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SAID TO HAVE TAKEN 100,000 PRISONERS.

Italy's Soldiers Have Failed to Check the Onrush of the Austrians and Germans.

Oct. 29.—The powerful Austro-German advance which has been pressing through the foothills of the Julian Alps into the plains of Northern Italy, is being kept in check by the Italian forces which are faithfully fulfilling their duty, it is announced by the war office in Rome today.

London advices say that the Italians will be given all aid, and that steps already have been taken to this end. Presumably Italy's own reserves of men and guns by this time have been drawn up in a notable volume, and supplies have been hurried to reinforce Italy's armies in the great battle raging in the Friuli plain.

Italy's soldiers have failed to check the onrush of the Austro-Germans and the entire line of Isonza is threatened with annihilation. Sweeping down from the mountains to the plains of Friuli, the invaders have captured Cividale and Gorizia, 100,000 prisoners and 700 guns.

Great Britain and France are reported to be taking steps to give the shattered Italian army prompt and full support. What form this aid will take has not been disclosed. The French cabinet met last night to decide upon the manner of cooperation on the Italian front.

Where Gen. Cadorna will make a stand is not clear, but two positions capable of defense are available. The Germans have reached the lowlands and are but nine miles from Udine, Cadorna's general headquarters. The railroad running north and south through Udine might make a defense line, but the Tagliamento river, eighteen miles west Udine, probably will offer a stronger defense.

The fall of Gorizia is a serious menace to the Italian troops holding the Carso line southward to the head of the Adriatic but Gen. Cadorna would still be able to offer a stout resistance on a line through Tolmezzo, Gemona, Udine, Buttrio and Gradisca. The capture of Gradisca by the Germans however, would make a retreat from Carso inevitable and also somewhat of a difficulty. The line of the Tagliamento river, it appears would give the Italians a better natural position from which to hold the Germans from the Venetian plains and from overrunning North Italy.

The whole of Isonzo front is in grave danger there is also a serious threat in the Trenton drive to the Italian line in the Carnic Alps and even in the Dolomits north of Belluno. Apparently field Marshal von Mackensen is endeavoring to drive a wedge between the armies on the Frontaad these in the mountains northwest of Udine. Some of the advanced Italian positions in the Carso Alps probably have been abandoned already. If this should prove true, Tagliamento seems to offer to General Cadorna a first defensive line unless the armies stiffen greatly and hold the invaders within a few miles of the present position.

Operations carried out by the Belgians and French looking toward the elimination of Fourth forest north of Ypres are progressing favorably. The entire Merckem peninsula south of Dixmude has been captured by the allied troops, who have also taken Merckem and several other villages west of the forest.

America's Cause for War.

The new German policy swept every restriction aside. Vessels of every kind, whatever their flag, their character, their cargo, their destination, their errand, have been ruthlessly sent to the bottom without warning and without thought of help or mercy for those on board, the vessels of friendly neutrals along with those of belligerents. Even hospital ships and ships carrying relief to the sorely bereaved and stricken people of Belgium, though the latter were provided with safe conduct through the prescribed areas by the German Government itself and were distinguished by unmistakable marks of identity, have been sunk with the same reckless lack of compassion or of principle.

"I am not now thinking of the loss of property involved, immense and serious as that is, but only of the wanton and wholesale destruction of the lives of noncombatants, men, women, and children, engaged in pursuits which have always, even in the darkest periods of modern history, been deemed innocent and legitimate. Property can be paid for, the lives of peaceful and innocent people cannot be. The present German submarine warfare against commerce is a warfare against mankind."—Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Groves's.

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The British hold the southern side of the forest, and a continuation of the Belgo-French advance would make the German positions untenable.

A German retirement between Warneton and Dixmude to straighten out the line and eliminate the Ypres salient is not unlooked for in German military circles. One leading German critic, Maj. Morant, says the front is untenable and that the Germans will have to retire to a new line. Such a line probably would run through Menin to Roulers, to Thourout and thence to the sea.

On the Northern Russian front the Germans have extended their withdrawal movement to include the force that recently was landed on the Worder peninsula, after the capture of Oesel and Moon Islands at the entrance of the Gulf of Riga.

This landing was viewed at the time as a threat against Reval, the naval base on the Gulf of Finland, and as a possible prelude to even more extensive land operations by the Germans in the direction of Petrograd.

The withdrawal leaves the Germans without a foothold on the Esthonian coast, attempts by them to follow up the original landing by putting troops ashore at points both north and south of the peninsula having failed according to Russian reports.

Sour Stomach.

Eat slowly, masticate your food thoroughly, abstain from meat for a few days and in most cases the sour stomach will disappear. If it does not, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. Red meats are most likely to cause sour stomach and you may find it best to cut them out.

Oh Ye Hypocrites.

Catholic priests and editors are great on harmony just now. They deplore anything that would create dissension in war times or hurt the feelings of anyone or create strife, yet their real feelings toward the people outside the Roman church is shown in the following from the Tablet, of Brooklyn, N. Y. (Diocesan organ) of Oct. 13th.

"Speaking at the dedication of a Catholic school in Philadelphia, Rev. Joseph J. Hannigan recently put the whole subject of Catholic education in a nutshell in the following words:

"More than a generation of our people has been educated without religion. It could not be taught in the public schools and was shamefully neglected in the homes and churches. Amid all the splendor which prosperity and wealth are showing forth there is a pathetic hollowness and shallowness which foretells grave moral dangers. The children are stretching forth their hands for bread, and many a heartless scheme called education is offering them a stone.

"No wonder there are over 60,000,000 infidels in our country who possess no religion whatever. No wonder there are anarchists and Socialists and materialists, who are undermining lawful authority. No wonder there are shocking crimes, murders, suicides, robberies, clever swindles, unjust and cruel speculation even in the very necessities of life."

A bad condition; a generation educated without religion, 60,000,000 infidels, anarchists, socialists, materialists, and the whole category of crimes. And the Catholic church the only salt box in the world, and that has lost its savor if it ever had any.

We read that "charity covers a multitude of sins," and we will let it envelope in its mantle such libelers of the American public as The Tablet and Priest Hannigan, and only advise them to take a good look at the common people of the United States instead of always gazing at the papal mirrors.—The Menace.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Most Reliable.

After many years' experience in the use of it and other cough medicines, there are many who prefer Chamberlain's to any other. Mrs. A. C. Kirsten, Greenville, Ill., writes "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in my mother's home and mine for years, and we always found it a quick cure for colds and bronchial troubles. We find it to be the most reliable cough medicine we have used."

How They do Things in Missouri.

Here is a letter from Dr. L. Cress of Clinton, Mo., native of Rowan, which gives one an idea of what's doing in that section of our great country.

Gentlemen you will find enclosed P. O. money order for \$1.00 to keep the Watchman and Record coming. Sometimes I catch a news notice of interest.

We are still living here in the central west getting along nicely. Missouri has a nice little corn crop this year of three billion bushels.

Our little city and county subscribed nearly one-half million to second Liberty loan in 30 minutes Wednesday.

Red Cross Convention, Raleigh, N. C., November 1st and 2nd.

The convention of Red Cross Chapters, Auxiliaries, Branches, Units and workers in North Carolina have been called to meet in Raleigh, November 1st and 2nd.

The Red Cross organization is the official institution for relief at home and on the battlefields on account of the great war. Its members will make the bandages which our wounded will be treated with, will knit the extra sweaters, helmets, socks, etc., to protect them from the cold, while its nurses will attend the suffering in the hospitals.

There are now in North Carolina 110 Red Cross chapters, and about 500 auxiliary organizations. It is desired that each of these will be represented in this convention by from three to five delegates. But as there are many communities not yet organized, it is also desired that delegates shall come, both men and women, from every community in the State.

The object of the convention is two fold.

First, to prepare the way for setting up 2,000 active Red Cross organizations in North Carolina. If you desire to have a part in this great work, come to this convention and learn what is required to form a local organization.

Second, to encourage and to instruct organizations already formed in the great tasks now at hand.

There will be practical demonstrations and displays and technical instruction.

There will also be addresses by Red Cross specialists of national reputation.

The convention will open Thursday morning, November 1st, and close Friday evening, November 2nd.

Every member of a town in North Carolina is authorized to appoint three delegates to this convention, but whether appointed or not, everyone in sympathy with the objects of the convention will be heartily welcomed.

J. W. Bailey, Chairman, Raleigh, N. C.

\$5,000,000,000 Liberty Loan Over Subscribed.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The Liberty loan apparently has passed the \$5,000,000,000 mark.

A last day drive of titanic proportions through out the nations rounded up more than \$1,000,000,000 and was believed to have carried the total several hundred million dollars beyond the maximum sum treasury officials had hoped for.

Federal reserve banks were struggling tonight under an avalanche of last minute subscriptions to form some idea of the grand total. Indications are that they will not complete their tabulations for several days.

At least 8,000,000 persons throughout the country wrote their names on application blanks. How many more did so will not be known until the final count, several days hence. The number may go as high as 10,000,000.

Each of the 12 districts appeared to have passed its minimum and indications were that most of them had exceeded the maximum as well.

Croup.

If your children are subject to croup get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and when the attack comes on be careful to follow the plain printed directions. You will be surprised at the quick relief which it affords.

Mathematical Rome.

Our Catholic friends are having a hard time of it, in settling the question of what percent of the different American armies the "church" should be credited with. Their only trouble seems to be in agreeing upon a sufficiently large percent. So far a portion of these mathematical clerics kindly admit that the non-Catholic five-sixths of the population have furnished one-half the military forces, for which condensation we suppose we should be profoundly thankful, as it would be so easy to claim all of them.

At a recent gathering in Boston an enthusiastic Catholic declared that the regular army was one half Catholics and that 90 percent of the enlistments since then are of Catholics. However, some are more moderate, giving generally a claim of 50 percent. Archbishop Glennon of St. Louis going on record with a claim of 40 percent. A few others limit their claims to 32 percent of the total while all of them appear to agree that they are furnishing 35 percent of the new drafted or National army. As this last is supposed to be raised or selected without discrimination against race or sect, and as their best authorities only show about one-sixth of the population to be Roman Catholics and as the presumption is that the number of the available men is about the same in one sect as in another, their claim is absurd on its face.

In other words it is impossible to prove that one-sixth equals thirty-five percent unless you use Roman Catholic pencils.—The Menace.

The Cheapest Fertilizer in the World.

Poor-land farmers are poor farmers, poor financially and poor in methods. This is true the world over, and will always be so. Conversely, rich-land farmers average high in yields and are well off financially, and this, too, will always be so.

The biggest economic problem of the average farmer is how to double yields without correspondingly increasing production cost. When he has done this, he is on the road to prosperity.

Commercial fertilizers are of great value when rightly used, but the man who depends upon them solely is headed for failure. They furnish no humus, and humus is vitally necessary to our soils; they furnish nitrogen, but at a cost far too high compared with that the legumes, peas, beans and the clovers, bring down from the air above us.

Here, then, in the legumes is the key to Southern farmer's golden opportunity. An acre of good crimson clover or velvet beans will contain seventy-five pounds of nitrogen taken from the air, and this is equal to 500 pounds of nitrate of soda, or 1,250 pounds of cottonseed meal. In addition, the humus added to the soil when these crops are plowed under gives us the best drought insurance known.

And, furthermore, peas and beans may be grown with our corn crops without injury to the corn, and clover grows in the winter and early spring and is ready to plow under by April to fertilize the crop following.

The Progressive Farmer believes the legume route is the route to big crops and prosperity. Are you traveling it?—The Progressive Farmer.

Weather Forecast for October, 1917.

From 30 to Nov 6, fair and frosty, with rain, threatening snow then cold wave is expected.

October shows cold waves along, with equinox, some warm and some cool along. Note all weather mentioned in forecast does not mean rain every day, but note the expectings in sections, from 1 to 3 or 4 days rain as above.

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Mrs. Smith Recommends Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I have had more or less stomach trouble for eight or ten years" writes Mrs. G. H. Smith, Brewerton, N. Y. "When suffering from attacks of indigestion and after eating, one or two of Chamberlain's Tablets have always relieved me. I have also found them a pleasant laxative. These tablets tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. If you are troubled with indigestion give them a trial, get well and stay well."

Read a Newspaper or You're a Slacker.

"The man or woman who in these critical times fails to read a good newspaper regularly, is a slacker," declared Prof. Willard G. Bleyer, head of the Department of Journalism at University of Wisconsin, in addressing the students of the Library school last week.

"It is the patriotic duty of every person in this country to keep informed in regard to the epoch-making events and utterances that are reported in the press from day to day," he continued.

"The food of opinion is the news of the day," as President Wilson has well said, and it behooves every citizen not only to read the news, but to form intelligent opinions in regard to it.

"Intelligent public opinion, without which we cannot have true democracy, is the sum total of the opinions of individual citizens, and the opinion of these citizens must be formed largely from the news which is printed in newspapers.

"In coming to read the news and to consider its significance, men are shirking his duty to his country just as truly as he is when he fails to express his opinions by casting his vote at an election."

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