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ITALIANS RETIRE BEFORE THE TEUTONS---LOSE THIRTY THOUSAND

# CADORNA IS **FALLING BACK BEFORE HUNS:** LOST 30,000?

Italian War Office Announces Retirement to the Border.

TO EVACUATE PLATEAU

Berlin Claims 30,000 Prisoners and 300 Guns Captured.

Berlin, Oct. 26-(Via London).-The Austro-Germans in their offensive on the Isonzo front have captured more than 30,000 Italians, the war office announced today. More than 300 guns also were taken.

Rome, Oct. 26-Under the Austro-German pressure on the Isonzo front, the Italians have withdrawn their lines to the border in one sector and are preparing for the evacuation of the Bainsizza plateau, the war office announced today.

The text of the statement reads:

"The hostile offensive against our left wing on the Julian front continued Wednesday night and yesterday, conducted by powerful forces. From Montmagniere to the west of Auzza we have withdrawn on our boundary line, in consequence of which we had to provide for the evacuation of the Bainsizza Plateau.

"East of Gorizia and on the Carso the situation in unchanged.

# GERMANS MAY RETIRE

Indications That French Pressure is Forcing Move.

Father Point ... 46 ... 33 Fair Weather Notes.

The storm which was centred near Montreal yesterday morning has almost disappeared over Labrador, while a disturbance which was in the Southwestern States has moved northeastward with increasing energy towards the Great Lakes.

The weather is fine and mild from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and is becoming much colder in the western provinces. Storm signals are displayed on the Great Lakes.



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BACK ROW—Ptes. T. Roberts, L. Davis, J. Ruczko, H. W. Oats, A. G. Ridge, G. Williamson, L. McGonthers, F. J. Mellors, C. P. Porter, J. Edwards. THIRD ROW—Ptes. J. Richie, G. Munroe, "Happy" Lawier, L. Martin, W. R. Tresias, P. O'Brien, R. Rakin, C. H. Gibson, A. J. Keep, J. Elder, E. Donovan. SECOND ROW—Ptes. A. C. Waiters, W. M. Hosking, J. A. Bennett, R. Andrews, A. Brown, S. R. Mineau, J. Herod, F. Buckingham, J. S. Campbell. FRONT ROW—Sergt. Roy Thompson, Lance-Corp. J. V. MacNell, Sergt. E. H. Dawson, M. M. ((returned)), Lieut. C. H. Atkinson (returned), Sergt. A. G. Cameron (returned), Corp. A. V. Nelles, Lance-Corp. J. A. Goodin.

Plant at Vaudreuil Burned. But Employees Escape.

Montreal, Oct. 26 .- A part of the plant Copenhagen. Oct. 25.—The Germans, under pressure of the French victory on the Alsne may endeavor to effect a general retirement to a new "Hindenburg Line." well in the rear of their present positions. Various hints from German sources lately have indicated that the German experts, recognizing the menace particularly to the exposed salients south-southwest of Laon, were preparing a new fortified line somewhere between Laon and their former front, to which they expected to effect an orderly retirement akin to their spring withdrawal, as soon as the menace became pressing.

The French victory of clock this morning, and the 1,500 hands employed had to beat a hasty retreat from the premises.

Early reports from Vaudreuil indicated that there had been no loss of life. The neighborhood was rocked at 'ntervals for nearly an hour by tremendous explosions, while the sky was lit up with all the colors of the rainbow from the flames of the burning acids.

The fire started in the shell filling house and a heavy wind biew the flames across the remainder of the plant.

A special train with fire-fighting apparatus was sent from Montreal.

The damage done is estimated at \$1.-600,000. The fire which started the explosion was caused by a spark from the plant was destroyed by fire at 7 o'clock this morning, and the 1,500 hands employed had to beat a hasty retreat from the premises.

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# NO LIVES LOST ALL MUST HAVE A LIGENSE; Mighty Teuton Offensive Is Section of Explosive Co.'s THREE TONS CONSUMER'S LIM

Drastic Regulations Issued Co vering Importation, Selling and Consumption of Coal -- Consumers Can Have But Two Months Supply at a Time-Profits of Retailer Not to Exceed 50e Per Ton-Winter Supplies Already In Will Not Be Disturbed Except in Case of Public Emergency-Rules Prevent Hoarding.

Ottawa, Oct. 26 .- An order-in-council has been passed by the Dominion Government authorizing regulatios issued by the fuel controller for Canada respecting the importation and sale of coal, which goes into effect on November 1.

# front, to which they expected to effect an offective pretriment each to the district of the control of the cont

At today's session Professor Edment for East Clare, who was referred to in the House of Commons recently as having been inciting rebellion in Ireland, was elected president of the confernce after Count Plunket and Arthur Griffith, who were nominated, had withdrawn. In announcing that Professor De Valera had been elected unanimously, Mr. Griffith said the Sinn Feiners now had at their head a statesman as well as a soldier.

Dublin, Oct. 26.—The Sinn Fein conference at its session last night decided that the members of the organization should be trained in the use of arms, although this will not be compulsory. The conference promised that the provisional government of Ireland should be established without delay. It adopted a provisional constitution almed at securing the international recognition of Ireland as an independent republic and providing for the convocation of a constitutional assembly.

The conference was orderly. The speeches were delivered partly in the Irish language.

The late Senator Gibson's homestead has been taken over as the headquarters and administration building of the Royal Flying Corps and today tenders were called for the surface work.

BIG CLEVELAND FIRE.

Cleveland O., Oct. 26.—Fire which broke out in the retail clothing store of the B. R. Baker Company on Euclid avenue last night and extended to the sore of the Browning, King Company, still was burning this forenoon, but had been brought under control. The loss is estimated at \$250,000. The Baker Company is the heaviest loser.

**Extended Across Twenty** 

Army Headquarters, in Northern Italy, Wednesday, Oct. 24—(By the Associated Press).—Under the escort of an officer from headquarters, the correspondent was given an opportunity today to see Gorizia under a rain of shells from nearby batteries and to look out from a castle dominating the city on the vast scene of military operations of which Gorizia is the strategic centre. The visit was made at an opportune moment, just as the Austrians were inaugurating their heavy offensive from the north in the effort to redeem their recent heavy losses.

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lack of confidence has been voted in losses.

A heavy artillery bombardment had initiated the movement, with the Italian batteries responding, along a front of 20 miles running acorss the Bainsizza Plateau towards Tolmino. As the correspondent passed along the road from headquarters shells were falling freely three miles outside Gorizia, and there was a steady poar of guns of all calibres, from the big 15's to the rattling quickfirers. Such an offensive had been anticipated for several days, as information reaching headquarters showed that the enemy was preparing for the supreme move of the year. Austrian for results in the north, where they were no longer macaumes for carryling on hostilities.

possession or to enable him to there evidence, so as to insure o prosecution is made without being reasonable grounds for ction.

Hamilton, Oct. 26.—A start has been made on the half million dollar aviation camp which the Imperial Munitions Board is erecting at Beamsville. The late Senator Gibson's homestead has been taken over as the headquarters and administration building of the Royal Flying Corps and today tenders were called for the surface work.

# ANOTHER SMASH IN FLANDERS; BRITISH AND FRENCH AGAIN **PUSH INTO KAISER'S LINES**

# THE WAR SITUATION

From the heights of the Alsne the German crown prince is being driven back relentlessly toward the fortress of Laon, and perhaps to a general retreat along a line from St. Quentin to the Champagne. His strongholds wrenched from him, 12,000 of his troops prisoners, many thousands slain and wounded, and 120 big guns lost, the predicament of the crown prince is most serious.

General Petain's great smash of Tuesday opened the way for further advances, and Thursday under French pressure the Germans were forced back to the Oise-Alsne Canai, evacuating valuable positions in their retirement. More than 2,000 additional prisoners, and many big guns fell into French hands.

Laon, the fortress at the southern end of the Hindenburg line, is now but eight miles from the French lines, and eight miles from the French lines, and Petain's big gung can smash it at will. East of Chavignon, the centre of the French advance, stretches the Allette River, on the southern bank of which the Germans have been fighting desperately to hold back the French for several months. From the newly-captured positions the French can sweep the German defences with torrents of artiliery fire. Every foot gained by General Petain in the Chavignon sallent weakens the line northward through Lafere to St. Quentin, The French already are on three sides of Lafere and St. Quentin has all but fallen into Allied hands several times since the German retreat of last spring. A retirement from St. Quentin and La Fere to a line running north from Laon, would endanger the entire German positions on the western front, as far north as Ypres.

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Probably the two most important salients on the western front from the sea to Verdun are those east of Ypres and south-southwest of Laon. Field Marshal Haig is hammering at the one, and General Petain is smashing through the other. A German retirement all along the line might result in surprising eventualities, and there are reports from Germany that such action is not without the realm of possibility.

On isonzo Front.

Italy's armies are fighting against the massed attacks of the Austro-Germans along the isonzo, north of Gerizla General, Cadorna apparently has checked the Teuton efforts on the Bainsizza plateau at the southern end of the line. Near Flitsch, at the northern end, and south of Tolmino, in the centre, the Austro-Germans made gains. South of Tolmino the, Italians were clinging to the acteur hand of the isonzo and the

Ity several months ago.

# **RUSSIAN FORCE** LOSES GERMANS

Latter Have Withdrawn as Far as Riga-Orel Railway.

Petrograd, Oct. 26.—The Russian troops on the northern end of the front, following the Germans in their withdrawal in that sector, have advanced as far as the Riga-Orel Rallway without discovering the enemy, the war office reports. INDEPENDENT LABOR

PARTY FOR FAR WEST Regina, Oct. 26.-Ald. H. Chadwick of Moose Jaw has called a convention to form an Independent Labor party for Saskatchewan. It will be held in Regina on November 9.

# GLAD TO SURRENDER

Paris, Oct. 26.—A group of German prisoners during the re-cent fighting lost their escor-but without hesitation continued but without hesitation continued to make their way southward to-ward the French lines, their major in command. A short time later the little village of C witnessed 150 of the men enter the place as if on parade and with the major at their head anxious to turn over the Germans to a recognized authority as prisoners. Allied Forces Started Drive At Dawn Today In Ypres Region-French Report Village, Wood and Farms Carried-Haig Says Satisfactory Progress Made-Drive Is Along Ten Mile Front-Petain's Warriors Wade Through Rivers Neck High.

British Front in Belgiam, Oct. 26—(By the Associated Press).-Field Marshal Haig's forces this morning made two separate attacks on the German positions north and east of Ypres. The first was from a point near Saint Jansbeek, westward through the southern fringe of the Houthulst Ridge, to the region of Nieuwemolen. The other assault was on both sides of the Ypres-Menin highway, along the Gheluvelt Ridge, in the direction of the town of that

EXCELLENT HEADWAY. The British troops, as well as the French, who also attacked on the left, made excellent headway, pushing forward on a wide front.

A group of enemy guns on the high ground southeast of Gheluvelt, constituting one of the main defences, was comparatively quiet. This possibly was due to the British heavy bombardment last night. Many explosions were seen in the region of these batteries during the night. A GREAT BARRAGE.

Again one of the greatest barrages yet seen was employed by the attackers. The preliminary bombardment was made more effective by the recent moving forward of the guns over the marshy ground. A brisk wind had dried the ground wonderfully.

The Germans had been expecting an attack and had made preparations for an assault on Monday, Military observers say the Germans had long feared an attack in this dominating region.

CARRIED A London, Oct. 26.—Shortly before 7 o'clock this morning British forces which began an offensive on the Ypres front were seen entering German pill boxes upon Belleville spur, and shortly afterwards signals showed that the British had carried Poelderhoek Chateau, which had been strongly fortified by the Germans, telegraphs the correspondent of Reuter's, Limited, at British headquar-

London, Oct. 26.—The French and British troops are attacking today in the Ypres region, the war office

The French and British are making satisfactory progress in their new attack. The statement follows: "At 5:45 o'clock this morning attacks were launched by the French and British armies north, northeast and east of Ypres. The Allied troops are reported to be making satisfactory progress.

"Rain fell heavily during the latter part of the night, and is still contuing." × 200

# VILLAGE, WOOD, FARMS TAKEN.

Paris, Oct. 26 .- The village of Draeibank, Papegood Wood and a number of fortified farms were captured by the French in an attack launched this morning on the Flanders front, the war office reports. Hundreds of prisoners were taken. CROSSED TWO RIVERS.

The French forced a crossing of two rivers, wading through water up to their shoulders. On the Aisne front the ground newly won is being consolidated and no important fighting occurred during the night.

The Germans renewed their attacks in the Verdun sector and were again beaten back, suffering large losses. In Belgium we attacked at 6 o'clock this morning the German posi-

tions between Dreigrachten and Draeibank. Our troops crossed the St Jansbeck and the Coverbeck, with the water up to their shoulders, and made important progress, in spite of the difficulty of the ground. The village of Draeibank, Papegoed Wood, and numerous farms organized as points of support, fell into our hands. We took hundreds of prisoners.
"The night was calm on the front north of the Aisne. The enem undertook no reaction except for a feeble artillery fire. Our troops are organizing the positions captured on the south bank of the Oise-Aisne Canal, where the enemy blew up the bridges on retiring.

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdon front), the Germans renewed their attacks on our positions at Chaume Wood. After a very spirited engagement, in the course of which the enemy suffered serious losses, he was prevented from gaining a footing except in one of our ad-

"In the Argonne a German attack on our small posts was without

# DENTISTS OF QUEBEC

DECIDE TO ADVERTISE

Montreal, Oct. 25.—The College of Surgeon Dentists of the province of Quebec at its annual meeting yesterday, voted almost unanimously in favor of abolishing the rule prohibiting newspaper advertising by dentists. Failing the thirty days notice which would be necessary to make the vote immediately effective, the motion must now be passed on by the board of governors. Favorable action by the board is expected.

Buffalo, Oct. 25.—According to a statement made tonight by United States Attorney Lockwood, the large quantity of sugar found in a Buffalo warehouse on Tuesday, and which was said to have been stored in four bags to evade the food conservation regulations, is intended for the use of the Milles.

Mr. Lockwood did not specify the use to which the sugar is to be put, but it was said at the warehouse that it is to go to factories making condensed milk for the allied armies.

# BUFFALO SUGAR CACHE WAS FOR THE ALLIES