

U. S. PATROL BOAT SUNK

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HYLAN AND TAMMANY NEW YORK WINNERS

AMERICAN PATROL BOAT ALCEDO SUNK BY SUBMARINE WITH LOSS OF TWENTY-ONE

JUDGE JOHN F. HYLAN IS MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY BY AN IMMENSE PLURALITY

Torpedoed in the War Zone Early Monday Morning, and One Officer and Twenty Men are Missing, According to Report Issued by the Navy Department Last Night.

SANK IN FOUR MINUTES AFTER BEING STRUCK

Is the First War Vessel of the American Fleet to be Sunk by German U-Boats—Converted Yacht With Crew of Ninety-two.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—The American patrol boat Alcedo was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the war zone early Monday morning and one officer and twenty enlisted men are missing.

The Alcedo, a converted yacht, carried a crew of seven officers and eighty-five men.

Navy Statement. The navy department tonight issued this statement:

"The navy department has been advised by Vice-Admiral Sims that at 1:30 a. m., Monday, November 5, the American patrol boat Alcedo, a converted yacht, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the war zone. One officer and twenty men are missing. The ship sank in four minutes after being struck. Several vessels were searching for possible survivors at the time the report was made. The Alcedo carried a crew of seven officers and eighty-five men."

The Alcedo is the first American war vessel to

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ITALIANS FALLING BACK TO NEW AND SHORTER DEFENCE LINE

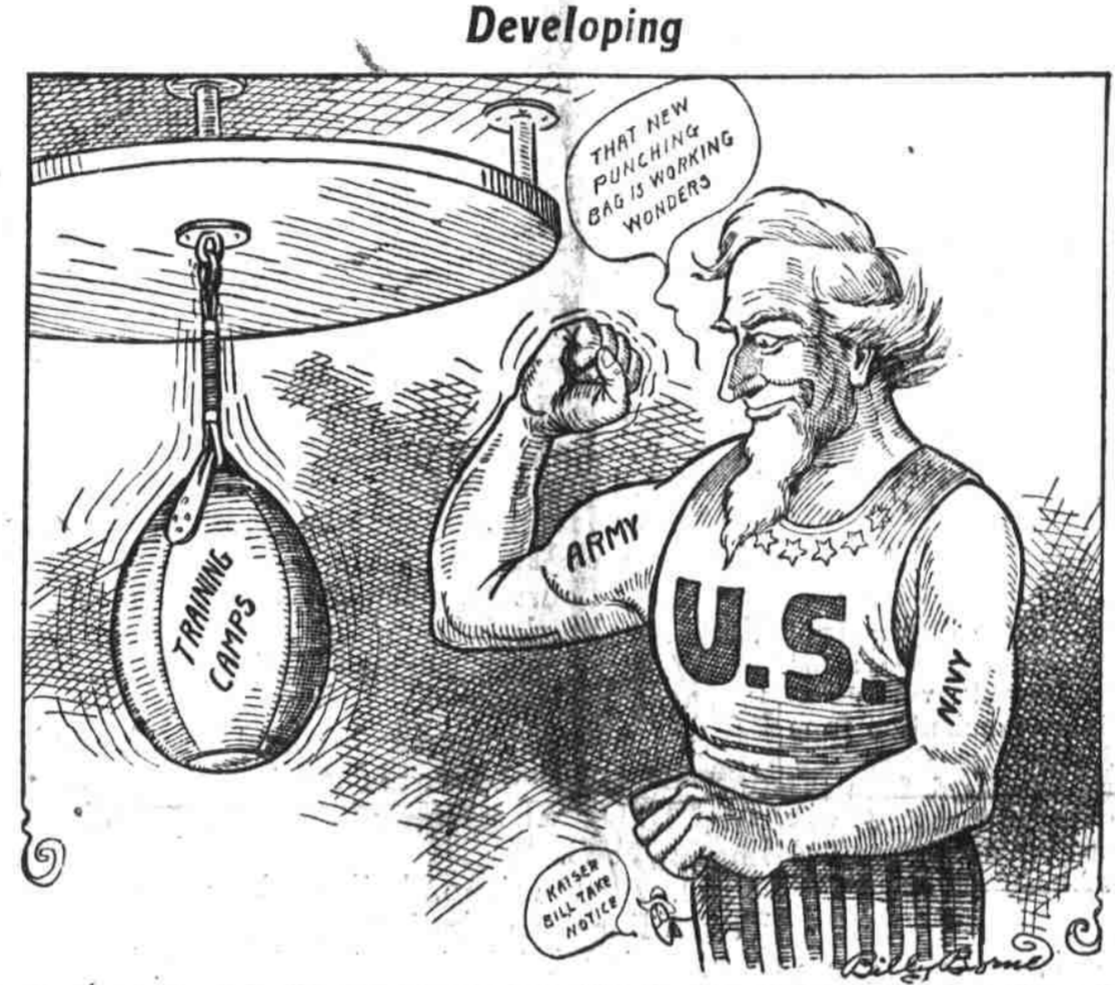
In a great arc more than 160 miles in length the Italian armies are falling back upon and through the plains of Venetia to a new and shorter line of defense.

From the Fella valley to the head of the Adriatic sea the entire line of the Tagliamento river has been given up by General Cadorna, while from virtually the border of Trentino northeastward and eastward through the Dolomites and the Carnic Alps to the Fella the northern army is carrying out a retrograde movement southward through the mountainous country toward the plains. The Germans and Austro-Hungarians everywhere are following up the Italians in their retreat, but with the Italians offering resistance in rear guard actions along the entire front.

Another British Victory.

Meanwhile, the British forces in Belgium have won another notable victory over the Germans in the region of Ypres, having captured in one of their intrepid dashes, after a rain of shells of all calibres, the town of Passchendaele, about five miles west of Roulers, for which much bitter fighting has taken place recently. The new advance of the British throws the apex of their salient in dangerous proximity to Roulers, the fall of which would cut Germany's communication from her submarine bases at Ostend and Zeebrugge with the south. The indica-

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MAJOR GEORGE L. PETERSON ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT OF FUNDS BELONGING TO NORTH CAROLINA GUARD

Former Paymaster General of the North Carolina National Guard and Disbursing Officer, Together With Several Other Titles Held at the Same Time, Is Held for Court Action Following Report of Special Auditors on His Books

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 6.—Shortly before midnight, Major Peterson made the required bond of \$10,000 before the justice of the peace, for his appearance in Wake County court on November 20.

Young, of Asheville, to the office of adjutant general of the state on September 1, last, and received a commission in the national army as a major, being now assigned to duty in the quartermaster's department of the Thirtieth division at Camp Sevier, S. C. Warrant sworn out. The warrant for his arrest was sworn out this afternoon by the assistant attorney general of the state, being served about 6:20 o'clock, and was made returnable before Magistrate J. E. Owen. The arrest was made by Sheriff Sears and shortly afterwards Major Peterson appeared before the magistrate and waived a preliminary hearing and was held for the Wake Superior court, which meets on November 26, with bail of \$10,000 required. This he was unable to give and went to jail. The arrest came this afternoon fol-

lowing a series of conferences between Major Peterson and his attorneys and the governor and other state officers, lasting through yesterday and today, he having returned from Camp Sevier to Raleigh on Sunday. He had written the governor that he could explain any apparent shortage that might appear from an examination of his books while he was paymaster general of the North Carolina national guard. A copy of the special auditors' report, completed on October 11, which has been carefully guarded in the office of the governor since then, was released to a newspaper man this afternoon, and the issuance of the warrant of arrest followed shortly after.

Fails to Explain. "Major Peterson's explanation fail..." (Continued on Page Three.)

SWEEPING DEMOCRATIC VICTORY IN VIRGINIA

Old Dominion State, as Usual Goes for Democrats With Light Vote.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 6.—With returns from less than a fourth of the state in hand, a sweeping democratic victory in Virginia is indicated. As a general rule, there has been very little interest manifested, the only exceptions being in several counties where there were close contests for legislative seats. Despite the abnormally small vote, democratic gains are indicated, and this is analyzed as a result of the appeal of party leaders for the people to stand behind the president. It is believed that the total vote will not exceed 100,000 in this state, and Westmoreland Davis, of Loudoun, democratic candidate, probably will get a majority in the neighborhood of 50,000 over his republican opponent, Thomas J. Muncy, of Bland. On the returns so far in, the democrats show a gain of three seats in the lower branch of the general assembly, and as the senate holds over, this will give a total of ninety-four majority on joint ballot.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN FRANCE GIVEN NEW HATS

Campaign Hat of the Army too Cumbersome, Is Found.

AMERICAN TRAINING CAMP IN FRANCE, Nov. 6.—(By the Associated Press.) The wide brimmed campaign hats have been abandoned by the United States army for troops actually in the field. In their place hats like the fatigue headgear of the French army have been adopted. Numbers of them have been purchased and hurried to the troops now in the trenches. The new hat is a sort of fore and aft arrangement made by sewing two heavy pieces of khaki cloth together with the seams front and back and adding to the sides other pieces of material which fold up on the side of the hat or may be drawn down to cover the ears. The hat is most comfortable. It also can be rolled up to pocket size or worn under shrapnel helmets. The old campaign hat to fold was cumbersome for troops in the field and officers recommended a change. It was so unwieldy that some of the troops discarded it entirely when they were changing to the shrapnel helmet.

ITALIAN CAVALRY AGAIN SCREEN ITALIAN RETREAT

Fighting Brilliantly and Enabling Orderly Withdrawal of Troops.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Nov. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Italian retreat to new lines is being methodically carried out. The morale of the troops is good in all ranks. The cavalry is again acting as a rear guard in screening movement and fighting heroically. The general situation is likely to continue grave for several days while the operation proceeds of reconcentration along the new lines. An observer who returned this morning from a tour along the Tagliamento front told the correspondent that conditions were much better than had been generally understood. The men were displaying a good morale, the impending menace to the country having stirred the fighting spirit of all, even of those few who had been disheartened by their recent trials. Instead of disorganization there was every evidence of a systematic getting together.

SHOT DOWN HOLDING HIS HANDS IN THE AIR WHEN NEGROES CALLED "HALT"

Negroes Apparently Shot Man Just to See Him Fall.

TOLD WHILE DYING.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 6.—While C. W. Wright was standing holding his hands above his head in response to a command to "halt," negroes of the Twenty-fourth infantry, during the fight at Houston on the night of August 23—shot him through both arms and when he fell, sent another bullet passing through his head, which he died later. K. D. Wright, his brother, member of the First Texas cavalry, so testified at the court-martial trial of the sixty-three negroes here today. The witness said he obtained these facts from his brother as he lay dying in a hospital shortly after the shooting. The negroes are being tried on charges of mutiny, murder and rioting. The riot resulted in twenty-two deaths. Several victims of the shooting testified that she and her husband heard shots and that he went out to investigate while she continued to practice her music lesson, not thinking that there was any trouble, "but he didn't come back," she added tearfully. Several others who were shot during the rioting told similar stories.

RUSSIA IS STILL DOING UTMOST TO CARRY ON WAR PREMIER KERENSKY SAYS

Will Continue to Do Her Duty, Premier Assures Associated Press.

REPLIES TO LONDON.

PETROGRAD, Monday, Nov. 6.—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 with the Associated Press. David Soskice, 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 shows him quotations from the English press. He was very much astonished at the manner in which his plain statements were received in London. Whoever read the whole interview can draw but one conclusion from it: Russia was doing, is doing, and still will do her utmost in carrying on her share of the common cause against the enemy. "Russia, which was always much poorer economically than her mighty allies, now naturally feels the pinch of war more than England and America and therefore is justified in the contention that her allies now should shoulder the heavier burden and should assist her unreservedly with war material and finances, in the matter of her requirements." M. Soskice said the interpretations of the American press of his interview were pleasing to M. Kerensky. The latter in a few days is going to England on official business.

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Table with circulation statistics for THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN. Circulation Yesterday: City 4,223, Suburban 4,561, Country 1,839. Net paid 10,623, Service 202, Unpaid 132. Total 10,957.

THE WEATHER. WASHINGTON, Nov. 6.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Wednesday and Thursday, little change in temperature.