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LINES HOLDING UNTIL ALLIED HELP ARRIVES

DESPITE INTENSIVE AND CONSTANT ATTACKS, ITALIANS HOLDING PIAVE LINE

FRENCH-BRITISH HURRYING UP

If Italians Can Hold Present Positions Until Allies Get Into Action, Day Is Saved

On the Italian front, which is the only theater in the world war where intensive fighting is in progress, the Italians daily continue to stiffen their front from the region of Lake Garda to the Adriatic sea. Nowhere have the Teutonic allies been able to penetrate their front for new gains of great importance.

All along the Piave a furious artillery action is in progress and Italian airplanes again have come into the fray and are doing notable work in dropping bombs on the enemy lines.

London, Nov. 17.—The British correspondent accredited to Italian headquarters, in a dispatch dated Thursday, says:

"Allied reinforcements are reaching Italy daily in increasing numbers. To save waiting for trains on the congested railroad, some French troops have been brought across the Alps through the snow-covered passes. The allies' troops are marching steadily forward to their appointed place in the Italian scheme of defense.

"Both the British and French troops are in high spirits. They are delighted at the change of scene and the prospect of a new adventure."

Rome, Nov. 17.—The German troops which forced a passage of the Piave river at Seeson, are being steadily pushed back. In other sections, nearly 1,000 German prisoners have been taken.

Berlin, Nov. 17.—The Austro-German troops stormed Monte Prassola between the Brenta and Piave rivers and took 800 Italians prisoner.

DELEGATES TO HEAR STRIKE MEDIATORS

Seattle, Nov. 17.—Three delegates from the northwestern telephone strikers, two of them from Portland and one from Seattle, have left for San Francisco to confer with the federal mediators. They have no power to make a settlement only to report.

AX MURDERER KILLED THREE IN MINNESOTA

Virginia, Minn., Nov. 17.—Three victims of an ax murder were discovered when the police found the bodies of Paul Adarm, his wife and a boarder, Peter Trepich, in their home here, splattered with blood and their skulls crushed.

FIRST AMERICAN TO FACE FIRING SQUAD

Washington, Nov. 17.—An American soldier, a member of General Pershing's forces, found guilty by a court-martial of the charge of rape and murder of a French woman, has been executed by a firing squad.

All details of this first death penalty imposed since the troops landed on French soil are being withheld by the war department.

CONGRESSMEN IN SHELL-FIRE ZONE

German Spot Party of American Investigators and Shell Them Vigorously But Without Result

On the British front in Belgium, Nov. 17.—Five members of the party of American congressmen and private citizens who spent yesterday visiting the Belgian war zone had a narrow escape from death or injury when they were caught in a sudden burst of German machine gun fire while inspecting front line trenches near Dixmude.

The Americans in danger were Congressman C. C. Dill of Spokane, John P. Miller, Seattle, Albert Johnson, Hoquiam, Wash., Chas. B. Timberlake, Colorado and former congressman Stout of Montana.

By a freak of luck, no one was hit. Seven other members of the party were in another section. Later when all were together, the Germans dropped a big shell only ten yards away, endangering the entire party. The Germans had seen them and intentionally aimed the destruction of the entire party.

PRIZE WINNERS AT CORN SHOW NAMED

The Southern Oregon Corn Show held yesterday in the rooms of the Winetroot Implement Co., was an unqualified success. Both in the number of exhibits and their uniform excellence, the show more than justified the efforts of the Winetroot Co., the California and Oregon Coast railroad, the Grants Pass Banking Co., and the Josephine County bank, its promoters and patrons.

The awards were as follows: For the best ten ears of non-irrigated corn—First, Mrs. J. Beveridge, Hugo; second, J. Christie, Grants Pass; third, W. F. Woodstock, Fruitdale.

For the best ten ears of irrigated corn—First, W. B. Lindsay, Merlin; second, Hayes Bros., Murphy; third, J. R. Rowland, Wilderville.

For the best single ear—First, Glenn Provolt, Provolt; second, W. B. Lindsay, Merlin; third, W. L. Mortland, Rogue River.

For the best ten stalks of stlage corn—First, H. T. Vedder, Murphy; second, Lester Sparlin, Williams; third, C. F. Gentner, Murphy.

For the best peck of shelled corn—First, J. Christie, Grants Pass; second, W. F. Woodstock, Fruitdale; third, Wm. Ausland, Dryden.

At the Saturday morning session of the show, a corn stringing contest between teams representing schools of the county, was the feature. Each team was to string three strings of ten ears each. Speed, neatness, spacing and general accuracy counted in the scoring.

The team representing Jerome Prairie school, consisting of Agnes Smith and Martha Gelwitz, won first prize. The second went to the Merlin school, whose team consisted of Gordon Cochran and Bland Pruitt. Edna Sundell and Alice Lucke of the Dixie school won third prize.

SWISS FEAR TROOPS WILL TRY TO PASS

Washington, Nov. 17.—The Swiss political department has emphatically denied the rumor that one set of belligerents asked permission of her to move troops through her territory. The fear is expressed that the other belligerents may use this as a pretext to forcibly do the same thing.

BRITISH STILL MAKING PROGRESS ALONG RIDGE

London, Nov. 17.—The British have made further progress today along the Paschendale ridge.

KERENSKY IS FUGITIVE BOLSHEVIKI IN CONTROL

Radicals Extend Their Control to Moscow—Premier Is Deserted By Officers and Troops and Escapes Disguised As a Sailor

Petrograd, Nov. 17.—Defeated in battle by the bolsheviki, and deserted by most of his officers and men, former Premier Kerensky is in flight, his whereabouts unknown.

General Nebraskoff, arrested with other members of Kerensky's staff, has been released on the ground that he was only obeying the orders of his superior, Premier Kerensky, when told that his officers were against him, and the men were at the point of deserting, agreed to come to Petrograd, but while a guard was being arranged, he disappeared.

General Dukhonin has assumed temporarily the post of commander-in-chief of the Kerensky forces following the disappearance of Kerensky, who is reported to have fled, disguised as a sailor.

Seven thousand military cadets and 3,000 troops are besieged in the Kremlin at Moscow by 18,000 bolsheviki, who are battering the ancient walls and buildings with heavy artillery, according to a well authenticated report received this evening.

The government troops are said to have a fairly plentiful supply of food and ammunition, and to be capable of holding out for some days.

According to the information of the Associated Press a semi-official American returning from Moscow, the stories of wholesale looting and burning there have been exaggerated. There has been indiscriminate firing throughout the city, but aside from the havoc at the Kremlin, there has been little damage done to property.

The loss of life since the beginning of the insurrection is estimated at from 2,000 to 5,000.

General Kaledines, upon whose help the defenders of the Kremlin are counting, is reported to have cut the railway southward to prevent provisions arriving, while he is moving toward Moscow.

London, Nov. 17.—A belated dispatch from Petrograd to Reuter's Limited, says that 1,500 Cossacks were killed or wounded in fighting that occurred near Alexandrofsky station, five miles southeast of Petrograd.

London, Nov. 17.—Reuter's correspondent at Stockholm says advice received from Haparanda are to the effect that all work has ceased throughout Finland and no telegrams or trains are being dispatched.

PETITIONS TO MAKE CALIFORNIA BONE-DRY

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—With the filing of petitions bearing 40,000 names in Los Angeles Thursday, backers of the Rominger anti-booze bill expect to have 90,000 on file before the end of the week. Petitions bearing 20,000 names were filed here yesterday. In addition, Oakland petitions bear 11,000 names and 5,000 have been filed in San Jose. The law requires 75,000 valid signatures to get the measure on the ballot for the next state election.

AMERICAN MISSION HAS LUNCH WITH KING EDWARD

London, Nov. 17.—The members of the American mission to the Inter-allied conference lunched at Buckingham palace this afternoon with the king and queen.

RUSSIAN FREEDOM IS CARRIED TO EXTREME

To show to what ludicrous extreme ideas of liberty are running in Russia, a returned traveler says that the Petrograd schoolboys are demanding the right to elect their own teachers and to dismiss any they do not like.—Providence Journal.

CHINESE PREMIER HAS RESIGNED HIS POSITION

Tokio, Nov. 17.—Premier Tuan of China has resigned, said a Peking dispatch to the Nichi-Nichi today. The same dispatch said the Chinese governor of Hunan province, Fu Liang Tau, has fled.

PORTLAND WOMAN IS BOOTLEGGERS' CHIEF

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—Federal officers here charge that Mrs. Violet Pruett, indicted at Portland as a member of a band conspiring to smuggle liquor into Oregon and Washington, was the directing agent of the entire party.

AMERICANS WIN ARTILLERY DUEL

Pershing's Men Keep Up Heavy Exchange of Shells With Teutons. Several Casualties Reported

With American Army in France, Nov. 17.—The artillery duel in which American troops form one of the parties, has become more frequent and violent. There have been further casualties. A discharge of shrapnel wounded some of our men in the trenches. An enemy shell hit an American gun, causing further casualties.

Some of the wounded of the last two days have died.

The American batteries are improving in their fire. Their visibility has become better. It is believed that their return of the German fire has caused more damage and casualties in the enemy ranks, than the Americans have suffered.

MANY NOTABLES PAY RESPECTS TO FOSTER

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Wilson, members of the cabinet and ambassadors of many foreign countries yesterday afternoon attended the funeral of former Secretary of State John W. Foster, father-in-law of Secretary Lansing, at the Church of the Covenant. The church was thronged with other high officials of the government. The body will be taken to Evansville, Ind., for interment.

GERMAN LIEUTENANT AT ALCATRAZ PRISON

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—Lieutenant Wilhelm von Bricken, former military attaché of the German consulate here, was transferred today to the Alcatraz disciplinary barracks thereby probably establishing permanently his status as a military instead of a civil prisoner.

TO CURTAIL OUTPUT OF PLEASURE CARS

Washington, Nov. 17.—The war automobile commission of the war industries board has practically completed its program for the curtailment of the manufacture of pleasure cars. The curtailment will take place by progression. Orders will probably be issued for a 10 per cent curtailment next month and a 20 per cent curtailment the following month and so on.

EX-SENATOR PETTIGREW MUST FACE INDICTMENT

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Representatives of Richard F. Pettigrew, former United States senator, Thursday filed bonds for his appearance in Aberdeen, S. D., where he is under indictment for alleged violation of the espionage act, according to federal officials here. As a result, he will not be formally arrested.

LIGHT CRUISERS HAVE BRUSH IN NORTH SEA

London, Nov. 17.—The British light forces engaged the German light cruisers off Heligoland this morning. The Germans retired and were pursued by the British vessels.

EQUADOR SCENE OF LATEST REVOLUTION

Buenos Aires, Nov. 17.—A revolution has broken out in Ecuador. The rebels have taken Pueblo Viejo, Cacaol and Cañaram. Many have been killed and wounded.

NEXT DRAFT TO BE BASED UPON CLASSIFICATION

ALL REGISTERED MEN WILL FILL OUT QUESTION LIST ON QUALIFICATIONS

LAWYERS ASKED TO ASSIST

Drafting of Men for Next Army Will Depend Upon Dependents and Work More Than Lottery

James Martin, clerk of the local registration board, has received a supply of the questionnaires for draft classifications. They will be mailed to the registered men in this district as soon as practicable, and each man receiving such document, is required to fill it out in full and return within seven days of its receipt.

Salem, Ore., Nov. 17.—Provost Marshal General Crowder has requested Governor Withycombe to call on all members of the Oregon bar to give legal advice to registrants for the second army draft.

The provost marshal general suggests that the governor appoint as a central committee to plan organization of legal advisory boards throughout the state, the vice president for Oregon of American Bar association, the Oregon member of the general council of that association, the president of the Oregon Bar association and the attorney general of the state.

The state will be districted and a legal advisory board be named for each district, with county judge or member of circuit court probably as chairman. They will be associate members of the draft boards.

The questionnaire which is the basis of the new system is a collection of questions bringing out the essential facts upon which all classifications are made. It is the only printed form which any registrant needs to use either in making claims or filling proof.

Questionnaires are to be mailed by the local board to 5 per cent of the registrants each day. The principal work of the legal advisory boards will thus be over in 20 days, by which time all the questionnaires should be returned to the boards. Every man has seven days in which to return his questionnaire fully made out. The process of classification will begin about December 15. Eight days later the boards will begin the great process of classification, which becomes, in the words of the president, "a national war undertaking of such significance as to challenge the attention and compel the assistance of every American."

FUEL CONTROL WILL CURTAIL SHIPMENTS

Washington, Nov. 17.—Following the announcement that the priority shipping board could curtail the shipments of non-essentials only on the recommendation of the fuel administrator, it was announced that fuel administrator Garfield would prepare such recommendations.

JAPANESE STEAMER SHOWS UP UNHARMED

Seattle, Nov. 17.—The Japanese freighter, Salki Maru, which was yesterday reported wrecked on the Japanese coast, entered Puget sound today. It is believed that the name was confused with another steamer in yesterday's report.