

ONVILAS IN TRIESTE ARE TOLD TO GO

Austrian High Command Issues Warning to Residents as to Danger of Italian Offensive Which Is Steadily Pushing Closer to City.

TWO CONTINGENTS OF AUSTRIANS BESIEGED

Fall of Mountain Forts of Monte Gabriel and Monte Daniel Regarded Only as Matter of Few Days; Onslaught of Italians Winning

Rome, Aug. 28.—(I. N. S.)—The Italian advance continues on the Bainsizza plateau north of Gorizia, despite violent counter assaults by the Austro-Hungarians, the war office stated today.

Washington, Aug. 28.—(U. P.)—Trieste is being evacuated. Its civil population is deserting the town, at the order of the Austrian high command, according to Corriere D'Italia, whose dispatches were cabled to the Italian embassy here today.

Most of the citizens left yesterday, taking with them all articles of value, the cable stated. They sought refuge in the interior of Austria.

Clearly the Italian offensive becomes more certain of a military decision, cable messages say. The Austrian troops in the sector dominated by Monte Santo are reported so far ahead of the Italians in their retreat that no trace of them can be found, except that of abandoned munitions, guns and food.

From Monte Santo many square miles of territory can be raked by the Italian artillery. No Austrian positions in this zone can be held more than a few hours.

Monte Gabriel and Monte Daniel are still held by the Austrians, but are isolated. No food or munitions can reach the beleaguered troops. The fall of these mountain forts is a matter of days, the cables say.

Emperor Charles spent the entire day of August 22 at the front with the Austrian high command and General Borevic. He saw Tarnovo captured and one fort on the Carso destroyed by the Italian bombardment. He left while the Italian troops were clearing the way.

Austrian papers admit the precarious position of their troops.

The Lokal Anzeiger correspondent makes no effort to conceal the Italian advantages gained by the Italians.

British and French Assist London, Aug. 28.—(U. P.)—Italy's sweep forward from Monte Santo across the plateau of Bainsizza is fast becoming a defeat for Austria. The Austrian staff has decreed retirement at several places to save whole divisions from flanking moves. The morale of the retreating troops, however, is being maintained by Italian, French and British long range guns and attacked incessantly by Italian fliers, is steadily decreasing.

New Austrian troops have been rushed to the places of the exhausted defenders and are desperately but vainly striving to stem the flood of the Italian offensive, which burst through when Monte Santo's subjugation was completed.

Swiss dispatches brought word that Austria is seeking a disengagement. Italy's victories are causing widespread alarm.

The public, which had regarded the peace plea as certain of acceptance, is now realizing it is foredoomed to failure.

King to View Battle Scene Zurich, Aug. 28.—(I. N. S.)—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy has gone to the front.

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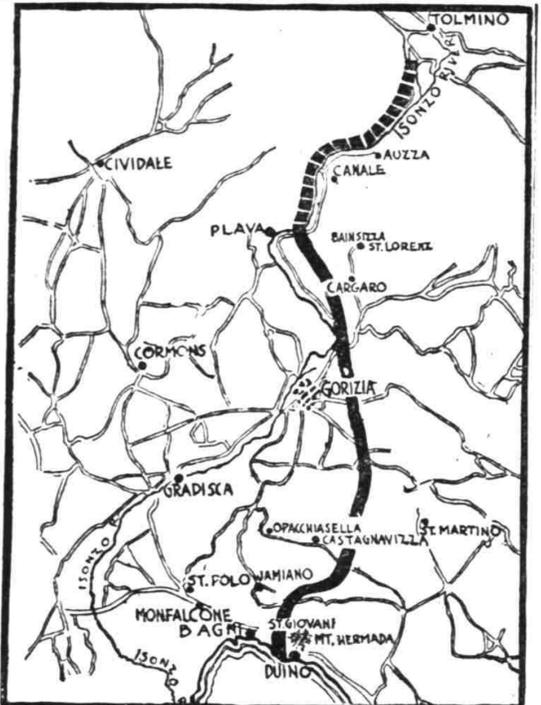
For Sale, Miscellaneous—19 FOR SALE—Good Seneca Duo camera with steel telescopic tripod, extra photograph lens, complete developing outfit, time watch, flashlight pistol, in excellent shape, all in excellent shape, for \$10.

Housekeeping Rooms—73 Furnished and Unfurnished Private Family \$2.75—3 room housekeeping suite back, also single, convenient.

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MAP OF THE GREAT ITALIAN OFFENSIVE and a photograph of Lieutenant General Luigi Cadorna, chief of the Italian general staff, who is directing operations against the Austrians. The heavy black line from Plava to the sea follows approximately the course of the new Italian offensive, including the Julian front, the Gorizia area and the Carso front, where the battle is now centering. The dotted line is the Italian front to Tolmino, where there is little activity.



GERMAN LOSSES OVER 50,000 IN FLANDERS BATTLE, IS ESTIMATE

Thirty of 37 German Divisions Engaged Since July 1 Are Withdrawn.

By Heary Wood With the French Armies in the Field, Aug. 28.—(U. P.)—Germany has lost more than 50,000 men in the Flanders battle since July 1.

The figures were compiled today when the assembling of data obtained from prisoners was completed.

Prisoners said 37 German divisions (approximately 550,000 men) had been engaged in the Flanders sector since the first of last month.

Thirty of these (approximately 450,000 men) have been withdrawn on account of losses.

The German high command's usual practice is to withdraw a division for reorganization after its losses have taken from 2000 to 2500 men.

Taking this as a basis, it can be assumed that at least a dozen sectors of the French front, coupled with raids, were destroyed from 60,000 to 75,000 men.

A conservative estimate would put them considerably above 50,000.

Seven German divisions which were on the Flanders front on July 1 are still there.

These estimates of losses do not take into account the huge casualties which the enemy has sustained of late around Verdun and the Chemin des Dames.

Artillery Duel on French Front Paris, Aug. 28.—(U. P.)—Violent artillery duels were reported from the present war zone by the French artillery, the war office said.

"A violent German bombardment of the Calais plateau and at Cherbourg was stopped by the French artillery," the war office said.

Berlin Admits "Indentation" Berlin, Aug. 28.—(U. P.)—"Except for a small indentation, the battle between the Langemarck, Roulers and Ypres railway were sanguinarily defeated," today's official statement declared.

The attacks were in two general moves, the second continuing into the night. The indentation in the German line was northeast of Frezenburg.

Great War Should Really End Today Monk Who Lived in 1250 A. D. Said So

New York, Aug. 28.—(U. P.)—The great war should end today, according to a prediction of St. Malachi, an Irish monk, who lived about 1250 A. D. St. Malachi is said to have predicted the date of the start of the present war and the date of Romania's entry into the struggle. This is St. Malachi's prophecy as found on an original manuscript now in the city museum at Comoro, Sicily.

When the first month shall meet the ninth and when the two shall be united with the first and sixth (1916), during the sixth month of the year (August), according to the old calendar and after two times four and two times ten days shall have passed (August 28) the new races, which drew their name from Romulus (Romania), shall rise and shall ally themselves with powerful nations.

Then the fierce beast who for three years and one month has been filling all the earth with blood, with horror and with carnage, now surrounded, smitten from all sides and roaring in vain, will seek whom he may devour and shall not find him.

There shall be new battles while new moons shall wax and wane 17 times. The fifth day after the sun shall die the sign of the lion, the bear shall die a fearful death. A virgin whose name contains two lotos, two alphas, a tau and a lambda (Italia) shall crush his head and the Latin people shall share his spoils.

Astronomers consider the prophecy particularly wonderful because it is based on astronomical facts unknown at the time Malachi lived. Italian journals say Malachi predicted, with signs and symbols, the name of every pope since his time.

MESSAGE FROM U. S. AROUSES SPIRIT OF UNITY

Delegates at Russian Conference in Moscow Cheer Wildly When Kerensky Reads Wilson's Cablegram

GENERAL KORNILOFF URGES ARMY DISCIPLINE

Reestablishment of Death Penalty Sought to Keep Men in Line.

Moscow, Aug. 28.—(U. P.)—President Wilson's message to the Russian conference electrified that assembly today.

His promise that America would aid new Russia "with all moral and material power" was greeted with thunderous cheers. His entire statement produced a deep impression, coming as it did after speeches by cabinet officials had bared Russia's grave need of financial, industrial and moral aid.

The president's cable was received at midnight. The conference had labored for long hours before that. The great hall of the meeting was still as the tired delegates prepared to leave.

Storm of Cheering Breaks The message was read amid a silence that bespoke eager attention. Then came a storm of cheering. Every delegate in the hall arose to his feet. The acclaim of roused continued for several minutes.

It was the first time since the conference assembled that there was any unanimity of action. Even the cadet party members joined in the demonstration. Heretofore they have sat stolidly, almost glumly, applauding no speakers except those of their own party.

All of Moscow is Guarded The chaos between these quiet cadet forces and the workmen's and soldiers' representatives was just as wide early today when the session opened as it was in preceding meetings.

The single point of unanimity between the two forces developed in the reading of Wilson's message.

All of Moscow is guarded in a fashion reminiscent of the old days of autocracy. Cosaks patrol the city hall where the conference meets. Admission is guarded strictly. Uniforms are sprinkled everywhere.

Premier Kerensky read President Wilson's message.

"Unless Russia's army is regenerated and resists, the Riga road to Petrograd is open," declared General Korniloff in a vigorous demand Monday to the Russian conference for iron-hand discipline.

Korniloff urged immediate reestablishment of the death penalty in the Russian military punishments.

He declared such a step was necessary to restore discipline. The Russian commander-in-chief likewise insisted that there be strict curbing of the functions of regimental committees of soldiers.

"The alternative," he added, "is Russia's ruin. We must regenerate to save Russia."

The Siberian regiment recently abandoned its position on the Riga front," General Korniloff said, "and did not return until their extermination from enflaming German troops seemed imminent."

"The situation is bad," he concluded. "We have lost Galicia and Bukovina. Our southern provinces are threatened."

Railways Are Demoralized Continuing his pessimistic picture of Russia's conditions, General Korniloff declared:

"Our railways are demoralized. By November the army will not be receiving supplies."

As I read the statistics of production, munitions have failed 60 per cent in output in the last four months. Our southwestern commander has telegraphed there is a bread famine here.

"With all these grave situations, I believe the genius and the reason of the Russian people will save the country."

Bessarabia Again Threatened Geneva, Aug. 28.—(I. N. S.)—The Austro-Hungarian army in Bukovina has renewed its drive for possession of the rich Russian grain districts in Bessarabia.

Price of 1917 Wheat Will Be About \$2.10 Washington, Aug. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Food Administrator Hoover's price fixing committee will report Tuesday that the price to be charged for 1917 wheat crop. The figure is expected to be about \$2.10 a bushel. Dr. Garfield next will take up rye prices, and then will turn his attention to the duties thrust upon him as coal controller.

Epidemic Due To Poor Food Hits Germany

Dysentery and Tuberculosis Ravage People—Death Statistics Are Suppressed.

Berne, Aug. 28.—(U. P.)—Germany is suffering from an almost nationwide epidemic of dysentery.

Deaths of mortality rates have jumped from 50 to 100 per cent since the first of the year. "Tuberculosis is ravaging the people, due to their weakened condition from lack of proper food."

This information came to the United Press today from a source of highest authority.

The German government is making frantic efforts to conceal the dysentery epidemic. All German cities have stopped publication of mortality statistics.

The tuberculosis rate is said to have nearly doubled in the last few months. Every effort is being made to reassure the German public.

Scores of reports have reached here recently from the frontiers of dysentery in Germany. From information obtained today these have been merely local outbreaks as compared with the present practically universal spread of the epidemic.

Dysentery comes in part from lack of proper diet. It is in order to conceal this lack of food that the German government is making such extraordinary efforts to suppress all details of the epidemic.

Retreat Before Attack Petrograd, Aug. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Retirement of Russian infantry in the Boyan (Polan) district on the Bukovina-Bessarabian frontier, without waiting to be attacked by the Germans was reported by the war office today. The Russians retreated eastward.

FOREST FIRES LESS MENACING; LOSS TO GREEN TIMBER LIGHT

After Desperate Fight Lasting Hours, Milton Creek Crew Saves Camp.

Several Suspects Arrested Seven fire-bug suspects have been arrested by troops which have been detailed to the district.

Forest fires are less menacing, according to Adjutant General White. No information has been received as to who they are or where arrested.

The suspects will face investigation by the federal grand jury.

With slightly cooler weather prevailing, and an absence of menacing winds, the forest fire situation in Oregon had a more reassuring aspect today than at any time since the situation became serious.

A number of new fires were reported to the Oregon Forest Fire association and the United States forest service, but the reports in nearly every instance were accompanied by the statement that the fire was being fought by large numbers of men or was under control.

The green timber loss in Oregon so far has been comparatively small when the number of fires that are burning in the state is considered.

In nearly every instance have been confined to old burns or slashings in old works, and the commercial standing timber has been damaged only where the fires swept across the edges of these logged off areas.

I. W. W. Firebugs Suspected Hundreds of men are engaged in patrolling and fighting the fires, and the situation has become critical.

Many of these fires, the state fire patrol officials insist, were started by fire bugs, and members of the I. W. W. are accused.

After a desperate fight that lasted until this morning, a force of 150 men, members of the crew of the Milton Creek Logging company, six miles west of Portland, succeeded in saving their camp, which was threatened with destruction.

This fire has not been in the green timber at any time, and the situation has become critical.

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Fire Near Sweet Home A large fire that may prove serious was reported this morning from southeast of Lebanon in the Sweet Home country. The fire was supposed to have started in the Sweet Home and Sweet Home areas.

Fire Blamed to Hunters Three new fires, supposed to be incendiary, have been reported from Reliance in Washington county, near the summit of the P. R. & N. railroad.

These fires were small when discovered and are said to have given two men a brother-in-law, John Powell, in the Washington county.

One of the new fires reported on Monday night from Columbia county was said to have been started by hunters, but that it was supposed to have been started by a hunter who was supposed to have been at a target that had been placed against a tree in an old logging works.

OPPOSITION TO REVENUE BILL IS VICTORIOUS

Provision to Increase Letter Postage to Three Cents Is Rejected by Senate by Vote of 39 to 29.

FREE POSTAGE VOTED FOR SOLDIERS ABROAD

Elimination of Increased Second Class Rate Urged by Senator Weeks.

Washington, Aug. 28.—(I. N. S.)—The opposition to the two billion dollar revenue bill won another decisive victory today when by a vote of 39 to 29 the senate struck out all provisions to increase letter postage to 3 cents.

The 3-cent letter postage provision would have raised \$50,000,000, it was estimated. It had been agreed to by the house and bore the indorsement of the finance committee.

The elimination of the provision is in line with the determination of the senate to strike out all the so-called miscellaneous consumption and stamp taxes.

The vote was taken on motion of Senator Tamm of Georgia. The motion was so framed that in rejecting the increased letter postage the senate at the same time agreed to the finance committee amendment allowing the post office to strike out all letters abroad to mail letters free of postage.

Weeks Defends Publication Following the rejection of first class postage rate increases Senator Weeks of Massachusetts urged the elimination also of the second class postage rate increases, aimed at newspapers and magazines.

"When we talk about giving a subsidy," he said, "we are talking about giving a subsidy to the publishers of newspapers and magazines."

REFORM DEMAND AND PEACE ISSUE WILL BE LINKED IN REICHSTAG

Growing Strength of Majority Party Alarms Kaiser and His Advisers.

The Hague, Aug. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Members of the majority party in the German reichstag are to link up the peace issue with their demand for domestic reforms when the reichstag convenes on September 25, said a dispatch from a German source today.

Whether or not Dr. George Michaelis will be holding the post of imperial chancellor at that time will make no difference to the Liberal coalition, it was said.

The majority party, which was responsible for the passage of the peace resolution in the reichstag last month, is already planning a series of meetings for the purpose of drawing up a program which will be presented to the reichstag when it convenes.

That the intimate advisers of the Kaiser are alarmed at the growing strength of the majority party is being indicated by telegrams from Berlin.

Long to Build Up Field Ambulance Hillsboro, Or., Aug. 28.—Paul C. Long, a brother of L. A. Long of the Argus, started for American Lake Sunday night with a detachment of four men to build camp for B company, field ambulance.

Mr. Long is the third of the Long family in this big war, the two sons of L. A. Long being enlisted, one, Leonard E. a lieutenant of Troop C, cavalry, District of Columbia guard, and Clifford Long in the navy. Mr. Long also has a brother-in-law, John Powell, in the Utah National Guard.

This gives the Argus a representation of five in the service. W. V. McKinney, a son of E. C. McKinney of the publishing firm, being enlisted in B company, Third Oregon.

Linn County Fires Held Albany, Or., Aug. 28.—The forest fire situation in Linn county is reported better, although there are several menacing spots burning. The spot near Lake Pamela, on Mount Jefferson, the result of a careless camper in leaving his campfire burning, is said to be under control with 25 men working at tending.

A reversal of the wind, however, will turn the blaze back and threaten the destruction of millions of feet of valuable timber.

Valuable timber is threatened, and in response to a call for assistance 10 men with provisions to last for several days, were sent from the forest fire situation. The smoke nuisance is declared by foresters to be the worst in five years, and as an aid to lookouts who are hampered by the dense vapor, eight men are stationed at auxiliary observation points and two new heliographs installed. Most of the smoke is believed to have drifted over from the western side of the mountains.

City's Zoo Auction Comes a Cropper Howls a Plenty; But Bidders Are Few

The public auction sale of animals in Washington park yesterday afternoon was a howling failure. Everything in the zoo, except the eagles, was sold, and the sale was a howling failure.

The sale attracted many children but few bidders. A hardened motion picture man was there and Dan Keilner climbed in beside the lion's den. The picture man was entitled, "Daniel in the Lion's Den," even though he was not quite inside the cage. Keilner did not like the lion any more than the lion liked him.

The lion was sold to breeders, the ducks to hunters for decoy ducks, the guinea birds to women and the guinea pigs to boys. The guinea pigs sold for 25 cents each, and the guinea pigs were expected to pay for them. No one bid on the bears, coyotes, elk, buffalo and other animals.

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U. S. Destroyer Sinks U-Boat Attacking Ship

Four Germans Who Boarded British Vessel Are Killed in Fight.

A Gulf Port, Aug. 28.—(I. N. S.)—William R. Brown, an American seaman, who arrived here on a British steamer, told today of the capture and destruction of a German submarine by an American destroyer, the saving of a British steamer which the U-boat was about to destroy and the killing of four of the U-boat's crew.

Brown said the submarine emerged near the British boat and, after four of the Germans had boarded the English vessel, the American destroyer sank the U-boat.

The four Germans were killed in hand-to-hand fighting, Brown said, and all but two members of the U-boat crew were taken prisoners by the Yankee destroyer.

Smoke Screen Saves Liner An American Port, Aug. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Passengers arriving here on a French liner today reported that an attack upon the vessel by a U-boat while one day out from France, the liner being saved through the use of new smoke producing apparatus which rendered her invisible to the submarine crew.

This was the first actual test of the apparatus.

The U-boat appeared at 9:30 o'clock one morning and five shots were fired by the liner's gunners.

FEDERAL AUTHORITIES TRACE FOREST FIRES TO FINNISH RANCHER

John Rian of Green Mountain District, Who Is Mentally Unsound, Is Under Arrest.

Astoria, Or., Aug. 28.—John Rian, a Finnish rancher living in the Green Mountain district, 15 miles from Astoria, was arrested Monday by Federal Fire Warden Peterson and Deputy Woodberry on the charge of starting forest fires. While it is believed Rian is mentally deficient an examination already made showed that he was capable of knowing the harm he was doing, and therefore he was held.

He will appear Tuesday morning in justice court and will be prosecuted by the state, although at first he was turned over to military authorities for action.

Clatsop county recently made a survey for a road from the south fork of the Klatskanie river to the foot of Green mountain, and Rian said he was clearing the way for the highway when he started the fires. Had the fire gone beyond control, the camps of three logging companies would have been swept and much damage resulted.

All fires in the county are rapidly being brought under control, and while for a time last week conditions were serious, tonight and today they are held outside the reach of much more trouble.

Pine Mountain Blaze Bend, Or., Aug. 28.—After a full of fire, the forest fire situation in Clatsop county, flames broke out in second growth timber on Pine mountain, 35 miles southeast of Bend, late Monday night with a detachment of men burned over when the report reached here, and the fire had reached the crowns of the trees, fanned by a hot wind.

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Trunks Unlawfully Searched; Plaintiff of the Baggage Man

Warrants Necessary Is Opinion Expressed by District Attorney.

On the protest of William Groh, baggage agent at the Union depot, the legality of patrolmen seizing and searching trunks at the depot before they are taken to the baggage man's office, the district attorney gives it as his opinion such action is illegal without a search warrant.

According to Mr. Groh, patrolmen seize trunks that they believe to contain whiskey and take them to the police station. This action has been taken at the orders of Chief of Police Johnson, who said he was under the impression that the police were invested with a "blanket authority" making the seizure without a search warrant legal.

Instructions to the police department in a letter by District Attorney Evans were to order the trunks held until the officer could procure a warrant.

Mr. Groh said this morning that his protests were based on instructions from the railroad company to demand the issuance of search warrant before turning the trunks over to the police.

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U. S. AIMS IN WAR ARE MADE PLAIN

President Wilson Answers Pope's Proposal, Placing Matter of Peace Squarely Before the German People for Future Action.

NOTE GOES BY WAY OF GREAT BRITAIN

Full Text Will Be Made Public Wednesday Morning, It Is Announced After Cabinet Meeting; Permanent Peace Is Desired.

Washington, Aug. 28.—(U. P.)—President Wilson's answer to the pope's peace offer has been forwarded, the state department announced this afternoon.

The completed draft was read to the members of the cabinet at this afternoon's meeting and immediately afterward ordered prepared for publication tomorrow morning.

The answer was sent to London for the submission to the pope of the British government, which was the original medium of transfer.

The president's answer goes into great detail in discussing the pope's offer and contrasts it with the long one does not summarily dismiss the peace suggestion without careful review of its fundamental ideas advanced by the pope and contrasted in by the leading statesmen of the allied countries.

The president deemed it necessary to exhaustively set forth the position of this country that there might be no mistaking its intentions in the minds of the world's liberals.

Greatest secrecy surrounded all details, but it is known that the issue is left from the start squarely up to the German people for a decision as to steps necessary for ending the world struggle.

The president took the opportunity to clarify this country's purposes in the war and lift them out of the confusion which endless discussion, both at home and abroad, has plunged them into. He tried to indicate the thought and the conviction in the resolution of the American people in its willingness to make sacrifices for an end that will insure future peace.

It leaves no doubt as to the determination of America, and reassures the world that a safe peace is the only objective of this country.

Austria May Declare War Washington, Aug. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Evidences multiply here, it is learned, to indicate that Austria very shortly will officially declare war on the United States. It was learned that this question now is under consideration.

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