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GENERAL MAURICE'S WEEKLY REVIEW OF MILITARY OPERATIONS

Thinks Greatest Danger to the Italian forces is on Northern Front---Ger- man Artillery is Very Active in the Region of Passchendeale.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—In his weekly talk to the Associated Press yesterday, General F. B. Maurice did not attach vital importance to the fact that the Germans have already crossed the Piave river at one point, as he said only a small force had crossed and the Italians should be able to deal with them adequately. "The Italian line of the Piave," said General Maurice, "is the shortest one for them, and was the line originally fixed by Gen. Cadorna when he began his withdrawal. Every day that the Italians hold this line makes the situation more encouraging."

The next line of defence is the Brenta, and the next after that the Adige. But both are much longer than the Piave line.

"One danger to the Italians is their northern, or mountain front. If the enemy breaks through there he cuts off the Italian forces in the plains. On the other hand, the mountain front is one which should be easily held."

IS INCLINED TO BE OPTIMISTIC IN REGARD TO THE SITUATION ON THE ITALIAN FRONT

"There is much reason for optimism about the Italian situation of the Piave. They have been established there now for several days and have had time to rest and improve their positions. Meanwhile the German lines of communication are getting longer and more difficult. Bridges must be repaired and the German rail heads are a long way back, so it takes much time to get up guns, ammunition and supplies."

Regarding operations in the eastern theatre, General Maurice said: "The keynote of our operations in the eastern theatre is the defeat of Von Falkenhayn's preparations for the recapture of Bagdad. General Maude's latest move up the Tigris succeeded in destroying the Turkish stores of ammunition piled up for this enterprise. Having accomplished this, Maude has now fallen back to his old position, and there is no point in prolonging communication for no purpose."

"Meanwhile General Allenby has been striking a powerful blow on the Palestine front. The forces opposing Allenby have been very roughly handled. They have lost half of their effectives and must be reinforced from the army which Von Falkenhayn has been preparing at Aleppo for the Bagdad attack."

BRITISH POSITION NEAR PASSCHENDEALE SUBJECTED TO A FIERCE BOMBARDMENT BY THE HUNS

LONDON, Nov. 15.—The official statement from British Headquarters in France and Belgium issued last night follows: "Since the capture of Passchendeale on Nov. 6th, great hostile artillery activity has been directed against the village and the portion of the main ridge held by us in its vicinity. After our successful attack on Saturday the hostile shelling steadily increased in intensity on the whole of this important area, culminating in the early morning of Tuesday in a concentrated bombardment of great violence on our forward positions."

"Our own artillery replied effectively, but the heavy hostile shelling continued. At 4.30 p.m. yesterday the enemy's bombardment once more became intense, and the attack reported in this morning's official statement was launched. His infantry attempted to advance along the line of the Westroosbeke road. Our artillery again opened fire and combined with the fire of our infantry, completely broke up his attack. Our line is intact. We improved our line slightly during the night to the northwest of Passchendeale."

SIBERIA FOR INDEPENDENCE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
"Cossacks have occupied Kiev."
Copenhagen, Nov. 15.—The eBr-linske Tidende Hapanda correspondent in a dispatch received here says: "Officers at Torneau, Finland, say that Siberia has declared its independence and proclaimed former Emperor Nicholas as emperor."

BORDEN OFF FOR CAPE BRETON

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Halifax, Nov. 15.—Sir Robert Borden, the Prime Minister, leaves for Sydney, C. B., tonight and will speak there tomorrow night. The Premier has been invited to speak in Kentville where he will likely be nominated on Monday as Unionist candidate for the county of Kings.

TO SHOW TANK IN MONTREAL

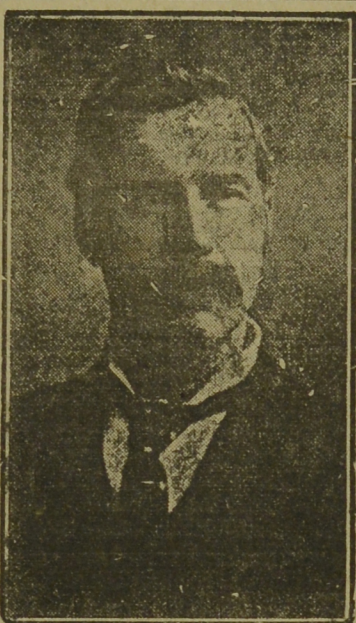
(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Montreal, Nov. 15.—The Victory Loan subscriptions here yesterday totalled \$6,230,000. Mayor Martin has declared next Monday a public holiday in order to permit everyone in Montreal to witness the big Victory Loan parade in which the "tank" that featured at one parade in New York recently, will have the place of honor.

SHIPPING LOSSES WERE LIGHT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Paris, Nov. 15.—The loss to French shipping through mine or submarine for the week ending November 11 was two vessels over 1,600 tons, one of which was actually sunk the previous week, and no vessels under that tonnage. Four unsuccessful attacks were made by the submarines.

N. W. BROWN WILL CONTEST YORK-SUNBURY

The York-Sunbury Liberal Convention called to deal with the political situation convened at the Y. M. C. A. hall this afternoon with President A. H. VanWart in the chair. Although the convention was called on three



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days' notice, the hall was crowded, and all parts of the two counties were represented.

A resolution moved by Mr. D. W. Mersereau, of Gladstone, and seconded by ex-Coun. Lawson, of McAdam, that the convention pledge itself to support all measures to procure victory in the great war, was carried. The names of Mr. R. W. McLellan, barrister, of this city, and Nelson W. Brown, of Middle Southampton, were put in nomination. Mr. McLellan expressed a willingness to withdraw in favor of Mr. Brown.

The nominees retired and held a brief conference, after which Mr. Brown formally accepted the nomination. He announced himself a supporter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

TRANSPORT ASHORE.

A South American Port, Nov. 15.—The British transport Tonclough has gone ashore after an accident. (Available shipping records do not contain a vessel named Tonclough.)

BRITISH FORCES IN PALESTINE RECENTLY TOOK 1,100 PRISONERS

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Nov. 15.—An official statement on the operations in Palestine says: "General Allenby reports at 11 p.m. yesterday that after stiff fighting on the twelfth with Turkish forces which had attempted to take new positions on the Wadi-Sukerri, twelve miles north of Ascalan, the enemy were driven, on the 13th, by a combined attack of our mounted troops and infantry, from this position and forced to retire a distance of five miles to the Wadi-Sur, eight miles south of Jaffa. Our troops captured the enemy's strongly entrenched posts at Mesmyeh, Katrah and Mughar, with magnificent dash, and now hold the line from Eltineh, on the east, through Katrah and Yebnah to the sea."

FIGHTING ON A WIDE FRONT.

"Since early morning fighting has been general along a considerable front and we have made an important advance, bringing us within seven miles of Ramleh (about twenty miles northwest of Jerusalem), which is the centre of the Turkish position and the Turkish headquarters. Our left has pushed across the Wadurbin and reached Elukujebeh."

"Full details of the capture are not yet available, but one mounted division alone reports having taken 1100 prisoners, fourteen machine guns and two big guns." A statement regarding operations in Mesopotamia follows:

"Our forces, after most successful actions at Tekrit on the 5th and 6th, remained at that place until the 8th, the whole of the Turkish forces opposed to them having been withdrawn thirty to fifty miles northward, with the exception of a small detachment at Sharamje. The clearance of the battlefield and the removal or destruction of everything of value having been accomplished, our troops returned to their original positions, according to plans drawn up prior to their advance."

PETROGRAD COMMANDER DENIES THAT HIS TROOPS HAVE DESERTED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 15.—Lieut. Col. Mouravieff, commander of the forces defending Petrograd, according to an undated despatch from Haparanda, has issued the following proclamation: "Kerensky has circulated a false rumor that the troops in Petrograd have gone over voluntarily to the provisional government. The troops of the Russian people are not surrendering. They only have evacuated from the Gatchina in order to avoid bloodshed and take a defensive position nearer Petrograd. The position is now strong enough to resist forces ten times as strong as Kerensky's. Our troops are in the best of spirits. Order and calm prevail in Petrograd."

Besides the cruiser Aurora, the warships Sarda and Svobody, the training ship Afrika and six torpedo boats of the battle fleet have arrived from Helsingfors and anchored in the Neva near the Nicholas bridge, in the centre of Petrograd, whence they can bombard the entire capital. Their entire crews are made up of Bolsheviks.

Teutonic Drive in Italy Said to Have Been Stopped

TRIBUNAL HAS REFUSED FIVE APPLICATIONS

Tribunal No. 54 under the Military Service Act has issued a statement of disposal of applications for exemption on the 12th, 13th and 14th inst. Five applications were refused, thirty-five were allowed and thirty-nine are undecided. The statement is:

	Nov. 12	13	14
A allowed	4	3	5
B allowed	1	2	1
C allowed	1		
D allowed		1	
E allowed	7	2	8
Medical category unknown and case undecided	17	10	12
A refused	2	2	1

Cause for Complaint.

Steamboat officials complain that the caretaker of the railway bridge is not as punctual in attending to his duties as he should be. Frequently there is delay in opening the draw which causes great annoyance to both officials and passengers. One evening this week the steamer May Queen was compelled to wait half an hour in order to get through the bridge. The draw does not require to be opened very often these days and it is felt that the caretaker should be on hand at the right time.

SPEAKER RHODES IS NOMINATED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Halifax, Nov. 15.—E. N. Rhodes, ex-M.P., was nominated as a Union candidate for Cumberland at a convention held in Amherst. E. K. Spinney, merchant, of Yarmouth, has been nominated to represent the new riding of Yarmouth-Clare as a Union candidate.

Hunters Return.

S. D. Peterson and wife and T. D. Peterson of Newcastle, Pa., returned last night from a hunting trip to Doaktown. They secured three deer.

The Italian Armies Far From Being De- feated Says Cable to French Embassy at Washington---City of Venice is Being Evacuated.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—That the Teutonic drive into Italy has been stopped is expressed in a cable despatch to the French embassy. "The Germans have greatly exaggerated the importance of the Italian defeat," says the statement. "In reality the Italian armies are far from being defeated."

VENICE, Nov. 15.—The evacuation of Venice is almost complete, this city having undergone the same treatment as Treviso and Vicenza, with the difference that its art galleries were so numerous and of such colossal proportions that an army of workmen was required to transport them. The great pictures, fine glassware and ivories and similar art treasures were transported easily, being removed at the beginning of the war. The present removal of art treasures included the heaviest works, which up to this time had been protected by sandbags or hid in cellars. The most important was the Bartolomeo Colleoni monument, the last work of Andrea Verrocchio, the master of the Leonardo Davinier. It was erected in the 15th century and was considered one of the finest equestrian statues in the world. The four gilded bronze horses from the Basilica of Saint Mark also were removed. This was their fifth journey as they were taken from Rome to Constantinople and thence in 1204 to Venice. More than a hundred years ago Napoleon took them to Paris, whence they were returned to Venice. They now probably will be housed temporarily in the museum of the Baths of Diocletian at Rome.

BRITISH ARTILLERY ON WESTERN FRONT CARRY OUT SOME SUCCESSFUL BOMBARDMENTS

LONDON, Nov. 15.—The following statement on aviation activities was issued by the War Office last night:

"A heavy ground mist throughout Tuesday again rendered observation from the air very difficult. Our artillery carried out a few successful bombardments and a few photographs were taken. Our low flying airplanes engaged several ground targets with machine guns. Hostile airplanes dropped some bombs behind our lines during the evening and at night."

"In the course of the day we brought down two hostile airplanes in air fighting and drove down four others out of control. Another hostile machine was shot down in our lines by anti-aircraft guns. All of our airplanes returned."

BELGIAN OFFICIAL REPORT.

PARIS, Nov. 15.—The Belgian communication issued by the War Office last night says: "During the day of November 13, the artillery fire was rather heavy southeast of Dixmude. Enemy aviators carried out a raid on the night of Nov. 13-14 and dropped a number of bombs on Adinkerke, Panne and Furnes, causing a number of victims among the civilian population. North of Dixmude one of our detachments exploded a mine near the German lines. During today the activity of the two artilleryies was stronger along the entire front."

AMERICANS AMBUSHED HUN PATROL.

With the American Army in France, Nov. 14.—American infantrymen exacted a partial revenge for a trench raid during a recent night by ambushing a large German patrol in No Man's Land, killing or wounding a number of the enemy. The American patrol, in which there were some Frenchmen, arranged the ambush near the German lines on a shell ruined farm.

MOTIONS BEFORE APPEAL COURT

Before Chief Justice Hazen, Judge White and Judge Grimmer of the Appeal Division, Supreme Court, this morning, argument was completed in the case of Laura H. Cheeseman vs. Canadian Pacific Railway, Mr. F. R. Taylor, K. C., moving to set aside verdict for plaintiff and enter verdict for defendant of for new trial. Mr. Daniel Mullin, K. C., contra. Court considers.

In the case of John Scott & Co., Ltd., vs. McCain Produce Co., Ltd., Mr. A. J. Gregory, K. C., for the plaintiff company, moved to set aside verdict for the defendant company on its counter claim and enter a verdict for the plaintiff company or failing that for a new trial. The defendant's counter claim is based on alleged breach of the hay contract made by the parties, in refusing to accept a large part of the hay sold by the defendant company to the plaintiff company.

SHIPPING LOSSES LAST WEEK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
London, Nov. 15.—The Admiralty statement regarding sinkings last week follows:
Arrivals, 2,125; sailings, 2,307.
British merchantmen over 1600 tons sunk by mine or submarine, one; under 1600 tons, five. Fishing vessels sunk, one.
British merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, including three previously, eight.

New Smallpox Cases.

Dr. R. H. McGrath, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, was called to Douglas last night on account of another reported smallpox case. He found the son of Mr. Elbridge Merrieth with a well defined case. Dr. Earle reported by telephone that two new cases had developed at Andover.

Valuators Meeting.

The assessment valuers of York County are at work adjusting the valuation of the town of Devon and parish of St. Mary's. Devon on being incorporated as a town is separated from St. Mary's parish.