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HURL MASSES IN TERRIFIC DEATH GRIPS

TEUTONIC EFFORTS TO BREAK ITALIAN LINES ARE NOT YET SUCCESSFUL

COMBATANTS LOSE HEAVILY

Most Furious and Sanguinary Contest of Campaign Now in Progress Along Northern Italian Line

Italian Headquarters, Nov. 24.—The battle of the mountains is raging with unexampled violence. The Italians again hold Monte Tomba and Monte Persida positions which they lost last night. Losses have been very great, but those of the enemy far exceed those of the Italians.

London, Nov. 24.—Between the Brenta and Piave rivers in the Italian theater of war the Italians and the Teutonic allies are at deadly grips with the enemy endeavoring to break through to the Venetian plain, but with the Italians tenaciously holding them. All along the front the fighting is of a particularly sanguinary nature, the troops frequently meeting in hand-to-hand encounters and positions often change hands.

The enemy everywhere is throwing masses of men against the Italians and his losses have been heavy. It seemingly is the ambition of the invaders to break out upon the plain before the expected British and French reinforcements arrive, but up to the present their efforts have been without avail.

Comparative quiet prevails along the Piave river to the Adriatic.

Italian Headquarters, Nov. 24.—The battle between the Piave and Brenta rivers in the hills leading to the Venetian plain is reaching a climax with a fury of action exceeding anything that has thus far taken place on that front. Some positions, after fluctuating in furious mass attacks in which Germans joined the Austrians, are again in the hands of the Italians, who made a magnificent charge up the slopes.

Up and down the slopes this fearful carnage is proceeding and four attacks have been swept back over the Italian lines over heaps of the enemy dead.

The Basilicata, Calabria and Alpine brigades suffered most in this storm. Three battalions of Apulian were almost wiped out of existence. But the enemy paid for their first advance and did not enjoy it long. German and Austrian dead were piled up in heaps. Their trenches disappeared in the fury of the artillery action.

WEALTHY FARMER IS IN ANTI-DRAFT PLOT

Seattle, Nov. 24.—James A. McHugh, an Auburn, Wash., farmer, alleged to be wealthy, and his son, John McHugh, 25 years of age, have been found guilty of an anti-draft law plot. They were charged by the government with making false affidavits endeavoring to prove that the father was dependent upon the son for a livelihood.

AMERICAN VESSEL SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Washington, Nov. 24.—The American steamer Schuykill has been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean. The crew was landed safely. There was no naval guard on board.

U-BOAT IS SUNK BY DESTROYER

Two American Destroyers Sink Submarine by Means of Depth Bomb. Effort at Rescue Futile

Washington, Nov. 24.—Definite news of the destruction of another German submarine by American destroyers has reached the navy department in a cable report from Vice-Admiral Sims.

The submarine was damaged by a depth bomb, which went down with all on board after the destroyer had attached a line to the submarine and was undertaking to take her in tow.

There were two destroyers on patrol duty together. One sighted the periscope of the submarine, about 400 yards distant and headed for it. They dropped a depth bomb as the submarine submerged. The submarine came to the surface with no signs of life aboard. The destroyers fired, but there was no reply. Just as the destroyer managed to get a tow line placed on her, the submarine went to the bottom.

MONDAY LUNCHEONS RESUMED TOMORROW

The first of the second series of Chamber of Commerce weekly Monday-noon luncheons will be held tomorrow at 12 o'clock.

Wilford Allen, one of the Oregon Industrial Accident commissioners, and formerly president of the Chamber of Commerce and editor of the Courier, will be the principal speaker. The meeting will take on the character of a general businessmen's get-together for a consideration of the work of the chamber for the coming year.

The ladies of the Red Cross will serve the luncheon and they promise that those attending will not be disappointed as "chicken" will be the piece-de-resistance.

JOSEPHINE TOKAYS BEST IN MARKET

Approximately 100 tons of Tokay grapes were shipped from the Grants Pass district to the commission houses in Portland this season. From the time of the first shipment until a few days ago the price quotations were from \$1.15 to \$1.25 per crate or lug while the last week's price quotations were raised to \$1.75.

In color and sweetness the Rogue River valley Tokays excel those from any other place in America, and their reputation is testified to by the ever growing demand, which has been so great that the Portland houses are already negotiating for next year's crop.

In the shipment of this year there were four full cars, the balance going to their destination by express. The acreage of Tokay grapes in the Grants Pass district is approximately 200 acres, all of which are yielding their owners a good profit on the investment.

APPLE MEN WOULD CHANGE GRADE RULE

Spokane, Nov. 24.—The northwestern fruit conference in session here in connection with the national apple show, has endorsed the proposition of eliminating the "C" grade of apples and having only two packs. Apples not marketable under one of these two packs would be marketed as "unclassified."

BOLSHEVIKI MOVE FOR PEACE WITH TEUTONS

Russian Faction Now in Control Vacating Towns Along Front, Disarming Some Regiments and Propose Armistice For Peace Discussion

Washington, Nov. 24.—A message received at the state department from Ambassador Francis at Petrograd, stated that Leon Trotsky as minister of foreign affairs of the Bolsheviki government had formally notified the diplomats of the various powers there, that his government had proposed an armistice to the Germans with a view to immediate peace negotiations.

Ambassador Francis has carefully refrained from recognizing the Bolsheviki government in any way. His report states that he has been advised that the generals at the front have been instructed to open negotiations with Teutonic commanders relative to a three months' armistice.

Amsterdam, Nov. 24.—A dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from Vienna says reports received from Tarnopol, are to the effect that Russian troops are preparing to evacuate the east Galician towns of Gnyamadoff and Skalat, near the Russian border. The dispatch adds that the advanced positions already have been voluntarily evacuated.

Amsterdam, Nov. 24.—According to advices received here, General Ludendorff, first quartermaster general of the German army, has started for the eastern front in connection with the Russian offer of a truce. He is said to be accompanied by a numerous staff.

Following the proposal made by

the Bolsheviki government in Russia for an armistice, a reduction in the Russian army has been ordered by Nikolai Lenin, the Bolsheviki leader to take effect immediately. Simultaneously, it is stated, unofficially, that a Russian diplomat has left Stockholm for Petrograd, to deliver to the Russian revolutionary government peace proposals of the central powers.

Leon Trotsky, the Russian foreign minister, in an interview, announces that the Bolsheviki are against a separate peace with Germany, but desire universal peace with the nations.

The aims of the new regime, as announced by Leon Trotsky are:

"First, there will be the immediate publication of all secret treaties and the abolition of secret diplomacy.

"Second, an offer of an immediate armistice on all fronts for the conclusion of a democratic peace. Third, the transfer of all lands to the peasants. Fourth, the establishment of state control of industries through the medium of organized workmen and employes; the nationalization of the most important branches of industry. Fifth, the delivery of all authority to local soldiers' and workmen's deputies.

"Sixth, the convocation of a constituent assembly, which will introduce its reforms through the medium of the soldiers' and workmen's deputies, and not through the old bureaucracy, on an appointed date."

BREACH OF TREATIES WOULD EXILE RUSSIA

London, Nov. 24.—Lord Cecil, minister of blockade, told the Associated Press today that if the proclamation of Nikolai Lenin urging an immediate armistice represented the opinion of the Russian people, it would be a direct breach of treaty obligation and Russia's alliance. Such an action, if approved and ratified by the Russian nation, would put them virtually outside the pale of civilized Europe.

GOVERNMENT WARNS MICHIGAN COAL MEN

Washington, Nov. 24.—Michigan coal operators have been warned by the fuel administration that the government will take over and operate their mines if they carry out their threat of refusing to sell coal at the prices which the government has fixed.

JAPS CANNOT HELP RUSS IN TURMOIL

Pittsburg, Nov. 24.—A Kasama, a member of the Japanese Imperial Railway commission now touring this country, in an address here today, said:

"It would be of little value to send assistance to Russia as long as the people are quarrelling among themselves. Until the cooperation of the Russian troops can be secured, in my opinion, Japan will not send any men to their assistance. But if that cooperation can be guaranteed, Japan will send all the men that are necessary, not only to the eastern front, but to the western front also."

REFUSE TO OPEN LAND THIS FALL

Commissioner Tallman of Land Office Replies to Congressman Hawley Refusing to Act

The effort of local people interested in the early opening of the agricultural lands under the O. & C. grant, to get these lands opened to early settlement has been unavailing. Congressman Hawley wired from this city, at the time of his recent visit here, and to that telegram Land Commissioner Tallman answers, stating that none of the Oregon and California grant lands will be thrown open until next spring, when some of the classifications will be in shape that people may go on the lands early. Mr. Hawley had requested that some lands be opened this fall, particularly those around Grants Pass, which could be cultivated to crop next season if opened at this time. Mr. Tallman states this is impracticable.

TANKS PROVE GREAT VICTORY WINNERS

British Army Headquarters, Nov. 24.—Hail to the tanks. They more than demonstrated their immense value in the recent British offensive. It was their work which allowed the element of surprise to be worked out successfully.

Some of the tanks were veterans, but many had never been in an engagement before and the crews lacked actual fighting experience.

They crushed their way through barbed wire easily, tearing great gaps for the infantry, and it was not until they had made a considerable advance that strong resistance was encountered. The stiffest fighting was at Lateau wood, south of Maastricht. There the tanks engaged a number of field and heavy guns, and won their way. The tanks charged a 5.9-inch gun and cleaned out its crew with its machine guns.

The tanks have demonstrated fully their power in saving the lives of men and in conserving ammunition. The casualties among the infantry which followed the tanks into action were exceedingly light. The correspondents have heard that two battalions, for instance, had only one casualty each and that another suffered the loss of only three men.

AMERICAN SOLDIER SENTENCED TO DIE

Washington, Nov. 24.—A court-martial has sentenced an enlisted man of the American army in the United States to death because of a firing squad for desertion with the intent of joining the enemy forces.

However additional information is being sought by officials here to establish whether or not he intended to join the enemy forces. The desertion is not in the face of an enemy so that death can not be inflicted until the department at Washington approves.

Details of the affair are withheld.

TROOP TRAIN HIT; SEVERAL INJURED

Topeka, Nov. 24.—Two soldiers and three trainmen were seriously injured.

Topeka, Nov. 24.—A troop train on the Union Pacific crashed into a Santa Fe passenger train at the junction of the two roads in North Topeka this morning, and several were injured.

The troop train was said to be carrying soldiers from Camp Funston cantonment to Kansas City for the army-navy football game.

BRITISH GAIN VANTAGE OVER STUBBORN HUN

TEUTONS REINFORCE LINE WITH FRESH DIVISIONS BUT CANNOT HOLD BRITISH

CAMBRAI SEEMS NEAR CAPTURE

General Byng Consolidating Ground Gained. Preparing for Another Dash. Cavalry Operating

British Headquarters, Nov. 24.—(Late dispatch)—Bourlon Wood, dominating Cambrai from the west, is in the hands of the British. Messager reports intimate that Moeuvres has fallen and that Fontaine is in flames.

Reinforced by divisions from other sectors of the western front, the Germans are resisting desperately the British advance upon Cambrai.

Around Fontaine and Notre Dame, less than three miles from Cambrai and in the Bourlon Wood close by, the most strenuous fighting has occurred, the British continuing to make progress.

Considerable hard fighting of a local character is taking place on numerous sectors where the Germans are endeavoring to drive out the English, Scotch, Welsh and Irish contingents whose drive has placed them virtually on the threshold of Cambrai.

Especially severe has been the fighting around Crevecoeur, Moeuvres and the Bourlon wood, in the latter of which regions at last accounts the British cavalry was operating brilliantly. In an attempt to capture the wood, which would give to General Byng a position dominating the entire battle front. All the ground gained by the British has been held.

The Germans are fighting bitterly to recapture lost territory and to hold back further incursions into their line. The fighting, however, apparently, is between the opposing British advance and the German rear-guard, for the major part of General Byng's army evidently is engaged in consolidating the ground already won and preparing for another dash forward when the time is opportune.

EVERYBODY SCORED IN YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL

Portland, Nov. 24.—Football results Saturday were: Minnesota 27, Michigan 12; Iowa 6; Ames 3, Northwestern 21; Illinois 6.

BOY RUN DOWN AND INJURED BY AUTO

An accident which resulted in the serious injury of Albert Burns, messenger boy for the Western Union, occurred about 7:30 last evening at the corner of Sixth and G streets.

A Mrs. Ernest of Central Point, driving a Ford (license number 31864) came down Sixth street, with no head lights on the car and according to witnesses turned to go to the Southern Pacific station, and in making the corner turned sharp and close to the curbing instead of rounding the center of the intersection and in so doing hit young Burns, who was on his bicycle. Burns suffered a broken wrist and thumb as well as had his wheel demolished.

Mrs. Ernest was ordered to appear before Municipal Judge Allyn Monday morning.