

Italians Continue Their Retreat Before Germans

While Retreating Italy's Sons Are Fighting With a Death Defying Valor, Which Causes Rome War Office to Immediately Recall Its Charge of Cowardice.—Is Conceded that Italians Are Fighting a Delaying Battle.—This Mighty Battle Will Decide Fate of Italy, and Some Believe It Will Decide the War.

GERMAN ADVANCE HAS ABATED TO SOME EXTENT

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Oct. 29.—With death-defying valor that has caused the Rome war office promptly to recall its charge of cowardice, the Italian armies east of the Isonzo, now fighting on Italian soil, are throwing themselves into the teeth of Mackensen's monstrous steam roller. They have succeeded in slowing up the Teuton sweep through the passes into the Venetian plains. But though its break through momentum seems spent and its speed has slackened, the Teuton machine rolls on relentlessly. Its center has reached the gates of Udine where a few days ago Cadorna had his chief headquarters.

Every dispatch from Rome, official and unofficial, conceded that the Italians are now fighting a delaying battle, that they must keep on retreating until they reach the line of the Tagliamento river twenty miles from Udine.

On that line Italy with every available man and gun any every ounce of energy will make her supreme stand. A second battle of the Marne is looked for. Upon its outcome rests the fate of Italy. In many quarters the belief prevails that it will decide the war.

Not alone Italy but all the nations allied with her heaved a deep sigh of relief when the Rome war office today corrected the statement about the "cowardice" of the allied army. It is believed to have been a statement born of bewilderment caused by the crushing initial Teutonic blow.

In all the allied capitals consideration is being given to the possibility of rendering help to the Italians. Both the English and French governments expressed the hope and the desire to render immediate assistance to their ally but are finding it difficult to get that assistance to the Italians before the swiftly moving Teutonic armies have accomplished their purposes.

EIGHT PER CENT. WAR TAX ON RAILROAD FARE IN EFFECT NOV. 1

NEW BOAT LINE IN OPERATION NOVEMBER 7TH

First Steamer Leaves Baltimore On that Date, Arriving Here Nov. 10. WILL DOCK AT FOOT OF CRAVEN STREET

The long talked of boat line between New Bern and northern ports is soon to be a reality. It was announced here yesterday by Mr. M. D. W. Stevenson, local agent for the Virginia-Carolina Navigation Company, the concern which will operate the steamers, that the first boat will leave Baltimore on the seventh of November and is scheduled to arrive here three days later.

Mr. Stevenson has just returned from Baltimore where he conferred with Mr. C. W. Harrison, president and general manager of the company and he states that Mr. Harrison assured him that the present schedule will be carried out and that the first boat will arrive here on the tenth of November.

The company has purchased the steamship Riverdale, 450 tons capacity, and this vessel will be put on the run to New Bern. As the schedule is arranged the vessel will leave Baltimore on Wednesday of each week, arriving here Saturday and returning will leave here Saturday night reaching Baltimore Tuesday.

The main office of the company will be in the Continental Trust building Baltimore. City pier No. 2 has been leased for the Baltimore landing. Stevenson dock at foot of Craven street will be the New Bern terminal where merchandise of all kind will be received from and delivered to New Bern merchants and manufacturers. This is an excellent dock and a large warehouse will be at the disposal of the company.

Mr. Stevenson stated last night that a good schedule will be maintained at all times and that their rates will be less than those charged by the railroads.

Stops will be made at Norfolk, Elizabeth City, and Washington, and later it is expected that other stops will be made.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING WILL SOON BE READY FOR SERVICE

GERMANS BURN TOWN WERDER AND DEPART

Russian Town Taken By Teutons Leveled In Ashes.—Provisions Taken Off

(By International News Service.) PETROGRAD, Oct. 29.—The German landing force which recently disembarked on Werder peninsula has departed, the war office announced today. Before leaving they burned Werder and gathered great stores of provisions which they took with them.

A new note of alarm was sounded by the officers of the Petrograd garrison who adopted a resolution saying that they could no longer vouch for their troops. The resolution asserts that army irresponsibility is complete in face of the country's ruin.

A large number of Russian cities are under martial law to insure order. Premier Kerensky and his war minister are at headquarters discussing a plan to reorganize the army along racial lines.

MINOTTO WANTED TO LEARN SECRETS U. S.

War Man Who Tried To Get Into Naval Intelligence Service. (By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 29.—Count James Minotto, under arrest in Chicago and soon to face trial looking to his possible deportation, is the man who tried to get into the naval intelligence service. His arrest was a direct result of that episode as it sent secret agents on his trail with the result that two of his close associates, Fritz Kuhn and George von Seebeck, German bankers, of New York, were arrested and interned at Ellis Island.

It was brought out here for the first time, however, that Minotto, who married the daughter of Louis F. Swift, the multi-millionaire Chicago packer, is a deserter from the Italian army.

CONDITION OF LT. GUION IS IMPROVED

Message to that Effect Was Received in New Bern Last Night

A message received in New Bern last night from Ex-Judge and Mrs. O. H. Guion, who are at the bedside of their son Lieutenant W. B. R. Guion, who is critically ill at Camp Sevier, S. C., was to the effect that his condition is somewhat improved.

Message received here Saturday night that Lieutenant Guion was ill and Judge and Mrs. Guion left Sunday morning for the camp.

NEW REVELATION COMES TO LIGHT IN MEANS CASE

Will Attempt Prove Will of Late J. C. King a Forgery By Handwriting Expert

(By International News Service.) CONCORD, N. C., Oct. 29.—While the grand jury was examining witnesses for the State against Gaston B. Means today on the charge that he murdered Mrs. Maude A. King, an entirely new revelation was made through the arrival of James I. Ennis, a Chicago handwriting expert.

Mr. Ennis is to be used, it was stated tonight, to support the claim that the second will of the late James C. King, from whom Mrs. King inherited a large fortune, was a forgery.

State solicitor Haden Clement, who expects an indictment tomorrow, is planning to strengthen the circumstantial evidence he is to present against Means by an effort to prove the accused man had a distinct interest in getting rid of the widow. In this effort the second will of James C. King is expected to play a leading part.

THE FREE-WILL BAPTIST REVIVAL WELL ATTENDED

Great Crowds Heard Rev. Ira Waterman Deliver Two Strong Sermons

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Rev. Ira Waterman, an evangelist of great prominence in the State of Missouri, and who has won for himself rare distinction in North Carolina during the past few months as a speaker of marked ability and a Bible scholar of much note, began a series of meetings at the Free-Will Baptist church Sunday morning.

THE FRENCH ARE SUCCESSFUL IN COUNTER ATTACK

Drive Germans From Trenches Won In Major Attack North Verdun

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Oct. 29.—The Germans made a major attack today north of Verdun, penetrated the French front to a depth of five hundred meters and then were ejected by a French counter attack from the greater part of the positions they had taken. Apart from this there were only minor operations on the west front. The British made successful raids in Belgium and the Belgians captured a German post of twenty-one men, later taking twenty-three prisoners in another raid.

The Crown Prince's assault was delivered on the right bank of the Meuse north of Courcy wood. In other sectors of the front the French carried out a successful local operation.

British and Belgian aviators executed a series of effective raids on German aerodromes and military works in northern Belgium.

GEN. VON FALKENHAYN ON ITALIAN FRONT

Famous General Said to Be Directing Drive Against The Italians

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MANUFACTURERS OF COUNTRY BE LISTED

LARGE CROWDS ATTEND REVIVAL AT TABERNACLE

Each Service At Tabernacle Yesterday and Sunday Largely Attended

(By International News Service.) SUNDAY marked the beginning of what is expected to be a great revival at the Tabernacle Baptist church, with Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., of Norfolk, Va., preaching and Mr. W. Hugh Rowe, of New Bern, leading the singing.

Mr. Rowe has been in New Bern for several days getting his choir in readiness for the beginning of the meeting and the first service showed that he had been doing good work. The majority of the seats in the large choir gallery were taken at the first service and the singing was supplemented by an orchestra of six pieces. The musical program was all that could be wished for and was thoroughly enjoyed.

The attendance at the first service was in excess of what had been expected. The main auditorium of the building was filled.

Dr. Blackwell was introduced by the pastor of the Tabernacle church, Rev. H. L. Swain, who stated that since he had been in the ministry one of his strong desires was to have Dr. Blackwell with him in a series of meetings and that he was happy over the fact that this wish of many years was about to be realized. He stated that there were a number of men who had contributed largely to his life, but that Dr. Blackwell had done more for him, while his teacher in former years, than any other man.

Dr. Blackwell is a man seventy-three years "young" Mr. Swain expressed it, and yet he has the vigor and the enthusiasm of a much younger man. He used as the scripture lesson for the Sunday morning service, "And the books were opened." He said that every individual was writing one of these "Books" and that his business in New Bern was to help the people get ready for the opening of these "Books" on the Judgment day. He compared the different books of the Bible, beginning with Genesis, which he termed the "Baby book" to the different stages in the life of the individual and showed very effectively how the average individuals are writing their "Books." The sermon was a masterpiece in every sense of the word and showed conclusively the wonderful ability of the minister.

The evening service begun promptly at 7:30 o'clock with a chorus of 50 or more voices and an orchestra of six pieces. No great amount of advertising had been and it was not expected that the building would be filled the first day, but the seats in the main auditorium and the Sunday school rooms were taken and it began to look like the annex to the rear would have to be thrown open to accommodate the crowds. The song service lasted for about thirty minutes and better singing perhaps has never been heard in the Tabernacle than that of last night.

As a lesson for last night Dr. Blackwell read the three instances in which Christ raised from the dead a girl, the young man, and Lazarus. The girl had only been dead a few minutes when Christ had been called in and raised her from death. The young man had been dead for twenty-four hours. Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days. The period of the death did not add to nor subtract from the certainty of their death. The Divine power in restoring them to life was the same in each case.

Dr. Blackwell stated with emphasis that the boy or girl who first wilfully disobeys God and obeys the devil, at that very time that boy or girl is dead spiritually, just as dead as the old woman or the old man who have spent a long life in wilful sin against God. "The trouble," he declared, "is that we do not believe they are dead when they first step over the line and that no effort is made at that time to save them from spiritual death."

REMEDY FOUND FOR THE HIGH FOOD PRICES

Supplies Will Be Cut Off From Dealers Charging Excessive Prices

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 29.—Herbert C. Hoover has found the remedy for high food prices. All dealers who charge excessive prices will find their supplies cut off until the end of the war.

Food administration has at its command extensive tables showing wholesale and retail prices with cost figures in practically every city of the country. It will be able to determine at any given time when any retail dealer is charging more than he should charge. When it decides he is charging too much it will cut off his supplies through control of the wholesaler.

The organization of the food administrator in each state will be on the watch and send to the food administrator at Washington the names of retailers asking excessive prices.

OVER-SUBSCRIPTION REMAIN AS NEST EGG

Will Be Used As a Starter For The Next Loan When It Comes.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 29.—Sufficient money will yet be left over from the second Liberty Loan to start the subscription for a third loan when that shall become necessary.

This will be a nest egg variously estimated at from half a billion to a billion and a half dollars, but the exact amount will not be known until the Liberty Loan officials are ready to announce the complete amount of the subscription on Wednesday of this week. The government will let the subscribers take up four billion dollars and then one-half of the over subscription.

DR. L. S. MASSEY RETURNS HOME AFTER VISIT HERE

Dr. L. S. Massey, editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, left last night returning home after spending the week-end in New Bern. Mr. Massey preached at Centenary church at both morning and evening services Sunday.

PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

We have engaged the services of Mrs. Robert J. Keunaman, to collect our subscriptions that are due, and would appreciate it very much if those of our subscribers who are indebted to us would please let her have a payment. Listen, this is an old story, but a true one. Everything that goes into the making of a daily newspaper is abnormally high, and it requires all of our income to get by, so don't make excuses, but PAY UP.