

3000 ITALIANS ARE TAKEN BY TEUTONS

Berlin Claims Decided Gains in Few Days' Fighting on Southern Front.

HOT BATTLE NOW RAGING

Teutons Endeavor to Advance Their Positions So as to Give Them Two Lines of Approach to Brenna Valley.

BERLIN, Dec. 15, via London.—More than 3000 prisoners have been taken by the Austro-German forces during the fighting of the past few days on the Italian front between the Brenna and the Piave, army headquarters announced today. Some captures of cannon and machine guns also were effected.

Italian counter attacks against positions taken were repulsed. The statement reads:

"Italian front.—During the past few days, in engagements between the Brenna and the Piave, we took 40 officers and more than 3000 men prisoners and captured some guns and machine guns. Several Italian counter attacks against positions we had captured were repulsed."

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Heavy fighting is in progress today on the mountain front in the north, east of the Brenna River. The enemy is attempting to advance his positions, as he has those west of the river, which would give him two lines of approach to the Brenna Valley and the open plain.

American Representative Hart. An army automobile in which Congressman George H. Tinkham, of Boston, was riding yesterday on a visit to Monte Grappa, on the northern mountain front, skidded over the mountain side and dropped 20 feet. The automobile was crushed to pieces, but the congressman and the other occupants escaped with bruises, the chauffeur being seriously, but not dangerously, injured. The congressman, who died the first American shot against Austria, received slight injuries.

The enemy has brought a large number of his heaviest guns to the Piave and northern fronts and the bombardment has taken on increased range and violence. Some of the shells have reached Manzano, eight miles back of the Piave, and a few miles from the city of Treviso. Hundreds of these monster projectiles were concentrated on one point.

Tenton Loses Enormous. General Diaz, the Italian commander-in-chief, summed up the results of the struggle of the last three days in the north by saying that the enemy secured an insignificant stretch of ground at the cost of an immense sacrifice of blood.

ROME, Dec. 15.—After an all-day battle yesterday on the Italian mountain front, the enemy reached Col Caprille, the War Office announced today. Nightfall stopped the fighting. The Italian troops held firmly on positions a little to the rear of Col Caprille.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The strength of the Austro-German invaders in Italy is placed by official dispatches from Rome today at 60 divisions. On the front line are 52, of which 45 are Austrian and seven German. Eight others, four German and four Austrian, are said by information from competent sources to be held back of the lines in reserve.

LEWIS RIVER DRIVE MADE

Lumber Products Valued at \$200,000 Come Out on High Water.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Logs, railroad ties and shingle bolts valued at more than \$200,000 were carried out to the boom at the mouth of the Lewis River by the high water of the past few days, and will soon be available for market. The logs were rafted for various mills along the Columbia, while the ties will be loaded on cars at Richfield.

The water in the Lewis River at Woodland rose to the 16-foot mark, within three feet of the highest stage ever known there, and due to the fact that there was no backwater from the Columbia, the current was violent. Notwithstanding this the boom held safely.

BLIND TO GIVE BENEFIT

Children in Vancouver School Will Give Red Cross School.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The blind children at the State School for the Blind at Vancouver will give a Red Cross benefit Wednesday evening, December 19, at the school building. Miss Margaret Carney, the blind soprano, will sing. An admission of 25 cents will be charged.

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black hair brushed straight back and wearing a flowing tie, appeared with genial suavity before the bar like an actor sure of a pleasant reception. Ben Reitman, erstwhile anarchist and associate of Emma Goldman, who was a spectator, said to a reporter: "Ah! there is a man, a great man; that's Giovanni, the poet. He writes wonderful verse; he has a soul, an appreciation of the good and the beautiful. You should read his—"

Laudation Is Nipped.

"Order in the court!" a bailiff snapped and Reitman's words were cut short. Reitman has renounced the

THREE EFFICIENT MEDICINES

Hood's Sarsaparilla, superlative blood purifier and appetizer, originated in a Boston physician's successful prescription. Pepton, superlative iron tonic, for anemia, nervousness, made from iron, pepsin, nux, celery, etc. Hood's Pills, superlative family cathartic, for liver, constipation.

The superlative combination that gives superlative health.

Practically everybody needs at least one of these medicines—

But—if your blood is scrofulous, If you are also anemic or nervous, If you are constipated besides—thousands have all these ailments—

You need all three medicines. Ask your druggist for them today—Adv.

ways of anarchy and has returned, he says, to the sober practice of medicine, which he abandoned 10 years ago to follow the red flag against all governments.

The name of Abraham Rodriguez, of Lardburg, N. M., proved difficult for the court clerk, and his ignorance of English to Judge Landis. "Abraham Rodriguez," mispronounced the clerk. The New Mexican, responding to a hint from a neighbor, went forward.

"What's your name?" asked the court. "Abraham Rodriguez," he said, with the correct Spanish twist. "Guilty or not guilty?"

"Are you guilty or not guilty?" asked the judge. "Did you do it, or didn't you do it? Guilty or not guilty? Understand?"

Answer Is Clear. The witness struggled and then said three distinct words: "I not guilty."

Mr. Vanderveer assured the court that Rodriguez knew what he was saying, and the rollcall was resumed.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, of New York, one of the few out on bond, pleaded in a low voice. She wore a dark blue and very plain-tailored suit, with a wide white collar. Others of prominence among the defendants were Haywood, executive secretary of the I. W. W., and Vincent St. John. Few spectators were admitted, as the courtroom was crowded with the unusual number of defendants.

Attorney Vanderveer was taken to a police station on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. He put up a cash bond of \$200 for his appearance in court.

SWISS READY TO FIGHT

NEUTRALITY WILL BE MAINTAINED BY FORCE IF NEEDED.

Violation of Frontiers Will Be Repelled Promptly, Says President Ador.

of Swiss Confederation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In thanking the United States for the declaration to strictly observe the neutrality of Switzerland, the Swiss Confederation, in a communication made public today by the State Department, declares it will maintain its neutrality by its own forces and will repel a violation of its frontiers.

"The Federal Council has the honor to declare," says President Ador, "that by virtue of its sovereignty and in accordance with the declaration of the powers who signed the treaties of Vienna and Paris of 1815, in particular that of the 26th of November, the Swiss Confederation, in the event of a violation of its neutrality, will take the necessary measures for the defense of its territory, will maintain its neutrality by its own forces and will repel a violation of its frontiers if that occurs."

"Referring to these acts and to its declaration of neutrality of August 4, 1914, as well as to later declarations, especially the notification made at Washington by the Swiss Minister on April 20, 1917, the Federal Council believes that it appertains only to it to decide in what condition it might appear open to appeal to the assistance of foreign powers."

NEWBERG RED CROSS BUSY

Four Units and Two Auxiliaries Organized in Community.

NEWBERG, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Since the Red Cross auxiliary was changed to a branch chapter four units have been organized and two auxiliaries in the outlying communities.

Unit No. 1 was organized among the teachers of the grade and high schools, with Miss Harritt as captain. No. 2 was organized by the women of the Wednesday Club, with Mrs. J. A. Jones as captain. No. 3 was organized by the women of the Red Cross, branch 2, Civic Improvement Club, captain not yet chosen. No. 4 was organized by the women of the Rebekah Lodge, captain not chosen. An auxiliary has been organized at Fernwood, with Mrs. Wesley Boyes chairman and one at Springbrook, with C. E. Newhouse chairman.

PORTLAND GATE IS OPEN

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case to General Irons, and Captain Welty, whom the committee found to be most hospitable.

General Favens Portland. "I am delighted to say that the boys of the camp are free to visit here and whenever they wish, or rather, whenever they can," said General Irons. Personally, I am partial to Portland, for I had a great deal to do with the city while I was in command of troops at Vancouver Barracks, from 1905 to 1907."

"We thank you very much," replied Mayor Baker. "We have a city of loyal people, and we will guarantee to treat your boys as they see fit. They get back safely. We believe we have a clean town, and we are anxious to hold special events to make Portland a favorite rendezvous for your men."

Captain Welty also expressed satisfaction over Portland's having at last made arrangements for the soldiers to visit Portland. Portland boys at the camp were delighted because the special train arrangements now will enable them to get home.

Military Show Viewed. Heretofore they have been unable to make the trip except when getting more than the usual time off. After accomplishing their mission the committee returned to the special train and joined the rest of Portland's turnout at the big military and wild West doings.

In spite of a cold rain thousands of persons stood on the bleachers and watched wonderful exhibitions along military and wild West lines. The show took on all the aspect and thrills of a Pendleton Round-up, the performers being soldiers in camp from all over the West. Also the military maneuvers were remarkable, and gave a great insight into the work which the soldiers have to do and the wonderful results of their training along all modern warfare lines.

Baroness Married Three Times.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Baroness W. Sutton Zollner, under arrest here, is being held without bond by the United States Marshal, pending investigation. She claims she is an American and that there is nothing in the charges against her. She says she has been married three times, her second husband being Baron Count Loeffelholz von Courbiers, Captain in the Bavarian army, from whom she was divorced.

Farm Loan Bond Market Weak.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Federal Farm Loan Board today asked Congress to authorize the Treasury to buy \$100,000,000 worth of farm loan bonds now and the same amount next year to strengthen the market for the securities.

Congress Will Not Reopen to Jan. 3.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Recess of Congress from December 18 to January 3 is provided for in a resolution passed today by the House. It was sent to the Senate and members began arranging for the holiday vacation.

The Store of a Million Friends—2 Blocks North of Washington



Don't Let It Be a Mere Gift!

—Be sure it's that which carries the message of your personality and season's thoughts; at the same time equal the dignity of the recipient; that "permanent beauty and lasting service" will exist, as you expect from the selections made—you should

Give Furniture This Christmas!

Remember at all times "Your Credit Is Good as Gold" and "It's-Easy-to-Pay-the-Edwards-Way."

Here's the Gift That'll Make the Whole Family Smile!

These Two Rooms Full of Chic Furniture \$8

Sent to Your Home on the Small Cash Payment of Balance Arranged to Fit Your Individual Requirement.

—It may sound bragish to say—but, nevertheless, here is the finest suite shown in Portland for the money. Bragging or no bragging, the fact stands apparent, self-evident and absolute. No, this is not a child's set, it's for full-grown people—even though the price is only—

Exactly as Pictured in That Deep and Rich Hand-Rubbed Golden Wax Finish.



Select Any Single Piece From Either Set if You Like.

Hugro Vacuum Carpet Sweeper \$7.50

—Here is an ideal gift. This combination vacuum and brush sweeper is a year ahead of them all. Has auto roller bearings, hinged nozzle and nozzle clamp.

"White Cross" Electric Stove, \$4.95

—Breakfast in five minutes. Toast, coffee, hot cakes, eggs, etc. Yes, even heat the milk for baby at night. Some convenience, eh? Pretty fine Christmas gift, too!

This "Bakalite" Highly Polished Brass Bed \$12.95

\$1.00 Cash—50c Week

An Ideal Gift! \$7.75

—These Fine Bags may be had in either black or tan. They are built to give service, being leather-covered, with heavy leather-bound corners. Size? Yes, that popular No. 16.

No Flowers on the Floor Any More!

Solid Oak Fern Stand \$1.30

—Take either style, round or square top.

Join the Red

—You at home, who take no chance. —Do merciful deeds—while humanity bleeds. —Join that others may be saved, healed and made whole.

Your Credit Is Good as Gold! Out-of-Town Folks, Too!

—Select one single piece or a house full— —It's-Easy-to-Pay-the-Edwards-Way—

\$ 50 Worth—\$ 5.00 Cash, \$1.00 Week

\$ 75 Worth—\$ 7.50 Cash, \$1.50 Week

\$100 Worth—\$10.00 Cash, \$2.00 Week

\$150 Worth—\$15.00 Cash, \$2.50 Week

A GOOD PLACE TO TRADE

EDWARDS & CO.

FIFTH AND OAK STREETS

Store Open Evenings Till Xmas—8 P. M.

NATION IS SHIVERING

Lack of Coal Causes Suffering in All Quarters.

INDUSTRIES CLOSE DOWN

Fuel Administration Redoubles Efforts to Release Supplies Held on Tracks by Car Congestion at Shipping Centers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Reports of almost Nation-wide suffering due to lack of coal stirred Fuel Administration officials today to redoubled efforts to release supplies held on tracks by car congestion.

Orders went forth to Fuel Administration representatives in the Middle West to make every attempt to move coal to points declared to be facing coal famine. A. W. Thompson, chairman of the operating committee of Eastern railroads, was called into conference by Fuel Administrator Garfield for suggestions.

Tonight Dr. Garfield named C. R. Morland, of Cleveland, general director of the Middle Western coal shippers' terminal pool association and gave him full power and authority to supervise transportation. Mr. Morland will work with Homer Johnson, Federal fuel administrator for Ohio, and W. K. Prudden, administrator for Michigan.

After his conference with Dr. Garfield, Mr. Thompson said the situation was serious, but that his committee was making great progress towards relieving congestion in the Pittsburgh terminal territory.

The full effect of the committee's efforts, he said, would not become apparent for several days. Fuel Administrator Johnson reported from Cleveland tonight that he had started 40 carloads of coal into that city, where 100,000 tons were idle last Monday. In the meantime it was estimated that between 250,000 and 300,000 families are urgently in need of fuel.

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Suffering among the poor increased. In many of the large downtown office buildings heat was shut off at noon.

According to railroad officials, coal is being received at the New Jersey terminals in "unprecedented quantities," but lack of labor has hindered its transportation to New York.

The supply in the Bronx this morning was 2000 tons, just enough to last the day. The office of the fuel administrator for Manhattan again was crowded today with women begging for coal. Blue cards have been issued to those having sickness in their homes and who urgently need coal. These persons are able to obtain small quantities from retailers by presenting the cards if the dealers' supply is not entirely exhausted.

W. M. Warren Dies at Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—W. M. Warren, prominent lodge member and business man, is dead at his home after several months' suffering with heart trouble. Previous to coming to Pendleton, Mr. Warren was musical instructor at the University of Oregon. He leaves a wife and two children. Mr. Warren was born and raised in Portland.

NEW YORK'S POOR SUFFERING

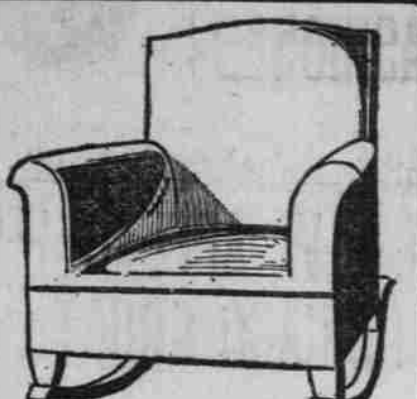
More Than 250,000 Families Urgently in Need of Coal.

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"Here's the Gift for Father!"
Genuine Leather
Overstuffed Rockers
\$23.75



—No doubt this one sort of makes your eyes bulge out, but it's a fact, nevertheless. A Genuine Leather Comfortable Rocker that is Big, Deep, Roomy, Comfortable, Good Looking and Durable. Yes, this one was built to last and is worth more money than the price named.

O-You-Telephone!

—No more standing up or dragging a heavy chair across the floor to have a chat with a friend or loved one.

This Solid Oak Telephone Stand and Stool. In That Hand-Rubbed Golden Wax Finish. Priced Special at

\$3.85

Big Wood Heater

\$16.75

\$2 Cash, \$1 Week.

—With Cast Top, Bottom and Front

Door—Body is of Double Strength

heavy gauge blue steel—inner lining is of corrugated

high—thus protecting body from possible damage.

The Supreme Gift for Mother

Monarch

MALLEABLE

The "Stay Satisfactory" Range.

Burns wood or coal and gas at the same time. Different sizes and different styles now on display.

Select yours early this week so it can be installed before Christmas.

A Monarch "used-once" means a "Monarch-forever."

—Your old stove will be taken as part pay.

Your Heart Will Jump With Joy—if Santa Only Leaves a "Brunswick" for You!

Different Sizes, Different Styles, Different Finishes Now on Display, Priced at

\$75 \$95 \$115 \$130 \$155 \$180

They Are Built Like a Violin

Tones hitherto hidden are now brought out—the acoustically perfect wooden-walled tone chamber, built like a violin—gives you all previously lost overtones—mellow low notes, the clear, vibrant high C and all delicate shadings.

Metallic sounds are impossible because no metal enters into the construction of a Brunswick. The Brunswick is equipped to play All Records of All Makes.

Any needle may be used, including the Jewel Point, Sapphire Ball, Steel, etc. All without extra cost.

Terms will be arranged to fit Your Individual Requirement—not one cent of interest will be charged you, either.

Make Your Kitchen Sparkle!

99% Pure Aluminum

Cooking Outfit

Priced Special at

\$11.75

\$1.25 Cash, 50c Week

—Unquestionably the best looking as well as the most sanitary cooking outfit obtainable. The attractive colonial design and bright silver color will make your kitchen sparkle. Its bright silver color is guaranteed not to rust. Covers and balls are equipped with heat-proof grips that always remain cool. For "mother" or for "bride" good cooking apparatus is most pleasing. Have your set reserved at once!

Forming the habit of thrift Saving coupons is a very good way—the discount for cash given by some stores. A collection of little pieces of paper finally represents something of value and the habit of thrift has been formed.

Shirley Burns, August, 1917, Forum.

J. M. Green Stamps and Thrift go hand in hand.

The Sperry & Hutchinson Co.

Santiseptic Gives Skin Comfort.

Instantly relieves, cures and prevents chafed or irritated skin. Cools and soothes. You'll like its clean, healthy odor. 50c. All drugists.

—Adv.