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GREAT DRIVE FOR VICTORY BONDS MONDAY

OPPORTUNITY TO BUY A BOND WILL BE BROUGHT TO EVERYONE IN THE CITY.

GERMAN TROOPS FACE GREAT FLOODS BEFORE ITALIANS

POSITIONS WHERE HUNS CROSSED PIAVE RIVER IS NOW UNDER WATER—ATTEMPTS TO OUTFANK ITALIAN ARMY IN NORTH VIGOROUSLY REPULSED—BRITISH PURSUE TURKS IN PALESTINE

Rome, Nov. 17.—The flood gates of the Piave and Sile rivers have been opened by the Italian military engineers, and the enemy is now faced with another Yser of inundation. The flood was loosed at the point where the enemy succeeded in crossing the Piave river, near Grisolera, and the whole region where he gained a lodgement is now under water. The inundated territory forms a huge triangle about twelve miles on each side, with the apex at Dona Di Piave.

The Teutonic attempts to encircle the northern flank of Italy's Piave line have been vigorously repulsed. On the mountainous front from the Asiago plateau to the Piave all positions remain ours, despite the heavy enemy attacks at various points.

Venice Empty.

Venice, Nov. 17.—The ancient city of Venice is now almost empty, the population having been reduced from the usual hundred and sixty thousand to twenty thousand. The mayor has announced that he will remain at his post. Four hundred thousand refugees from the northern region of Italy have already reached central and southern Italy, and still further thousands are en route.

Useless Effort.

The Pope has urged upon the Central Empires the necessity of

abiding by the laws of civilized warfare.

British Front.

London, Nov. 17.—A tremendous artillery duel is in progress in the Paschendale area, while in Palestine, the British army which is pursuing the fleeing Turks along the coast, have made further substantial gains.

French Front.

Paris, Nov. 17.—The German troops tried vainly last night to force the relinquishment by the French of the recent gains in Flanders. On the right bank of the Meuse, the artillery action was lively. Another air raid was made by the Germans over the town of Nancy, without having any civilian victims.

In Russia.

Copenhagen, Nov. 17.—According to the latest advices received here, barricade fighting is in progress in the streets of Petrograd.

WESTHOLME THEATRE

The wonderful Japanese actor Sessue Hayakawa is featured on tonight's programme at the Westholme Theatre. The title of the photoplay is 'The Jaguar's Claws' and in the hands of this brilliant actor from the East, the part he has to play is splendidly rendered. The play is a fine one. In addition there will also be a Topical Budget and a Comedy.

SUBMARINE MENACE HAS NOT DISAPPEARED

Germany Building Under-water Craft Faster Than British Can Sink Them.

London, Nov. 17.—The menace of the German submarine is not yet broken. Sir Eric Geddes, of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons yesterday that Germany is building U-boats faster than the British can sink them. He said that the strictest economy in everything that is sea borne is still a vital necessity.

QUARTER OF POPULATION PERISH FROM STARVATION

Washington, Nov. 16.—The Swiss Government has offered to undertake to provision the Serbian civil population, according to a despatch received here by cable. It has declared itself ready to send under guaranty everything offered for the Serbians and to assume responsibility for its distribution through its own representative. The Serbian Government has gratefully accepted the offer. Advices from Serbia picture conditions there as serious and estimate that a quarter of the population already has perished because of lack of food, prevalence of disease and privations due to the war.

CONVICTS ARE LIABLE FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Ottawa, Nov. 17.—Convicts are not exempt from military service. Those in class one must report for service, or file claims for exemption.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS ANXIOUS TALK PEACE

London, Nov. 17.—The Independent Socialist group in the German Reichstag have requested the President to convoke an immediate session of the Reichstag in order to discuss the peace offer made by Lenin, the leader of the Russian Bolsheviks.

BRITISH BARRAGE MAKES GREAT GERMAN LOSSES

Huns Cannot Prevent the Moving Curtain of Fire Mowing Their Troops Down.

Copenhagen, Nov. 14.—Unwilling testimony of the irresistible might of the British offensive in Flanders is given by Lieut.-Gen. von Ardenne, the military critic of The Tageblatt of Berlin, who sends from the Flanders front a graphic picture of the difficulties of the German defence. No way, he says, has been devised to prevent the "fire roller," as the Germans term the moving barrage, from making slow and steady gains. He reports the German losses as very heavy if an attempt is made to hold the front line trenches in force, while a thin line adds to the speed of the British advance.

"The sufferings of the defenders in the front line," Gen. von Ardenne writes, "composed of shell holes almost filled with water, are such that the men must be relieved every two days, instead of every week or every ten days, as last year. The infantry now spends two days on the firing line, two in support and two in reserve, until relieved."

Foe Artillery Inferior.

The German artillery is so numerically inferior to the British that it is seldom relieved, and as it cannot dig in owing to the boggy terrain it must fire without cover. The conditions in the shell holes are such that men falling into the centre of them are lost unless assisted. Horses breaking into the morass are shot because it is impossible to extricate them. German counter attacks can traverse the fire-roller only by small detachments in single file. The loss is slight if the manoeuvre succeeds.

The Germans otherwise are anxious concerning an advance from Dixmude, where the road emerges from the inundated region. The Germans maintain a concentric artillery fire on the road, but von Ardenne thinks that an attempt to advance is not improbable.

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TRAIL SMELTER MEN DISOBEY THE LAW

Victoria, Nov. 17.—The terms of the Military Service Act have been flagrantly disobeyed by fifteen hundred smelter men at Trail. They flatly refuse to obey the law. They made a bonfire of Victory Loan literature and refused to subscribe. The Premier has communicated with Ottawa. The situation is reported to be serious. Denials of this story have come from Trail and Nelson. The latter town claims that the men want an eight-hour day.

NAILING A RUMOR

Mrs. Arthur Spurr has sent a communication to Mr. J. H. McMullin, a copy of which reads as follows:

J. H. McMullin, Esq.,
Prince Rupert, B. C.,
Dear Sir—On account of the serious illness of my husband, I wish to apply for temporary exemption from military service for Harry Astoria, my only assistant. I state he has already attested and is in every way ready to do his duty. Owing to these sudden and unforeseen circumstances, this temporary exemption would be more than appreciated by Mr. Spurr and myself.

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(Signed) FRANCES SPURR.
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LLOYD GEORGE NOW PROMISES STRONG POLICY

Promises Nation Powerful Leadership—Lord Northcliffe's Reasons for Refusing Cabinet Job.

London, Nov. 17.—Premier Lloyd George is out for a stronger policy. He has promised to the nation a powerful leadership. His establishment as Dictator coincides with the anti-pacifist campaign. The new move against Bolshevism and the poison plotters is greatly applauded in the press.

Good Reasons.
Lord Northcliffe has explained his reasons for his refusal to enter the Cabinet, in a letter to Lloyd George. He asserts that the Government still dallies with urgent questions, and that there is obstruction and delay in certain departments. He also says that the censorship is misused and promotion given in many cases where punishment is demanded.

The War Council.
Colonel House will be a member of the Inter-Allied War Council, representing the United States at its deliberations. The members of the American Mission attending the allied conference were invited to Buckingham Palace for luncheon with the King and Queen.

THE NEW FRENCH MINISTRY

Paris, Nov. 17.—Premier Clemenceau's new ministry is about complete. He has but three portfolios yet to fill.

Victory Loan Drive!

WILL Commence on Monday. Every man, woman and child is earnestly requested to do their part to make this Loan an unqualified success. We want to show Canada that Prince Rupert and Northern B.C. can loan money as liberally as they can give both men and money for the Cause of Liberty.

OVER THE TOP ON MONDAY
Canadians do not know the meaning of the word retreat

PUBLIC RALLY

For CY PECK, D.S.O.

A meeting of all friends and supporters of Colonel Cy Peck, D. S. O., Returned Soldiers, Liberals, Conservatives, Independents and Laborites, men and women will be held in the

Empress Theatre, Second Avenue
Monday Evening, at 8 o'clock

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If we fail to take up these bonds Canada will have to borrow elsewhere—probably the States. If they do they will have to buy in the States a large proportion of their supplies to balance their credit, so failure to buy these bonds at home means not only loss of trade but \$8,250,000 per year interest, which the Government will pay to those people of Canada who buy Victory Loan Bonds.

Therefore, it is your duty as a Canadian or resident in Canada to purchase one. By doing so you increase our productive powers; Britain gets the supplies so much needed; the people of Canada get the cash, with profits; our soldiers get the benefits of food, clothes and ammunition; the Huns get the "kick," and a real Canadian kick at that; you get the best investment in the world today, and keep this money at home.