

THE GREAT WAR DAY BY DAY.

(Associated Press Summary.)

MONDAY'S EVENTS.

Riga, Russia's big port on the Gulf of Riga, is in the hands of the Germans and its garrison and the civilian population are in retreat eastward.

Following up rapidly the advantage they gained in driving the Russians across the Dvina river on both sides of Uxkull last Saturday, the Germans threw bridges across this stream and soon were on the heels of the former defenders, some of whom offered resistance, but others of whom showed the white feather, giving the invaders no trouble in marching up the Riga, 15 miles distant. Seeing the disaffection and the inability to stem the tide of the advance, the Russian commander ordered an evacuation.

With the falling back of the Russians from the city proper and the advance of the Germans northward along both sides of the stream, the Russians still defending the western bank around Dahlen seemingly are in danger of being caught between the two fast moving bodies of the enemy and made prisoners.

Burn Villages in Retreat.

Behind them the Russians in their retreat from Riga are laying the country in waste, burning villages and farms. Whether the city itself remains intact has not yet been made known but doubtless the guns in the fortress and the ammunition stores either were moved or destroyed to prevent them falling into the hands of the Germans.

Aside from the strategic value of controlling the Gulf of Riga and of a base nearer the mouth of the Gulf of Finland, at the head of which Petrograd is situated, for the moment it is impossible to see the importance of the German gain, especially with the near approach of winter, when military operations in this northern region are almost impossible. Where the Russians will draw their new line in the north to connect with that below the point of penetration by the Germans also remains to be seen.

Further Gains For Italians.

On none of the other fronts have there been operations of great moment, except in the Austro-Italian theatre, where the Italians have made further progress on the Bainsizza Plateau and in the Brestovizza Valley and repulsed fresh counter attacks launched by the Austrians. Throughout this entire theatre violent artillery duels are in progress from Tolmino to the sea.

Advices to the Italian embassy in Washington are to the effect that along the front of the present offensive the Austrians have lost more than 125,000 men. Reports from Udine, Italy, give the Austrian losses as one-third of the first line army.

Haig's Guns Keep Active.

The batteries of Field Marshal Haig are still pouring an incessant fire against the German trenches in Flanders, but as yet the anticipated new dash by his men to capture them has not started.

On the remainder of the front in the west held by the British there have been the usual trench raiding operations, in one of which, south of Monchy-le-Preux, German dugouts and machine guns were destroyed and some prisoners taken.

Artillery duels which are somewhat violent in the Verdun region, are taking place along the front where the French are facing the Germans. No infantry actions of importance have occurred.

German air raiders Monday night again paid a visit to England, the second time in as many days, dropping bombs.

TUESDAY'S EVENTS.

From Riga to the east of Uxkull the Russians continue in full retreat before the Germans, those from the evacuated port and arsenal making their way northward, along the coast of the Gulf of Riga and those from Uxkull and vicinity endeavoring to reach the Riga-Pskoff-Petrograd railway line.

Behind them the Russians left Riga partly aflame as the result of the German shells hurled into the town before they departed, while the smoldering ruins of small villages mark the path over which the other contingents have passed, having been set on fire during the retreat.

Russian Towns Being Shelled.

Along the eastern coast of the Gulf of Riga for a distance of about 80 miles north of the evacuated town, German warships are shelling various towns, possibly with the intention of covering a landing of troops whose object would be to cut off the retreat of the Riga army or turn its flank, thereby entirely clearing the gulf shore region and giving Prince Leopold of Bavaria a base, possibly at Pernau, whence to operate overland in conjunction with the naval forces toward Revel, Russia's principal port on the

Gulf of Finland, in an endeavor to seal up the Russian fleet inside the gulf.

Fortifications Blown Up.

While the Germans were knocking at the gates of Riga from the west and southwest, hurling shells of all calibres and loosing gas waves among the town, loyal Russian troops held them back long enough to blow up the fortifications at the mouth of the Dvina and raze the bridges over the waterway. To the south, where the defection in the ranks of the Russians was apparently greatest, the Germans according to the Berlin official communication, took some thousands of prisoners and also captured more than 150 guns and large quantities of war material.

Infantry Fighting Slackens.

In the Austro-Italian theatre, the intensive infantry fighting of previous days seemingly has given way for the moment to reciprocal artillery duels of great violence. The cessation in the fighting probably is due to a realignment by the Italians of their battle line after their rapid advance all along the front from Tolmino to the sea.

Austrians Send Distress Cry.

Meanwhile, however, it is reported that a cry of distress has been sent to the Germans by the Austrians. As a result of this appeal it is said that Field Marshal von Hindenburg has sent two Bavarian divisions to the Isonzo front and that the Germans also are hastening guns for the protection of the Hermada heights, the key to Trieste.

Although the infantry activity has come to a pause, the Italians have paid their respects to Pola, Austria's big naval base on the Adriatic, by air. Nine tons of explosives have been dropped on warships in the roadstead and on military works, causing great damage.

Field Marshal Haig continues to pound the German positions in Flanders with a rain of shells, and another big push against the German lines seems imminent. Unofficial advices say that behind the German lines in West Flanders from Courtrai to Thourout, the civilian population has begun an evacuation realizing the nearness of another British onslaught.

The Germans at several points along the Aisne front and in the Verdun sector have again made ineffectual attempts to pierce the French line. The artillery duels near Verdun continue unabated.

Airmen on Both Sides Active.

Intensive air raiding has been carried out by British, French and German aviators. For the third day in succession the Germans have bombed the southeastern English coast, in their last raid having penetrated the London district, where explosives were loosed. The Germans also have dropped bombs in the region of Calais and Dunkirk in France, while British and French airmen have effectively bombarded German positions in Belgium and France and German border towns.

WEDNESDAY'S WAR IN BRIEF.

While the Russians continue their flight before the Germans in the region of Riga, the Italians, after a few days of comparative idleness, again have started their great offensive against the Austrians on the Bainsizza plateau and to the north-east of Gorizia.

In the south, however, from the Brestovizza valley to the sea, the Italians have been compelled to withstand violent counter-attacks by the Austrians, who are endeavoring to hold back General Cadorna's lines from a further approach to Trieste. The Austrians at one place momentarily forced the Italians to cede territory. A counter-attack by the Italians not alone retrieved the lost position, but resulted in the capture of more than 400 prisoners.

On the Bainsizza plateau northeast of Gorizia, the Italians have made further gains, capturing an important Austrian position near Ocroglo. No details have been vouchsafed concerning the battle which is in progress northeast of Gorizia, and no confirmation is at hand of the reported capture by the Italians of Mont San Gabriele, the last dominating position held by the Austrians north of Gorizia. Nearly 1,700 men have been captured by the Italians in the fighting in the Gorizia sector.

In the region of Riga the Russians are retiring eastward and northeastward all along the line, pursued by the Germans. The war vessels which were reported to be shelling the Riga coast line, and which it was thought, probably might be covering a landing of troops, to cut off the retreat of the Riga army, were submarines.

The operations on the western front in Belgium and France continue to be carried out mainly by the opposing artilleries.

Reciprocal air raids continue to be carried out by British, French and German airmen at points far behind the fighting line.

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PRESIDENT PRAYS THAT GOD MAY PROTECT NEW SOLDIERS.

Welcomes Drafted Men Into the Nation's Service With a Message of Confidence. Tells Them That the Eyes of the World Will be Upon Them as the "Soldiers of Freedom."

Washington, Sept. 3.—Soldiers of the National Army were welcomed today by President Wilson with a message of affectionate confidence and a prayer to God to keep and guide them. Everything these young men do, the President told them, will be watched by the depest solicitude by the whole country, and the eyes of the world will be upon them because they are "in some special sense the soldiers of freedom."

The first soldiers for the army raised under the draft law start from their homes for the training cantonments Wednesday. The President asks them, as brothers and comrades in the great war, to keep straight and fit by a standard so high that living up to it will add a new laurel to the crown of America.

The message follows: "The White House, Washington. "To the Soldiers of the National Army:

"You are undertaking a great duty. The heart of the whole country is with you. Everything that you do will be watched with the deepest interest and with the deepest solicitude not only by those who are near and dear to you, but by the whole nation besides. For this great war draws us all together, makes us all comrades and brothers, as all true Americans felt themselves to be when we first made good our national independence. The eyes of all the world will be upon you, because you are in a some special sense the soldiers of freedom. Let it be your pride, therefore, to show all men everywhere not only what good soldiers you are, but also what good men you are in some special sense the straight in everything and pure and clean through and through. Let us set for ourselves a standard so high that it will be a glory to live up to it and then let us live up to it and add a new laurel to the crown of America. My affectionate confidence goes with you in every battle and every test. May God keep and guide you.

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Our Dogs and the Nation.

Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, in an address to a meeting of wool growers, said he intended to introduce a bill fixing a national tax on dogs.

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Children's Day at Thanksgiving.

Sunday, September 9th, Thanksgiving Sunday school will observe Children's Day. We are expecting to have Bro. J. M. Broughton, Jr., of Raleigh, to speak in the interest of the Sunday school. There will be some exercises given by the children.

The exercises will begin at 10 o'clock. The address will be about 11 o'clock. We hope everybody will bring dinner and stay for the regular church services at 3 o'clock.

It is a special request of the Sunday school that all boys that have been called into service for their country be present on this day. Come and make this an enjoyable day for the children and hear them sing.

REPORTER.

The business men of Germany are powerless to be peacemakers over the heads of the war lords. But the course of events may bring the war lords to a stake where they will listen to the captains of industry.—Buffalo Courier.

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PROGRAMME.

Saturday Morning.

10:30—Devotional Exercises.....Rev. A. A. Pippin
11:00—Sermon.....Rev. C. E. Stevens
Enrollment of Delegates and Miscellaneous Business.

DINNER.

Saturday Afternoon.

2:00—Stewardship.....Rev. H. F. Brinson
Christian Standard of Giving.....Rev. R. M. Von Miller
Woman's Work.....Mrs. H. F. Brinson
Review of Our Associational Work.....Rev. J. E. Lanier
Saturday Night—Sermon.....Rev. J. M. Duncan

Sunday Morning.

10:00—Sunday School Hour.
State Missions.....Rev. A. C. Hamby
11:30—Sermon.....Rev. G. W. Rollins

DINNER.

Sunday Afternoon.

2:00—Are We Missing Our Mission?.....Mr. T. J. Lassiter
Our Churches and the War.....Judge F. H. Brooks
Developing Our Young Church Members.....Rev. A. C. McCall

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