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## THE ALLIES IN ITALY ARE ABLE TO HOLD THE TEUTONIC FORCES BACK

### Desperate Effort Made by the Austrians to Advance Was Frustrated--- Crack French Troops Are Doing Much To Save the Situation.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the French Armies in Italy, Monday, Dec. 17.—There is growing confidence in the strength of the Allied forces to hold back the Austro-Germans from breaking through into the plains. The snow, which after falling last week only in sufficient quantities to make the frontal positions plainly visible, but not enough to obstruct the enemy's progress, has now begun again and apparently in earnest.

A marked strengthening of the French positions since they took up their front has been noted, principally by greatly reduced casualties. The attacks have not ceased nor lessened in violence, but the crack French troops have altered and deepened their trenches and are taking up positions that give them observations advantages such as the Austrians have elsewhere.

#### A STATEMENT ON MILITARY OPERATIONS IS ISSUED BY THE ITALIAN WAR OFFICE

ROME, Tuesday, Dec. 18 (delayed).—The Italian War Office today issued the following statement on military operations: "Yesterday the seventh day of the battle between the Brenta and the Piave, the enemy concentrated his efforts almost exclusively on the Monte Solarolo salient. At 11 o'clock in the morning, after several hours of the most violent fire, a column of infantry charged against our position.

"The enemy, advancing from the southeastern slope of Monte Spinone, was caught by our artillery and a most effective and concentrated fire from the French batteries. It was compelled to give up the attack before reaching our line.

#### A DESPERATE THRUST MADE BY AN ENEMY DIVISION REPELLED BY THE ITALIAN FORCES

A whole division of German troops, preceded by assault detachments, made a direct and decided thrust against Monte Solarolo and the northern slope at the head of the Calcinio valley. Our troops put up a most stubborn resistance, and the enemy, after a desperate struggle, being badly cut up by our fire and worn out by our counter attacks, was obliged to suspend action and return to his own lines.

"We captured some prisoners and machine guns."

## WOMAN TAKES REVENGE ON MAN WHO MURDERED 11 YEAR OLD SON

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

MONTROSE, Col., Dec. 19.—With the very axe which her son J. H. Bush used to kill his eleven-year-old son, Mrs. J. H. Bush, 72 years of age, slew the father while he slept Sunday night, according to a confession Mrs. Bush made today. The murder of the child was disclosed yesterday when Mrs. Bush told officers that Bush had killed his son because the boy had stolen a sum of money, and then had made her help boil the body in lye to hide the crime. A daughter of Mrs. Bush visited them after the murder and after seeing suspicious bloodstains on the walls, reported the fact to the authorities, who began an investigation. Bush was reported first as having fled to the mountains. Mrs. Bush, in her confession made to the coroner, says she was compelled to witness the murder of the boy and forced to assist her son in disposing of the dismembered body. After the murder, the confession says, Bush went to his room, taking the axe he had used, with him and went to sleep. As Bush slept, the mother entered the room and killed him with the axe, disposing of his body as he had disposed of his son's.

## EDITOR MUST GO TO PRISON

(Continued on page 7.)

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 19.—Vicente Balbas, editor of Revista de Las Antillas, who was found guilty by a jury in the United States District Court on four out of five charges in connection with articles appearing in his newspaper, was today sentenced to eight years' imprisonment and a fine of \$4,000—two years and \$1,000 on each of the charges.

The court ordered that Balbas be confined in the prison at Atlanta. He will be the first Federal prisoner ever sent to prison outside the island.

Balbas attempted to convince Porto Ricans by a series of articles in his paper that they had no interest in the war and that their call to arms was illegal.

Major A. C. Jost of St. John, is at the Queen.

## CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Dec. 19.—After six letters signed by her had been found in the possession of a Norwegian, arrested on a charge of smuggling mail to Germany, Miss Astra Amundson, daughter of a captain in the Norwegian navy, was arrested at her home in Brooklyn today by agents of the Naval intelligence bureau. Miss Amundson, who was held in bail of \$750 on a charge of violating the trading with the enemy act, had addressed the letters to relatives and friends in a neutral country, but federal officials said the letters warned the recipients that the writer was violating the law in handling them. They suggested that the letters might be in code.

Mr. Matthew Lodge of Moncton, arrived in the city last night.

## PRESENTATION TO MISS WATHEN THIS MORNING

Manual Training Instructor at  
Normal School Severing  
Her Connection with  
the Institution.

The Provincial Normal School closed this afternoon for the Christmas vacation. At the opening exercises of this morning's session a large number of former students in the city to attend the York and Sunbury Teachers' Institute, were present. There was appropriate Christmas music under the direction of Mr. W. J. Smith.

The principal, Dr. H. V. Bridges, after a few remarks appropriate to the occasion and season, presented a wrist watch to Miss Wathen of the Manual Training Department, on behalf of the students and the faculty. In making the presentation Dr. Bridges regretted Miss Wathen's decision to sever her connection with the Normal School. Miss Wathen is one of the most popular and efficient manual training teachers in the province and her departure is a distinct loss to New Brunswick.

## PORTUGUESE BEAT OF A GERMAN RAID

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Dec. 20.—Portuguese troops near Laventie, north of Arras, last night repulsed an attempted German raid, according to an official statement issued today from British headquarters in France and Belgium.

The German artillery was active in the Ypres sector.

## AERIAL OPERATION ON WESTERN BATTLE FRONT

### Good Work Accomplished by Australian Pilots---A Number of Enemy Machines Were Brought Down.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Aviation activities by the British army air service are reported in an official statement tonight as follows: "Good work was done in the air on Monday by Australian pilots. Two of them, who were attacked by many hostile scouts when employed on artillery work, succeeded in bringing down one of the enemy's machines in our lines and dispersed the remainder. On Tuesday a thick haze again limited flying to the northern part of the front, where a great deal of artillery photographic work was done.

"During the day over 150 bombs were dropped on the enemy's railway stations, sidings and trenches, and many rounds were fired from the air into trenches and billets. Fighting in the air on this part of the front was intense all day and resulted greatly in our favor. Seven hostile machines were shot down by our airplanes, one inside our lines by anti-aircraft gun fire, and another by the fire of our infantry. Three of our machines are missing."

After dark yesterday our airplanes bombed the Westrem, Roulers and Lichterveld airdromes and the Thourout, Ledeghem, Cambrai and Menin railway stations. All of our machines returned."

## THE U. S. WILL INTERN EVERY ALIEN ENEMY IF DEEMED NECESSARY

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Dec. 20.—Warning that if it becomes necessary to intern every enemy alien to win the war, the government will not hesitate to act, was given by Thomas D. McCarthy, United States marshal, in an address last night to an audience composed chiefly of German-Americans.

He urged his hearers to carry the messages to their friends "and tell them finally that America has never failed in anything she has undertaken."

J. F. Wischusen, who was born near Bremen, Germany, and has been a resident of the United States only

#### SUB LOSSES NARROWING.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Dec. 20.—Speaking in the House of Commons today, David Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, said that the margin of losses at sea was narrowing. The sinkings by submarines, he declared, were decreasing while shipbuilding was increasing.

## Central Powers to Propose Peace to Entente Nations

### MANY VOTES ARE GOING TO KITCHENER

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Toronto, Dec. 19.—A special cable from London says: One of the remarkable features of the soldiers' vote both at the campaign in England and on the front in Flanders, is the large number of members of various units from Canada which insisted on entering their ballots for the Unionist candidate who was "running in Kitchener." The reports had reached the soldiers of the insult to Premier Borden when he visited Kitchener during his campaign, and the subsequent refusal of the City Council to make an apology. Deep indignation was expressed by the troops everywhere and it is certain that the Unionist candidate in the riding in which Kitchener is included gained several thousand votes from this circumstance alone.

Although Mr. Euler's majority in North Waterloo now stands at over 2,000, the despatches received indicate that Mr. Weichel may be ultimately elected as a result of the votes of the overseas soldiers.

Hon. C. W. Robinson of Moncton, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. E. S. Carter of Rothesay, is among the visitors to the city today.

## Bolsheviki Said to Have Been Officially Informed That Huns Will Consider A Peace Arrangement Without An- nexation or Indemnities.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

PETROGRAD, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—According to press representatives, Russia has been informed by the Central Powers that they intend to make peace proposals to the Allies.

The report is published in the Evening Post, which says that representatives of the Central Powers, at the first preliminary peace conference with the Russians held yesterday, announced that their governments could be counted on to put the question of peace before all the powers, and that they had asked their Allies to do likewise. Russia was requested to take similar steps. It is stated that the Russians are endeavoring by all means to sound the Allies. The Evening Post says the Germans have officially informed the Bolsheviki headquarters that the Central Powers are ready to consider the arrangement of peace on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, but pointed out that self-definition of nations was impracticable.

#### WILL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES IN GERMANY IS LIKELY TO ASSERT ITSELF

LONDON, Dec. 18 (delayed).—Peace negotiations between Russia and the Central Powers, an armistice having been reached, are assuming an aspect of importance. Dr. Von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, are both said to be on their way to Brest-Litovsk, being accompanied by advisory suites from various government departments. It is also indicated from Berlin that the internal committee of the Reichstag will be summoned to meet in special session in connection with these negotiations, and some German newspapers interpret this as showing that the will of the people's representatives about to assert itself.

A feature of the armistice is that Krylenko, the Bolsheviki commander in chief, has been appointed to move divisions from the northern front against General Kaledine, who is reported to be gaining new successes. There is no direct confirmation of a report that former Premier Kerensky is in the vicinity of Petrograd with an army. A despatch from Tammerfors, Finland, says that the Russian troops are preparing to evacuate Finland, their transportation already having been arranged.

#### BOLSHEVIKI NEWSPAPERS COMPLAIN OF THE ALLIED MILITARY MISSIONS IN UKRAINE

PETROGRAD, Dec. 19.—Orenburg Cossacks opposing the Bolsheviki have occupied Tcheliabinsk, a junction on the trans Siberian railroad, according to a report received by the Don.

The Bolsheviki government two weeks ago reported that Tcheliabinsk was being besieged by troops under General Dutoff, Helmann of the Ural Cossacks, and one of the leaders of the counter revolution. The town is 360 miles northeast of Orenburg and 125 miles west of the Siberian border. The trans-Siberia railroad is joined here from the North by a railroad line running through Pera and Ekaterinburg.

The Bolsheviki newspapers are complaining that the presence of Allied military missions in the Ukraine is encouraging General Kaledines, leader of the counter revolution against the Maximalist government. Answering this complaint on behalf of the American military mission, of which he is chief, Lieut. Colonel Judson says that all American officers are Petrograd.

## HUNGARIANS HOLD THEIR CASH

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Dec. 19.—Hungarians all over the United States are carrying round in their pockets or hiding in their homes approximately \$100,000,000, drawn from banks since the United States declared war on Austria-Hungary, in the fear that the money would be confiscated by the government, according to an announcement today by the Transatlantic Trust Co.

## COURT BACKED UP THE WIFE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Judge Guerin today ruled that Mrs. Frederick Gelderman was justified in refusing to live with her husband when he insisted that they reside at his parents' home, where only German was spoken. He dismissed Gelderman's bill for divorce, which charged desertion.

## TWO YEARS FOR DESERTION

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 20.—James Curtin, of West Oxford, was sentenced in the police court yesterday to two years in Kingston penitentiary on a charge of desertion. This charge came under the provisions of the Military Service Act. The accused had made no attempt to report for duty, although eligible. After being sentenced he expressed a willingness to fight for his country.

## WILL TAKE THE SURPLUS FLOUR

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Calgary, Dec. 19.—It is learned that the purchasing representatives of the Allied governments have arranged to take all the surplus flour and oatmeal manufactured by the mills of Canada, and that already every mill in the Dominion is working to capacity and will continue to do so until the war is over.