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GERMANS STUNNED BY VIOLENT ATTACK

TRIP HAMMER BLOWS OF PETAIN'S FORCES DEMORALIZED TEUTONS INTO TULATING WILD MOB IN RETR.

TWELVE THOUSAND AND MUCH BOOTY

(By Henry Wood.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
With the French Armies Afield, Oct. 26.—With every hour today there grew evidence that General Petain's stroke on the Aisne inflicted on Germany her greatest defeat for the year 1917.

Demoralized by the trip hammer blows of the great trench war machines the Germans were seen abandoning their guns in an effort to retreat across the marshy Ailette valley under the Aisne and Oisse canal.

Paris, Oct. 25.—(late cable).—Following up minor successes Wednesday the French again attacked Thursday along the entire line, forcing the Germans to abandon Monkey Mountain, east of Vauxillon, the village of Pion, the village of Pargny-Filain, on the extreme east of the line and numerous fortified farms and other points of vantage.

The latest drive brings the French army in sight of the important railway junction of Laon, the objective sought for, which is now but eight miles distant.

Large quantities of stores were taken, and the number of prisoners captured since the drive began exceeds 12,000, with 2200 officers, as well as 120 guns, many of them heavy Howitzers, not to mention several hundred guns of small calibre, such as Minenwerfer and machine guns.

COM. MEETING LAST NIGHT

The regular meeting of the commissioners took place last night at which the principal business was routine work.

A report was made that a fire inspector of the Southeastern Underwriters Association was in town yesterday making a preliminary examination and went over the fire protection with the mayor, his recommendations being placed before the commissioners.

He recommended that the hose reels be placed under the supervision of someone in authority, preferably Superintendent Mills, that they may not mildew, or the wagons get damaged. That the town should possess a hand-drawn chemical cart and scaling ladders, but the most important matter was the completion of the fire company and constant drilling of the men who compose the companies.

The commissioners designated Messrs. Josey and Boyette to bring this matter before the merchants association at a called meeting of that body.

The commissioners acted upon the gate ordinance, authorized publicity of the days to get discount for payment of taxes, and the matter of street improvement.

Mr. George Rogister left this morning for Halifax.

NEW SHAKE-UP SHIPPING BOARD

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Oct. 26.—The American shipbuilding organization is likely to undergo a second reorganization, and Rear Admiral Capps, head of the emergency fleet corporation, and successor to General Goethals, will step down or be forced out unless present indications fail.

Capps' ill health, due to devotion to duty that kept him at his desk for eighteen hours a day constantly is partly the cause that may lead to the changes expected.

In addition to this there are manifestations that Chairman Hurley insists that the shipping board and he are not fully in harmony because the shipbuilding program is still delayed.

RED CROSS MTG. IN RALEIGH

(By United Press.)
Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 26.—A convention of Red Cross Chapters auxiliaries, branches, units and workers in North Carolina has been called to meet in Raleigh on November 1 and 2, the object being two-fold:

First, to prepare the way for setting up 2,000 Red Cross organizations in North Carolina.

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

There will be practical demonstrations and displays and technical instruction, as well as addresses by Red Cross specialists of national reputation. The convention opens Thursday morning next and closes Friday evening.

The mayor's of every town in North Carolina are authorized to appoint three delegates, but every one interested will be welcomed.

RAILWAY CLERKS NEAR STRIKE

(By United Press.)
Richmond, Va., Oct. 26.—A general strike of railway clerks throughout the southeast is imminent.

Combatting what he termed a combination of four and possibly five big southern railroads to thwart union organization of their employees, Grand Chief, J. J. Forrester, of the national brotherhood of railway clerks, here declared that he was prepared to call a general strike within twenty minutes after he had definitely verified this combination.

Mr. Frank Moore left this morning for Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.

ALLIES MAKE ANOTHER PUSH

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, Oct. 26.—British and French joined forces in Flanders for another great drive, according to the following cablegram:

"Northeast of Ypres the British and French troops attacked at 5:55 this morning and made satisfactory progress," Haig.

COLLISION NEAR MACON

(By UNITED PRESS)
Macon, Ga., Oct. 23.—The Royal Palm northbound for Kansas City and a southbound Southern railway special had a sideswipe collision at Reeds station ten miles south of here. The negro fireman was killed and the engineer, H. E. Burgay, fatally injured. No passengers were seriously injured.

NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF GERMANY'S ARMY

COLOSSAL EFFORTS OF MOBILIZATION HAS NEARLY DOUBLED NUMBER OF BATTALIONS ON TWO FRONTS

DESPITE THIS SHE SHOWS WEAKNESS

(By Henry Wood.)
With the French Armies Afield, Oct. 26.—By an intensity of mobilization that has drained Germany dry of every man capable of military service, the German fighting divisions on the French and Russian fronts have been practically doubled since August 1, 1914.

Despite this gigantic effort, France, England and Russia, the three original Allies, have in every way kept pace, with the result that at the present time they still have the numerical superiority in fighting forces. In addition, it has been definitely established that the military of the Allied armies, as constituted at the present time, is constantly on the increase, while that of the German army is unmistakably on the decline.

Since the beginning of the war the new Allies that have joined France, England and Russia have far exceeded in the re-enforcement of troops which they have added to the Allied cause, those brought to Germany by the allies won over to her side.

On August 1, 1914, when Germany had mobilized to the extent she deemed necessary to win the war, she threw onto the French and Russian fronts, 123 fighting divisions constituted on a basis of four regiments to the division. By first crushing France with the bulk of these and then throwing them to the Russian front by means of her system of strategic railways, she counted on a quick and complete victory.

By November of 1914, when the battle of the Yser was being fought, Germany had found it necessary to increase her fighting divisions on the two fronts to 137 divisions.

LIBERTY LOAN GREAT SUCCESS

(By United Press.)
Washington, Oct. 26.—America is today marching from success to triumph in the second Liberty Loan, for, with three billions safely cleared, the bond army has massed its forces the five billion mark, and unless some fatal let-up occurs the administration is confident that this goal will be reached.

STRONG SPEECH BY SONNINO

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Oct. 26.—Confronted with a powerful Teuton offensive the Italian foreign minister, Sonnino, is reported in official Rome cables to be delivering a speech of unusual importance before the Italian parliament on the crisis in the cabinet. No details have yet been sent.

GERMANS SCREAM AT ALLIED BRUTALITY

HIGH GERMAN OFFICIALS COMPLAIN TO UNITED PRESS CORRESPONDENT AT BERLIN THAT RETALIATION IS SURE

LONDON LAUGHS AT ADVANCE SCARE

VON BETHOVEN RESISTED SHOT

(By United Press.)
Charlotte, Oct. 26.—Private Frederick von Bethoven, 41 Div. State of Washington, stationed at Camp Meade, is likely to die from a wound inflicted by a provost guardsman who attempted to arrest him.

Bethoven was under detention in the camp for breach of military regulation, in addition to being under quarantine. Wednesday night he left the camp. The provost guard was notified and ordered to arrest him. Yesterday afternoon he was discovered in the city and attempt was made to arrest him, but he resisted, broke and ran. The guardsman ordered him to halt, but Bethoven continued running, then the guardsman shot him, the bullet piercing his body.

DEVAL HEAD SEIN FEIN

(By UNITED PRESS)
Dublin, Oct. 26.—Professor Devall, member of parliament, unanimously elected president of the Sein Fein convention.

RETIRE FROM BIANZIZZA

(By UNITED PRESS)
Rome, Oct. 26.—Evacuation by Italian troops of the Bianzizza plateau has been officially admitted.

The pressure of the Austrian-German drive in that sector has forced the move from Mount Maggiore west to Auzza.

WON'T ATTEND CONFERENCE

(By United Press)
Washington, Oct. 26.—The American federation of labor has formally declined to participate in the international conference of the Workmen and Soldiers' council.

FRENCH CABINET UNSHAKEN

(By United Press.)
Paris, Oct. 26.—The new Painleve cabinet has weathered its first test of strength in the chamber of deputies, and, according to the Paris press is likely to continue in power.

(By John Gardens.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Berlin, Oct. 26.—If the allies hope by brutality on bombing unfortified German cities to bring Germany to her knees that hope is in vain, is the expressed belief of the highest officials here.

The United Press has been told on the highest authority that the entente should not forget that there are numerous French cities within the easy reach of German bombing airfleets, which will be retaliated against if the allies, including America carry out any program of attack against open German towns.

(By Ed. L. Keen.)
London, Oct. 26.—Reports are rife that Germany has ordered the repeated "baby killing" in its aerial raids over England and France, and will pursue this murderous policy on the seas as well as over the lands of the allies.

How Germany is explaining in advance of the allied "brutality," an astounding spectacle presented in the United Press Berlin dispatches.

Officials here expressed intense interest in the authoritative interview sent by the United States Press staff correspondent in Berlin.

NO CONFIDENCE IN CABINET

(By United Press.)
Rome, Oct. 26.—The fall of the Italian cabinet is made certain by the vote of 314 to 96 in the chamber of deputies reflecting and expression of little confidence in the government.

The deputies then suspended sittings to await the adjustment of the cabinet crisis.

Rome, Oct. 26.—The resignation of the Italian cabinet is impending, according to semi-official newspaper announcements which declare that the ministers will present their resignations later today.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY

The Presbyterian church services will be held at the Palace Theatre at Scotland Neck next Sunday, Oct. 28, 1917, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

All are cordially invited to come and take part in the service.

Rev. N. N. Fleming, Jr., pastor in charge will preach at both services.

Mr. A. Wolfarth, of Boston, is in town this morning on business with Mr. Ray Boyette.

COTTON MARKET

	Dec.	27.90	27.62	27.20
Jan.	27.15	27.22	26.82	26.42
Mar.	26.61	26.61	26.41	26.02
May	26.42	26.42	26.22	25.82
July	26.25	26.25	26.05	25.62
Local Market 28 cents.				