

dangerous condition but said he had not had  
 stroke but sort of convulsions and they think the  
 trouble was from his spine. The latest news to night  
 is that he is resting quietly, having had three  
 convulsions, the first one before noon and lasting  
 nearly an hour, the other two being lighter.  
 I went down town to night with Aunty Alice's milk  
 and Ray's chicken and stayed all night so that I  
 could help Aunty Alice get to the train in the morning.  
 The war news to day is bad, another revolution  
 is taking place in Petrograd. Kerensky has fled  
 to regions unknown and the revolutionists are  
 demanding a separate peace with Germany.  
 Prospects on the Italian battle front are not showing  
 brightening yet either. The Italian army is still  
 retreating from the immense <sup>herds of</sup> Austro-Germans  
 who have crossed the Tagliamento river and claim the  
 capture of 250,000 prisoners and 2300 guns. The  
 Italians claim that Cadorna's main army retreated  
 unmolested and taking up defensive positions  
 along the Piave river where strong British & French  
 reinforcements are now massing and where it is  
 hoped a decided stand will be taken as Venice

is only fifteen miles behind this line and it is feared  
 a further advance by the enemy would be liable to cause  
 panic among the people who are already shaken but who  
 are cheered by the presence of British & French aid in  
 great strength from the Western front. If the fighting  
 spirit of the Italians is still strong it is thought by  
 some that an allied victory <sup>is possible, and</sup> here would mean  
 disaster for the Central Powers who it is believed made  
 their big drive partly in the hopes of demanding peace.  
 The British forces under General Allenby are making  
 head way against the Turks in Palestine having  
 taken Gaza and closing in on Jerusalem. The  
 Canadians are also doing fine work in France.

Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>

I went up to the Gibbets as soon as I had breakfast  
 this morning and Cousin Willie told me that they had had  
 no call during the night so thought Harry Ansley was  
 absent the same. It was just about seven when I got back  
 but as Aunty Alice was already here we went down to the station  
 and when she got in the car I came back. I came home  
 almost as soon as the train went out. Frank plowed all  
 morning and I helped Dad. saw off and up another