

HUNS MASSING FOR NEW DRIVE SOUTH

Aviators Report Heavy Concentrations Behind Advance Lines of the Invaders.

ITALIANS STILL CONFIDENT

Belief Is That New Offensive Is Contemplated by Austro-Germans, With Invasion of Vicenza Plain Its Object.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Italian aviators report heavy concentration of Austro-German divisions behind the lines of the invaders and official dispatches today from Rome express the opinion that exceptionally mild weather may induce the German high command to attempt a new offensive in the mountainous region, having for its object the invasion of the plain between Vicenza and Verona.

The Italian strategists are confident of the strength of the Italian defenses.

ROME, Dec. 4.—The official announcement from general headquarters today says:

"In the Giudicari region (Trentino front) at dawn yesterday parties attacked our advanced line on the slopes south of Doane Valley, but were repulsed.

"On the Aslago plateau enemy artillery was active between Monte Slemol and Monte Castelgomberto. Our reconnaissance parties brought back prisoners and our batteries made powerful concentrations of fire on masses of troops in Gallo wood, southwest of Aslago and north of Monte Tondare. Enemy troops and encampments also were bombarded by our aircraft in Galmara Valley and neighboring zones.

"An enemy infantry attempt east of Monte Badeneche was stopped by our fire. Between the Brenta and the Piave on Monte Spivucola, a few prisoners were captured.

"Enemy columns moving upon Seren Valley and to the Piave Valley were stopped by our fire. In the Piave there was moderate artillery activity. Two captive balloons were brought down."

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Monday, Dec. 4.—By the Austro-Germans the enemy activity is now taking the form of demonstrations by the artillery followed up by the infantry, the preparatory gunfire not being of so concentrated a character as that usually preceding determined assaults.

These demonstrations are either intended to mask movements at other points or are set in motion in the process of feeling the way for the best opening along the Piave and the Northern Italian line. The enemy movements are being put into effect principally on the Upper Piave line.

FIRE INQUIRY IS STARTED

New York Authorities Hunting for Possible Enemy Plotters.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Federal and city authorities today began an investigation to determine, if possible, whether enemy plotters were responsible for the fire which last night destroyed several houses in the plant of the E. W. Morse Drydock Repair Company on the Brooklyn water front.

The company was engaged in executing Government contracts. The loss was estimated at more than half a million dollars.

BRITISH MOW DOWN HUNS

(Continued From First Page.)

8 o'clock last night the line has remained unchanged.

A heavy concentration of German guns east of Gonnelleu suffered greatly by the excellent British counter battery work. Things appeared much brighter in the British camp this morning. The battle probably has not yet run its course but the defenders from now on will be in much better shape to handle the situation.

Drive Into Open Objective.

The ground won by the Germans yesterday could in no wise compensate for the shambles caused by Von Hindenburg's disregard for the lives of his men. But it must be borne in mind that he was playing for vastly bigger stakes than have yet been won. In his latest attacks there were undoubtedly tremendous efforts to break through with great possibilities of a drive out into the open such as he engineered in Italy.

The situation today was much easier for the British. Yesterday was admittedly a rather anxious one, but abundant reinforcements arrived. The

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checking of the Germans' incessant massed attacks was due only to the gallantry of the British soldiers who did not yield before fierce assaults by greatly superior numbers.

Loss of Life Terrible.
In their stupendous efforts against La Vacquerie the Germans swept forward in dense waves with absolutely no concealment and were slaughtered. During the afternoon they delivered a very heavy attack west of Massier and succeeded in smashing through the British line, but an immediate counter-attack forced them to fall back.

The open fighting which has developed along the new battlefield has created an entirely new situation, which holds out many possibilities and now, more than ever, involves the question of generalship which may decide the issue.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters tonight says:

"During the day concentrations of hostile infantry east of Goussaucourt and in the neighborhood of Moeuvres were broken up by our artillery before an attack could develop.

"The enemy's artillery has been active in the neighborhood of La Vacquerie and there has been also considerable hostile artillery activity north of Armentieres, southeast of Ypres and in the Passchendaele sector."

VARNEY TRIAL BEGINS

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE SAID TO BE CONVINCING.

State Will Endeavor to Prove That Defendant Formerly Lived With George H. Keyes.

BEDHAM, Mass., Dec. 4.—Circumstantial evidence, alleged to be "overwhelmingly convincing," is to be produced by the state in the trial of Miss Harriet A. Varney for the murder of Mrs. Pauline Keyes, wife of George H. Keyes, of Brookline, according to Assistant District Attorney William F. Kane, who opened the case of the prosecution to the jury today.

Mr. Kane asserted that it would be shown that Keyes and the defendant had lived together at one period as man and wife and that Miss Varney had declared that he failed to keep a promise to marry her.

Mr. Kane pointed out that there were two bullet wounds in Mrs. Keyes' right hand. "And she was a right-handed person," he added, as if to dismiss any theory of suicide. "The state will claim that the bullet which caused death passed through Mrs. Keyes' hand and entered her head as she was attempting to shield herself from her assailant. A note found on the dining-table near the body was read by the prosecutor. The note was signed 'Pauline Keyes' and was addressed to Keyes."

It said: "Dear George: I am suffering with a violent headache. I cannot endure it any longer. I have found that you have someone else. You have loved to me something terrible. I am sorry it has all come out this way."

LOYALTY LEAGUE HATED

ARIZONA MINERS DEMAND ORDER OF DISBANDMENT.

Union Men Declare Movement Is Merely Blacklisting System and Violating Laws of State.

GLOBE, Arizona, Dec. 4.—Declaring that the loyalty leagues throughout the state are acting as clearing-houses for the employment of labor for Arizona miners and that the organization, by establishing a race prejudice, are constituting a menace to industrial peace, the Globe-Miami locals of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers today addressed a lengthy letter to Secretary of Labor W. B. Wilson, asking him to order the leagues disbanded.

"The Loyalty League," declare the union men in the letter, "is merely a blacklisting system, unheard of, even by the most stringent laws. It is required by any of the mining companies under their system of employing men before the war. It is violating the laws of the state of Arizona by the Globe-Miami district was in allowing the Loyalty League or any similar organization to exist. They left in force an organization that had established itself as a law-breaking body in this and other parts of the state, a body that was organized for the distinct purpose of oppressing the workers and doing for the mines, by indirect means, that which the companies could not and did not dare to do direct."

SEAMAN FLIES TO MOTHER

Charles Allen Not Delayed by Uncertain Train Service.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 4.—When Charles Allen, a seaman stationed at Newport News, Va., received word the other day that his mother in Duquoin, Ill., was dying, he appealed to his superior officers for leave to go to her.

The train service was uncertain, so the kindly officer detailed a detail to accompany him to his home in an airplane. The distance—about 1000 miles—was covered in nine hours.

MANIPULATION IS BARRED

Trade in Provisions Regulated by Food Administration.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Restrictions required by the Federal Food Administration on provisions trading were announced by the Board of Trade today, effective tomorrow.

There must be no manipulation of provisions futures, which comprise pork, ribs and lard. Six months is the limit of future contracts. Lard and ribs must not fluctuate more than 50 cents per hundredweight on any one day, nor pork more than \$1 in a day.

AUSTRIANS TOLD TO WAIT

Citizenship Papers Denied Natives of Dual Monarchy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Petitions of Austrian citizens seeking full United States citizenship were denied here today for the first time by Supreme Court Justice Gieseler.

All were told to return after the war.

1600 EXPORT FIRMS ARE ON BLACKLIST

All Concerns Under Scrutiny of War Trade Board Are in Latin America.

GERMAN AID PROMPTS ACT

Much of Teuton Propaganda in United States Financed by Companies—American Firms Not to Suffer Hardships.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—A blacklist of 1600 firms in 20 Central and South American countries with whom merchants in the United States are forbidden specifically to do business, except under special license, was promulgated tonight by the War Trade Board. It is styled officially "enemy trading list," and constitutes the first section of a record which eventually will include the names of firms in most of the countries of the world, including the United States itself.

Latin America is dealt with first because of the large numbers of German firms in the Southern republics active in aiding Germany's cause. Evidence put before the War Trade Board has shown that many of these firms, including public utilities companies, have financed to a large degree German propaganda work in the United States. All those named in the list issued tonight have been charged with secretly or openly assisting America's enemies.

American Concerns Guided.
The action is taken under authority conferred on the President by the act giving to the enemy act and is designed solely for the guidance of American concerns to enable them to observe the provisions of the law. The act forbids not only trading except under special license with an enemy or an ally of an enemy, but prohibits commerce as well with a person conducting trade on behalf or for the benefit of an enemy.

Any license issued for trading with firms named in the list will be apart from the regular export and import licenses which must be obtained for the shipment in or out of the United States of most commodities.

Issuance of the list recalled the vigorous protest made by this Government to Great Britain when the first British blacklist, containing the names of many American firms, was published. The British reply, however, was considered in many quarters here as establishing the legality of the action.

Special Licenses Provided For.
It is possible that in many instances licenses may be issued, as it may be found that trading in certain commodities with those named in the list will not work to any advantage for Germany or her allies.

To minimize inconvenience to merchants in this country, arising from the declaration, the War Board will classify the names of non-enemy firms dealing in the same commodities who may serve as substitutes for the blacklisted concerns.

In every case the Board will take pains to assure itself through confidential officers or other agencies that the substitutes are not acting as agents. It will not, however, assume responsibility for their financial standing.

In issuing the list the Board makes it plain that it cannot be made complete and that merchants trading with enemy firms not named in the list measure relieved from prohibitions and penalties contained in the trading with the enemy.

Firms Mostly in Brazil.
It is considered certain that until all sections of the list have been issued the law of necessity will be enforced with some degree of laxity. Most of the firms named in the list issued tonight bear German names, although others evidently are of English, Spanish, French and Portuguese derivation. The list as it applies to Brazil contains the greatest number of firms, with Mexico second.

The announcement of the list said E. L. Donaka, in foreign trade who sought Government guidance in their efforts to observe the law.

SEAL SALES INCREASE

FUNDS FOR RED CROSS YESTERDAY REACH \$100,000.

Oregon State Board of Health Issues Appeal to People to Aid Campaign Against Tuberculosis.

The downtown booth sale of the Red Cross Christmas seals passed the \$100 mark yesterday, the total sales being \$100,000. The booth at the Meier & Frank store carried off the honors, with a sale of \$25,000. In charge were the Charles Dickens Club, Self-Culture Club, and Chapter C of the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

Today all booths were filled with members of the Auxiliary to Company H, Third Oregon Infantry, of which Mrs. E. L. Donaka is president.

To the people of Oregon the State Board of Health has issued an appeal for support of the seal sale: "We give new importance to the work of the Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis," says the statement. "Numbers of men who apply for enlistment are rejected because of tuberculosis. Others contract the disease in service and must be returned to their homes. In either instance these men must be cared for. Any other course would be inhumane. It would be uneconomic. The Oregon State Board of Health desires most earnestly to commend the Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis to the support of the people of Oregon in performing this service."

OBSERVATION CARS STOP

Pennsylvania Railway System to Increase Travel Facilities.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 4.—Observation cars on through limited trains of the Pennsylvania Railway system between New York and the West will be withdrawn Thursday in order to further assist in the efficient utilization of facilities, the company announced today.

Sleeping cars will take the places of those withdrawn, thus increasing the carrying capacity of the trains without adding to the number of cars.

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COMMON INTEREST IS SEEN

Needs and Requirements of All Are Clearly Understood and Military Programme Has Approval of All.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—The Foreign Office officially announced today that at the request of the Inter-Allied Conference, in which the United States participated, agreements were concluded "upon the basis of a complete understanding and close solidarity among the allies for the solution of the questions in which they have a common interest in the war."

It was also announced that the creation of a supreme inter-allied naval committee had been decided upon.

The inter-allied general staff, it was said, was working upon a definite military programme, which was placing unity in military action in the way of certain realization.

The announcement regarding the results of the conference was made in the following official statement:

"The Minister of Foreign Affairs reported to the Cabinet Council today the result of the conference of the allies. The reading of communications from the presidents of each section of the allied conference, at which were present for the first time representatives of all the countries taking part with us in this war, has given felicitous results from every point of view. They give assurance of practical unity of action, economically, financially and militarily."

"The agreements have been concluded upon the basis of a complete understanding and close solidarity among the allies for the solution of the questions in which they have a common interest in the war. The financial needs of each of them, the requirements of their armament, their transport, their food, have been the subjects of profound study which guarantees perfect satisfaction. The creation of a supreme inter-allied naval committee has been determined upon."

"Military unity of action has been placed upon the course of certain realization by the inter-allied general staff, which is at work upon an established programme of all military questions."

"From a diplomatic point of view entire accord resulted from the discussions among the representatives of the powers upon all the business which has been arranged together to assure the common victory of their countries."

BOOK DEMAND IS GROWING

Camp Lewis Soldiers Check Out 202 Books Sunday.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—Sunday 202 books were checked out for the Camp Lewis library by soldiers. This was the largest day since the library opened last week. A total of 453 books have been checked out.

The soldiers have not called for books as largely as was expected. This is attributed to the fact that the men are going through severe physical training and do not feel much like reading after going through the hard daily grind. When the men in the camp get hardened to their work it is expected they will visit the library in greatly increased numbers.

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EIGHT MEN ELECTROCUTED

Wire at St. Louis Brewery Falls Across Cable Line.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—Eight men were electrocuted and three suffered severe electric shocks when a wire cable which the men were handling at the plant of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association broke today and fell on a Union Electric cable.

ASTORIA LAD APPOINTED MIDSHIPMAN.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 4.—Following a competitive examination, Representative Hawley appointed Lee Richardson, of Astoria, as midshipman at the Annapolis

UMATILLA PROPERTY VALUES GAIN.

PENDELTON, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The total assessed valuation of Umatilla County this year is almost \$3,000,000 better than a year ago. Property in the county, according to Assessor Strain, this year is valued at \$1,138,466, and public property at \$11,138,466. The increase in county property is accounted for by the higher valuation of wheat land since the wheat price doubled.

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