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ITALIAN ARMY AGAIN RETREATING BEFORE AUSTRO-GERMANS

The Line of Tagliamento River Where Gen. Cadorna Made Stand in Hands of Enemy.

BRITISH RENEW THEIR OFFENSIVE IN FLANDERS

British Wedge Reaches Its Apex in the Passchendaele Area and Canadians Make Advances.

(By Associated Press.)

General Cadorna's army in Northern Italy is again retreating, forced back by the power of the Austro-German thrust. The line of the Tagliamento where the Italians have been making a stand after retreating from the Isonzo, has been won by the invaders and the Italians have evacuated it, Berlin reports. Virtually all of the Eastern Venetia also, it appears from official statements, is being left to Austro-German occupation.

Rome announced this morning the evacuation of the mountainous districts of Northern Italian plains was in progress for the establishment of a new line. This was soon followed by the Berlin statement that the Italians were retreating all along the front from Colbricon north of the Sugana valley, to the Fella valley.

These momentous events meant that the Italians are withdrawing all along the entire front as far west as the edge of the Trentino district. Colbricon is near the Austrian border, about 40 miles northeast of Trent, while Fella valley lies almost in a direct line north from Udine.

The whole Italian line apparently is being drawn back in the direction of the Piave which runs approximately 25 miles west of the Tagliamento and cuts in a reasonably straight course southwest across Italian territory some 17 miles east of Venice on the Adriatic to the Austrian border. This gives little more than 60 miles in length, compared with the line of approximately 160 miles that existed before the Isonzo retreat began.

Newspaper dispatches from the Italian front this morning indicated that General Cadorna was preparing to fall back on the new line after having made a stand on the Tagliamento to retard the enemy's advance.

The renewal of the British offensive in Flanders was ushered in by an intensive bombardment reported yesterday which culminated in an attack by General Haig's forces on the vicinity of Passchendaele. The British wedge reaches its apex in the Passchendaele area. News dispatches from British headquarters filed not after the attack was under full headway reported considerable success for the British. The Canadians were in the thick of the fight and reported having pushed to a point 100 yards beyond the village of Passchendaele. Other advances were indicated to the north.

The Italian army along the Tagliamento river is seriously threatened by another Austro-German stroke similar to that one which caused the great retreat along the Osonzo line. The river has been crossed and the Teutons have advanced in force from Pinzano and the place of crossing would place the Italian army in almost a similar position as that which confronted it at the time of the retreat along the Isonzo.

Indications are that the crossing which was made where the river is narrow was not in great number and the Austro-Germans are not able to advance greatly from this bank. The crossing of the Tagliamento, however, breaks the Italian mastery of the west bank unless they can drive them back.

West of the Tagliamento river the ground is not broken up by many small streams and canals as is the case further south and the aim of the German staff may be to drive a wedge to the southwest to the river Livinza in the hope of cutting off the right wing of the Italians.

A strong Italian blow might crush the force that has crossed the river and eliminate this danger. General Cadorna has not yet announced that the Tagliamento river is the line on which he would make a stand to save Venice and dispatches from his headquarters report that the river crossing was expected and prepared against. The river Livinza is short and narrow and would offer a natural barrier. The river Piava, 25 miles west of the Tagliamento would seem to be as strong a natural defense as the Tagliamento.

The Piava flows south and then southwest from the Carnic Alps to Bellano, a few miles below which it makes a wide curve and then flows easterly to the Baltic, the last strong natural defense before Venice. The Piava and the Tagliamento rise within a few miles of each other, the one flows south and the other east, so

RUSSIA CONTINUE TO DO HER UTMOST

Premier Kerensky Says His Government Has Done, Is Doing, Will Do All in Its Power.

ASTONISHED AT VIEWS PLACED ON HIS INTERVIEW

Devoted All Her Might to Cause When England Was Preparing and America Neutral.

(By Associated Press.)

Petrograd, Nov. 5.—Russia is still doing her utmost to carry on the war. She will continue to do her duty. These are the views of Premier Kerensky, whose secretary, in his name, protested today against any other interpretation of his recent interview to the Associated Press. David Foshier, the premier's secretary, made the following statement today regarding the "misinterpretation by some of the London Press" of the interview:

"I have seen M. Kerensky with reference to the interview and shown him quotations from the English press. He is very much astonished at the manner in which his plain statements were received in London. Whoever read the whole interview can draw out one conclusion from it: Russia was doing, is doing, and still will do her utmost to carry on her share of the common cause against the enemy, having devoted all her might from the very first days of the war when England had only begun vast preparations and America was still neutral."

that a retirement along the Tagliamento might not seriously effect the defenses.

The morale of the Italian army is reported to be improving. The food supply has been replenished and the indications are that the resisting power of the Italians is rising, the soldiers having been rested by the Austro-German failure to cross the Tagliamento river as soon as it was reached.

The Bolshevik element is attempting to seize the political power in Russia. Reports from Petrograd say the radicals are in control of the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates and have ordered the garrison in the capital to execute no military orders except those issued by the council's military committee. Petrograd newspapers believe the governments will take vigorous action against the radicals.

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THE TRAIL OF THE BEAST

JAPAN AND THE U. S. REACH AGREEMENT

Comes to Understanding Regarding China and Arrive at Understanding Otherwise.

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LXINGTON YOUNG WOMEN TARGETS FOR NIGHT ATTACKS

Series of Attacks Culminates in Bold Deed Sunday Night and the Town Is Aroused — Arrests Made and Man in Jail.

Lexington, Nov. 5.—The town is aroused and mystified over a series of night attacks upon women, which reached a climax last night about 9 o'clock, when Miss Maymie Fountain and Lena Leffer were attacked by a white man at a dark spot upon one of the most frequented streets of Lexington. Miss Leffer fled when the man appeared and she seized Miss Fountain, who resisted and her screams frightened the assailant away. An hour or so later a young white man who gave his name at different times as Ford, Smith, Smithersman and W. L. Haley, was taken in custody after suspicious actions. He was taken before Miss Fountain, who at first identified him. Later, after recovering from her severe fright, she says she is unable to identify the man who attacked her beyond the fact that he was white of medium build and wore a slouch hat. A man wearing a slouch hat was seen by a man who lives near the scene of the attack, but the fleeing man had his back to the observer and only the fact that a slouch hat was worn retained itself upon his memory.

After the excitement of last night, it develops that at least two similar attacks have been made upon women here within the past few weeks, but both assailants fled upon alarm and nothing was publicly said of the incidents. The attacks are of a strange nature and have been made near or in thickly populated sections and usually at an early hour of the night.

The man in jail will be given a hearing tomorrow. He stoutly maintains his innocence. It appears now that his name is really W. L. Haley and that he came here yesterday with his wife from Winston-Salem, where he is wanted by officers on a charge of housebreaking. Should he be released here tomorrow he will be turned over to officers from that place.

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BURGLAR CHOKED INFANT TO DEATH

Lucy Henderson Plummer, Little 4-Month-Old Daughter Raleigh People Killed During Night.

BURGLAR FOUND OUT; MADE ESCAPE THROUGH WINDOW

Thought That the Child Cried and the Burglar Promptly Choked It to Death.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Nov. 6.—Lucy Henderson Plummer, the four months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kemp Plummer, one of the most prominent families of the city, was found choked to death in her bed this morning shortly before 9 o'clock, choked to death by burglars in the house about 2 o'clock this morning.

The theory of the police is that the baby cried out and the burglar fearing that its outcry might lead to his detection seized the baby by the throat and nose and choked it to death. No arrests have been made.

The infant was very fretful last night and it was nearly 1 o'clock when the mother succeeded in getting it to sleep. It was an hour later when she heard the rattling of dishes in the dining room below. She thought it her husband, who is assistant state chemist, and who was out of the city, thinking he had returned. Discovering that this was not the case Mrs. Plummer telephoned the police and Captain Duncan, who lived next door. They discovered that the house had been entered by burglars, that he collected some food, and being interrupted by an entry he fled through a side window, dropping a coat of Mrs. Plummer's as he left.

Allied Forces Established Themselves

London, Nov. 6.—Additional forces in the offensive against Germany have established themselves northeast of Ypres on the Belgium front and have established themselves at a point beyond the village of Passchendaele, says a telegram from Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France.

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THOUSANDS FOR ARMY Y. M. C. A.

Campaign to Raise Thirty-Five Million Dollars Is Being Planned for Throughout Nation.

SALISBURY DISTRICT TO RAISE FIFTEEN THOUSAND

One Thousand Pledged at Conference on Monday Night When Plans Were Made.

The nation is going to raise \$35,000,000 for the army Y. M. C. A., and the Salisbury district, composed of Rowan, Stanly and Davie is to raise \$15,000 of this.

At a conference held in the Community building last night an organization was made and the fifteen men present pledged \$1,000 of the fifteen to be raised in this district. One man in the conference Monday night said that he would be one of five men in Salisbury to give \$500 to this noble work.

The meeting which was held in the Library Monday night was called to plan for the campaign in this city and to form the organization necessary for waging the campaign to raise the money. It was presided over by Mr. W. F. Snider, the chairman of the district organization and addressed by two of the army workers from Camp Greene. Mr. H. D. Fryer, who is connected with the state organization talked of the work and the plan for raising the money which is to be spent in the home and foreign field with American and allied soldiers. Mr. A. E. Bagley, who is one of the physical directors at Camp Greene told of the work in the camps. He gave somewhat in detail the manner the day is spent by the soldier and how the Y. M. C. A. comes in and touches and strengthens his life.

Rev. J. H. Keller, of China Grove, the county chairman, made a short talk saying he is ready to go to work and help raise the money. Mr. Kneble spoke of the local plans and the work ahead for the county.

Mr. Snider then announced the plans for organization, announcing the chairman of the committees and calling for service.

The city campaign organization includes an executive committee with Colonel A. H. Boyden as general chairman, Mr. A. S. Jones is vice-chairman and Mr. J. M. McCorkle is treasurer. Division leaders are named as follows: Men—Mr. M. L. Jackson. Women—Mrs. R. L. Bernhardt. Boys—Mr. W. T. Andrews. Colored—Professor Suggs. Chairman on Publicity—J. F. Hurley.

Chairman on Union Services—A. B. Saleeb. Colonel Boyden made a short talk in accepting the general chairmanship and said that he believed in the Y. M. C. A. and was in position to realize and appreciate what it means to the men, the army and the safety of the nation. He said that he wanted those present to say what they would give, that they ought to show their faith in a practical manner and start out with a definite sum pledged on the spot.

This was responded to liberally. The first voice was for \$100 and soon doubled. A number of \$100 subscriptions were made, some fifty and some for \$25, until the total pledged by the fifteen men present totaled \$1,025 as a starter. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one. The men present pledged themselves to not only give but to work, so that the amount asked for the district be met readily. It was planned to bring in the boys and have them do a definite task. The women will be led by Mrs. R. L. Bernhardt and will do fine work. The negroes are to aid and have been assigned a leader, and they have already planned for a conference and an organization to begin active work.

The Union meeting Sunday night will be held in the Methodist Tabernacle and it is earnestly desired that all the city join in this meeting that the city campaign may be started with an earnestness that will carry to a successful conclusion within the week named.

MRS. J. L. MORRIS DEAD.

Wife and Mother Living on Chestnut Hill Victim of Pneumonia—Funeral and Burial Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Louise Morris, aged 37 years, wife of Mr. J. L. Morris, died this morning at 7 o'clock at her home 919 South Main street, of pneumonia. Surviving is the husband and two children, a boy about 12 years old and a girl about 9 years of age. The funeral takes place Wednesday afternoon from South Main street Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Brindall, and the interment will be in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

OPENING SESSION LUTHERAN SYNOD

Sermon by President M. G. M. Scherer, of Charleston, S. C., Marks the Opening.

WELCOME MAYOR WOODSON AND STAHL LINN, ESQ.

Morning, Afternoon and Night Sessions Will Be Held and Public is Invited to All Meetings.

Initiator, to the opening of the Quadricentennial Convention of United Southern Lutheran Synod in this city services were held in St. John's Lutheran church, where the sessions of the Synod will be held, last night, and a large congregation was present. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. Longacre, of Hickory, and the sermon was by Rev. Dr. James Kinard, of Greenwood, S. C. Dr. Kinard spoke on "Some Fruits of the Protestant Reformation," and delivered a most interesting discourse. He not only pointed out that the Reformation gave to the world religious liberty but civil liberty as well, also that the education of the youth was given its onward march through the Reformation. These and other helpful things which are so much enjoyed by Protestant countries today were shown to be the direct fruits of the work of Martin Luther in giving to the world the open Bible and the Reformation.

Delegates to the Synod began coming in Monday afternoon and quite a number of ministers were present at the initial service last night. This morning other ministers and delegates and those who will attend the Synod came in and others are expected this afternoon and tonight.

The first session was held this morning beginning at 10:30 o'clock, at which time Rev. Dr. M. G. M. Scherer, D. D., of Charleston, S. C., president of the Synod, delivered the opening sermon. This was followed by the formal opening of the Synod, the roll call and reception of delegates from other bodies. Then came a statement by President Scherer touching on the work for which the body was assembled.

This closed the morning session and an adjournment was taken for the noon recess, the Synod assembling again at 3 o'clock this afternoon, at which time devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. A. Huffard and then came reports of delegates from other bodies and hearing of the delegates from central bodies. There were responses to these reports by Revs. C. A. Freed and George S. Bowens and then came an address, "The Reformation and the Office of the Ministry," by Rev. G. J. Congware, D. D.

Mayor Walter M. Woodson on behalf of the city in a finely spoken address welcomed the members of this great body of Southern Lutheran representatives to this city, one of the centers of Lutheranism in the South, and was followed by Stahl Linn, Esq., a member of St. John's church, who on behalf of the Lutherans of the community, welcomed the ministers and delegates and all visitors to St. John's church and to the homes of the Lutherans of the city and community.

This evening at 7:30 o'clock services will be by Rev. P. B. Clauson, and then an address on "The Reformation and the Laity," by Prof. George B. McAllister, of Mt. Pleasant, who will be followed by Rev. J. Henry Harnes, D. D., in an address on "The Effect of the Reformation in the Quickening of the Human Conscience."

As previously stated all of the sessions of the Synod will be open to the public and special invitation is given any and all who wish to attend the sessions. Some splendid addresses are on the program by leading clergymen and laymen of the various Lutheran Synods on the United States.

Wednesday's Program.

The following is the program for tomorrow's sessions of the Synod: 9:30 a. m.—Matins, The Rev. J. W. Harnes, D. D.

Report of committee on merger and proposed constitution. Discussion and action.

3:00 p. m.—Devotional services, Rev. R. L. Fritz, D. D.

Address—What Twentieth Century Protestantism Inherits from Sixteenth Century Devotion to Truth.—Rev. A. G. Voigt, D. D., LL. D.

7:30 p. m.—Vespers, Rev. W. Hoops, D. D.

Address—Effect of the Reformation in the Sphere of Education.—Rev. L. A. Fax, D. D., LL. D.

Social Hour.—Rev. M. M. Kinard, pastor, presiding.

The Junior Davidson of Spencer Methodist church will give a literary program and hold a business session at the school auditorium tomorrow at 8 o'clock. The exercises will be in charge of Mrs. W. M. Eagle and will take place of the usual prayer meeting.