

HUNS ARE DRIVING AT ITALIAN FRONT

General Cadorna's Skill and Strategy Now Being Put to Test.

GERMAN GUNS ARE HEARD

Faltering Austrians Backed Up by Allies From North—Move Necessary to Encourage Starving People in Austria.

ROME, Oct. 25.—After an interval of a few hours, the enemy resumed yesterday morning's violent bombardment all along the front, with a specially destructive fire from the southern slopes of Monte Ronzon and the northern edge of the Bainsizza plateau, where afterward a strong infantry attack was launched.

The narrow ridge resisted the hostile blow, but, favored by thick mist which rendered useless our barrage fire, the enemy succeeded in breaking through our advanced lines on the left bank of the Isone.

Taking advantage of this breachhead of Santa Maria and Santa Lucia he then brought the battle on to the slopes of the right bank.

Powerful Attacks Checked.

At the same time powerful attacks were made west of Volnik, on the Bainsizza plateau and on the western slopes of Monte Ronzon, but they were checked by our troops, which captured a few hundred prisoners.

On the Carso a violent enemy bombardment was effectively countered by our batteries.

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—In military command the German and Austro-Hungarian troops yesterday attacked side by side against their former allies. Advancing on a front of more than 30 kilometers, after short but energetic artillery preparation, our tried divisions broke through the lines of the Italian Isone front in the Elitsch basin and at Tolmino.

10,000 Prisoners Taken.

Desperate resistance by the Italians had to be broken down many times in fierce hand-to-hand engagements. The fighting is proceeding.

Up to this evening the capture of more than 10,000 prisoners, including divisional and brigade staffs and rich booty in guns and war materials, had been announced.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The great Austro-German drive against the Italian front now in full swing was fully expected by General Cadorna, who has prepared to meet it for several weeks past. Official cablegrams received today declare that in addition to the heavy reinforcements which the Austrians have received from troops withdrawn from the Russian front, many German divisions have appeared on the long line from Tolmino to the Carso, so that there are now 20 full divisions with a great amount of artillery on this front.

Italian headquarters recognize in this great enemy force a confirmation of the reports that have been leaking out from Germany and Austria of the conclusion reached by the German general staff that the real issue of the war is to be fought not on the Isone and Tyrol fronts.

Policy Is Offensive.

This offensive also was necessary, according to information received by Italian officials, to encourage the suffering and starving population in the interior of Austria, which is thoroughly tired of the war and dispirited by the long defensive campaign of the Austrians.

Today's reports state that in this drive German troops for the first time have appeared on the Italian front and a German airplane, part of much German war material gathered on the Bainsizza plateau, was brought down yesterday within the Italian lines.

SPUDS LOWER IN NEW YORK

Food Committee Will Throw 300 Carloads on Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—The price of potatoes will drop here tomorrow, it was announced today by the recently created food committee, for more than 300 carloads will be thrown on the market and consumers will have to pay only 3 cents a pound compared with 4 to 6 cents today.

The new price will give the retailer a profit of 15.50 a barrel.

FRENCH MAKE ADVANCE

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forest. His troops were again completely routed. Successful raids were made yesterday afternoon and early in the night against the enemy's positions between

ROUX and Gavrelle. Many Germans were killed and enemy dugouts destroyed. We captured a machine gun.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 25.—The Germans, under pressure of the French victory on the Isone, may endeavor to effect a general retirement to a new Hindenburg line well in the rear of their present positions. Numerous hints from German sources of late have indicated that the German expects, recognizing the menace, particularly to the exposed salient south-southeast of Laon, were preparing a new fortified line somewhere between Laon and their present front, to which they expected to effect an orderly retirement akin to their Spring withdrawal, as soon as the menace becomes pressing.

French Anticipate Move.

The French attack seems to have anticipated this strategy, and the German withdrawal, if made now under the hammering of a victorious opponent, is likely to be quickly a different operation from that planned.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Telegraphing from French headquarters, Reuter's correspondent says:

"The strategic intention of the high command today under a bright sky finally to completely thrust the enemy off the crest line. We now hold practically the entire line of the crest between Craonne and Vauxaillon. In addition we have secured a commanding view of the Ailette Valley from end to end, and also a view up the Artois Valley, at the head of which stands Laon, and a view northward across the plain over the enemy communication to Anzy, in the Upper Coucy forest. It will not be long before the full strategic fruits of the victory are garnered."

"GERMAN YET NEEDED"

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL NOT ELIMINATE LANGUAGE OF ENEMY.

Annual School Report Shows What Is Being Accomplished in Way of Education.

The way the public schools of Portland are reflecting the spirit of the times and showing the effects of the war upon the National life of the country is detailed in the 44th annual school report, issued yesterday.

The American School conducted in the evenings for the benefit of foreigners, is accomplishing more for Portland than most people realize, says Superintendent Alderman in his report.

Setting a pace for other American cities.

In outlining the plans for the coming year, Mr. Alderman calls attention to the need of more intensive study in foreign languages.

"I have been asked repeatedly," says Mr. Alderman, "if we can't do away with the teaching of German in the public schools, and increase the work in French."

"The boys and girls in the high schools will be the leaders of the coming age. They must be prepared to meet the requirements of that time, Spanish must be taught, French must be learned, German must be learned, and learned with more enthusiasm than ever before."

The report is in the form of a booklet of 113 pages, is profusely illustrated and contains a number of charts and tables. It reviews the work of the public schools in every branch during the past year.

COAL RULES ARE ISSUED

DEALERS NOTIFIED TO CONSULT WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

Retailers' Gross Margin Limited to 1915 Average, Plus 30 Per Cent, but Cannot Exceed July, 1917.

Coal dealers of the state of Oregon who wish to put themselves in accord with the fuel control provisions of the act of Congress passed in August should consult the District Attorney in their home county if they have not already read and prepared to observe the new law.

Assistant United States Attorney Rankin has just mailed to the 36 District Attorneys of the state a circular letter giving a complete summary of the fuel regulation requirements. It also quotes the mine prices and the basis of profit for the jobbers, and defines the retailers' authorized margins.

The circular says of the retailer's gross margin: "It shall not exceed the average gross margin added by such dealer for the year 1915, plus or grade for each class of business during the calendar year 1915, plus 30 per cent of the said retail gross margin for the calendar year 1915, but not more than the retail gross margin added by any retail dealer shall in no case exceed the average added by such dealer during July, 1917."

CO-EDS KNIT IN CLASS

College Guild to Form Red Cross Auxiliary.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Oct. 25.—(Special.)—An auxiliary to the Corvallis Red Cross will be formed by college girls of the Y. W. C. A. The Red Cross will make arrangements to have an instructor in the Y. W. C. A. rooms on the campus daily, where girls will be taught to knit and to do other relief work.

Knitting between classes, in convocation and at class and club meetings has become popular with the co-eds. Ten minutes' instruction between classes allows the girls to knit a few rows, especially if they have acquired the art of knitting and walking at the same time, as so many already have done.

PEACE RUMORS ABROAD

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tion there comes from Switzerland a report of an interesting conversation between a noted German statesman and a distinguished Swiss Minister.

"The trouble with this war," said the German, "is that it will be 10 years after it is over before I can go to London, 20 before I can go to Paris, and 40 before I can go to Vienna."

Vacation Funds Distributed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The first Federal grants for money to states under the Smith-Hughes vocational education act were made today by the Federal board in charge, with allotments totaling \$421,532 were made to seven states, including Arizona, California, Utah and Texas, in the West.

Maryland Goes Up High.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 25.—Maryland went over her minimum Liberty loan allotment today when subscriptions for the state reached \$15,795,300. The minimum is \$25,000,000.

GREAT GUNS POUR DEVASTATING FIRE

German Positions Along Flanders Front Incessantly Are Assailed.

ALLIES ARE MAKING GOOD

Tעות Officers Said to Be Losing Control of Men—Desertions Frequent and Talk of Republic Is Heard.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The French forces on the Aisne today continued their successful advance, capturing several important villages, as well as 2000 additional prisoners. Since the beginning of the present operations, says the announcement made tonight by the War Office, more than 12,000 Germans have been captured, as well as 150 big guns and many guns of smaller caliber.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Oct. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The consolidation of the positions won by the allies in Monday's attack was being rapidly completed today under a bright sky, mitigating somewhat the difficulties in the morass-like ground. Active artillery fire marked the night to the east and north of Ypres.

The British big guns have never ceased to pour a devastating fire into the German positions along the Flanders' battle front, and the enemy has responded vigorously.

Last night the Germans directed a heavy fire against the sector between Ypres-Meunin highway and the Ypres-Roulers railway and also concentrated on Abraham Heights, which are on the Cravenstafel ridge, southwest of Paschendaele.

Counter-Attack Repulsed.

Shortly before dark last evening the enemy launched a counter-attack against the British to the south of Houthulst forest, near the junction with the French, but this was repulsed with machine gun and rifle fire.

Both the French and British were holding strongly their new positions in this difficult territory on the edge of the forest.

The assertion in the German official statement that the British on Monday also attacked on both sides of Gheluvelt and were repulsed is erroneous, as no such attack was made. The British offensive was confined to operations along a narrow front several miles north of Ypres.

The report that British troops had found a German officer who had been executed by his own soldiers, the body having the hands bound behind the back, has been confirmed. The incident occurred at a redoubt south of Poelcapelle. There were 14 German soldiers and young officers holding this place. When the British troops stormed this redoubt the German soldiers surrendered and the British found the dead officer with five bullet wounds in his body. The reason for his execution was that the men desired to surrender and he refused to give up his stronghold without a struggle.

This affair is another link tending to substantiate statements made by

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Representing the Highest Type of Fashionable Apparel

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prisoners that the German officers commanding certain bodies of troops along the Flanders front are losing control over their men. There is no doubt that there has been a very considerable deterioration in the morale of many of the German troops in this region. But the German fighting machine is recognized as still being a powerful one.

One non-commissioned officer belonging to the Tenth Bavarian Division, who was captured about the middle of October, asserted, as had other prisoners before, that the officers were losing their grip on the men. He said that desertions in the rear were frequent and cited the case of 13 men of his company who deserted a fortnight before, declaring that they were going home. Some were arrested on the way, but others actually reached their homes.

Four were brought back to their company, but the officer did not know whether any of them had been punished. He added that this was not an exceptional case.

An equally interesting statement was made by a captured officer of the guard reserve division who had joined his regiment in the middle of October. He declared the morale in Germany was very bad and that the civilians were raising an outcry as to why the war was being prolonged. Throughout the country, he said, there was talk of an end to the Hohenzollerns and the establishment of a republic. The morale in his own division, he characterized as bad, although formerly it had been good.

This officer further said that the authorities had already called up the 192d class in Brunswick. Germany was suffering from a serious shortage of horses and there was a great scarcity of canvas as a result of which the manufacture of tents virtually had ceased, huts being erected instead.

Another officer prisoner had charge of the guard in a prisoner camp. There let wounds in his body. The reason for his execution was that the men desired to surrender and he refused to give up his stronghold without a struggle.

Four things in India are held sacred—cows, crows, snakes and monkeys.

North Yakima Man Fined \$800.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Oct. 25.—(Special.)—Henry Van Buren, aged 50 years, a hotel man of this city, yesterday afternoon pleaded guilty to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and paid a fine of \$800 and costs in Superior Court. The fine, which was imposed by Judge George B. Holden, was the second largest ever given in the local courts. It is stated, Van Buren was charged with

HIP PRICES TO REMAIN

ONLY WAR TAX WILL BE ADDED TO ADMISSION.

Manager Ely Imports 70,000 Pennies in Anticipation of Demand for Coins After November 1.

"The Hippodrome is not going to raise its prices," said Manager Ely last night. "But we are going to collect the war tax on admissions as provided in the Government's new tax act."

The Orpheum has announced also that it will merely collect the amount of the war tax instead of generally raising the price of tickets.

"Despite the fact that wages of practically all employees have been raised and a special tax levied on films and penny the fact that the making of penny change will prove a great annoyance to both patrons and ourselves, we will not take advantage of the situation to raise prices," he added.

A placard quoting the new law's provision that a tax of 1 cent for each 10 cents or fraction thereof must be collected on admissions to places of amusement will be displayed today in the Hippodrome lobby. Collection of these taxes of 1 cent on matinee admissions, 2 cents on 15-cent evening tickets and 3 cents on admissions to boxes will, of course, not be started until November 1, when the law becomes effective.

In anticipation of the demand for pennies in making change, Manager Ely has placed in the theater vaults approximately 70,000 of these coins.

To Holders of LIBERTY BONDS NOTICE!

Business Men and Women

—No matter where you bought your bond, bring it to our store—Deposit it in our Credit Office and purchase merchandise against the value of your bond.

—We will accept your bond without discount or restriction.

—You can trade out your bond at your own convenience, as we will place no time limit on purchases.

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Dairymen, Attention!

There Will Be a Meeting and Lunch for All Dairymen and Owners of Cows

at Multnomah Hotel, under the auspices of Oregon Dairymen's League, Saturday, October 27th, 12 o'clock noon. Speeches by Mayor Baker, President Alma D. Katz, Mr. W. W. Cotton, Mr. W. L. Brewster, of the Portland Milk Commission; Dr. D. W. Mack, City Board of Health; Mr. J. D. Mickle, Oregon Dairy and Food Commissioner; Mr. W. K. Newell, Federal Food Commission, and others.

All members of the League are strongly urged to attend. Bring your wives, too, but above all bring your neighbors. Every cow owner wants to know about the League and now is the time to learn. Please call Percy A. Smith, Main 2651, for reservations. Lunch is sixty cents per plate.

If You Own Cows, Come and Hear the Message

improper relations with a 16-year-old girl. A Russian inventor has perfected a hydraulic press with a collapsible cylinder which replaces the usual piston.

You Are Losing Money If You Fail to Attend Our Great WOOLEN GOODS SALE

This great bargain event is breaking all records of this store. People know the high quality of our woolens and they know when we advertise a sale that it means real bargains. This is your chance to get your Winter woolens. Come to this sale and save money. Hurry! Sale Ends Soon!

- Men's Socks: Regular 20c Wool Mixed Sox reduced to 15c; Regular 25c Yarn Sox reduced to 20c; Regular 30c Cashmere Wool Sox reduced to 25c; Regular 35c Cashmere Wool Sox reduced to 30c; Regular 50c Yarn Wool Sox reduced to 35c; Regular 50c Cashmere Wool Sox reduced to 40c.

This is the Sign of All-Wool Goods. Save Money at This Great Sale!

Cut Prices on Blankets! Regular \$6.00 Fine White and Fancy Plaid Blankets reduced to \$5.50; Regular \$8.75 Fine White and Fancy Plaid Blankets reduced to \$7.75; Regular \$10.00 Fine White and Fancy Plaid Blankets reduced to \$8.50; Regular \$6.50 Gray Colored Blankets reduced to \$5.75.

Underwear for Men and Boys: TWO-PIECE SUITS: Regular 75c Hanes' Ribbed Underwear reduced to 65c; Regular \$1.35 Underwear reduced to \$1.20; Regular \$1.50 Underwear reduced to \$1.35; Regular \$1.50 Glastenbury Underwear reduced to \$1.35; Regular \$1.75 Underwear reduced to \$1.50; Regular \$2.50 Underwear reduced to \$2.00. UNION SUITS: Regular \$1.00 Fleece-Lined Union Suits now 85c; Regular \$1.50 Velvet-Lined Union Suits now \$1.35; Regular \$1.50 Hanes' Cotton-Ribbed now \$1.35; Regular \$2.00 Union Suits reduced to \$1.75; Regular \$2.25 Union Suits reduced to \$1.85; Regular \$3.00 Union Suits reduced to \$2.50; Regular \$4.00 Union Suits reduced to \$3.50; Regular \$5.00 Glastenbury Union Suits now only \$4.25.



Mackinaw Coats: \$6.50 Mackinaw Coats now for \$6.00; \$7.50 Mackinaw Coats now for \$7.00; \$8.50 Mackinaw Coats now for \$7.25; \$10.00 Mackinaw Coats now for \$8.75; \$12.50 Mackinaw Coats now for \$10.50.

Sweaters for Men and Women: Regular \$3.00 broken line of Fine Sweaters, up to \$3—now \$1.50; Regular \$2.50 Sweaters \$2; Regular \$3.50 Sweaters \$3.00; Regular \$6.00 Sweaters \$5.00; Regular \$7.50 Sweaters \$6.50; Regular \$10.00 Sweaters \$8.50.

Woolen Shirts: Regular \$2.00 Flannel and Woolen Shirts \$1.75; Regular \$3.00 Flannel and Woolen Shirts \$2.50; Regular \$3.50 Flannel and Woolen Shirts \$3.00; Regular \$4.50 Flannel and Woolen Shirts \$3.75; Regular \$4.00 Loggers' Shirts now priced \$3.50; Regular \$6.00 Loggers' Shirts now priced \$6.00.

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