easterly winds.

Next Seven Days Likely to Determine Whether Allies Shall Triumph Before 1919 or the War - Is to Drag Along.

British and French Impressed With Unselfishness of United States' Part in the War; Conference Begun at Paris.

By Ed L. Keen ONDON, Nov. 26.—(U. P.) ___The most vital week of the war began today. On the outcome of events in the next seven days may depend whether the allies shall triumph before the spring of 1919 or the war drag further along.

week marks the first This really practical determined effort at general unification, coordination and intensification of allied war making to cope with Germany's advantages of geographical location and super-centralized control.

The new inter-allied conference will inaugurate this effort. President Wilson's wise counsel, expressed through his delegates-Colonel House and Gen eral Tasker H. Bliss-is regarded by officials as likely to be of the utmost value in the preliminary work toward linking the allies into one vast war machine. U. S. Attitude Impresses Allies

The American mission has had a far hing effect on allied plans. Both British and French officials have been profoundly impressed with the energy, the far-sightedness, the complete unselfishness of America's part in the war as evidenced by these commissioners. Their work has served to emphasize to a remarkable degree the weighty part the United States is henceforth to play, not only in the actual warring but in the councils of the allied powers. The voice of America both in the inter-allied conference and in the Paris supreme war council meeting, will be a powerful one

To Hunt for Weak Spots The initial meetings of the allied representatives will be for discussion of tion on Unalaska island. military matters. First of all, there will be a critical, merciless examination of the weak spots in the allied war ma-(Concluded on Page Eleven, Column Five)

Day Brothers Lose In Supreme Court

Government Will Not Have to Pay for Extra Labor in Construction of Bulkdhead Many Years Ago.

Washington, Nov. 26.-(U. P.)-A \$41,000 claim for damages by John G. and Isaiah N. Day, Portland (Oregon) contractors, against the United States was today disallowed by the supreme court. They sought damages in connection with a bulkhead built in the Columbia river in 1894.

The suit grew out of extra bulkheading of the Cascade Locks project during the exceptionally high water of 1894. In that year the June freshet went to 34.5 feet in Portland. It was the year the flood waters reached Fifth and Morrison and Sixth and Stark.

In years previous, the government had let contracts to do construction work on the locks on a continuing contract basis. A contract to build and complete the project was let to J. G. & I. N. Day. contractors. To protect the work already done, the Days bulkheaded the project against the phenomenal rise. The Days contended the government should pay for this extra bulkheading, the government contended it should not. The Days filed suit to collect the extra amount expended and this suit, after hanging fire for over two decades, is decided in the government's favor.

Sand Tax Held Legal

Washington, Nov. 26 .- (I. N. S.)-The supreme court today held the Kansas law levying a tax of 10 per cent on all sand taken from its river beds constitutional. The law had been held valid in Kansas courts.

Papermakers and ·Government Agree

New York, Nov. 26. - (I. N. S.) - An agreement in the newsprint paper case in federal court, fixing prices, was submitted today by representatives of the government. By the terms of the agreethe price of newsprint paper in rolls will be \$3 per 100 pounds f. o. b. at mill in case of carload lots. in case of carload lots; \$3.25 per 100 nds f. o. b. at mill for less than carload lots; for such newsprint paper in sheets the price will be \$3.50 per 100 pounds f. o. b. at mill in carload lots and \$2.75 per 100 pounds f. o. b. at mill in less than carload lots.

the court the case against the manufac turers will be dismissed, it was stated. It was stipulated in the agreement that the newsprint manufac sociation should dissolve.

SOLDIERS AT FRONT COLD, SAYS TREAT

AN ATLANTIC PORT, NOV. 26 (U. P.) - REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER AND HIS STAFF MAJOR GENERAL JOHN F. O'RYAN AND HIS STAFF AND FIVE OTHER AMERICAN ARMY OFFICERS, REACHED HERE TODAY ABOARD A FRENCH MAJOR GENERAL CHARLES TREAT, COMMANDER OF THE OHIO TROOPS, WAS IN THE PARTY.

ADMIRAL FLETCER AND HIS STAFF HURRIED FROM THE AND IMMEDIATELY STARTED FOR WASHINGTON. ADMIRAL FLETCHER REFUSED TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT.

MAJOR GENERAL TREAT DE CLARED MUD, RAIN AND COLD THE WORST ENEMIES OF THE SOLDIERS.

"PEOPLE HERE," HE DE-CLARED. "DO NOT REALIZE THE POWER OF THESE ENE-MIES OF THE SOLDIERS. EVERY MAN SHOULD HAVE TWO PAIRS OF HEAVY SOCKS, TWO SUITS OF HEAVY UNDER-CLOTHING AND TWO PAIRS OF HEAVY SHOES. I WAS ON THE BRITISH AND FRENCH FRONTS A MONTH, AND IN THAT TIME I SAW BUT ONE SUNSHINY DAY. EVERY SOLDIER I SAW,

IT SEEMED, HAD A COLD. "WE ARE GOING TO TAKE OUR TIME ABOUT GETTING INTO THIS FIGHT, BUT WHEN WE DO GET IN WE'LL CLEAN

FORTY-SEVEN SURVIVORS OF THE TRANSPORT ANTILLES. WHICH WAS TORPEDOED RE-CENTLY, WERE ABOARD TH

Schooner Encounters Heavy Gale | peace proposals appeared to have started a dangerous break in the structure of After Leaving Unalaska; Goes Far Out of Course.

Disabled because of lack of fuel and on board well, the gasoline schooner Joseph Pulitzer arrived off the mouth of the Columbia river early this morning and is awaiting a tow inside. This was the word received by Dr. Andrew C. Smith of this city at 8 o'clock this morning. No other details were given. The Pulitzer has been at sea 50 days, and throughout the time struggled against storms, which evidently carried her way south of her course and made it impossible for her to reach her destina-

A report received by the Merchants Exchange a little later said that a gasoline schooner was passing in, but no name was given. The report gave the inference that the schooner was coming in under her own power. The instant conclusion was that this was the Pulit. zer, but Dr. Smith at 2 o'clock this afternoon said this was wrong, the Pulitzer being still outside awaiting a tow in.

Receipt of this news relieves anxiety that has been felt in shipping circles for nearly three weeks concerning the safety of the Pulitzer. The anxiety became acute a week ago, but Dr. Smith maintained there was no cause for alarm, voicing the belief that she would soon show up safely.

The Pulitzer sailed from Portland on ater for Dutch Harbor, Unalaska, in the Aleutian group, and today was the first word heard from her since. She had apparently been sighted by no vessels, although her route would have taken her in the path of transPacific steamers. Queries had been sent to the masters of many of these steamers and the commandant of the navy yard at Bremerton had been enlisted

Soon after the Pulitzer sailed, a series of storms were reported along the route she would have covered and there were

Judging from the report Dr. Smith has received, it is certain that she fell a victim to these storms and it is presumed was carried far south of her

The Pulitzer, a pilot schooner belong-ing to the Port of Portland, had been chartered to Dr. Smith for the trip to Unalaska, where he is interested in sheep raising. Her cargo consisted of 48 tons of general freight, including grain and groceries: 1500 feet of lumber and 15 barrels (54 gallons each) of gasoline. The lumber and gasoline were carried on the deck, and this is what she lost. Dr. Smith surmises that she also lost her fish boats and considerable

coal, which she also carried on deck. The vessel is in command of Captain Wendt. Others aboard include: A. L. MacIntosh, commissioner of Deschutes county, who was interested with Dr. Smith in the sheep business at Un-alaska; H. E. Smith, brother of Dr. Smith and a mate, seaman and steward The Pulitzer is 78 feet long, 22 feet beam and 9.7 feet depth. She was built in 1894 at Essex, Mass. She is equipped with an auxiliary gasoline motor. As soon as she reaches the river Pulitzer will be towed to Portland.

Killed in Action

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 26 .- (I. N. S.) -William G. Cutler of Victoria, B. C. former student of the University of Washington, is the first student of the When the agreement is ratified by state's university who has given his life in the great war. Cutler has been killed in action as an air scout of the Royal Flying Corps, dipatches here here. He was active in track work.

No Details Are Given of Proffer and It Is Not Known Whether German Commanders Received Word in Person or by Wireless

OF NOBILITY RUSSIA ABOLISHED

Confiscation of All Corporate Property of Nobles, Merchants and Burgesses Announced-Break Appears to Have Started

Washington, Nov. 26.—(U. P.)— Petrograd and Berlin are in wireless communication, Ambassador Francis reported to the state department today. Presumably the Russian peace offer is under discussion between the two capi-

Russia's northern armies are running short of food and it is feared they will leave the trenches and start pillaging. Ambassador Francis also stated that "another Socialist government" has been set up in a city "near Petrograd." The dispatch, however, contained no information as to the active heads of this organization.

Zurich, Nov. 26 .- (U. P.) - The new Russian army commander-in-chief, General Krylenko, has made formal armistice proposals to the German and Austrian supreme commands, according to word received here. No details were given and it was not known whether any Russians had been formally received by German commanders, or whether the armistice proffer had been transmitted by

Lenine's peace proposals appeared to have started a dangerous break in the

The same proclamation announced obles, merchants and burgesses. Petrograd, Nov. 26 .- (U. P.) -Lenine's

the Bolshevikl government today. Even the Bolshevikl-dominated showed dissatisfaction with the offers which Lenine and Trotsky had fathered Deputy Kamineff suggested there be no proclamation of peace unless the Gerwith her deck load gone, but with all mans promised not to withdraw their troops now on Russian fronts for use against the allies on other lines. Other Soveit deputies openly remon

strated that the executive committee of (Concluded on Page Thirteen, Column Seven)

PHONE GIRLS TO RETURN TO WORK

Ends Strike Which Began when they called on Governor Withy-Nov. 1-Electrical Workers Also Will Go Back to Jobs.

Six hundred Portland telephone operators prepared today to return to their switchboards and other places of employment with the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, following acceptance of the agreement to end the October 5 and from Astoria two days strike, which has been in force since November 1. Electrical workers who joined in the referendum vote will also resume their former positions with the company.

> International Vice President Grasser f San Francisco has issued an order for all the strikers in the Pacific Northwest to return to work. The California pending negotiations for a settlement of he strike.

Under the terms of the agreement, officials and the federal mediation plane stock. board, headed by Secretary of Labor Wilson, the striking employes are to be union affiliations. The employes have for settlement of the telephone strike. seven days in which to make the neces- When asked what the commission will

The agreement, besides recognizing terms of settlement, Mr. Spar the unions, allows 1214 per cent increase it will take no further action. in pay for the men and a provision for arbitration of the strikers' demands for an additional 121/2 per cent. John E. Williams of Chicago is the arbitrator. The girl operators receiving the lowest when they will not have the internawage scale get a rise of 18 per cent and those getting the highest scale receive an increase of 5 7-10 per cent. (Concluded on Page Thirteen, Column Eight)

Japan Again Declines German Proposals the board at Portland.

Amsterdam, Nov. 26.-(U. P.)-Germany has again attempted to detach Japan from the allies and has again been refused, according to word reaching here today. It was reported the Germans offered Kiao Chao to Japan and announced their willingness to discuss the future of occupied islands on the Pacific coast as the price of Japan's retirement from the war.

Montana Man With Canadians

Ottawa, Ontario, Nov. 26.—(U. P.)— The following American name appears A. G. Ayres, Great Falls, Mont.

COLORS MAY FORCE WAR WITHAUSTRIA

W ASHINGTON, NOV. 26,— (I. N. S.)—THE BLACK AND WHITE PAINTED PERISCOPE MAY PERMIT IDENTIFICATION OF THE NATIONALITY OF THE SUBMARINE WHICH SUNK THE AMERICAN STEAMER SCHUYL KILL IN THE MEDITERRAN-EAN. THE SURVIVORS OF THAT VESSEL HAVE REPORT-ED TO THE UNITED STATES CONSULAR AGENTS THAT THIS WAS THE ONLY CLUE TO THE IDENTITY OF THE UNDERSEAS CRAFT. BY DIRECTION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT THE AMERICAN REPR. SENTATIVES NOW ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHETHER, AS IS BE-LIEVED, THIS SUBMARINE WAS AUSTRIAN. IF SO, THEN IT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT THE ACTION OF THE SUBMARINE IN SINKING THE AMERICAN VESSEL WITHOUT WARNING WILL BE CONSID-ERED BY THE ADMINISTRA-TION AS AN ACT OF WAR AND CONGRESS WILL BE ASKED TO DECLARE WAR ON AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

WASHINGTON, NOV. 26. - (U P.)-"A FORMAL DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST GERMANY'S ALLIES SEEMS TO BE EXCEED-INGLY ADVISABLE," SAID SEN-ATOR STONE, MISSOURI, CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO-

"IF CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT SHOULD DECIDE TO EXTEND THE COURSE AGAINST GERMANY TO HER ALLIES, IT WOULD SIMPLIFY THE SITUATION.

"THE TEUTON ALLIES ARE ALREADY FIGHTING OUR ITALY," HE SAID. "I UNDER-STAND AUSTRIAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN ON THE WESTERN FRONT AND THEY MAY BE FIGHTING AMERICAN TROOPS

Secretary of Labor Does Not Call on Governor Withycombe; Mediators Are Due In Portitud This Afternoon.

Salem, Or., Nov. 26 .- Worn out by his long hours of labor, William B. Wilson, secretary of labor and chairman of President Wilson's mediation board, which arrived in Salem this morning, is keeping to his bed during the commission's stay in Salem. He did not accom-Final Acceptance of Agreement pany other members or the commission

"If Mr. Wilson is to keep on with his work he simely must have rest," said Felix Frankfurter, secretary of the comnission. "He did not get to bed until 2

o'clock this morning." John L. Spangler of Pennsylvania, member of the mediation board, and Mr. Frankfurter and Max Lowenthall, assistant secretary of the board, called on the governor to pay the respects of the nission and obtair any suggestions the chief executive might have to make Portland This Afternoon.

The commission will leave for Portland at 3:46 this afternoon, over the Southern Pacific. There they expect to take up lumber and shipbuilding troubles, and any other industrial difficulties of national importance which G. Y Harry, government mediator now in employes had previously resumed work Portland, may report to them for con-

sideration. They have particular interest in anything which will clear the way for a which was signed by employers, union greater output of spruce timber for air-

Commissioner Spangler expressed pleasure at the vote given in Portland reinstated without prejudice as to their and San Francisco in approval of terms sary arrangement for their return to do if Seattle strikers refuse, as reported in the press dispatches, to accept the terms of settlement, Mr. Spangler said

Up to Employers "If they want to keep up the strike that is their business," he said. "But I do not think they will do that tional organization back of them. They will not be able to do much striking by

themselves. Mr. Spangler, the other member of the cently. Verner Z. Reed of Denver. John Walker of Illinois and E. P. Marsh of Washingspiration that Lloyd George's disagree- coal from British Columbia and recom-

chief executive assured, Mr. Spangler Byng's operations. that both employers and employes in Oregon are ready to cooperate in set-Oregon are ready to cooperate in set-tling their differences, and that with the mills at Oregon City the state is now nearly free of labor troubles. Representatives of the Portland Cham-

ber of Commerce and a number of men prominent in administration circles, including Colonel Robert A. Miller, Colonel Moore, collector of customs; Judge Samuel White and Federal Mediator G. Y. Harry, will meet Secretary Wilson and party at the Union depot on the arrival of the train at 4 o'clock this afternoon. An invitation has been extended Mr Wilson to address the employers of Portland during his stay here. Another meeting, under the auspices of the labor organizations, has been arranged at the Auditorium for Friday evening.

General Byng Continues Drive on Hindenburg Line With Cambrai As Principal Objective-Queant Is Nearly Surrounded.

CROWN PRINCE TRIES IN VAIN TO STEM TIDE

British Use Bayonets With Deadly Effect in Close Conflict for Possession of Small Town in Their Path.

By William Philip Simms With the British Armies in the Field. lov, 26 .- (U. P.) -- The sixth day of General Byng's great drive today saw Cambrai and Queant both wobbling from the great crack in the Hindenburg line and the everlasting battering of the British

The Crown Prince Rupprecht's garrison at Queant, head of the "switch line," is entirely imperiled. The town is almost surrounded. Cambral is useless to the enemy. To-

day it had been cut off from Queant by the British hold on Bourlon village. The Queant defenders, therefore, had only a precarious line of communications to the north. Hills Saturated With Blood The dominating heights of Bourlon

have been saturated with German blood spilled in mad assaults to take this promontory. Whoever holds Bourlon wood holds a constant menace over the land for miles on either side. The wood itself has been literally blasted away. The village is a crumbling powder of The whole German sector is rocking

with the shock of impact of the British Picked German troops perished like flies in the hand to hand struggle around Bourlon village today.

Germans Fight With Frenzy Fighting with almost insane frenzy. they doggedly advanced inch by inch his love affairs with other women. in the face of fearful fire. Then they came to a halt in hand to hand battle -literally stopped in their tracks by strong against the desperate onslaught, wielded their bayonets with deadly

German corpses littered the streets of Bourlon. They spread in twisted, contorted groups out over the battlefield adjoining. The ruined town was a I was scandalized. I narrowly escaped shambles of blood, mangled bodies and (Concluded on Page Eleven, Column Four)

Attempt to Wipe Out Family Fails

Monticello, Ind., Nov. 26.— (I. N. S.) Frank Warner, son of a former sheriff of White county, is held in the county jail here today as insane, after an at tempt to kill his wife and children and burn his home at Wolcott, Ind., Saturday night.

Nine men are suffering from wounds inflicted by Warner when he fired a hotgun at the crowd that assembled to fight the fire. According to Warner's wife and son,

poured gasoline over them and over the house and garage. He then set fire to the house. The garage was destroyed but the members of Warner's family were rescued and the fire in the house was extinguished.

Three Americans in

Washington, Nov. 26. - (U. P.) - The death of three American soldiers in France from various causes were anounced today officially. Private Joseph L. Boyce, infantry, died November 11, from heart disease; emergency address: Lawrence Boyce, 50 Plank street, Pittston, Pa. Bugler Marion F. Stoddard, infantry, died November 15, accidental bullet wound; mother: Mrs. Georgia M. Stoddard, Silver Springs, N. Y. Corporal Horace Foulds, headquarters company, infantry, died November 1, nephritis; address: Harry Foulds, 308 Clinton Place, Newark, N. J.

Moraht Sees 'Cause' of Premier's Speech

London, Nov. 26 .- (U. P.)-It remained for Major Moraht, Germany's be provided and Portland could anmilitary critic, to discover today one Besides Secretary of Labor Wilson and George's "brutally frank" speech re- as low a price as at any competitive

Moraht, in articles just received here ton, the other two members, will join able remarks and his scolding of the allies distracted attention of the Ger-In the brief conference between Mr. mans from the west front and offered Spangler and Governor Withycombe, the effective camouflage for General

Three watchmen were bound and im- dock commission could provide bunkers week. Saturday the American navy prisoned in a vault all night by safeblowers, who last night blew the safe in terminal where the grain elevator is bethe Higbee company department store ing built. There has been intimation the passing of the submarine menace here, it was discovered today. Thousands of dollars worth of furs bring lalaska coal to be handled over and leather goods and about \$25,000 in bunkers such as might be provided by than England, with all its great naval cash composed the booty of the rob- the dock commission. It is generally bers, according to the police. considered that all the possibilities United States threw that deciding few Two of the watchmen were handcuffed should be determined by thorough intogether. The robbers worked on the vestigation and that something should safe an hour before they got it open, be started at the port commission's time on, it is believed in official No arrests have been made.

Mrs. De Saulles On Stand Husband's Life Is Bared

DIANCA DE SAULLES, the Chilean beauty, is on trial at Mineola, L. I., today, charged with the murder of her husband, John L. De Saulles, New York society man and clubman. The photograph is a reproduction from a portrait in oil of the young woman made, last May by Marcus Aurelius Rasko.



Pictures De Saulles as Gay Rounder, Who Squandered Her Fortune, Boasted of Love Affairs With Other Women Insulted and Neglected Her.

Mineola, Long Island, Nov. 26.-Smiling and perfectly at ease, Mrs. remained at ease and smiled after tell-Bianca de Saulles today told the jury, in her murder trial, that John L. de Saulles her divorced husband, whom she killed, squandered her fortune and boasted of

She pictured De Saulles as a gay rounder who drank, insulted and neglected her, and consorted with the Duke of Manchester on his its cargo of girls

"He took my money until I was bankrupt," she said calmly. Sorry She Missed Lusitania "His conduct nearly drove me crazy sailing with the Lusitania on its last

ised to give me the baby but he broke his word," she said. Defense Counsel Uterhart read to the jury letters which she wrote to her hus-

retrun to her and lavished endearing phrases upon him. Some of the notes to women friends told of her great love for the baby boy, Jack.

While others wept at her story, she

"When we discussed divorce, he prom

Says Fall Fractured Skull Mrs. de Saulles' examination started by Uterhart with the question "How old are you? Where were you voyage. When I heard it had been sunk

was sorry I had not sailed with it." O'REILLY SUGGESTS COAL BUNKER PLAN

Port Commissioner Has Authority to Erect Bins and to Arrange for Bringing in Fuel Supply.

Portland need not be without coal bunkers, says Port Commissioner Drake C. O'Reilly. Two ways of bringing to Portland coal for ships are offered. The law passed by the 1917 legislature gives Washington, that a big spruce "cutup ample authority.

Mr. O'Reflly was chairman of a spe cial committee for the port commission Force in France Die which investigated steps necessary to provide the port with coaling facilities. In its report this committee urged the port commission to proceed to install the bunkers.

British Columbia coal, the committee found, can be brought here on barges by utilizing the dead time of the port's tugs at a transportation cost of 50 if necessary, but their services if used cents a ton inclusive of the time of the tugs. Washington Coal Offered

But to make the outlay for hulks and

the people of this district. The next gen-

eral election will be held in November,

1918. The port commission has not yet found that it has the funds to meet the expense of a special election. The committee found that Washington coal for vessels could be brought by said Mr. O'Reilly, the coal could be tion. brought here at once, bunkers could Th nounce that any vessel which comes to post.

mends that the equipment be installed as soon as possible," added Mr. O'Reilly. Thorough Inquiry Is Proposed

"To bring coal from Washington by

rail and absorb the extra cost might

serve as a temporary expedient, but we

do not think well of it as a permanent matter. "The port must, however, provide coal Haul in Cleveland bunkers and there should be no avoidable delay in doing so." In the discussion of coal bunkers for

on a common user basis at its St. Johns added another to the tell. that certain interests were organizing to into the nuisance stage. meeting on Wednesday.

(Concluded on Page Eleven, Column Six) AIRPLANE SPRUCE PLANS ARE GIVEN

Central Plant for Cutup Work Is Being Considered and It May Be Located Near Here—No to lace such witherto unknown on the literate to Be Done Flying to Be Done.

With reports circulating that the United States signal corps is about to set at work 10,000 soldiers getting out spruce for airplanes in Oregon and plant" is about to be built by the gov-ernment, and that aviation drill is about to be organized on an extensive scale at Vancouver military post, the States signal corps has modified its policy of keeping its elaborate Northwest operations temporarily from public gaze n order to clarify the facts underlying the rumors.

Ten thousand soldiers will be available to get out spruce for military airplanes will only be supplementary to existing organizations that are devoting their plants and crews to meeting the government's necessity for tremendous output of clear airplane stock.

A central plant is being considered where under government inspection flitches of clear airpiane stock will be cut from spruce that otherwise has curly grain or knots or other faults sufficient for rejection. Within a few days it is to be decided whether or rail and furnished at the same price as not this plant will be built and if it at Puget Sound if the port would absorb is its location will be in the vicinity in the neighborhood of \$1.50 a ton. If this of Portland as being the most central plan should be approved and the ex- place for the assembling of the spruce pense authorized and money available, and for transcontinental transporta-

There is no plan to do any flying for drill or practice at the Vancouver Officers have been assembled of the reasons for Premier Lloyd this port can be provided with coa! at here not for wrill, but to aid in the spruce production program

Is Being Overcome

Six U-Boats 'Accounted For' in Week Convinces American Naval Officers Raiders Have Become Nuisances.

Washington, Nov. 26 .- (I. N. S.)-Six submarines "accounted for" in the last week has sent a wave of enthusiasm through naval officers here. Lloyd George reported five sunk when he Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 26 .- (U. P.) -- Portland, it has been suggested that the thrilled the house of commons last The news was hailed here as proof of

What was needed was more destroyers building facilities, could furnish. The United States threw that deciding few seas will steadily increase from this

Austro-German Regi-Several ments Annihilated by Defenders in Fierce Fighting for Supremacy on Asiago Plateau.

Veteran Prussian Guardsmen and Seasoned Warriors From Bavaria and Wurtemberg Fail to Pierce Italians' Lines.

BERLIN, via London, Nov. 26.—(U. P.)—More than 300 English prisoners and 20 machine guns were taken by German troops in repulsing minor attacks around Bourlon and cleaning up "nests."

The war office, in reporting this today, said the fighting had been hand to hand in character. "The enemy obstinately

made repeated attacks at Inchy, which were completely repulsed. In local mountain fighting we were successful in maintaining our positions against counter attacks," said the statement in discussing the Italian drive.

Rome, Nov. 26 .- (1. N. S.) - Several Austro-German regiments have been an-nihilated in the flerce fighting on the Asiago plateau. Dispatches from that band and to women friends showing that front today dwelt upon the severity of de Saulles' neglect broke her heart and the Tentons' losses and the completer her spirit. She implored de Saulles to of the check administered to the in

iers by the Italians. The weather in the mountains of the Asiago plateau has become stormy, but in spite of rain, snow, fog and wind the struggle has continued with great violence. All efforts of the Teutons, however, to break through and encircle the Italian left wing have so far crumpled under the Italians' resistance. Two German and Austro-Hungarian regiments, mistaking each other's iden-

tity in the darkness, fought for hours, inflicting severe losses before the error. Many hundreds of unburied bodies e in the valleys and in the woods that flank the mountain sides.

guardsmen and seasoned warriors from Savarian and Wurtemburg regiments have tried in vain to break the Italian defenses between the Brenta and Plave valleys and along the lower reaches of the Piave river. The Italians have been called upon to face such withering bombardments

For two weeks veteran Prussian

he nerve of the Italian soldiers. CRUCIAL BATTLE IS RE-PORTED SWINGING IN FAVOR OF DEFENDERS

lence, the cannonades falled to shake

With the Italian Armies, Nov. 26 .- (U. P.)—The crucial battle between the Brents rivers was swinging in Italy's

favor today. The fighting is indescribably bitter. The armies have been locked in a death rapple almost continuously for days. The Italians are not only winning defensively, but in the past 48 hours have assumed the offensive. Their great guns have poured an almost ceaseless rain of shells on the German and Aus-

trian lines. In two weeks it is estimated the enemy has lost 50,000 men and so far there has been no diminution in his attacks. inforcement after reinforcement been hurried up and flung into the line. One ridge in the mountainous line changed hands three times yesterday, its rocky contour literally blasted away by the terrific artillery fire of both

Italian aviators fluttering close over the enemy's lines have performed won-derful service in locating German and Austrian batteries. Their ranging has given the Italian guns an opportunity for deadly accurate shooting. Over one position behind a ridge today Italian troops swarmed over to discover many of the enemy guns blasted out of their emplacements. No effort is made to disguise the fact that the situation for Italy in the enemy's drive is still serious, but the morale of the army, officers and men, is probably the best it ever has been during the war, and the ut-most confidence is expressed of ulti-

mate victory. New Offer Not Planned Rome, Nov. 26.—(U. P.)—Fiat denial that the pope intends a new peace offer was made today by the Osservatore Ro-

Pomerene Postpones La Follette Hearing

Washington, Nov. 26 .- (U. P.)-Washington, Nov. 26.—(U. P.)—Senator Pomerene today postponed indefinitely the hearings on charges of disloyalty against Senator La Follette Illness of Senator Walsh, one of the committee, and absence of former Secretary of State Bryan from Washington made postponement of today's service advisable said Pomerene.