ITALIAN FORCES RETIRE AS HUN MASSES ATTACK

Line Yields at Caprile, but Stubborn Defense at Monte Solarolo Compels Retirement.

ENEMY LOSSES ARE HEAVY

Austria-Hungary Has 1,192,500 Men in Field at Present in 79 1-2 Divisions.

Rome, Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—Retirement of Italian forces out of Caprile due to a continuous day long assault of violent character by the Teutons was announced today. The war office said General T. Diaz's soldiers had taken "firm positions" to the rear. The assault on Caprile and Berseta was described as waged by massed forces with great desperation.

At the head of Monte Solarolo and Coldelorso, the statement reported violent and repeated enemy attacks there repulsed with heavy losses to the Teutons. An Italian counter attack there compelled retirement and suspension of even the enemy's artillery offensive.

The war office praised in the highest terms the valor of the Italians in their defense.

With the French Armies in the Field, Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—The dual empire of Austria-Hungary has 1,192,500 men in 79½ divisions now in the field, according to accurate information obtained by the United Press today.

The dual empire's armies have not been augmented in manpower since the end of 1916. At the present time the 79½ divisions in fighting trim include 54 separate and distinct classes, called up during the whole period of the war.

At the outbreak of the war in 1914, Austria-Hungary called up 60 divisions—approximately 900,000 men. At the end of 1915 her total mobilized was 76 divisions—about 1,140,000 men.

While the Austro-Hungarian manpower has not been increased, the artillery strength has been tremendously augmented since the start of 1917.

Reliable figures show that every Austro-Hungarian division, with the exception of some of Honveds and landsturm, have been doubled in their artillery strength. In addition there has been a tremendous general increase in the number of machinegun, innenwerfer and small caliber cannon.

The total Austro-Hungarian artillery strength is stated to be 2950 field and mountain cannon, 1,500,000 trench mortars and 922 heavy cannon.

With the British Armies in France, Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—The German army is using the air now to spread her propaganda.

On these fine days when the wind favors the stunt, the Boches are loosing floods of small balloons from their lines. Each one carries a load of pamphlets glorifying German arms. The notoriously German manipulated Gazette des Ardennes is included, printing fanciful and colorful narratives of "glorious German victories in Italy."

The fine weather today brought about a great increase in aerial fighting. At times there were flocks of machines on both sides, swooping and spying and fighting.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—Failure of British forces in their drive at the channel submarine bases was accentuated by defeat of Field Marshal Haig's armies at Cambrai, the war office declared officially today.

"It is more than four weeks since the English discontinued their attacks in the violent offensive aiming at possession of the Belgian coast and destruction of submarine bases," the statement said.

"This effort is considered closed for the present. The failure of the English was accentuated by the Cambrai defeat."

London, Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—A strong localized German attack east of Bullecourt yesterday evening, was repulsed, Field Marshal Haig reported tonight. North of the same city he detailed a successful raid this afternoon by British forces, in which prisoners were taken, dugouts destroyed and damage done to the German positions.

In the neighborhood of Poelderhoek, Flanders, and the Chateau, the British commander in chief reported local fighting which, he said, had not changed the situation.

Paris, Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—Artillerying reached a pitch of great violence in the Chaume wood sector, tonight's official statement asserted. The Germans attacked, but were easily dispersed by the French defenders.

South of Juvincourt, Frnch forces surprised the enemy and captured some prisoners.

Stockholm, Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—Bolsheviki Minister Vorovski arrived today from Petrograd and announced he was directed to handle peace negotiations as soon as central power representatives get here.

Nothing More Known Of Reported Escape

Washington, Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—Revival of the report that the czar has escaped from his Siberian quarters brought the comment at the state department tonight that the rumor has not been repeated in its messages since the Tiflis consul originally forwarded it a week ago.

The Tiflis report then said merely that the rumor was current that the exsslav ruler had made his get-away. The consul added nothing as to the source of the story or any other details.

Suffrage Convention Closes

Washington, Dec. 15.—(I. N. S.)—With the reelection of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt as president, the National American Woman Suffrage association finished its forty-ninth annual convention here this afternoon.

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Garabed Resolution Is Passed by House

If Senate and President Wilson Approve Measure, Edison and Other Scientists Will Pass on Claims of Inventor.

Washington, Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—Thomas A. Edison, with four other internationally known scientists, may soon be called upon to rule on the genuineness of the alleged greatest inventions of mankind.

The "Garabed" resolution, providing investigation of the alleged discovery by Garabed T. Gargossian of a virgin natural force, passed the house on a viva voce vote late today. If the senate and President Wilson approve it, a committee of five eminent scientists to which the invention will be demonstrated will be appointed.

Perrigo Perogoud, Kansas City electrician, stated tonight he also will attempt to induce congress to subject his invention to the same committee of scientists which will pass on "Garabed." Perrigo declares he is able to produce unlimited electricity from the air without the use of fuel. Garabed's claims are not based on electricty. He says he has a discovery of an entirely new natural energy.

Both inventors were in the house gallery during the debate.

Germany Is Lecture Topic Tuesday Night

As one of the most authoritative and thrilling statements of the German war policy, the address by Dr. John H. Boyd at the Auditorium, Tuesday evening, on "The Unmasking of Germany," is expected to attract an attendance that will challenge the seating capacity of the big structure.

Dr. Boyd has had placed in his hands and has secured through extended research the facts of the pitiless Prussian policy of frightfulness. He has analyzed the philosophy that lies back of Germany's cold and deliberate cruelty and the unscrupulous destruction of noncombatants and helpless women and children so thrilled two audiences which he has previously addressed that a committee of the Rotary club consisting of F. W. Vogan and H. P. Connor arranged for the public meeting which will be held under the auspices of the Rotary club, the State Council of Defense and the municipal administration. The address will be preceded by a brief patriotic exercise. The hour is 7:45 p. m., but the doors of the auditorium will be opened much sooner in order to accommodate the crowds. Admission is free.

Idaho Fuel Famine Is Worst in Years

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—Presenting evidence that Southern and Central Idaho are in the grip of the worst fuel famine in years, with women in certain localities forced to put their children to bed to keep them from freezing, with sagebrush being gathered and burned in country schools to keep them open and with others closed down entirely for want of fuel, Frank R. Gooding, fuel administrator of Idaho and former governor of the Gem state, arrived in Salt Lake yesterday to confer with government officials and make a desperate effort to bring relief to suffering Idahoans.

Men in Uniform Are Held Under Arrest

Two men gave their names as Fred Hendricks and Hugh Kratzke, soldiers from Camp Lewis, were arrested early this morning at Russell and Rodney streets, by Patrolman Smitht charged with attempted hold-up. Investigations are being made as to whether the pair are tthe same uniformed men who have attempted other hold-ups here recently. They declared they were away from camp on a ten-day furlough.

Day's Enlistments About 25,000 Men

Washington, Dec. 15. (I. N. S.)—The last day for voluntary inlistments of men within the draft ages marked a veritable floodof recruits- for the regular army. Indications are tonight that about 25,000 enlistments will be credited to the army today. This will mean thtat tthe enlisted strength of thte regulars will stand at about 370,000 men.

Defendants in Hindu Cases Will Testify

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—George Roedik and H. L. Schroeder, formerley in the German consulate in Honolulu, defendants in the Hindu plot cases, will not be sentenced until they have testified for the government. Passing of sentence was continued today for one week. Both men have pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy.

OTHER PORTS OF THE COAST CONGESTED, PORTLAND IDLE

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N., 224 cars at Seattle, 5 at Tacoma, a total of 229.

The letter from the Washington commission concludes: "These figures are furnished by the Northwest district commission of the commission on car service, representing the special committee on national defense of the American Railway association. For your information will state that we are informed the boat situation at the present time is better than it has been during the past six months, and the prospect is good for the movement of these cars within the next 30 days."

The letter from the California railroad commission states: "We find that the last accurate record compiled is under date, November 29, and shows that on all lines entering San Francisco there were held either at terminals or on line awaiting space at terminals and as applicable to the port of San Francisco, 1194 closed cars and 603 open cars, a total of 1797 cars as of that date."

Are Highly Important

"The figures given in the preceding statement are highly important," said W. D. B. Dodson, executive secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, this morning. "The situation is now largely in the government's hands. If the government sees fit to take advantage of the facilities at this port it has the power and we believe the means to do so. We feel that the solid weight of the community should be back of the strongest possible effort to exhibit the proof that vessels should be sent here and that the port should be allowed on the water side to perform the large service which is within its power to help the government win the war."

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CONSCRIPTION IS ONE BIG ISSUE IN CANADA MONDAY

Quarter Million Men in Trenches Counted on to Help Unionists to Victory in Coming Election.

FRENCH VOTERS OPPOSED

Ex-Premier Laurier, Liberal, Is Against Enforcing Conscription Law to Take Effect Jan. 3

Montreal, Que., Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—All Canada vigorously campaigned tonight in the closing hours of the bitterest political fight in the dominion's history.

Next Monday the voters, including many newly enfranchised women, will go to the polls and cast their ballots either for the unionist government and conscription, or for the Liberal party, which favors continuing the voluntary enlistments system.

The issue may be decided in the trenches. The vote of the Canadian soldiers will total 250,000. Women who exercise their franchise Monday are all relatives of men in the army and navy. Unionists claim the soldiers and women votes will give a big majority to conscription.

Sir Robert Borden heads the Unionist government. It put through conscription and the first call to the colors under this law is January 3. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, former premier, leads the Liberals. If he wins he promises to hold up enforcement of the conscription act.

Unionists declare the Liberals will draw their greatest strength from French Canadians who are not supporting the war.

A total of 205 seats in parliament are to be contested. Some have already been awarded. Should the Unionist government carry 134 seats it expects to win the election with a majority of 41. The Liberals expect a majority of 36 in the next house. The Unionists are making their fight on patriotic grounds, declaring that defeat of conscription now will make Canada's troops overseas believe the folks at home have deserted them and cut off their reinforcements.

The Liberals are strongest in Quebec, where the French vote is heaviest. The Unionists are banking on big gains in western Canada. Voting in Halifax, Yukon, Nelson and Manitoba has been deferred until a later date.

Bishop Hughes to Be Speaker at Benefit

Bishop Matthew Simpson Hughes will be the main speaker at the big "Soldiers' Christmas mass meeting," to be held next Friday evening in the Auditorium under the auspices of the American Bible society at the conclusion of the "Bibles for Soldiers" drive. Gregor Cherniavsky, Russian violinist, who gave a recital Saturday night at the Auditorium, will play. Mrs. Thomas Carrick Burke will accompany Cherniavsky and render a solo.

Governor Withycombe will be chairman of the meeting. Admission will be free but an offering will be taken for the "Bibles for Soldiers" fund.

Says Woman Gave Him Some Jewels

Frank Cody, wanted for the alleged theft of $800 worth of diamonds from Mrs. A. C. Colone, in 1915, while a boarder at her home, was returned from Salt Lake City Saturday by Detective John Coleman, who left Monday after the prisoner.

In a statement to the police, Cody declares the woman gave him the jewels. Cody waived extradition, and will be held for the grand jury.

Oregon Troops Have Sufficient Blankets

All Oregon Troops Who Were at Camp Mills Had Three Blankets; Some Sold Theirs.

Washington, Ded. 15.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Secretary of War Baker announced today that Camp Mills is practically abandoned, nearly all troops being now removed. The Oregon troops were transferred several days ago. The camp was not intended for winter use, he stated.

The quartermaster general reported to him that complaints concerning Oregon troops not being properly supplied with blankets was unfounded. All men have three blankets, said General Sharpe, except a few who have sold one of their coverings.

In reply to an inquiry sent by The Journal to Secretary Baker, the following telegram has been received by The Journal:

"I am confident there need be no ground for worry because of rumors regarding alleged deprivation of blankets of Oregon troops. At the beginning these troops were supplied with three blankets and a recent inspection of them at Camp Mills disclosed no lack in this particular.

"NEWTON D. BAKER."

Conscription of All Urged by Dr. Foster

Reed College Head Tells San Franciscans Every Man and Woman Should Aid in War—Need Surgical Dressings.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Dr. William T. Foster, president of Reed college, spoke before the San Francisco center at a luncheon today. Dr. Foster was sent by the United States government to investigate Red Cross work in France.

"Every man and woman should be conscripted to help the country in some capacity," Dr. Foster said, "and every inch of shipping space should be conserved by the government for the use of the army alone, as every cubic foot means lives.

"All strikes should be settled by the government. America fails to grasp the full realization of what war means. Even the complete measure of events abroad are unknown to use, such as the London bombings. Eight nights out of 10 bombs are dropped upon that city and it is no common thing for theatregoers to heed the warning, 'go below.'

"The Red Cross continues to need surgical dressings more than any other thing, one man alone often needing a whole case of bandages, and supplies of all sorts cannot be shipped over seas too plentifully."

Wharfage Charge Is Asked for on Sound

Washington, Dec. 15.—(I. N. S.)—The O-W. R. & N. company today filed application with the interstate commerce commission for permission to levy a charge of $1 a ton for wharfage, loading, unloading and handling at Seattle and Tacoma.

Officials of the O-W. R. & N. company in Portland say that permission to make this charge is asked because of the increased cost of handling freight at the point named, higher wage scales being named as the principal item of extra expense.

Rains Cause Slides On Tillamook Line

Rains of the week have caused a series of heavy slides on the Tillamook line of the Southern Pacific. A slide about one mile eakt of Enright buried two locomotoives and two box cars early Saturday morning, covering the track for a considerable distance. No injuries to members of the train crew are reported. Passenger service is interrupted at this point, passengers being transferred around the slide. Telegraph wires are down at several points and there is no direct communication by wire. Train 142, leaving Tillamook at 11:30 a. m., arrived in Portland at 8:30 Saturday night, two hours late.

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CONFISCATED LIQUOR IS BEING HELD HERE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions Asked From Washington, but So Far No Answer Has Been Received.

Confiscated liquor enough to fill a freight car is being held by the authorities of Multnomah county, pending instructions from Washington officials as to the disposal of the wet goods.

United States Attorney Reames has asked for instructions from Washington, but has received no reply. District Attorney Evans is also cooperating with Mr. Reames in the search for a solution of the problem. No liquor is being destroyed in the meantime.

Objections from certain sources against the destruction of liquor and the recommendation that its alcoholic ingredients be saved for medical purposes, have caused the local authorities to pause.

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Ruth Law Will 'Show' War Chiefs

Washington, Dec. 15.—(I. N. S.)—Ruth Law is going to "show" the war chiefs. She has been denied a commission as an aviator, not because she isn't a good flyer, but because the war department would be deluged with similar requests from hundreds of women not so well qualified. Now Miss Law is going to show the department that "any woman, similarly trained, can be just as good as an aviator as I—or as any man flyer." Today she started organizing a woman's flying corps of 31 members. When the women have been taught to fly and Miss Law's logic is vindicated she expects to get her commission.

Journal Carriers Will Hold Jinks

The Journal carriers will hold their annual Christmas meeting Wednesday evening in Swiss hall, Third and Jefferson street. An entertainment committee has already held several meetings, and, although refusing to divulge the nature of the high jinks, declares that a "large" evening will be enjoyed. Several of the older carriers have enlisted in various branches of Uncle Sam's war service, but enough of the "old timers" will be present to make things hum.

It is expected that part of the program will pertain to a well wishing of the carriers who have gone into the service.

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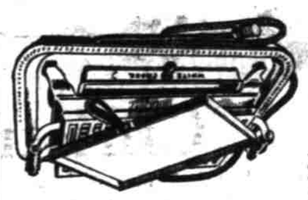

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—These fine Bags may be had in either black or tan. They are built to give service, being leather-covered, with heavy leather-bound corners. Size? Yes—that popular No. 18. As only six are to be had at this price an early selection is advised.

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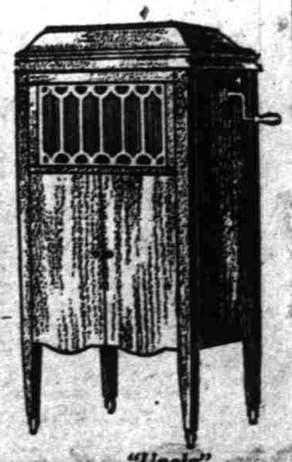

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