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GENERAL CADORNA'S ARMY SOON MAY GIVE BATTLE TO INVADERS ALONG THE TAGLIAMENTO RIVER

Advance of the Enemy Not Quick Enough to Entrap the Retreating Italians

WAS COMMANDER'S PLAN

Berlin Statement Claims the Capture in All 180,000 Prisoners and 1,500 Guns

WITHDRAWAL OF GERMANS

Russians Keeping on Heels of the Retiring Enemy

The greater portion of General Cadorna's Italian army apparently has crossed the Tagliamento river and probably now stands on the western bank in a new line of defense waiting to give battle there to the Teutonic allies.

The advance of the enemy, although it has been remarkably fast, was not quick enough to carry out the purpose of the military commanders of enveloping the Italians and putting them out of battle from the Carnic Alps to the head of the Adriatic Sea.

The Italians lost heavily in men and guns captured, the latest German official communication asserting that more than 180,000 men and 1,500 guns were taken by the Teutonic allies, and also suffered terribly from hardships due to bad weather and lack of food as they made their way across the country to the Tagliamento with their rear guards everywhere harassing the enemy.

On the eastern side of the Tagliamento the Teutonic allies have captured all along the waterway from Pizzano to Latisana valuable bridgehead positions from which to operate against the Italians on the other side of the stream. No mention has been made of any attempt by the enemy to bridge the stream, now at full freshet, with pontoons, but doubtless strong efforts in this direction will be made as soon as sufficient artillery has been mobilized to give effect to this operation.

The battle may be pending. General Cadorna, however, decided to stand and give battle along the Tagliamento, choosing the Piva for the big battle that is to come, doubtless the plains of Friuli soil will rebound with the hoofbeats of cavalry and the clash of the sabre and witness the greatest scene of man warfare that has taken place during the present hostilities. Already the Italian cavalry has been in action to the east of the Tagliamento and did notable work in harassing the Teutonic allied advance.

Violent Artillery Actions. On the battle fronts in France and Belgium the little activity is being displayed except by the artilleries of the opposing sides, which at various points are carrying out violent reciprocal bombardments.

Another German Withdrawal. The Petrograd war office reports another withdrawal of the German troops in the Riga region of the North Russian front. The Russians are keeping in contact with the rear guards as the significant statement is made by the Russian war office that it is possible for retreating elements to be thrown upon any other front. This possibly may indicate that the Russians are carrying out an operation so able to deplete their forces by sending reinforcements to the Italians and western fronts.

Bersheeba Captured. In Palestine, British troops have captured the town of Bersheeba, a small prisoner camp of 1,500 Germans and Arabs. They also took nine guns suffering slight losses themselves in the operations.

Berlin Announces Total of 180,000 Prisoners in Italy. Berlin, Nov. 1.—(Via London)—The German war office announced today that the number of prisoners taken to date in Italy is 180,000. They have captured 1,500 Italian guns. The following information was officially announced today by the German war office.

The German statement says the Italian fourteenth army yesterday gained another great victory. Actions of the Italian retreating forces made a stand at the Tagliamento river. The bridgehead positions at Dimenano and Codriro were captured by the Germans.

The Austro-Germans penetrated the rear guard positions of the Italians to the east of the lower Tagliamento (Continued on Page Two.)

Italian Army Practically Intact; Allies Rushing Aid

CZECH ELEMENT REFUSED TO CHEER ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ITALIAN DEFEAT

Washington, Nov. 1.—Official cables received here today describe a remarkable scene in the Austrian reichsrath October 27, showing the disaffection of the numerous Czech element which has given the Austrian government great concern. The president of the chambers made formal announcement of the great Austro-German victory over the Italians on the Bainsizza plateau and called for cheers for the Austrian army. Not a single Czech responded and members of the party sat in sullen silence to the great indignation and dismay of the Germanic elements.

HERTLING HASN'T MADE A DECISION

His Mind Still in State of Unsettledness as to Acceptance of Chancellorship

HE MAY REFUSE THE JOB

Some Berlin Papers Go so Far as to Debate Who Will be Named Next. Tagliabatt Mentions the Ven. Erzbischof von Wehner.

Copenhagen, Nov. 1.—The political crisis in Germany, so far as is shown by any word which has reached here from Berlin, is still open and Count von Hertling has not decided whether to accept the chancellorship. His decision apparently is dependent on the settlement of certain difficulties connected with the office of president of the Prussian ministry. According to the Catholic organ Germania, which presumably is in the count's confidence, he made it a condition of his acceptance that the chancellorship and the head of the Prussian ministry should not be separated.

Some Berlin newspapers are so certain that von Hertling will not accept that they are busy themselves with the next step in the crisis. The Tagliabatt mentions the venerable Count von Posadowski-Wehner, former minister of the interior and now an independent member of the reichstag, for the chancellorship. Aside from his prestige as a former minister he apparently has little to recommend him. His career in the reichstag has been without influence. A speech which he delivered recently showed him to be without positive ideas in regard to foreign or domestic questions.

LATER DISPATCHES TELL OF SITUATION IN NEW ANGLE. Amsterdam, Nov. 1.—According to dispatches received here from Berlin, the Cologne Gazette says Emperor William received Count von Hertling this afternoon and that von Hertling accepted the imperial chancellorship and the office of premier of Prussia. Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the interior and vice chancellor, and Herr von Waidow, president of the German food regulation board, have resigned. Friedrich von Payer, progressive member of the reichstag, says the dispatch, is to be appointed vice chancellor and Herr Friedberg, leader of the national liberal party, will be in the post of vice president of the Prussian ministry. The Cologne Gazette says the resignation of Vice Admiral von Capell as minister of the navy has not been accepted.

TRANSPORT WAS ATTACKED. The Finland Able to Return to Port After Being Torpedoed. Washington, Nov. 1.—The transport Finland was recently torpedoed while returning to the United States, but was able to return to a foreign port under her own steam.

The Navy Department received a report of the attack and Secretary Daniels authorized its publication. The navy report does not say whether there was any loss of life or injury on the Finland.

RUSSIANS IN BLACK SEA DESTROY TURKISH VESSELS. Petrograd, Nov. 1.—In an attack on Turkish vessels in the Black Sea, on the Elack Sea near the Bosphorus, Russian torpedo boats sank a Turkish torpedo boat and destroyed two Turkish steamers and a naval battery in the bay, the war office announced today.

Demonstrations Postponed. Petrograd, Nov. 1.—At a secret meeting of the Maximilians, attended by Nikolai Lenin, the radical agitator, it was decided to postpone the proposed Maximilian demonstrations in Petrograd which had been planned for November 2 and to keep the date secret.

Furious Resistance Will be Offered the Teutons at Point Chosen by Cadorna

NO SERIOUS LOSS IN GUNS

Even if the Austro-German Claim is Correct It Represents Only Few Weeks' Output

Washington, Nov. 1.—Reassuring news came from Rome today in official dispatches. While serious, the situation on the Italian front is described as far from desperate. General Cadorna's army is declared to be practically intact and complete confidence is expressed of his ability with aid coming from the allies to stop the Austro-German drive.

The cables thus summarize the situation: "The military situation on the Italian front is serious—but it is far from being desperate. Having recovered from the first surprise it may be stated that our allies are preparing to offer a furious resistance to the enemy at the point General Cadorna has selected. It is probable that if the retreat should continue for a few days longer the Italian resistance will develop along the Tagliamento, quite an important river, or perhaps if the Austro-Germans attack in Cernaia it will be on the Piave river.

"Whatever the number of Italians taken prisoners the strength of the army of General Cadorna has not been weakened. Italy has under the colors more than 3,000,000 men. As for the guns that the Austro-Germans claim to have captured, they only represent the production of a few weeks of the munitions factories of our allies.

"The Italian army is practically intact. Besides the French and English are coming to our rescue and all indications are that this aid will come at the hour when the enemy invades the plain of Friuli.

"In the meantime, awaiting developments, Italian public opinion realizes thoroughly the gravity of the hour and is bearing the shock with calmness and firmness.

"The Italian press declares that the battle which is about to take place may be the last great battle of the war."

TEN THOUSAND ATTEND SAMPSON COUNTY FAIR

Yesterday Was the Banner Day, With the Crowds Enthusiastic—Some Good Racing.

(Special Star Telegram.) Clinton, Nov. 1.—Today was the banner day in the history of the Sampson county fair. Ten thousand people were in attendance and it was the most enthusiastic gathering of a great crowd ever seen here.

The racing was high class and exciting. The first event was a 2:22 pace and the finishers were as follows: Roy D. owned by B. W. Southerland, first; Little Tell, owned by Fred. Swert, second; Gray Ghost, owned by W. E. Miller, third; time, 2:22:1-4.

The second event was a free-for-all, with finishers as follows: Marty C. owned by Fred Swert, first; Mary Ellen, owned by W. E. Miller, second; Pony Boy, owned by W. J. Dougherty, third; Dexter Patchen, owned by Mr. Predmore, fourth; Billy Dall, fifth, drawn after first heat; time, 2:19:3-4.

Mr. C. J. Williams of Duplin county, one of the marshals, won the prize as the most graceful rider in the parade. His age is 82 years. Mr. Clinton Corbett was a close second. Visitors pronounced this the best county fair they have seen this year.

ALIENS GIVEN MORE TIME. Enemy Property Must be Turned Over to Custodian by December 5.

Washington, Nov. 1.—An order extending from November 6 to December 5, next, the time within which persons holding property belonging to enemies or allies of enemies must file reports, was issued today by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian.

The extension was granted because there was no sufficient time to gather in the alien property before the penalty for failure to comply with the law would have to be invoked. Only a small amount of the millions of dollars involved has been reported.

Designation of depositaries for receipts of the property, except money, checks or drafts payable on demand will be taken up by Mr. Palmer soon. He said today that several banking institutions in each state would be named for this purpose.

NEW BATTALIONS OF AMERICANS GO TO THE TRENCHES

First to Face the Germans Come Out Covered With Mud From Head to Foot

BATH WAS FIRST IN ORDER

Casualties Were Negligible But Many of the Men Suffered With "Trench Feet"

With the American Army in France, Nov. 1 (By The Associated Press).—First battalions of Americans in the trenches have been relieved by others. Relief, which is considered one of the critical periods, when the enemy by shelling the approaches to the positions may inflict heavy damage, was accomplished successfully. Apparently the enemy was not aware of what was going on.

With the men back in billets, it is now permitted to mention for the first time that the casualties were negligible. In fact, more men are suffering with "trench feet" than with wounds. From a military standpoint the experience gained by the Americans is considered of a very high value in the training of contingents which are yet to arrive on French soil. It was a tired, dirty, wet, mud-caked body of men that returned to billets. The men had only two clear days while in the trenches. They were mud from their hats to their shoes. Before anything else they required a bath, first with gasoline and then with water.

Today the sun was shining brightly and the returned soldiers spent most of the time sunning themselves and their belongings. Some of the fields in this section of France are covered with blankets, parts of uniforms and equipments. Clouds of red dust arose in these places when later the owners started to brush. Tonight the returned battalions are clean and ready to go back again.

LIEUTENANT HARDEN WAS THE FIRST MAN WOUNDED

Washington, Nov. 1.—First Lieutenant De Vere H. Harden, signal officer's reserve corps, was the first American wounded after the first day of the war. He was wounded in his left leg, October 28. Press dispatches last week said the lieutenant was being treated at a base hospital.

Lieutenant Harden's next of kin is Mrs. Josephine Harden, No. 44, Pitkin street, Burlington, Vt.

PRIVATE JOSEPH COUTURE SUCCEUMS TO PNEUMONIA

Washington, Nov. 1.—General Pershing today reported the death of Private Joseph E. Couture, in France, of pneumonia, on October 25. His mother lives in Burnside, Conn.

Tener to Remain President.

New York, Nov. 1.—John K. Tener, whose two-year term as president of the National League expires next month, today accepted an invitation extended a week ago by three club presidents to remain in office. Those who extended the invitation were President Hempstead, New York; Ebbetts, Brooklyn, and Baker, Philadelphia. There is no other candidate for the position. The election will take place at the annual meeting of the league in New York on December 11. John Heyler, secretary-treasurer of the league, also was invited to continue in office.

GERMANS TAMPERING WITH STOCK MARKET

Measures Taken to Prevent "Vicious" Short Selling

Action of Board of Governors of Stock Exchange is the Result of the Recent Declines of Extreme Violence.

Washington, Nov. 1.—An immediate drop in prices on canned vegetables was predicted by the Food Administration today as a result of the operation of the license system for wholesale dealers. Many articles of canned goods, it was said, were bought by dealers at low prices last spring and can be sold at less than the present market prices.

Dealers charging more than a reasonable profit are liable to forfeiture of their licenses to do business. Retailers also will be controlled to an extent. Those charging more than the Food Administration considers just will find their supplies cut off by wholesalers who will cease furnishing them with goods.

The Food Administration today warned dealers who have not applied for license blanks that they will be charged with violations of the food law if they continue to sell goods.

SENATORS KENYON AND KENDRICK IN LONDON AIR RAID

It Was the Second They Had Experienced, Coming Through Without a Scratch

WERE AROUSED FROM BED

Rushed to Windows in Top Story of Hotel and Watched Guns Fire at the Attackers

London, Nov. 1.—United States Senators Kenyon, of Iowa, and Kendrick, of Wyoming, have passed unscathed through their second air raid experience in London. On the first occasion they were attending a dinner given at the Athenaeum Club by the Lord High Chancellor in honor of the visiting Congressmen, and last night they were asleep in their suite on the top floor of a substantial seven-story hotel when they were awakened by the coming of the Germans and the consequent bombardment.

Senator Kenyon was the first to be aroused by the boom of the guns. He jumped out of bed and hurried to Kendrick's bed and shook him from his slumbers with the remark: "Senator, they are here."

Kendrick rubbed his eyes and leaped up and the two pajama-clad senators hastened to the windows which they threw open, the better to hear and see. Below in the streets the people were merely obeying the police by seeking shelter. The senators, at great risk of injury from flying shrapnel, watched the spectacle.

"It was our first air raid experience at close quarters," Senator Kenyon told The Associated Press, "and we welcomed it in the sense that it served us for our coming visit to the trenches in France and Belgium. The thing that impressed me most was the fortitude of the English people, what I have was nothing short of marvelous. The bravery of their women especially excited my admiration. If the purpose of the Germans is to break the nerve of the English people, what I have just seen convinces me that they have failed utterly."

"While we stood catching cold and watching the bombardment, I was wondering how our people would behave under similar circumstances. I turned to Kendrick and remarked that if the people of the United States displayed the same iron nerve, which I am confident they would, the allied cause is in no danger."

Senator Kendrick interrupted, remarking that he had overheard women folk walking through the corridors of the hotel during the raid calmly discussing the theatrical performances from which they had just returned.

From their high places, which overlooked the park, the senators had a good view of the gunfire, although the moonlight sky was filled with tiny clouds, made it difficult to catch a glimpse of the Goths, who were soaring at a great height.

"After we were convinced from what we saw of the wonderful barrage that the enemy could not get closer to us," said Senator Kendrick, "we went back to bed and made up for lost sleep."

German Warship is Sunk.

Copenhagen, Nov. 1.—A German warship has been sunk in the sound, according to a dispatch from the National Tidende from Malmo, Sweden. It is reported that the vessel struck a mine.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXTENSION. Rev. J. W. Goodman, of Red Springs, presented the report on the Sunday school extension work. Mr. Goodman's report showed that 29 new Sunday schools enrolled in the work during the year, making a total of 429 for the Synod. Fayetteville has the largest number with 131. One hundred and seventy-five schools contributed \$40,000 to the Sunday school extension fund. The report stated that \$48,000 was needed for next year. Dr. A. D. McClure, of Wilmington, spoke earnestly and forcefully for the Sunday school extension cause, holding up the First Church of Fayetteville as a splendid example of Sunday school extension. This congregation has a great number of mission schools than any other church in the entire Synod.

Reports on Institutions. Dr. R. C. Anderson, agent of the Montreat Association, spoke on the work being done at Montreat; and Rev. G. W. Brown, of Elise, on the Elise school.

The report on the Barium Springs Orphanage was made by Dr. H. G. Hill, of the board of regents of the institution, and at noon Dr. W. H. Milby, of Atlanta, Ga., superintendent of evangelism for the General Assembly, (Continued on Page Two.)

BETWEEN 40 AND 50 PER CENT OF GERMAN U-BOATS SENT DOWN

BILIZATION OF GREEK ARMY PROCEEDING UNDER THE FRENCH COMMANDER

Washington, Nov. 1.—The Greek army will go under French command, according to dispatches received today from Athens. General Braquet, of the French army, has been made chief of the Greek staff and 200 French officers have been detailed as instructors. The mobilization of the Greek army is proceeding rapidly and smoothly.

SHIPBUILDING IS PUSHED

British Tonnage Now Afloat is 30 Per Cent More Than the Total for April

NO END OF WAR IN SIGHT

"We Must Lay Plans for a Long War", Declares Sir Eric

London, Nov. 1.—Between 40 and 50 per cent of the German submarines operating in the North Sea, the Arctic and the Atlantic since the beginning of the war have been sunk, said Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, in the house of commons today.

"We must lay plans for a long war," continued Sir Eric. "I see no signs of its being a short one."

"During the last quarter the Germans lost 100,000 tons of submarines as they lost in 1916," said Sir Eric.

The output of merchant shipping in the first nine months of this year, he said, was 123 per cent higher than in the corresponding period last year. The admiralty had decided that four new ship building yards would be necessary.

Sir Eric said he regretted it had not been found possible to arrive at a basis for publication of British tonnage losses by submarine action without giving information to the enemy.

German Building Faster. The losses of merchantmen in October, he said, were slightly worse than in September. Enemy submarines were being sunk to an increasing extent, but the Germans were building them faster than hitherto.

In September, Sir Eric continued, there was afloat on the high seas an increase of 20 per cent in numbers and 30 per cent in tonnage of British ships as compared with April.

He announced the government's intention of appointing an additional civil lord of the admiralty and said the attention of the first sea lord would be devoted wholly to naval staff matters.

Standard ships aggregating 1,000,000 tons had been caused by the sinking of ships or by their passing into the hands of Germany's enemies.

In September, he continued, the royal naval air service carried out 64 raids behind the enemy lines in Flanders, dropping 2,736 bombs.

MRS. ELDRIDGE TELLS HOW SHE CAME TO BE WITNESS.

Says She Knew Count Minotto as Decidedly Pro-German.

New York, Nov. 1.—Mrs. Mabel Eldridge, the "mysterious veiled woman" who appeared as a witness at a private hearing in Chicago in the case of Count James Minotto, a defendant in deportation proceedings, issued a statement here tonight in which she described details of the hearing. Mrs. Eldridge, who is the wife of Chauncey Eldridge, president of the Federal Holding Company of New York, said that she went to the Department of Justice to give information about a person living near her mother in Chicago who was active in pro-German work.

While she was in the office, officials mentioned the arrest of Count Minotto. She then told them of having known the count in South America after she was tasked to testify. She demurred at first but later told them that as a loyal American she thought it her duty to help the government.

Mrs. Eldridge testified at the hearing she knew the count in South America in 1914 and 1915, "at which time he was pronouncedly pro-German in all his utterances and associated a great deal with Germans in Rio Janeiro and Buenos Aires. She had not talked with him since the United States entered the war until she met him in Chicago. While decidedly pro-German, she testified, the count posed consistently as an Italian.

Presbyterians Select Capital City Over Red Springs, Which Extended Invitation

APPROVE DR. WELLS' PLAN

His Action as to Food Conservation Unanimously Endorsed—Work of Synod Was Concluded Last Night.

(Special Star Telegram.) Fayetteville, Nov. 1.—Raleigh was selected as next year's meeting place of the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod this afternoon, by a vote that indicated a large majority over Red Springs until the vote was made unanimous when Dr. C. C. Vardell, who invited the Synod to Red Springs, voted for the capital when he saw Raleigh was to win. State Treasurer B. R. Lacy invited the body to Raleigh, seconded by Dr. McWhite and Dr. A. A. McGeachy. Synod adjourned tonight.

The date of the meeting will be left to the selection of the moderator, stated clerk and the minister of the First church of Raleigh, and will be governed by the dates of the State Fair.

Dr. Wells' Course Approved. The Synod this afternoon placed its action on record as endorsing the action of Dr. J. M. Wells, of Wilmington, moderator of the general assembly, in appointing a committee in each Synod to co-operate with the National Government in the food conservation campaign. Dr. Wells had told the Synod at the morning session of his action in proposing this. However, that although he could take no step as moderator of the Southern Presbyterian church, as a citizen he would gladly co-operate with the Food Administration, and had appointed committees of prominent lay members in every Synod to unofficially in furthering the food conservation program. These committees are to appoint similar ones in each Presbytery and the presbyterial appointments are to be made by the presbyterial church. Dr. A. D. McClure and Dr. C. E. Raynal, having been appointed, a committee to sustain this action, introduced a resolution endorsing Dr. Wells' program, which was adopted unanimously. The committee on the floor, though one delegate made an inquiry as to the method of procedure.

Talk By Dr. Elmore. The Synod listened to an interesting talk by Dr. T. E. Elmore, of Hamilton, N. Y., in charge of Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Greene, Charlotte. The body should convene at 7:30 in the evening instead of in the forenoon as heretofore, it was decided.