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GERMANS MAKE FIVE TRYs TO CROSS PIAVE

ITALIANS REPULSE ATTACKS -- ANOTHER LONDON AIR RAID---TRANSPORT SUNK

AUSTRO-GERMAN PRESSURE TREMENDOUS ON ITALIANS

FIVE ATTEMPTS MADE TO CROSS PIAVE RIVER ARE REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSSES--SEVERE FIGHTING IN MOUNTAINS--ANOTHER AIR RAID ON ENGLAND--MANY KILLED AND INJURED

(Special to The Daily News.)

Rome, Dec. 20.—Extremely heavy fighting has again developed in the northern mountain region and along the line of the river Piave. Five different attempts were made by the enemy to cross the river. The first party temporarily succeeded in getting upon the further bank, but after a series of furious attacks, were driven back again into the water. Four other simultaneous attacks were made in the same region, but without success.

Each time the enemy forces were dispersed by the gunfire of the Italians. The weight and ferocity of the Austro-German attacks was great, but the determined fight put up by the Italian troops, stiffened by the reinforcements of the veterans from the Franco-British front, was successful in defeating the design of the enemy.

In Northern Italy.
In the heights commanding the plains of San Lorenzo, which leads to the plains of Venetia, the enemy is concentrating an immense number of troops. They made an attack after attack, which in each case was repulsed, but finally with the aid of heavy reinforcements, succeeded in reaching the summit of one of the heights east of the Piave river. The Italian line was correspondingly retired.

England Raided.
London, Dec. 20.—A German raiding squadron consisting of from sixteen to twenty machines dropped bombs over the counties of Kent, Essex and of London last night. The British defence air force accounted for one, and possibly two of the enemy machines. Ten persons were killed and severely injured.

French Front.
Paris, Dec. 20.—Two attempts were made by the Germans last night to approach the French positions in the Argonne, near Four-de-Paris. These attempts were defeated with great losses to the enemy. There is nothing else to report on the remainder of the front, except the usual artillery activity.

In Palestine.
London, Dec. 20.—The British troops have captured a large area of territory to the southeast of Jerusalem. The Turkish forces have been cleared out of all their positions south of Jerusalem right to the edge of the desert. Prisoners captured number 117.

Germans Raided.
London, Dec. 20.—The successful bombing by the French naval aircraft of the Engle aerodrome

behind the German lines in Flanders is announced.

French Transport Sunk.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The old French cruiser Chateau Renault, which had been employed as a transport, was torpedoed in the Mediterranean Sea and sunk on December 14th. Ten of the members of the crew were lost.

Sarrail Recalled.

London, Dec. 20.—General Sarrail, the commander of the Allied armies in the Balkans, with his headquarters in Salonika, has been recalled. His successor is said to be General Guillemet.

IN THE LETTER BOX

To the Editor:—

Sir—On a former occasion when the Duke of Connaught, as Governor-General, issued a letter to the different heads of the various organized Churches enclosing a copy of a Proclamation fixing a certain date as a Day of National Prayer we were charged not to publish the wording of this Proclamation until just before the time. With all due respect, I do not hesitate to say this was a mistake. Not only was it impossible at such short notice to communicate with many of our distant clergymen, for example on outlying islands, but it is a well known psychological fact that a certain amount of time is needed to prepare the minds of our people for such a solemn act if it is to be truly national.

Once more a Proclamation is issued. This time by His Majesty the King to the people of all his Dominions calling upon them to observe the first Sunday in the New Year, January 6th, as a Day of special "Prayer and Thanksgiving."

What happened before is likely to happen again. The day will be upon us without due preparation of the minds of our people. Oneness of place is more or less accidental. Oneness of spirit is the great essential. It is to be earnestly hoped that not only all denominations, all organized churches, will observe this day, but also all those outside the organized churches, who recognize the Infinite, and the power of the Divine Spirit to influence the minds of men, will recognize the day, so that not only in crowded churches but also in lonely cabins sincere prayer, though under different forms, may ascend on high—the Soul of the Empire coming into living touch with God.

As the King's Proclamation has been published in newspapers in the Mother Land, there can be no reason why it should not be published here.

Yours faithfully,

F. H. DU VERNET,

Metropolitan of British Columbia.
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POLLING STATION	Total Stork	Votes for Peck	Majorities for Stork	Peck
Anyox	321	233	88	
Alice Arm	49	13	36	
Bella Coola	17	38		21
Burns Lake	24	8	13	
Cassiar	17	6	11	
Cedarvale	1	10		9
Claxton		9		9
Endako	16	20		4
Haysport	5	7		2
Houston	20	15	5	
Hubert	18	4	14	
Hazelton	66	74		8
Kitsumkalum	15	19		4
Kitwanga	5	9		4
Lawnhill	12	7	5	
Prince Rupert	783	478	305	
Lakelse	2	13		11
Lorne Creek		7		7
New Hazelton	20	39		19
North Francois Lake	25	17	8	
Ocean Falls	134	82	52	
Pacific	14	5	9	
Port Essington	7	20		13
Port Simpson	13	21		8
Queen Charlotte City	19	12	7	
Refuge Bay	12	3	9	
Remo	2	2		
Rocher de Boule	24	7	17	
South Bulkley	6	8		2
Skeena Crossing	1	7		6
Smithers	99	50	49	
Stewart	29	6	23	
Swanson Bay	59	33	26	
Telkwa	44	45		1
Terrace	21	44		23
Usk	11	6	5	
Totals			682	151
Stork's Majority			531	

KAISER WILL AGAIN STATE HIS WAR AIMS

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 20.—Berlin is showing the keenest excitement over the rumor that the Kaiser is about to issue a new declaration on the subject of the war aims of the Central Empires. Herr Harden, in Die Zukunft, pleads for a universal peace.

GERMAN PEOPLE GIVE PITIFUL IMPRESSION

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—A pro-German Dutchman, returned from a several weeks' stay in Germany, gives The Handelsblad a pessimistic report of conditions there. He declares the Germans cannot hold out over six months. If the war continues longer the nation will become a physical and mental wreck. Their food is little better than pigs' food, and the whole population is suffering severely as a consequence. He saw three of his friends collapse from weakness. He says he will never forget the pitiful impression of the appearance of the German people.

WAR AIMS OF U. S. ARE IDENTICAL WITH ALLIES'

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 20.—Mr. Balfour announced to the House of Commons yesterday afternoon that the war policy of President Wilson was identical with that as laid down by the leaders in Great Britain.

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THE GERMAN RAIDS IN THE NORTH SEA

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 20.—The serious view entertained here upon the successful double attack upon shipping in the North Sea made by the German fleet lately is reflected by the greatest prominence and space given in the morning newspapers to this incident.

RETURNED SOLDIERS HAVE THEIR OWN PAPER

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Veteran, the official organ of the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada, has made its initial appearance at the Capital, and from now on will be issued monthly. "The Veteran" announces that while devoting its main attention to the problems and news which interest returned soldiers, it will be strictly independent, and will support all policies of sane reform and enlightened progress. It declares that its aim is to become a healthy national force, and perpetuate in civil life the spirit of idealism which took the Canadian army overseas. The first number contains a lengthy foreword setting forth The Veteran's ideals and aims, and, mainly on the ground of the necessity for the Military Service Act, gives support to the Union Government. In its first issue "The Veteran" has articles on "Problems of Demobilization" and "Pensions." The contributors include a number of returned soldiers.

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BOLSHEVIKI THREATEN RUSSIA WITH CIVIL WAR

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—The Bolshevik government has today served an ultimatum upon the Ukrainians, demanding that they cease granting any aid, of any kind whatever, to the rebellious Cossacks under Gen. Kaledines. They must agree to this within forty-eight hours, or else a state of war will be declared against them.

Heavy fighting is reported from Odessa. The forces of the Maximists still hold this great grain port, in which they are being shelled by the Ukrainian troops. The authority of the Bolsheviks is now practically nonexistent south of Moscow.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT ON WHAT BRITAIN WANTS

A leading article in the "Rheinisch-Westfälische Zeitung" discusses what on earth Britain has to do with the question of Alsace-Lorraine, seeing that British interests are in no way involved in its solution. Both Mr. Asquith and the Prime Minister have made pointed allusion to the matter, and the British press supplies the accompaniment. France must get back Alsace-Lorraine, otherwise Britain will go on with the war. As British interests are not involved, the Krupp organ sarcastically observes that it can only be British magnanimity and altruism which moves the hearts of their statesmen. Turning to unmask the "true" reasons which impel British interests in the question, Krupp's organ states it is to Britain's advantage to keep France at her war task as long as possible. Britain has promised France so much more than Alsace-Lorraine. She has promised the left bank of the Rhine. The dream of the First Empire is to be realized. Immortal glory beckons. It was this glittering promise which moved France to fall a victim to Britain's desire. It was this which made it so easy for Britain to drive her into the barbed wire and machine-gun fire. The military failures of the Entente and the long duration of the war have obliged Britain to suggest less fantastic terms to France but they are still fantastic enough.

The "Rheinische-Westfälische" solemnly declares:—"France will never get back Alsace-Lorraine, and both Asquith and Lloyd George know this perfectly well. But they continue to dangle this bait before the dazzled little nation, which really desires to be deceived, which does not realize its downfall, and what a fata Morgana the Strassburg Cathedral is. And that is why the French remain Britain's vassals. To the Hottentots and Indians the British give gin and colored handkerchiefs, to the French intoxicating phrases and fantastic visions. Each gets what he wants. This is Britain's method, with a refined mastery of psychology, with a most marvellous management. The newspapers of the world in British pay proclaim at the word of command the great war aim—Alsace-Lorraine. The world reads and believes. Unselfish Britain assumes the role of the Knight of the Holy Grail." But worse is to come. The "Rheinisch-Westfälische" proceeds:—"In the meantime Britain is busy in all stillness on the Euphrates and Tigris to add another tower to its world-dominion. It builds up in Africa its great Colonial Empire, and is making itself lord of the Dark Continent. It is turning the Indian Ocean into a British Sea, where other nations will only be

BORDEN CLAIMS A MAJORITY OF 45 NOW

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The Borden Unionist government now claims a majority of forty-five seats in the house. Two constituencies are still in doubt. It is still uncertain how Bow River and Victoria in Alberta will go. In Ontario, there will be eleven members on the side of the opposition in the House. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is still at Ottawa, and he has issued no statement upon the election up to the present.

Conscription Alien's Wages.

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—General Mewburn, the new Minister of Militia, urges the conscription for war purposes of all money earned by alien enemies over \$1.10 per day.

tolerated. And in connection with these greater schemes are thousands of others which are being brought to maturity by that long and practised hand. In the distance the end is in sight—the domination of the world by Britain.

Our Colossal War Programme.

Krupp's organ marvels that nothing is heard of these gigantic undertakings, these layings of foundations for the future world. They are being discussed a little, but discussed as trifles. But Alsace-Lorraine, which is not washed by the sea that is Britain's domain, which has no enormous industry threatening British trade, is being discussed on all sides, and the world has fallen into the British trap. The paper proceeds:—"Belgium, of course, is also discussed, and here Britain has a real, living interest at stake. But here strict silence is impossible. The Belgian question from the beginning has served Britain as her excuse for entering the war and as something which may be used to excite indignation against Germany. Had Britain used Alsace-Lorraine as her battle-cry, it would have been difficult to be silent about Belgium, and the most gigantic struggle of the war rages in Flanders. But Belgium is only a tiny fraction of the colossal war programme of Britain, and Britain and her facile instrument, the press, have been brilliantly successful in drawing a veil over this." The newspaper concludes:—"When the British negotiators have seated themselves at the peace table it will be speedily clear what Britain wants. The talk will then be of Mesopotamia, of Africa, and of the Indian Ocean. And Alsace-Lorraine will be thrown to one side with a contemptuous gesture as quentile negligible. It will have done its duty. Britain will no longer require the French. What possible interest more can it have in the so-called Alsace-Lorraine question? France is then finally exhausted; knocked out."

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