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OREGON WEATHER

Oregon—Fair; moderate winds, mostly southerly.
Washington—Fair east portion; rain west portion; cooler tonight extreme southwest portion; southerly winds becoming strong along coast.

RUSSIA READY

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ing, England was only preparing and America only observing.

Bore Whole Brunt.

"Russia at the beginning of the whole brunt of the fighting, thereby saving Great Britain and France. People who say she is out of the war have short memories. We have fought since the beginning and they must now take the heaviest part of the burden on their shoulders.

"At present Russian public opinion is greatly agitated by the question, 'where is the great British fleet now that the German fleet is out in the Baltic?'

"Russia," the premier repeated, "is worn out. She has been fighting one and a half years longer than England."

"Could an American army be of use if sent to Russia?"

"It would be impossible to send it of transport. The difficulties are too great."

"If America cannot send troops, what would be the most useful way for her to help Russia?" was asked.

What Russia Needs.

"Have her send boots, leather, iron and," the premier added emphatically, "money."

Premier Kerensky drew attention to the fact that Russia had fought her battles alone.

"Russia has fought alone—is fighting alone," Kerensky said. "France has had England to help her from the start and now America has come in."

The premier was asked regarding the morale of the Russian people and the Russian army. He answered: "The masses are worn out economically. The disorganized state of life in general has had a psychological effect on the people. They doubt the possibility of the attainment of their hopes."

"What is the lesson to the democracies of the world of the Russian revolution?"

Future to Answer.

"This," Premier Kerensky replied, "is for them to find out. They must not lose faith in the Russian revolution."

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AMERICAN SOLDIERS SNIPING SNIPERS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Nov. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Some of the American soldiers who have just been relieved after service in the trenches, had thrilling stories to tell on returning to the billets. On clear days, especially, German snipers became active. Bullets went singing harmlessly overhead. American infantrymen were told off to attend to any sniper who became active and more than one of them will snipe Americans no more.

This game of sniping the sniper was highly popular. The only complaint heard today was that there was not enough rifle shooting to satisfy the infantrymen. Several of the soldiers said they went out to fight but did not get enough. There is no scarcity of expert riflemen when a sniper starts in.

A colonel had an exciting experience when the Germans nearly got the range of an observation point in which he and his aide were. They lost no time in taking temporary cover.

The artillery on both sides was rather more active during the last days in which the first contingent of Americans was in the trenches. The Germans shelled the back areas and approaches, putting shrapnel and high explosive shells in the direction of the trenches and battery positions. Aside from evening up things for a while, nothing was accomplished by the enemy.

The infantry in one section had quite a lively time for two nights. The Germans, thinking a hostile patrol was near them, opened fire with their rifles at the point where the opposing trenches were nearest. The Americans let the Germans fire for a time and then they themselves began to fire.

Several German airplanes which flew over the trenches were targets for rifles and machine guns.

Morale Excellent.

The morale of the Americans is distinctly pleasing to the French. The troops marched off to the trenches in the dark, their wet and muddy clothes clinging to them. As soon as they were out of hearing of the Germans the men swung along whistling or singing.

Officers of all the groups commented on the remarkably small amount of sickness which developed. There are some bad colds, but as far as reported, there are less than half a dozen cases, including "trench feet," and pneumonia. An officer said the splendid physical condition of the men was responsible for this showing.

ITALY PREPARES

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operation and the mention of places, but within those close limits some general idea can be given of the heroic resistance the main part of the Italian army gave to the rush of overwhelming numbers.

The greatest shock came on the north, where the Isonzo first was crossed. Here occurred the weakening of certain detachments of the second army, which General Cadorna had bulletined with frankness of a great commander. It was this weakening which gave the German contingents the opportunity at a critical moment to pass forward between a portion of the army on the north and that on the line further south.

Double Exposure.

Now began the double exposure on the southern force to fire in the front and on the flank, which required a steady falling back until the entire army was in movement toward the newly established positions further west.

During this prodigious movement of the main front and the rear guard, which can only be sketched in the broadest outlines, some sections sustained shocks of exceptional intensity. The commanding height of Monte Nero, which the Italians had occupied after deeds of great valor, was defended against onslaughts developed in envelopment.

Added to this was the suddenness of the surprise blow from the north which developed into a turning fire before the southern armies and also on their extreme flank, gradually extending to their rear. It was to extricate the troops from this situation that the retirement began all along the advanced positions occupied by the Italian army within Austrian territory.

Retirement Orderly.

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The retirement was accomplished by shielding operations of the rear guard, which poured a deadly fire into the advancing columns and at the same time destroyed powder depots, arsenals and bridges with the double purpose of giving time for the withdrawal of the Italian heavy guns and of preventing military stores falling into the hands of the enemy.

The Germans encountered stubborn resistance on the Bainsizza plateau, and heaps of enemy dead mark the lines of their advance.

Around Globo' ridge a Bersaglieri brigade, outnumbered five to one, held back the enemy while the main line had an opportunity to get its retreat in motion.

Gorizia in Fragments.

In one of the mountain passes a small village commanding the pass was taken and retaken eight times during desperate artillery, infantry and hand to hand fighting.

Gorizia was shelled heavily and what remained of what the correspondent saw there just a week ago today was further reduced to a mass of debris. One of the main bridges from Gorizia across the Isonzo was blown up by the Italians and the enemy movement was thus further impeded.

To the west of Gorizia the town of Cormons also was heavily shelled. The great German guns opened enormous craters and literally tore the town to pieces.

As depots and arsenals were blown up the whole sky was lighted with a

red glare and dense masses of smoke formed in an enormous pall like the approach of an equinoctial cyclone. Added to the fearful din and heavy shell fire on front and flank, was the continuous explosion of powder supplies as the Italians slowly fell back screened by a rear guard of a Bersaglieri brigade, which threw up hasty breastworks and contested every foot of the way.

Artillery Withdrawn.

This permitted much of the heavy artillery and munition supplies to be withdrawn, but it was a prodigious task in the face of such odds and over such steep inclines. Some of the gunners hastily improvised derricks out of ropes and hoisted and dragged the guns by hand from the advance line.

The heaviest pressure began to be felt on the Carso front Friday. The Austrians then increased their bombardment to deafening intensity and supplemented this with huge volumes of poison gas and tear shells. The humid air and light wind permitted great waves of the deadly gases to creep low toward the Italian lines, the rear guards protecting themselves with masks and hiding in caverns.

Amid the onslaught of overwhelming masses, the Italians fell back slowly. The correspondent, who was fortunate enough to obtain a place in a British Red Cross automobile after remaining at the front until Saturday, was able to observe the enormous movement westward. All the roads were packed with dense traffic, with four or five lines abreast of teams, automobile trucks, pack mules, artillery wagons and ox carts. The soldiers marched or rode, singly, in groups, in regiments, in brigades or in divisions. It was such a time as the world has seldom witnessed.

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