

Rain Tuesday, colder in west portion; Wednesday fair, much colder.

AUSTRO-GERMANS ARE STANDING BEFORE THE CITY OF UDINE, THE FORMER ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS

Tentonic Forces Are Operating Swiftly and Strongly Along a Broad Front

EFFORT TO CRUSH CADORNA

Town of Cormons Captured—Italian Line to the Adriatic is Reported in Retreat

POPULACE BEING UNIFIED

Enemy Drive May Bring Internal Strife to an End

(Associated Press War Summary.) From the head of the Gulf of Trieste northward along the Isonzo front to beyond Tolmino and thence westward through the Carnic Alps region to the Ploekken Pass, forming the eastern and northeastern boundaries of the Austro-Italian war front, the Germans and Austro-Hungarian troops are operating swiftly and strongly against the Italians in an endeavor to crush the forces of General Cadorna.

Standing Before Udine. Already the Teutons, according to the German official communication, are standing before the town of Udine, the former grand headquarters of the Italian army, the Italians having been driven on past Cividale. In the press westward from Gorizia, the Germans have captured the town of Cormons, ten miles to the southeast of Udine, and the entire Italian line southward to the head of the Adriatic is reported to be in retreat.

Third Wedge Started. In addition to the wedges driven into the Italian front on the east and northeast the Teutonic allies have started a third wedge in the north through the Ploekken Pass, their hope evidently being to cut off the retreat of the greater portion of General Cadorna's armies moving west and southward. The Italian commander-in-chief, however, reports that his men are checking the advance in this region. Evidently the weakness among the Italians has been entirely overcome, as Cadorna says that all movements of the general staff now are being carried out in regular order and that the Italians are fulfilling their duty by keeping in check the enemy's advance into the plains.

Going to the Rescue. Meanwhile in order to aid the Italians in their hour of trouble Great Britain and France are preparing to lend immediate aid, and the possibility of already troops are being hastened across the regular order and by way of Turin and Milan to the battle front in the East.

Internal Conditions Unified. As a result of the Teutonic allied offensive internal conditions in Italy are declared to have been unified, the preponderating idea of the entire population now being to abolish party lines in order to meet the situation in the best interest of the country. Even the cabinet crisis is expected to be solved with comparatively few changes in portfolios.

On the western front in France and Belgium little fighting has taken place except in the nature of bombardments. Although on the Verdun front the Germans in an attack near Chauve wood later, however, they were driven out from the most of it.

Americans Continue Active. On that portion of the line held by the Americans the first German prisoners taken have been reported from the No-Man's-Land who he failed to obey a command to halt. The Americans are shelling the Germans, and the Germans answering their fire. Snow has fallen in the region where the Americans are entrenched.

German Withdrawal. On the Russian front the Germans in their continued evacuation have peninsula, projecting into Moon Sound in the Gulf of Riga. The possibility of their ill-success in landing further forces last week caused the decision to withdraw the troops.

Roads Are Covered With THE ITALIANS IN RETREAT. Berlin, Via London, Oct. 29.—The Austro-German troops invading northern Italy are standing before Udine where the Italian headquarters have been located, according to today's army headquarters announcement. The third Italian army made a brief success from Wipacch to the Adriatic coast. The town of Cormons is now in retreat along the Italian coast. The number of prisoners is increasing. The Italian front is yielding north of the broad sector which was pierced by the Teutonic wedge, the weakness extending as far as Ploekken Pass. The entire Italian Isonzo front has collapsed, the statement adds. The second Italian army is retreating to (Continued on Page Two.)

Make Profiteering By Small Food Retailers Impossible

Manufacturers and Wholesalers Under License Will Not Be Permitted to Sell to Distributors Who Seek Undue Profits—Food Administration Takes Sweeping Action.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Profiteering by retail dealers in foodstuffs will be made impossible after November 1, the Food Administration announced tonight, under a plan to cut off supplies to those not satisfied with reasonable margins. Manufacturers, wholesalers and other handlers of foods whose business will go under license will not be permitted to sell to distributors who seek undue profits. "This is one of the most sweeping safeguards," the announcement said, "against high prices which will be incorporated in the licensing system, for which complete rules and regulations will be made known within a few days." This plan, Food Administration officials believe, will give the government entire control of retail prices. Wholesalers and others who continue to sell to retailers after they are forbidden to do so by the Food Administration will be denied the right to sell goods under license. Authority for extending control of the retailer is cited in the announcement as follows: "The small retailers of food, of whom

there are several hundred thousand in the country, while exempt from the licensing provisions, are nevertheless subject to other provisions of the food control act. Every retailer, as well as every other handler of food, is forbidden under the law to make any unreasonable charge, to hoard, to monopolize waste or destroy food or to conspire with anyone to restrict the production, distribution or supply or exact excessive prices on any necessities. There are no penalties provided, but the Food Administration hopes that the arrangement of restricting supplies to violators of the law will be of some effect, for the retailer will find himself unable to buy goods from any wholesaler or manufacturer."

State Federal food administrators will be directed to keep a watch for violators and send to the Food Administration the names of retailers asking excessive prices.

STATE ADMINISTRATOR WILL KEEP CLOSE TRACK ON DEALERS (Special Star Telegram.) Washington, Oct. 29.—The most drastic steps yet undertaken by the (Continued from Page One.)

AGENT OF KAISER IS HORSEWHIPPED

Minister-Socialist-Pacifist Bigelow Taken to the Woods by Mob of Robbed Men

HE IS STRAPPED TO TREE

In Prayer Sunday He Prayed For "The Repose of the Souls of Emperor William and the Proud Men Surrounding Him."

Cincinnati, Oct. 29.—Herbert S. Bigelow, head of the Peoples Church of this city, one of the leaders of the Peoples Council, Socialist and Pacifist, was taken into a dense woods near Florence, Ky., shortly before midnight last night, tied to a tree and horsewhipped by men "who wore long robes and hoods, similar to those described as worn by the renowned 'Ku Klux Klan,'" according to a report from Florence this morning. One of the leaders of the party then read from a piece of paper he held in his hand: "In the name of the poor women and children of Belgium, this man should be whipped."

At a given signal another man, clad from head to foot in white, stepped out of a huge circle that had been formed, drew a long whip of the "black snake" kind and delivered twelve lashes upon the back of Bigelow. The ropes were then cut upon him and he was warned to stay away from Cincinnati and he was released, while the party made their way back to their waiting automobiles and disappeared.

Bigelow was taken to custody by the men who were entering a hall in the city of Newport, Ky., shortly before 8 o'clock last night. He was scheduled to address a meeting of Socialists. At the time of his apprehension hands were put upon him and he was hurriedly thrust into a waiting automobile and spirited away. His Offices Raided. Recently Federal authorities conducted a raid on Bigelow's office in Cincinnati, where documents concerning the activities of the local Peoples Council were seized. Sunday afternoon at his Peoples' Church services, Bigelow prayed for "the repose of the souls of Emperor William and the proud men surrounding him."

Mr. Bigelow's own statement, written last night at Florence, Ky., bears out the earlier story of the abduction and whipping. He said, however, that previous to his being taken into the woods, he had been blindfolded and when the party alighted preparatory to going into the woods, a bag was thrown over his head and he had no idea of the location or the direction in which he was being led. He also states that oil was poured over his head after the lashes were administered. Confirms Recognize Assaultants. In a statement issued this morning Bigelow stated that owing to the men "wearing long white robes," he was unable to recognize any of his abductors. He stated that he did not know the men who seized him in front of the hall in Newport, but at the time he asked where he was to be taken and received the answer, "To headquarters." He says that owing to the darkness he was unable to give an accurate guess as to how many made up the party, but residents along the Lexington pike state that they noticed a (Continued on Page Two.)

WILL TAKE OVER ENEMY PROPERTY

President and Mr. Palmer Arrange for Enforcement of Trading With-Enemy Law

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER SOON

Receipt of Property Has Already Begun, the First, a Draft For \$100,000, Being Invested in Liberty Bonds.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Arrangements were made today at a conference between President Wilson and A. Mitchell Palmer, Custodian of Enemy Property, to put into complete operation the provisions of the trading-with-the-enemy law for custody of property in this country of German citizens and those of countries allied with Germany.

Receipt of enemy property already has begun, the first receipt being a draft for \$100,000 voluntarily tendered the custodian, who promptly invested it in Liberty bonds. Administrative details were arranged today and within a short time property worth millions of dollars will be in the custodian's hands. President Wilson soon will issue an executive order formally conferring the requisite powers upon Mr. Palmer, who will furnish a fidelity bond in the sum of \$100,000. The order also will authorize expenditure of appropriations, including emergency funds, for the necessary opening of branch bureaus for receipt of enemy property.

Mr. Palmer said after his conference with the President that he was preparing to enforce the law as it stands for taking over property of citizens of nations allied with Germany as well as that of Germans. He explains that the President might suspend the law's operations as to property of Turkish, Bulgarian, Austrian and other allied citizens, whose nations are not at war with the United States, although that question had not yet been discussed. The ultimate disposition of property taken over by his office, Mr. Palmer explained, rests with Congress which must decide whether it shall be confiscated or merely held in trust during the war by the custodian as a trustee.

U. S. MARINE DRAWS \$41 MORE THAN RUSS COLONEL AND \$64 MORE THAN A GERMAN LIEUTENANT FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS. Washington, D. C., October 29.—According to statistics in a war bulletin, issued recently by the National Geographic Society from its headquarters here, a first-class private in the United States Marine Corps serving abroad, draws \$41 a year more than a Russian colonel; \$64 a year more than a German lieutenant for the first three years; \$81 a year more than a first lieutenant of the Australian army, and \$19 a year more than a junior lieutenant in the service of Italy. PALMER BEGINS TO TAKE OVER PROPERTY OF ENEMY. Washington, Oct. 29.—A. Mitchell Palmer, enemy property custodian, actually began the business of taking over the millions of dollars of enemy property in the United States today, with a conference with President Wilson at which the full scope of the work was discussed in detail.

WASHINGTON GETS SATISFACTION OUT OF ITALIAN NEWS

Word-That Lines Are Now Being Held Against Teutons Gives Relief to Officials

CONFIDENCE IN CADORNA

Belief Prevails That Austro-German Drive is Nothing More Than Political Move

Washington, Oct. 29.—Word from Rome today that the Italian line was holding against the terrific assault of the Austro-German forces was received by official Washington with eager interest and frank relief. Military authorities here have not disguised their keen anxiety as press reports showed the Italians falling back under the crushing blow of the enemy. Satisfaction was found also tonight in the announcement from London that steps already had been taken by the French and British to support the Italian front. There was no indication of what operation that might foreshadow.

Confidence in Cadorna. Even accepting the German claims at face value, many officers here believe General Cadorna will be able to check the drive if the morale of his army was not shattered. The announcement from Rome that all elements of the Italian forces were obeying orders of the general staff was viewed as setting at rest, for the time being at least, the gravest fears for the final outcome of the struggle.

The announcement was taken to mean that General Cadorna had succeeded in reuniting the forces scattered by the first fierce rush of the Austro-German army and was steadily falling back to the line selected for a stand. In his weekly summary, made public today, Secretary Baker said Italy was passing through a critical moment. The statement was prepared before the full extent of the attack had developed, but it indicated the opinion in military circles here that General Cadorna might find it necessary to surrender much of the ground won so recently by his forces when only a few days ago they were only slightly retreating.

Probably a Political Move. The belief prevails here that the underlying motive of the German high command, which is directing the attack and has furnished the men and guns for the drive, is a purely political one. Army officers point out that it was launched with lavish stage effects; with the Austrian Emperor announced as in supreme command and with the German General Von Mackensen the guiding genius of the movement. Already Von Mackensen has swept back the Russian lines, overrun Serbia and all but crushed the Rumanian forces in striking drives. He is regarded as the striking head of the German war machine, the man of the hour when a headlong assault is to be delivered. With such an association of dignitaries leading the heralded onslaught, some observers assert that anything short of the annihilation of the Italian (Continued on Page Two.)

INFANTRY SERVICE FIRST CHOICE OF THE DRAFTED MEN

Most of Them Express Desire for Service That Will Get Them to France Quickest

ARE THE NATION'S PRIDE

"The Boys at the Front and Those Preparing to Go Are All Right," Says Baker

Washington, Oct. 29.—Most of the young men called for service in the National Army want to go to France as fighting men and they want to get there quickly.

Reports from five or six of the big training camps, Secretary Baker announced tonight, show that when asked what they want to do the great majority of the selectmen say they don't care what their jobs is to be, just so they get to France among the first. When given a choice between the combatant and non-combatant branches most of them elect to be fighters.

"The Boys Are All Right." "The boys at the front and those getting ready to go there are all right," is the verdict of the Secretary, who recently visited several training camps in the East and South. "Our Nation need have nothing but mounting pride at the spectacle they present."

"In these camps," said Mr. Baker's statement, "each man is asked: 'What do you want to do?' I have had reports from five or six of the largest camps and they show that the majority answered in effect: 'I don't care what I do just so I get to France among the first.' The next question asked them is: 'What branch of the service do you prefer?'"

"Now, one who didn't know America would expect them to say: 'Well, I have been working in a store; I have been a hand on a farm; I have been a mechanic; I have been a clerk; I don't know much about guns and cannon; perhaps some of the non-combatant places is the place where I can render the best service.' But what is the fact?"

The gathering of information as to the men's preference for service is but a small part of the work of classifying the National Army men that is being carried on under the direction of the Committee on Classification of Personnel in the Army. Virtually the life history of every man is set down by means of an elaborate card system the original being sent to the divisional (Continued on Page Two.)

FIRST GERMAN TAKEN BY AMERICANS DIES IN A FIELD HOSPITAL

COMMANDER OF GERMAN RAIDER SEADLER AND 5 OF HIS CREW CAPTURED

A Pacific Port, Oct. 29.—Count von Luckner, commander of the German raider Seadler, was captured September 21 off the Fiji Islands by Filipino constabulary according to word brought by a steamer arriving today from a trans-Pacific port. Five German members of the Seadler's crew were taken with their commanding officers of the arriving vessel said. The Germans were in an armed launch and were pursued by the constables, who were aboard the steamer Amra. This report of the capture of the German raider confirms a message to this effect received some time ago from Australia. Just what became of others of the Seadler's crew is not known. One report was that they were at sea in a commandeered vessel. The Seadler, wrecked on Mopeha Island in the South Pacific some months ago, sank three American vessels during her cruise in the Pacific. Previously in the Atlantic she put an end to 16 vessels of various types. News of the destruction of the Seadler was announced in Washington on October 4th.

Prisoner Was Shot When Encountered by a Patrol in Front of American Trenches

HE WAS A MAIL CARRIER

Letters of Some Value Taken From Him—His Companion Escaped Without Injury

GERMANS KEPT IGNORANT

Captured Man Didn't Know Americans Were Even in France

With the American Army in France, Oct. 29. (by the Associated Press)—The first German prisoner of war taken by the American expeditionary forces died today in an American field hospital, having been shot when he encountered an American patrol in No-Man's-Land in front of the American trenches.

Ran When Told to Halt. He, with another German, was discovered Saturday night by the patrol and was called upon to halt. The Germans ran; the patrol fired and one of the enemy was hit. The prisoner was treated at a dressing station and removed to a field hospital where the combined efforts of several surgeons failed to save his life.

The prisoner was a mail carrier and letters of some value were found on him. He explained his presence near the American trenches by saying he had lost his way in the dark. He declared that the German soldiers did not know that Americans were on the front or in France, the officers telling them nothing.

SNOW FALLS ON THE FRONT HELD BY THE AMERICANS. With the American Army in France, Oct. 29. (by the Associated Press).—American batteries are continuing to shell the German lines at regular intervals, the enemy following similar tactics.

No further official communique has been issued, but there has been no special infantry activity.

Snow that fell last night interfered with all operations.

WILL FACILITATE AMERICAN TRANSPORT SERVICE TO FRANCE. Washington, Oct. 29.—The statement of Capt. Andre Tardieu, head of the special French high commission, that the unloading facilities of French ports have been so improved as to enable discharge of the cargo of a 5,000-ton ship in eight days, is regarded as of tremendous importance to the American army transport of supplies to the troops at the front and to the Red Cross and other agencies of humanitarian organizations of material to the civil population.

Supplementing a general statement made by him a few days ago, that there is no longer the loss of 10 to 15 per cent in efficiency of ships going to French ports on account of delay in unloading, Captal Tardieu states that the French docks, among which the shipping is carefully distributed on a pre-arranged plan before they sail from this side, are now able to handle 800,000 tons of goods per month, more than the average importations at present which do not exceed a total of 45,000,000 tons per annum.

DOCTOR CHARGED WITH MURDERING HIS BROTHER

Body of Prominent Attorney Found in Ice House With Head Cut Off By Large Knife.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 29.—Charged with murdering his brother, E. A. Chamberlain, an attorney, after a money settlement, Dr. A. W. Chamberlain, a prominent physician, was landed in Henrico county jail today for safe keeping. He was brought here by Sheriff Massie and Deputy Sheriff Gathright, of Goodland, because they feared summary action by incensed farmers. The alleged murder occurred last Monday night in the home of Dr. Chamberlain, at Elk Hill. Dr. Chamberlain is alleged to have owed his brother \$1,000. He gave a note for \$1,200 in settlement. It was announced that E. A. Chamberlain was leaving for the west the next day. His absence was noted and Thursday Dr. Chamberlain was arrested on suspicion. On Friday the mutilated body of the attorney was found in an ice house with the head missing. A large knife was used in the decapitation.

Cold Wave Warning. Washington, Oct. 29.—With a minimum temperature of twelve degrees below zero in northern Wyoming and the lowest October temperature on record at Denver this morning, the Weather Bureau issued a special cold wave warning indicating a decided fall in temperature over the Ohio valley, western Tennessee, northern Mississippi and northern Alabama by night. Freezing or blow is indicated for the northern districts and close to freezing for the south. Lower temperatures will set in Tuesday afternoon or night in Atlantic coast districts.

LIBERTY LOAN TOTAL GRADUALLY CLIMBING

Reports for the State Up to Last Night Aggregated \$25,900,000

This Is Little Over a Million Short of State's Allotment—Cumberland County Went Well Beyond Her Quota.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, Oct. 29.—With scattering reports still coming in, the total subscriptions to second Liberty loan bonds in North Carolina tonight rounds out \$25,900,000. The State's allotment is \$27,000,000. Chairman Joseph G. Brown, of the State Committee, is well pleased with the results and believes that the final report will show this State very little, if any, short of the government allotment.

CUMBERLAND WENT \$15,000 OVER THE ALLOTMENT. Fayetteville, Oct. 29.—The final drive of the Liberty Loan campaign carried Cumberland county's subscription \$15,000 over the mark. A total of \$275,000 of the Liberty bonds were sold in this county, against an apportionment of \$260,000. These figures, given out this morning by Chairman John R. Tolar of the Liberty Loan Committee, are practically complete, though a few last minute subscriptions may have to be added. The Liberty loan committee, co-operating with the council of defense, made an energetic campaign for the loan in this county, with gratifying results. The subscriptions come from all classes of both town and country. Every teacher in the public school of Wade bought a bond.

STATE BANKS SHOW BIG GAINS IN YEAR

Net Increase Enough to Take Care of Liberty Loan Allotment

Statement at Close of Business September 11 Reveals Marvellous Growth in Deposits, Resources and U. S. Bonds Held.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, Oct. 29.—A statement of the condition of State banks of North Carolina at the close of business Sept. 11, issued today by the Corporation Commission shows a net increase in resources the past year of \$28,749,855, practically enough in net increase of resources for the State banks alone to take care of the second Liberty loan bonds assessed against North Carolina. There are 443 of these State banks, including 25 branch banks.

The resources are \$132,186,566 as compared with \$103,476,887 for September one year ago. The deposits aggregate close around \$100,000,000, a gain of \$425,000 for year. The capital stock at this time is \$12,261,907, a gain of \$781,257 for the year. The surplus fund is \$4,111,907, a gain of \$426,217, undivided profits, \$4,021,699, a gain of \$607,782. The loans and discounts aggregate \$90,674,067, a gain of \$18,098,810; overdrafts \$611,131, a gain of \$131,628; United States bonds, \$1,206,404 a gain of \$1,803,004 for the year, there having been only \$2,400 in United States bonds one year ago. All other stocks bonds and mortgages aggregated \$2,947,268, an increase of \$623,564 for the year.