

# TEUTON ARMIES HELD IN CHECK

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## CAVALRY PROVES VALUABLE

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(By the Associated Press.)

**ITALY AND BERTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY**, Friday, Nov. 3.—The general situation presents many reassuring features, but its continued gravity is not to be underestimated. The enemy advance is being held back west of the Tagliamento River. The Italian cavalry is again demonstrating its value.

Reports coming in from all quarters now make it clear that the enemy united in the decision to try to deliver a staggering blow to Italy and thus re-engage the entire scope of the entente offensives at other points. Not only German troops but also the Italian forces massed against the Italian second army, but the larger part of the huge concentration was drawn from the Russian front under circumstances which the Italians regard as very mysterious.

**Light Brigade Deeds Emulated.**

"The Italian cavalry has emulated the deeds of the famous Light Brigade at Balaklava," said a British officer who has been following the operations on the Italian front, in speaking today of the campaign now in progress.

Ever since the opening of the war the Italian cavalrymen have been chafing because the mountain warfare offered no opportunity for employment of their branch of the service. They were drafted into infantry and bomb-throwing contingents and into the aerial service. Now, however, they have had the chance to prove that the cavalry is not as "obsolete as crossbows," as one writer put it. In fact, the successful retirement of the Italian army was due very largely to the heroism of the mounted troops.

**Fighting Was Brilliant.**

The splendid maneuvering of the cavalry in great masses and their reckless charges in the face of streams of machine gun bullets are regarded by military officers as constituting one of the most brilliant features of the fighting on this front.

Charges of entire brigades were executed with perfect precision and control. Many difficult feats were performed. Machine guns could not stop them.

Some regiments were virtually annihilated, but their effort was not in vain, inasmuch as they protected the road over which the third army passed to safety. The loss of heroism was inspiring, the troops, whose spirits are recovering.

**Physicians Show Bravery.**

In other branches of the service, also, brave deeds were performed. For instance, the physicians in charge of the military hospitals in Udine refused to leave the last major battle, and remained with their patients until they were ordered that they draw lots for the choice of a few who should remain behind, but all insisted on remaining at their posts.

**Feature of Retreat Remarkable.**

One of the most remarkable features of the Italian retreat to the Tagliamento line was the manner in which the third army, occupying the southern end of the old line, effected its escape from the envelopment threatened by the second army's enforced rearward movement.

While the second army was steadily giving ground in the earlier stages of the Austro-German thrust the third army held its own, not yielding a foot, although a heavy bombardment had been kept up all along its front. When heavy enemy artillery fire began to be heard first on its left flank and then towards the rear, however, it was recognized that the position was a precarious one for such a vast assemblage of men and war material. This led to serious consideration of the question of the retreat, and it is believed that the order was issued late on October 25 or early the following morning.

Even after the order to fall back was issued, however, the Duke of Ombria's men stood to their guns, unwilling to quit the field they had won with such heroic sacrifice, until the boom of the enemy's guns began to be distinctly heard toward their rear.

**Brigades Are Sacrificed.**

Then began the stupendous movement rearward and sideward with the enemy hovering close along the line of withdrawal and Italian Bersaglieri brigades sacrificing themselves to permit the main columns to get clear with their guns and munitions. The movement was complicated by the fact that few of the main roads ran east and west, most of them running north and south. Also there were but three bridges across the Tagliamento, which stream it was necessary for the colossal traffic to cross in moving westward. It is the judgment of military experts that this removal under ordinary conditions would require a full month, yet it was accomplished within an almost incredibly small fraction of that period, amid exhibitions of fortitude and displays of endurance under hardships and inevitable suffering almost without parallel.

**Camouflage Is Practiced.**

During its retreat the third army had become separated from the second, leaving a gap. In this gap enemy forces pushed forward and soon put into operation a cunning device. Austrian soldiers were dressed in Italian uniforms, so as to permit them to scatter over the country or mingle with the Italian forces on both sides of the gap. The Austrians, thus garbed, were enabled to advance unopposed and then opened fire with machine guns on retreating parties. Some of the Austrians were smuggled forward in motor lorries and then turned against the westward moving force.

Conditions of the retreating army became worse as the days passed and the supplies became scarcer. Many men died along the road from exhaustion. However, with all the inevitable misery, terror and tragedy attending such a gigantic operation the army itself has been preserved with most of its artillery and supplies, although the best-informed military opinion believes that another two hours' delay in Cadorna's order to retire would have resulted in the loss of the entire third army.

**Retreat Has Compensations.**

From the strategic standpoint the Italian retreat in Northern Italy has certain compensations. It has shortened the Italian front from an irregular curve of 70 miles to a compact, straight line.

The former front, just abandoned, stretched from Plezzo southward to the Gulf of Trieste, which is 50 miles in an air line and more than 70 miles in-

cluding the zig-zags over the mountains. This was an exceptionally long front for either offensive or defensive operations and it was continually threatened with incursions at weak points of the long line, such as the fatal one, when the present blow was delivered at a point where the line tapered off to a thin outpost.

The old line, moreover, had no rivers as natural defenses. Now, however, the front is greatly shortened with the entire army massed and backed by natural defenses. Thus, strategically, the invading forces are at present standing with a wide and turbulent mountain stream before them, on the edge of winter, besides confronting an army which is rapidly reforming along the new line.

**Trentino Front Considered.**

But the strategic issues are not confined to those bearing on the situation eastward in Venetia. There must also be taken into consideration the Trentino front, which has heretofore been distinct and separate in the war operations. The Venetian front runs perpendicularly from the Adriatic, whereas the Trentino front runs horizontally eastward from Lake Garda, and is little more than 30 miles away from the north. Scouts going in that direction today heard heavy gunfire to the northward, so that attention has been turned in two directions—eastward to the new Venetian front east of the Tagliamento River and northward to the Trentino front from Lake Garda eastward.

Reports coming in today were of a reassuring character, showing the Italian reorganizing and holding the enemy north of the Tagliamento. This river is a difficult one for the enemy to cross, as the rapids are so swift it is impossible to float pontoons.

**Looting Is Reported.**

One of the last arrivals from the invaded regions came into town today after a dangerous, circuitous trip along by-roads to avoid the enemy scouts. Their uniforms, he reported, entered some of the towns early on Sunday and soon afterward there was a fusillade which terrified the few townspeople remaining. Another of the late arrivals said he saw soldiers breaking into jewelry shops and coming into the street with their hands filled with watches and jewelry, while all other places having things of value were similarly raided.

While the retreat was on the enemy continued to push forward close upon the retreating army, the rear guard holding the pursuing forces at most points. One priest garbed in the uniform of a chaplain did heroic service in this respect. He saw an artilleryman falter and ordered him back to his task. The soldier made a lunge at the Chaplain, who called a carbineer. The latter placed the muzzle of a rifle at the soldier's breast and warned him that any further such a movement meant instant death, whereupon the soldier returned to his task.

Thus the commanders battled against the enemy attack against the abnormal congestion, with all its terrors, miseries and fatigues, which follow in the wake of a vast rearward movement.

The latest reports tonight indicated no change in the situation for the worse. On the contrary, there were several reassuring phases, so that the situation as a whole appeared more hopeful.

**ROME, Nov. 3.**—Austro-German pressure was more noticeable yesterday on the left wing of the Italian armies on the Tagliamento line. Attempts made by the Teutons to break in the middle of the river have been detained by the Italian troops.

**BERLIN, Nov. 3.**—More than 200,000 prisoners and 1800 guns have been taken in the Austro-German campaign against the Italian army. The captured machine guns, mine throwers, motor vehicles, baggage and other war material cannot be estimated, even approximately.

There have been no further important military operations.

**FARRIN FOUND GUILTY**  
Former Portland Attorney Granted 10 Days to File Appeal.

George N. Farrin, former Portland attorney, was yesterday declared guilty of forgery. Federal Judge Wolverton announced that sentence upon Mr. Farrin will be suspended 10 days to give him opportunity to file an appeal.

Four complaining witnesses accused the defendant of having forged their names to checks for \$10 mailed to them in his care because he was acting as their attorney in land matters at the time. Mr. Farrin declared that he acted with power of attorney in cashing the checks.

**Hindu Laborer Injured.**  
Naden Khan, a Hindu laborer, 31 years old, was injured severely yesterday at Front and Burnside streets, when he was struck by a Hazelwood truck, driven by F. A. Mowers. The driver summoned the Ambulance Service Company and Khan was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. His collarbone and several ribs are broken and he sustained scalp wounds. Mr. Mowers reported the accident at police headquarters, stating that Khan stepped suddenly before the machine as it was making the turn at Front and Burnside.

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All these points were ones on which the attitude of the National Liberals heretofore has been doubtful, to say the least.

**Rift in Concord Noticeable.**

A slight rift in concord appears in the platform's paragraph on the peace policy in which, while assenting to the general principles enunciated in the realm of action for the empire in the field of foreign policy and that the Reichstag resolution of last July be no longer regarded as binding. It puts in a word for the conservatives, saying that in the interests of a political truce, whose continuance until the end of the war is all important, no party should be excluded from the association.

The newspapers this morning, the Berlin advices state, were rather uncertain regarding the make-up of Count von Hertling's cabinet. The new Chancellor has been given a free hand by the Emperor to choose his subordinates and is under no binding promise to the Reichstag parties, as to the particular men to be called into the ministry, although he offered assurances to them that he would extend the practice of inviting members of parliament as inaugurated by his predecessor.

A decision on the question of the appointments of Friedrich von Payer, progressive member of the Reichstag, as Vice-Chancellor; Herr Friedberg,

**WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.**—Twelve men—all the crew of the picket-boat of the battleship Michigan, were lost when their little craft foundered in home waters October 26.

Three bodies have been found and, inasmuch as all the others are missing, the Navy Department assumes that all were lost.

Following is a list of the crew: Joseph J. Schultz, seaman, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Joseph H. Hendrickson, seaman, York, Pa.; Roscoe Scott, fireman, Denver, Colo.; Stanley J. Wing, fireman, Detroit, Mich.; Austin Atwood, seaman, Sandusky, O.; Arthur A. Flow, seaman, Matthews, Mecklenburg County, N. C.; Andrew F. Meiser, gunner's mate, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Walter H. Fischer, coxswain, Chicago; Clarence L. Jones, seaman, Bucksport, Me.; Edmund L. Tamillo, coxswain, Chicago; James P. Young, chief gunner's mate, Brooklyn, N. Y.; George M. Hildmark, Jr., seaman, no home given.

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Portland Team No. 107, Woodmen of the World, will give an all-night dance Saturday night, November 10, at Eagle Creek, on the Estacada line. A special car will leave First and Alder streets at 7:30 P. M.

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A violent storm had swept the coast where the accident occurred on the day previous to the finding of Tamillo's body.

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