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RUSSIAN FLEET IS READY TO MEET HUNS IN THE GULF OF RIGA

M. Ivanoff Says the Men Are Full of Flight and Ready to Repel the Invaders---The Exodus from Petrograd Has Increased.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PETROGRAD, Oct. 15.—The German armies which were landed on Oesel island at the head of the Gulf of Riga are pushing forward to the east and south, placing in a difficult position the Russian forces and batteries in the district of Arensburg, at the southern end of the island, and especially those on the Cerel peninsula. Military critics predict actions in the Gulf of Riga, following development of the invasion of the mainland on the coast of Esthonia, rather than an attempt toward the Gulf of Finland, which is protected by mine fields which the Germans would have to sweep under the menace of the Russian fleet. The landing of the Germans has increased the exodus from Petrograd, which has been notable since the fall of Riga. Since Saturday the ticket offices have been besieged by many persons offering large premiums for the tickets. The situation is aggravated by rumors which were branded officially as unfounded, that passenger traffic will be stopped shortly in view of the evacuation of the government institutions.

THE RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET SAID TO BE READY TO CARRY OUT THE ORDERS OF THE GOVERNMENT

The Baltic fleet is ready to carry out all orders of the government, according to Vice-President Ivanoff, of the Presidium Centreflet, the organization which in the fleet corresponds with the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates in its relations with the army. Immediately on receipt of news of the German landing the proclamation of the central committee was issued calling upon the sailors to forget internal strife and take all measures to improve the fighting capacity of the fleet. Commissioners carrying instructions hastened to Helsingfors.

"Reports that the fleet is not ready to meet the enemy are untrue," said M. Ivanoff. "The fleet is full of fighting ardor and is ready to repel the enemy. Stories of evil influence exerted by the sailors' committee are greatly exaggerated. The near future will show how honorably the fleet will fulfil the duty it owes to the country."

POSSESSION OF THE GULF OF RIGA BY THE HUNS IS LOOKED UPON AS A SERIOUS MENACE

The central committee of the fleet has addressed to the sailors an appeal which has caused a cessation of the meetings at Helsingfors. The semi-official news agency says the first naval engagements in the Oesel waters have shown that an appeal to the crews of the fleet may be counted on with certainty. Possession of the Gulf of Riga by the Germans appears to military writers to be a most serious menace, and to give a considerable advantage to the enemy, who would be able to make sure of his communication with Riga by air.

THE CAPITAL IN DANGER.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 13.—Commenting on the German occupation of the Russian island of Oesel by the Germans, the Bourse Gazette today says: "On the whole we must accept as a fact that we have let this whole group of islands fall into the hands of the enemy, and that the enemy will be full master of the Finnish gulf. The cabinet consulted Premier Kerensky by telephone, asking permission to issue a proclamation calling on the Petrograd citizens to forget politics and to unite to serve the endangered capital. Premier Kerensky's illness, which has kept him in bed, was today pronounced by his physicians to be better. The doctors say the Premier is in no danger."

THE LIBERATION OF IRELAND

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Chicago, Oct. 15.—The liberation of Ireland will come either through the prompt action of the British government or through the peace conference that ends the war, according to T. P. O'Connor, in an address delivered on Saturday before the Irish Fellowship Club here. He charged England with oppressing Ireland as severely as "any nation now under Germany's yoke," but declared the only obstacles to a free Ireland were England's mistakes since the war, and the Sinn Fein policy, which in his belief has arrayed Ireland against all the civilized nations in the war.

He had come to the meeting, he said, to speak against this policy, which he demanded be abandoned "rather than rouse America as an enemy to Ireland."

After such a conclusive proof of the real position in which the Irish in this part of America stand, declared Mr. O'Connor, it will no longer be possible for a small but noisy faction to misrepresent Irish sentiment.

Mr. A. B. Burns of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

VILLA BANDITS GOT IN WRONG

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Jaurez, Mexico, Oct. 15.—Passengers arriving here last night from the south report seeing bodies of twenty Mexicans hanging to telegraph poles along the Mexican Central right of way between Torreon and Chihuahua. Mexican officials say the bodies are those of Villa followers who a few days attacked a military train, mistaking it for a passenger train.

FLOUR FOR SERB WAR PRISONERS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Oct. 15.—Shipment of five thousand bags of flour for Serbians in Austrian prison camps, the first of a series of food purchases which the American Red Cross, in co-operation with the Serbian government, is making in this country for the relief of prisoners, was announced today.

WOODSTOCK BOY LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE IN FRANCE

Capt. A. M. Fisher, Son-in-Law of F. B. Carvell, Makes the Supreme Sacrifice on Western Front.

Woodstock, Oct. 14.—Woodstock has been called upon to mourn the death of many of her young men who are fighting the Empire's battles. To those names must now be added that of Dr. Arthur M. Fisher, the news of whose death in France, October 12, was received today, causing a shock to his relatives and legions of friends throughout the province.

Dr. Fisher graduated from McGill early in 1914 and after practicing a year with Dr. Garrow of Montreal, he volunteered his services to the Canadian Medical Corps. He waited some time and, not being accepted, he applied to the Imperial authorities early in May, 1915, and was taken on their A.M.C. On May 24 he was married to Miss Mildred Carvell, daughter of Hon. Frank B. Carvell, and left for England a week later. He did hospital work in England for some time and went to the Mediterranean where he was attached to a hospital ship. He was at the landing and evacuation of Gallipoli. He made two trips on the hospital ship and when it was torpedoed he was rescued after a narrow escape from death. He afterwards went as medical officer on a ship to India carrying wounded Indian soldiers.

Returning to England he underwent a serious operation for internal trouble and, while convalescing, came home in July, 1916. Returning in October, he was promoted to a captaincy and was sent to Malta and spent the winter in a base hospital. In the spring of 1917 he went from a hospital in Woolwich to France, the transfer being made at his earnest request. In the last letter received he told of being attached to a field ambulance unit, in which, it is supposed, he was killed. No particulars have yet been received.

His young wife and his mother are prostrated and the heartfelt sympathy of the whole community goes out to them in their sorrow. This brave young man gave his all that others might live. His excellent course at college and splendid personal qualities since earliest youth have won for him a worthy fame among all classes of people. He was twenty-eight years of age and is survived by his wife, mother, Mrs. Williamson Fisher, and two brothers, Carleton at home and Frank, in the west.

Rain Halts Operations On Western Battlefront

REV. F. L. CARNEY ON REGISTRATION

Pastor of St. Dunstan's Points Out Duty of Young Men in Regard to the Military Service Act.

At high mass at St. Dunstan's church Sunday morning Rev. Father Carney spoke a few words on the Military Service Act in which he impressed upon the minds of the young unmarried men and widowers without children their duty toward their country.

He stated that by proclamation the Military Service Act became the law of the land on Saturday last and he strongly urged all the young men from the age of twenty to thirty-four to go and register in a spirited manner and be examined. He also stated that it did not cost them anything, and besides they were in duty bound to do so.

Rev. Father Carney also spoke on the exemption clauses and he stated that they could not be arranged more justly. He urged the young men not to fake up some scheme of illness or other thing under which they might think they would be exempted from fighting overseas but see that their duty is done in the right spirit. He said that should one think he had a real justified cause for exemption then to lay the cause before the proper authorities for consideration.

He also stated that by following the advice he had given the young men would not be looked upon as being forced into the army, but that they would be looked upon with pride for performing their duty in a patriotic manner.

He referred to the large number of young men of his congregation who had volunteered their services. Some of them had been wounded and some had given their lives for King and Country. He spoke of the returned men who had been wounded and said that their wounds would not prevent them from making an honest livelihood.

Mr. E. B. Seely of St. John, is in the city.

No Further Infantry Engagements Reported But the Artillery and Raiding Parties Keep up the Good Work---British Strengthen Their Positions.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Oct. 15.—No further infantry engagements have occurred on the front of the British attack in Belgium. In successful raids yesterday large losses were inflicted on the Germans. The following is the official statement:

"Our positions on the main ridge south of Broodseinde were heavily bombarded during the night by the enemy. No infantry action has taken place. In a successful raid carried out by us yesterday afternoon southeast of Monchy le Preux, east county troops captured thirty-six prisoners and two machine guns. Two hundred Germans were killed by the infantry and seven of the enemy's dugouts were destroyed with explosives. Another successful raid was carried out by south Midland territorials early last night northeast of Doeux. A number of the enemy were killed, his dugouts destroyed and twelve prisoners were taken."

THE LOW LYING FIELDS IN FLANDERS BEING TURNED INTO A STATE OF LIQUIDATION

British Front in France and Belgium, Oct. 14.—With the exception of two brief intervals of sunlight was a continuous rain here today on the Belgian front. This was most important news from the new battle line, for it meant that the low lying fields in Flanders were rapidly being turned into that state of liquidation which represents Flanders at its worst, and Flanders at its worst has few competitors.

Troops in the forward lines of the opposing armies were lying out in this wilderness of mud and water with little protection from the cold, driving rain, watching each other intently, but making few attempts to stir from their morass bound positions. Desultory fighting was continuing, for the lines come close together in many places and rifles and machine guns were pouring streams of bullets across No Man's Land. The British were clinging doggedly to the strips of territory which they had wrested from the enemy on Friday. That Field Marshal Haig's men were able to advance at all over this almost impassable ground is still a matter of wonder among observers.

As a result of yesterday's attack, the British greatly improved their positions, especially along the important Passchendaele ridge and on the left wing of the defensive north of Poel capelle. In some few places they made no advance at all, or rather were pushed forward and then were forced to fall back because of the mud barriers they encountered.

BRAVE BRITISH OFFICER STOPS HUN SNIPERS FROM FIRING ON BRITISH STRETCHER BEARERS

The Associated Press correspondent today talked with several wounded stretcher-bearers who came back from Poelcapelle, and from them heard of a remarkable incident during Friday's battle. They said they operated continuously in mud that at the best was up to their knees, and in addition were constantly harassed by enemy snipers hidden in shell holes and even in shattered trees. During the morning German stretcher bearers had advanced numerous times almost to the British line to get their wounded and had not been molested because of their Red Cross flags. Notwithstanding this, the Germans continued firing on the British until the climax was reached when three stretcher-bearers, working together, were shot dead by snipers hidden near by. Infuriated by this outrage, a British officer seized a Red Cross flag, and waving it over his head, rushed toward the snipers. When he arrived within speaking distance of them, he bitterly denounced their treacherous action, employing as his medium the German language, which he spoke fluently. He called the enemy's attention forcibly to their violation of the law of war and humanity, and pointed out that the German stretcher bearers had been operating without molestation. The officer, after having expressed himself fully, marched back to his own lines, and he was not fired upon. From that time on, the stretcher bearers said, the Germans ceased sniping at them.

PEOPLE URGED TO SUPPORT THE LIBERTY LOAN

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Washington, Oct. 15.—President Wilson, in behalf of the Liberty Loan, last night issued a proclamation setting aside October 24th as Liberty Day and urging the people of the nation to assemble on that day in their respective communities and "pledge to one and to devote what represents to them the fullest measure of financial support."

"Let the result be so impressive and emphatic," the President urges, "that it will reach throughout the empire of our enemy as an index of what America intends to do to bring this war to a victorious conclusion."

Mr. E. B. Seely of St. John, is in the city.

NEW MINISTER ACCEPTED AS A MATTER OF DUTY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Oct. 15.—Hon. C. C. Bantyne, the new Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has decided to offer himself as a candidate for election to parliament in the St. George and St. Lawrence Division of Montreal. He has issued an address, in which he announces that he accepted as a matter of duty Premier Borden's invitation to join the government, and that he will put forward every effort to help bring the war to a successful conclusion.

Mr. J. P. Gallagher of St. John, is at the Barker House.

RESPONSE TO FIRST CALL SAID TO BE SATISFACTORY

Big Rush of Men to Register in Different Parts of Country--Tribunals Will Not be Allowed to Hear Counsel for Applicants.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

OTTAWA, Oct. 15.—Reception of the proclamation calling out the first class of men under the Military Service Act, is reported here as in every way satisfactory. At post offices all through the dominion there have been numerous applications either to report for service or to file a claim for exemption. Everywhere there was an evident desire to comply promptly with the provisions of the law.

Considerable interest is manifested in the provisions of the regulations about to be issued that no counsel or advocate shall be heard before a local tribunal. The main purpose of this provision, it is understood, is to place the poor man on an equal footing with the rich in respect to his application. Neither, in claiming exemption before a local tribunal, will be permitted to employ the services of a member of the bar. Thus the wealthy applicant will be unable to secure any advantage in this regard. Opposition from the legal fraternity is not anticipated. Furthermore, the view is expressed that the local tribunals will be better able to deal with applications from a common sense point of view if the issue is not clouded with legal clauses.

HEAVY ARTILLERY FIGHTING AGAIN IN PROGRESS ON VERDUN FRONT

PARIS, Oct. 15.—Violent artillery fighting is again in progress on the Verdun front, but no further infantry actions are reported in today's official statement, which reads as follows: "On the Aisne front very active artillery fighting continued in the region of the plateau between Ailles and Craonne. In the Champagne we made an attack on the German lines east of Mame de Champagne, and brought back ten prisoners. On the right bank of the Meuse there was violent artillery fighting."

ON THE ITALIAN FRONT.

VIENNA, via London, Oct. 15.—The official communication from general headquarters issued yesterday reads: "On the Isonzo and Tyrol fronts there was artillery fighting at numerous places. South of the Delegrijo Valley our thrusting detachments captured prisoners and war material."