

### ITALIAN ARDITI USED DAGGERS IN THE TRENCHES

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—When you read of how the morale of the Austrian soldiers was broken by the hammering of the guns of what is generally credited as being the best artillery in the world, of the feats performed by airmen who were the first to fire bullets through the propellers of their machines, of men who sank dreadnaught with torpedoes fired from frail motor boats you have not finished by any means with the story.

For any narrative of the exploits of the Arditi would be incomplete without a description of the Arditi—the terrible scourge of the trenches who fought, stripped to the waist and whose only weapons were daggers.

Thrilling accounts of the exploits of the Arditi have been brought to Chicago by Captain Charles E. Merriam, who has just returned from an eight months' sojourn in Italy as chairman of the committee on public information.

"These terrible fighting men actually had the whole Austrian army shuddering," declared Captain Merriam. "I saw 25 of them decorated by the king of Italy. One of these men actually broke through the Austrian lines and fighting with incredible fury against a dozen men armed with rifles and revolvers succeeded in killing an Austrian general with his dagger. Although the Arditi set no great store on his life he succeeded in fighting himself free and returned to his own command. The Arditi are like the 'Blue Devils' of France. But they stand alone as exponents of dapper fighting in trenches. There are 30,000 of them in Italy. They are the real shock troops of the Italians. Before every great charge they preceded the main body of troops and actually plunged into the trenches yielding dangers."

General Diaz introduced me to a number of the Arditi and they showed us how they fought and gave instructions to the Americans who were fighting with the Italians. The Arditi expressed great admiration of the Americans who soon became expert at using the dagger.

"Your Americans are natural fighters—you learn very fast," said one of the Arditi instructors.

### Women in War Work

Knitters attention! Please call at Red Cross knitting rooms for special instruction in regard to needles and work given out. Hours 10 to 12 a. m. and 1 to 4 p. m. A benefit for the Red Cross should interest everyone and a record breaking crowd should be at Elks' hall (tomorrow) Thanksgiving night.

### CONSERVATIVES OUTVOTE REDS

(Continued from page one.) work on the same basis and in the same form as hitherto to maintain Germany's economic affairs, secure for the country supplies of provisions and raw materials and obtain credit abroad for the German republic."

Among the various speakers was Kurt Eisner, socialist leader of the revolution in Munich, who warned the conference against any attempt to establish a pure socialist state while disorder was reigning. He said the department of foreign affairs must have a staff of men of unimpeachable conduct and that a president must be elected so that Germany, as a whole, might be able to negotiate with the entente powers.

No Time for Division Philip Scheidemann, who resigned as minister of finance recently, insisted that it was impossible to create a socialist state at a time of disorder like the present. He opposed a class-parliament such as the soldiers' and workmen's council must be for a long time. Dr. Mueller said that if the present lawless situation continued, the German state would break financially.

Herr. Schaeffer, minister of finance, outlined an extensive financial program including sharp measures against taxation, frauds and excessive war profits.

### PAGE LAST TIME TONIGHT

Barbara Castleton IN "Just Sylvia" Fox Two-Reel Comedy. Special Musical Program Page Theater Orchestra, Edward Charles Root, Director.

### NEED TO CONSERVE FOOD IS URGENT

Mrs. E. N. Warner returned home this morning from Portland where she attended a convention of the county chairmen of the National Defense League of the state. The object of the convention was to meet W. A. Mills, chief speaker for the food administration, who gave an address on the food situation, and the necessity to still save food so that the millions of people in Europe will not starve and to urge the league throughout the state to cooperate with the food administration in getting general information over the state. He said that now the war is over, that many will forget that we still have to furnish food for the war country in Europe and may be inclined to waste food that would help over there. That it is not the intention to deny the people of this country the food that they need, but to conserve it. He said that Mr. Hoover was in Europe now to make an inventory of the food needed, and would soon in form us what is needed. After the convention, Mrs. Charles Castner, state chairman of the league, gave them a talk on child welfare work.

### KLAMATH RATE CASE HEARING CANCELLED

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 27.—Secretary George E. McGinty, of the interstate commerce commission, today informed the public service commission that hearings set for December 11 at Portland, relative to rates over the Southern Pacific lines to northern California have been cancelled. The lower rates were allowed from San Francisco to northern California points, and the Portland Traffic and Transportation association, the Medford Commercial club and Klamath Falls Commercial club took action against the company to obtain a similar readjustment of the rates from Portland.

A hearing was conducted about a year ago, but the outcome was unsatisfactory to the plaintiffs, who petitioned for a rehearing, which has now been cancelled.

### SPECIAL THANKSGIVING ATTRACTIONS AT PAGE

Commencing Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock will be given the first showing of the great melo-drama "The Still Alarm."

The production was made in one of the largest studios in the middle west, and enacted by a cast of most capable players, including Thomas Santachi, Fritz Brunette, Bessie Syton and others of equal note. The filming of the great fire scenes alone cost many times more than the average screen play, for it was necessary to secure the required effects to burn an eight-story chemical factory, as well as a large mansion, which in the play represents the home of the heroine of the story. In the making of these scenes seven fire companies were used to fight the flames and the picture shows the men resting at the fire stations at the time "the still alarm" is received by the sweetheart of the heroine; the entire department rushing madly down the street, and the fighting of the flames together with many hair-breadth escapes from falling stairways and crumbling walls.

Other film features and special musical program makes this a most attractive Thanksgiving entertainment.

### POULTRY RAISERS MAKING GOOD MONEY

U. L. Unson, who is attached to the O. A. C. war work emergency staff for food production and whose business is the fostering of poultry production, has been in Medford looking over the situation here for the past few days. He reports poultry raisers throughout the state to be making big money in spite of the high cost of poultry upkeep. This is due to the decrease since last year of the number of poultry producers, a 333 per cent decrease in Oregon—those going out of business failing through inexperience and inability to combat unusual circumstances arising during last season. Mr. Unson and wife leave for Grants Pass today where they have a large poultry ranch.

### CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS TO BE RESUMED SOON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Reconstruction plans, in the opinion of Secretary of Agriculture Houston, should include resumption of highway construction under the federal aid road act, creation of a system of personal credit unions for farmers, systematic supervision of land settlement, provisions for safeguarding the rights of tenants and encouragement of farm ownership, continuation of government supervision of stockyards and related industries, and extension of the benefits of modern medicine and sanitation to rural districts.

These views of the secretary, expressed in confidence to agricultural editors of the country at a meeting here several days ago, were authorized for publication today. Under the federal road act, said the secretary, federal and state funds, appropriated for road building and not expended, owing to the stoppage of construction by the war, will amount this year to about \$75,000,000.

Particularly vital, Mr. Houston held, is that the process of requiring ownership of farm be encouraged and hastened.

The restoration and maintenance of conditions which will justify confidence in the livestock markets and the meat packing industry, the secretary termed the greatest single need in the present meat situation in the United States. He urged legislation be enacted at the earliest possible moment.


### NEW YORK POLICE TO SHOOT SOLDIERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Threat of the use of machine guns by the police on soldiers and sailors resisting the efforts of the police to prevent lawless attacks was contained in a letter sent by Police Commissioner Enright to Mayor Hylan today and forwarded by the mayor to the federal authorities in letters of protest against disorderly conduct by men in the service at two recent meetings of socialists here.

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