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## THE BIG DRIVE ON ITALY.

The United Press sent the following story from London on Wednesday of last week:

One of the year's biggest drives set in today with a carefully prepared, terrific Teuton attack against the Italians for which every available Austrian and German soldier, and every available Teuton gun have been quietly concentrated for weeks. German direction, German men and German material are in preponderance. The attacking front is on the Julian battle line and extends from fitch southeastward via the Tolmino sector to the northern edge of the Bainsizza plateau a total distance of more than thirty miles.

Berlin officially announced today the capture of the foremost of the Italian positions in each of these three vital sectors.

The Rome war office in its daily bulletin asserted that the blow will find the Italians "steady and prepared."

The immediate aim of the offensive is to crush in the dangerous wedge General Candora has driven into the Austrian lines a wedge which for months has threatened to separate the Austrian Isonzo and Carso armies, completely isolating the latter and opening the way to Klagenfurt and Laibach.

But there are other motives behind this surprise campaign, motives of transcendent political importance. Before these are discussed, it is necessary to point to the situation on the two other main fronts, the west and east, for the three battle lines are today closely inter-dependant.

In the west the French through their whirlwind advance north of the Aisne yesterday, in which they took more than 8,000 prisoners, including 160 officers, ominously extended the pistol point of their wedge threatening Laon, the southern pivot of the Siegfried line. In the two or three weeks that are still left for active fighting in the west, the Germans hope to hold the French at bay. But one more French blow like that of yesterday, accompanied by a final British drive in Flanders, and this hope may be shattered and incalculable disaster, aggravated by the insistent winter which they hoped would have them, may overtake the Teutons. In every allied quarter the view prevails that what the Germans consider a "sure thing bet" is their most dangerous military gamble of the war.

Berlin announced today a retirement on the wide front north of Riga. This is an operation which they could well afford as it shortens their front materially and the gulf of Riga is theirs, enabling them to land an army in the Russian rear the moment the Muscovites threaten an attack.

From a closely protected diplomatic source the following outline of the central powers plan of action was obtained tonight:

Haunted by sinister forethoughts of a combined American, British and French spring campaign in the west next year, Germany had set her mind on one thing—the elimination of Russia. Italy worried her little. But to meet the Armageddon in the west she must have the bulk, if not all of her huge army now in the east. Capture of the gulf of Riga, with its tremendous military possibilities, was to be the first step in a final onslaught on Russia.

It was well under way when, Austria, ever the wrecker of Hindenburg's fondest calculations, came along and asked for help against Italy.

Food riots in Austria-Hungary

## Some Cows in Watauga!

"There is one cow in Watauga county for every inhabitant," said Mr. B. B. Dougherty, superintendent of the Appalachian Training School at Boone, in talking about the cattle industry in that county when here Saturday. Watauga people have long since learned that there is money in the cattle industry. However, it was during the last year or two that they have come to realize the profits and possibilities in cheese making, which is allied with the cattle industry. Sixteen car loads of cheese will be sold from Watauga cheese factories this year, Mr. Dougherty said. This will bring, in round numbers \$75,000. And this is not the end. More cheese factories are being organized and established every few months.—The Lenoir News.

[The scholarly professor is a great Watauga booster—one of the very best—but in this particular instance, he is in the wrong, or there is a big error in the number of cattle listed for taxes on May 1, 1917, which, according to the report of the Register of Deeds, was only 10,825 head, including all grades. The population of the county is approximately 15,000, and if every hoof of cattle in the county were milkers, it can be readily seen that the supply would be inadequate to the amount of something like one-third. The Prof. must have been talking for a pastime and not for publication, when he spun this little story in the hearing of the alert news-gathering editor of The News. This note only to keep county statistics straight.]—Democrat.

## Certain Cure for Croup.

Mrs. Rose Middleton of Greenville Ill., has had experience in the treatment of this disease. She says, "When my children were small my son had croup frequently. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always broke up these attacks immediately, and I was never without it in the house. I have taken it myself for coughs and colds with good results."

ry became—and are becoming—more frequent, more violent daily. The peace movement grew and is growing hourly, while the cleavage between the Germans in Austria and the other races in the Hapsburg empire is widening at a rate alarming to Vienna and Berlin.

Never since Brusiloff's 1915 drive had there been such imperative, such pitiful need of action, of a big, blustering military triumph. Germany had hers with the fall of Riga and more lately with the success in Baltic waters; enough to compensate weakened spirits for the reverses at Verdun and in Flanders. Now Austria demanded hers.

Hindenburg first refused flatly. Promptly the controversy, originally confined to the two military high priests. "If we can't have German troops and ammunition, we must have peace," was the joint shot from the Danube capital at Wilhelmstrasse. Then began Austrian pressure in the peace term question. Count von Czerin openly called Dr. Michaelis weak and vacillating. He demanded a clear cut statement that Germany will give up Belgium.

Hit in her sorest spot Germany stopped, listened, and yielded—not in the peace term question, but in the matter of helping Austria in a military way. The present drive is the result.

Two nights ago, as Dr. von Kuehlmann sped homeward from Vienna, after a one day's flying visit, in his pockets the bargain, there was unloosed on the Tol-

## The World's Freedom at Stake.

The great fact that stands out above all the rest is that this is a People's War, a war for freedom and justice and self-government amongst all the nations of the world, a war to make the world safe for the peoples who live upon it and have made it their own, the German people themselves included; and that with us rests the choice to break through all these hypocrisies and patent cheats and masks of brute force and help set the world free, or else stand aside and let it be dominated a long age through by sheer weight of arms and the arbitrary choices of self-constituted masters, by the nation which can maintain the biggest armies and the most irresistible armaments—a power to which the world has afforded no parallel and in the face of which political freedom must wither and perish.

For us there is but one choice. We have made it. Woe to the man or group of men that seeks to stand in our way in this day of high resolution, when every principle we hold dearest is to be vindicated and made secure for the salvation of the nations. We are ready to plead at the bar of history, and our flag shall wear a new luster. Once more we shall make good with our lives and fortunes the great faith to which we were born, and a new glory shall shine in the face of our people.—President Wilson.

## Mrs. P. O. Stuchell Tells How She Cured Her Son of a Cold.

"When my son Ellis was sick with a cold last winter I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It helped him at once and quickly broke up his cold," says Mrs. P. O. Stuchell, Homer City, Pa. This remedy has been in use for many years. Its good qualities have been fully proven by many thousands of people. It is pleasant and safe to take.

## Colored Woman a Patriot.

Wadesboro Ansonian; Ellen Studivart, a colored woman of Wadesboro, has set a fine example. When subscriptions were being taken for the Red Cross, she subscribed and paid \$5. Then she volunteered her services to launder shirts free for the sewing room, and she laundered. Now she subscribed for a \$100 Liberty bond and she can enjoy the sweet consciousness of having done her part.

## For a Weak Stomach.

As a general rule all you need to do is to adopt a diet suited to your age and occupation and to keep your bowels regular. When you feel that you have eaten too much and when constipated, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets.

mino front the initial bombardment from the Krupps and Shodas, fulfilling the terms of that bargain. Austria has been won over for another winter campaign and not raise the Belgian question again, that is, not for the present.

Meanwhile the two kaisers have not yet returned to informal speaking terms. Emperor Charles indignant over Hindenburg's original turnaround refused to go to Sofia for the then contemplated four-rulers meeting. He cancelled the visit in the eleventh hour and the kaiser went alone to see King Ferdinand and the Sultan.

From a military standpoint, the Teutons hope to see the drive against Italy's acknowledged lack of munitions and coal. England and France, however, have been sending great stores of both, in addition to considerable force of men and large squadrons of aircraft.

## Work on Watauga Roads After March 1.

The coming of early spring will see the first permanent road work in Watauga county. Construction work will begin about March 1, Mr. W. W. Stringfellow, chairman of the Watauga road committee, said when here Friday.

"The road bonds voted on early in the summer cannot be issued and sold until after the December meeting of the county commissioners," Mr. Stringfellow said. "At this time it will be winter and the road commission is of the opinion that it will be best to hold up the work until the opening of spring, which will be about March 1. Then we will begin active work."

Mr. and Mrs. Stringfellow have closed their summer home, Chetola, and left on the noon train Thursday for New York, where they will spend two months. Then they will go to Birmingham, Ala., where they will remain during January and February, returning to Blowing Rock the first of March.—Lenoir News.

## A Dry Washington.

Washington City went dry on Nov. 1, under the Shepherd law. A few years ago and such a thing would have been deemed as practically out of the range of possibility.

One of the first lessons driven home by the war was the necessity of putting a crimp in the operation of John Barleycorn. In every nation at war restrictions against liquor were very greatly strengthened. In the U. S. this movement fitted in with a sentiment that was already growing powerful and that was gradually procuring prohibition for the whole country. But the impetus given by the dangers of drink as brought in strong relief by war demands was most powerful and accelerated the movement verily decidedly.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal calculates that seventy-five million of the hundred million people of the United States are prohibitionists. That is not too liberal an estimate we feel sure. Wherever prohibition is tried, it sticks. It reduces crime and conserves health, wealth and morality. It gains new friends in large numbers every day.

The placing of the capital in the dry column is an important event in the history of the movement for prohibition.—News and Observer.

Mrs. Bickett, wife of the Governor, says: The women of North Carolina can deny themselves without murmur and complaint, for the blood of the sixties flow in their veins, and to do or deny for those we love in our heritage. The artistic task before us is to cut the feed of the men without their finding it out, and so camouflage our dishes that the "lords of the earth" will smack their lips over a sirloin steak while they are annihilating a bricket; will prize corn fritters above flannel cakes; scorn oysters for salsify and glory in pound cake guiltless of butter and eggs.

## Grinding Days at Cheto a Mill.

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I used to have, in other times, a roll of greenbacks handy; I always could dig up the dimes to buy the kids some candy. And when my wife reared up and cried "I have to have a bonnet," I stripped an X off and replied, "Go blow yourself doggone it." But now I never have a plunk for anything we're needing; my money goes for costly junk to keep my auto speeding. But yesterday I soaked the lyre that I so long have hammered, that I might buy a rubber tire for which the off wheel clamored. We're out of flour, we're out of coal, my wife is in a panic, because she sees me use my roll to pay a bum mechanic. I need a haircut and a shave, I need a shirt and collar, but how the dickens can I save when spark plugs cost a dollar? The kids have reached an evil pass, they need new shoes and raiment; alas, the man who sells me gas demands an early payment. My auto takes my every red, and chugs with fiendish laughter; 'twill keep me broke till I am dead, and forty years thereafter. And when I quit lives griefs and pains, I can't afford a casket; they'll have to rake up my remains and plant me in a basket.—Walt Mason in News and Observer.

## An Old Man's Stomach.

As we grow older and less active, less and less food is required to meet the demands of our bodies. If too much is habitually taken, the stomach will rebel. When a man reaches the advanced age of 85 or 90, you will find that he is a light eater. Be as careful as you will, however, you will occasionally eat more than you should and will feel the need of Chamberlain's Tablets to correct the disorder. These tablets do not contain pepsin, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

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