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RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN CROSSED BY ALLIED FLEETS IS BIGGEST SUCCESS OF YEAR; SETS RECORDS OF TONS

New York, Nov. 15.—Arthur Pollen, the famous British war expert, has made the following statement to the Associated Press on the submarine war and the various political crises in Europe:

"Anything unsatisfactory in the military and political situation in Europe is balanced by the extraordinary success that the German submarine campaign has broken down together. The most important event since the United States declared war is, in my opinion, that we can stay in and that America can really come in. Six months ago shipping was being destroyed at a rate of 9,000,000 tons per annum. Had this loss continued the Germans had the right to expect, not indeed, military victory, but a peace that would mean something much less than defeat. This was Germany's only hope, and it was the Allies' only anxiety. For everyone, including the German higher command, knew that with sea communication reasonably safe, the military defeat of the German army was certain."

Losses Fall Off.
"In the first fortnight of November, the rate of loss of British tonnage of ships greater than 1,600 tons each has fallen to about one million tons a year. The present tonnage capacity of Great Britain alone can make this loss good in less than eight months. At the rate America is coming in, the Allies are striving to attain we should replace this loss in less than eight weeks. The rate of loss for the last week is actually less than the annual toll of wrecks in peace time. It is not to be expected that this will fluctuate up and down. The other side never cause as serious losses."

The Other Side.
"Compared with this, Germany's recent successes against Russia and Italy, and the fact they have given to allied morale—which we see reflected in the discussions on Premier Lloyd George's speech—are really trivial incidents. Whether the Italians hold the Piave, the British hold the Dardanelles, or the Russians hold the Caucasus, the fact is that the means required for victory are assured no dispute as to the best way of using them and to worse than slightly delay the issue."

Germany Is Felled.
"Germany cannot maintain a separate peace with Russia and must always maintain a great army on the eastern front. It is unbelievable that the German army can spread to the whole. The German and Austrian invasions of Italy amounts really to an extension of their western front. For the first time, France and England, 55,000 men, will be able to strike at Austria as well as Germany."

Teutons Face Ruin.
"This will not ultimately be a military advantage to the enemy. It may, indeed, be his ruin. In England it is certain that sober councils will prevail. It is to the last degree improbable that any one of the great powers will place, in face of the re-orientation of sea power, the German navy and the British, American and allied navies in the last three and a half years, we may be sure that there will be a reaction of optimism. For Germany's defeat at sea is final, universal and permanent, whereas Germany's successes on land are local, partial and temporary."

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, 51; lowest, 21.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 51; lowest, 21.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

Toronto, Nov. 15.—Forecast: Today—Moderate, fresh west to northwest winds; generally fair, not much change in temperature.

Friday—Fair, 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	50	40	Cloudy
Calgary	50	38	Clear
Winnipeg	38	30	Clear
Port Arthur	42	34	Clear
Port Stanley	42	34	Clear
Buffalo	42	34	Clear
Toronto	50	40	Cloudy
Kingston	42	34	Cloudy
Ottawa	42	34	Cloudy
Montreal	42	34	Cloudy
Quebec	42	34	Cloudy
Halifax	42	34	Fair

Weather Notes.
Pressure is highest in the Missouri and Mississippi valleys, with a shallow depression has moved into the St. Lawrence Valley from the northward. The weather has become cloudy in Ontario and Quebec, but remains clear in the west.

FOUND DEAD IN WOODS.

Montreal, Nov. 15.—Chief Lorrain of the provincial police, will investigate the death of a man found in the woods near La Colle, Que., with a bullet in his head. Chief Lorrain understands that the dead man came from Chaplain, N. Y., on a hunting expedition and that there are suspicions of his having been murdered.

GERMAN FORCE MOVING SOUTH, SAYS BERLIN

Further Progress Reported by the Enemy in Northern Italy.

Berlin, Nov. 15.—Via London.—German troops on the mountain front in Northern Italy are advancing to the south of Fanzaso and Feltre, says today's official communication. No change is reported along the Lower Piave River. The announcement follows: "Our detachments advancing southward in the mountains from Fanzaso and Feltre are in fighting contact with the enemy."

"On the Lower Piave there is nothing new."

OXFORD LEADING COUNTY DRIVES FOR GREAT LOAN

Headquarters Announces Another Lot of Special Subscriptions.

Toronto, Nov. 15.—Special subscriptions to the Victory Loan, amounting to \$300,000 were announced this morning by the headquarters of the loan drive. The drive is being conducted by the Oxford County drive, which has received \$231,000 from 286 applicants, indicating that the loan has achieved the same popularity among small holders on the coast as in the remainder of the Dominion.

Oxford Leads.
A return for yesterday from Oxford County recorded total subscriptions for the third day of \$105,000, bringing Oxford's aggregate for the three days to \$340,000, and putting the county at the head of the list. The Oxford County drive has received \$231,000 from 286 applicants, indicating that the loan has achieved the same popularity among small holders on the coast as in the remainder of the Dominion.

Saskatchewan's Share.
Regina, Nov. 15.—Subscriptions reported to the Victory Loan so far are \$1,371,150 for the province, and \$275,000 for the city.

COLONEL REID NAMED PRESIDING HEAD FOR EUROPEAN POLLING

Officials Appointed for Taking of Overseas Vote.

Ottawa, Nov. 15.—Presiding officers have been appointed for the taking of the soldiers' vote overseas. The presiding officers will appoint deputies, who will attend to the actual balloting. It is expected that the first military votes overseas will be cast on Tuesday next. Military voting overseas may continue for the day after nomination day till election day—a period of 28 days.

The following will act as overseas presiding officers in England: Brig. Gen. F. S. McNeill, Brig. Gen. Garnet Hughes, Col. Stanley D. Gardiner, Col. C. A. Smart, Col. Francis Leslie Armstrong and Major J. T. Hill.

Col. Frank Reid will act as presiding officer on the continent of Europe.

Brazil Has Decided On Reprisals Against All Teutonic Trade

Cancels Contracts and Forbids All International Commerce.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, Nov. 15.—The Chamber of Deputies has adopted the bill for reprisals against Germany as amended by the senate. The Government is authorized to proclaim a state of siege whenever necessary to cancel contracts for public works with Germany, to prohibit international commerce with Germany, to intern the enemy suspects and to revise land concessions to colonists.



LIEUT. J. RUSSELL CRODEN, 125th Battalion, and Lieut. Jas. E. Croden, Royal Flying Corps, photographed in old London, both being overseas. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Croden, 293 Central avenue.

RUSSIAN CAPITAL IN FLAMES, ACCORDING TO FINN REPORTS

London, Nov. 15.—According to press reports from Stockholm, travelers who arrived yesterday evening in Haparanda, Sweden, from Finland, say rumors are current there that Petrograd is in flames.

U. S. AND BRITAIN TO CORNER SILVER

Washington, Nov. 15.—American and British officials continued conferences with silver-producing interests today with a view to contracts that would mean virtual government control of the silver market for a year at least, at the present rate of \$60 an ounce. Only part of the supply would be used for the Government, the rest being released for the regular industry. The idea is to hold the prices down for a year, and to use the silver in the face of heavy foreign silver purchasing competition.

CRISIS IS LESSENED BY PREMIER'S REPORT OF INTER-ALLIED MEETING

Lloyd George's Explanation Probably Disposes of the Cabinet Mix-Up.

New York, Nov. 15.—An Associated Press cable from London says: "The storm warning of a ministerial crisis which flared up suddenly as a result of Premier Lloyd George's speech in Paris, subsided almost as suddenly. Challenged in the House of Commons yesterday, the premier contented himself by reading the actual terms of the agreement, and declared that the council was merely advisory and possessed no extensive power, and therefore could not override decision of the respective governments or their military staffs."

Matter Is Dropped.
The premier further offered to submit a letter in the formal debate next Monday if the House desired, and with this offer the matter was dropped. It is assumed that the debate will have a lively character, and although the possibility of a crisis is not excluded it is suspended until next week. The general opinion is that in the present difficult situation, despite the existence of a strong feeling against the premier in some quarters, no statesman is anxious to shoulder the heavy responsibilities of the premier.

Churchill Not in It.
A section of the British press made a great play on the alleged connection of Winston Spencer Churchill with the crisis, on the ground that he was with Premier Lloyd George at Rapallo and that he had been in London at the time of the crisis. The Figaro says the move is intended as "organization of a veritable fire against Clemenceau."

Clemenceau is still the favorite for the premiership, with even better prospects than before. He was pointed out by the betting odds as the favorite against Premier Lloyd George, and he was named by the betting odds as the favorite against Premier Lloyd George.

CHAIRMAN NAMED FOR BOARDS OF APPEAL

T. McBeth To Act in London—Western Ontario Appointees.

Ottawa, Nov. 15.—Chairmen of electoral boards of appeal have been appointed in the following Western Ontario districts: A. D. Hardy, Brantford; C. O. Emmerling, St. Thomas; C. T. Sutherland, Owen Sound; J. G. Wallace, Woodstock; J. A. Barron, Stratford; E. J. Hearn, Kitchener and Galt; L. W. Hayes, Guelph; T. Macbeth, London.

BOND REQUESTS FLOOD KEEPING STUFF ON JUMP

Victory Loan's Popularity Forces 20-Hour Duty Periods On Workers.

\$157,050 FOR YESTERDAY

Wednesday Total Best Yet—City List Now Standing at \$2,895,050.

Although the lights at Victory Loan headquarters were not switched off until 3 o'clock this morning, the staff was on the job again at an early hour, with applications pouring in with ever increasing velocity. The men are working at high pressure to keep up with the returns which must be in Toronto every night.

Wednesday's applications have been the best yet, the citizens responding to the call of the country for more money by subscribing \$157,050. This boosts the total subscription for the city to \$2,895,050. The staff was busy this morning taking applications over the counter and consequently was behind with the routine work which must be done through the press to come in and do their bit in the biggest money drive Canada has ever known.

Gerald F. Pearson, manager of the Market Branch of the Bank of N. A., A., is heading the staff of the headquarters. He is a man who will volunteer to look after applicants and give the staff a chance to keep up with the work. The work is not hard; it can be picked up in ten minutes. The committee cannot reach every citizen who could give two or three hours a day to this work, so an invitation is extended, through the press, to come in and do their bit in the biggest money drive Canada has ever known.

Heavy County Returns Today.
The county mail arriving was a heavy one, showing that Middlesex, the outer county, will soon be shooting along at the head of the list.

London scored \$127,050 runs, or in other words, \$157,050 in the third instalment of the campaign. The total up to date is \$2,895,050.

The subscribers are gathering speed with each successive day, and working overtime at that. This fact is borne out by the headquarters staff, who have worked till 1 a.m. for the past three days. The men are dog tired, but are sticking with a vengeance.

County Speeding Up.
The county machine is speeding up, and promises to better during the succeeding days of the campaign. Subscriptions reported Wednesday night for the day totaled \$100,000 per day, grand total to date of \$173,250 for the county of Middlesex. However, the objective of the county is \$200,000 per day in round figures, and at this rate the rural communities are still behind the city.

Smaller naturally have smaller objectives. Some of the smaller communities have yet to report, which adds considerably to the work at headquarters.

Supplies Getting Low.
So many applications have been received for bonds that headquarters are running low on forms and buttons. A hurry-up call has been sent to Toronto, and they will be there tomorrow. No higher compliment could be paid the people of London and the county of Middlesex by the Ontario government than to have them so far ahead of the rest of the province.

The groups committee, of which Arthur White is chairman, met last night to talk over bond buying with employers. They were all heartily in accord with the methods that are being adopted, and the majority of factories and business houses are running their own campaigns. Another meeting to report progress will be held next week.

JOHN W. FOSTER DEAD

For Many Years Dean of Diplomatic Corps at Washington.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—John W. Foster, former secretary of state and minister to China, died here this morning, aged 81. He was the father-in-law of Secretary Lansing. He was secretary of the United States at Paris in the Behring Sea arbitration, and later in the case of the Alaska boundary tribunal.

GERMANS PLOT TO FIRE MANY CLEVELAND PLANTS

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 14.—Several attempts have been made within the last week, it became known tonight, to destroy large Cleveland concerns by means of incendiary bombs and foodstuffs. More than 100 such concerns in the city and vicinity have been warned by the department of justice that such attempts may be expected in connection with carefully planned plots of German and Italian agents. The department has asked to have their plants carefully guarded, and to exert great care to hire only loyal employees.

GERMANS BLOCKED AT PIAVE CROSSING BY STIFF FIGHTING OF ITALIAN TROOPS

Rome Announces Repeated Attempts of the Austro-Germans To Cross River Has Been Checked.

Rome, Nov. 15.—The Italians have defeated renewed efforts of the Germans to cross the Piave River. Those of the enemy who forced a crossing at two points on previous days are being held in check, the war office announced today.

The enemy forces which effected a crossing at Zenson are being more closely invested, and those across the river in the marshy sector near the coast are being checked and shelled. Other enemy attacks were repulsed. In the mountains in the north the Italians have made a further withdrawal. The advanced posts at Monte Tomatico, south of Feltre, were drawn back to positions previously determined.

THE WAR SITUATION

The proposed new inter-allied council has provoked a near crisis in British politics. Challenged in the House of Commons yesterday to explain his Paris speech on the needs for such a council, Premier Lloyd George read the terms of the agreement which he described as a "skeleton" of the council. He was merely advisory. Formal debate on the interpellation will begin in House next Monday. Negotiations for the formation of a new French cabinet are proceeding.

Sub Campaign Losing.
Germany's submarine campaign apparently is losing the war against the British. Several losses during the past week were but one ship over 1,600 tons and five under that weight. This was the poorest week the submarines have had since the beginning of ruthless warfare in February.

Although Petrograd has not been in communication with the Nystad cable station in Finland for several days, reports from Scandinavia persist that Premier Kerensky has gained control of the capital. Reports also come from Sweden that the Bolsheviks maintain their hold on Petrograd and are preparing to move.

Several attempts have been made to break the line of the Piave, but have been repulsed. An unofficial report received in Copenhagen being to the effect that General Kornilov, who has been in the Kremlin, where the extremists were besieged several days ago, has announced its independence and proclaimed former Emperor Nicholas as emperor.

Along Piave Front.
Austro-German attempts to cross the Piave have been foiled generally by the Italians, and the party that crossed at Zenson has not been able to debouch. Several attempts have been made to cross the river between Zenson and the Adriatic, but only in the morning on the coast have the Germans been able to make progress. Here they are under heavy fire, and are unable to establish a large number of Austro-Germans will be able to take advantage of the better weather conditions.

On the line from the Piave to Lake Garda the Italians have retired before the Austro-Germans, but have not been driven back. The Austro-Germans have gained some advantage on the Asiago plateau and on the Brenta front.

Another threat to the new Italian defence is noted in a strong German effort to break the line of the Piave and forcing the Italians to retire to the Brenta or Adige.

KAISER'S AGENT WALKED INTO A CLEVER TRAP, AND IS TRIED AND EXECUTED

A Pacific Port, Nov. 15.—The story of how a German spy betrayed himself was told today by Dr. M. A. Jeller of a steamer that has arrived here from Europe.

On the way out, Dr. Jeller said, there was a passenger on board of charming manners, who spoke English and French. He was named Forbes. He showed an unusual interest in military matters, and was particularly interested in the Suez Canal.

While passing through the Suez Canal, Forbes claimed to be Scotch, but Dr. Jeller said that during the journey across the Red Sea he suddenly asked Forbes in German, where he was from. Forbes sprang to his feet and also in German, asked the doctor what he meant, as he was an Englishman.

When the steamer put in at Colombo, Ceylon, the doctor saw Forbes making sketches, and informed the British authorities, who took the man into custody. Dr. Jeller said he has since learned that Forbes was tried, convicted and shot.

DR. DE MARTIGNY DEAD.
Montreal, Nov. 15.—Dr. Adolphe de Martigny, one of the leading medical practitioners of Montreal, died last night, aged 81. He was a graduate of Laval and the University of Paris.

NOON CASUALTIES TOTAL 463 NAMES

Ottawa, Nov. 15.—The casualty list issued at noon today contains total of 463 names. They are classified as follows: Killed in action, 80; died of wounds, 20; ill, 22; gassed, 31; wounded and returned to duty, 24; wounded, 283; wounded and missing, 1; missing, 1; prisoner of war, 1.

INFANTRY.
Killed in Action.
Lieut. A. E. Metcalfe, Harley.
Lieut. S. M. McNally, Durham.
Lance-Corp. Howe, Gromarty.
J. J. Hamilton, Springfield.
G. E. Patterson, Parkhill.
W. F. George, 133rd Battalion.
Gassed.
Lieut. W. G. Caldwell, Hensall.
Wounded.
R. O. Greenway, Ingersoll.

AIRMAN DECORATED.
MONTREAL, Nov. 14.—Flight Sub-Lieut. F. Ross Robinson, who was Lieut. F. Ross Johnson, who was vice cross. Word to this effect was received yesterday by his father, F. A. Robinson, 1890 Tupper street, Westmount.

BEHIND THE MEN BEHIND THE GUNS—VICTORY BONDS