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GERMANS' GAME OF ANNEXATION

The Tools of the Invaders Had Declared the King's Government Fallen.

JUDGES SHOWED LOYALTY

THREE WERE THEREUPON SENT OVER TO GERMANY.

The Tribunals Entered a Strenuous Protest and Decided to Strike—The Belgian People Are in a State of Extreme Indignation.

Amsterdam, Feb. 16.—The newspaper Les Nouvelles, of Maastricht, Holland, reports that the exiled Belgian Government having ordered the Belgian judges in the occupied territory to prosecute all Activists guilty of having announced the fall of King Albert's Government and proclaiming autonomy in Flanders, the three Presidents of the Brussels Court of Cassation placed under arrest Pierre Toek and Dr. August Borms, leaders of the Activist movement.

The Germans immediately hastened to the Palace of Justice in Brussels, and arrested the three Presidents, at the same time releasing Toek and Borms.

The news spread like wildfire, and delegates representing six hundred Brussels societies met in the main square, where a demonstration of thousands of persons was being carried out. The police and soldiers charged and fired upon the crowds, several soldiers and civilians being killed or wounded.

The three magistrates were sent to Germany. Later the Court of Cassation met and decided to resign in a body, if the three magistrates were not released. All the Belgian tribunals have united and decided to strike. The Belgian people everywhere, according to this report, are in a state of extreme indignation against the Flemish inhabitants.

ENEMY U-BOAT BOMBS DOVER

It Was Fired Upon From Shore And Quickly Ceased Bombardment.

CASUALTIES WERE FEW

AND THE DAMAGE IS REPORTED AS SLIGHT

German Destroyers in Straits of Dover Sank Eight British Patrol Ships on Friday Morning

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Feb. 16.—An enemy submarine fired on the shore and ceased the bombardment after some thirty rounds had been fired. There were less than a dozen casualties and only slight damage was done.

The official statement reads: Fire was opened upon Dover by an enemy submarine about 12.10 o'clock this morning. The firing continued three or four minutes. The casualties were: Killed, one child and three men; injured, one man and three children. Slight damage was caused house property.

Yesterday morning German destroyers in a raid in the Straits of Dover sank eight British patrol ships which, according to Admiralty officials, were looking for German submarines.

The Order Stands. (Canadian Press Despatch.) Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The Government has approved Commissioner Pringle's order fixing the price of news print at \$2.85, subject to certain modifications.

Canadian Casualties. Wounded—C. Crawford, R. E. Carr, Brockville. Ill.—E. Wood, Kingston.

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TWO MARKED EVENTS IN THE CANADIAN LINES AT THE FRONT

A Dinner To Mark the Landing of the First Expeditionary Force—The First Batch of Married Men On Way Home.

By W. A. Wilson, correspondent of the Canadian Press. Canadian Army Headquarters in France, Feb. 16.—Last night more than one hundred officers of the original first expeditionary force who landed in France in the middle of February 1915, met at dinner to commemorate their arrival three years ago, while at the first of the week the first batch of married N.C.O.'s, and men of the original force left the front on three months furlough to Canada. Altogether nearly 700 married men have applied for this special veteran's leave which Canada has made possible by the striking support of its forces in the field.

On the eve of an historic dinner to commemorate the arrival of first Canadian division in France, three years ago, the Canadians raided the enemy lines near Hill 70 and in front of Lens, capturing a total of ten prisoners and two machine guns. At approximately the same time, far south at Hargicourt, other Canadians crossed one thousand yards of No Man's Land, took thirteen prisoners and two machine guns, destroyed four trench mortars and bombed both the enemy's front and support lines.

The raid on Hill 70 sector which was carried out early on Friday morning, was supported by a heavy barrage from our artillery to which the enemy replied with straggling artillery fire. He also offered strong resistance with machine gun and rifle fire, but our veteran troops broke into the line, returning with six prisoners and two machine guns as proof of the success of the operations.

Late on Saturday morning Canadian headquarters was the scene of a pleasing ceremony in which Belgium, honoring the Canadian corps, gave a striking appreciation of the value of the Canadian service at Passchendaele and in other historic combats in the salient, when fourteen Canadian officers were decorated by Gen. Sir H. S. Horne, commanding the First Army, with the Belgian Croix de Guerre.

THE WOMEN OF CANADA WILL SOON BE GRANTED THE RIGHT TO VOTE

This Will Come Before the Next Election, and Women Will Vote If They Have the Qualifications of the Male Franchise.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Universal women's franchise in the Dominion is assured.

Whether it will be enacted next session or not makes little difference. Before the next election comes every woman in Canada who possesses the qualification in age, residence etc., necessary for the present male franchise will obtain the vote. The assurance that the entry of women into the industrial arena would be protected by according them equal political rights with men was, it is stated, given to the Labor delegation which met here some days ago and the results of whose deliberations with the Government on purely Labor matters is made public.

About a million and a half new voters will be added to the Canadian franchise lists before another polling day is set in Ottawa.

NEW GERMAN PARTY AGAINST FIGHTING

Also Opposes the Monarchical System—Its Influence Is Widely Felt.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) New York, Feb. 16.—German newspapers received here to-day indicate the growing strength in Germany of the radical socialist movement which is in favor of immediate stoppage of fighting and opposed to all votes of credit in the Reichstag for war purposes. This movement has now grown to the standing of a serious political party with many members in the Reichstag and various municipal councils of the German empire. They also persist in their antagonism to the monarchical system. It is evident that this party will make its influence widely felt in Germany this year.

NEWSPAPERS MAY BE SENT OVERSEAS.

London, Feb. 16.—Apparently a misunderstanding has arisen in Canada regarding sending newspapers to Great Britain. Lady Drummond is informed by the British Post Office that newspapers not exceeding seven pounds weight may still be sent. Misunderstanding has caused the supply of newspapers for the Red Cross to become seriously depleted.

SEDITION FINALLY BEATEN IN GREECE

Lamia Mutiny Was Country-Wide Plot—Partisans of ex-King Beaten.

Athens, Feb. 16.—Evidence accumulating of the mutiny at Lamia, shows an elaborate conspiracy of resistance to mobilizations throughout Greece. Now that all the leading partisans of the ex-king are segregated and closely watched the seditious movement has been deprived of its occult organizers and chiefs, and the conspiracy may be definitely considered as defeated. The Government anticipates no further incidents.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

British. A successful raid was carried out by Lancashire troops early last night in the neighborhood of Ypres-Staden railway. Eleven prisoners were taken by our troops, and our casualties were slight. The hostile artillery was active in the course of the night north of Lens and opposite Labasse and Wytchaele. French. The French on Friday night made a successful raid near Vauquois, bringing back prisoners. The French repulsed reconnoitering parties in Upper Alsace.

WOULD EJECT THE EDITORS

Advice to Lloyd George as Result of Latest Controversy.

CHECK LORD NORTHCLIFFE

THE AGENTS OF DISSENSION SENT TO PARIS.

To Get Material For Trouble—Lloyd George Criticized for Associating Journalistic Supporters With His Government.

Paris, Feb. 16.—Alleged interference with the military leaders is the ostensible basis of the attack on the Lloyd George Government at the moment when it is beset by the unrest of the Labor Party. All those with inside information know that there is not the slightest substance in the charge of pernicious political interference with the military. Unfortunately, however, the effort to secure the nearest possible approach to unity of control so that the allied resources may be used effectively against an enemy thoroughly organized and unified has been susceptible of distortion. It is natural in war time for people to make heroes of military leaders, and the great popularity of Haig and Robertson in Britain has been availed of by the anti-George conspirators.

AGENTS OF DISSENSION.

Self-constituted champions have used these names to create suspicion, and distrust of the civil Government, and the latter's exercise of its proper functions and paramount authority has been made to appear as scheming against the army heads. Agents were sent to Paris to pick flaws in the work of the Versailles Council, and their mischief-making reports have been used for the utter demolition, in Parliament and a portion of the press, of the work done and the conclusions arrived at by that body.

It is pointed out that these attempts would have no standing but for the unwisdom of the Premier himself in officially associating journalistic supporters, first Northcliffe and recently Beaverbrook, with his Government. In order to be valuable these men must reserve their integrity and independence as editors, for their active political association destroys their journalistic usefulness and leads to such exhibitions as the country is now being treated to.

KEEP JOURNALISTS OUT.

Many here think that the best thing that could happen, now that matters have gone so far, would be for Lloyd George to lay the whole situation frankly before the country from the beginning, including the proceedings of the last Versailles Council. Perhaps only such radical action will restore in Britain the confidence which the ministerial journalistic propaganda has undermined. It would be fortunate if the result were equally to strengthen the Premier's hold and put Journalism back in its place.

IN BRITAIN OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES ARE DIRECTED AND CONTROLLED BY PUBLIC OPINION.

In Britain official activities are directed and controlled by public opinion, which in turn draws its information and inspiration from the press. Its newspaper equilibrium could be re-established by the return to Fleet Street of the editors officially identified with the Government. The confusion which has been prevailing would disappear, and conditions would return to normal.

FELL IN FRONT OF TRAIN.

An Aged Resident Was Killed at the Station.

Aylmer, Feb. 16.—Edward McCausland, an old and respected citizen of this town, was struck and killed by a Grand Trunk train on Thursday. He was walking on the platform as the train pulled in, and he is thought to have been taken with a dizzy spell, as he fell directly in front of the running train. Death was instantaneous.

TO MOVE FREIGHT CARS.

By Shortest Routes Possible in Ontario This Year.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Montreal, Feb. 16.—Revolutionary changes in the local freight arrangements in Ontario will go into effect very shortly by order of the Canadian Railway War Board. The idea will be to move freight cars by the shortest route from point to point, no matter what lines it covers. In some cases short connections between railroads will have to be built, and this will be done as soon as the frost is out of the ground. The change will mean quicker local service.

U.S. MANUFACTURERS VETO GERMAN BOYCOTT AFTER WAR

Action of Chamber of Commerce of United States Is Denounced As Futile and Vicious.

New York, Feb. 16.—The National Association of Manufacturers has dissented from the proposal of a trade boycott on Germany after the war, it is announced. The question was voted upon in a referendum submitted to its members by the chamber of commerce of the United States. The ballot of the association has been forwarded to Washington.

Disapproval of the boycott plan was voiced by the association's board of directors on Feb. 8th before the referendum was submitted to the membership. A statement issued yesterday by the association explains the adverse vote.

"The economic boycott proposed by the referendum," it said, "is an unwarranted interference in a matter of international relations, the handling of which rests with the president and congress. The creation of a boycott as outlined by the Paris conference of 1916, we believe to be at variance with the sentiments of President Wilson as stated in his address to Congress on April 6th, 1917.

"We are but the champions of mankind. We shall be satisfied when those rights have been made as secure as the faith and freedom of the nations can make them. We have no jealousy of German greatness. We do not wish to fight her with arms or hostile arrangements of trade if she is willing to associate herself with us and the other peace-loving nations of the world in covenants of justice and law and fair dealing.

"In view of these facts the action proposed by the chamber of commerce of the United States, is, in our opinion, not only futile, but vicious and meets with our unqualified disapproval."

RUSSIA ALLY, ENEMY OR NEUTRAL? NEITHER GERMANY NOR ENTENTE KNOW

Central Powers Discussing Eventuality of Energetic Military Measures Against Bolsheviki.

London, Feb. 16.—"It is impossible to say whether Russia is an ally, a neutral or an enemy," Lord Cecil, Minister of Blockade, declared in the House of Commons.

The Munich, Bavaria, correspondent of the Zurich Neue Augsburg Zeitung, says he knows that the discussions at Brest-Litovsk last Sunday between Dr. von Kuhlmann, the German Foreign Secretary; Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, and Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, were particularly stormy and ended in a violent rupture, which bore all the seeds of a future conflict.

"That is why the conference at German main headquarters is discussing the eventuality of very energetic military measures against the Russians," says the correspondent.

TO INCREASE WHEAT GROWING.

Ontario Government to Distribute Seed to Farmers.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Steps have been taken by the Government to increase wheat-growing in Ontario. An initial purchase has been made of 50,000 bushels of No. 1 Marquis wheat, which will be sold to the farmers in bags at \$2.75 a bushel. The seed will be handled through the market branch of the Department of Agriculture. Plans are now being made to secure warehouse space at several points throughout the Province which are served by two or three lines of railways.

Farmers who have their seed shipped from the distributing centers will have to pay the cost of the extra freight to their station from the distributing point. Toronto, Brampton, Lindsay, Woodstock and Chatham have so far been chosen as centres of distribution. Carload lots will be shipped direct to farmers' clubs when sufficient quantities of wheat are ordered, and this will save the payment of extra freight from the distributing point to their station.

DEFINITION OF THEATRE.

Only "Legitimate" Houses Have Option of Tuesday Closing.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The Fuel Controller gave a definition of the amendment that theatres are to be given the option of closing either on Monday or Tuesday of any week. He has been overwhelmed with queries as to the definition of a theatre. He stated that it only intended to cover theatres showing travelling companies, musical or dramatic, commonly known as "legitimate" houses, and does not include vaudeville or motion picture houses, which must be closed on Mondays.

OVERTURES TO IRELAND.

Lloyd George Now Able to Meet Full Delegation.

London, Feb. 16.—The Prime Minister, having seen representatives of all different sections of the Irish convention separately, is in a position to meet the full delegation for the first time. A meeting of British Unionist members, who are anxious for an Irish settlement, was held in the House of Commons, and it is understood they are prepared to make friendly overtures to their Ulster colleagues.

GIFT OF \$75,000 FOR VASSAR.

New York, Feb. 16.—Trustees of Vassar College at a special meeting here accepted with "high appreciation" a gift of \$75,000 from the American Red Cross for the maintenance of the summer training camp for nurses at the college which will be opened June 24. All Vassar buildings and the campus were placed at the disposal of the training camp by the trustees and fitting up of a diet kitchen for scientific work in dietetics and cookery and a hospital ward of beds for demonstration purposes were authorized.

BRITISH DEBATE ENDED.

London, Feb. 16.—Through the adoption by the House of Commons of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, which was accomplished without division, the attacks against the Government for the time being have come to naught. All hostile amendments against the Premier's address were either withdrawn or rejected.

IN DAMAGED CONDITION.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) An Atlantic Port. Feb. 16.—A United States torpedo boat destroyer arrived here in tow of two tugs. She was in a badly damaged condition and is thought to have been in a collision.

SUNK BY GERMAN DESTROYERS.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Feb. 16.—Seven British drifters and one trawler were sunk by a flotilla of German destroyers in the Straits of Dover, it was officially announced yesterday. The British craft were out hunting submarines.

WAR VETERANS' NEW QUARTERS

Are to Be Formally Opened on Tuesday Evening Next.

BIG G.W.V.A. CONVENTION

IS TO BE HELD IN TORONTO ON JULY 29TH.

Fuel Controller Nickle Addressed the Local Branch Friday Evening on the Coal Situation.

At the meeting of the Great War Association Friday evening final arrangements were made for the opening of the new quarters on Princess street on Tuesday evening the 19th. Brig-Gen. G. S. Maunsell, honorary president, is to preside and Brig-Gen. T. D. R. Hemming, Col. C. N. Perreau and Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cunningham are to be present. The speakers are to be W. F. Nickle, M. P., Mayor, Hughes and Principal Bruce Taylor of Queen's. The opening ceremonies are to be attended only by members and invited guests. On Saturday, the 23rd, the club quarters are to be open to the citizens for inspection and the Association will serve tea to visitors. The quarters are to be thrown open later to all the troops of the divisional area for social purposes.

It was announced that the Dominion convention of the G.W.V.A. is to be held in Toronto on the 29th of July next and 200 delegates are expected to be present. Kingston will send five delegates. At present the Kingston Association has between 400 and 500 members and by the summer it expects to have nearly 800. Fifteen new members were enrolled at the Friday evening meeting.

A reply was received from the Dominion Secretary at Ottawa stating that the Minister of Militia was enquiring into the protest made by the Kingston Association against giving discharged men only \$13 to buy a suit of clothes. This amount is considered too small.

Fuel Controller Speaks. After the usual routine business had been gone through the meeting was rendered very interesting by the presence of H. C. Nickle, fuel controller of this city, who came to the club rooms in response to a letter written him in regard to the coal situation. Mr. Nickle gave a very lucid and interesting explanation of the coal shortage and cause of the present high prices. His methods of dealing with the situation beyond reproach. Prices are as most people know, fixed by the Dominion Controller. Mr. Nickle assured his hearers that to be a coal dealer in the present trying times is an unenviable position in the community. The unavoidable cause of the high prices is the heavy overhead charges, such as cartage, etc. Mr. Nickle left his hearers with the strong impression that Kingston is fortunate in having such an efficient fuel controller.

THE REGISTRATION OF CANADA'S MAN-POWER

One Feature of Government Labor Policy—To Classify Industries.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Subsequent to a sitting of the Cabinet Council, the Government gave out an announcement as to its immediate policy in regard to labor. The Government will not conscript men for farm labor, under the Military Service Act, but will take immediate steps to secure a registration and inventory of the man-power of the Dominion. Classification of the industries of Canada will also be secured by the new War Trade-Board. There will be no importation of sootier labor at present, to which exception is taken by the labor men, but this matter will be given further consideration at a later date. No decision has been reached in regard to the conscription of alien labor.

A MIGHTY SUM.

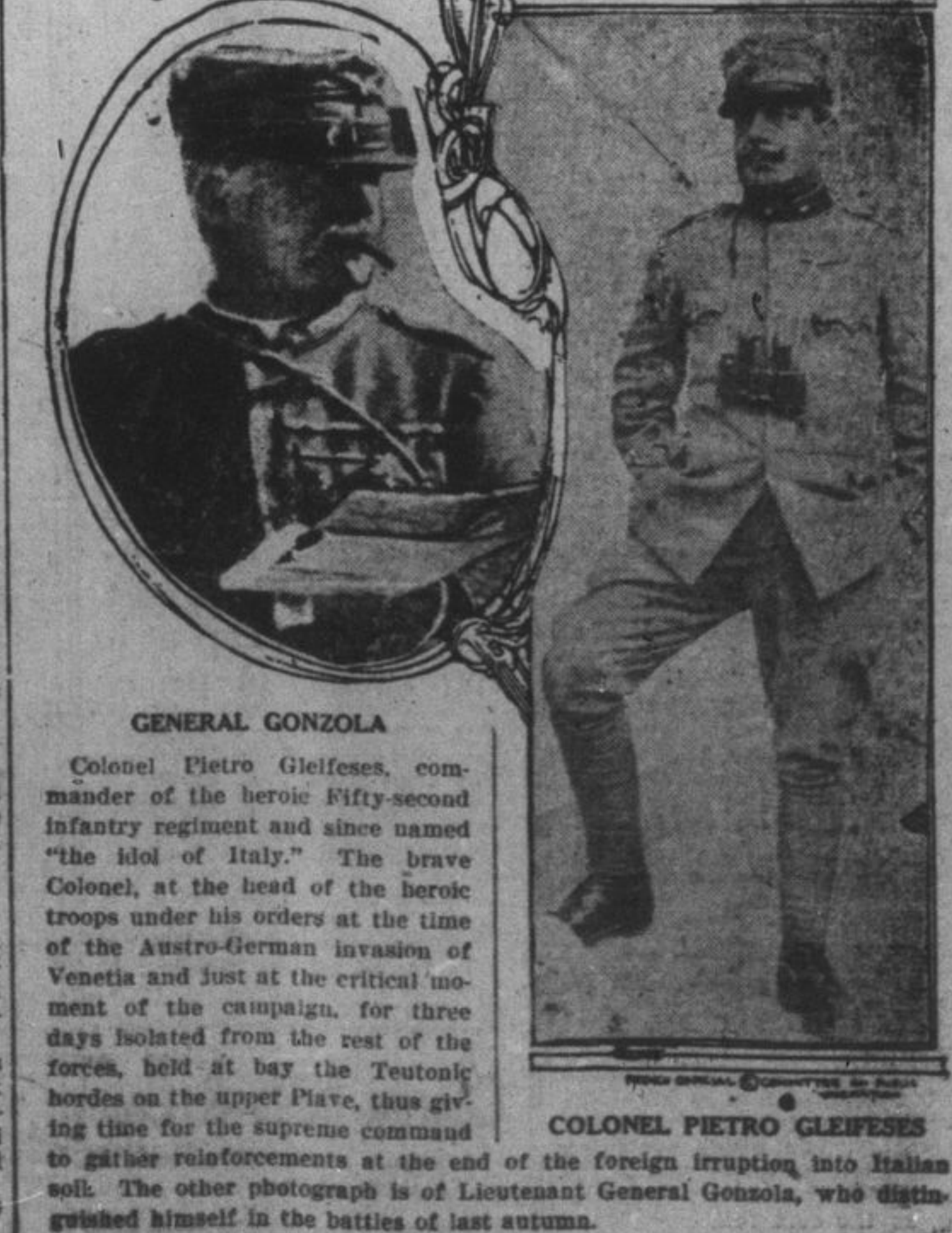
Billion Dollars to Be Voted to Equip American Forces.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Principal items for the army in the billion-dollar urgent deficiency appropriation bill, favorably reported to the house, include \$277,732,000 for bombs for airplanes, \$100,000,000 for quartermaster storage plants on the sea coast and at interior points, and \$81,000,000 for mountain, field, siege and other artillery, in addition to the billion dollars already spent in ordnance, and contract authorizations for \$779,000,000 additional.

WAR BULLETINS

- The French bombed Metz and other German centres. Trotsky informed Russian workmen that Russia has made a clean break with the British and is out of the war for good. Field Marshal Haig congratulated the Canadians on their recent raids.

TWO OF THE MOST FAMOUS FIGURES IN ITALY



GENERAL GONZOLA. Colonel Pietro Gleffess, commander of the heroic fifty-second infantry regiment and since named "the idol of Italy." The brave Colonel, at the head of the heroic troops under his orders at the time of the Austro-German invasion of Venetia and just at the critical moment of the campaign, for three days isolated from the rest of the forces, held at bay the Teutonic hordes on the upper Piave, thus giving time for the supreme command to gather reinforcements at the end of the foreign irruption into Italian soil. The other photograph is of Lieutenant General Gonzola, who distinguished himself in the battles of last autumn.