

ATTEMPT TO GAIN WEST BANK FAILS

Austro-Germans Try to Gain Territory on Piave River but Are Thrust Back with Vigor by Italians

DEFENDERS LOSS IS VIRTUALLY NOTHING

Mountain Front Quiet; Allied Air Fleet Makes Bomb Reprisals

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY IN NORTHERN ITALY, Wednesday, Jan. 2.—The enemy today attempted to gain the west bank of the Piave river, to offset the loss of Zenson, but met with a quick repulse, and the entire west bank now is definitely clear and held by the Italians.

TRAINS CARRYING PASSENGERS TO BE ELIMINATED

Clearing of Freight Congestion at Early Date Sought in East

FINANCES ARE UP TODAY

Recommendations for Compensation to Roads to be Made by Wilson

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Hundreds of passenger trains on railroads east of the Mississippi will be withdrawn from service under orders soon to be issued by Director General McAdoo, based upon recommendations made today by a committee of Eastern passenger traffic officers.

FRENCH LOSE BUT 50 MEN KILLING 560

Recent Successful Operation on Monte Tomba Sees 1400 of Enemy Taken Prisoner, Officer States

SPIRITS ARE HIGH AS INVADER IS ATTACKED

Two German Officers Captured Are Told What to Expect as Prisoners

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Wednesday, Jan. 2.—The French in their recent successful operation on Monte Tomba captured more prisoners than they had men engaged, according to a veteran officer who witnessed the fight.

COMMITTEE ENDS EXAMINATION OF HERBERT HOOVER

Food Administrator Sharply Answers Attacks of Chairman Reed

WHEAT PRICES HIGHER

Flour Prices Reduced and Millions to be Saved on Sugar Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Examination of Food Administrator Hoover was completed today by the senate committee investigating the sugar and coal shortages after Chairman Reed and Mr. Hoover had ventilated the proceedings with a clash that had been expected since the inquiry started.

RUSSIA MAY RESUME WAR ON GERMANY

Government of Workers Rejects Peace Proposals and Army of 3,000,000 May Be Sent to Front

PLEDGE OF DEFENSE MADE BY SOLDIERS

German Delegates Return to Brest-Litovsk Hoping for Success

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Development in the Russo-German negotiations, the Daily Chronicle says, are likely to cause the western powers to give the defection recognition to the Lenin government in Russia.

MOST CONTRACTS GIVEN BEFORE MEN APPOINTED

Investigation Shows Work Done Prior to Manufacturers' Service

NEW LEGISLATION READY

Chamberlain Has Bill Providing Cabinet for Buying Materials

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—In further investigation of clothing and other army supply contracts negotiated by the civilian supplies committee of the council of national defense, the senate military committee today received from Charles Eisenman, vice chairman of the contracting committee, a statement of merchandise bought from firms whose members or employees are or were connected with the committee.

SINGLE MEN WILL FIGHT FOR AMERICA

Provost Marshal Crowder Recommends Registration of Men Attaining Age of 21 to Take Whole Burden

700,000 ANNUALLY AVAILABLE IS CLAIM

Million Now Wait in Class 1; New Basis for Quotas Suggested

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—All men for the war armies still to be raised by the United States will come from class one under the new selective service plan. That means the nation's fighting is to be done by young men without families dependent upon their labor for support and unskilled in necessary industrial or agricultural work.

MERCHANDISE! Is passing through a transition period owing to present conditions. Government needs are enormous. There is a real shortage in raw material. Barnes Cash Store

Suffrage Leader Would Make Men Go to Work. JAMAICA, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Alfred J. Eno, suffrage leader of this county, announced at a meeting here tonight that she had drafted for introduction in the legislature a bill which would compel every man in the state between the ages of 18 and 50 to go to work.

IRON WORKERS' STRIKE ENDED. Employers Grant 5000 Men Ten Per Cent Wage Increase for War. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—A strike of approximately 5000 iron trades mechanics in this district was ended tonight when their employers granted them a 10 per cent increase in wages which, by agreement, will prevail during the period of the war.

Machinist, Calling U. S. Soldiers "Bums," Painted. WATERLOO, Ia., Jan. 3.—Frank Bruner, a machinist of the Illinois Central railroad shops here, expressed an opinion that "85 per cent of the American soldiers are bums" this afternoon. The shopmen painted him yellow from head to feet and the company approved the job by discharging him.

HERTLING MAY RESIGN, RUMOR. Talk of Intrigue to Make Prince Von Buelow Chancellor Heard. LONDON, Jan. 3.—A dispatch to the Exchange telegraph from Amsterdam gives a Berlin report that Count von Hertling, the imperial German chancellor, is indisposed. The correspondent adds that a rumor in political circles is to the effect that there is intriguing to induce Count von Hertling's resignation in order to make way for Prince von Buelow again taking up the post of imperial chancellor.

Democrat Service Praised. "But the great thing they were called upon to do they have done. The vaunted efficiency of absolutism of which the Germans are so proud stands as the avatar can offer nothing to compare with it. It remains the ultimate test and proof of the intrinsic political idea upon which American institutions of democracy and self-government have been based."