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TWO STEAMSHIPS IN COLLISION; 300 LIVES MAY HAVE BEEN LOST

Italian Victory Over Austrians Was Most Decisive

Upwards of 8500 Prisoners Captured Besides Great Quantities of Arms and Ammunition---French Greatly Pleased Over the Recapture of Fort Vaux.

TORONTO, Nov. 4.—The Mail and Empire prints the following special cable concerning the operations on the Italian front:

Rome, Nov. 4.—Additional points of vantage were gained by the Italian armies on the Carso Plateau, south of Gorizia, today and tonight. General Cadorna's army is within 12 miles of Trieste, the object of his offensive, which is now within range of his guns.

The total number of prisoners has been increased to over 8,500. More guns and great quantities of arms and ammunition also fell into the hands of the Italians in their operations since Thursday.

Yesterday's operations alone, according to Italian estimates, cost the Austrians 1,500 in casualties and captured. The 21st Austrian regiment and several battalions are said to have been wiped out. Hard fighting has taken place on and near the Adriatic coast below Monfalcone. Unofficial reports announce that Duino, on the Venice-Trieste railroad line, has been occupied. This seems probable, as tonight's official statement announces that the Agnavizza coast has been invested.

PARIS, Nov. 4.—There was intermittent cannonading along the Somme front and in the region of Fort Vaux and Fort Douaumont, north of Verdun, last night, the War Office announced today. Elsewhere in the western theatre conditions were quiet.

ATHENS, Nov. 3 (via London).—A communication issued by Admiral du Fournet, commander of the Entente fleet in the Mediterranean, says that after an investigation it has been found that the Greek steamers Angheliki and Kiki Issiasis were sunk by submarines.

Recapture of Fort Vaux, Though Expected, Has Caused Great Satisfaction in France

PARIS, Nov. 4.—The recapture of Vaux Fort, although expected from day to day since the fall of Douaumont, causes no less the deepest satisfaction, as thus the victory of October 24 is entirely ratified. It was known that the position was becoming daily more untenable for the German garrison.

The French commander, after the Douaumont victory, had the certitude that Vaux was doomed. He decided, however, to avoid a spectacular success, entailing large sacrifices, and preferred to hammer down the German resistance, thus once more proving that the French artillery can beat the German at its own game.

It was known yesterday that the Germans had evacuated the fort. French troops in the afternoon had advanced to within one hundred yards when a series of loud explosions were heard. The Germans had mined the ground, hoping to wreak havoc on the intruding French.

The ruse, however, failed, for the French quietly waited for the explosions to finish, then occupied the fort.

The Allied People Determined That the Triumph of Right Shall be Abiding

LONDON, Nov. 4.—The Times under the heading "An inopportune suggestion," comments editorially upon a letter from two members of parliament which proposes "an immediate movement toward the object dear to all humanity and civilized mankind." "It is the very object for which we and our Allies have borne and are ready still to bear all sacrifices," says the Times.

"The Allied peoples intend not merely that right shall be vindicated by the supremacy of force, but that the triumph of right shall be abiding. They know nothing but complete victory can assure this result, and they are resolved that the victory shall be overwhelming and indisputable.

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN CLOSES TONIGHT

New York, Nov. 4.—Candidates for the United States Presidential election and prominent campaign orators in general will make their last spoken appeals for votes today. Some time around midnight, when the last cheer has died away, the last red fire has burned out and the last parader has gone, the national campaign will be virtually over.

Chas. E. Hughes ended his political travels yesterday, but the last of his campaign is one of the hardest. He makes five speeches here this afternoon and will deliver his final address at a rally in Madison Square Garden which will close the greatest Republican rally of the campaign in New York city.

Election bets, aggregating more than \$100,000, were reported on the Broad Street curb yesterday and it was estimated that as much more money was staked in wagers of which no records were made.

For the first time in this campaign sentiment played a part in the curb gambling, and many wagers grew out of arguments over President Wilson's speech of Thursday, in which he arraigned Wall Street. Although there was evidence of much money on both sides seeking "investment," the odds continued at 10 to 7 on Hughes.

CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—Casualties among Maritime men are reported as follows:

Infantry.
Missing.
C. F. Macdougall, Antigonish, N. S.
Wounded.
G. M. McLaughlin, St. John.
Co. Sergt. Major W. E. Hunter, Harvey Station.
Wm. Haldane, East Earlton, N. S.
Artillery.
Wounded.
Gunner F. Henrion, Halifax.
Gunner A. T. Stewart, Westville, N. S.
Engineers.
Wounded.
Corporal C. Dirk, Digby, N. S.

BRITISH STEAMSHIPS HAVE BEEN SUNK IN COLLISION

Terrible Marine Disaster on the Irish Coast—Three Hundred Lives Believed to Have Been Lost—Both Ships Thought to Have Gone to the Bottom.

LONDON, Nov. 4.—The London and Northwestern Railway steamer Connemara, bound from Greenore to Holyhead with passengers, has collided with another vessel, and it is feared that the death toll is about 300.

The Connemara collided with the steamship Retriever in the Irish Channel last night. Both vessels were sunk. So far as known there is only one survivor from both ships.

A Lloyds' despatch from Belfast says the collision occurred off Carlingford Lough, an inlet on the Irish coast between the counties of Down and Louth. The Retriever was inward bound.

A few bodies have been washed ashore on the coast of County Down. The despatch says it is feared 300 lives have been lost.

The Connemara, 1,100 tons gross and 272 feet long, was built in Dumbarton in 1896. The Retriever was 190 feet long, of 674 tons gross, and was built in Goole, England, in 1909. She was owned by the West Coast Telegraph Co., of London.

A steamer service is maintained by the London and Northwestern Railway between Holyhead, Wales, and Greenore, Ireland, a distance of about 80 miles across the Irish Sea.

The marine superintendent of the London and Northwestern Railway said that so far as he knew there were only fifty passengers on the Connemara. Her crew numbered 31.

GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN PRESS COMMENT ON THE U. S. ELECTIONS

Inclined to the Opinion That the Result Will Have no Influence on the War --- Clemenceau Thinks Huns Have Decided to Wage War on Neutrals.

BERLIN, via London, Nov. 4.—The German press shows considerable interest in the approaching United States election, printing all available news received by the way of Holland, or publishing summaries of the situation from English papers.

The Catholic organ, the Koelnische Volks Zeitung, today devoted a lengthy editorial to the subject, but studiously avoided taking sides. If the German people at one time, it says, sided with one of the candidates because they assumed he was more friendly to Germany, they now see their mistake.

The Frankfurter Zeitung also prints a leading editorial expressing opinion that the outcome of the election is very much in doubt. It treats with great sympathy President Wilson's programme for eliminating war through a peace organization established through a propaganda of the peace idea, but refrains from expressing any preference between candidates.

Austria-Hungarian Paper Believes the Result of the Election is in Doubt

VIENNA, via London, Nov. 4.—The Austro-Hungarian press which a week ago paid no attention to the American presidential campaign, has discussed the subject during the last few days as thoroughly as fragmentary reports will permit.

Generally the papers express the opinion that the result of the election will have no influence upon the war.

The Alegenaine Zeitung, after expressing the belief that the result of the election is in doubt, says: "Mr. Wilson should he remain at the wheel, will not let go of the political plumb line he has so far held. Mr. Hughes, should he take Wilson's place, would not guide the policies of the country into new channels. The policies towards the Central States during the coming months generally will remain what they have been, because motives underlying decisions of the American State Department remain the same."

French Writer Thinks the Huns Have Decided to Wage War on All Neutral Powers

PARIS, Nov. 4.—George Clemenceau, in Homme Enchaîné, discussing the German submarine attacks in Norwegian waters, declares this shows that Germany has now decided to wage war without formally declaring it, on all neutral powers which thwart her.

"It is," he said, "inauguration of a new 'right of man' eliminating all other rights except that of force."

Referring to the Lusitania, Clemenceau continues: "Is this not the doctrine by virtue of which the Lusitania was sent to the bottom with her tragic cargo of women and children? The most prudent Wilson found in this only an only an occasion for a display of jurisprudence, which, above all, had for its result to invite the Germans to renew this revolting spectacle for him by torpedoing the Marina, manned by an American crew. It is necessary to add that the President-candidate is making an inquiry, the result of which will likely only transpire after the election.

Von Tirpits Hot Heads Ready to Carry On Piracy Campaign, Regardless of Consequences

"Oh, Democracy! Is this all the living humanity you can infuse in the hearts of your pale-faced election?"

"I do not yet believe the visit of German submarines to American shores has inspired the United States government with other sentiments than those so courageously displayed by the small Scandinavian states under the menace of Berlin.

"Inquiry or no inquiry, the facts speak clearly, that the party in favor is waging submarine warfare regardless of the consequences. Headed by Von Tirpitz and a staff of hot heads, it has definitely triumphed over the last hesitations of William II.'s advisors. The plan of submarine offensive should, I think, call for reaction in the way of defence, and even counter offensive on the part of neutrals."