

WEATHER FORECAST

North Carolina: Probably rain tonight and Tuesday; warmer to night and Tuesday.

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ITALIANS SLOW UP PROGRESS OF THE TEUTONIC FORCES

Britain and France to Aid the Sorely Pressed Ally

RETREAT HAD BEEN ONE OF DISASTER

Teutons Broke Through Defense and Were Rushing into the Plains of Italy—Italians Suffered Great Losses

CHECKING THE TEUTONS. (By Associated Press.)

The powerful Austro-German advance which has been pressing through the hills of the Julian Alps onto the plains of Northern Italy is being kept in check by the Italian forces which are faithfully fulfilling their duty, it is officially announced by the war office in Rome today.

London advices say the Italians will be given all possible aid and that troops already have been taken to this end. Presumably Italy's own reserves of men and guns have by this time been drawn up in notable volume and supplies hurried northward to reinforce the Italian armies in the great level battle on the Friuli plain.

Great Britain and France are reported to be taking steps to give the shattered Italian army prompt and full support. What form this aid will take has not been disclosed.

The Italian right, which first failed under the enemy's great assault, it is said here, was composed of territorial troops not seasoned in war. The break made it necessary for the whole front to be withdrawn to avoid a flanking attack. The Italian general staff knew no less than 700,000 German and Austro-German troops were facing Cadorna's army, nevertheless the attack could have been resisted successfully.

That the Allies will now make every effort to supply the Italian army is not doubted. Last week the Italian general staff had allotted 25 ships or 100,000 tons to Italy and these ships should be able to carry their supplies north and south through Udine, Gemona, Udine, Buttrio, and Pordenone.

The capture of Gradisca, a strategic position, however, would have meant the collapse of Austria which, in turn, would cause defeat for Germany.

LACK OF SUPPLIES CAUSED DEFEAT THE ITALIAN ARMY

The Teutonic Drive Was Just in Time to Save Austria.

ITALY SILENCED FOR WHOLE WINTER

Another Offensive Against Austria Hardly Probable Before Spring—Belated Supplies Now Being Sent Forward

Washington, Oct. 29.—Lack of material, munitions and guns and unseasoned troops on the right wing in the face of an overwhelming Austro-German force coming from the Russian borders are the causes assigned by technical experts of the Italian mission here for the Italian defeat in the Julian Alps.

There must be a reformation of the fighting lines, they say, and a resumption of the Italian offensive cannot be expected before next spring, the campaign meanwhile, being necessarily on defensive lines.

Members of the mission are confident relief and assistance will be forthcoming soon from Italy's allies. Men are not wanted; Italy has an abundance of men. Munitions, steel, coal, cannon and food are what must be had at once.

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BRITISH AVIATORS DROP MANY BOMBS

Tons of Deadly Missiles Rained Upon German Military Establishments

London, Oct. 29.—Many thousand of bombs were dropped yesterday on German military establishments in Belgium by British aviators. The raids are described as follows in a statement from the admiralty: "The naval air service yesterday evening carried out bombing raids on enemy airdromes at Engel and St. Denis Westrem. Many tons of bombs were dropped close to the sheds and the railway line. Our aviators also bombed the railway junctions at Cortemarck and Lichtenvelde. About two tons of bombs were dropped. One of our machines failed to return.

ALLIES ARE URGED TO RESCUE ITALY

England and France Must Promptly Send Help, Says The Newspapers

London, Oct. 29.—That Great Britain and France must go promptly to Italy's help is the view expressed by several morning newspapers. The Times which prints a statement implying knowledge that such help is contemplated, says editorially: "Our word to the people of Italy is to stand firm, for help will surely come but there is the utmost need for promptitude and broadness of vision."

BRITISH MAKE RAIDS ON GERMAN TRENCHES

London, Oct. 29.—We raided the enemy trenches last night opposite Warenton today, says today's official statement. A hostile reconnoitering party was repulsed in the neighborhood of Reutel.

In the course of yesterday's operations north of Merckem, a Belgian patrol captured a German post of 21 men. Early in the night Belgian troops carried out a successful raid north of Dixmude and brought back 23 prisoners and a machine gun.

AMERICAN SHIP IN TOW BY SUBMARINE

Schooner Was Attacked By U-Boat and Abandoned By Its Crew

London, Oct. 29.—The American sailing ship Fannie Prescott, 404 tons gross, has been attacked by a submarine. She was taken in tow by the submarine after being abandoned by the crew.

CABARRUS GRAND JURY TO ACT IN THE MEANS CASE

Solicitor Presents Bill Charging Means With Murder of Mrs. King

MANY WITNESSES TO BE EXAMINED

Gaston B. Means Charged With Death of Wealthy Chicago Woman Who Was Fatally Shot Last August

Concord, N. C., Oct. 29.—Solicitor Hayden Clement came here today with the convening of Cabarrus county Superior Court to present to the grand jury a bill of indictment charging Gaston B. Means, of Concord, with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, widow of J. A. King, a millionaire resident of Chicago. Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling, of New York; Dr. Otto Schultze, a pathologist attached to District Attorney Swann's office in New York; Dr. William H. Burmeister, coroner's physician of Cook county, Illinois, who examined the woman's body after it was shipped to Chicago for burial; William T. Jones, of New York, a pistol expert, and a number of local witnesses were ready to appear before the grand jury.

Mrs. King was shot and killed near here August 29, last while on a target shooting trip with Means, his brother, Alton Means, and Capt. W. S. Bligham. A local coroner's jury decided she killed herself accidentally. Alton Means and Captain Bligham were not present when she was killed, they testified. Mrs. King at the time with her sister, Mrs. Mary C. Melvin, was visiting relatives of Gaston Means, who was her business agent, and with his wife, had made his home in the same New York apartment as Mrs. King and Mrs. Melvin. The body was taken to Chicago for burial. An examination by Dr. Burmeister caused the investigation to be re-opened, resulting in a preliminary hearing in Concord and Means was bound over to the grand jury without bail on September 25.

WOMEN CANVASS NEW YORK CITY

New York, Oct. 29.—An army of 15,000 women today started a campaign to enlist 1,200,000 New York city residents in the food conservation campaign of the National Food Administration. The women will canvass every house in the Greater City. They will carry pledge cards upon subject of the necessity of saving food. The drive will continue a week.

HARDEST BATTLE WILL BE FOUGHT THIS PERIOD

Contestants All Realize That Time is Growing Short in Which to Make Themselves Winners of Automobiles and Other Prizes—Miss E. Louise Daniel of Southport Leads Entire Field Today

complicating nothing. The contestants should show by their efforts that they realize the time is growing short in which to make themselves the winners of the valuable prizes offered by The Dispatch. Many of them were out today busy among their friends and supporters in starting their "home stretch" campaign that will land them among the elect on the last night of the contest.

There are four new occupants of high seats in The Dispatch contest, as the result of the voting Saturday, reach the coveted position, fell only and several others who attempted to a few votes short of accomplishing their object.

The list is headed by Miss Eloise Daniel, Southport. This is only the second time Miss Daniel has been among the leaders, and the first time she has occupied the place of honor; Miss Daniel, when she deposited her votes, said that she could see better from the "top seat." Her many friends who have assisted her so readily will be glad to see her name at the top of the list, and from all reports that have come up the river, she is certainly to be a strong contender for one of the big prizes.

STRONG GUARD AT ALL FOOD DEPOTS

Action Follows Discovery of Plot to Destroy Nation's Food Supply

A MITCHELL PALMER.



A. Mitchell Palmer, former Representative from Pennsylvania, has taken charge of the enemy's moneys and properties in this country. It is estimated that this will amount to about a billion dollars, which will be subscribed to the next Liberty loan. It is distinctly understood that he will have nothing to do with the property of any alien enemy residing in this country.

Begins Duties. Washington, Oct. 29.—A. Mitchell Palmer, enemy property custodian, actually began the business of executing the millions of dollars of enemy property in the United States today, with a conference with President Wilson at which the full scope of the work was discussed in detail.

TOTAL SUBSCRIBED IN LIBERTY LOAN IS STILL UNKNOWN

Probably Be Latter Part of Week Before Amount is Known

REVEALED THAT TOP MARK WAS REACHED

Reserve Bank Officials Hard at Work Tabulating Subscriptions—Reports Must Be in By Thursday

Washington, Oct. 29.—Returns from the second Liberty loan campaign reaching the Treasury Department early today gave no definite indication as to the total amount subscribed. The full measure of the nation's response probably will not be known definitely before the latter part of the week.

Treasury officials, on the basis of returns at hand, were unable to say whether subscriptions to the loan had passed the five billion mark, although they were agreed that chances are the figures approximate this amount.

Reports to the department today said that reserve bank officials and local loan committees after yesterday's breathing spell, were hard at work in an effort to complete their tabulations of returns. They have until Thursday to make final reports. Further figures showing Liberty loan subscription totals, the Treasury Department announced today, will not be made public here until November 1. This decision was reached when it became apparent that the Federal Reserve banks would be unable to make more than approximate returns before that time.

Subscriptions to the loan by employees of the Panama canal and Panama railroad totaled \$549,850. It was also announced. Approximately 82 per cent of the men on the "gold roll" of the canal commission or 3,423 employees, subscribed for bonds.

Next Thursday is the last day upon which banks may make returns. All subscription agencies, including the 26,000 banks in the country, are required by the Treasury to have their subscription lists and the two per cent of subscriptions required with bond application in the hands of the reserve banks not later than that date.

New York Swamped. New York, Oct. 29.—Banks in the New York Federal Reserve District overwhelmed with the flood of last minute subscriptions to the second Liberty loan, will be unable to tabulate complete returns until the middle of the week, it was stated today, but members of the loan committee reiterated their belief that the district's quota of a billion and a half dollars has been far exceeded.

Cuba Was Liberal. New York, Oct. 29.—The Liberty loan committee in Cuba reported today that subscriptions by 100,000 persons in the island republic would exceed \$1,600,000.

SPANISH CABINET CRISIS UNSOLVED

Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Oct. 28.—King Alfonso held conferences with various political leaders during the day, but the solution of the cabinet crisis promises to consume several days. It is not expected that the new cabinet will be announced before Tuesday, as it is regarded as probable that the King will seek opinions from the chiefs of all parties and groups, even such small organizations as those headed by Senor Canbo and Senor Ascarate, former Republican leader.

SMALL NATIONALITIES HOLDING CONFERENCE

New York, Oct. 29.—The league of the small and subject nationalities consisting of representatives of a score or more persecuted and pillaged provinces and dependencies, opened a three day conference here today with the avowed object of establishing a permanent congress and to assert their right to separate representation at international peace conferences after the war.

PRO-GERMAN HEAD OF CHURCH GIVEN SEVERE WHIPPING

Taken in Charge as He Was Preparing to Address Socialists

HE RECEIVED TWELVE LASHES ON THE BACK

Bigelow Prayed for Soul of Wilhelm—After Whipping Was Advised to Stay Away From Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Oct. 29.—Herbert S. Bigelow, head of the People's church, of this city, one of the leaders of the People's Council, socialist and pacifist, was taken into a dense woods near Florence, Ky., shortly before midnight last night, tied to a tree and horsewhipped by men "who wore long robes and hoods, similar to those described as worn by the renowned 'Ku Klux Klan'" according to a report from Florence this morning. One of the leaders of the party then read from a piece of paper he held in his hand:

"In the name of the poor women and children of Belgium, this man should be whipped." At a given signal another man, clad from head to foot in white, stepped out of a huge circle that had been formed, drew a long whip of the "black snake" kind and delivered 12 lashes upon the back of Bigelow. The ropes were then cut, Bigelow was warned to stay away from Cincinnati and he was released, while the party made their way back to their waiting automobiles and disappeared.

Bigelow was taken into custody by five men as he was entering a hall in the city of Newport, Ky., shortly before 8 o'clock last night. He was scheduled to address a meeting of Socialists at the time of his apprehension. Handcuffs were put upon him and he was hurriedly thrust into a waiting automobile and spirited away. Recently Federal authorities conducted a raid on Bigelow's office in Cincinnati, where documents concerning the activities of the local People's Council was seized. Sunday afternoon at his People's church services, Bigelow prayed for "the repose of the souls of Emperor William and the proud men surrounding him."

Mr. Bigelow's own statement, written last night at Florence, Ky., bears out the earlier story of the abduction and whipping. He added, however, that previous to his being taken into the woods, he had been blindfolded and when the party alighted preparatory to going into the woods, a bag was thrown over his head and he had no idea of the location or the direction in which he was being led.

In a statement issued this morning, Bigelow stated that owing to the men "wearing long white robes", he was unable to recognize any of his abductors. He stated that he did not know the men who seized him in front of the hall in Newport, but at the time he asked where he was to be taken, and received the answer: "To headquarters."

He says that owing to the darkness he was unable to give an accurate guess as to how many made up the party, but residents along the Lexington pike state that they noticed a line of 22 automobiles pass on the way to Florence, Ky., last night, some of which were crowded and carrying men upon the running boards of the cars.

Mr. Bigelow, in his statement said that he was under the impression that he was being arrested by government secret service agents and that he made no resistance, but trusted to the justice of the United States courts to prove his innocence of any wrong doing. He added that any resistance on his part, he thought, would bring trouble upon his numerous friends who were all around him at the time he was abducted.

ALLUDED TO ALLIES AS "INFAMOUS PIGS."

Athens, Oct. 29.—Among the messages exchanged between the royal palaces at Athens and Berlin and which have fallen into the hands of the Greek government, was one in which King Constantine urged Emperor William to attack the Allies on the Balkan front, promising that Greek forces would attack General Sarrail's army in the rear.