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## AUSTRIANS MEETING DISASTROUS DEFEAT

Entente Allies Take 33,000 Prisoners On Italian Front—Intensity of Operations Deceased on French Front. American Troops Fighting in Italy, According to Associated Press Summary for Wednesday.

Over a front of some 60 miles, from the Brenta river in Northern Italy, to the vicinity of the Adriatic sea, the Austro-Hungarians are being violently attacked by Italian, British, French and American troops.

In the mountain region the enemy is resisting desperately and holding his ground fairly well. But east of the Piave river he is in flight across the plains of Treviso, shaping his course over the same territory through which he drove the Italians a year ago and reached the eastern edge of the Venetian plains.

Already numerous towns have been liberated, 33,000 prisoners have been taken and large numbers of guns and machine guns and huge quantities of stores have fallen into the hands of the allied troops. Far behind the lines allied aviators are heavily bombing enemy columns in dense masses which are in retreat over the badly congested roads leading eastward toward the Austrian frontier.

Judging the situation from the rapid advance the allies are making, it would appear that the entire enemy front has been broken east of the Piave and that with the cavalry operating far in advance of the foot troops the enemy forces will be unable to reform their battle line until the Austrian border is reached. It is not unlikely that many of the Austro-Hungarians are doomed to capture or extermination by the allies.

On the western front in France and Belgium there has been a marked diminution in the intensity of the infantry activity. Along the British line there have been only patrol encounters and reciprocal bombardments. The French, however, are engaged in another attack on a front of about seven and a half miles between St. Quentin, Le Petit and Herry, in the general direction of the enemy's communication lines running eastward from the old St. Quentin and Laon sectors and also with the purpose of driving a wedge into this part of the southern battle line and thereby compel the enemy to readjust his front through Champagne to the Meuse.

Around Grand Pre, north of the Argonne forest, the Americans have materially bettered their positions in attacks against the Germans. The Bellejoieuse farm, which for several days has been no man's land, now is virtually all held by the Americans. East of the Meuse there also has been considerable fighting, but it has resulted in no great change in positions.

The big American guns are continuing to heavily shell German positions far behind the lines and bombing planes are also intensively active against troop concentration points. In air fighting, the Americans Wednesday sent 21 German aviators crashing to the ground. Two American fliers are missing.

In both Serbia and Mesopotamia the allied troops are still harassing the enemy. Serbian cavalry has arrived at the Danube a short distance southeast of Belgrade. In Mesopotamia the British advance has proceeded 150 miles up the Tigris river from Bagdad.

It is reported that Turkey has invited the allies to send their fleets into the Dardanelles and also to land a small detachment of troops to supervise the demobilization of the Turkish army.

## URGE COTTON GROWERS NOT TO SELL AT PRESENT.

This is Advice of Marketing Board to Commissioners and Farmers' Union.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Cotton growers were urged not to sell their product at the present prices in telegrams sent out today by the Cotton States Official Advisory Marketing Board, to commissioners and presidents of Farmers' Unions throughout the South.

"The insidious work of the price fixing propagandists," said the telegrams, "which was started more than a year ago and which was vigorously renewed when the War Industries Board announced that it was about to assume control of the cotton situation is having its effect. They have tried to have the price fixed at twenty cents and failing this, they are now trying to break the market to about that level. It is now a question whether the cotton farmers or the insidious interests fighting cotton will win. The farmers can win by refusing to sell at these prices."

## ONLY 43 PER 1,000 BOTH ILL AND WOUNDED.

Major General Ireland reports on Conditions Among Americans in France.

An Atlantic Port, Oct. 28.—Major General Merritt W. Ireland, head of the medical department of the American expeditionary forces in France, who recently was relieved in order to succeed Major General C. Gorgas as surgeon general of the United States army, arrived here today on a British ship. He was accompanied by Brig. General J. R. Kean, his deputy. Both will proceed to Washington. Major General Ireland, who accompanied General Pershing to France, declared that the standard of the medical care given the American soldiers was the highest in the world. Including the wounded, he said, only 43 men in 1,000 are ill, and of these, only two per cent suffer from disease. He stated influenza and pneumonia has been present among the troops but it was found that the men in the trenches suffered little from these diseases because of their open air life.

## THE NEWS FROM PRINCETON.

Many New Cases of Influenza in Boon Hill—Man Loses Second Wife Within Three Months.

Princeton, Oct. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Eason and children from Durham are spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitley, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Herndon and Miss Leona, have moved to Durham and will make this their home in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Amerson and children from Wilson were visitors in town Sunday and Monday.

Mr. W. C. Huddleston from Atlanta, Ga., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Charles W. Hall. Mr. Huddleston moved to Atlanta thirty years ago from his old home at Goldsboro, N. C.

Mr. W. L. Brown is confined at his home with "flu."

Mr. Henry Pearce is very sick at his home with flu.

A great many new cases of flu around town for the last week. Mr. Alex McDuffie died Monday, after having the flu. He lived four miles from town. From the number of new cases in the township it is evident that the disease is on the increase for the past week.

Mrs. John R. Stallings died Sunday in a Goldsboro hospital to which place she was carried a few days previous, from this township. This is the second death for the week in the township of flu. She was a young lady from Kinston before her marriage about three weeks ago, and she was the second wife of John R. Stallings. His first wife was Mrs. Julia F. Pearce, who died about two months ago.

Mr. Oscar Snipes had the misfortune to lose a fine young mule a few days ago through a little carelessness. He carried the mule in the field and tied him with a rope fastened around the neck. When he went after the mule a short time later he had tangled up in the rope and choked himself to death.

Frank Pearce, young son of Mr. Jesse Pearce, died Monday and was buried Tuesday near town. This is the second son within two weeks. His first son was brought home from the camp. Each died from the "flu."

Mr. Eddie Oliver's wife is very sick with "flu."

Mr. Barna Lane and his entire family are down with the "flu."

Mr. W. L. Brown's wife and three children are very sick at their home in town with "flu."

A little child of Mr. John B. Creech died this morning with the "flu." Mr. Creech lives on Route three from Princeton and about four miles from town.

Miss Thelma Pittman from Goldsboro is visiting Miss Mildred Massey this week.

For the week ending at 12 o'clock today there are more than 35 new cases of influenza in the town and township, and there has been four deaths in the township since in town.

Five new cases of influenza at Mr. Stephen Peedin's, his entire family reported after 12 o'clock today.

About nine o'clock last Sunday night an automobile containing apparently four persons passed through town and when in front of the drug store a pistol was fired from the car at some boys who were on the sidewalk. An hour or two later an automobile containing several young men or boys came in town and went around several streets yelling and shooting a pistol. These parties were evidently half drunk, and this car left town over the road toward Kealy. It is not known whether these were two different cars or if it was the same car each time. Such reckless, uncalled for action cannot be tolerated.

## HEAVY RAIN FALL IN THE MOUNTAINS

Toxaway Division of the Southern Forced to Suspend Operations—Heavy Rains in Western Part of State Doing Much Damage—Rivers Are High.

Asheville, Oct. 29.—The continued heavy rain in "the beautiful Sapphire region" of Transylvania county have caused considerable danger to the Toxaway division of the Southern Railway, enforcing a complete suspension of traffic on this line, as well as on the lumber roads of the Gloucester Lumber Company, at Rosman, and the Cary Lumber road, which runs from Pisgah Forest station to the "pink beds" at the foot of Mount Pisgah. Both these roads lost heavily through the destruction of trestles, washouts and slides.

The floods of last week swept away three trestles on the Toxaway division, tying up traffic between Rosman and Lake Toxaway, and the increased heavy rains of last night and this morning swept away three other trestles between Brevard and Hendersonville, this completely stopping all traffic on this line. It is expected that three or four days will be required to complete temporary repairs which will make it possible to resume operations. While the present high water covers many of the river bottoms of the upper French Broad valley, so far it is by no means as great as the flood of 1916, and with the exception of the damage to the railroad, little other damage is reported.

A number of slides on the Murphy division of the railroad, west of Bryson City, and the afternoon trains, west bound, were annulled at Bryson City.

So far no trouble is reported from the Balsam Mountains section. The streams all along this line are reported rising and much damage is feared.

The French Broad river at Asheville at a late hour this evening was reported as six feet above normal and still rising. No serious damage is anticipated at this point although weather officials predict that they will rise to nine feet.

The high water mark of the 1916 flood was 23 feet at this point.

Manufacturing plants along the river are taking precautions to prevent damage in the event a serious flood does come. It is still raining hard in all sections of the mountains. —Charlotte Observer.

## The Fall of Aleppo.

The fall of Aleppo to the British is the crowning event of the victorious campaign of General Allenby, in which he captured Jerusalem and Damascus on his way northward through Palestine and Syria. Aleppo is 185 miles north of Damascus and 70 miles east of the Mediterranean Sea.

At Aleppo the railway line from Constantinople branches, one line going south to Palestine and the other east and south to Bagdad. With Aleppo in the hands of the British the Turkish forces facing the British army in Mesopotamia are in a more or less precarious position. The railroad from Aleppo has been their main source of supply and the cutting of the line at Aleppo renders it useless to the Turks.

An advance northward from Aleppo would cut off the Turkish forces in Armenia and northern Mesopotamia and would open a road over which to send for help to the Czecho-Slovak and other anti-Bolshevik forces in Russia.

Aleppo has a population of about 125,000.—Philadelphia Record.

## 200,000 IN NOVEMBER CALL.

Men of New Draft Age Will Be Mobilized Early This Month.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Men of the new draft ages will be mobilized in large numbers early in November under a draft call now in preparation at Provost Marshal General Crowder's office. It calls for the enlistment of more than 200,000 men qualified for general military service. They will be furnished in proportionate numbers by every State in the Union.

Draft calls suspended during October because of the influenza epidemic have been renewed in sections where the epidemic has moderated, and enlistment of all men under the October calls probably will be completed before the November quota is started to the cantonments.

## Perfectly Safe to Vote

Raleigh, Oct. 29.—Secretary W. S. Rankin, of the State Board of Health, has issued a statement to the voters of North Carolina declaring it perfectly safe for them to go to the polls next week and participate in the elections.

## CHARLES ABERNETHY GETS OUT OF RACE

Will Not Run for Congress in Third District—Agrees to Support Brinson.

The news sent from Washington Tuesday that Charles L. Abernethy will not run for Congress is full of interest at this time. H. E. C. Bryant writing to the Charlotte Observer gives the following story of Abernethy's withdrawal:

Charles L. Abernethy today withdrew from the race for Congress in the Third Congressional District of North Carolina and thereby insured the election of S. M. Brinson, the Democratic nominee.

Mr. Abernethy's action was taken after conference with members of the Democratic National Committee in Washington today. It was very gratifying to the administration. At the earnest solicitation of the National Democratic Executive Committee, and at the request of the President that there should be no question about a Democratic Congress," said Mr. Abernethy in a statement tonight.

"I have decided to withdraw from the race for Congress, notwithstanding the fact that I believe I was nominated in the primary. But at this particular crisis of our nation, I feel that I owe a duty to my country in making this sacrifice and I earnestly request my friends in the district to support Hon. S. M. Brinson for Congress."

Mr. Abernethy's decision to withdraw in favor of Mr. Brinson was highly pleasing to North Carolinians in Washington who desire to see President Wilson accorded wholehearted support.

"I have just been advised that Hon. Charles L. Abernethy, at the earnest solicitation of the National Democratic Executive Committee in the interest of the Democratic party in the Third District and the election of a Congressman in sympathy with the present administration," said Senator Simmons, "has decided to yield to the request of the President for a Democratic Congress and has withdrawn from the race for Congress in this district. Personally I am thoroughly gratified at the action of Mr. Abernethy. In pursuance of this course he has given the best assurances of his fidelity to the principles and policies of the Democratic party."

## WAR SAVINGS PLEDGES DUE.

People Reminded That Pledge Cards Are Solemn Obligations to the Government—Pledges Are Now Due.

Winston-Salem, Oct. 31.—"Don't get angry when you receive three little post cards, each of which is to remind you of your War Savings pledge," says today's bulletin from State War Savings Headquarters. "These cards are not sent as 'open duns,' but to inform the person to whom addressed, first, that his pledge card is an outstanding obligation to the government until it is redeemed, and, second, how he may regain his card after having purchased his stamps.

"Read all three of the cards carefully," advises the bulletin, "and you will know exactly what to do. If you have bought the number of stamps for which you subscribed, take them to the agency or postoffice designated on the card sent you by your county chairman, and there get your pledge cards marked or stamped 'Redeemed in Full.' Remember that your pledge card is an outstanding obligation to the government until redeemed by you.

"The sending of three cards to each individual has been found necessary, first to get the pledges redeemed; second, to keep the records straight, and third because people expect and wait to be reminded of the pledges they have made. Again the importance of the work demanded that more than usual efforts be made that more than usual results be obtained."

## Mrs. Hoover in Red Cross Work.

Mrs. Herbert C. Hoover, wife of the National Food Administrator, has been appointed assistant director of the Bureau of Canteen Service of the American Red Cross. She will have charge of organizing and developing the Red Cross canteen service in connection with hospital trains. Mrs. Hoover has volunteered for the period of the war.

A minimum of prices for hogs for November has been fixed at \$17.50 as the daily average for packer's droves. A minimum of \$16.50 has been fixed for throw-outs. As packing house products have been selling on a basis of \$16.50 for hogs the announcement of the new basis for November resulted in a big jump of prices for pork, lard and ribs.

## THIRD OF POPULATION OF LEBANON HAS STARVED

Red Cross Relief Work in Holy Land on Far Greater Scale Immediately Necessary.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Relief work on a far greater scale than now is being administered by the American Red Cross among the civilian populations of the Holy Land is immediately necessary, if thousands of men, women and children are to be saved, said a cablegram received at Red Cross headquarters today from Dr. John H. Finley, Red Cross commissioner for Palestine.

One-third of the population of Lebanon has died of starvation and disease due to lack of nourishment, many villages are depopulated and in ruins, and thousands of persons are in dire need as the result of epidemics, prohibitive prices of food and inability to get work, Doctor Finley said.

Conditions in many of the hospitals are deplorable because of the shortage of physicians. More than 10,000 sick civilians have been cared for by the Red Cross in a single month. There are 10,000 Armenian refugees in and about Damascus, and 3,000 more in the Hauran district, the cablegram stated.

## THE NEWS IN CLAYTON.

Clayton, N. C., Oct. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Gattis, of Newport News, Va., were here several days this week visiting Mrs. M. E. Gattis.

Mr. Ralph Hilliard, of the U. S. Navy, whose home is at Wendell, was here for a few hours Monday speaking to friends.

Mrs. W. P. Creech spent Tuesday morning in Raleigh shopping.

Mr. J. D. Barbour spent Monday in Fayetteville on business.

During the absence of Misses Rosa Hinton and Ethel Talton, who are out with the "flu," Miss Barbara Gulley is supplying at J. G. Barbour and Son's.

Mr. Carl Smith will leave tomorrow (Thursday) morning for his new post of duty in the merchant marine after spending twenty days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Smith.

Mrs. Julia Starling, of Goldsboro, was here the first of the week visiting her mother, Mrs. M. O'Neil.

Mr. J. F. Hall spent Tuesday morning in Raleigh on business.

Miss Ruth Penny, of near Archer Lodge, was in town Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Edgerton spent last Sunday with Mr. Edgerton's parents near Kenly.

Mrs. Paul Yelverton, after spending a week with her parents near here, returned to her home at Fremont Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O'Neil spent last Sunday in Fayetteville.

Messrs. J. A. Vinson and J. R. Williams spent Tuesday in Smithfield on business.

Mr. Will Thurston, of Burlington, was here one day this week on business.

Wednesday of this week the one-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Price died at his home here. The child, a boy, had been real sick for quite a while and teething caused his death. All was done that could be done, but the Heavenly Father had a greater mission for him and he is free from suffering and is at rest.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Austin, of Four Oaks, spent last Sunday here.

The influenza situation has improved some here and we hope it will continue to do so. No new cases for the past few days.

## In an Automobile Wreck.

Friday morning Fitz Dickerson, Fitz Smith, and Edmond McCary had a very narrow escape from being seriously or fatally hurt when the car which they were driving was turned over between Greensboro and High Point.

The car, a Lexington six, was badly damaged, two wheels and the fenders being torn from it. The boys were unhurt except a few scratches and bruises.

Smith was driving the car at the time of the accident, and coming on the hill unexpectedly, it is thought he was too quick with his brakes. It was during the rains of the day and the road being slippery caused the car to turn around in the road, hit the embankment and turn over. The car was taken to High Point later in the day for repairs.—Greensboro Daily News.

The dry forces in Minnesota expect to win on November 5, when at the general election a constitutional amendment making the State dry in 1921 is to be voted on. They not only believe that the amendment will be passed, but that a Legislature will be elected which will ratify the national prohibition amendment when it is submitted in January.

## AUSTRIA TO ASK ITALY FOR PEACE

Count Andrassy Will Initiate Direct Peace Negotiations—Czech State on Firm Ground—Imperial Symbols Removed from Prague and All Authority is Handed Over to Slovaks.

London, Oct. 30.—Count Andrassy, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has resolved to initiate direct peace negotiations with Italy, "Austria's sole antagonist," according to a Vienna telegram received in Copenhagen and transmitted by the Central News Agency.

Czechs Control Prague. Copenhagen, Oct. 30.—The Czech National Committee took over the functions of the local government in Prague, the Bohemian capital, on Monday, marking the final step in its successful revolution there, according to a telegram from Berlin to the National Tidende.

The Austrian Imperial symbols were removed from various buildings and imperial proclamations torn down. The city officials have taken an oath of fidelity to the Czech state.

During Monday night the general commanding the Prague garrison and his staff placed their entire armed forces in the city at the disposal of the Czech national committee.

## Army Goes Over to Czechs.

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 30.—The authority of the Austrian Monarchy now is only a name in Prague. Budapest newspapers report that Field Marshal Paul Kestranek, commander-in-chief in the Prague district and Field Marshal Eduard Zanatoni handed over all the military authority to the Czech committee on Monday.

Count Andrassy, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, has entered into diplomatic relations with members of the Czecho-Slovak government according to the Hungarian newspaper Norody Listy.

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 30.—Count Hadik, former Hungarian Food Minister, has been charged with the formation of a Hungarian cabinet, according to a dispatch from Budapest. Count Karoly, president of the Hungarian Independent party, will not enter the new ministry, it is said, but will support it in the National Assembly.

## Pressburg Capital of Slovakia.

Paris, Oct. 30.—The Czecho-Slovak Council of State has decided to make Pressburg the capital of Slovakia, according to the newspapers here.

## UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN.

Now Getting Ready for Action in Johnston—Central Committee

The United War Work Campaign that is to raise money for the welfare of our brothers, fathers, sisters, uncles, aunts, sons and so on, "over there," during the week of November 11 to 18, is now getting ready for action. The central committee has been appointed for Johnston county. W. W. Cole is chairman of the men's part of the work; Mrs. L. T. Royall, chairman of the women's part; E. H. Moser, chairman of the colored workers; L. T. Royall in charge of the Boys' and Girls' workers in the campaign; C. K. Proctor is in charge of the public speakers for the campaign and A. M. Johnson is the publicity man for the campaign. This central committee has appointed township workers with which a general meeting will be held soon. Literature is being sent out now.

The whole United States is asked to raise \$175,000,000. Johnston county's quota of this is \$15,128. That is less than fifty cents a person. The township chairmen will be published soon; they will want your money and your co-operation.

## GOLDSBORO CONFERENCE POSTPONED TO DEC. 11.

Bishop Darlington Authorizes Change of Date in Annual Methodist Meeting.

A message to the News and Observer last night from Rev. H. M. North, of Durham, stated that Bishop Darlington has authorized the postponement of the Methodist Conference for the Eastern District of North Carolina, which will be held at Goldsboro, until December 11th.

The change is made because of the epidemic of influenza which has not yet subsided, the authorities feel, to permit public meetings. The Conference was scheduled for December 4, and is moved up one week.—News and Observer.

The United States Government needs 1,000,000 pounds of nut shells and fruit stones daily for the manufacture of gas mask charcoal, but at present is unable to purchase one-third of that amount.