

ITALIAN ARMS SUFFER CRUSHING DEFEAT

TEUTONIC ARMIES HAVE BROKEN THROUGH MOUNTAIN PASSES TO NORTHERN ITALIAN PLAINS

Official Statement From Rome
Brands Units of Second Army
With Cowardice.
QUIT WITHOUT FIGHTING
Towns of Cividale and Gorizia
Captured by German and
Austrian Troops.
100,000 PRISONERS TAKEN
Julian Front Broken and Left
Wing of Italians Crushed

Berlin, via London, Oct. 28.—
British Admiralty per Wireless,
The Austrians and Germans
have forced their way through the
mountains to the plains of North-
ern Italy capturing the town of
Cividale, the war office announces.
The city of Gorizia on the Isonzo,
also has been captured. The
number of Italian prisoners, ac-
cording to the report is increas-
ed to 100,000.

Official German Statement.
The announcement follows:
"Rapid development of the united
attack on the Isonzo again brought
entire success yesterday. The Italian
forces which sought to prevent our
divisions from emerging from the moun-
tains were thrown back by powerful
thrusts. In the evening German
troops forced their way into the burn-
ing town of Cividale, the first town in
point of position in the plain.

Calm Whole Italian Front Wavering.
The Italian front as far as the
Adriatic sea is wavering. Our troops
are passing forward on the whole
line. Gorizia, the most disputed town
in the Isonzo battles, was taken early
this morning by Austro-Hungarian di-
visions.

100,000 Prisoners: 700 Guns.
Berlin, via London, Oct. 28.—
The capture of 100,000 Italians and more
than 700 guns is reported in the of-
ficial communication from general
headquarters which declares that the
Italian second and third armies are in
retreat.

Cividale is a town of about 5,000 in
Friaul, nine miles northeast of the im-
portant railroad center of Udine. It
is near the entrance to the valley of
the Natisone river along which the
Italian front forces that broke the
Italian line in the Tolmino region have
battered their way. Cividale is the
headquarters of the Julian Alps, beyond
which lie the plains of northern Italy.

CAPTURE OF GORIZIA WAS
IMPORTANT ITALIAN SUCCESS
Austrian, Oct. 28.—The occupation
of Gorizia this morning by Austro-
German forces is announced in an of-
ficial dispatch from Vienna. The Ital-
ians are said to have retired across
the Isonzo.

Gorizia was captured by the Italians
spontaneously at the time of the
Austrian offensive. Units of the
French, Italian and British fronts.
The Italians took about 20,000 prison-
ers in the city. The capture of Go-
rizia was one of the most important
successes of Italy's campaign in Aus-
tria. It is a town of 21,000 inhab-
itants on the Isonzo half-way down the
present Austro-German front of at-
tack. It is situated in the hills of
the Julian Alps, in which there has
been heavy fighting in which the Ital-
ians captured the city itself. Gorizia
is 20 miles northwest of Trieste. Aus-
trian troops are reported at the head of
the principal Italian aspirations in
the war.

ITALIANS SURRENDERED OR
RETRAIRED WITHOUT FIGHTING
Rome, Oct. 28.—(British Admiralty
per Wireless Press)—Units of the
second army surrendered without
fighting, permitting the Austro-
German forces to break the
Italian front on the Julian front
and invade Italy. Today's official
statement in accordance with the plan
prepared.

The announcement follows:
The failure to resist on the part of
some units forming our second army,
forming in cowardice, retired without
fighting, surrendered to the enemy, al-
lowed the Austro-German forces to
break into our left wing on the Ju-
lian front. The valiant efforts of the
other units did not enable them to pre-
vent the enemy from advancing into
the sacred soil of our fatherland. We
are withdrawing our line, accord-
ing to the plan in preparation. All
stores and depots in the evacuated
places were destroyed.

Faith in the Army.
The record of many memorable bat-
tles during two and one half years
of war is sufficient to assure the com-
mander-in-chief that the army, to
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Italian Situation Grave In Estimation of French

BILLION DOLLARS
SPENT IN OCTOBER
IS U. S. RECORD

Expenditures Thus Far Have Av-
eraged \$30,000 a Minute
Day and Night.

TOTAL SUM OF \$3,446,659,764

War Expenses Climbing to Two
Billions Monthly.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Government
expenditures of one billion dollars is
the record which the month of October
has established at the treasury de-
partment. The total, which includes
loans to the Allies, may exceed even
this huge sum, possibly by \$100,000,000.
Thus far, it stands \$85,342,387, with
yesterday's spending not included. For
the twenty-three working days thus far
counted, it shows average expenditures
of approximately \$42,600,000 daily or a-
most \$30,000 every minute of the day
and night. Expenditures for last Fri-
day, the latest record published, were
\$68,975,948, but this was an unusual
day, considerably higher than the av-
erage, though not by any means a record.

Increase Greater Than Month Ago.
The increase in daily expenditures is
greater now than it was a month ago,
is steadily growing and is expected
to continue to grow. A two billion dol-
lar month, officials assert, is not far
off. It may be reached, with the re-
sumption of short-time treasury cer-
tificates—to be met out of Liberty bond
receipts—by mid-winter.

Fiscal Year Already Over 3 Billion.
Expenditures for the fiscal year thus
far have reached the total of \$3,446-
659,764, of which \$1,710,000, more
than half, is represented by loans to the
Allies. These loans and the interest
upon them are to be repaid to the gov-
ernment by the borrowers and there-
fore, do not represent actual expense to
the American people.

Where October Money is Going.
October's huge volume of funds paid
out is made up as follows:
For the army and navy, the Shipping
Board, the aircraft production board,
the food administration, the mainte-
nance of domestic governmental ma-
chinery and all other federal govern-
ment activities, \$295,296,200.

For interest on short-time certificates
of indebtedness and interest on the pub-
lic debt, \$3,458,798.
For maintenance of the Panama can-
al, \$1,523,062.
For redemption of certificates of in-
debtedness issued in anticipation of
Liberty bond receipts of the second in-
stance, \$33,934,882.
For bonds, interest-bearing notes and
certificates retired, \$200.
For the redemption of one-year
Treasury notes, \$5,057,000.
Total, \$985,248,387.

900 Per Cent Over Last Year.
During the corresponding period last
year, before America's entry into the
war, the total was \$81,026,366. The total
expenditures of the current fiscal year
total \$3,446,659,764, compares with
\$28,238,313 during the same period last
year, an increase of more than 900 per
cent.

GENERAL BIDDLE NAMED
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF

Washington, Oct. 28.—Secretary
Baker announced tonight the appoint-
ment of Major General John Biddle, as
assistant chief of staff, a post since
General Biddle has succeeded Major-
General Scott as chief of staff. The ap-
pointment will greatly lighten the
burden on General Bliss, who has been
at his desk almost all night and day
since his promotion. General Biddle has
executive ability earned largely as su-
perintendent of the West Point mili-
tary academy. As a colonel he organ-
ized and commanded one of the special
engineer regiments, which were
among the first troops sent abroad in
the war.

150 CARS OF SUGAR NOW
ONLY 62 CARS IT IS FOUND

Washington, Oct. 28.—In a statement
today regarding the recent finding of
a large amount of sugar in a Buffalo
warehouse, the food administration
said it was a normal supply for keep-
ing in operation several large con-
densed milk concerns. The amount,
reported first at 150 carloads, proved
on a special investigation to be 62 car-
loads which the administration said
"is not considered excessive for keep-
ing in operation several large con-
densed milk manufacturing plants
near Buffalo."

Emperor Charles and Von Mack-
enson Shaking Entire Line
From Alps to Sea.

RUSSIANS FRATERNIZING
Traitors on Russian Front Dis-
persed by Own Artillery

The Austro-German armies under
command of Emperor Charles, who has
as his chief assistant the brilliant
Field Marshal Von Mackensen, are
shaking the entire Italian line from
the Julian Alps region to the Adriatic
Sea. Pressing back the Italians at
several points on Italian soil the com-
bined enemy forces now have pushed
forward on the Italian left wing and
captured Cividale, lying to the north-
east of Udine, and are nearing the
plains beyond. In addition, the Aus-
trian town of Gorizia, a point of great
strategic value on the Isonzo river, has
been retaken from the Italians.

Enormous Captures Claimed.
According to the latest Berlin of-
ficial communication 100,000 Ital-
ians have been made prisoner and in excess
of 700 guns have fallen into Austro-
German hands. The second and third
Italian armies are declared to be in
retreat. Rome admits the falling back
of the second army, asserting that
cowardice similar to that shown by
the Russians in Galicia, was exhibited
in the face of the foe, the Italians sur-
rendering or retreating without giv-
ing battle, permitting the breaking of
the left wing and thereby offering
easy access to the town of Cividale.
Prior to falling back, however, the
Italians destroyed all their depots and
stores and Cividale was on fire when
the Austro-Germans entered it.

Possibly the Italians in this region,
who are declared by Rome to be re-
treating to prepared positions on the
plains, will turn about and meet the
enemy in open country fighting.
Situation Considered Grave.
If they do not the enemy is able to
push up westward the fast pace
that has been maintained since the
commencement of the operation, the
greater part of the Italian forces
along the northeastern line will be
threatened with capture. The situa-
tion is so grave that a special meet-
ing of the French cabinet has been
held for the purpose of deciding upon
the question of Allied co-operation on
the Italian front.

Little Fighting in Flanders.
The fighting on the Western front
in Flanders has died down to some ex-
tent, except for artillery duels. The
British, however, have bettered their
positions along the Ypres-Roulers rail-
way in small attacks, while the Bel-
gians and the French have captured
several important salients in the re-
gion of Dixmude. Along the salient
front the French are violently bom-
barding the German positions and it
is probable that soon again they will
deliver another of their sharp and de-
cisive strokes toward Laon, their ob-
jective in the recent fighting. An at-
tack by the Germans near the Froid-
mont farm was repulsed.

Russians Fraternizing Again.
In the Gulf of Riga and in the re-
gion of the head of the Gulf of Fin-
land the Germans for several days
have remained quiescent, making no
endeavor to land further forces on the
mainland where they met with re-
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ENTENTE CAPTURES
MERCKEM PENINSULA
German Experts Discuss Territory
and Differ Widely in Opinion.

Major Morath Says Germans Must Give
Up Sector, But That It Will Ben-
efit Allies None—Von Salz-
man is Ignorant.

SECRETARY M'ADOO IS
FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Says Women are Qualified and
Hopes They Win in New York

Issues Statement Declaring, That the
Time Has Come to Give Them the
Ballot—Men and Women Equal
Partners in Future.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Secretary Mc-
Adoo tonight issued a statement as-
serting his belief that women are
qualified for the ballot and expressing
the hope that they would get it in New
York. Mr. McAdoo said:
"The time has come when suffrage
should be given to the women of
America. It should be given promptly;
it should be given ungrudgingly; it
should be given gladly. The women
of the United States have in every way,
especially since this war has broken
out, shown themselves qualified for the
right of suffrage."
"When America emerges from this
war, she will, with enhanced prestige
and responsibilities to the whole world,
women and men alike must upon a
perfect equality so far as their civil
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PRESIDENT URGES EVERY HOME TO SIGN THE PLEDGE

Family Enrollment Week Inau-
gurated to Co-operate With
Food Administration

ONLY WAY TO WIN WAR

Objects of Nation Cannot Be Ac-
complished Without Sacrifice
And Economy

Washington, Oct. 28.—President Wil-
son in a statement, issued today urged
every home and public eating place
in the United States to pledge itself
to the Food Administration and to
comply with its requests. His appeal
marked the inauguration of Family
Enrollment Week, during which ev-
erybody in the country will be asked
to become a member of the Food Ad-
ministration in order to assure nation-
wide co-operation in food conserva-
tion.

The President said that in no other
way than through this co-operation of
the people can the Nation accomplish
its object in the war. The statement
follows:
President's Statement.

"The chief part of the burden of
finding food supplies for the peoples
associated with us in war falls for
the present upon the American people
and the drain upon supplies on such
a scale necessarily affects the prices
of our necessities of life.
"Our country, however, is blessed
with abundance of foodstuffs, and if
our people will economize in their use
of food, providently confining them-
selves to the quantities required for
the maintenance of their health and
strength; if they will eliminate waste,
and if they will make use of those
commodities of which we have a sur-
plus and thus free for export a larger
proportion of those required by the
world now dependent upon us, we
shall not only be able to accomplish
our obligations to them but we shall
obtain and establish reasonable prices
at home. To provide an adequate sup-
ply of food both for our own soldiers
on the other side of the seas and for
the civil populations and the armies
of the Allies, is one of our first and
foremost obligations; for if we are to
maintain their constancy in this strug-
gle for the independence of all na-
tions we must first maintain their
health and strength. The solution of
our food problems, therefore, is de-
pendent upon the individual service
of every man, woman and child in
the United States. The great voluntary
effort in this direction which has been
initiated and organized by the Food
Administration under my direction of-
fers an opportunity for service in the
war which is open to every individual
and by which every individual may
serve both his own people and the
peoples of the world.
In this great war without sacrifice and
devotion and in no direction can that
sacrifice and devotion be shown more
than by each home and public eating
place in the country pledging its sup-
ply to the Food Administration and
complying with its request."
"WOODROW WILSON."

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Liberty Loan Returns Are As Yet Incomplete But Indicate Maximum

Washington, Oct. 28.—The total
amount subscribed to the second Lib-
erty loan, the Treasury Department
announced tonight is still "a matter
of speculation." Several days prob-
ably will elapse before the full extent
of the Nation's subscriptions is ascer-
tained.

The department was without figures
tonight showing any change in the es-
timated totals, other than in the New
York district, New York's maximum of
\$1,750,000,000. Previous estimates had
placed the total at approximately \$1-
650,000,000, or \$100,000,000 less than to-
night's estimate.

Bankers Take Breathing Spell.
Reserve bank officials and local com-
mittees, working until after midnight
last night all over the country, rested
today. It was virtually the first
breathing spell they had taken since
the campaign began. The districts
have until next Thursday to make a
complete report.

Returns Very Incomplete.
"Returns received at the treasury
today gave little indication as to final
result," the department announced to-
night. "On the face of returns it can-
not be said whether the sale exceeded
five billions.
Conviction is general, however, that

it probably approximated the maximum
total. Banks, of course, have made no
efforts to tabulate all their returns and
may not do so until the final day for
reporting, November 1. Obviously,
great changes may be made in the to-
tal between now and Thursday.
Seems All Passed Minimum.
"It seems certain that every district
has gone well past its minimum and
that several will exceed their maxi-
mums sufficiently to carry the weaker
districts to the high mark in the gen-
eral total.
"New York, Chicago, Cleveland and
San Francisco were showing especially
strong in the late returns. Chicago
district chairmen have begun to feel
that their total may reach the maxi-
mum of \$700,000,000.
Great Enthusiasm Reported.
"Messages from the Richmond, At-
lanta, and other districts told of great
displays of enthusiasm on the last day
of the sale, but added that many re-
ports on final totals were badly de-
layed."
Army Took Over 80 Million.
Indians have subscribed \$3,866,750
according to latest reports and figures
now in show that the army has sub-
scribed something over \$82,000,000,
General Pershing cables that \$5,784,500
has been subscribed by the American
Expeditionary Forces in France.

Dispatches Assert Luxemburg's Pa-
pers Reveal Such Project.

Dispatches From Rio Janeiro State
That Translation Papers of Ger-
man Minister Through Swedish
Office Show Plot.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Oct. 28.—
A sensation has been occasioned here
by the publication of dispatches from
Rio Janeiro asserting that the Brazil-
ian foreign minister has made known
that translation of dispatches sent by
Count Von Luxburg through the medi-
um of the Swedish legation while the
count was German minister to Argen-
tina, has revealed a project for a Ger-
man invasion of Southern Brazil.

The newspapers here demand that
the government publish the Luxemburg
dispatches or else authorize their pur-
chase for publication by a foreign gov-
ernment.
(The dispatches were sent to Wash-
ington for translation and the "for-
eign government" referred to evidently
is the United States.)
The Argentina government is being
criticized for its silence.
Planned German Colony.
It was reported unofficially last Feb-
ruary that bands of armed Germans,
presumably sailors interned in Argen-
tina, had crossed the Brazilian border.
Carreira de Freitas, a Brazilian ex-
-deputy at that time denounced opera-
tions carried on in Southern Brazil
where there is a large German element,
in connection with the Hamburg col-
onization company. It was reported
that the company purposed to colonize
a section of Southern Brazil, admit-
ting only Germans. In April it was re-
ported that Germans in Southern Bra-
zilian states were concentrating and
that a German insurrection was being
planned.

CASE AGAINST MEANS
IN CABARRUS COURT
Extraordinary Interest in Expect-
ed Grandjury Action

Murder Charge Will Be Presented to
Grand Jury Today by Solicitor
Clement—All Other Cases
May Be Set Aside.

Charlotte, Oct. 28.—There is extraor-
dinary interest in the term of Cabarrus
county Superior court which convenes
at Concord tomorrow, because the
grand jury is expected to take action
in the case of Gaston B. Means, who
has been held in jail for several weeks,
under charge of the murder of Mrs.
Maude A. King, wealthy woman of
New York and Chicago, on August 29
last.
Solicitor Hayden Clement, of Salis-
bury, said tonight that he would send
a bill of indictment against Means to
the grand jury tomorrow.
It is presumed that a day or two will
intervene before the grand jury reports
its action. There are many other cases
scheduled for trial at this term of court
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WILSON GATHERING FIRST HAND FACTS OF ALLIED PEOPLES

Men Who Have Visited Europe
Welcomed at White House
By President.

MORALE OF CIVILIANS

Travelers Declare Europe Wants
No Uncertain Peace That
Leaves Menace

Washington, Oct. 28.—From a num-
ber of prominent Americans recently
returned from European war fronts,
President Wilson is gathering first
hand testimony concerning conditions
there and among civilian populations
of America's allies. Men who have
made observations within the last few
weeks; across the water, have been
welcome visitors to the White House,
where they have been plied with ques-
tions by the President.

Of special interest to Mr. Wilson,
according to most of these callers are
reports on the spirit of civilians whose
morale has such tremendous effect on
the enthusiasm of their armies.
"How do the people talk? What do
they think? How strong is their de-
termination to win the war?"
These are typical queries to which
the President is reported as seeking
full answers.

Allies Want No Uncertain Peace.
So far the answers almost univer-
sally have been that the great mass of
civilians of France, England, Russia,
Italy, and other Allied countries want
no cessation of the war until Ger-
many's menace is removed. "Peace agi-
tation, food riots and other seeming
indications of seeking dissatisfaction,
cabled occasionally from Allied coun-
tries, are said to have been caused by
the failure to understand the people
and represents the spirit of the na-
tions no more than case of draft resis-
tance represents American ideas.
Russians Passionately Against Kaiser.

Dr. Frank Billings, the Chicago phy-
sician who headed the American Red
Cross special mission to that country,
gave the President strong assurance
that the Russian common people wish
not only that their activity in the
militarism and intrigue and have lit-
tle thought of courting peace until
that result is accomplished. The rad-
ical Bolsheviki pacifists are a small
minority and their activity is influ-
enced by German agents.
Somewhat similar reports were made
by Dr. John R. Mott and Cyrus Mc-
Cormick, members of the American
government mission to Russia, who
have talked with the President recent-
ly.

Italian Riots Against Profiteers.
William Allen White, Kansas editor,
a White House visitor a few days ago,
told Mr. Wilson that food riots in Ital-
ian cities were caused by popular feel-
ing against bakers and food manipu-
lators and did not reflect dissatisfac-
tion with the principles or conduct of
the war.

JEW PLAN FINAL DRIVE
TO RAISE RELIEF FUND
Representatives From Every Important
Community in the Country At-
tended Assembly Yesterday.

New York, Oct. 28.—Jews from ev-
ery important community in the United
States attended a special assembly
in this city today called by the joint
distribution committee of funds for
Jewish war sufferers to plan the final
drive in the campaign to raise \$10,000-
000 before the year ends. Co-opera-
tion and full support of every Jew in
the country, radical, orthodox or Zion-
ist, in collecting and distributing the
vast sum was urged by Paul M. Warburg,
the chairman, in his address of
welcome to the delegates.
After a cable message had been read
from a special mission in Warsaw, im-
ploring that relief organizations like
those in Belgium be created for the
succor of the population in Poland and
Lithuania, a resolution was adopted
appointing a committee of ten to call
upon President Wilson. It is hoped
the President will agree to a plan
whereby the civilian population, both
Jews and non-Jews in territories oc-
cupied by the Germans may obtain
relief from starvation and disease.
Another resolution pledged to Pres-
ident Wilson the undivided support of
the Jewish citizenship and the making
of every personal sacrifice in defense
of the ideals of the Nation.

INCREASING ANARCHY IN
RUSSIAN MINING DISTRICTS
Petograd, Saturday, Oct. 27.—Gen-
eral Kaledines, betman of the Don
Cossacks, has telegraphed to the War
Ministry that it is impossible to com-
bat the increasing anarchy in the min-
ing districts, owing to disorganization
of the militia. He states that self-
constituted organizations are usurping
authorities and asks for funds with
which to reorganize the militia.

Russian Admiral Missing.
Petograd, Oct. 28.—Admiral Vladis-
vostov, who was in command of the
submarine flotilla during the German
operations against the Russian islands
in the Baltic, has disappeared. It is
believed he fell overboard from a sub-
marine.

AMERICANS BOWED
IN SOLEMN PRAYER
Services Held Throughout the Na-
tion Yesterday in Homes
and Churches

Washington, Oct. 28.—In churches
and homes throughout the country to-
day Americans, led by their President,
bowed in solemn prayer for success of
the Nation's arms. It was the first
day of prayer, so designated by a
presidential proclamation since the
United States entered the war.
On warships and at naval store sta-
tions, the day was also observed with
memorial services for the 28 sailors
lost in the sinking of the American
transport Antilles.
At Central Presbyterian Church here
the President and Mrs. Wilson heard
Rev. Dr. James H. Taylor utter this
supplication:
"Remembering always the teachings of
Christ, we must believe that our
cause at this time is just. We pray,
therefore, O God, that the liberty and
democracy with which our nation is
blessed, shall be shared with peoples
less fortunate, even at the cost of the
blood of our sons. May the time come
speedily when nations, great or small,
powerful or weak, may be free to
work out their ideals without threat
or menace. May we be part of Thy
agency on earth to bring these bless-
ings to the world."