

North and South Carolina—Fair tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature.

ITALY'S RETREAT TO SHORTER DEFENSE LINE IS UNDER WAY

New Position on Piave 100 Miles Shorter Than on Tagliamento.

MAY MAKE A HALT AT LIVENZA RIVER

Retirement Is in Order and According to Plan, Is the Italian Official Announcement—Rear Guard Actions

Both official and unofficial dispatches from Italy today reflect a tone of increasing confidence, although the situation is still admittedly grave. General Cadorna's withdrawal from the Tagliamento line and from the mountainous districts in Northern Veneto is proceeding in an orderly way, Rear asserts. Dispatches from the field seem to bear this out. The German official statement claims the capture of a number of prisoners, but does not mention any guns taken or indicate any such demoralization in the Italian ranks as during the precipitate withdrawal from the Isonzo line. General Cadorna in his report mentions the present withdrawal as being conducted in the direction of the Livenza river. This may indicate he intends to fight another delaying action along this comparatively weak stream, some 10 or 15 miles behind the Tagliamento positions before the falling back on the Piave, approximately 10 miles further west.

Incidentally, semi-official statement from Rome declares the Austro-German invasion has failed of its political object—assumedly the breaking of the Italian will to resist and the forcing of a separate peace—while there is strong conviction that the serious military problems created by the drive will be solved.

On the banners front the British spent the night in consolidating the important gains won by them yesterday which included notably the village of Passchendaele, crowning the ridge whence virtually a clear field stretches away to Roulers, five miles distant and already commanded by the British. The Germans were apparently worn out by their furious but futile efforts yesterday to retain the town and their remaining hold on the ridge close by to the north, and did not renew their counter attacks during the night. Mentions rendered difficult defense of the river, we have withdrawn our line toward the Livenza. The retirement was accomplished in good order, under the protection of northward covering units and of rear guards toward the south.

Yesterday and last night our airplanes and ships repeatedly bombed enemy troops at work in repairing bridges over the Tagliamento or in movement across the river. Four host machines were brought down by our aviators.

The Livenza is the next river-line behind the Tagliamento. Its mouth is 12 miles below that of the Tagliamento.

FIRST DEPENDENT TO RECEIVE PAY

Mother of Soldier Killed in France Will Receive \$45 a Month.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The first dependent of an American soldier killed in World War I to receive compensation under the government system was Mrs. Alice Dodd, of Evansville, Ind., widow of mother of Private E. Gresham, one of the victims of the German raid on American trenches in France, November 1, 1917, which will receive at least \$45 a month, in addition to the regular allowances, and \$25 the insurance payment provided by the government life insurance plan, which Private Gresham had applied for.

It should be noted here that neither Mrs. Thomas F. Enright, of Pittsboro, N. C., nor Private Merle D. Hay, of the same town, who were killed in the same battle, have dependents and consequently no compensation will be paid.

There is no doubt that the compensation to be paid any of the 12 men who were killed in the battle of the Marston, depends on the nature of their injuries. For permanent disability they would receive \$25 a month, in addition to the regular family allowances for dependents. Dependents of the 12 men who were captured or missing will continue to receive allotments of pay and family allowances.

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AMERICAN PATROL BOAT SUNK BY A GERMAN TORPEDO

One Officer and 20 Enlisted Men Are Reported as Missing.

FIRST AMERICAN WAR VESSEL LOST

The Alcedo, a Converted Yacht, Was Victim of a German Submarine Last Monday Night.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The Navy Department today was awaiting from Vice Admiral Sims a complete report of the torpedoing of the American patrol vessel Alcedo, which went down in the war zone early Monday morning, with a probable loss of one officer and 20 men. The Alcedo, a converted yacht, apparently was hit in a vital spot as only four minutes elapsed before she plunged below.

The department today gave out a list of those unaccounted for and announced simultaneously that vessels were combing the waters in the vicinity of the sinking for the purpose of saving possible survivors. Of the Alcedo's complement of seven officers and 85 men, 71 are known to have been rescued, but little hope is held out for the possible safety of those reported missing.

The list of those unaccounted for was announced by the navy department as follows: Lieutenant (junior grade) John T. Melvin; father, Bishop Stewart Melvin, of Selma, Ala. F. W. Fingering, fireman; mother, Mrs. C. Tenburin, Jersey City, N. J. Allen T. Edwards, seaman; mother, Mrs. Lydia M. Edwards, Jackson, N. C. C. F. Gaus, seaman; mother, Mrs. Mary Gaus, Jamaica, L. I. E. R. Gozzette, seaman; mother, Mrs. A. G. Gozzette, Astoria, L. I. James J. Cleary, seaman; mother, Mrs. Albertina Cleary, White Plains, N. Y. R. Wesche, seaman; mother, Mrs. E. Wesche, Brooklyn, N. Y. W. W. Riker, seaman; mother, Mrs. Harry E. Riker, Brooklyn, N. Y. W. R. Holler, seaman; mother, Mrs. (Continued on Page Eight).

HUNGER STRIKE BY MILITANTS SPREADS. Washington, Nov. 7.—The hunger strike of the militants of the woman's party in jail here, spread today to the ranks. Miss Rose Winslow, of New York, also was in the jail hospital with Alice Paul, national chairman of the party, and both were refusing to eat unless the five other militants also doing time for picketing the White House got a better diet than the salt pork and cabbage on which they say they have been fed almost exclusively for 14 days. The hunger strike now is 48 hours old. Headquarters of the Woman's Party declared today that White House picketing by silent sentinels would not be suspended and that pickets were coming in now from many States to resume the offensive on November 10.

GERMAN FOREMAN IN A SHIPYARD

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 7.—Conrad Mohaupt, a naturalized German, working within the full meaning of alien enemy, was found here by Federal agents today working as foreman of carpenters at the Terry Shipbuilding plant.

Mohaupt held a permit to reside in Brooklyn. When examined by the officers, he stated he was out of work in Brooklyn and had come to Savannah, when offered the place here. He has been ordered by Washington to return to Brooklyn, where the case will be disposed.

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Passchendaele Finally Captured by the Enterprise of the Canadians.

GERMAN RETIREMENT BECOMES INEVITABLE

Ever-Widening Ypres Salient Will Eventually Force Teutons Back, Endangering German Naval Base.

Roulers, an important railway center northwest of Ypres, is now dominated by British guns. Canadian troops yesterday completed the capture of the important part of the Passchendaele-Fthelvelt ridge by taking Passchendaele, Geenberg and Mosselmarkt. The Germans suffered heavy losses and a number of prisoners fell into British hands. Passchendaele dominates Roulers and the plain surrounding the town, which lies five miles northeast. The Germans had fought hard to hold Passchendaele and several times recently the British had been checked in attempts to take it. Tuesday the enterprise of the Canadians was too much for the Germans and they had to surrender the position which means much to the further British progress toward the Roulers-Menin railway, one of the several lines entering Roulers. Each successful effort by the British brings nearer the inevitable German retirement from the positions directly affected by the ever-widening Ypres salient. A retreat, however, is a menace to the submarine bases of Ostend and Zeebrugge, and the city of Bruges, the base of German operations in Flanders, and it is apparent that Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, is doing his utmost to retain the positions now held rather than to retire and straighten his line.

The American patrol boat Alcedo, a converted yacht, has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the war zone. One officer and 20 enlisted men of the Alcedo are reported missing. The ship, which carried a crew of 92 men, sank four minutes after being struck by a torpedo.

British Were Undisturbed. London, Nov. 7.—The Germans made no effort during the night to regain the ground captured yesterday on the Ypres front by the British.

On the battle front there is nothing to report except intermittent German artillery operations, says today's official statement.

Our troops have been engaged in consolidating the positions won in yesterday's attack.

A successful raid was carried out last night by Liverpool troops northwest of Ypres. We captured a few prisoners.

German Attack Repulsed. Paris, Nov. 7.—The Germans made an attack last night on the Verdun front at Chaumont. The war office announces that the enemy was repulsed.

German attacks near St. Quentin and northwest of Rheims also failed. The communication follows: "Enemy attacks against our trenches in the region of St. Quentin and northwest of Rheims (in the sectors of Sapignuel and Godet), cost him losses without any result.

On the right bank of the Meuse, a violent bombardment in the region of Chaumont was followed by an infantry attack. Beaten back by our fire, the Germans were not able to approach our lines.

On the remainder of the front, there was intermittent cannonading.

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ITALIAN ARMIES ORGANIZED AND RE-ESTABLISHED

Cadorna's Men Have Learned to Withstand German Fighting Methods.

MORE CANNON AND AIRPLANES NEEDED

Italy Has Plenty of Men, Declare Officers in an Appeal to America—Situation Looks Brighter.

Headquarters of the Italian Army, Nov. 6.—The main fact of the situation connected with the reorganization of the Second and Third armies is that General Cadorna's line has been re-established. One element of the new Cadorna line is that the soldiers are beginning to withstand the German methods of fighting, which are different from those of the Austrians. General Cadorna's line is being strengthened by the surprising activity of airplanes. Italian officers have insisted to the correspondent, as they have insisted for the last year, that the United States must furnish more and more artillery, but that particularly she must furnish aviators and airplanes. They say Italy has a super-abundance of troops, but never has had enough airplanes which they believe will prove the key to further warfare whether it is of resistance or aggression. They assert that the United States therefore will do far better for allies by furnishing airplanes than in sending troops. They say that 1,000 aviators would be better than 100,000 troops.

The Italian point of view seemed to be vindicated, not only when the Italian army took Bainsizza in September, but during the retreat when the airplanes protected the rear and also destroyed by bombardment storehouses of supplies, which the retreating infantry was unable to do.

It is true that the Italian army has been tampered with and that the Lanzo retreat is more of a political than military defeat. But it is reiterated that the army's heart is sound. The army is made up of young men taught in the school of war and ready to undergo any hardship for the country. It has grown from very small dimensions to a splendid organization. Officers cite the case of the development of Italy's airplane corps. Two years ago American aviators in Italy engaged in training Italians in the aviation school found difficulty in obtaining pupils, whereas, for the last year literally thousands of young Italians have been using every influence possible to obtain entrance in the airplane corps.

Owing to Italian conservatism, national poverty and other causes of a similar nature there has been no adequate increase in the artillery. It is hoped by all Italians that the United States will not lose confidence in the bravery of the Italian troops, the efficiency of the officers and the patriotism of the people because a temporary reverse has been playing into the hands of the enemy.

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HYLAN ELECTED IN NEW YORK BY A BIG MARGIN

Mitchel Was a Poor Second in Yesterday's Mayoralty Election.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE ALSO WAS CARRIED

Tammany Regains Complete Control of New York—Ohio Apparently Remains "Wet"—Other Returns.

New York, Nov. 7.—Returns from 4,876 election districts out of 5,772 in the State on woman suffrage give: Yes, 601,637; No, 504,402. Wets Barely Leading. Cincinnati, O., Nov. 7.—With 524 precincts still to hear from the drys had out the majority of the wets to 4,101, a larger majority of the precincts still to come being from districts reputed to be dry. Returns from 5,232 precincts give: For prohibition 466,794; against prohibition 470,895. New York, Nov. 7.—John F. Hyland was elected mayor of New York yesterday by a plurality of 147,975 and carried with him to victory the entire Democratic city ticket, including C. L. Craig for comptroller; Alfred E. Smith, now sheriff of New York county, for president of the Board of Aldermen, and Edward Swann for district attorney. The indications are that the Democrats will have a majority in the Board of Estimate which controls the expenditure of the city funds. Mayor John P. Mitchel, who sought re-election as a fusion candidate, although not formally nominated by any party, was a poor second in the race. Morris Hillquit, the Socialist candidate about whom rallied most of the radical elements in the city and all those who favor immediately negotiated peace, stood third, and William M. Bennett, who unexpectedly won the Republican primary nomination from Mayor Mitchel, was fourth. From the time the returns were received from the first 100 districts the result never was in doubt. It was evident Hyland had scored an overwhelming victory and again brought control of the city administration into the hands of Tammany Hall. Judge Hyland's first act after being assured of his election was to make this statement: "The result speaks for itself. The people have spoken and in no uncertain manner. Democracy has once more been restored to power. The people and not the corporate interests will rule for the next four years. I am indeed grateful for the confidence thus reposed in me by the citizens of the City of New York. "I want to make it plain to the world that there was no issue of Americanism or loyalty involved, so far as I am concerned. I am as good an American as any man, as loyal to my flag, as loyal to my country and as firm and determined in support of every act of the government in this war as any man. "I ask the editors of the newspapers in this city and in other cities to give prominence to this declaration, so that there may not go abroad to the people of this country who have no appreciation of our local situation the slightest intimation that the question of the war or the war policy of President Wilson and the United States government are in the slightest way involved. "My first intention in this campaign in response to a question put by a reporter was that I stood uncompromisingly behind the President in support of the acts and policies of my country, and that the war must be fought to a conclusion which would bring an honorable peace to America. "The suffrage amendment has carried by a majority that may run far up towards 100,000. The vote in New York City was: Yes, 324,911; No, 241,315. (Continued on Page three).

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DISCUSS MOVING OF COTTON CROP. Washington, Nov. 7.—Movement of the cotton crop so that war needs of the government may be met despite the handicaps of transportation, was discussed here today at a conference of representatives of the National Council of American cotton manufacturers, the shipping board and the railroads. Approximately 30 per cent. of the productive capacities of the nation's cotton mills is said to be engaged on government contracts which are threatened with delay because of the decrease in coastwise ship tonnage and the unusual demands on the railroads. At a previous conference in October, two committees were appointed to consider the situation and report at the meeting today. Two suggestions considered were that cotton bales be compressed to smaller size and that steamers from the Great Lakes, idle during the winter months, be put into the coastwise trade.

SERIOUS FIRE IN LOUISVILLE HOTEL. Louisville, Ky., Nov. 7.—Fire of undetermined origin in the Willard Hotel, a Louisville landmark, early today, created a panic among the 200 guests, a score of whom, trapped on the upper floors, were taken out through windows. Damage to the structure was estimated at \$100,000. First police reports that one fireman had lost his life and that three other persons had been fatally hurt later, were supplemented by the statement that only one person, a pipeman, Edward McCut, likely will die from his burns. McCut rushed through a wall of smoke and fire to the rescue of a woman he believed in peril. Several of the hotel guests were slightly injured.

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BRITISH CAPTURE GAZA FROM TURKS

Palestine Campaign Carries British to 50 Miles of Jerusalem. London, Nov. 7.—The British have captured the city of Gaza in Palestine, the war office announces. The British have made an advance of nine miles, carrying the whole Turkish system of defenses in this region and capturing two towns in addition to Gaza. The new British offensive in Palestine, which is being prosecuted vigorously now that the oppressive heat of the summer season no longer causes enforced inactivity, is being developed along a front extending eastward from the Mediterranean coast. Gaza is 30 miles north of the Egyptian border, near the coast. It is about 30 miles southwest of Beersheba, which the British captured a few days ago, and 50 miles southwest of Jerusalem.

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BAKERS WILL SOON BE UNDER LICENSE

Washington, Nov. 7.—Direct action to control the price of bread and fix the size of a standard loaf will be taken soon by President Wilson in a proclamation placing all bakers under the license system administered by Food Administration Hoover. The bakers will be considered as manufacturers and the terms of the proclamation will make it possible for the food administration to control price and size of the loaf. Considerable reduction of prices in many localities is expected to be the immediate result.

POSTOFFICE TO ISSUE 13-CENT STAMPS. Washington, Nov. 7.—The Postoffice Department is planning to issue a 13-cent postage stamp for registered and special delivery letters. Heretofore a 12-cent stamp has been in use, but the new postage makes necessary the printing of new denominations. The stamp will bear the head of Franklin and will be of the size and border design of the current issues above 7 cents. The color has not yet been selected.

MAJOR PETERSON IS UNDER ARREST

In Statement Explains Apparent Shortage in Paymaster General's Accounts. Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 7.—"I admit that there is an apparent shortage in my accounts as paymaster of the North Carolina National Guard, but it is due to disbursements properly made for which no vouchers were issued by the adjutant general," declares Major George L. Peterson, quartermaster on the staff of the Thirtieth division, Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., in a signed statement given to the Associated Press here today. Major Peterson was arrested here last night, on a warrant charging embezzlement of \$7,600 of State funds during the four years he held the office of paymaster general of the North Carolina Guard. He was released on \$10,000 bond furnished by a local banker, and expects to leave for Greenville this afternoon. Major Peterson explained that while the National Guard was in camp and he was there on official duty, he, from time to time, would draw from the general fund several hundred dollars to meet current expenses without obtaining proper receipts for which the money was expended. In this way, during the progress of an encampment, he says, he would draw out a considerable sum for expenses as they arose without taking receipts or vouchers.