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W. A. SALE A HUGE SUCCESS

Large Crowd Fills Assembly Hall and a Good Time Ensues

The tenth annual W.A. sale was one of the most successful in recent years, and the amount turned over to the Soldiers' Aid will be most gratifying. The attendance was good and buying brisk, all the stalls being quickly sold out. Mrs. Field in her unremitting efforts at the work table, was assisted by Miss Inez Smith. Mesdames Sharpe, Wattie and Newick served tasty refreshments in a nicely arranged booth and were assisted by Mrs. G. G. Rock, Miss Cunningham and Miss Pearl Allen. The Misses Soal were successful with the novel marble contest, which called for a high degree of skill.

Mrs. Kirby displayed a pleasing show of home-made sweets, and customers were too numerous for the supply.

The pork pie made by Mrs. W. Sharpe was raffled, and was won by Mrs. Anderson. A beautiful three-deck Christmas cake, donated by Mrs. Anderson, was won by Cecil Wright. A gold watch donated by W. Wattie was won in a "time stopping" contest by Peter Slavin.

Jack Frost and F. B. Chettleburgh did well in the "cover the blue spot" game. Miss Sealy's beautifully - embroidered tablecloth, the envy of every lady, was won by a bachelor, J. R. Tannock.

Miss Wattie was very popular at the grab bag, which was soon cleared out be the kiddies.

Mrs. Sealy's flower stand was well patronized, the flowers being all hand-made and cleverly arranged.

A solid silver salt cellar set, donated by C. V. Wright and raffled by Mrs. Wattie, was won by Ernest Loring. A ladies' shopping bag, raffled by Mrs. R. S. Sargent, was won by J. E. Kirby. Prior to the day of the sale an oak and silver salad bowl was raffled by Mrs. H. Glassey, and won by C. V. Wright.

The music furnished by Mrs. Chappell, Mrs. Hoskins, Dr. McKie and J. H. McMillan was very much appreciated.

Wm. Grant acted verg ably as announcer. Thanks are due to H. Duhamel for his kindness in lending his piano.

Dancing was indulged in after the sale closed.

The receipts of the evening are not totalled as yet, but will appear in our next issue.

NORTHERN MEN APPEAL TO THOSE LEFT AT HOME

Prince Rupert, Dec. 14:—The following cable was received this morning by a member of Col. Peck's committee:

"London, Dec. 13.

To the People of Skeena:

"The undersigned members of Northern British Columbia's contingents ask all citizens, irrespective of political affiliations, to work and vote for Lieut.-Col. Cy. Peck, the soldiers' candidate. Wilfred Macdonald, Denny Allen, "Spot" Middleton, Jack Adams, "Jimmy" Turnbull, Al. Shruball, Joe. Howe, Al. Hastings, "Dad" Baxter, Charlie Youngman, "Pa" Beek, Jock Tait, Bill Sullivan, Syke Emmerson, Percy Tinker, Bill Hainie, Percy Godenrath, Tom Brewer, —. Sutherland, Major Gibson.

"Please give to press.

"(signed) 'Jack' Dowling."

The original copy is on file at Prince Rupert headquarters.

A Sorry Lineup

Antagonism to Britain and the British Empire; antagonism to republican France; ignorance of the causes and probable effect of the war; an intense desire to be left alone to the task of creating a wholly French Canada; these are the dominating influences in the Quebec attitude towards this war and this election.

Add to this attitude on the part of Quebec Nationalists the gathering of the clans of the pro-Germans, of the unreasoning partisans of a disrupted party, the enemy aliens, the enemies of alien descent, the slackers, the disappointed exemption claimants with a grievance, the Social Democrats of the German-American brand, together with Frank Oliver, Fred Wade and Joe Martin —and the Laurier party is complete.

It is a sorry-looking line up. That Canada should be asked to consider it as a possibility for office is an insult to the intelligence of the country.

Polling Monday

The polling booth for Hazelton will be situated in Assembly Hall on Monday, Dec. 17, an ballots may be cast from 9 a.m. to 5 p. m. J. F. Maguire, Dty. Returning Officer.

Card of Thanks

The president and ladies of the W. A. desire to express their appreciation and hearty thanks to all the many kind friends who contributed in any way towards making the affair of last evening a pleasant and profitable one.

HUNS MUSTERED FOR GREAT BLOW

Germans are Being Transported In Great Numbers To West Front

London, Dec. 15:—"We must expect half a million fresh German fighters on the west front and many more guns and aircraft," declared Col. Repington, the Times' military expert, in a warning that Germany is preparing her supreme military effort there.

Owing to Russia's disintegration and the Italian defeats, the enemy is able to put larger forces than ever on the French front. Evidence shows an already intensive transport of troops from the east. There are now 159 German divisions, about 2,250,000 men, on the west front, and 79 divisions on the east front.

Geneva Dec. 15:—Swiss travellers crossing the border from Germany tell of immense preparations going on for an offensive on the western front.

Zurich, Dec. 15:—Frank admission that the central powers are preparing for the greatest blow on the west front, with predictions for its success, filled newspapers received yesterday. The great blow is expected to compel the Allies to submit to Germany as victor.

British Statement

London: The British improved their positions east of Bullecourt as the result of bomb fighting. Enemy artillery is active at different points south of the Scarpe and northeast of Ypres.

French Report

Paris: Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night in the Champagne. Nothing else is reported.

What Berlin Says

Berlin: British troops endeavoring to recapture lost trenches at Bullecourt, on the Cambrai front, were beaten back. French artillery fire has increased in eastern France.

Rome: The battles now raging will settle the fate of Venice. The Queen City is converted into an unapproachable island able to stand seige. Art treasures have been removed to safety or buried under mountains of sandbags. Most of the city's population has departed.

Methodist Church

Dr. McKie will preach at the Methodist Church tomorrow evening at 7:30 on the subject: "The Relationship of Christianity to Politics."

All are most cordially invited.

MAKES A GOOD SPEECH FOR OUR COMING MEMBER

At a meeting addressed by W P. Lynch on Monday evening in Assembly Hall, the excellent crowd which attended was treated to an earnestly impressive discourse by a man who, old Liberal as he was, was willing to step over the party wall and take an active part in the campaign for the Unionist candidate.

Mr. Lynch tendered an apology from Sergt.-Major Robinson, D. C.M., who had been advertised to speak here, and who, owing to the irregularity of the train service, was unable to fulfill his engagement. Sergt.-Major Robinson, however, deputed Mr. Lynch to quote him as saying that the boys at the front did not concern themselves about the $1.10 a day but what they want behind them most is the feeling that large reinforcements were behind them and that Canada is doing her utmost to give them the fullest moral and material assistance, which statement was greeted with apblause.

Mr. Lynch said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was perfectly correct when he said that this was a war for civilization, but disagreed with his old leader in the steps he has taken.

In a very sincere manner the speaker endorsed the Union government and deplored the fact that an election should be forced at this time.

During his address several questions were put to Mr. Lynch which he answered very satisfactorily.

He concluded by warmly endorsing Col. Peck, the Unionist candidate, and appealed to the electors to cast aside politics and vote for the continued support of Canada's part in the war.

A most cordial vote of thanks was moved to Mr. Lynch and was in a like manner responded to by him.

Release Prisoners

London, Dec. 15:—Russian authorities have ordered the release of civilian German prisoners in exchange for 4,000 Russian officers in German prisons.

It is reliably reported that Russian troops have been ordered to evacuate Finland, whose independence may be recognized.

Lloyd George says that nothing but shortage of ships can overpower the Aliies. To end the war without reparation would be a farce. Britain's will is tempered steel, with no sign of a break.

Dr. Badgero, the dentist, came down on Tuesday's delayed train.

LOCAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS

Items of Personal Interest From Hazelton and Surrounding District

School Inspector Lord is in town.

P. Wallis, of Vancouver, came up on Wednesday.

Dr. Maclean came down from Smithers during this week.

Rev. R. C. Scott went up to Smithera during the week.

J. A. Rogers, of Prince Rupert, was among the week's visitors.

Mines Inspector McMillan came up from the coast on Wednesday.

G. A. Woodlands, of the Imp. Oil Co., was among the week's visitors.

C. R. "Cap" Hood has gone to Smithers for a few days, and will return to Prince Rupert.

Mrs. Mackenzie returned from Vancouver this week and has joined her husband at First Cabin.

Mrs. Arthur Leverett went down this morhning on the delayed train to visit relatives in Victoria.

J. C. ("Doc") Rock, who left Hazelton recently to join the U.S. army, is now in Texas with the flying corps.

H. F. S. Wolverton, who has been in Hazelton for some time as military representative of the exemption tribunal, went south this week.

The Soldiers' Aid Committee has acknowledged a cheque from England for one guinea, sent by 2nd. Lieut. A E. Player, now serving with the Imperial forces.

Miss Margaret Allen, formerly of Hazelton, who was recently operated upon in Prince Rupert for appendicitis, has now completely recovered from her illness.

Mrs. Hogan, of the Hospital, has received from her daughter, Miss M. Hogan, who is now nursing at the front, a souvenir in the shape of a German steel shrapnel helmet.

Owing to bad weather on the prairie and a copious snowfall, Tuesday's westbound train did not reach Hazelton until Wednesday morning. Thursday's train was even more delayed and did not arrive until this morning.

In a letter to the Soldiers' Aid Jack Morison, who left here, among many other Hazelton men, with the 102nd Battalion, says he has seen Lieut. McCormick, Dr. Wallace, "Scotty" Ogilvy, Herb. Hankin, Bob. Hadden and Pte. Fawcett, and all are looking well.

The Moscow situation is grave. The Bolsheviki have put machine guns on the streets as they fear an uprising of hostile parties.

Amsterdam: The Germans are rushing troops to the west front with the idea of smashing the Allies before the U.S. can act.

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COMPARISON.

The people of Hazelton have had the opportunity during the past ten days of having before them representatives of both political parties, and of hearing their respective arguments. After hearing the speakers we are more than ever convinced that the cause of the Union is the better, and are glad that such fluent speakers as J. S. Cowper and W. B. Lynch have afforded the electors of Skeena the chance of regarding the situation from the Unionist standpoint.

While some of the arguments advanced by the Liberal candidate, Mr. Fred Stork, sounded plausible from the platform, in steady comparison with the utterances of the Unionist speakers —both old Liberals campaigning for another old Liberal, Col. Peck, the Unionist candidate, by the way — they seem forced and weak, and in this unusual campaign appear to be merely the usual electioneering camouflage.

From what we hear from the speakers, the respective policies of the parties come down to this: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, if elected, would waste a year, while our units in France were gradually being decimated, in going to the people on a conscription referendum and, if it passed, in getting ready his machinery, the same machinery that, because it was set up by his rival, he now seeks to wreck. If the referendum were defeated, and the chances for such are big by reason of the "slacker" vote, Sir Wilfrid would revert back to the old volunteer system, an acknowledged unfair system discarded by the larger nations.

Sir Robert Borden's policy is concise and clear: "Get reinforcements and get them NOW," and his machinery is such that he can get them now.

Sir Wilfrid's policy savors too much to us of pandering to Quebec, and the majority of the people are undoubtedly of the same opinion. They can show show their confidence in the Union government, containing as it does the best brains of both parties, by casting their votes on Monday next for that good soldier and citizen, Lieut.-Colonel Cyrus W. Peck, D.S.O., Unionist candidate for Skeena, and we are confident that the man who is today helping to fight our battles on the bloody fields of Flanders will be returned in triumph.

"TOMMY" KNOWS.

From advices received from the front, where the Canadians are now voting, a landslide for for conscription is reported. If the soldiers regard the all-absorbing question in that light, the question which concerns them most, how shall we at home deny them what they ask and what they sadly need NOW—reinforcements?

Sir Joseph's Position

We are informed that the Union government is not responsible for Sir Joseph Flavelle being at the head of the Imperial Munitions Board. The appointment is one made by the Imperial authorities, and it is to them that his resignation would have to be tendered if he considered such action wise after the revelations made in connection with the Wm. Davies Co. and its huge profits. A very general impression prevails that the Union government is at fault because Sir Joseph Flavelle still retains office on the Imperial Munitions Board. In order to remove this, Sir Joseph should resign. His retention of the post is hurting the cause of the Union.—Ex.

There are no two ways about it in this election—you are either for the Allies or against them. Show your patriotism to the boys and the Allies by voting on Monday for Col. C. W. Peck.

HIS CHRISTMAS GIFT! — Make it a practical one. The spirit of war tends to needful things. Give him a tie in individual box; a pair of gloves; a muffler, or a pair of Jaeger slippers. NOEL & ROCK. *

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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

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

Dated this 24th day of September, A.D. 1917. 4-12 Dalby B. Morkill

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION for the issue of a fresh Certificate of Title for Lot 32, Block 3, Town of Telkwa, (Map 817).

Satisfactory evidence having been furnished as to the loss of the Certificate of Title to the above lands, notice is hereby given that it is my intention to issue after the expiration of thirty days after the first publication hereof a fresh Certificate of Title to the above lots in the name of Pete Saari, which Certificate of Title is dated 8th September, 1914, and is numbered 6529-I.

Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, B.C., 20th November, 1917.

H. F. MACLEOD,
14-18 District Registrar.

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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What the World
Is Doing and Saying

Snappy Briefs from all Quarters

The C.N.R. is now owned by the Dominion.

Every German in Halifax has been arrested.

Vancouver will give $25,000 to Halifax relief.

Ecuador has severed relations with Germany.

Violent storms are raging in Eastern Canada.

Two firms in Canada have commenced to make oleomargarine.

Total credits of $3,885,900,000 have been made to the Allies by the U. S.

Fourteen British ships of over 1600 tons were sunk by U-boats last week.

The Belgian steamer Ambiorix has been sunk by collision in the English Channel.

The American consul at Tiflis reports the rumor that the Czar of Russia has escaped.

Thousands of tons of potatoes were frozen in Minneapolis by a sudden drop in temperature.

Several steamers have been wrecked or damaged in heavy storms on the St. Lawrence.

Dr. Paes, leader of the recent Portuguese revolt, has been made premier and foreign minister.

British tonnage completed in November was within measurable distance of her tonnage losses.

The military service regulations have been suspended in the district of Halifax affected by the catastrophe.

Another loan of $2,000,000 has been made by the U.S. to Belgium, making a total so far lent to that country of $67,900,000.

At the expense of $1,500,000, the Granby Company will build a coke plant at Anyox, the coal to come from Vancouver Island.

Bonar Law asked on Tuesday for a vote of £550,000,000. In the past two months Great Britain's average expenditure was £6,794,000 daily.

A German campaign of frightfulness has been revealed in Los Angeles, where police headquarters have had numerous calls reporting the finding of ground glass in breakfast food.

Addressing Soldiers' Mail

In order to facilitate the handling of mail at the front and to ensure prompt delivery, it is requested that all mail be addressed as follows:

(a) Regimental Number.
(b) Rank.
(c) Name.
(d) Squadron, Battery or Company.
(e) Battalion, Regiment (or other unit), Staff appointment or Department.
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(h) Army Post Office, LONDON England.

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THE MINER WAR NEWS SUMMARY

MONDAY, DEC. 10

Rome: The Austro-German invaders suffered enormous loss in their recent two day drive, and in one instance were decimated by their own artillery. The central powers are developing their maximum effort of the war. Italian aviators report the continual concentration of Austro-Germans, who stream over all roads to the Asiago plateau, where desperate fighting still rages. After three days of terrible fighting, in which entire detachments of Italian troops sacrified themselves, the enemy succeeded in eliminating the arc which formed the foremost Italian line on the eastern side of the plateau. Although the Teutons employed a colossal army of heavy artillery and made use of asphyxiating gas, the Italian retirement was accomplished and every inch of ground stubbornly contested.

Washington: Three officers and 73 men have gone down with the American destroyer Jacob Jones, one of the newest and largest of her class, torpedoed on Thursday in the war zone.

Halifax: Four thousand killed is the official estimate, made after a survey of the devastated Richmond district, where acres of debris cannot be cleared probably for months. Two hundred bodies have been recovered from the water. Thirteen sailors were killed on the cruiser Niobe, and 15 are missing. The Massachusetts rellef train, which has been stalled in the snow on the border, arrived yesterday. Over a foot of snow fell yesterday, making work more difficult. Property loss is estimated to be between twenty and fifty millions. Relief committees ask for $20,000,000 to care for 20,000 sufferers. Premier Borden is at Halifax.

Washington: One hundred doctors and 150 nurses have been mobilized and sent to Halifax. Supplies for the relief of sufferers are being rushed from New York, Boston and Maine. Governor Milliken of Maine has sent three carloads of repair material, including roofing paper and lumber. A steamer from Boston carries 20,000 blankets, putty ang glass. Cleveland will purchase $2000 worth of shoes and stockings. The U.S. Knights Templars have wired $5000.

Toronto: Sir George Eaton has despatched a special relief train to Halifax.

Ottawa: The first draft call under the military service act will be made on Jan. 3.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

Rome: The battle of the Asiago is virtually suspended, with the enemy checked, if not defeated in his main design of breaking through to the Branta valley and the plain a few miles beyond, although he succeeded in advancing his line a short distance when the Italians fell back to new positions.

An exceptionally large air raid was carried out yesterday with a fleet of 150 airplanes, which flew low and scattered over 200 bombs where the enemy is assembling forces and supplies in the northern sector, causing much damage.

London: After securing Sakalutan Pass, last Tuesday, the Turks were pursued to the village of Kara Tepeh, 25 miles north of Deli Abbas, through which the enemy was driven. Over 200 prisoners were taken, including the commander.

A proclamation to the Russian nation has been issued by their government announcing that Kaledines and Korniloff, assisted by the imperiallsts and constitutional democrats, have raised a revolt and declared war in the Don region against the people and the revolution. The proclamation adds that the constitutional democrats and burgeoisie are supplying the revolting general with scores of millions. The workmen's and soldiers' delegates have ordered necessary movements of troops against the counter-revolution, and have issued decrees authorizing local forces to attack the enemies of the people without waiting for orders from the supreme authorities, and forbidding any attempt at mediation.

Halifax: An appeal for $25,000,000 has been made to the people of Canada by the mayors of Halifax and Dartmouth, and this is taken as representing only a part of the material damage done. A preliminary million dollars has been given by the Dominion government. The survivors of the steamer Imo and Pilot McKay and Capt. Lemeduc of the Mont Blanc have been detained by the British admiralty officials, pending the official enquiry, which opens today.

It is feared that 2,000 have been killed and thousands have been injured. Fifteen hundred dwellings have been wiped out of existence and in nearly all cases the occupants are penniless and destitute. At Dartmouth 150 were kiiled. At Chicago a relief committe pledged $43,000 on the spot to be sent to Halifax.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

London: Over the whole western front German artillery is scattering shells impartially, in masking the location chosen for an assault which it is believed will be her heaviest since 1914. Germany has at least 400,000 men centred on the Cambrai sector.

The British captured Jerusalem yesterday.

The position of Britain towards Russia is made clear that she bears no grudge against her seceding ally, said Sir George Buchanan, ambassador to Petrograd. It is wrong, however, to suppose that pacts can be broken, and the treaty made by the autocratic government must remain binding on the democracy.

Balfour told the commons that he received a communication last September from Germany to the effect that Germany would be glad to communicate with Britain regarding peace. The British government replied that it was prepared to receive any such communication and discuss it with Britain's allies. No further official communication has come from Germany.

The destruction of Griesheim munition factories on Nov. 22 equals a big military defeat for Germany. Two German munition trains blew up in collision on Tuesday, killing and wounding hundreds of soldiers.

Paris: Patrol encounters have occurred north of Bezonvaux, on the Verdun front, and at Tahure, in the Champagne. Artillery is active in Upper Alsace and Lorraine. Elsewere is quiet.

Rome: The complete repulse of enemy attempts to retake Agonzia and Zuliani, positions in the Caposile region, is announced. Around Zuliani the enemy left many dead, and the victorious Italians took scores of prisoners.

Halifax: The work of moving refugees from tents to substantial buildings had only been finished last night when the weather set in extremely and suddenly cold. Rebuilding has commenced. No more doctors or nurses are at present needed. Nine ships were destroyed or badly damaged in the explosion.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

London: From Ypres to the Swiss border, except from Cambrai to St. Quentin, the artillery and aerial battle has reached a pitch of intensity seldom attained except on the eve of great infantry action. Official statements make it appear that not only the Germans but the British are also preparing for a great attack. The exact scene of the coming struggle is in doubt, as the opposing guns are thundering on virtually every part of that far-flung front.

General Maurice frankly describes the German success at Cambrai as being due to lack of co-ordination, the reason for which is being investigated.

Two important pronouncements on the war aims of Britain have been made by Asquith, speaking at Birmingham, and Churchill at Bedford, in which they both declared the war must continue until the menace of Prussianism is removed, otherwise the tremendous sacrifices of the British peoples have been made in vain.

The British government, feeling its position insecure through rumors of an impending political crisis, may go to the people. The discontented factions may unite against the ministry. The Northcliffe organs have taken a radical attitude towards the government. Great interest attaches to the expected decision of Asquith, who may, it is rumored, give qualified support to Lansdowne's policy.

Paris: German parties felt the French lines northwest of Reims last night. Artillery is active on the Verdun front..

Preparations are being made for an offensive by the Germans before the Americans arrive, to deal a blow so that peace may come soon, as Germany's food and labor shortage and internal troubles have made the nation war-weary. Austrians are being rushed to the western front.

Halifax: The British government has given $5,000,000 to relief of the disaster sufferers. Seattle so far has raised $10,000 for the same purpose.

As a result of the explosion there are 300 to 500 persons blind or partially so and there are 200 orphans. The known dead number 800, and it is estimated that 1000 still lie beneath the ruins.

Jassy, Roumania: Official announcement is made of the signing of an armistice by which hostilities were suspended at 10 p.m. Tuesday until further notice.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

London: The British have apparently stopped crown prince Rupprecht's long-prepared attempt to break the British hold around Bullecourt. The enemy only succeeded in advancing a few yards. The attack was the most formidable the British have had to face in this section. The fighting continues fiercely.

The government will investigate the British reverse on the sector south of Cambrai, and will ask Haig to explain. Dillon, the Irish Nationalist, said the enemy was in one village before the British knew it.

Paris: Active artillery fighting is in progress along the whole front. Nine German airplanes were brought down yesterday.

Berlin: Negotiations for an armistice to replace the existing truce on the Russian front have begun at the headquarters of Prince Leopold of Bavaria, the general staff has announced.

Rome: Von Buelow's troops have joined the Austrians and Bohemians under Hoetzendorff in a series of heavy assaults during the last two days between the Brenta and Piave rivers. The fighting has been severe and attended with large losses, but the Italian line has been sustained with but one slight indentation at Mont Sponzionsa, where the enemy secured temporary footing which is being contested by the Italians. The fourth Austrian division and some Bohemian regiments fighting here are fresh from the Russo-Galician front.

Stockholm: The Petrograd Dyelo Naroda has published what it alleges to be the instructions of the German general staff to its representatives conducting truce negotiations in Russia. The men in parley must be of serious temperament and capable of controlling their facial muscles in the most ridiculous situation.

London: The iron hand is dealing Russia an awful blow through the Bolsheviki, and force must henceforth decide everything in that troubled country. Many former secret political police in the ranks of the party in power are sowing dissention broadcast. Seven thousand naked corpses of persons whose deaths were not caused by drowning have been fished out of the rivers. Women are stripped of their hair, which is sold. Korniloff was wounded in a battle between Bielgorod and Sumu.

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