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FIGHTING IS FIERCE ON AUSTRO-ITALIAN FRONT

25,000 Austrian Soldiers Killed, Wounded or Captured In Four Days—Hand to Hand Conflicts Feature of Terrific Struggle Preceding Capture of Veliki Hill by Italians—Rumanians Stand Firm—Germany Sends Troops to Aid Falkenhayn

By John H. Hearley,
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Rome, Nov. 4.—Twenty five thousand Austrian soldiers were killed, wounded or captured in the first four days of General Cadorna's new sweep on Trieste.

No offensive on the Austro-Italian front since the beginning of the war has been marked by such fierce fighting. Battling in the Carso mountain lands, Italians and Austrians have met in hand to hand struggle that have continued at some places all night.

An especially furious combat preceded the capture of the Veliki hill by the Italians. The summit was crowned by heavy Austrian artillery that drew a semi-circle of fire against the base of Veliki and prevented Cadorna's men from advancing in frontal attack.

Several small Italian detachments under cover of darkness reached the slopes on the sides of Veliki outside this fire zone. Without waiting for reinforcements they scaled the sides, surprised the enemy and after a brief encounter with bayonets and daggers captured the Austrian battery. The victors signalled news of their success to their waiting comrades below and then turned the captured guns on the Austrian trenches to the east.

In the fighting southeast of Goritz, Italian infantry charged over a wide area, which had been flooded by the Vertobilla river. At some places they advanced to the attack in water waist deep, holding their rifles high above their heads.

It is estimated here that 100,000 Austrian troops are defending the Isonoz lines now under attack by Cadorna. Several Austrian battalions have been practically wiped out of existence.

Rumanians Stand Firm.

Bucharest, Nov. 4.—Following the Rumanians' successful resistance on their northwestern frontier, the Germans yesterday attacked on the whole Dobruja line after several days' lull in Mackensen's operations.

On the right wing, resting on the Danube, the Rumanians repulsed all attacks. The Rumanian left wing first drove back the enemy but later was compelled to yield ground slightly.

The renewal of the attack in Dobruja, however, is believed here to be only a feint to conceal the shifting of German troops to the Transylvanian front. It is estimated that the Germans must send five fresh divisions into Transylvania to fill gaps made in their lines in their last offensive and to add enough strength to enable Falkenhayn to make further progress.

Each Side Supremely Confident—Roosevelt to Rank As "Has Been"

New York, Nov. 4.—The business of preparing the American voter for exercise of his choice as to the next president of the United States will come to a close today. Saturday night marks the official end of the campaign—a free for all scramble for votes that has been marked, first by the most strenuous stumping tour a candidate ever took; second, by re-union, manifested by a great many leaders, at least, of the two wings of republicanism that split four years ago; third, by raising of the issue of war or peace.

Both democrats and republicans are supremely confident of victory. Both great parties wound up the campaign with a flood of advertising in the newspapers throughout the country, which in volume has never been surpassed in political history; and tonight will burn the last red fire and spell the final words of oratory before the celebration of victory Tuesday night.

Abraham Lincoln



Votes are going 't' be unusually high this fall, many of our independent citizens even refusin' t' give an option. He who explains is lost.

Increased considerably in the afternoon against our positions east of the Meuse. French advances between Douaumont and Fort Vaux failed."

Quiet on West Front.

Paris, Nov. 4.—Intermittent cannonading occurred last night on the Somme front and in the region of Forts Douaumont and Vaux on the northeastern front of Verdun. It was officially announced today, but there were no important infantry activities.

CAMPAIGN IN EAST WILL END TONIGHT

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"If WE Had Only Had a Woodrow Wilson!"

Twenty-four Killed In Mine Explosion

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 4.—Nine white men and fifteen negroes lost their lives today in a gas explosion in the Bessemer mine of the Sloss-Sheffield Iron company, twenty miles west of here. The cause of the explosion may never be known. Five men, half a mile in the mine, hearing the explosion, covered their heads with their shirts and got out safely.

Two bodies, minus heads, have been taken out and rescuing parties are after the others. This is the second explosion in two weeks in this district, eight men being killed in the Marvel mines of the Roden Coal company October 22.

DEMOCRATS CLAIM OREGON FOR WILSON

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VILLISTA LEADER, ONE MAN AND A BOY SHOT AT SUNRISE

Group Tied Together Marched to Cemetery—Men Quiet But Boy Sobbing

BIG EYED CHILDREN AND SOME WOMEN AT SCENE

More Than 200 Have Been Executed On Spot Since Rebellion Began

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 4.—Colonel Rosario Garcia, Villista leader, and two of his followers were executed at daybreak at Juarez today. Before facing the firing squad, Garcia made a long speech declaring he was not a Villista but a constitutionalist and asked whatever government survived to care for his family. One of the bandits was a boy of only 17 years old.

Shortly after dawn, the three men, tied together with ropes, were silently marched up the long hill to the famous execution place in a desolate cemetery on top of a hill back of town. Only a small group of men, some women and a few children from neighboring houses witnessed the executions.

The motley group alighted on the front of the adobe houses where more than 300 executions have taken place since the Mexican revolutions began. The captain of the guard handed Garcia his death warrant to sign. He read it aloud and sat down in the sand to sign it on his knee. The two other men sat down and the boy began to sob quietly.

After signing the death warrant, Garcia wrote a long letter. Some of the firing squad became tired, sat down and drew their scarlet serapes about their shoulders.

When Garcia had finished his letter he rose and walked over in front of the mud wall. The two others followed. The firing squad rose and ranged themselves at equal distances opposing the bandits. Garcia then threw his hat aside and began a speech in which he declared he was not a Villista.

Suddenly he ceased speaking and sat down with his back against the adobe wall. The other two also sat down. The firing squad seemed surprised. Then Garcia pulled his shirt aside.

"Shoot me in the heart, brothers," he said.

At a sharp command, 10 mousers roared and the three forms crumpled. Another volley was fired and the captain then walked along the line with his revolver and gave the "tirio de gracia" (mercy shot) through the head.

WOODBURN STORE ROBBED

Woodburn, Ore., Nov. 4.—Three stores here were looted by burglars today and one safe robbed. The prowlers scattered torn paper, knives, razors and other discarded articles in the street. Forcing the safe in Landron's hardware establishment, the burglars carried its inner safety deposit box to the railroad yards and opened it. The box contained only pennies and dimes.

BOTH TEAMS PICKED BY COACHES TO LOSE

Washington and U. of O. Each Mourns In Advance Over Defeat

Eugene, Ore., Nov. 4.—Among those present in Eugene today for the Oregon-Washington football game was Mr. J. Pluvius, and he brought his little sprinkler along.

Hundreds of rooters and visitors awoke in an eager mood, only to find rain rumbering on the shingles. The gridiron resembled The Great Dismal Swamp.

But, although the day was cold and dark and dreary, Graduate Manager Tiffany, of Oregon, told his soul to be still and cease repining for behind the cloud—a silver lining. This silver lining consisted of the fact that nearly all grandstand and bleacher seats were sold out in advance, and they had to carry away the money in a hack, it being too heavy to tote.

Washington took its final trial spin last night, working out on Kincaid field so as to get used to its peculiarities. A wind had dried the surface fairly well. Several wagonloads of sawdust were dumped on the sidelines today. It was to be smeared over the turf at the last minute if necessary.

Formal protests against John Persons, speedy Oregon back, failed to materialize at a series of combats between the rival managers. He will play. Shy Huntington is depended on to win the game by his place kicking, should Washington's line prove impregnable. The slow field is conceded to give Washington the advantage, as Oregon's fast men can't get a speedy footing.

Coach Gil Dobbie of Washington, and Bezek of Oregon, engaged in a gloom contest this morning, both predicting defeat for their own forces, but an innocent bystander noticed both gentlemen kept their fingers crossed. Dobbie has not met defeat for 13 years. Washington has not lost a coast game for eight years. And the Oregon team is the strongest football machine Eugene has seen for many moons. On paper dope it should beat Washington at least 15 to 7.

After cutting all wire leading into Okotoks, waggmen dynamited the Merchants' bank there and escaped with \$10,000.

100 DROWN IN IRISH SEA WHEN VESSELS COLLIDE

British Ships Connemara and Retriever Smash Together in Storm—One Member of Retriever's Crew Miraculously Saved To Tell of Disaster—Boats Smashed by Terrific Seas Fast as Lowered—Bodies Already Washing Ashore

London, Nov. 4.—From 90 to 100 persons perished when the steamer Connemara of the London and Northwestern company collided with the steamer Retriever during a storm off Carlingford lough last night, according to latest estimates this afternoon.

It was first feared that upward of 300 lives had been lost. Only one survivor was accounted for. A check of the number of passengers and crews carried by the wireless lowered the estimate of the casualty list.

The Connemara carried 51 passengers and a crew of 30 men. The Retriever's crew numbered 23. It is not definitely known whether passengers were aboard the Retriever, but revised figures put the total number aboard the two ships at not more than 100.

By Ed L. Keen.
(United Press staff correspondent.)

London, Nov. 4.—One hundred persons are believed to have perished in the sinking of the small British steamers Connemara and Retriever after a collision in the Irish sea last night.

Only one survivor is reported thus far. A man named Boyle, member of the Retriever's crew, miraculously escaped death. He brought back the story of the greatest sea disaster since the sinking of the Lusitania and prevented the disappearance of the two ships with their passengers and crews from becoming an unrolled sea mystery.

Only fragmentary reports of the disaster had reached London this afternoon. From these accounts it appears that the Connemara of the London and Northwestern railway line left Greencore, Ireland, about dusk yesterday evening for Hollyhead, England, and collided with the inward-bound steamer Retriever a few miles off the Irish coast.

The Connemara was carrying 51 passengers. So far as known here not one of them was an American.

Leaving Greencore, the ferry steamer ran into the tip of a violent hurricane. Plunging along through the darkness and storm, with even greater difficulty, the smaller Retriever, inbound for her home port of Newry, in Carlingford lough, crashed into the Connemara. Whether the Retriever carried passengers is not known. Apparently few of the Connemara's passengers had retired when the collision occurred.

Crews of both steamers apparently

tried to launch the boats. Seaport town near the scene of the disaster reported the sea tossing so violently last night that it was doubtful if a single boat was gotten over by either steamer. It appears certain that any boat put over either was crushed against the steamer's side or capsized and was sucked down in the boiling waters.

The first bodies were washed up along the County Down coast, just north of Carlingford lough. At the offices of the London and Northwestern railway it is feared that, excepting Boyle, every man aboard both vessels perished.

Hurricane Was Raging.

London, Nov. 4.—The British steamers Connemara and Retriever collided off Carlingford lough, 50 miles north of Dublin in the Irish sea. It is feared that 100 persons perished.

A Lloyds dispatch from Belfast reported that some bodies have washed ashore on the County Down coast.

The collision occurred shortly after the Connemara left Greencore and was near the Irish coast. An official announcement on the sinking said only one survivor has thus far been reported.

The Connemara carried 51 passengers, all of whom perished. A man named Boyle, a member of the Retriever's crew is the only known survivor.

A hurricane was blowing and made it impossible to launch the boats, Doyle reported.

The Connemara was bound from Greencore, a small town on the headland of Carlingford lough with passengers for Hollyhead, England, where they expected to make rail connections.

The two vessels collided last night in the darkness. The first reports indicated that the vessels went down in a very few minutes before the boats could be gotten over.

The Connemara was a small steamer of 833 tons built in 1897 for the London and Northwestern railway for ferry service in the Irish sea. She was 273 feet long and had a 35 foot beam. Her port of registry was Dublin.

There are three British steamers named Retriever, all smaller than the Connemara. The vessel in collision was probably the 450 ton steamer Retriever registered at Newry.

Greencore lies 50 miles north of Dublin and is near the entrance to Carlingford lough. The railway town of Newry lies at the northern end of the lough.

CAMPAIGN CLOSES IN BLAZE OF RED LIGHTS

Women In Every Illinois District Have Torchlight Procession

Chicago, Nov. 4.—With waving of red light torches and blaring of brass bands, the campaign will come to a spectacular close in the mid-west tonight. Both parties are making all possible noise to attract the "silent" vote, which is to swing the election.

Managers of both parties say the mid-west will give the answer Tuesday.

Torchlight parades will be held in every Illinois district by women tonight. Stump speeches and rallies will be staged by the leaders of the national woman's party. A big Hughes parade is to wind through Chicago's business district this afternoon behind brass bands, howling war heels and floats reciting Molly Pitcher, Uncle Sam, Miss Columbia and the G. O. P. elephant.

Thirty thousand are expected to march. Rough riders from the stock yards will be in line.

For a counter demonstration, democrats have 60,000 flags inscribed "We Want Wilson." These will line the route of the houses parade. Police have been warned to be ready and will also line the route.

Chicago scenes will be depiculate in scores of cities throughout the west today and tonight. Bryan is winding up a whirlwind campaign through his home state that he believes will line up Nebraska for Wilson.

Both republican and democratic western campaign managers have shot their bolt and are on their toes awaiting the result. Most desks at national headquarters are locked and dozens of girls who have been flooding the mails with literature slept late today for the first time in weeks.

All the headquarters work is complete and publicity men are sending their final broadsides out today. Responsibility now shifts toward captains for getting out the vote.

National headquarters of the social

Argentine Rains Put Wheat Down Seven Cents

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Wheat opened lower today and failed to regain the loss due to reports that the Buenos Aires market closed seven cents lower yesterday.

At the opening there was general selling. December, which opened 1-2 below yesterday's close, dropped 7-8 to \$1.82 7-8 today. May opened down 1-3-4 and closed up 1-4 at \$1.84. July opened down 1-1-8 and closed up 7-8 at \$1.48 1-4.

Corn was weak and the arrival of new corn stimulated commission house selling and a fair amount of liquidation. The opening was slightly below yesterday's close. December closed down 1-4 at 87 7-8 and May was down 1-4 at 87 1-2.

Oats were lower following the trend in wheat. December was unchanged at 53 3-4, a drop of 1-4 below yesterday's close. May was down 1-4 at 57 1-2.

ists and prohibitionists in Chicago were putting on the finishing touches to the greatest minority fights in political history.

Both socialists and prohibitionists are looking for the largest vote in the history of their parties. Each forecasts nearly 2,000,000 votes.

Nine congressmen and one United States senator are the winners the socialists hope for. This includes the reelection of Meyer London, congressman from New York. The prohibitionists are hopeful of five congressmen and one United States senator.

THE WEATHER

JUST MY LUCK!

Oregon: Tonight and Sunday occasional rain, cooler east portion; south-westerly winds, fresh along the coast.