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ITALIANS MAY MOVE FORWARD TO BATTLE

THE ENEMY CHANGES TACTICS TO ASSAULTS IN SPOTS ALONG THE LINE AND THE HEAVY GUN FIRING.

REINFORCEMENTS REACHING TEUTONS

(By Webb Miller.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
London, Nov. 20.—Dispatches from Italian headquarters state they may possibly have to abandon the Piave river line to resume the offensive.
The press urges the people to be conservative.
The Italians will resume the offensive in the Asiago region.

With the Italian Armies, Nov. 20.—The Austro-Germans have changed their tactics after being balked in their day sweep on the Piave line.
They are concentrating tremendous pressure in spots along the Italian line, and are not following their usual program of constantly hammering the entire line.
German field guns have been brought into action and Teutonic reinforcements are arriving.
The Austrians yesterday achieved some progress at critical corners of the Piave line near Querou.

Reinforcements, Nov. 20.—Three hundred and six prisoners were captured and five machine guns in the continuation of the Italian counter offensive. An official report from the Mellette region states that four massed enemy attacks were driven back from around Montefera. Fierce fighting is reported around Monte Tomba and Montefera.

MACHINE GUN BEST WEAPON

(By UNITED PRESS.)
With the French Armies Afield, Nov. 20.—The present war has proven the machine-gun, the greatest defensive weapon yet developed. A single one can easily hold up an entire battalion, and under favorable circumstances an entire regiment.

The full value of the machine-gun was apparently appreciated by Germany before the war began to a much greater extent than by any of the other European armies. With the outbreak of hostilities each active and reserve regiment of the German army had six machine-guns with ample in reserve to replace losses.

Since then Germany has maintained a steady program of increase in their number. Towards the end of 1915 Germany had undertaken to equip every unit engaged on the front with machine-guns.

In 1915 the number of these to each regiment had been increased from six to nine. A little later the number was again increased to 12. Following the French attack in Champagne of September, 1915, every German battalion was equipped with six machine-guns each increasing thus the total of each regiment to 18.
Now Germany is rapidly com-

LOCAL TALENT AT THE DIXIE

Friday night a local talent entertainment will be given at the Dixie theatre for the benefit of the Thompson Orphanage, under the auspices of the ladies of the town.

A special feature, of about six reels, will be first shown, the title of which will be announced tomorrow. Following this will be a farce entitled "winning a widow," in which Miss Lillian Harrell and Mr. Allison McDowell will star.

Several of the ladies will also contribute with some vocal music, and the evening will be wound up with tea and sandwiches being served by a bevy of young ladies.

COLOR CURE SHOCKED NERVES

London, Nov. 20.—A novel experiment of treating soldiers, suffering from shell-shock and overwrought nerves, by color vibrations is being made in McCaul's Hospital. The test is the idea of H. Kemp Prosser, a famous color expert.

"Shell-shock is a disease of the tissues of the brain," he said. "The correct plan to do away with the sense of confinement which affects the nerves by introducing the color vibrations of out-of-doors. I paint the ceiling the color of the sky, the walls lemon-yellow, the color of sunlight and use a few touches of green, the color of bursting buds. As the patient becomes stronger I'll introduce stronger vibrations such as violet and orange."

One of the wards in the hospital is now being decorated under the direction of Professor Prosser, for tests upon shell-shocked officers.

pleting a program that will give each regiment 24 machine-guns.

Before infantrymen leap over the trenches thousands of cannon must rain down hundreds of thousands of shells on every inch of the ground to be attacked until not a single spot has escaped where a machine-gun might remain hidden.

With the artillery preparation which the French have perfected they have demonstrated that it is mathematically possible to wipe out every machine-gun before a single infantryman shows his head.

With the French method and with sufficient guns and shells, American infantry can face the German's new machine-gun concentration with practical immunity.

But it means that America must have thousands of guns and millions of shells.

MORE SAMMIES KILLED MONDAY

(By W. J. Pegler.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
American Field Headquarters, in France, Nov. 20.—American soldiers were killed on Monday morning on "no man's land" while fighting against an enemy patrol. No details were received.

WILLARD BUCKS OVER BATTLE

(By H. C. Hamilton.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
New York, Nov. 20.—Jess Willard has not retired but at the same time is not crazy to fight Picks Georges Carpenter, who is a worthy rival.

RUSSIA MAY HAVE MONARCHY

(By United Press.)
Paris, Nov. 20.—Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholavitch has been put in command of General Kailiedien's cossacks in a plan proposed to restore the monarchy in Russia according to dispatches from Vienna printed in today's information.

The general gave the duke command of the cossacks and promised to restore the monarchy and proclaim the grand duke regent, according to the Vienna version.

De Saulles Defence "Dementia Matera"

Minneapolis, N. J., Nov. 20.—"Dementia materna" is the plea of the defense in the de Saulles trial now in progress of selecting the jury.

Both sides are wary of traps, the state fighting on the defensive in the selection of jurors.

The state expects the defense to expose deSaulles' secret life with summoning stage celebrities.

WORLD SEES WILSON AS ALLIED LEADER

PRESIDENT'S INTERALLIED COUNCIL STATEMENT TO MAKE PLAIN ANNOUNCEMENT OF WAR AIMS MEETS WITH FAVOR.

MAKE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY

(By Ed L. Keene.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
London, Nov. 20.—The direct unequivocal statement to the world allies on war aims is the objective behind President Wilson's advocacy of the interallied war council.

America's aim is to induce the allied nations to throw every card on the table and state every demand of those present and every claim in the war.

From the entire lot then he selected those which are basic and predicated along the broad lines of humanitarianism that would justify the allies to claim themselves as champions of the rights

ITALY'S AVIATOR RETURNS SAFE

(By UNITED PRESS.)
Washington, Nov. 20.—Gabriele de Annunzio, Italy's famous pet aviator returned safely from a raid over the Austro-German lines official Rome cables.
The Italians and enemies are both displaying great activity.

WON'T DAMAGE VENICE CITY

(By United Press.)
Rome, Nov. 20.—Germany and Austria have notified the Pope that they will not damage Venice, nor remove the priceless art treasures if the city is evacuated.

CHARGE AGAINST STEEL TRUST

Buffalo, Nov. 20.—The American Federation of Labor charges the lake carriers association and the steel trust as deliberately blocking America's shipbuilding program, states Andrew Furuseth, president of the seamen union, in session here today.

CHAUNCY SUNK WITH 21 LIVES

(By United Press.)
Washington, Nov. 20.—Twenty one Americans are believed to have been lost when the small United States destroyer, Chauncy, sunk following a collision while patrolling foreign waters on Monday.

Seventy officers and men of the crew are said to have been saved. The nationality of the ship in collision has not yet been determined.

Tomorrow will be published the district boards construction of agricultural and industrial discharges.

ECUADOR MAY BREAK WITH CENTRAL POWERS

TEUTONIC PROPAGANDA WORKING CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS AND MAY BRING ON WAR WITH SOUTH AMERICA.

ARGENTINE WAR DECISION EXPECTED SOON

REVOLUTIONISTS MAY NEGOCIATE

(By UNITED PRESS.)
Petrograd, Nov. 19.—(delayed.)—Five hundred casualties have occurred in the fighting around Tashkent.

The Bolsheviks negotiate with the socialists looking to the formation of a coalition government. The chances of agreement are slight.

Petrograd city is orderly, almost normal.

GROCCERS FIX DELIVERY HOURS

Since the food situation has become so acute, the very greatest problem confronting the retail grocers of America has been the delivery system. Thousands of grocers throughout this land have abolished the system entirely. A good many others have put the limit of purchases to TWO, THREE and FOUR DOLLARS to be delivered. Still others are delivering only during the morning.
Now, we, the undersigned retail grocers of Scotland Neck, have given this matter considerable thought and have discussed it in all its phases, realizing that it is absolutely impossible to continue it as we have, since the profits on foodstuffs have become so very small, labor scarce, bicycles and repairs a good deal more expensive, horse feed, buggy and wagon repairs well-nigh out of reach, and wages for delivery boys higher than ever before, to say nothing of the approaching winter, which renders it difficult to deliver.

At a meeting of the Retail Grocers of Scotland Neck, on Nov. 19, it was decided that to discontinue delivering altogether would work too great a handicap and inconvenience on our very best friend, the housewife; so we decided, after carefully discussing the matter, to reduce the service to reasonable limits, both as to purchases and time in which to deliver, realizing that our customers and friends would not only be willing, but ANXIOUS, to co-operate with us in making it possible to continue delivering groceries in Scotland Neck.

Therefore, we, the undersigned Retail Grocery Dealers, are forced to limit our deliveries as follows:

From eight o'clock in the morning to twelve o'clock noon.

From three o'clock in the afternoon to six o'clock in the evening.

No package can be delivered, the total of which amounts to less than fifty cents.

This takes effect Monday, Nov. 26, 1917.

We made this regulation for the mutual interest of our customers and ourselves, in order to make it

(By UNITED PRESS.)
Washington, Nov. 20.—Ecuador is bordering on a revolution. The handsome government building has been burned.

The people have been impressed by Berlin advices by wireless following the government refusal to allow a Teuton envoy safe haven.

Officials believe that the revolution in Ecuador and troubles in other South American countries is the work of German propaganda.

It is thought that Ecuador will break with Germany and side with the allies.

Argentina's war decision is expected shortly.

WOMEN FIGHT ARMY GROUCH

(By United Press.)
Washington, Nov. 20.—The new Grouch Extremist established behind the French front by American women under the direction of Mrs. Wm. K. Vanderbilt are a grand success, cables to the Red Cross today.

The great Army Grouch was one of the worst diseases France had to contend with until America entered the war. It began with the soldiers in the trenches. They carried it home with them on leave, and it threatened to become a national affair.

So the American women established Grouch Extremists on the way from forty miles from nowhere, in France. They call them canteens, but really they're Grouch Extremists. And this is what today's cable said about them.

"The first of the line of Red Cross canteens, for French troops travelling on leave, has just been opened."

"An average of 2,000 men daily have been given an opportunity of obtaining proper hot meals and a comfortable place for eating and recreation while awaiting change of trains. Arrangements for another (Continued on Page Six.)"

COTTON MARKET

Dec.	28.57	28.63	28.57	28.58
Jan.	27.79	28.28	27.79	27.87
Mar.	27.45	27.67	27.45	27.63
May	27.33	27.69	27.33	27.47
July	27.15	27.25	27.15	27.23

Local Market 27 1/2 cents.

possible to deliver at all, during this trying situation, so please do not ask us to vary from this agreement, for we would be forced to polite decline to do so.

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