unnamed, official position. The new chancellor apparently has the support of all the Reichstag elements, except the Socialists and the Conservatives. The Socialists, however, will give no active opposition until the Count's policies are known more clearly.

Copenhagen, Nov. 3.—Count Geo. F. von Hertling has been appointed Imperial German chancellor. This is announced in an official statement received here from Berlin. The Kaiser, in a rescript to Dr. Michaelis, the retiring chancellor, expresses a desire to employ him further in the imperial service. It is understood that Dr. Michaelis will take over another high imperial office, for which his qualifications are admitted generally.

Berlin correspondents report that Count von Hertling has succeeded in establishing satisfactory working arrangements with all parties except the Socialists and Conservatives. Even the Socialists, it is added, although not abandoning their attitude of reserve, can be counted upon to make no difficulties for the new government unless unforeseen conditions develop. This virtually amounts to a continuance of the existing Reichstag bloc, with the active support of the National Liberals. In the Reichstag, the Conservatives alone maintain an adverse attitude towards the incoming chancellor.

It is not known here whether Friedrich von Payer has yet been appointed vice-chancellor or Herr Friedberg, leader of the National Liberal party, who has been given the post of vice-president of the Prussian ministry, although Berlin probably is fully informed of the decision in these cases.

French Advance; Huns Retreat

By Courier Leased Wire

Paris, Nov. 3.—The French are advancing between the Oise canal and the region of Corbeny and have reached the south bank of the Ailette River, the war office announces.

The Germans have retreated to the north bank of the river. The bridges across the Ailette were destroyed by the Germans. Since October 23, the French have captured 422 guns and 720 machine guns.

AIRPLANE SUPPLY IS UNLIMITED American Plants Will Soon Be Able to Meet all Allied Demands DESIGNS PERFECT Neither Plane Nor "Liberty Motor" Require Improvement

Washington, Nov. 3.—That great progress has been made in the construction of airplanes and that there are no demands of this or the allied Governments which the manufacturing facilities of American plants cannot supply after next July, was officially announced last night. Known officials of the Aircraft Production Board said few changes in the design of either the plane or in the "liberty motor" were believed necessary and that production in quantity of the fighting machines soon would be in progress in many factories.

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A MEETING OF THE WORKERS OF THE Conservative Association FROM EACH SUB-DIVISION Brantford, Brantford Township and Oakland IS CALLED FOR Saturday Night at 8 o'clock IN THE Conservative Rooms BRANTFORD N. D. NEILL, Sec'y. T. E. RYERSON, Pres.