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The Weather.

Moderate winds, cloudy with light local snowfalls. Thursday, cloudy and becoming colder.

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CANADIAN AVIATORS WILL TAKE A HAND ON THE ITALIAN FRONT

Large Party Along With Some Americans Has Arrived From Flanders---The Teutons Getting Ready to Resume Offensive From the North.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the French Armies in Italy, Tuesday, Dec. 4.—Among the troops and units that have arrived in Italy with the British and French armies is a large group of aviators, who are impatiently awaiting to enter the fight. The British have sent a large contingent of flyers, half of whom are Canadians, Americans, who have been doing work in Flanders and northern France. The squadron, which expects to be given work at the front soon, is proving quite an attraction for the Italians.

The Canadians and Americans nightly entertain their comrades and crowds of curious Italians by holding song festivals at their hotel.

One effect of the arrival of the French and British in Italy has been the rapid drop back to normal of Franco-Italian exchange, which went up when the Austro-German offensive was in the full flush of its success. Exchange daily is becoming par.

EXTRA HEAVY ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT FORESHADOWS RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES

An exceptionally heavy artillery bombardment from the enemy positions around Asiago last night and through the early hours today appears to foreshadow the long-expected resumption of the heavy enemy offensive from the north.

The first violent eruption began early last night. There was a lull toward midnight and then it was resumed with added intensity at three o'clock this morning, lasting until nine.

Heavy shells were rained on the whole range of Italian positions, and were concentrated particularly on the locations supposed to shield Italian batteries.

The violence of the artillery action leaves little doubt that it is a prelude to infantry advances in force, whereby Von Hoetzendorf hopes to realize his project of pressing down the valley leading to Vicenza and the open plain.

BIG FORCES ARE MASSED.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Tuesday, Dec. 4.—Great forces of men and guns have been massed by the Austrians and Germans in the Asiago section, according to reports reaching here tonight, and resumption of the offensive is expected. The reports indicate that the enemy is employing ten divisions of troops.

SAYS PEOPLE OF QUEBEC ARE WORKED UP TO A TERRIBLE PITCH

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

TORONTO, Dec. 5.—“I tell you, you people have not any idea of the mental condition into which Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Henri Bourassa and Armand Lavergne have led the people of Quebec. They act as though we of British descent had no right to live or breathe.”

Maor R. J. Hewton of Sherbrooke, Que., made this statement at a Unionist rally here tonight. Major Hewton was one of the speakers at the meeting at His Majesty's Theatre in Sherbrooke recently when the building was stoned by anti-Unionists, and bears as a trace of the affray a square of black court plaster across the bridge of his nose, where a stone from the malcontent crowd found its mark.

“The Sherbrooke outrage was no isolated instance,” declared Major Hewton. “I can name dozens of similar disturbances throughout the province of Quebec, and I tell you you must make up your mind, every red blooded man and woman of you, to vote for a Unionist candidate, regardless of what his politics have been in the past.”

MORE PORK WILL BE REQUIRED

Washington, Dec. 5.—Fifteen per cent. increase in the production of pork in 1918 will be required for domestic consumption and export to the Allies, the department of agriculture announced today in urging every farmer to do his share towards remedying the shortage of pork products.

Premier Foster of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.
Mr. F. S. Whittaker of St. John, is in the city.

BOLD ROBBERY AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Five bandits robbed the Stockmen's Trust and Savings Bank in the stockyards district, of ten thousand dollars in cash today and got away in an automobile.
The president of the bank and seven employees were herded into a back room while the robbers rifled the safe.

Hon. E. A. Smith of Shediac, Minister of Lands and Mines, arrived in the city this morning.
Mr. J. W. Rathbone of Farnham, Que., is a guest at the Queen.

POLITICAL MEETINGS HELD LAST NIGHT IN YORK AND SUNBURY

The Liberal campaign in York-Sunbury on behalf of Mr. Nelson W. Brown is now under way. Last night meetings in his behalf were held at Lakeville Corner, Tracey, Nasonworth and Taymouth. At Lakeville Corner the speakers were Messrs. E. C. Atkinson and T. C. Burpee, of Fredericton; at Tracey the candidate, Mr. Brown, and Mr. D. W. Mersereau, M. P. P., of Fredericton Junction; at Nasonworth speakers were Messrs. F. H. Peters and C. W. Burnett of Fredericton, and at Taymouth Mr. R. W. McLellan of Fredericton and Mr. P. S. Watson of Devon. Large audiences are reported at all the meetings. Monday night a rally was held at the Fredericton committee rooms, Regent street. The speakers were Mr. R. W. McLellan and Mr. W. A. Walsh.

Unionist Meetings.
The Unionists held meetings last night at Harvey and Mouth of Keswick. At Harvey the speakers were Col. McLeod, the candidate, Mr. S. B. Hunter, M. P. P., of Harvey, and Mr. J. B. Dickson of this city. The attendance was large and the meeting a good one. At Mouth of Keswick the chairman was Mr. John Inch. The speakers were Messrs. R. B. Hanson and J. J. F. Winslow of Fredericton. Both Liberals and Conservatives attended the meeting in large numbers.

THINKS THAT RUSSIA WILL RIGHT HERSELF IN TIME

The Situation in That Country is Unique in History---Inadvisable to Attempt to Raise the Curtain Upon the Tragic Comic Drama.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The situation in Russia is unique in history, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post, writing Saturday, but it is not yet advisable to attempt to raise the curtain upon the mysteries of the tragic-comic drama. The correspondent insists that Russia will right herself if generously allowed the necessary latitude by the puzzled Allies, and next spring it will put new armies in the field to fight the invader with the success that marked the Russian efforts earlier in the war. In the meanwhile, he adds, the situation is extremely curious. Some force which is above or beyond all the contending parties is putting the spokes into the wheels of all of them.

Secret Telegram Published.

PETROGRAD, Saturday, Dec. 1.—A secret telegram purporting to have been sent by the Russian foreign ministers to the diplomatic representatives in Paris, London and Tokio in August, 1917, and regarding negotiations for China's entry into the war, is made public by the Bolshevik ministry.

It refers to suggestions that the Allies facilitate such a step by offering the postponement of the payment of Boxer indemnities during the war, and for five years longer, without prejudice. Russia declared herself agreeable, but it is recited that the agreement was not completed.

THE PRESENT ELECTION IS NOT ALONE A CANADIAN QUESTION

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The Times declares that the most rigid regard for dominion constitutional rights cannot argue that the present election is only a Canadian question. “Let the soldiers and nurses consider the effect in Germany if Borden is defeated. It is said the opposition are trying to seduce them by promises of furlough if Laurier wins, or staying in the firing line if he doesn't. Promises of that kind, if they are being made, are more an insult than seduction, and in any case it is most doubtful if they could be kept.”

The Pall Mall Gazette says editorially that nobody can say that public opinion in Great Britain is prone to officious interference in affairs of the Dominions, but the Canadian election has raised issues as wide as the Empire itself. Canada is now faced with the same situation that compelled assent to conscription in Britain. We do not entertain any doubt what the popular decision will be in the Dominion, which has, from the first hour of the hostilities, realized the significance of a German victory to itself, to the Empire and to humanity.

Germans Forced to Pause To Take a Breathing Spell

MORE NON-RESIDENT GAME LICENSES THAN IN PREVIOUS SEASON

Returns from the sales of game licenses during the game season which closed December 1st are not yet made up although the majority of the vendors have sent in their statements to the Department of Lands and Mines. It is known, however, that the total number of resident licenses issued during the season exceeded the total of any preceding season. The license fee for residents, however, was two dollars instead of three dollars as in previous seasons and it is expected that the total revenue from that source will not be quite up to the previous total.

Fewer Non-Residents.

Non-resident hunters who visited New Brunswick during the season were fewer than before. The fact that the United States had entered the war was one cause of that condition, but for several seasons past there has been a gradual falling off in the number.

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Von Hindenburg Utterly Regardless For the Lives of His Men---Has Made Tremendous Efforts to Smash the British Line--Open Fighting Develops

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

With the British Army in France, Dec. 4.—The Germans up to noon today had not renewed their attempts of yesterday to smash the British front south of Marcoing, but it seems probable that the enemy will allow matters to remain as they are now; therefore the situation is still one that cannot be dismissed lightly in view of the heavy concentration of guns and troops which Von Hindenburg has brought to bear on this line.

There has been no change in the respective positions of the opposing forces since last night. Exhaustion and process of reorganization and depleted ranks have undoubtedly forced the enemy to pause for a breathing spell.

The situation today was much easier for the British.

GALLANT BRITISH SOLDIERS DID NOT YIELD BEFORE THE ASSAULTS OF SUPERIOR NUMBERS

Yesterday was admittedly a rather anxious one, but abundant reinforcements arrived. The checking of the German's incessant massed attacks was due only to the gallantry of the dogged British soldiers, who did not yield before fierce assaults by greatly superior numbers of the foe.

In their stupendous efforts against La Vacquerie the Germans swept forward in dense waves with absolutely no concealment, and were slaughtered. During the afternoon they delivered a very heavy attack also west of Masnieres, and succeeded in smashing through the British line, but an immediate counter-attack forced them to fall back.

The open fighting which has developed along the new battlefield has created an entirely new situation, which holds out many possibilities, and now more than ever involves the question of generalship, which may decide the issue.

BRITISH AVIATORS DROP MANY BOMBS ON VILLAGES IN THE VICINITY OF CAMBRAI

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The text of the official communication dealing with aviation issued tonight follows:

A great deal of reconnaissance, artillery and photographic work was carried out by our aeroplanes Monday. Villages in the occupation of the enemy on the Cambrai battlefield were attacked with bombs and by machine gun fire from the air. Our aeroplanes co-operated with the infantry in local fighting east of Ypres. During the night 291 bombs were dropped on villages west of Cambrai. Some of the pilots engaged in this work made as many as three consecutive trips. In air fighting two hostile machines were driven down out of control. Two of our machines are missing.”

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK WITHOUT WARNING; MANY LIVES ARE LOST

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The British steamer Apapa, according to the Daily Mail, was nearing home after a two months' voyage, when she was torpedoed without warning. The lifeboats were manned immediately and all would have been rescued, but the submarine fired a second torpedo while the women and children were being lowered to the boats, causing the ship to sink immediately with eighty passengers and the crew.

Another report says that forty passengers and thirty members of the crew were lost, and that the survivors were landed on the west coast. The Daily Mail appends to its story the names of some prominent U-boat victims, whose deaths were announced Tuesday. Among them were W. R. Townsend, attorney general of the Gold Coast, and F. H. Longhurst, director of public works of the Gold Coast.

THE VICTORY LOAN.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—Canada's total subscriptions to the Victory Loan continue to roll in despite the fact that the campaign has been closed for four days. The total represented by Dominion headquarters up till ten a.m. today was \$411,891,750, of which Ontario subscribed \$201,555,500. The Maritime Province totals are: New Brunswick, \$10,250,000; Nova Scotia, \$18,055,250; Prince Edward Island, \$2,213,470.

OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The first comprehensive and authoritative directory of Canada's natural resources is to be published without delay by the Commission of Conservation.

AN EDITOR'S DEATH.

New York, Dec. 5.—Frederick Edward Seward, editor and proprietor of the Coal Trade Journal, died suddenly here last night, aged 71 years. He was a recognized authority in his field.

Farewell Sermon on Sunday.

Rev. E. E. Lake, for a number of years rector of St. Mary's, will preach his farewell sermons at St. Mary's Parish church on Sunday next. With his family he will leave shortly for Ontario where he will make his home in the future.

Partnership Formed.

John Violette and Frank Violette of Drummond parish, Victoria county, have formed a partnership under the name of Violette Bros. Business will be transacted in Drummond parish and the headquarters will be there.