

# ITALIANS ENTRENCH ALONG PIAVE RIVER

### Wide Stretch of Water Now Separates Opposing Forces. Cannonading Continuous.

## HEAVY GUNS ARE LACKING

### Berlin Reports Surrender of 10,000 Italians in Upper Piave Valley and Capture of Numerous Guns and War Stores.

(By the Associated Press.)  
ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Sunday, Nov. 11.—The enemy's operations on the north and east in an attempt at encirclement of the Italians have not succeeded. The menace on the Italian left wing also is virtually passed.

The Italians are entrenched back of the west bank of the Piave river, and the Austro-German force now is taking the place of the advanced guard on the east bank. The strip of water between the opposing lines is about half a mile, widening at some points to a mile. An observer just back from a tour along the line told the correspondent that the cannonading has become continuous. The Austrians are using five-inch guns, not yet having brought up many of their heaviest pieces. The enemy is turning his fire against the high Campanile bell towers of small villages fringing the western bank to prevent the Italian artillery from using them as observation posts. The Italian artillery reply is spirited from a considerable number of guns that they succeeded in bringing back from the old front.

The battle front has two main sectors. The lower extends from Feltrina to the sea and the upper from Feltrina westward. The Vidor bridge, where the last Italian rearguard crossed the Piave, is half-way down the lower sector. Near Feltrina the river turns into the mountains, with a valley and a railway on the west bank.

The enemy is on the west bank in this mountain region, and may attempt to come down the valley and along the river. The Italians have no advantage of a river defense at this point, but they have strongly entrenched themselves.

### Snow is Falling.

The fight at Asiago was clearly a feeler to test the strength of the Italian line. Snow is falling in the upper regions and a severe cold spell prevails.

ROME, Nov. 12.—The Italians have resisted the enemy everywhere on the northern front, along which the Austrians are attempting to outflank the Italian River line, the War Office reports. On the plain there is brisk firing across the Piave river.

An enemy action on the Asiago Plateau on the Trentino front was a complete failure.

From Stelvio to Astico there was no notable event yesterday. On the Asiago Plateau the enemy renewed yesterday afternoon his attack in the sector of Gallo, Monte Longara, Hill 1674 and Melletta. Di Gallo, which falls completely under Italian artillery and rifle fire. On the extreme northern part of the front, where a bitter infantry struggle took place, the Italians succeeded in capturing some prisoners.

### Brisk Fighting Reported.

On the plains across the Piave river brisk firing is reported.

BERLIN, via London, Nov. 12.—The energetic collaboration of Wurtemberg and Austro-Hungarian mounted troops near Longarone barred the way of the Italians retreating in the Upper Piave Valley. Ten thousand Italians were compelled to surrender and numerous guns, material and war stores were captured.

Troop troops who pressed forward from Belluno down the Piave are nothing new to report.

Feltre is a town of 4600 inhabitants on a height near the Piave, 17 miles southwest of Belluno and about 10 miles north of the Venetian Plains. Military operations reported by the Germans in the mountainous region of Feltre have no direct bearing on the Italian line on the Lower Piave.

## RUSSIAN FORCES BATTLE

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make a stand, and precipitated another battle, in which most of them were killed or made prisoner. The cadets apparently were the same as those who were defending the Winter Palace Wednesday night and who were permitted their liberty by the Bolshevik troops after the surrender of the Palace.

## Crowds Parade Streets.

In spite of sporadic firing, crowds filed the Nevsky Prospect, rushing to cover when it became necessary, but otherwise going about as though nothing unusual were happening. All the streets leading into the Morskaja, in the vicinity of the telephone station, contained crowds of curious persons, who fled at every outburst of shooting, but returned to their posts of observation when lulls occurred. It is believed there were many vic-

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tims of the fighting in the Morskaja. From the windows of the Associated Press headquarters, situated a half block distant, an officer was observed to fall in the street, apparently dead. An onlooker hiding in a doorway was struck a glancing bullet and wounded in the arm. The ambulances were kept busy.

## Proclamations Are Frequent.

New proclamations, both by the Bolsheviks and the adherents of Kerensky, appeared at intervals throughout the day. They called upon the people and the troops to support this or that side and attracted crowds wherever posted. It is reported that one of the proclamations, signed by Kerensky and dated Gatchina, was dropped from an airplane.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—A Reuter dispatch from Stockholm says that travelers arriving on the frontier from Russia report that the attempt of Nikolai Lenine to form a Cabinet in Petrograd failed, that the Foreign Office officials refused to accept Leon Trotsky as Foreign Minister, and in Moscow another government has been proclaimed, and it is feared there will be much bloodshed.

### Finland Situation Bad.

In Finland the travelers are reported as saying the situation is desperate. Anarchy is on the increase and violence and even murder committed on the streets by the Maximalists are a frequent occurrence.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—One of the encouraging signs seen here in today's news from Russia is the mention of Professor Paul M. Milukoff as one of those associated with the new provisional government rising at Moscow. Professor Milukoff, who was Petrograd Minister in the original provisional government, formed after the overthrow of the Czar, is well known in this country and is regarded as one of the strongest men in Russia.

Confidence is stronger than ever among officials and diplomats that the Bolsheviks soon will be driven out of control at Petrograd, and that in time a government really representative of Russia's aspirations will take the reins with a firmer grip than the Kerensky regime was able to establish. A government really representative of Russia's aspirations will take the reins with a firmer grip than the Kerensky regime was able to establish.

In spite of the unsettled state of the Russian affairs, plans for the shipment of supplies from this country are going forward without interruption. Contracts were approved today for nearly 2,000,000 pairs of shoes for the Russian government at a conference of the Russian purchasing commission and representatives of the Council of National Defense. It is understood, however, that the contracts will not be signed immediately, the Russian commissioners receiving an opportunity to communicate with their government and await developments.

## 700 ARE SLAIN AT MOSCOW

### Street Battles End With Creation of Socialist Government.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Telegraph Company sends the following: After heavy fighting at Moscow, in which there were 700 casualties, the parties came to terms on the basis of the creation of a socialistic government, including Bolsheviks.

"The Petrograd railway union sent an ultimatum to the workmen's and soldiers' delegates and the safety of the country depending on whether they effect conciliation by organizing all the democratic power; otherwise the union would call a general strike. The Bolsheviks agreed to receive the other democratic groups were unwilling to negotiate with the Bolsheviks until the entire revolutionary congress negotiations, however, were resumed and the railway union deferred the strike for 12 hours.

"The Bolsheviks have abandoned their attitude and now consider themselves in the position of organizers of defense revolutions against the armies of Kerensky, Korniloff and Kaledines. The Petrograd garrison has elected a special committee to guarantee the safety of the population. Army headquarters express themselves in favor of a combination of the democratic groups."

## BOLSHEVIKI CALLS CONGRESS

### The Temporary Peasants' and Workmen's Government is Title.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 11.—The official title of the new workmen's and soldiers' government is "the temporary peasants' and workmen's government." The workmen's and soldiers' congress has appointed a new central committee composed of 63 Bolsheviks, 23 social revolutionists, six social democratic internationalists, three labor socialists and one social revolutionist Maximalist. A call has been issued for a peasants' congress.

## NEWLYWEDS AT TACOMA

### Lieutenant Merle T. Jenkins Latest Camp Lewis Beneficiary.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—Lieutenant Merle T. Jenkins and his bride, formerly Miss Betty Bussard, of Portland, have arrived in Tacoma to join the coterie of newlyweds in Army circles. The wedding took place November 1 in Albany, Or. Mrs. Jenkins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin M. Bussard.

Lieutenant Jenkins is a Portland man, a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College and a member of the Tau Beta Tau fraternity. He is serving as an instructor in field fortifications at Camp Lewis.

## CUTTING TO BE DIRECTED

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institution known all over the country, directed special attention to him for the position in which he has been placed.

## Colonel Changes Plans.

Originally Colonel Disque was a cavalry officer and was ready to sail for France with his detachment when he was shifted from the command, ordered to Washington, and assigned to the spruce-cutting post. He said when in Portland three weeks ago on a sort of scouting trip in connection with his new work, that he was very sorry he did not get to go to France, but that when he was told of the importance of the work here he gladly accepted and was determined to carry it to a successful conclusion. Colonel Disque has been an officer in the Army for 18 years, and has seen service in several foreign countries and was in the Philippines in the service there. His Portland headquarters will be in the Yeon building.

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# ITALIANS PREPARE FOR COMING CLASH

### Big Battle Expected Soon. Austro-German Forces Held in Check on Piave Line.

## TROOPS IN GOOD SPIRITS

### Army Is Now in Strong Position and Feeling of Determination Prevails in All Ranks; Britain's Aid Stiffens Front.

(By the Associated Press.)  
ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Nov. 12.—The Italians are holding the Austro-German advance on the Piave line. Early reports from the front today were favorable. Heavy shelling is in progress all along the new front.

The reconcentration of the Italian army along the newly chosen line of defense is now virtually an accomplished fact. The troops have taken up their positions in trenches, the gun emplacements have been made ready and the whole vast organization is preparing for the battle that is not so far off. The men are in good spirits and a feeling of determination prevails in all ranks.

Retirement of that part of the Italian force in the Carnia district of the Venetian Alps has shortened the Italian main front, which now presents a compact line extending about 20 miles along the new river defenses to the sea.

### Allies Stiffen Front.

The allies are represented on the new front by some British batteries from the Carso. The presence of allied forces is regarded as of the highest importance for its moral effect on the Italian troops, which thus far have borne the entire shock, as well as for its purely military value. England's announcement that she will continue to send reinforcements without delay and spare no effort to prevent a further invasion of Italy arouses the keenest satisfaction and enthusiasm here. The visit of General Wilson, sub-chief of the British staff, also inspired renewed confidence as to the intentions of the allies.

It may now be stated that the present line of defense is the only first line which the supreme command has ever considered seriously. The Tagliamento and Livignina lines were designed merely to block the progress of the enemy up to the present defenses. The correspondent received this information authoritatively ten days ago, but was unable to divulge the location of the line, for reasons dictated by military necessity.

### Strong Position Taken.

Yesterday's report from General Diaz, the new commander, stated that Italian rearguards crossed the Piave river near Susegana, after destroying the bridges. This river should be noted carefully. A glance at the map will show that after the Tagliamento and Livignina lines were destroyed the important stream capable of interposing a strong tactical position. The upper part of the river is backed by the hills of the Grappa hills. Further down it has behind it the Asolo hills and the large forest of Montello, both of which are advantageous in giving the Italian rearguard a strong tactical position. The river is deep, its mouth is 25 miles north of Venice. Where the precise line is cannot be indicated further, but this gives the essential features.

For several days the gravity of the situation for Venice has not been underestimated and suitable precautionary measures have been taken to protect this great art center. The city preserves comparative calm while picturesque gondolas, filled with passengers and goods, take departing throngs to the station. The munitions transport people who arrive daily are allowing two lire daily to the needy until they are located elsewhere.

### Many Treasures Removed.

The government is keenly alive to the situation as regards the artistic treasures of the city, and military and naval operations doubtless would be considered secondary to saving priceless monuments like the Campanile, the Palace of the Doges and St. Mark's from bombardment. All the chief paintings of Titian and Paolo Veronese have been removed to Florence, but scores of great frescoes cannot be taken away.

The splendid service which the Italian cavalry has performed as a rearguard has a melancholy sequel in the death of Major-General of Cavalry Eubio de Vervin, who was commanding an infantry division. He fell at the head of his troops and died while being attended by military surgeons.

The heroic resistance of part of the 35th Division of Infantry has received the highest praise. It resisted surrender until surrounded by an



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## SEVERAL TOWNS DESTROYED

### Fire Follows Bombardment by Austro-German Armies.

(By the Associated Press.)

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Sunday, Nov. 11.—Information from the territory occupied by the Austro-Germans is to the effect that Cividale, Gradisca and Palmanova have been virtually destroyed by bombardment and fire. When the Austrians occupied Gorizia they ordered the whole town illuminated as a sign of rejoicing, which had to be done on pain of death. The black and yellow flag again waves in the place of Italy's tri-color over the castle of Gorizia.

Montefalco, also in the hands of the Austrians, again is in full swing of activity. At the navy-yard there the Austrians have taken possession of an incomplete warship which had been left there by them when they withdrew. This the Italians had transferred into an observatory, from which King Victor Emmanuel often gazed at the coast stretching toward the Istrian peninsula and the longed-for city of Trieste.

## TERM BEGINS SOONER

### SECOND PERIOD AT UNIVERSITY TO COMMENCE IN JANUARY.

### Entry by High School Students Will Be Permitted Before Graduation With Provisions.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 12.—(Special.)—Students of those high schools of the state having the two-term school year, who would graduate in February, will be allowed to enter the university at the beginning of the second semester, which because of the three-semester plan inaugurated this year, will open the first week in January. Heretofore the second university semester has commenced in February, immediately following the high school commencement, and there has been no interruption of the student's work.

The new plan provides for the entrance of the students into the university a month before they have obtained their high school diploma, but makes the proviso that the principal shall certify that at the beginning of the school year the student has satisfactorily completed not less than 13 units of work, and is pursuing studies which would at the mid-year entitle him to graduate with not less than 15 units, the quality of his work being such that the school recommends him for admission to the university.

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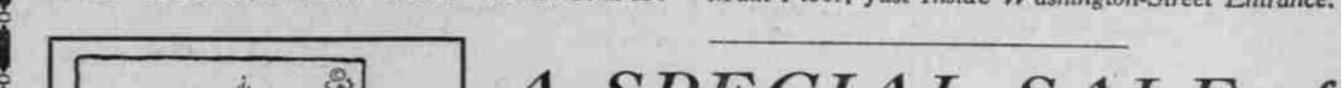
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