

War News.

Messages Received
Previous to 9 A. M.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

ROME, Nov. 26.
The text of to-day's official report follows: Yesterday enemy masses supported by heavy artillery again attempted to attack our positions between Brenta and the Piave Rivers. On our left the enemy's efforts were directed against Monte Pertica area. They were crushed promptly and deadly, and a well executed counter-attack on our part was made in answer to every fresh attempt by the enemy. At Tesson Monte Rosse, a battalion of Alpini annihilated its assailants. At the centre where the enemy pressure was strongest the 5th Division lived up to its enviable reputation. Enemy columns which with stubbornness and fury attacked from northwest and north in the direction of Monte Causen Colledell, Grosse, Monte San Loro and Monte Spioncia were mowed down by our fire and repeatedly met by furious counter attacks and definitely repulsed, leaving more than 200 prisoners in our hands. On our right the enemy attacked from the eastern slopes of Monte Monferene. The assaulting waves were first checked and afterwards countered several times and repulsed by our gallant Alpini. A few scores of prisoners were taken.

REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE.

Italian Army Headquarters, Nov. 26.—Solid ranks of Franco-British infantry with artillery and supply trains were seen by a correspondent to-day within sound of the battle on the Italian northern front. They had been on an eight-day march.

IN CAMBRAI SECTOR.

British Headquarters in France, Nov. 26. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Since the last heavy German counter attack yesterday evening, which pressed us back from a portion of Bourlon village, there has been no infantry activity in the Cambrai area. The tactical situation is not appreciably affected by this small enemy recovery, since we still possess the high ground dominating the German position over a wide stretch of front. One effect of our command of the high ground has been reported by patrols, which found certain enemy trench elements abandoned during the night, manifestly owing to the advisability of readjusting their lines to minimize the destructive results of the heavy fire which we were able to concentrate under direct observation. Occasionally bursts of fierce German shelling during the night were probably designed to cover these withdrawals. There is nothing in those movements to indicate any design of the enemy to retreat. They are merely the natural fruits of our success in the Bullecourt area. The weather is now bitterly cold, with a shrill north wind and cloudless sky. Visibility is excellent, and large numbers of our airmen go up. Despite the heavy rain squalls of the past 24 hours the ground is drying rapidly and the going is pretty good everywhere on the battlefield. Great activity is reported behind the German front.

FIGHTING FOR BOURLON.

British Headquarters in France, Nov. 26. (By Associated Press.)—The British to-day were in possession of still more enemy trenches and defences in the region of Lulicourt, the Germans having been forced to with-

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draw somewhat at several points to rearrange their positions. A considerable number of German communication trenches had become untenable as a result of the British drive into enemy front lines last week, and the Germans abandoned these for more favorable ground. Elsewhere along the battlefield no change in the situation has been reported. Warm fighting still continues for possession of Bourlon Village with the British holding the upper hand. There was considerable artillery activity during the night, but generally speaking things were quiet. Despite the heavy rainfall of the past week, the ground is firm and favorable for operations.

BRITISH CAVALRY.

LONDON, Nov. 26.
British cavalry have captured Bittr Station, about six miles southwest and Ain Karim, three and a half miles west of Jerusalem, according to the British official statement issued this evening. The text of the statement reads: Our mounted troops have captured Bittr Station and Ain Karim, three and a half miles west of Jerusalem. Strong bodies of Turks are holding the high ground west of Jerusalem and covering Jerusalem and Sheefam Road to the north.

Another official statement dealing with the fighting in Palestine, says that General Allenby reports his advanced patrols, which had crossed to the north bank of Nahr-El-Anjel, four miles north of Jaffa, have been pressed back by hostile infantry, and now are holding the southern bank of the River and are covering the crossings.

SIR WALTER DAVIDSON DINED.

LONDON, Nov. 26.
(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Speaking at a luncheon to Sir Walter Davidson, Governor-designate of New South Wales, at which there was a large attendance of High Commissioners and Agents-General, Rt. Hon. Walter Long, Colonial Secretary, said he hoped the record of this gathering would reach the enemy, who would then see that London, thanks to the British Navy, was not a beleaguered city, cut off from the rest of the Empire. Paying a tribute to Australia's part in the war, Mr. Long said she had done magnificently under Sir William Birdwood. They were three-

less and irresistible. Although anxious to return home, they say they will never give in until the war is finished, by the establishment of an honorable peace.

HUGHES' APPEAL.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov. 26. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Hon. William Hughes, Premier of Australia, has addressed the following manifesto to Australian soldiers serving abroad: "Australia is entering upon what promises to be a very bitter fight to secure the necessary reinforcements for our four divisions. The Government has submitted to the electors a proposal which is moderate, but effective, and you will be asked to vote upon it. The Government appeals to you to vote in the affirmative. It declares to you that the voluntary system of recruiting has failed to produce the requisite number of reinforcements. Voluntary enlistment has failed, and it cannot now be looked upon to supply the steady stream of recruits required to keep your battalions at effective strength on General Birdwood's estimate. The Government considers that with authority to raise 7,000 men per month by compulsory ballot to the extent that volunteerism fails to supply that number, it can maintain the flow of recruits which is necessary, but without that power will not continue to shoulder the responsibility with which you entrusted it when you placed it in power on a straight out-and-out 'win the war' policy. It considers this power essential to the good government of the country and the fulfilment of its obligations to the Empire. If you refuse to endorse its policy on this question, then it will have no option but to hand over the reins of Government to the extremists who are opposing it in this fight. These extremists have already their policy clear. Archbishop Mannix, who has assumed the position of leader of the Government's opponents in this fight, has preached sedition in and out of season. You who are near the vortex of world affairs, know what Sinn Fein means. You know its disloyalty, its insatiable hatred of Britain, yet Dr. Mannix declared, 'You in Australia are Sinn Feiners, and more luck to you.' The Sinn Fein which has gotten German gold to do Germany's dirty work declared that every man who wears khaki is a traitor. Dr. Mannix, owing to his episcopal position, holds a commission in His Majesty's Forces as Chaplain-General, but in his anxiety to escape the stigma which this Commissioner would place upon him in the eyes of the Sinn Feiners, he declared recently that people need not worry themselves about his disgrace and obloquy, as he had not a uniform to wear. It was Dr. Mannix who, now that Great Britain has set her back to the wall and is fighting for her existence against the enemies of liberty and democracy, declared that Ireland would seize her opportunity and strike for independence. His disloyal utterances have moved prominent Catholics in Australia to public protest. Mr. Justice Heald, whom you all know by repute, declares that Dr. Mannix has proved himself to be not only disloyal as a man, but untrue to the teaching of the Church of which he should be the guardian. Mr. Justice Duffy, of the High Court, and Sir Thomas Hughes, both prominent Catholics, have followed Justice Heald in his defence of the loyalty of Catholics generally. They protest against the Archbishop's endeavoring to lead his flock along the path of sedition. Behind Dr. Mannix are arrayed the Independent Workers of the World and the reckless extremists responsible for the recent strike, the pacifists and pro-Germans. It is men of this type who are urging you to vote 'no' on this referendum. Think what they stand for. The passionate loyalty which led you to risk your

lives so willingly can have nothing in common with this hatred of the Empire. Behind the 'No' campaign are all the Sinn Fein, I.W.W. and anti-British influences in our midst. What they urge you to do, Germany would wish you to do. Refuse to play Germany's game. Vote 'Yes.'"

ARTILLERY ACTIONS IN BELGIUM.

PARIS, Nov. 24.
The war office announcement to-night reads: Quite violent artillery actions occurred in Belgium and north of the Chemin des Dames. On the right bank of the Meuse our batteries caught under their fire and dispersed enemy concentrations north of the positions captured yesterday. Artillery fighting continued very spirited in this sector.

Eastern Theatre.—In the region of Vardar, after having carried out a series of bombardments and barrage fires, the enemy attacked at several points along the front with detachments of variable strength. They were everywhere repulsed. In the region of Monastir and along the Cerna our artillery and air squadrons showed lively activity.

RUSSIANS REPULSE TURKS.

Petrograd, Sunday. (British Admiralty, per Wireless Press.)—The Russian forces in Turkish Armenia made a successful defence to an attack by strong Turkish columns near the coast in Gumishkane region, says to-day's war official statement. Several successful operations by Russian aviators are reported. Some additional cases of fraternization on the front are announced. The statement follows: On the northern front fighting is limited to fusillades and scouting engagements. On the western front there were fusillades. South of Lake Maroz near the villages of Skrobova and Obokhvachina, fraternizations were observed. On the southwest and Rumanian fronts there were fusillades. On the Caucasian front in the southeast region northwest of Gumishkane our forces repulsed attacks by strong Turkish parties. On November 23rd, south of Volotchik, a French battleplane brought down a German machine. The pilots were made prisoners. South of Himsitn our aviator, Ensign Smirnoff, attacked two enemy machines, and brought down one of them, thus securing his ninth aero victory. The enemy machine was destroyed and the aviators killed. South of Czernowitz, in an aerial encounter, a machine was brought down in enemy lines.

PETROGRAD AND BERLIN.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.
Information to the State Department to-day was that the authorities in Petrograd were in wireless communication with Berlin. The character of the communications passing between the two capitals was unknown, but it was assumed they had to do with the Bolsheviks.

TOLSTOY'S PROPHECY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.
Confidence that the Maximist government in Russia would be overthrown was expressed to-day by Count Ilya Tolstoy, son of the Russian author in a message sent from San Francisco to the Evening Mail. "I am certain," Count Tolstoy telegraphed, "that the present situation in Russia is only temporary. The Maximists will surely be overthrown. Separate peace can't be made by this small group of traitors who are not representing Russia. I still have great faith in the Cossacks," he added, "and General Kalodines."

THE ALIEN SLACKER PROBLEM.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.
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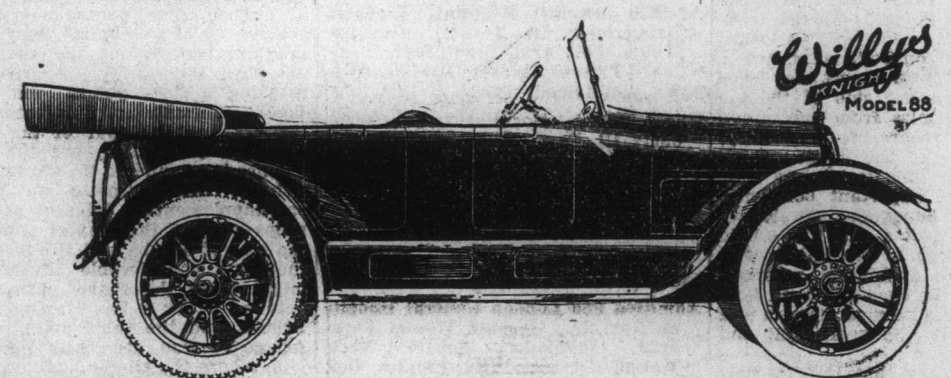
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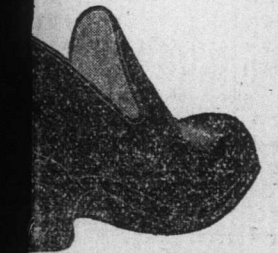
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