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Kaledines at Head of Loyal Russia

GERMANY TAKES FRESH HOPE FROM BOLSHEVIKI MISRULE--EXPECTS BIG DRIVE IN WEST

Cossacks Still in Revolt Against Reactionaries

BOLSHEVIKI ENCOURAGE HUN SPIRIT

Confidence of German People Grows as Result of Disorder in Russia

LOOKING FOR VICTORY

Huns Pin Great Faith to Impending Drive on the West Front

By Courier Leased Wire London, Dec. 14.—A generally increased confidence in Germany based on the Russian armistice and other obvious factors is shown in extracts from the latest German newspapers telegraphed from Holland.

Travellers arriving in Holland from Germany are quoted as saying that the German people are building great hopes on a great offensive in the west which is regarded as certainly impending. Major Morant, a newspaper critic, predicting such a move, writes in The Tageblatt: "Whenever Germany's supreme war lord or field marshal von Hindenburg promised our Austro-Hungarian ally's assistance and promptly assembled powerful blows delivered and the Russians driven back. We really don't need to be assured that at this time also, deeds will follow words."

The Kölnische Volks Zeitung says the only battlefield remaining is the western front "towards which the hands of the clock of destiny rapidly are advancing." "Our enemies also recognize this," it adds, "and are crying out for American help. No matter. Justice is about to end the war."

The Weser Zeitung says: "Events show us distinctly, as in pictures, the path we must tread. Peace in the east and battle in the west until we have achieved there the foundation of the complete equality of British and German positions the world over." The Situation. Bolsheviki forces apparently have been successful in the first clashes with the counter-revolutionists and it is reported they have captured the towns of Tamanovka and Kaluga. General Kaledines is besieging Rostov-on-the-Don, the largest city in the Don province, and heavy fighting has been in progress there since Sunday. Tamanovka is near Bielgorod, 350 miles south of Moscow, and near where the forces of General Korniloff, also a counter-revolutionist, are reported to have been engaged in a heavy battle with the Bolsheviki. One report said Korniloff had been defeated and wounded, while another says he has been victorious. There is a railroad town named Kaluga, 100 miles southwest of Moscow, and if this is the town referred to in the official report from Petrograd, it appeared that the counter-revolutionists had approached nearer to the old Russian capital than previous reports had indicated.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 14.—The disturbance which was near Sable Island yesterday passed out to the Atlantic and another which developed on the South Atlantic coast has moved quickly north-eastward, and is now centered near the Bay of Fundy. Snow has fallen from Ontario eastward and decidedly cold weather continues in the West. Forecasts. Fresh to strong northerly to westerly winds, fair and very cold to night and on Saturday.

Kaledines Beseiging Rostov-on-the-Don, While His Cossacks Clash With Bolsheviki Within the City, and Destroy Their Headquarters; Supporters of Counter Revolution are Being Arrested Wholesale

By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, Dec. 12.—6.30 p.m.—General Kaledines has begun hostilities and is besieging the city of Rostov-on-the-Don, according to a wireless telegram received in Sebastopol from Rostov. Within Rostov the Bolsheviki troops have clashed with the Cossacks, who have destroyed the Bolsheviki headquarters. The transport Kolchida manned by Bolsheviki is bombarding the Kaledines' forces.

Petrograd, Dec. 14.—The people's commissioners have ordered the arrest of the democratic delegates to the Constituent Assembly on the charges that they were allied with the Kaledines' plot.

London, Dec. 14.—Bolsheviki troops have occupied Tamanovka and Kaluga, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd. Tamanovka was occupied by troops from Petrograd, while Kaluga was captured without much fighting. The counter-revolutionary troops there were disarmed and arrested and Bolsheviki authorities restored.

Petrograd, Dec. 13.—The Bolsheviki forces have defeated a "death battalion" in the vicinity of Bielgorod, where the fighting with the Korniloff and Kaledines forces centres. The commander of the Black Sea fleet has called upon all the sailors to fight against Kaledines, declaring "Kaledines, together with the allied imperialists, has declared civil war."

Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 13.—6 p.m.—In the battle near Bielgorod, according to a Bolsheviki staff report, General Korniloff's Cossacks were defeated. They retreated to Vasileika. In connection with the battle at Rostov the evening newspapers report the Cossacks as victorious, the Bolsheviki forces having retreated across the Don River to Nakhitchevan. The staff report of the Bielgorod fighting says that the Korniloff forces lost 50 killed and 80 prisoners. The report adds that General Korniloff has disappeared.

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ENEMY STILL MASSING TROOPS FOR OFFENSIVE ON WEST FRONT. The remainder of the front there was nothing of special interest during the night.

Bavarian Attack on British Positions Near Bullecourt Resulted in Slight Gains For Foe - Fighting in Cambrai Region Also Reported

By Courier Leased Wire. Artillery and local infantry fighting has been in progress on the western front to which the Germans are still rushing troops and supplies. The enemy has attempted no further massed attacks since Wednesday, and there still is no outward sign of where the blow is to come.

In the Cambrai area yesterday the British stormed a German post on the southern end of the sector, while on the northern end there was bomb fighting in which German prisoners were captured. German artillery has been especially active south of the Scarpe, in the Arras area, and northeast of Ypres in Flanders. Interment of Ypres activity continues along the French front. The only infantry action has been near Bullecourt, north of Rhebas, where a German attack was repulsed. East of the Brenta River, on the northern Italian front, there has been further bitter fighting. Austro-German troops, reinforced by fresh reserves, attacked the Italian positions in valleys descending toward the river from the Col Della Beretta. Italian resistance held the attackers and forced them to give up the effort after having suffered heavy losses. Other violent attacks in the same region brought no gains for the enemy. German bombs have killed a number of American railway engineers in a town behind the British front. In another town a German bomb fell in a street through which American troops were marching. Although the missile fell very close, no injuries resulted. British Official London, Dec. 14.—"Our troops improved their position slightly east of Bullecourt, as a result of the bomb fighting in that locality reported in last night's communication," says to-day's official statement. "The enemy raided one of our posts last night south of Proville. A few of our men are missing. On

POLLING PLACES AND OFFICERS. The following are the polling places and deputy returning officers for the County section of this Riding:

- 1. Brantford Township At McDonald's house. A. E. Sturges. 2. Mt. Vernon school house. Herbert Depew. 3. McNaught's school house. Philip Fairlie. 4. Guild Hall, Mt. Pleasant. I. Wright. 5. Burch school house. W. Knight. 6. Farrington school. R. Brooks. 7. Miss Margaret Brown's, Newport. A. Birdsell.

FOE GAINS SLIGHT ON THE PIAVE

Majority of Italian Lines In-tact After Three Days of Hard Fighting

RAIN CHECKS ENEMY

Wireless Station May Be Established in Dome of St. Peter's

By Courier Leased Wire. Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Thursday, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—After three days of fighting on the mountain front between the Brenta and Piave rivers the enemy is holding some trenches on Col Beretta and the summit of Monte Spina, but all the rest of the Italian lines is in its original position. This is the enemy's third successive attack with the object of breaking through to the plain.

The backward season continues to be an important factor. A downpour in the last two days has filled the Piave, which had nearly run dry, obligating the water barrier with the enemy's operations. The water in the inundated section on the lower Piave has fallen from five feet to a foot. The rains again made the river a fairly deep barrier, and in the inundated section, again, effectively flooded. Taking advantage of the late winter, the Austrians occupied a villa near the lagoon of Venice, in the vicinity of Borgo Cavallino. The Italian destroyer Sauro managed to work into the lagoon and landed a party of sailors who destroyed the villa, together with the telephone and machine guns which had been installed. Milan, Dec. 13.—The establishment of a wireless station on the Dome of St. Peter's in Rome has been suggested to the Vatican so that it may secure independent transmission of foreign messages of a diplomatic character in code and also receive confidential and reliable reports from the Vatican's representatives abroad. The question of speed is involved since at the present time wire transmission from France and England consumes 24 hours, while much longer is required to receive messages and news from the United States. While the Vatican has not complained to the Italian Government regarding the telegraphic communication, it is assumed that the censor uses precautions. During the war the majority of the confidential messages from the Pope or Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, have been sent by special courier. Lesser messages have been sent by mail.

SOLID FOR COCKSHUTT. A cablegram from a Brant County boy, at Sandling Camp, England, to Harry Cockshutt, says: "All Brant contingent here have voted solidly for you."

THE MERCHANTS CORNER. TRUTHFUL ADVERTISING. An advertisement recently appeared in the Polk (Neb.) Progress, advertising "the worst goods" a certain dealer had in store. It was headed "The worst advertisement that ever appeared" and went on to say that it advertised the worst merchandise the store had in stock instead of the best. "Five dollars takes the worst men and young men's suits. Some were marked \$15.00 and \$20.00, but that don't make any difference. We tell you they are the worst ones we got." This is certainly original but we would be curious to know if it brought adequate results.

Two Provedly False Assertions made by MacBride. W. F. Cockshutt Makes a Categorical Denial and Comments on Absence of Apology

A despatch, apparently inspired by MacBride, appeared in the London Advertiser with regard to "Cockshutt's" assertions, which MacBride tried to break up, and it is such a tissue of absolute falsehoods from end to end that The Courier today asked Mr. Cockshutt to express his views on the same. When shown the item, headed "Brantford's Union candidate stands by Jos. Flavell," Mr. Cockshutt was absolutely amazed, stating that he could scarcely believe that any paper would publish such mendacious stuff. "I see," remarked Mr. Cockshutt, "that the assertion is made that I (MacBride) made me admit that I had voted in the House against the conscription of wealth."

"Absolutely false. No such vote was ever taken. It refers to the taxation bill I supported." "You will also notice," remarked the newspaper man, "that it is asserted that at the meeting you said you would not repudiate Flavell." "That also is absolutely false," returned Mr. Cockshutt. "Mr. Flavell's name was not even mentioned at the meeting, as everyone present knows. I am in no sense a sponsor for Flavell, and as to his war profits, have criticized them very severely." "MacBride further repeats that you opposed the soldiers home at a Y.M.C.A. meeting. What about it?" "Again the answer is absolutely false. I was not at the meeting named, but at Ottawa. The lie has been driven home to the hill-time and time again, but MacBride has not been man enough to apologise." "MacBride also again asserts that you were absent from the House at the time of the conscription issue. What about that?" "Absolutely false. I spoke in the House on behalf of the bill and (Continued on Page 5.)

James Mathews, Wireless Operator Was Aboard Vessel in Harbor at Time of Explosion - "It Seemed as Though Our Ship Had Been Hit by a Torpedo"

Copy of a letter received Dec. 13, by Mrs. Geo. S. Matthews, from her son, Jas. G. Matthews, who is a wireless operator in the Navy, reads: "Dear Mother, I suppose you are anxiously waiting to hear how we got on yesterday during the terrific explosion. I was going to write to you last night, but had a hard day of it, and was so tired, so will tell you just what I can remember now. I was down below in Mr. Dooley's cabin, (he is the O.I.C. of our Wireless), and was just brushing my uniform as I was to leave for the mail in a few minutes. Most of our officers were up on deck, and I heard one of them remark that there was a ship on fire a little piece up the stream. The next moment we were all carried off our feet by the force of the explosion, and it seemed as though our ship had been hit by a torpedo. I don't remember very clearly what really did happen for the first few minutes, but I remember seeing Mr. Dooley going through the door of the cabin, so I beat it too. The explosion lifted the ship up about three feet, and the whole ship trembled just like a leaf. I then went up on deck and helped lower the lifeboats and get away the rescue parties. Each boat left the ship in charge of an officer, and so I was sent ashore with a party of five seamen. The first thing that we did was to put out the fires in the buildings of the dockyard, and then Mr. Fields, one of our officers, with another party of men, and our party went to the large magazines to help clear out the large supplies of high explosives which were stored there. By this time the whole northern section of the city was one mass of flames, and the fire was heading right along toward the magazines. Outside of a few imperial men that were already at work,

Are YOU Going to Vote WITH the Brave Boys at the Front, or Will You Vote AGAINST Them?