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ITALY CHECKS HUNS BY COUNTER THRUST

Offensive Assumed on Asiago Plateau.

INVADERS ROUTED ON PIAVE

Italians Slay 1500, Capture 1500 Who Cross River.

BERSAGLIERI SHOW VALOR

Austro-German Forces Unable to Cross PIAVE—Latin Airplanes Effectively Bombard Enemy Despite High Wind.

ROME, Nov. 19.—With undiminished intensity Austro-German forces today attacked in the north between the Piave and Brenta rivers, but their efforts to pierce the Italian lines so far have proved fruitless, reports from Italian headquarters announced. The enemy hurled heavy masses of infantry into the line, but concentrations of Italian artillery and infantry successfully checked the assaults.

The enemy has made no further attempts to cross the Piave River. Austrian Air Repulsed. Repulse of the Austrians after a portion of their forces had crossed the Piave and their subsequent rout in this sector was announced. In the fiercest and most bloody fighting of the war the Italians killed 1500 of the enemy and captured 1500 more. Hardly one of those who succeeded in crossing the river escaped.

On the front west of the Piave, south of Quero, great numbers of Austro-German troops are delivering heavy attacks. Attempts to break the Italian resistance along the Monte Monfenera and Monte Tomba lines have failed.

On the Asiago Plateau the Italian forces have assumed the offensive and have occupied advanced elements of trenches. Artillery is Active. The War Office's statement today reads: "Last night there was lively artillery activity between Lake Garda and the Astico."

"On the Asiago Plateau the enemy made violent concentrations of fire on our positions at Monte Tonbercar and Monte Badeneche without following up with an infantry attack. Our parties in new offensive operations recaptured advanced elements of trenches, capturing six officers and 202 men.

"South of Quero enemy forces in great number are attacking our Monte Monfenera and Monte Tomba lines. "On the plains the vigilance of our troops has stopped the enemy from renewing any attack whatsoever to cross the Piave."

"Among our troops the following deserve again to be specifically mentioned for valor shown during these last days: Bersaglieri battalions in the Fagare zone and the Granotteri and Catania brigades at the Zenon loop.

"Enemy troops repeatedly were bombarded in the course of the day by our airplanes and in the night, in spite of a strong wind, by our airships at the basin of Primolano, to the northwest of Susegana, and at Tehzedi Livenza."

BERLIN, via London, Nov. 19.—Quero and Monte Cornelle on the Northern Italian front, have been taken by storm and the Italians have been driven from Monte Tomba, the War Office announced today.

The announcement follows: "Northeast of Asiago the enemy repeated his fruitless and costly attacks to gain the lost heights. Between the Brenta and the Piave the last few days have brought the (Teutonic) allies further successes in difficult mountain fighting."

Italians Yield Slowly. "In prepared and naturally strong positions the Italians sought to dispute every foot of ground. They threw freshly brought up forces against our advancing troops, but were not equal to the unconquerable offensive strength of our infantry. Step by step, fighting stubbornly, the enemy yielded. In particularly desperate encounters Quero and Monte Cornelle extending to the northwest were taken by storm and the enemy was driven from his strongly prepared positions on Monte Tomba. The German storming troops and the second Bosnia-Herzegovina infantry regiment especially distinguished themselves in this action. Eleven hundred Italians fell into our hands."

"On the Lower Piave the artillery duel at times increased to great violence. ITALIANS VICTORS ON PIAVE Austrians Suffer Loss of 1500 in Killed and 1500 in Captured. (By the Associated Press.) ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Sunday, Nov. 18.—The Austrians who forced their way across the Piave River above Lionson have been thrown into the river, drowned, bayoneted, killed or captured, until now not an enemy remains on the west bank at that most threatened point. The fight was one of the most fearful. (Concluded on Page 3, Column 2.)

5 GERMAN U-BOATS DESTROYED IN DAY

BRITISH PREMIER TELLS COMMONS OF BIG VICTORY.

ASQUITH STARTS BATTLE

Welsh Leader's Reply Characteristic Fighting Speech.

PARIS ACTION IS JUSTIFIED

Prime Minister Reaffirms Need of Unity of Action in Prosecution of War—Some Blunders Are Recalled.

BANKER TAKES UP KNITTING

Aberdeen Red Cross Enlisting Men to Sew Output.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—W. J. Patterson, manager of the Hayes & Hayes Bank, is one of several Aberdeen men who has taken up knitting as a pastime and he is now engaged under the tutelage of Mrs. Patterson, who is president of the Aberdeen chapter of the Red Cross, in making a helmet.

WRECK NARROWLY MISSED

Rope Holding Ship in Place Cut While Engines Are Tested.

NORTHCLIFFE WILL RETURN

Head of British War Mission Much Interested in Aircraft.

BOYS SKULL FRACTURED

Automobile Driven by Boy of 14 Turns Over With Fatal Result.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—Valentine Caldwell, 14, of Plainview, died in St. Mary's Hospital today as the result of an automobile accident. He was riding with his cousin, Roy Hughes, when the car turned over. His skull was fractured and he did not regain consciousness. The Hughes boy was only bruised.

DECLARATION TO BE BRIEF

Clemenceau and Associates Are Men of Few Words.

PARIS, Nov. 19.—Premier Clemenceau and his associates in the new Cabinet decided today upon the terms of the declaration with which they will go before Parliament tomorrow. It is described as a simple, straightforward and almost laconic document of about 500 words.

DISCOUNT ADVANCE URGED

Reserve Officials Propose Change in Interest of Business.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Modification of discount rates was discussed today at the Federal Reserve Advisory Commission's quarterly conference with the Federal Reserve Board. Some officials think rates should be raised slightly as a means of preventing inflation and promoting sound business.

PREMIER'S DEFENSE DECLARED TRIUMPH

Critics of War Policy Answered.

SEDITION CLIQUE BROUGHT TO TRIAL

INDIA REVOLUTIONISTS HAVE HEARING IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Extreme Precautions Taken by Government to Guard Against Unfavorable Circumstances.

2000 PRIZE STOCK AT PORTLAND SHOW

Quantity and Quality Make It Best Ever.

CALIFORNIA MARVEL IS WINNER

First of Coveted Prizes Goes to University Entry.

STUDENT JUDGES AT WORK

Tented City of Pens and Stalls at North Portland Shelters Sleek Thoroughbreds and Purebreds From Many States.

SOLDIERS' TAX CONSIDERED

Calvin Heilig's Request Now Before President Wilson.

BOSTON ADVERTISER SOLD

Purchase of Paper by William Randolph Hearst Announced.

SEATTLE HAS 5000 ENEMY ALIENS

More than 5000 known enemy aliens are in Seattle, this number having registered following the issuance of the first Presidential proclamation defining their status. Immediate steps will be taken to bring them under the Presidential proclamation issued today.

RED CROSS SENDS SUPPLIES TO ITALY

AMBULANCE SECTION, 25 CARS, LEAVES PARIS FOR SOUTH.

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City \$208,000 and State \$122,021.

MONEY CONTINUES TO POUR IN

Portland, It Is Expected, Will Give \$300,000.

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BELGIUM'S AUTHORITY TO START IN THE OREGONIAN NEXT FRIDAY.

Up to late Summer in 1914 Hugh Gibson, as secretary of the United States Legation at Brussels, Belgium, considered that he had a "quiet post." There was work enough to keep a man from growing stale, but also there was time to play. Altogether his was rather a prosaic task, or series of tasks. Then, with scarcely a warning, Europe's roof fell in. What happened in Belgium and to Belgium and the Belgians thereafter constituted the most tragic chain of events that ever befell a modern people. In the name of Kultur the Kaiser's cohorts began stalking through the land, and wherever they stalked there was left a train of death and ruin.

Hugh Gibson saw and sensed it all and he started a diary. Therein he set down the things that happened from day to day. They were things that would have been unbelievable up to that time, constituting as they did a record of aggression and savagery unparalleled.

Mr. Gibson said nothing and made nothing public then concerning the events that he was recording in his diary, because he was the representative of a neutral government. Now the case is different. The United States is one of the powers fighting against German autocracy, and Mr. Gibson is at liberty to tell the authoritative story of Belgium's ruin. He has done this in a book entitled "A Journal From Our Legation in Belgium." It is a work of absorbing interest. It is to be printed serially in The Oregonian beginning Friday, November 23.

SOME THINGS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT SEE AT PORTLAND'S GREAT STOCK SHOW. Illustration showing a pig, a sheep, and a man, with text: 'BIGGER THAN ANY CIRCUS', 'DAIRYMEN SAY IT'S THE HIGH PRICE OFFERED AND NOT THE PRICE OF MILK THAT MAKES 'EM THAT WAY', 'CONTENTED PIGS GET A BATH EVERY DAY AND LIKE IT', 'ACH!', 'WENOW WHO VIEWS WITH ALARM', 'IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE THIS JUST TRY TO BUY A SHEEP', 'THE REAL AUTOCRAT OF THE BIG SHOW AND AN ALLY OF UNCLE SAM'.