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ITALIANS FLOOD RIVERS TO HOLD BACK INVADERS

Plave and Siele Gates Opened in Effort to Prevent Austro-Germans From Flanking Line. No Immediate Danger, Though Italians Are Running no Risk

By the Associated Press. Embanked for protection of Venetian territory, the Italians have opened the floodgates of the Plave and Siele rivers northeast of Venice to keep in check the Austro-German forces which have crossed the Piave river. In an attempt to maintain the triangle, whose apex is near San Dona di Piave, the Italians hope to prevent any enemy movement to flank the right wing of the Italian army along the Piave.

The Austro-German pressure between the Piave and the Siele is very serious and the Italians have been unable to check violent Austro-German attacks. Fresh Austro-German attempts to cross the Piave have been rendered futile by the Italian defense. The Italians are holding in check those troops which crossed near Zenson and in the marshland near the Piave the invaders had been unable to make any progress in the face of Italian counter attacks and artillery fire previous to the opening of the floodgates. The greater part of the population of Venice has left that city and from which all the art stores have been removed.

The city which is a scant 17 miles from the battle line may not be defended in the event of an attack in order to spare the monuments and art works from bombardment. Communication with Petrograd has been restored, but no direct news has been received from the Russian capital. The bolsheviks are still in possession of the capital, while Premier Kerensky is reported as in sight and again as having been captured.

Efforts of the Socialists to arrange a settlement with the bolshevik government has failed. Other reports say that the Maximilian leaders, Lenin and Trotsky, are losing their popularity. The bolsheviks in Moscow are reported to have been defeated in street fighting which claimed 2,000 lives. Heavy fighting is reported at Kiev, where the Cossacks are reported as in control.

There has been little fighting of moment on the eastern and western fronts. Lord Northcliffe, newspaper proprietor and head of the British war effort, has declined to become head of the new air ministry of the British cabinet. His refusal, he explained, is a letter to Premier Lloyd George because of his inability to agree with the premier on certain matters. Lord Northcliffe is dissatisfied, however, with regard to the present relations with the United States, which, he says, he intimates might have to take over direction of the war.

Lieutenant James Keever left this morning for Camp Jackson, Colorado, after spending a few days in the city.

Traveler's Club. The Traveler's Club met with Mrs. K. C. Menzies. As the club has four meetings a month, there were four hostesses. For the meeting they were: Miss Amelia Menzies, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. K. Menzies, and Mrs. Gwaltney. For the next meeting, Mrs. Blount of Wilkesboro, Miss McComb, Mrs. W. E. Garth, added to the pleasure of a full attendance.

After discussions on Democracy, Mrs. J. L. Riddle in her article on "The Constitution of the United States" brought out its masterly qualities, not the least of which being the length of time it has satisfied the needs of the people.

Mrs. M. Shuford then followed with the account of Thomas Jefferson, identified with the constitution, and the brilliant Alexander Hamilton.

METHODISTS AT ASHVILLE BUSY

Hickory Methodists are awaiting the announcements of Bishop Atkins at the Asheville conference Monday, because a new pastor will be sent here to succeed Rev. A. L. Sanford. From the morning papers the following is taken: Senator Lee S. Overman and Dr. W. P. Few, president of Trinity College, were the chief speakers last night at the Trinity alumni banquet, which featured the evening session of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference.

Senator Overman made a ringing patriotic talk on the causes leading up to the war, and said that he was called to order when he stated on the senate floor that there are 100,000 paid German spies in America. Since that time, he said, it has been proven that there are over 600,000.

Dr. Few made a fine talk regarding the work of Trinity and the successful men it has produced. The anniversary of the Sunday school board was held last night with Dr. E. B. Chappell as the principal speaker, the doctor making an exceptionally interesting address. Dr. J. W. Long of Greensboro, a major in the United States army, told of the work the church and state is doing among the soldier boys, and the necessity for the best efforts of both in winning the war.

Rev. J. H. Bennett, former pastor of Centenary Methodist church, at Greensboro, was formally expelled from the conference and from the church. The committee of trial reported as follows: "M. E. church vs. J. H. Bennett. Charge, immorality. We, the committee of trial in the above case, have heard and prayerfully considered the evidence submitted to us and find as follows: "That specifications 1 and 2 in the bill of charges are sustained and that the specifications proven sustain the charge of immorality, and the verdict of the committee is that J. H. Bennett be and is hereby expelled from the ministry and membership of the church. H. H. Jordan, chairman; W. A. Newell, secretary; W. J. Albright, C. M. Campbell, E. Myers, A. S. Roper, G. D. Herman, E. E. Williams, I. Erwin, W. W. Robbins, J. E. Woosley."

The meeting was called to order by Bishop Atkins, Rev. W. E. Abernethy of Reidsville leading the conference in prayer. Roll call was omitted by vote of the conference, and the secretary read a communication from Dr. George Sexton, agent of the representative church at Washington. Bishop Atkins exhorted the brethren to carry forward their work.

Question 22 was resumed and the remaining ministers of the conference passed on their characters. The class of the second year was called, and Avery S. Abernethy, Thomas Virgil Crouse, Robert Lee Robbes, David V. Howell, Carl Anderson Johnson, and Moffat Alexander were elected deacons and an address were elected deacons and advanced to the class of the third year. Rev. D. M. Litaker of the First church, Lenoir, reported that his new church, a \$37,000 structure, will be ready for occupancy in about two weeks and that \$30,000 of the money has been raised.

Dr. Porter, representing the American Bible society, was introduced to the conference and told of the work his society is doing in placing the bible in the hands of the soldiers.

Rev. W. L. Sherrill, conference secretary of the Western North Carolina conference, was re-elected secretary at the opening session Wednesday morning for the 24th consecutive term, immediately after hissecutive term, immediately after he had called the roll. Bishop James was called to order by Bishop James and coffee were served before adjourning to meet next Jan. 17, 1918, with Mrs. J. L. Riddle.

ITALIANS CHECK SOCIALISTS ASK THREE PATRIOTS MOST OF FREIGHT TIED UP AT NORFOLK YARD

GERMANS ON CONSIDERATION OF PEACE

TOWN OF CISMON TAKEN BY GERMANS

MRS. KENT'S FINE WAS PAID BY HUSBAND

ASHVILLE COLORED SCHOOL IS BURNED

MRS. LITTLE HONORED

FLAG RAISING

MR. MOORE GOES TO GREENVILLE CAMP

NEW YORK COTTON

SUBMARINE LULL NOT BAD DEFEAT

By the Associated Press. London, Nov. 16.—The independent Socialist group in the German reichstag has requested the president to convoke an immediate session of the reichstag to discuss the peace offer of Nicolai Lenin, the bolshevik leader in Russia.

No word has reached this country of a peace offer of the bolshevik to Germany, although telegraph communication has been interrupted for nearly a week. The program of the bolshevik calls for an armistice, but it understands that the bolshevik did not propose a separate peace with Germany, but a general armistice of three months.

By the Associated Press. Asheville, N. C., Nov. 16.—A fire which is believed to have been caused by a boiler explosion in the basement at noon today destroyed one of the largest negro school buildings in the city, and caused the injury of several pupils.

By the Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 16.—When trial of the women's party pickets came up in police court today, Mrs. Kent of California was sentenced to 15 days in the work house, it was found in her husband, Representative Kent, now on a war mission to Europe, had paid her fine.

By the Associated Press. Chattanoga, Nov. 16.—The 24th annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy today elected more officers, among them Mrs. R. E. Little of North Carolina being elected treasurer.

Piedmont council No. 43 Jr. O. U. A. M. will present the new high school with a bible and flag, and the flag of the representative church at each Thursday evening, Nov. 29. All near-by councils are cordially invited to participate in these exercises and enjoy this Thanksgiving evening with us. Public cordially invited.

Mr. P. G. Moore of Granite Falls passed through Hickory today, en route to Camp Sevier, Greenville, where he was called by an accident to his son, Mr. Earnest Moore, who was injured when a truck ran over his hips. How serious the accident was has not been learned, but it is hoped that it is not as serious as first reported.

The young man was on a truck en route to the depot for home to spend a few days with his people when the distressing accident happened. Mr. John Glazenwood of Hickory also was on his way home at the time, but did not learn how badly the young man was hurt.

Mr. T. C. Gouch of Winston-Salem drove a new Elgin Six car to Hickory today and was showing it in front of the Abernethy Hardware Company.

By the Associated Press. Virginia, Minn., Nov. 16.—Three persons, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allan and a boarder, Peter Trepick, were killed last night by an axe-murdered. The bodies were found in their homes today with a note of warning to all Austrians who buy Liberty Bonds and subscribe for the Y. M. C. A.

By the Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 16.—The American steamer Kansas City is believed to have been lost at sea. Nothing has been heard from her since she was separated from her convoy on September 25.

By the Associated Press. Newton, Nov. 16.—The Western North Carolina District Luther League, in session here since yesterday, will continue through tomorrow morning and the splendid program is being carried out in detail.

The league is meeting with Betheden Lutheran church, of which Rev. V. L. Fulmer is pastor, and the session was begun yesterday with devotional exercises and an address by Rev. E. J. Sox of Hickory on "Why I Am a Lutheran."

Mr. J. C. Sigmon of Newton is president and Mr. Ewart Huffman of Hickory is secretary. The address was in a happy vein, and a fitting response was made by Mr. Hugh Rhyne of Dallas.

Nearly 100 delegates and visitors are in attendance and a spirit of joyful earnestness pervades the meeting. Thursday afternoon was devoted to hearing reports of the various leagues. These reports brought out the information that quite a number of Lutheran young men are in the cantonment camps of our great country preparing for service on the battlefields of Europe.

The delegates and visitors were given a reception by the local congregation at the Virginia Ship Hotel and an address by the inimitable Gus Self of Hickory was the feature. The young people enjoyed music, recitations and a guessing contest, after which refreshments were served.

The morning session was opened with devotional services and an address on the subject of music by Prof. F. C. Morgan of Hickory. The session was interspersed with recitations and songs by the representatives of the various visiting leagues, and an address by Mr. Robert Huit of St. John's League of Newton. A sermon on the Tragedy of Sin was to be delivered by the Rev. M. L. Stirewalt of Concord.

The convention will be in session tonight and tomorrow morning.

By the Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Nov. 16.—Striking clerks and longshoremen on all the lines entering Norfolk with the exception of the Seaboard Air Line have practically tied up all shipping in the harbor today. Much shipping, much of it for government use, is tied up, and the men say the only way to get the shipments moved is to have the lines recognize the clerks and reinstate a clerk discharged because he carried a union card, it was said.

The transportation heads profess belief that the situation will be settled by night. The strike of the longshoremen is in sympathy with that of the clerks. They have recently become affiliated with the clerks' union.

OCTOBER REPORT OF HICKORY SCHOOLS

The following is the report of the Hickory graded schools for the second month, October 12 to November 9:

		Enrollment			
		North	South	West	Total
Boys	---	209	138	95	442
Girls	---	196	132	129	448
Total	---	405	270	215	890
		No. Absences			
		North	South	West	Total
Boys	---	197	153	95	445
Girls	---	140	102	44	286
Total	---	337	255	139	731
		No. Tardies			
		North	South	West	Total
Boys	---	38	22	52	112
Girls	---	20	12	11	43
Total	---	58	34	63	155
		Av. Attendance			
		North	South	West	Total
Boys	---	198	118	89	405
Girls	---	185	122	91	398
Total	---	383	240	180	803
		Pet. Attendance			
		North	South	West	Total
Boys	---	95	94	94	283
Girls	---	96	96	98	290
Total	---	96	95	96	287

1. Viewed from the standpoint of percentage, this is a splendid showing for the month. When a pupil is absent as much as a week, however, he is dropped from the roll, and is not counted as belonging again until he returns to school.

2. By referring to the enrollment and attendance columns above, the reader will see that we enrolled a total of 890 pupils last month, but that there were only 803 in regular average daily attendance. This means that we had an average daily attendance of 87 pupils, or nearly one-tenth of the school.

3. Measured in terms of the salaries paid teachers—to say nothing of the other expenses of the school—this absence of pupils represents an actual waste of \$165 last month.

4. There were 155 tardies during the month, 112 by boys and 43 by girls. Last year we opened school at 8:30 a. m. and could excuse tardies much more readily than this year when school opens at 8:45 a. m.

5. Statistics from the United States Bureau of Education show that each school day—if properly used—is worth to the pupil in the course of a normal life time more than ten dollars in money, to say nothing of the greater happiness and usefulness it brings to the pupil and others. If this be true, the white children of Hickory schools robbed themselves last month, through absence and tardies of more than \$20,000 in cool cash.

The teachers are at the schools ready to help. Will the parents see that the children come regularly? C. E. McINTOSH, Supt.

By the Associated Press. Copenhagen, Nov. 16.—Austria-Hungary and Germany are taking steps to organize a business bureau of the occupied territory of Italy. The intention is to lose no time for the planting of early vegetables in Italy for the benefit of Germany.

By the Associated Press. London, Nov. 16.—The newspapers gorge on extensively to Lloyd George in which he declined the appointment of minister of air service and charged the premier that it was dallying with such matters as war control, espionage and food rationing.

The Globe says that the gravest on Lord Northcliffe's letter to Lloyd George concerning the temper of the American people who think and think rightly that Great Britain's rulers, which is an address to the British people, should be heeded, the Globe says, and adds: "If we do not heed it, we shall deserve any fate that may befall us."

By the Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 16.—Prices of meat animals—hogs, cattle and chickens—were 62.2 per cent higher on October 15 than a year ago, 87.3 than two years ago and 88.1 higher than the average in the last seven years on that date, the department of agriculture announced today.

Prices increased 1.5 per cent from September to October 15. streams of bullets on our communication trenches. The American artillery hurled shells from 75's at the position of the Germans, silencing the guns. American patrols have worked up to the German entanglements. The artillery fire of the Americans has been heavy.

GERMAN BALLOON DROPS PAPER AT CAMP

By the Associated Press. With the American Army in France, November 15.—A German balloon used to distribute propaganda behind hostile lines came down this morning in the town occupied by American division headquarters with copies of a newspaper which is published in French at Charlottesville. The leading article attacks President Wilson for his pre-war attitude and prohibiting the export munitions to Germany's enemies.

In an attempt to present a color of reliability, the newspaper printed a British bulletin reporting the capture of 1,000 Germans. The paper was sent to General Pershing.

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By the Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 16.—The cotton market was nervous and irregular today. A disposition to take profits over the holidays caused a reaction. The close was steady.

By the Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 16.—American naval experts, it was made plain today, do not agree with the view that the lull in submarine activities indicates that the submarine has been defeated. The public was told that it must not think the menace overcame.

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	28 1-2
Wheat	\$2.40

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Saturday; little change in temperature, moderate west winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

Nov. 15th	1917	1916
Maximum	---.63	54
Minimum	---.41	30

AMERICAN PATROL PRESSES Fighting Against Enemy; Artillery is Very Busy

By the Associated Press. With the American Army in France, Nov. 15.—There have been further encounters between American patrols and the Germans in No Man's Land. Last night there was fresh activity, but no casualties on the American side. The Germans placed machine guns in several craters and sprayed