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## HEAVY FIGHTING IS BEING CONTINUED IN NORTHERN ITALY

### Mountains Proving a Natural Barrier to the Advance of the Enemy---Lon- don Morning Post Makes Serious Allegation Against the Vatican.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 22.—Heavy fighting continues on the northern line, centering along the low mountains above Monte Grappa. These successive mountains are proving to be the same kind of natural barriers to the enemy's advance that the successive rivers interposed before the Piave was reached. Before the enemy looms the snow-capped Grappa, held by the Italians, which would be a really formidable obstacle should the lower ranges be taken.

The fighting today between the Piave and Brenta rivers, while heavy, brought no material change in the positions of the opposing forces.

### ACCUSES VATICAN OF BEING IMPLICATED IN PROPAGANDA WHICH LED TO ITALIAN REVERSES

LONDON, November 23.—The Vatican is accused in an editorial in the Morning Post of being implicated in the propaganda, which the newspaper says was largely responsible for the recent Italian reverses. Reviewing what it describes as Vatican machinations, the Post declares that its political activities during the war "can by no sophistry be regarded as consistent with the principles of neutrality. From the beginning the Vatican has leaned to Austria's side, and lately has furtively, but actively espoused the Austrian cause."

The newspaper calls on the British government to look into the matter, and demands that the Vatican declare definitely on which side it stands.

## PRAISE FOR GENERALS HAIG AND BYNG IN THE BRITISH COMMONS

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Nov. 22.—In the House of Commons, Kennedy Jones suggested that the government send a message to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig congratulating him on the splendid achievement of the most recent offensive on the western front. Right Hon. Andrew Bonar Law replied: "I have very little doubt but the cabinet will send such a message, but I am quite sure that neither Sir Douglas Haig, who planned, nor Lieutenant General Byng, who carried out the operations, need to be assured of the admiration with which we regard the operations."

Mr. MacPherson, Under Secretary for War, stated that the military authorities in East Africa were already taking steps to inquire into the commission of atrocities by the Germans and German natives on British prisoners of war during the early stages of the campaign in East Africa, with a view to bring to trial anybody against whom satisfactory evidence is obtainable.

## BRITISH AIRMEN MAKE RECORD FOR A CROSS COUNTRY JOURNEY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Nov. 22.—The Admiralty announces that a successful air attack in the vicinity of Constantinople has been fully accomplished by a large British bombing aeroplane, which flew from England to a British base in the Mediterranean in a series of eight flights. The stopping places included Lyons and Rome, and the total distance covered was nearly two thousand miles.

The machine was actually in the air thirty-one hours. This is believed to be a world's record for a cross-country journey and for the weight carried. During some parts of the flight strong winds and heavy rain storms were experienced and there was one stretch of two hundred miles over a mountainous country where it would be impossible for any machine to land.

## REPORTED UNDER ARREST

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Petrograd, Nov. 22.—The wife of Premier Kerensky is reported to have been arrested by members of the Red Guard while tearing down Bolshevik posters in which Kerensky was referred to in uncomplimentary terms.

The revolutionary committees at Moscow are forming special guards for the protection of foreign subjects and have organized a bureau of registration.

It is reported from Viborg, Fin'land, that the general strike has been resumed after a two days' truce because the workmen failed to receive satisfaction for their demands.

## STOLEN MAIL POUCH FOUND

Portland, Me., Nov. 22.—With the recovery today of a stolen mail pouch from which \$28,000 in bonds had been taken, it became known that the Federal authorities were investigating the disappearance of a second pouch containing \$46,000 in securities.

In each case the mail bag disappeared after it had been thrown upon a truck for transshipment. The second pouch was lost at Sherbrooke, Que., and no trace of it has been found.

The bag recovered today was found by accident when an employee of the over it in the underbrush near the Portland terminal machine shops fell union station. The contents were intact except for the package of bonds, on which Boston consignees had stopped payment.

## CONVICTION STANDS IN CASE OF ROMANUS

### Appeal Court Refused Rule— Argument Heard in Matter of Inspector Refusing Beer License.

Before the Appeal Division, Supreme Court, Chief Justice Hazen, Judge White and Judge Grimmer present, argument was heard today in connection with orders issued by the court in two Fredericton matters.

The first was the case of Thomas and Joseph Romanus, two Syrians of Devon, convicted by Police Magistrate Limerick of assault on another Syrian with intent to do bodily harm. In this the rule to quash conviction was refused. The other was the refusal of Chief Inspector W. D. Wilson to issue a beer license to Mr. R. Bruce McFarlane of Fredericton and the attempt to compel the chief inspector to issue such license. Argument in this matter is unfinished.

### Romanus Case.

Ex parte Thomas Romanus and Joseph Romanus. Mr. P. J. Hughes showed cause against a rule nisi granted on the first day of the sitting to quash a conviction for assault with intent to do bodily harm made by the police magistrate of Fredericton. Mr. Hughes argued that certiorari should not be granted and that the appeal should be brought before the court on a reserved case.

Mr. J. J. F. Winslow was heard in support of the rule. He argued that important principles of law were involved. The refusal to allow the defendant to cross-examine goes to his jurisdiction.

The court decided the point of Mr. Hughes well taken and that the certiorari would not lie. Rule refused.

### McFarlane Case.

Re W. D. Wilson, Chief Inspector under the Intoxicating Liquor Act of 1916, Mr. P. J. Hughes showed cause against a rule nisi for a mandamus granted on the first day of the sitting for the chief inspector. He argued that the issuing of the license was discretionary on the part of the chief inspector. The only thing the court could do on mandamus was to instruct the chief inspector to exercise his discretion and that official already had done that. He could not be ordered to exercise his discretion in a particular way. There was nothing in the act making it obligatory upon a chief inspector to issue a license.

Mr. J. J. F. Winslow in support of the rule argued that in all cases cited the person to whom the discretion is given is an element in determining whether the act is imperative and mandatory or discretionary and, permissive. It never was the intention of the legislature to vest any discretionary power in the chief inspector.

Mr. Winslow's argument was unfinished when court took recess.

## The British Have Advanced Their Lines in Flanders

### TRIBUNAL HAS CONSIDERED 230 APPLICATIONS

### Thirty-three Have Been Disal- lowed and 104 are Adjourn- ed on Account of Lack of Information.

While sitting in this city Tribunal No. 54 under the Military Service Act has considered two hundred and thirty applications for exemption from military service. Of that number thirty-three have been disallowed, four have had the time limit extended which amounts to being disallowed, one hundred and four have been adjourned, usually because the necessary papers have not been furnished by the applicants. These applicants stand in danger of having their claims disallowed without further proceedings as the tribunal lacks the necessary information on which to grant exemption.

Up to last night the applications had been dealt with as follows: Class A allowed 21; Class A disallowed, 21; Class A time extended, 4; Class A adjourned, 5; Class B allowed, 17; Class C allowed, 20; Class D allowed, 1; Class D adjourned or time extended, 2; Class E allowed, 6; unknown classification allowed, 6; unknown classification disallowed, 12; unknown classification adjourned, 101.

### Still Alarm This Morning.

The firemen were called out this morning for a small fire at the residence of Mr. Thomas Chapman St. John street. There was little damage.

### Women Organized.

The women qualified to vote in the coming Federal election, who are supporting the Union government met yesterday afternoon and organized for the campaign. The women voters are taking a keen interest in the election.

## OPPOSITION STRONG IN EAST

Ottawa, Nov. 22.—Hon. F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works, and Hon. A. K. MacLean, Minister without portfolio, arrived here today from the Maritime Provinces and will return east tomorrow. Both the ministers appeared to be confident that the Union government would make a good showing in the elections and win the majority of the constituencies, but they were not disposed to minimize the strength of the opposition forces in the eastern provinces.

## CENTRAL POWERS MAY OFFER PEACE TO THE RUSSIANS

### Diplomat Now Said to be En Route to Petrograd With a Proposal--Russian Regime Scored by Ambassador.

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 23.—According to the Tidningen, a Russian diplomat left Stockholm yesterday for Petrograd with orders to hand to the Russian revolutionary government proposals for peace by the Central Powers.

### To Increase Anarchy.

PARIS, Nov. 22.—The proclamation of the commissaries of the people to open up negotiations for an armistice can in no way be considered as coming from the government of the country," said M. Maklakoff, the new Russian ambassador, to the Temps. "The present regime lacks both legal title and recognition by the country. It can commit acts of violence, treason and cowardice, but it cannot govern. Its object is to increase anarchy in the army rather than to conclude an armistice." M. Maklakoff concluded by saying he hoped that the re-birth of Russia would come from the ever-increasing disintegration in the north and concentration of the forces south.

### To Requisition Apparel.

Petrograd, Nov. 23.—The Bolsheviks have issued a decree providing for the requisitioning from the wealthier classes of warm apparel for the army. Tenants of residences the rental of which is 2,400 rubles or more yearly, are required to furnish one blanket and one article of clothing in good condition.

## Official Report Announces Further Pro- gress on Somme Front Southeast of Cambrai---Limit of Great Victory Has Not Yet Been Reached.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The British have advanced their lines considerably in Flanders, southeast of Ypres, the War Office announces. The situation on the Somme front southwest of Cambrai is unchanged. The announcement follows:

"Southeast of Ypres we advanced our lines slightly during the night. Hostile raids attempted in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle, northwest of St. Quentin and northwest of Pontreuet were repulsed, leaving prisoners in our hands. There is no change on our front southwest of St. Quentin."

### TOTAL NUMBER OF PRISONERS CAPTURED NOW APPROACHING THE NINE THOUSAND MARK

British Headquarters in France, Nov. 22.—We have not yet reached the limit of our victory. The success grows hourly. The total of prisoners is approaching nine thousand. Great stretches of new country and fresh villages are being captured. Besides increasing in depth, the wedge is spreading at its base.

The weather continues most unfavorable, a heavy mist preventing all airplane observation. Nevertheless, the airmen continue to fly over the battleground, penetrating far into the enemy territory at the level of the troops.

The last village captured is Cantoing, and the troops are now in the neighborhood of Bourbon and Moeucare, while the fighting is promising in the region of Rumilly.

### BRITISH HOLD ALL THE GROUND CAPTURED, AND THE CASUALTY LIST IS INCREDIBLY SMALL

The enemy attempted only a few small counter attacks between Rumilly and Noyelles, but were easily repulsed.

At Cantoing and Briond Misnieres we have broken into sections of the last line of the defence, and now hold the Hindenburg line with the famous tunnel where the counter attacks have been heavy and pressed with great determination. But we hold everything taken. Our casualties are almost incredibly small. The troops are most cheerful and are roaming over new and unspoiled country, where villages have not been destroyed and tilled fields abound.

### THE NUMBER OF TANKS WHICH TOOK PART WAS GREATER THAN IN ANY PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT

Nothing has been announced officially or unofficially concerning the number of machines constituting what the correspondents describe as the "grand fleet" of tanks employed in Tuesday's advance, but the number apparently has been greater than in any one previous action. Casualties, of course, were heavy in an operation of such a scale, but the special despatches agree that they are not great. Some describe the tank losses as light. One writer says that "a number" were knocked out by direct hits from German big guns. Another says that some were overturned by shell fire, and others were bogged.

One or two thrust their noses in the soft earth or turned over in trying to climb down steep banks. One fell into a canal; but it is evident that the great majority plunged ahead unhindered.

### GENERAL BYNG HONORED.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—King George has promoted Lieutenant General Byng to the rank of General, in recognition of his distinguished service in the field in the recent operations, it was officially announced today.

## CANNOT EXPORT STOCK OF EGGS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Nov. 23.—A despatch to the Gazette from Ottawa says: Certain dealers in eggs who have accumulated for export stocks estimated at several million dozens, and who now find it impossible to ship the goods out of the country, have been engaged, it is stated, in negotiations with a branch of the food administration with a view to furthering a scheme for marketing their holdings in Canada.

The plan suggested is understood to have been that the government and merchants should each contribute ten thousand dollars to encourage the consumption of eggs as a substitute for meats. Apparently a reduction in egg prices was not contemplated by the dealers.

### A BIG SUBSCRIPTION.

Quebec, Nov. 23.—The Quebec provincial government today subscribed one million dollars to the Canadian Victory Loan.

## CANADIANS IN HOSPITALS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Nov. 22.—Figures complete to November 15th indicate that there are 10,953 returned soldier patients on the strength of the military hospitals commission command. This figure is 754 greater than on the first of the month. Of these, 8,913 are in convalescent hospitals, 1,311 in sanatoriums and 729 in various other types of hospitals. On November 7th there were 19,099 Canadian casualties in hospitals in the United Kingdom, a decrease of 196 in a week.

### WILL HELP WIN THE WAR.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Nov. 22.—Four thousand dollars "conscience money" has been received by the Department of Finance from St. John, N. B. This is an exceptionally large amount of "conscience money" to be received at one time by the department.