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ITALIANS HOLDING TEUTONS IN CHECK DESPITE ATTACKS

Austro-Germans Have Been Making Strong Attacks on Asiago Plateau

FRANCO-BRITISH TROOPS ON JOB

General De Giorfioz Confident That His Defensive Lines Will Hold

From Lake Garda to the Adriatic the Italians continue to hold the invading Austro-Germans in check.

The fighting has been most severe, the Italians resisting counter attack after counter attack.

East of the plateau between the Brenta and the Piave only artillery has been active.

Attempts to cross the river on pontoons were crushed by the Italian artillery fire.

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 26.—(Delayed) By the Associated Press.—Solid ranks of Franco-Italian infantry with artillery and supply train were seen by the correspondent today within sound of the battle on the Italian northern line.

The correspondent was on a tour of the northern fighting front where the great battle is continuing.

Throughout yesterday and today the battle in the mountains has developed in a steady succession of heavy attacks and counter attacks.

Twelve different enemy assaults have been made within a few hours, but the Italian lines had not yielded a foot and General De Giorfio was calm and confident that the defensive line would hold until reinforcements arrived.

Staff officers from headquarters were taking the trip along the line and the route lay straight north into the fighting zone.

In another zone a slight which stirred the blood of the Italian soldiers were allied reinforcements crowded the roads.

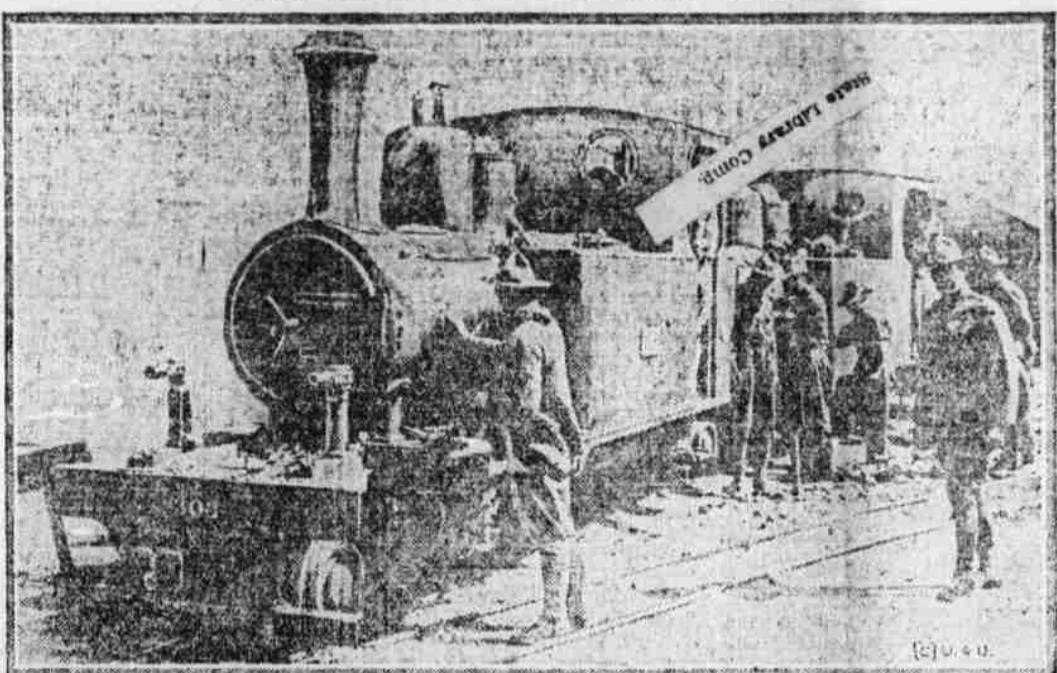
It was a dark day, with a gray sky, but the whole scene seemed to lighten up as the color of the Italian gray was tinted everywhere with British khaki and French blue.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 26.—The police department today continued its inquiry into Saturday night's tragedy which resulted in the death of nine members of the police force and two others when a bomb, intended for the supposed destruction of the Italian Evangelical church exploded in the police station.

Will Not Hold Dinner. New York, Nov. 26.—For the first time in 18 years the "amen corner" will not hold its annual dinner this year.

The vote standings in the Times circulation campaign will be published tomorrow.

French Railroad Train Managed by Americans



Here is a French railroad train in the hands of Americans, who a few months ago were "railroading" on middle western lines.

MOSCOW CONTROLLED BY BOLSHEVIKI COMMITTEE

Business Is at Standstill and Everybody Talking Politics

London, Nov. 26.—Moscow is under the complete control of the Bolshevik military committee, according to the Petrograd correspondent of The Daily Mail.

The relation between the classes and the masses are more strained than ever before and the masses are being told that the classes will have to pay their wages.

MAY DECLARE WAR ON THE ALLIES OF GERMANY

Washington, Nov. 26.—Stupendous appropriation bills and other war legislative program of the session of congress which is to open December 3, and probably run on until autumn, in the opinion of leaders here today.

Considerable sentiment has developed among representatives already here in favor of a declaration of war against Germany's allies, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria.

Stone Favors. Washington, Nov. 26.—Declarations of war against Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria, Chairman Stone, of the senate foreign relations committee, declared today, seem "exceedingly advisable to simplify a situation now anomalous."

WILL SELL PRINT PAPER AT THREE CENTS POUND

New York, Nov. 26.—News print paper manufacturers representing 85 per cent of the print paper output in the country will sell news print to publishers at 3 cents a pound until April 1, and after that at a price to be fixed by the federal trade commission.

United States Judge Mayer signed a decree under which the News Print Manufacturers' association, whose executive committee included five of the seven defendants, was dissolved.

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REPORTED THAT VILLA DEFEATED FEDERALISTS

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Juarez, Mex., Nov. 26.—The sudden changing of plans for troop movements from Juarez tended to support reports received here during the last 24 hours that General Eduardo Hernandez had met with a reverse in his cavalry drive against Villa northeast of Chihuahua City.

A persistent rumor has been in circulation that General Hernandez encountered an unexpectedly strong force of Villa men with artillery near Falcón, five miles north of the state capital.

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"Shoot to Kill" Order. New York, Nov. 26.—New York's many miles of waterfront is today guarded by police and soldiers.

GOVERNMENT OPERATION OF RAILROADS CONSIDERED

Washington, Nov. 26.—Government operation of railroads, if the pooling plan does not afford relief from the present situation, was being considered here today by the committee of vice-presidents of eastern lines gathered to perfect general plans to put the pooling arrangements into effect.

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SOCIALISTS COULD NOT STAND FOR ANNEXATION

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TRIAL OF MEANS OPENED TODAY IN CABARRUS COURT

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LARGE CROWD IS ATTENDING TRIAL

Concord Man Charged With the Murder of Widow, Mrs. Maude King

Concord, N. C., Nov. 26.—The trial of Gaston B. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, the wealthy widow shot to death here last August, began in the Supreme court here today.

Solicitor Clement is in charge of the prosecution and is assisted by L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, and R. O. Everett, of Durham.

The long residence of the Means family in this state—extending over more than 100 years—and the sensational developments in the investigation of the death of the woman, which extended over three states, had drawn large numbers of spectators to the trial.

After court opened much time was taken up with the drawing of a grand jury of 12 men from the county.

By agreement of both sides a special venire of 150 men were drawn. Selection of a grand jury of 12 men had taken half of the 36 summoned for the special term.

History of Case. Mrs. Maude A. King, wealthy Chicago and New York widow, was killed near Concord August 29, last, while visiting relatives of Means who was her business agent.

Investigation started in Chicago, was carried to New York and search of Means' apartments there disclosed evidence, which representatives of the district attorney's office said indicated Means had planned to get \$2,000,000 from Mrs. King through an alleged second will of her husband.

Statements that Means had been connected with German agents also were made by New York officials, and a federal agent attended the preliminary hearing which was the formal reopening of the case by North Carolina officials, counsel for Means consented to his being bound over after failure of litigation by which they sought to recover the documents seized in Means' home in New York.

Means was indicted November 1 in the Superior court of Cabarrus county and the trial was set for November 26. Counsel for Means successfully resisted attempts of the state prosecutor to have the court grant a change of venue.

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BRITISH TROOPS DOMINATE REGION ABOUT CAMBRAI

After Two Days of Hard Fighting General Byng's Men Have Captured Bournon Position—Civil Population May Be Evacuating Cambrai—Nearly 10,000 Prisoners Taken to Day

British troops have captured the high ground in Bournon wood and now dominate the region about Cambrai. This success came after two days of the most vicious fighting and its importance is indicated in part by the fact that German traffic south east from Cambrai has been heavy, the probability being that the civil population of the town has been removed.

CAPTURE OF BOURNON GREAT SUCCESS

General Byng's latest triumph was one of hard and heroic endeavor. In paying tribute to the Third army, Field Marshal Haig declares that the capture of the Bournon position "crowns a most successful operation, and opens the way to the further exploitation of advantages already gained." Apparently the British commander will push his advantage still further and besiege Cambrai, three miles to the east.

Desperate Fighting. Bournon village changed hands three times in the desperate battling for the possession of it and the adjoining wood. Severe fighting continues there, and the Germans, massing their best troops in efforts to retrieve the position which means all to the security of Cambrai, pressed back the British from parts of the village Sunday.

Haig's Statement. London, Nov. 26.—The German have not repeated their attacks on the Bournon position west of Cambrai since their failure of yesterday. Field Marshal Haig reported today.

What General Byng Has Done. In six days General Byng's army has broken the Hindenburg line, taken a score of villages, secured the dominating position west of Cambrai and over-run territory equal in area to that gained in the first three months of the drive in the Ypres salient. Nearly 10,000 prisoners, 100 machine guns and much war material have been captured.

French Victorious Around Verdun. Around Verdun, the pivot point of

British Army Headquarters in France, Nov. 25.—(Delayed) By The Associated Press.—This morning found the line of battle troops stretched in a semi-circle about Bournon wood and Bournon village which nestles at the northeastern edge of the forest.

The line has been established in the face of a strong British offensive. The advance to Bournon wood Friday with British planes circling over the enemy at a height of from 30 to 50 feet and carrying on a vigorous warfare with their machine guns and bombs.

Short and Decisive. It was hard fighting, but the advance was continued successfully until the northeast corner of the wood was reached where the tanks were held up by a strong force of the enemy.

The tanks then pushed on, the conquest of the wood being completed and an entering wedge having been driven into the village.

Nearly 10,000 Prisoners Taken. Prisoners continue to arrive at the British cages from the front. Nearly 10,000 captives have been counted, including 200 officers.

May Be Evacuating Cambrai. A large amount of traffic in the last few days has been pouring out of Cambrai toward the southwest, indicating the possibility that the Germans eventually will be forced to withdraw their lines to the northwest.

That the Germans attached greatest importance to Bournon wood and the village was fully evidenced by their strenuous resistance and the intense counter attacks hurled against the British lines. Several counter thrusts

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Mrs. Bianca De Saulles, the Chilean beauty, is on trial at Mineola, L. I., on the charge of having murdered her husband, John L. De Saulles, who was once a Yale football star.