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Preparation Made Quietly at Night and Assault Comes Suddenly

ALL PEOPLE FEEL BLOW

"On to Gorizia" Becomes Symbol of Change, Writes Correspondent

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ITAL the Italian flag flying above it. down to the Isonzo river, then across city, when the cry changed to "Gor-

Then, a week ago, this was reversed when the overwhelming inup this same cry, "On to Corizia," pressing down from the north, across the northern bridge to the city, and ending with "Gorizia at last!" Gorizia Symbol of Change,

Thus Gorizia has become a symbol of the huge change which has occurred within the last ten days. It was one of the furthest points foron the Italian line, the center of a vast are of fighting front defalcone, and it was the most porscent of territory which the Ital-Austria-some 600 square miles in shell-fire, all. And so Gorizia was symbolic of that entire region which has twice ed hands in this war, and of

the Third army under the Duke of to the lugubrious spectacle.

Work Done at Night. e visit was made by invitation a command with a no troops along the road and fields as one sees ap-Verdun or in the Somme ers. This absence of troops ding of the army was done

an empty river as the mountain rrent had run dry. There were s along the banks and our d back to the Julian Alps. e frontier bridge was a party were making from the ccur a few hours later.

ns, an Austrian vilhe statue, and not being faar with Maximilian they had takn it for the great Genose navigator. tatue, and there stood Maximilian here by Italian soldiers.

Enemy Forces Increased. The cannonade began to be heard the first time ten miles west Gorisia—a low rumble to the rth and east with now and then e muffled boom of a gret gun. ay by day the fire was getting avier, said our escort, who knew he ground by heart; and he added that the enemy forces had been in-

ras seen to be half destroyed. g the main street ran rows of attered buildings, with walls half wn and shell holes making ugly men were at the cases, and women and a great tower dominating the their shoulders, and girls strolled the street uncon-whole country for miles around. Here we were to view Mt. Gabriel, Mt. "We are used obliterated the scars and the come through the ordest untouched was again smiling with its through all around, was a wreck.

The sound of firing had now Once upon the battlements a com-

but with swifter current from the reason to know, mountain feeders. Along the edge On the battlements a splendid wharves was proceeding.

Castle Sight Impressive. To the left, as we approached the of Count Coronini of Vienna, the of trees and depressions near the personal friend of Emperor Francis summit. Joseph up to his death, and the master of ceremonies of the imperial household. In this castle had died King Charles X, and his body still reposes in the near-by convent of bursts of smoke along one side of St. Caterina. One of the lions of St. the summit, and the answering Austrians before they quite Gorizia and is now in the city museum. It was an impressive sight to see the fine old castle through a vista of trees, with its park and avenue, and

IAN ARMY, Northern Italy, Jan. 5. The Isonza river was crossed by the wooden bridge which Italian en-Press.) Gorizia is a symbol. "On gineers built after all the old brid-to Gorizia," was the cry of the Duke ges had been blown up. On one side Aosta's soldiers as they pressed lay the wreck of a big pontoon. It through the little town of Lucinico was on pontoon bridges that the Itala few months ago, fighting their way lians entered the city, and this wreck was one of the remnants of that the western bridge leading to the crossing. The big railroad bridge was lying in a wreck from artillery fire. Further on was the massive stone tridge with one of its main arches blown to pieces. Near these bridges vading force of Austro-Germans took lie a number of important papermills, where paper is made for government notes. All these mills were masses of ruins with a few tall chimneys still standing among the de-

Gorizi itself was under the rain of terrific bombardment, for the full force of the great offensive was now only a few hours off. The cannonade ran the whole range of violence, from the deep base rumble of monster stretching from Piezzo, far in the chine guns which sounded like north, down to the Adriatic at Mon- strongs of big fire-crackers in a barrel. A crash of falling walls could every now an then as one of the big missiles "arrived"—the familiar term army has sliced off southwestern used by those who live with this

People Cling To Homes. And yet with the imminent danger. the furthest advance in the first Ital-homes and belongings with that same as we were, the first impulse was of tenacity which makes the Vesuvian self preservation. A hasty glance visited Gorizia just nine days peasants cling to the mountain side o and saw the city on the eve of when the volcano is raging and It was the last visit threatening to bury them. But most le there by anyone outside the of these people on the streets are military before the retreat began, the poor who could not get away, rear of the great Austro-Ger- and the small shop keepers who canman offensive already had com- not afford to abandon their goods. , though for the moment it The big stores are all closed, and the as taken for a spasmodic renewal place has the air of a deserted city, will follow."

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The big stores are all closed, and the will follow." so fifteen miles further north, these make only a scattered showing ly blocked the three-foot patch skirtwide main street fringed on the Second army under Gener- either side with its shell-torn fronts. York, had been nearest the shell

so symbolically. Entering the city military hospital, located in the cit-we passed the extensive Jesuit establishment where 600 symbolically were del, where the trifling cut was lishment where 600 symbolically were del, where the trifling cut was located. One corner was knocked off, of precaution against infection. itor from headquarters as located. One corner was knocked on.

As we sped along the road the cornices were hanging and several big holes told where the shells a close our observation of the hathad found a mark. The main con-tour of the street was preserved and the buildings were intact as a whole, jestle heauty. But worst of all it but every second or third had been put an end to all visits to Gorizia, was part of the system hit, some collapsing entirely, others for the officer said no further chanc-t was explained. All the with their front wall gone and their es of this kind could be taken, and with their front wall gone and their es of this kind could be taken, and supper roms with household goods on his recommendation the general

Dwelling Appears Cheery. One modest dwelling stood out as moment when the tide was turning. oted the strange fact that we hurried along, not by its ruin but At the cafe where we went for re quite numerous in these by its cheer in the midst of this des- lunch the officer from headquarters olation. There were simple lace cur- laid out the big military map on the tains in the windows, from one of table, and explained the military sitwhich a pretty little Italian girl was uation. It was this: The enemy looked very happy and looking down on her garden. She was bringing great masses of men was quite unconscious of the shell to the north of the Biangizza plafire all about and called down to her tead. His design was evident. The companion below. Some of the big Italians by their last advance had buildings had their walls shored up swupg a ring which was threatening ad, the signs above the with long timbers to keep them from Trieste. To save Trieste the enemy all in Italian, showing toppling over. At the theater in the must force the Italians back to the all this section was racially showed the remnants of the last performance, months ago, when a company of the Archduke Maximilian pany of Viennese players appeared of Trieste. To the enemy, the time id just passed through a in comedy. Now there were firemen had come when he must act before perienced. Some Italian sol- standing in the theater lobby, the the Italians played their final card ig through the town had fire engine was in the orchestra floor and hold the jewel of the Adriatic. and the engine horses had the green

There was no use looking for a caristopher Columbus. With true hotel, for there were no guests now. wiped out. The main hotel, a hand- The proprietor of the cafe was an garlands about his neck placed some structure on the main corner. was demolished by the explosion of if the fire we heard was the same as two 12-inch shells, which landed usual. He shook his head and said: squarely inside. The loss of life must have been great, and the material destruction was complete, not ing to happen." This was the ina vestige of the building remaining, stinctive feeling of the people on the except great heaps of debris. The spot who had gone through this day cathedral near by had also received after day for months. They felt the a shell through the roof just over blow coming.

the altar. All the stained glass windows were shivered and the bits lay women of the working class talking

rooms.

blasted into fragments; Sights of Havoc Viewed. The visit to the citadel was the event of the day. This is a huge pile as though not comprehending such thes. But business was going on, with old-time most and battlements, an inquiry. And then they shrugged d up the steep side of Padgera Hill, Michel, the Biansizza plateau and "It used to frighten us at first, and the outer defenses of Gorizia the whole range of ground which the children still cry at night. But bloody hand-to-hand fighting had passed through this upheaval. what can we do?"

It was uphill to the citadel. Every- These were typical towns-women.

to an ominous roar as we manding view was "ahead." There

wall, we saw the Isonzo river lying as the observation post. We halfed shead, and on the further side Gor- a mement, about to enter the post, izia in terraces with the huge battle- but others wished to push on to ments of the citadel towering on the the very front of the wall; and this right. The river looked about the view prevailed. It was a most forwidth of the Potomac at Washington tunate decision, as we soon after had

of the river ran rows of shell-torn view stretched out for miles over walls with gaping windows. This this battleground of mountains, valwhole water front had been torn to leys and plains, with the city houses' pieces, and yet many of the demol- clustered below and the roads windshed remnants of the buildings were ing off through the valleys and footoccupied, and work along the river hills. There in front was Mount St. Gabriel this side held by the Italians

the other by the Austrians. "There runs the dividing line, river, stood out the palatial castle said the escort, pointing to a line

Italian Trenches Plain.

The Italian trenches could be plainly seen. But there was no need of indicating a dividing line, for the Mark, which had capped the entrance bursts from the other side, told to the castle, was taken down by the where the line was. Off to the left was Mount St. Michiel, once swept clean by shell fire but now green again. Nestled in a hollow was the convent of St. Catarina. The Biansizza plateau was off to the left, and through the mist were the dim outlines of snow-topped Mount Nero, that outpost of the Italania advance. As we stood surveying this scene there was the steady rumble of guns, with the crack of quick-firers, and then the long "whiz" of ever-passing shells. But there was one "whiz" which instantly engaged every attention. We could hear t coming and it was not going over, nor under, nor at either side. Everyone,

> Crash! Five of us went down in a heap, tunned as with a hammer blow. There was a great enveloping noise, with the smash and crack of walls, the flying of fragments, and then the heave of tons of earth, mortar and masonry ploughed up by the huge missile,

instinctively recoiled, and then-

Observation Post Hit. It had struck that observation post, just fifteen feet away, which we were about to enter. There was no more observation post; it was swept clean. But fortunately the shell had gone straight through battering down massive walls and digging a deep trench into the earth where it had exploded under ground throwing up great geysers. But while the earth and stones flew like hall, the underground explosion had as we were, the first impulse was of showed no one was seriously injured, though the trickle of blood on the right temple of one of the party told that a flying stone had

found a mark. "They have this range," said the escort as we struggled to our feet," and one shot means that another

Capello, threatened to envelope It was raining hard and this added when it struck and was not only half covered by the upheaval but Ansta, brother of the king of Italy, of the ravage wrought by the flying clay came with such force that mammer-stroke by which they hoped to finish Italy and cripple the whole some additional details worth rethe day of the visit. But there are as though put on by a mason's some additional details worth recording now that Gorizia stands out his temple was taken to the near-by

night, and the roads were left showing from the street. But there staff that night ordered a discontant was no vast area of completely leveled debris as at Verdun or Monas-Austrian frontiers and entered in the containing of the army was done in the general staff that night ordered a discontant was no vast area of completely leveled debris as at Verdun or Monas-as well, for now the great offensive of the enemy burst unexpectedly and there, but it was a city were still that night ordered a discontant was no vast area of completely leveled debris as at Verdun or Monas-as well, for now the great offensive of the enemy burst unexpectedly and there, but it was a city sieved by with it came the retreat from the bombardment. tunately. I had seen it at the last

Blow Is Felt. As we poured over the map the increasing rear of the artillery told that the enemy was losing no time in his part of the military game. intelligent old man, and I asked him "No, it is very much heavier and it

reased from 120 battalions to 330 on the ground. Looking through together under an umbrella. for it one of these empty windows we could was raining hard. Their indiffer-As we passed through the town of see the wrecked altar with its rail- ence to the shelling seemed strange cinico, a far-out suburb of Gorizia, ings twisted and its marble sides and I stopped to ask them if the bombardment did not frighten them and keep them awake at night. They were puzzled for a moment

> Women Not Frightened. "We are used to it," they said.

and wire system, now grass-All this hill had been swept tinued fire. In one great court there ger and destruction all around them. shell-fire, but nature had was a pretty little chapel which had and were now stopping on the street corner in the rain to exchange the latest gossip. One of the women had lent," he declared, "especially in the the features of an Austrian and she agricultural and cattle raising secsmiled as she heard the rumble of tions of the county. The weather

OTHER TOWNS

Armenian-Syrian Relief Campaign Is Being Thoroughly Organized

The big drive for funds to relieve the starving people of Armenia and Syria will be on in earnest throughout Marion county next week. Letters went forward yesterday to the leading spirits of Silverton, Woodburn, Gervals, Marion, Stayton, Sublimity, Turner and Jefferson, years ago, when he liven in Minnecalling preliminary meetings with campaign Manager Gill of Salem.

Mass Meetings to Be Held. Manager Gill plans to hold mass meetings at Salem, Woodburn, Silverton and Stayton on Sunday night, January 3, and in all the other centers of the county during the same to carry the message to every home.

Portland headquarters writes: Within a few days we hope to tell you that one of the biggest-if years missionary in Turkey, and according to a wire from New York today, a 'Masterly orator fully equal to Ambassador Elkus in platform 1887 by F. D. McCully. ability.' You may count on us for three speakers for the evening of Jahuary 13."

These three speakers, with Manager Gill filling one appointment, will cover the four centers on that night. Press Will Carry Message.

Salem papers of January 12 will tragic situation that exists in these historic lands. It is a story that appalls. Language utterly fails to convey the significance of it. At a distance we haggle over a few dollars of our surplus earnings, whereas, such conditions a tour doors would cause us to divide our very clothing and sell the furniture from our homes if necessary to relieve such suffering.

The weekly press of Marion county will carry without charge full page suplements devoted to the Armenian-Syrian situation in their regular editions this week. The supplements will be supplied them by the Salem committee.

Campaign in Public Schools. On Monday at 4:30 Manager Gill will address the Sajem Teachers' as-sociation at the high school at the request of that body. This will be the first step in enlisting the help of the schools in taking the message to the homes of Marion county. Every school teacher in the county will be for the campaign.

Every Dollar Goes to Relief. thoroughly understood that every dollar will go wholly to relief. All campaign expenses will be met by specia contributions given expressly for that purpose. ad? This arrangement is the result of

York headquarters as a result of much experience and expert advice. penses are provided," say instructions from headquarters, "there must be expense. Even the United States government has to spend \$3,000,000 in the work of selling its liberty while the battle is in progress. bonds, gilt edge though the bonds are. It costs to place facts before

ONE DOSE RELIEVES A COLD-NO QUININE

Bible ands."

"Pape's Cold Compound" ends bad colds or grippe in a few

Relief comes instantly. A dose taken every two hours until

three doeses are taken will end grippe misery and break up a severe cold either in the head, chest, body or It promptly opens clogged-up nost-

rils and air passages in the head, ning, relieves sick headache, dullness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness. Don't stay stuffed up! Quit blowing and snuffling. Ease you throbbing head! Nothing else in the

world gives such prompt relief as 'Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only a few cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes, nice, and causes no inconvenience. Be sure you get the gen-

Tells of Business and Crop Conditions of His County While in City

"Wallowa county can always be the money when it comes to a patident of the First Bank of Joseph. Wallowa county, vesterday, county did its duty and then some when it came to the Red Cross and liberty bond drives," he continued, and more than met its allotments. "In the last Red Cross drive, Joseph went 'over the top' by at least

200 per cent." "Business conditions are excel-Padgera Hill.

Was one point of vantage where this the Austrian guns and looked off tothis winter has been exceptional.

Turning the corner of a shattered view was particularly good, known ward the enemy lines so near.

Just at present the prospects for Just at present the prospects for wished that my journey hight soon here.

"The first time in many years the set a pace that I knew I could not cattle and sheep of Wallowa are living on the range at this time of ing behind, and every fresh effort to year. As yet, there has not been a catch up with my party only served orkful of hay fed, and on the range to increase my exhaustion and limit the theep are ready for mutton. my breath. At last, with a feeling Herders are overjoyed, Last year, of utter desolation, I fell beside my during this month, everyone who had cattle was in the depths of de- I should soon lost contact with my spair over the shortage of hay and hurrying comrades, and the mad grain, with two to three feet of snow on the ground.

"Fall wheat is exceptionally good this year, and a very large acreage has been sown. Alfalfa is a staple crop and indications are for bumper crops next summer." While conversing on the weather

Mr. Calke recalled a winter forty

sota. At that time he was but 9 years old, yet he said the circumstances stood out clearly in his mind. "About the middle of February," he said, "we moved from Minnesota to North Dakota. The winter of '77-78 was very mild, and when we left Minnesota, the climate was as mild week. Following the mass meetings as it usually was in May. When we at each place the drive will begin reached Dakota, which, as you know has very rigorous winters, we found

a thing unprecedented in history." Mr. Gilke's wife is chairman of not the biggest Armenian speakers the Red Cross in Wallowa county, in the United States will open your and the family is vitally interested campaign. We refer to Rev. J. P. in anything connected with the wel-McNaughton of Los Angeles, twenty fare of the state and government The First bank of which Mr. Gilke is president, is the oldest in Wallowa county, and was established in

the cattle grazing on the past res,

Mr. Gaulke, who was in the city yesterday for a few hous on business, was accompanied by John F. Horan, an old friend and former newspaper man, having been on the Oregon Journal for many years. They left last night on their return trip home. During their stay in the contain a portrayal of the terribly city they were registered at the Marion.

PECULIAR TASK

Former Member of Parliament in Army Describes Sensations

PAL FALLS INTO HOLE

reached early this week and enlisted Bullets Are Thick in Air as Struggle Is Made in Slippery Mud

London, Dec. 27 .- Carrying water to the thirsty fighting men in the front line trenches through a doudefinite plans originating at New ble barrage of bursting shells from both British and German guns, while "Regardless of how the local ex- the multi-colored flares from the German trenches cast a weird light over a shell-riven battlefield puts to test the nerve and courage of the bravest. Yet the work must be done

Stumbling over the bodies of dead comrades or falling exhausted the people. The local emmittee that among them, floundering through fails to incur expense for publicity the mud or into shell craters, the will almost inevitably fail to secure water carrier yet must struggle on from its citizens a response in any till he reaches the first line, unless degree commensurate with the colos- death relieves him of the task. A sal demand for bread with which to vivid story of one such journey is save the innocent non-combatants of told by Victor Grayson, formerly a member of the British parliament, now serving as a private in the British army.

"I found myself one of a party detailed to carry up rations to the front line trenches through a dual harrage," he writes. "We all knew that the boys up the line were to hop over at daybreak the following morning, but we were not aware until our sergeant major told us, that his sister, whom he had not seen for they had been without rations for fifty-three years. twelve hours.

Pace Speeded Up in Mud.

"As much as the mud would permit, our pace was speeded up, and we were soon in line upon the duckboards (board walks laid in mud) myself and my immediate companstops nasty discharge of nose pun- ions each laden with two petrol tins of water,

"The front line was about two miles away. For the first part of the journey a bright moon made the travelling comparatively easy. But suddenly the duck-boards ended, the moon completely disappeared, and the resulting darkness acted like a signal to the opposing batteries. The air was torn with the howls and shricks of shells.

"It became a matter of infinite care and considerable skill to pick our way between the deep shell holes, which were sometimes so close together as to be divided only by a sloping ridge of less than a foot in width. The enemy was firing 'wild' and shells were exploding on all sides with a propinquity that made us involuntarily duck our heads and wait for the inevitable shower of dirt and mud, or worse. Every now and then a man would lose his footing, and he and his cans would roll with a slash into a gaping shell hole.

Pal Falls Into Shell Hole. "It seems inconceivable, even depended upon to come through with reverent, that one should laugh in the midst of such horrors. But when riotic call." said F. H. Ganlke, pres- I saw my pay in front dart away from a menacing shell-burst on the right, straight into the arms, so to speak, of a muddy shell-hole on the left, I laughed till a stitch came into my side

"When we reached the support trenches, a halt was called-not a moment too soon-for a rest. My water cans had become amazingly heavy, and all of us were panting as we crouched beside our comrades who were waiting in the support

next year's crops are 100 per cent end. After five minutes we started out again, and the sergeant-major sustain. Gradually I felt myself fallcans. The flares revealed to me that music of the hurtling shells stimulated me to a fresh effort.

"For a couple of hundred yards struggled forward, but, weak and bereft of wind, I went down once more and watched, with a bort of guilty desperation, the year file of my party disappear over a ridge betrees. It was terrible to feel alone on that tortured field, yet I was not altogether alone. The fitful glares lighted up for me the unmistakable faces and forms of the dead, comrades who had fallen on their to the front line.

British Voices Heard, "A great weariness seized me, and in spite of the noise and uncanny surroundings I could have gone to sleep. A chagrized dread of failing in my task nerved me, however, to final effort. I found my way through the stark sentinel trees, and soon locking down into a communication trench.

an officer, 'Never mind your cans.' the trench and comparative safety. | concerned. The experience had been thrilling and unforgettable, but there was water for sixteen men. And the sight of the boys eagerly filling their wafully worth while.

"My comrades of the ration party had duly delivered their burdens and returned, so that my journey back to the dug-out had to be accomplished alone. I freely confess that I farmers have not enough for the felt fairly squeamish as I climbed out of that trench and faced that dreadful field again. Every flare motive the discovery of my over- onstrations everywhere, but wrought form to the enemy. "After half an hour of well-nigh

hopeless wandering, a shricking shell exploded so close to me that the concussion, lifted my steel helmet from my head and almost biew me off my feet. At the same moment I tripped over something and fell—between two dead soldiers. They had fallen facing each other, their arms extended. For a moment I envied them their pain-free sleep.

"An inscriable Providence, rather than any conscious effort on my part, brought me to my dank, but welcome dug-out. My comrades were hugely relieved at the sight of men, for they had counted me among the fallen."

Livesley Women Attend Meeting of G. T. Club

LIVESLEY, Or., Jan. 5.-The G. T. club of Livesley met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. V. Johnson. The contest was won by turnip. The war vegetables are Mrs. S. C. Davenport. Refreshments casionally supplemented with were served by the hostess, assisted meat when things are going be by her daughter, Leila Johnson. Those present were Mrs. S. C. Davenport, Mrs. C. D. Query, Mrs. C. O. Chomas, Mrs. George Higgins, Mrs. John Watson, Mrs. H. B. Carpenter. to be made into soup, These kitches Mrs. B. D. Fidler, Mrs. James Fidler. supply the invalid soldiers, and a Mrs. B. D. Fidler, Mrs. James Fidler. Mrs. W. Pettyjohn, Mrs. Frances Bressler, Mrs. T. Holly, Mrs. N. P. Kugle, Mrs. G. G. Greenstreet. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gilham of Hep-

ner spent the holidays with the Higgins family.

Aubrey Johnson, who is attending the dental college at Portland, was home for his Christmas vacation. Mr. and Mrs. John Watson were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrt. Robert Hutcheon, who live in Salem. Miss Emma Higgins spent the Christmas season with her mother,

Mrs. G. O. Higgins and family. James Fidler has returned from a wo weeks' visit at Los Angeles with

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson of Salem spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Johnson. Mrs. N. P. Kuyle and daughter Edna are home from a visit with relatives in Portland during the

holidays. Mrs. G. G. Greenstreet of Rattoon. New Mexico, is spending a few weeks with her father, S. C. Davenport. and family.

William Meiers, who has been farming in this neighborhood for over four years, intends to leave for Portland soon with his family, where he will engage in electrical work. Mr. Melers has rented his farm to a

Mr. Foster of Salem. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Carpenter had for their Christmas guests Rev. and Mrs. A. Hawthorn and Mr. and Mrs. vised to give way and let us have Clifford Bay of Portland. Mrs. Charles Ekin, who has spent

several weeks with relatives in Idaho, arrived home last Tuesday. A Bettincourt had a small operation for catarrh performed last Tuesday.

The school directors are rapidly learing the schoolhouse grounds of all trees and stumps. A 32-inch bell has been purchased for the church.

Man, 70, Asks Citizenship to Work as Navy Machinist

Colfax, Wash., Dec. 27 .- Because he wishes to do something to help win the war, J. S. Greenhill of this town, aged 70 years and a veteran of the Civil war, has asked the federal court to establish his American citizenship, that he may obtain a position as machinist in the Bremer-

ton navy yard. his father's naturalization papers him." were destroyed in the Chicago fire.

NOW STARVING

All Foodstuffs Short and Crop Outlook Appears Discouraging

tween two lonely shell-stricken RATIONS ARE CUT DOWN

Hunger Cause of Wild Demonstrations-Workers Made Slaves

London, Dec. 27 .- (Correspondence of the Associated Press.) - The food situation in parts of Austria, notably Bohemia, is at present more though wandering blindly, with no critical than at any previous period further sense of direction, I finally of the war, according to letters heard voices, British voices, and was which have been received by Czechs here, after evading the Austrian censorship. Bohemia, both owing "'Get down quick, digger,' cried to her geographical situation and the concentration of her population "But those cans had become a pre- in the industrial districts, has alclous part of myself, and gripping ways been dependent on outside asthem affectionately I slithered into sistance as far as her food supply is

"You can't conceive what a desperate plight we are in," says one letter, "and it will be even worse as winter comes on, for there has ter bottles made everything wonder- been no harvest to speak of. Owing to the drought, everything has been burned up; there is no wheat, and soon there will be no potatoes, Nobody sees how we can endure another winter. Even the peasant selves. There is practically no mest -you can perhaps buy a scrap once a week after standing for four hours seemed to me to have for its sole in line. There are strikes and demnewspapers are not allowed to say anything about them."

Full Allowance Not Allowed. Another letter says: "The rations per head are now: Bread, two pounds weekly; flour, for married people only, one pound weekly; po-tatoes, one pound weekly; sugar, half pound weekly. But in reality it is practically impossible to obt one's full allowance of anythi Food is issued on Fridays and Saturdays every week, but it frequent happens that those who have finished their rations too soon or who have no money to procure something underhanded means, die of sta tion on Thursday. The man ment of the food bureau atte to satisfy our appetites by eight of which often up starving stomach. "It is true we have the

yaunted soup kitchens, longer anything nour water containing beets, c the front. Thus when the It fensive was going badly as many wagonloads of dead were brought to the factory kill the foreign workmen, the latter

mostly Poles, Workers Are Slaves,

"Whenever a report came in that the Italians were winning, there was great rejoicing among these slaves at the prospect of getting meat soup These wretched creatures, who, are conscripted for work in the mi and factories, are literally slaves Not only is their personal liberty restricted, but corporal punishments are inflicted for the slightest retort; the offender is flogged and shave close, like a convict, as a mark of humiliation.

"A good many men may still seen in the industrial towns, but there are absolutely none in the villages. A few sons of rich land owners have been able to escape military service by suddenly becoming indispensable-to some mine or fa There are very few soldiers left at home now, although there were plenty last March. The end is at

hand.

Corroborative evidence of the critical situation in Bohemia is found in several more official sources. In the Austrian budget committee, the deputy, M. Zenker, declared that the shortage of flour and bread was now almost complete. "If the government really desires to continue the war.' he said, "it will have to make some very urgent measures. We will afterwards have something to say about Hungary, which would be well adsome of her stored up food if she does not want to see a current of overwhelming opinion rise against Budapest to the great detriment of the dual monarchy."

In the Austrian upper house October 27, Dr. Gilbert Helmer, Lord Abbot of Tepl, and one of the most influential churchmen in Austria Hungary, said: "Terrible wan reigns in the districts of Gablonz, Rumburg and Warnsdorf, and in the Erzgebirge. Conditions in the last named district are appalling, owing to the failure of the Czech pope tion ot do their duty to the munity in handing over foodstuffs. It is even widely reported that the faflure of the Czechs to hand over their food hoards is due to rebellious nationalistic aspirations.'

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"I wouldn't say McTavish canna Wearn the game," remarked Sandy, Mr. Greenhill came to America as they trudged home from the from Scotland at the age of six and links; "but it will be deelicult for

"Aye," agreed Donald. "At times trench, in reserv. Ihad recently suf. He is an expert machinist and has he will be like to bust, what wi' be fered from a cold, and I heartily been employed in machine shops ing sq relections, and tongue-tied." -Everybody's Magazine,