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COL. PECK FOR MEMBER

Commander of Canadian Scottish is Unionist Candidate For Skeena

There is every prospect that Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. Peck, now commanding the 16th Canadian Scottish at the front, will be member for Skeena in the next Dominion parliament. At the solicitation of friends in both political parties, Col. Peck has consented to stand for this district as the Unionist candidate, and he will be strongly supported by all who place patriotism before politics. Before the war "Cy" was prominent in the Liberal ranks, and it is an encouraging sign of the times that J. E. Merryfield, Conservative candidate for this district, has withdrawn from the field and pledged his support to the Win-the-War candidate.

Col. Peck is well known throughout the district, which has taken the greatest interest in the career of the gallant officer and his men, many of whom left Hazelton and vicinity to join the 16th. Starting as captain of the Skeena company, "Cy" rose by sheer merit to the command of the famous battalion, incidentally winning the Distinguished Service Order and being mentioned in despatches on several occasions. It is not probable that he will be here for the election, but Unionists have no doubt of his success.

Red Cross Concert

A good crowd was present at the concert and dance in aid of the Red Cross held in Assembly Hall on Thursday evening. The program was well received by the audience, which signified its approval by demanding numerous encores. Dancing was indulged in to a late hour following the dainty supper served by the ladies at the conclusion of the concert program. Following is the program:

Pianoforte "Dance Fantastique" Mrs. Chappell
Solo . . . . . "The Silver Ring" Miss Smith
Violin Selection . . . Dr. McKie
Solo "Irish Lullaby" Miss Wattie
Recitation, Selected—Mrs. Harris
Violin Selection . . . Dr. McKie
Vocal Solos . . . . Mrs. Morkill
(a) "Still as the Night"
(b) "The Rosary"
Solo . . . "Until" . Miss Davis
Violin Selection . . . Dr. McKie
Solo . . . "The Little Damozell" Mrs. Chettleburgh
Recitation, Selected—Mrs. Harris
Solo . . . . . Tosti's "Goodbye" Mrs. Morkill
Solo . . . . . "Eilleen Allana" Miss Goddard

REINFORCEMENTS FOR ITALIANS

BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS ARRIVE ON ENDANGERED FRONT---ITALY'S GREAT LOSS

Washington, Nov. 2:—British and French troops have arrived on the Tagliamento front, to reinforce the Italian army, says a cable from Rome. Their numbers are not stated.

Washington, Nov. 1:—Thirty thousand German soldiers, including two generals of divisions, were killed in the great battle on the Bainsizza plateau, according to cabled reports today. General Cadorna is pushing reserves rapidly forward, with every prospect of checking the enemy's advance, and British and French support will be immediately forthcoming, it was said.

Berlin, Nov. 1:—The Austro-German forces invading Italy have increased the number of prisoners taken to more than 180,000. They have captured more than 1500 Italian guns. The foregoing information was officially announced today by the German war office.

The German statement says the Teuton fourteenth army yesterday gained another great victory.

Portions of the Italian retreating forces made a stand at the Tagliamento river. The bridgehead positions at Dignano and Codroipo were captured by the Germans.

The Austro-Germans penetrated the rearguard positions of the Italians to the east of the Lower Tagliamento, where they cut off and captured 60,000 Italians.

A despatch from London estimates the number of prisoners at 120,000 and the number of guns lost at "more than 1000".

Italian Headquarters, Nov. 1:—As the bulletins of General Cadorna, the commander-in-chief, indicate, the Italian troops, perfectly reorganized, are holding the enemy at a distance of seven miles west of Udine.

Rome, Nov. 1:—The Italian forces under German attack in Northern Italy have effected a withdrawal to the line of the Tagliamento, with the third Italian army nearly complete, the war office announced today.

Normal conditions are rapidly being restored.

London, Nov. 1:—About thirty airplanes, in seven groups, took part in last night's air raid. Three of them penetrated to the heart of London. The casualties and damage were slight.

Eight persons were killed and twenty-one injured. The first group of air raiders dropped bombs near the coast.

Two more groups were broken up by a barrage on the southeastern outskirts of the metropolis.

The fourth was turned back up the Thames half way to London.

Of the fifth group, one or more airplanes penetrated southeastern London.

Some of the sixth group reached the southeastern part of the city.

The seventh group was dispersed before it reached the outer defences of the city.

A report from Lord French, commander of the home forces, respecting last night's air raid, says the German aviators took advantage of the clouds to prevent any decisive engagements.

London: Between 40 and 50 per cent of German submarines operating in the North Sea, the Arctic and the Atlantic since the beginning of the war, have been sunk, said Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, in the house of commons, adding that during the last quarter Germany lost as many submarines as she lost in 1916.

London: All the British guns with the Italian army were saved, according to a British correspondent at Italian headquarters, who says the spirits of the British gunners are good. Lack of transport, which could not be allotted to them, was their whole trouble. One gun was so near to having to be abandoned that the breech mechanism was destroyed. However the gun was saved eventually.

Unionists Will Win

"As far as I have seen on my journey through Canada to this coast there is every indication that the Union government formed by Sir Robert Borden will be returned to power at the forthcoming general election," Hon. Martin Burrell, secretary of state, remarked on his arrival in Vancouver.

"Of course, I might be looking at the situation from a prejudiced standpoint, but at the same time I think that the sentiment is so strongly in favor of the administration which the Premier has formed that there is no question that the government commands the support of people as a whole," he added.

GENERAL ELECTION DECEMBER 17

Ottawa, Oct. 31:—Writs were issued tonight calling for a general election on Monday, December 17. Nomination day is fixed for Monday November 19.

This applies to all constituences except Yukon Territory. The Yukon nomination day will be December 31 and polling day four weeks later, Monday, January 28.

All writs are returnable on February 27, 1918, and parliament is summoned to meet on the day following.

The election will be without a parallel in the history of the Dominion. The granting of the franchise to soldiers and sailors and their female relatives at home has entailed the creation of entirely new machinery. Military and naval polls will have to be held in France, Belgium, the United Kingdom, the West Indies, Canada and on the high seas of Europe and North America.

Military voters stationed in Canada will cast their votes on the same day as the civilian electors. But the difficulties of an election day at the front have made changes necessary. All soldiers overseas will begin voting on November 20, and military votes may be cast up to and including the ordinary polling day.

The new house of commons will consist of 234 members, as compared with 221 in the last parliament.

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS

Items Of General Interest From Hazelton and Surrounding District

P. Slavin returned to Houston this morning.

Pete McKay, of Houston, was here during the week.

J. A. Rogers was up from Prince Rupert on Tuesday.

Harvey Crum was a passenger for Prince Rupert on Sunday.

J. C. Stafford and O. Rottag, of Fort St. James, came in on Tuesday.

Ensign W. Kerr, of the Salvation Army, arrived from Vancouver on Sunday.

J. W. McPherson and M. F. Hennessy, of Lorne Creek, were among the week's visitors.

Mrs. E. R. Cox, formerly of Hazelton, is a patient in Prince Rupert Hospital, suffering from rheumatism.

All citizens are requested to attend the annual meeting of Hazelton Fire Association in the Progress Club rooms at 8:30 next Thursday evening.

Graham Rock has gone to Seattle for a brief visit. Mrs. Rock and children, who have been spending some weeks in the coast city, will accompany him on his return.

The army medical board which has made its headquarters in Hazelton for some weeks, has been transferred to Penticton. Class 1 men reporting for examination must now go to Prince Rupert.

STORM CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE

A heavy windstorm yesterday put all telegraph and telephone lines throughout the district out of commission. So far as can be learned, it will be impossible to restore communication for some days. Falling trees have caused numerous breaks in the wires, besides blocking the roads and trails.

Mudslides and washouts on the Skeena tied up G.T.P. trains for several days, but the railway line has been cleared and the passenger train from Rupert, due here Wednesday evening, arrived this morning, while today's trains are on time.

It is reported that a section of the Rocher de Boule tram was flattened by the storm, but no particulars can be obtained, as the telephone line is down.

W. A.

The ladies of the W.A. will meet at the Mission House next Thursday afternoon, November 8, at three o'clock, for sewing.

Coming Events

Nov. 6—Hazelton Progress Club, general meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Nov. 8—Hazelton Fire Association, annual meeting, Progress Club rooms at 8:30 p.m.

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Beef and bacon are needed overseas in increaing quantities. They are foods especially suited to the requirements of the men who are fighting and those doing heavy physical labor. The scarcity of fodder and the greater call for meat have compelled the Allies since the beginning of the war to kill more than 33,000,000 head of their stock animals. Thus the stock of their meat is decreasing. At the same time the needs of the soldiers and war workers have increased the necessary meat consumption.

Imports of beef and bacon into Great Britain from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Holland have been reduced to a very small amount, whereas all three countries formerly supplied large quantities. The United Kingdom is thrown more than ever upon the North American continent for these commodities. Moreover, the entrance of the United States into the war has greatly increased the requirements of both beef and bacon for the United States army.

The soldiers need beef and bacon and they can only be supplied if the civilian populations of Canada and the United States will reduce their consumption of these foods. A saving of one ounce per person per day, and increased production of beef and bacon on this continent would go a long way towards meeting the armies' requirements.

Shortly a campaign will be started all over Canada for subscriptions to the third war loan, to be called the Victory Loan, to raise $150,000,000 to carry on Canada's part in this struggle. The rate of interest is expected to be 5½ per cent, making it exceedingly attractive as an investment—much more so than the rate paid by the savings banks. The security is beyond question.

A feature worthy of special note will be the fact that Victory bonds can be purchased in instalments, making them come within the reach of everyone, and they can be had to run five, ten or twenty years.

Another point is that the money will not be sent out of Canada, but will be spent right here in the Dominion.

Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, states that Canada must raise $300,000,000 per annum to pay its share of the cost of carrying on the war to a successful finish. This amount must be provided by the people of this Dominion, and it is manifestly better to raise much of it by bonds than have to pay it all by taxes. As yet we have not begun to give the way people in other lands have done, with but 40,000 subscribers to the last loan, but that will doubtless be remedied.

This is one call that all can heed to some extent—and all can help beat the Kaiser to just that extent. Let us be prepared when the time comes, within the next month.—Ex.

The whole argument for a union of all those who favor the continued vigorous participation by Canada in the war can be put in a nutshell. If they do not get together, sinking in the operation their lesser differences, those elements in the population which are indifferent or hostile to the war will take possession of the country and give effect to their views. The Win-the-War Canadians are not so strong numerically that they can afford to spend their strength in fighting one another about relatively unimportant matters. The motto of the strategists of the Quit-the-War movement is: "Divide and conquer."—Ex.

Peace Talk in Germany

Copenhagen: The Austro-German press has eagerly seized the occasion of the statement regarding a basis of peace announced by the Russian Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies to re-open the discussion of peace, which they had declared closed after the reply to the Pope. In this the newspapers follow the example of their respective governments, which Von Reventlow sarcastically declared "rival Patti in the number of their absolutely last farewells" to peace proposals, and which "miss no opportunity to attempt to open pourparlers in the hope of getting out of the war."

Vorwaerts says the points in the Russian statement which are mentioned in the semi-official replies as unacceptable are probably the demands for plebiscites respecting Alsace-Lorraine and the Italian enclaves, Austria wittingly ignoring the fact that the German announced programme for "securities" as to Belgium is incompatible with the demand of the Workmen's and Soldiers' group for the full restoration of Belgium.

The convention of Austrian Socialists now in session has adopted a resolution providing that under no circumstances shall members of the party enter the government. Another resolution demands that Austria be converted into federated states of free and independent nationality, each regulating its own affairs, agreements on matters of common interest to be reached through a federal council.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an auction sale of lots belonging to the Crown forming portion of the subdivision of Lots 6308 and 6309, Range 5, Coast District, at Burns Lake, will be held on Tuesday the 30th day of October, at Burns Lake.

All lots will be offered subject to an upset price and terms which will be announced at the sale.

J. S. ALEXANDER,
Commissioner of Lands,
Fort Fraser, B. C.

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Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations.

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal subdivisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

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The World's Doings in Brief

News Notes from Many Sources

Anthracite coal is $63 a ton in Paris.

Floods are causing much damage in Australia.

Britain's daily war expenditures total £6,414,000.

Sir Sam Hughes will support the Union government.

Food prices will be controlled by the U. S. government.

An Ottawa rumor says Brewster is to be made a senator.

The Allies will take steps to relieve destitute Roumanians.

Washington, the national capital of the U.S., went dry on Thursday.

Lemieux says if Laurier wins the election conscription will be withdrawn.

B. C. whaling vessels are laid up for the winter, after a successful season.

A 3000-ton ship built of reinforced concrete has just been launched in Sweden.

Ottawa's official estimate of the number of Class 1 men in British Columbia is 57,612.

Vancouver organized labor will have five candidates in the field in the coming Dominion general election.

The U.S. has made a loan of $230,000,000 to Italy, one of the largest credits so far extended to any Allied government.

Of thirty million people crossing and recrossing the seas during three years of the war, only five hundred have been lost.

Sir Wm. Herschell, discoverer and developer of the system of identification by finger-prints, has died in London, aged 78.

M. Skobeloff, former Russian minister of labor, will be barred by the French government from the coming Allied conference.

Through the large shortage of vegetables in Germany, the turnip will again this winter be a staple article of the German diet.

As a result of the disastrous incendiary fire at Baltimore, U.S. authorities are taking measures to guard all munitions and grain docks.

To relieve Italy's shortage of shipping, the U.S. has chartered her twenty-five steel vessels, aggregating 100,000 tons deadweight.

Another loan of $20,000,000 has been made to France, bringing the total credits from the U.S. to the Allied nations to $3,056,400,000.

Provincial jails at Saanich and New Westminster were closed on Wednesday. Those at Nelson and Kamloops will be reduced to the status of lockups.

Ten American congressmen have arrived in London, preparatory to making an unofficial tour of the war area, in order to acquaint themselves with conditions.

The provincial police throughout British Columbia will deal with men in Class 1 who fail to report for service or file claim for exemption. Legal proceedings will be instituted against offenders.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is my intention to issue at the expiration of Thirty (30) days after the first publication hereof a fresh Certificate of Title for the above mentioned lots in the name of Walter Charles Keeble, which Certificate of Title is dated 17th January, 1916, and is numbered 8379-I

H. F. MACLEOD,
District Registrar.

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Land Registry Office,
Prince Rupert, B.C.,
September 11, 1917.

MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE

RIGHT RIM and CENTER FRACTIONAL MINERAL CLAIMS, situated in Omineca mining division of Range 5, Coast district; located on Debenture creek, Babine range, about 24 miles east of Moricetown.

TAKE NOTICE that Dalby B. Morkill, of Hazelton, B.C., acting as agent for Debenture Creek Mines, Ltd., Special Free Miner's Certificate No. 5226, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this first day of August, A.D. 1917. Dalby B. Morkill

WATER NOTICE

(DIVERSION AND USE.)

TAKE NOTICE that Herbert Dixon Robertson, agent for the Green Monster Mining Syndicate, whose address is Prince Rupert, B. C., will apply for a license to take and use 16 cubic feet persecond of water out of Lawrie Creek, also known as Nicholson Creek, which flows north-easterly and drains into Skeena River about three miles from Usk.

The water will be diverted from the stream at a point about three-quarters mile from mouth of creek, and will be used for Domestic, Mining and Power purposes upon the mine described as Green Monster Mineral Claim. This notice was posted on the ground on the 29th day of June, 1917. A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act, 1914," will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Hazelton, B.C. Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C., within thirty days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper. The date of the first publication of this notice is July 21, 1917.

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(g) British Expeditionary Force.
(h) Army Post Office, LONDON England.

Unnecessary mention of higher formations, such as brigades, divisions, is strictly forbidden, and causes delay.

MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE

LITTLE HELEN, COPPER HILL, and SKEENA MINERAL CLAIMS, situate in the Omineca Mining Division of Cassiar District.

Where located:—On the west slope of Rocher de Boule Mountain.

TAKE NOTICE that Dalby B Morkill, of Hazelton, B.C., acting as agent for H. S. Lavery (Can. Exped. Force) and Andrew Fairbairn, of Telkwa, B.C., Free Miner's Certificate No. 2862C, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

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THE MINER WAR BULLETINS

MONDAY, OCT. 29

Paris: Further triumphs rested with the French troops on the Ypres-Dixmude road today after a powerful forward thrust deep into the German-held territory. German troops were ready for the advance, but the preparatory cannonade of the French shattered their units and disorganized the German defensive machine. Despite German resistance, the French swept on and over, suffering much less loss than the enemy, who were mown down in great numbers as they fought or fled. Further successes are reported on the Aisne front, the French taking their objectives, including the bitterly-contested Froidmont farm.

Berlin: According to a supplementary statement issued from general headquarters, several thousand Italian prisoners have been added to the sixty thousand previously reported. The number of guns taken totals five hundred.

In Flanders violent artillery activity on the southern border is reported.

At Houthelst wood local engagements have occurred.

There is no important fighting in the east.

Petrograd: Preparations are being made in Helsingfors for the evacuation of that city. The Germans are preparing for a descent on Finland, and, profiting by their propaganda there, expect to be able with small forces to capture the Russian troops without resistance, and cut the railroad at Tornes, severing communication between Russia and Sweden.

London: The total number of killed in the war is placed at 9,750,000, and the number wounded at 23,600,000.

Polderhœf Chateau, on the Ypres front, which the British entered yesterday, was in the hands of the Germans today. Hard fighting continues.

Amsterdam: General Arnin, one of Germany's commanding generals, says the British troops are three or four times more numerous than the Germans and admits the inferiority of the Huns.

Washington: Secretary McAdoo announces the overwhelming success of the second Liberty Loan. The loan, which is for five billion dollars, totalled $3,500,000,000 on Friday, and the remainder was made up in the two following days.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30

London: Belgian troops played a dashing part in a notable victory yesterday, when Mercken Peninsula, regarded by the Germans as impregnable, was taken in a brilliant dash. The victors had to row over to the point of assault. This spectacular operation won a strip of ground 7000 yards long and varying in width from 1500 to 3000 yards, including a communicating road.

Petrograd: The Germans have evacuated Werder Peninsula, on the Gulf of Riga. No fighting has taken place in the Gulf of Finland, but trawlers are active.

Rome: Italy has strong defensive lines with which there is every confidence here today. Cadorna can stop the sweep of the German-Austrian armies. The Italian troops are fulfilling their duty and all movements ordered by the general staff are being carried out.

Berlin: The Austro-Germans forced their way through the mountains into the plains of northern Italy, capturing the town of Cividale. Gorizia, on the Isonzo, was also captured. The number of prisoners taken totals 80,000, with 700 guns.

London: Artillery has been despatched to help Cadorna, but whether infantry can be spared from the western front is doubtful. Definite steps, however, will be taken to relieve the great pressure on the Isonzo. "Stand firm, for help will come," is England's message.

The fall of Gorizia is a serious menace to the Italian line from the Carso to the Adriatic, but Cadorna would still be able to offer strong resistance on the line Tolmezzo-Gemona-Udina-Buttrio-Gradisca. The capture of Gradisca would make a retreat from the Carso inevitable and somewhat difficult. The line of the Tagliamento river, 18 miles from Udine, appears to give a better natural defense, and official advices indicate that the latter line will be chosen.

Paris: An attack by the enemy near Chaume wood, on the Verdun front, was repulsed.

London: The latest German effort to separate the Allies by making a peace offer to Belgium, was defeated by Belgian Foreign Minister Debroqueville. Germany is prepared to pay an indemnity, and suggests a peace convocation under the presidency of King Albert.

Copenhagen: Major Moraht, a German military critic, believes the Germans will soon be forced to evacuate the salient between Dixmude and Paschendaele, with the fortified Southolst wood, at which they Allies are hammering.

Berne: The Teutons have lost 20,000 men so far in the drive against the Italians.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

Rome: The Italian retreat continued yesterday. The Italian cavalry is in contact with the vanguard of the advancing enemy. The Italians destroyed the bridges over the Isonzo and fought rearguard actions, by which they checked the Austro-German advance.

Berlin: Udine, former Italian headquarters, has been occupied by the Austro-German forces. The retirement of the defeated Italian army is being stemmed at a few crossings of rivers, which are greatly swollen.

London: The Germans have been driven back, in places to a depth of 1000 yards, in today's British drive on the Ypres front.

The crowning task of the war has been given to the Canadians. The men from the Dominion have been deputed to clear the enemy from Paschendaele Height. The Allies can then operate from a sector dominating the entire country. Friday's battle again proved the superiority of the Canadians over the Huns. They swept through supposedly impregnable defences and took all objectives.

Italy's soldiers are fighting heroically in the valleys of their own land, according to correspondents at the front. The British batteries were saved in the Italian retreat across the Isonzo.

Petrograd: Teutonic troops in Jauzerne sector of the Russian front started a sudden attack yesterday and forced the retirement of the Russian forces.

Foreign Minister Tereschenko, in a speech, declared a separate peace impossible.

Paris: A German attack on the Aisne front near Cerny was repulsed. South of St. Quentin we made a successful attack on the German lines, bringing back prisoners.

Amsterdam: Count von Hertling has been appointed imperial chancellor. Former chancellor Michaelis has been named prime minister of Prussia.

The Austro-German offensive against Italy, according to "Vorwaerts", is not made with the object of conquest, but solely to bring peace nearer.

Jassy: Roumania is in danger of starvation and destitution unless urgent steps are taken to relieve the food and clothing situation. The death rate among the Roumanian children due to malnutrition is appalling.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

Rome: Rome expects the great Austro-German drive to halt on the flood-swollen banks of the Tagliamento river. This river in flood offers a formidable barrier to Mackensen. The French and British gunners co-operating with the Italian forces have been a tremendous moral support to Cadorna.

Various hill and canal engagements between the Italians and the invaders occurred yesterday.

In one week the enemy has occupied more than 800 square miles and has advanced 25 miles. Berlin claims no more gains.

London: The Germans made no attempt to regain the ground captured by the British on the Ypres front yesterday, but their artillery developed some activity against the positions.

A German airplane which flew over the coast of Kent was driven off without doing any damage.

In the past 48 hours British naval planes carried out the greatest series of raids since the start of the war. Two hundred bombs were dropped. Two successful excursions were made into Rhenish Prussia, where munition works were bombed.

British losses on the western front in October totalled 83,558.

The Kaiser's iron hand will be felt through Hertling, who is said to be a violent apostle of Tirpitzism and supremely disdainful of surrendering governing power from the autocrats to the people.

Paris: A German attack in Argonne last night was beaten off. An artillery duel is in progress over the front of the recent French attack north of the Aisne.

Amsterdam: A serious mutiny has occurred among the German soldiers at Beverloo camp, in Belgium. They refused to go to the front, and damaged their guns, while others fired on their officers, several of whom were wounded. The mutineers were finally mustered and removed in cattle trucks. The German frontier guard at Brouchot deserted on October 15.

Baltimore: A five-million-dollar fire destroyed Baltimore's waterfront, where munitions for Pershing's forces in France were stored. Three British sailors and a score of dockworkers were killed. The British steamer Kerry Range, just docked, was also destroyed. Germans are suspected. Several arrests have been made.

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