

GLI ALPINI OPERANO CONTRO LE OPERE DI PLEZZO E DI PREDIL. La Marcia Continua Verso l'obiettivo di Riva Non Ostante la Grandine e le Violente Bufere. PER DEVIARE I SILURI

ROMA, 17 Agosto. Nel settore di Plezzo gli Alpini italiani sono sempre più stringenti attorno alla fortezza di Plezzo il cerchio di fuoco e di ferro che deve determinarne la caduta. Gli Alpini devono superare enormi ostacoli e difficoltà e devono frequentemente resistere roccia a roccia ad impavide e farsi largo a forza di assalti alla baionetta per contrastare il nemico ad abbandonare le forti posizioni di protezione avanzata della fortezza.

Dispositi giunti oggi dal fronte di battaglia dicono appunto che nel settore di Plezzo la grossa artiglieria italiana ha continuato a bombardare i forti austriaci per 48 ore di seguito, senza mai interrompere la pioggia di granate che era lanciata sui lavori in calcitrante e sulle cupole corazzate.

Nel settore della frontiera gli austriaci hanno operato con attacchi ben ripetuti contro le posizioni avanzate italiane nelle ultime 48 ore, ma tutti gli attacchi sono stati respinti dagli italiani che hanno indotto al massimo grado di sacrificio. Nella giornata di ieri gli austriaci non rinnovarono gli attacchi.

Lungo la frontiera del Tirolo continuano i violenti duelli di artiglieria, che sono pure assai frequenti e violenti nella regione di Valle Isarco, dove i due eserciti si fronteggiano con una certa ostilità. Gli italiani hanno conquistato con assalti alla baionetta le trincee austriache nella valle del Bodenbach ed in quella del Barchenbach e hanno mantenuto costantemente i loro posizioni, contrastando gli austriaci, che dopo aver ricevuto rinforzi tentarono di riconquistarle.

L'AVANZATA SU RIVA. Oltre a queste notizie si hanno poche informazioni riguardo agli avvenimenti sul fronte di battaglia italiano ed il rapporto del generale Cadorna dice pochissimo. Si sa nondimeno che l'avanzata delle forze italiane ad est di Condlino, il cui lago è Riva di Trento, alla testa del Lago di Garda, continua sempre nonostante il cattivo tempo che la rende difficile. Il fronte austriaco in questa regione è composto di trincee e di grandine nella regione di Val Giudicaria. Si sa che parecchie delle trincee conquistate recentemente dagli italiani sono state abbandonate e sono state trovate così dagli italiani. I cadaveri dei soldati austriaci che vi erano stati uccisi galleggiano sull'acqua.

La strada che si percorre dagli italiani che dalla Valle Giudicaria marcia verso Riva e quella di Valle d'Ampola, che parte da Storo e passa per Tiaro, Bezzecca, Pieve di Ledro e Mezzo Lago, dove la strada si biforca. Un ramo va a Riva e l'altro va in questa direzione. Da Tiaro in poi la strada lascia la Valle d'Ampola ed entra nella valle di Ledro.

Non è improbabile che questa colonna italiana che opera nella Valle d'Ampola abbia la sua base a Brocchio, come la colonna principale che opera lungo la Valle Giudicaria, a nord del Passo di Tonale. Questa colonna principale ha per obiettivo il nodo stradale di Tione, dove la strada si biforca con un ramo in direzione di Storo, Vezzano e Trento, ed un altro per Val Rendena e Val Selva sino alla strada di Val di Sole.

La strada della Valle d'Ampola è difesa dalle opere della fortezza d'Ampola, a circa quattro chilometri da Storo.

INVENZIONE ITALIANA. Si è appreso che l'ingegnere italiano Guarini ha inventato un apparecchio col quale è possibile mandare fuori della loro rotta regolare i siluri prima che essi colpiscano il bersaglio.

ROEBLING WORKERS STRIKE. Two Hundred Employees Out Following Wage Cut. TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 17.—Because 10 men who had demanded that their former wages be restored were not taken back, 200 employees of the John A. Roebling's Son Company, at Roebing, N. J., went on strike yesterday.

PROTEST AGAINST LAW. Employers of Women Object to 54 Hours a Week Regulation. Employers of women, especially hotel keepers, will air their complaints against the new 54-hour week law in Pennsylvania, Thursday, at a meeting of labor leaders, hotel workers and employers, at which State Commissioner of Labor John Price Jackson will preside.

MULE HAS A REAL WALLOP. Angelina Lands Two Feet on Horse, Knocking Him Ten Yards. NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—If Jim Willard's mule is sufficiently astute he will avoid the champion and Angelina, a mule, belongs to Frederick Jahn of Bellefonte, N. J., and has a terrible wallop.

WILMINGTON MAN RELEASED FROM BRITISH NAVY. Congressman Miller Obtains Discharge of G. E. Ely. WASHINGTON, Del., Aug. 17.—Through the efforts of Congressman Thomas W. Miller, G. Ernest Ely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Ely, of this city, has been released from the British Naval Reserves and returned to his parents.

U. S. TROOPER KILLED BY MEXICAN INVADERS; VILLA EXECUTES FOES. Bandits in Force Believed Moving on Mercedes, Tex. Funston Ordered to Exterminate. ANOTHER SOLDIER SHOT. WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Extermination of the armed Mexican bands in the Brownsville district has been decreed. The War Department has sent word to General Funston, commanding the border, to resort to more drastic measures to keep the raiders south of the Rio Grande.

General Villa is executing many persons in Chihuahua, dispatches to the State Department this morning declared. "Many shocking executions are being made in the Villa," was the dispatch stated. "Wounded are arriving at Chihuahua from the scene of fighting near Torreon."

The report of the clash between Troop C of the 13th Cavalry and Mexicans, said to be Carranza soldiers, near Mercedes, 30 miles from Brownsville, has angered War Department officials. In consequence, Funston has been notified that the border patrol should be strengthened at every point where they may come with any invading force.

One United States trooper was killed and one was wounded in the fight near Mercedes. Villa's forces under General Mayorena have administered a crushing defeat to a Carranza band at Prentice, near Nogales, Sonora, according to a statement given out here today by the Villa agents.

An El Paso dispatch says alarming reports of the depredations of a band of 125 Mexicans, who crossed the Rio Grande into Texas last night, have been received. Mexicans attacked the ranch of E. C. Wiles, driving off all the livestock and stripping it of all supplies. Instead of heading toward Mexico the bandits made off toward the ranch country flanking the Texas Pacific Railway.

Officials have made up their minds to expect an unfavorable answer from Carranza's chief general, Pancho Villa, to all suggestions that he should discontinue such a meeting, the "first chief" has turned a deaf ear. They are hopeful, however, that his resistance will be at least to a great extent by an acceptance of the suggestion by General Obregon. Although it is admitted that steps are well under way to bring about a later consent, officials decline to say just what is being done.

It is understood that the envoy who has gone to Carranza's chief general with a copy of the proposal also will bring another note, signed by at least two of the South American diplomats, pointing out the wrong that would be his if he would swing his stubborn chief into line.

BROWNVILLE, Tex., Aug. 17.—Armed Mexicans in force crossed the Rio Grande at a ford near Mercedes last night attacking an outpost of half a dozen cavalrymen at Senz. Ranger Lieutenant Reynau, at Mercedes, telephoned State Adjutant General Hutchings here that Corporal William, of Troop C, 13th Cavalry, was killed and Lieutenant Roy O. Henry, of the same troop, was wounded.

Reynau said he understood 270 Mexicans had crossed, and that they were coming to attack Mercedes. (Mercedes, the reported objective of the Mexicans, is 30 miles northwest of Brownsville, on the railway connecting that port with the rest of the country.)

Reports of renewed attempts by Mexican bandits to reorganize their bands in the lower Rio Grande valley were brought today by Captain Texas Rangers J. J. Sanders. Captain Sanders said he received reports that Mexicans are crossing into Texas one or two at a time, and that they are attempting to gather again in Hidalgo County, west of Brownsville.

The 25th Infantry, from Texas City, went on duty here yesterday. About 15 men of the 25th were left at Kinneville, 15 miles north of Brownville, and more than 100 companies went on patrol in Harlingen, between here and Kinneville. Rangers and peace officers are disarming all Mexicans outside of the larger towns throughout the Brownsville section. The finding of firearms in the possession of Mexicans is practically equivalent to a death warrant unless the Mexicans are known to Americans as being peaceful. Even with such a record, firearms are confiscated and a warning given not to obtain any more.

BACK CONVENTION HALL SITE. Business Men Want Structure at Twenty-fourth Street and Parkway. The Fairmount Business Men's Association today launched a movement to have the proposed Convention Hall built at 24th street and the Parkway, on a site bounded by 24th street, Fairmount avenue, 25th street and Pennsylvania avenue.

Wilmington and Philadelphia, Which Bought People's, Makes Improvements. Wilmington, Del., Aug. 17.—Employees of the Wilmington and Philadelphia Traction Company, which recently purchased the lines of the People's Company in this city, are connecting the lines with the city. Duplicate lines are being removed and new tracks are being laid. Under the new system the railroad stations and several wharves will be made especially convenient.



The building at Walnut and 33d street is to contain an ice-skating rink, auditorium, summer roof garden and ice manufacturing plant. It will have a total seating capacity of 6000.

GAUNT, EMACIATED MOSQUITOES BURGLARIZE HOMES AND WAX FAT. Hordes of Cadaverous Members of the Tribe Suddenly Realize They Are Starving and Promptly Start on Raid of South and West Philadelphia. A gaunt, emaciated mosquito, with dark hollows under his eyes, wasted to a shadow by lack of food, rose in slow spirals somewhere south of Shunk street, his senses keenly alert for the man smell. Suddenly he caught it, buzzed angrily and started north.

Behind him rose his heroic brothers and sisters, billions and billions of them, all gaunt, all emaciated, all having dark hollows under the eyes, and all wasted to shadows by lack of food. For days they had been lying in a state of coma or something upon the surface of various stagnant pools in the South Philadelphia bandlands.

Along came the widely known ill wind that, in the parlance of the street, don't blow nobody no good. Its sighing was like sweet music to the ears of the mosquitoes. Snapping at each other cannibalistically in their fight for room, they stampeded into the breeze and were swept gently north.

About this time South and West Philadelphia had just finished their frugal evening meal. They were sitting on the front porch of the front porch in their smoking feet, a toothpick in their mouth, their faces wreathed in the happy smile paired by a square meal. The cat or the bowwow cowered with the children.

Just then came the first touch of the new breeze from the south. It was not much of a breeze, but it was something. "Gonna cool off after all," said South and West Philadelphia. "Hot yet, ain't it?" Well, this wind'll fix things up.

Then South and West Philadelphia lost their dignity, poise, comfort, content and temper. They lost all faith in the assurance that had been circulating from City Hall about the war being waged on mosquitoes, and how successful it would be, and how the mosquitoes would all be stamped out by and by.

For at this juncture the billions and billions of gaunt, emaciated mosquitoes, wasted to shadows under their eyes, started to dash toward the front porch upon South Philadelphia and West Philadelphia and all the human beings and other living things thereof and ate of them greedily.

Above the vicious buzzing of the invading hordes rose the machine gun rattle of naked palms coming into contact with faces and necks and knees and ears and noses and chests and heads and countenances. South and West Philadelphia were being badly punished. Yet they could not dam the tide of the mosquitoes, although if you were in the path of the hungry insect you may say you did by another spelling.

Men and women of good character, with excellent reputations for veracity, are authority today for the assertion that after the mosquitoes had chased South and West Philadelphia indoors they ate the netting of the windows, bit holes in the glass, bored through brick and stone walls, got into the sewer and came up through the pipes and in other and even more inviolable ways entered the homes of their victims, there to continue the feast.

MAGNIFICENT ICE PALACE ASSURED FOR PHILADELPHIA. Work to Begin on Handsome Structure in October, and It Will Be Finished for Winter Use. LEADING MEN BACKERS. An ice palace, such as has made the cities of London, Paris, Berlin and other foreign capitals famous, will be an added attraction to the already long list of Philadelphia's playgrounds this winter.

In the summer time, the roof of the big building that will house the rink, will be converted into a summer garden with dancing, music and refreshments. The plans of the backers of this proposition surpass anything ever seen in Philadelphia before for originality.

The palace is planned by men socially and financially prominent in this city. The building, which will cost nearly a half million dollars, will be erected at 33d and Walnut streets, if the plans of the backers are fulfilled. Work on the project will begin some time in October, it was learned today, and if everything is successful, the rink and garden will be running about February 1.

Society hails the advent of the rink or palace with delight. In winter time the park lakes are crowded, and it takes a long time to get to the suburban lakes. Even at that, the skating season is always intermittent. With the opening of a rink, properly conducted in Philadelphia, skating is assured at all times.

The board of managers of the Ice Palace will include: Robert C. Cassatt, William H. T. Huhn, Harrison K. Caneer, Horace Trumbauer, Fred T. Chandler, Alex. C. Yarnall, William J. Clary, Zenia F. Dodge.

BIG BOOM IN GUINEA PIGS. War Causes Shortage—Medical Laboratories Pay High Prices. There is a demand in all parts of the country for guinea pigs because of the similarity of their blood to that of man. Experiments have shown that the blood of a guinea pig weighing seven ounces will be the same as that of a man 21 years old. The animal is regarded as highly important for bacteriological work, and the demands of university and commercial laboratories is very great.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES. A WEEK-END RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC LAYMEN. A rare spiritual retreat combined with a pleasant, restful week-end in the country. The highest, finest and most beautiful scenery of the State.

ENTENTE ALLIES TO LIST COTTON AS CONTRABAND. Convinced U. S. Shippers Send It to Germany Via Neutral Ports. WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The Allies' intention to declare cotton contraband has been communicated unofficially, but authoritatively, to the State Department. The Department's advisers are that the decision has been reached and the delay in making an announcement is due to the necessity of arranging uniform treatment on the subject by all the Allies.

The step has been agreed upon by Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy and Belgium, but Japan's attitude has not been defined. The Entente Powers, according to advisers here, expect that the State Department will resist making cotton contraband, and are preparing to base their action on American precedents. The advisers here believe that the Allies intend to argue that both Presidents Lincoln and Johnson, in formal proclamations issued in April, May and June, 1862, went on record as maintaining a contraband of war "materials for the fabrication of ammunition." That cotton has taken the place of saltpetre, always recognized as absolute contraband, in the manufacture of gunpowder will be held to be an established fact, and by way of convincing the State Department to that effect attention probably will be directed to a letter by Secretary Hay to W. W. Rockhill, American Minister to China during the Russo-Japanese War, stating that the American ordnance officers whom he had called into consultation regarding the Japanese blockade orders had advised him that cotton was used in the manufacture of smokeless powder, and so must prohibit.

LIMIT ARCHITECTS' STATE PAY. Employees of Commonwealth Affected by Attorney General's Opinion. HARRISBURG, Aug. 17.—Attorney General Brown decided in an opinion handed down today that architects for buildings being erected by the Commonwealth or who design State institutions are entitled to pay only on the basis of money immediately available for building purposes, not upon estimates for future construction. The opinion was rendered to the Auditor General and arose out of a question of payment for architectural services in connection with the Dixmont Institution.

DISGUISE U. S. DESTROYER. Navy Men, by Using Paint, Make Boat Like Submarine. NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 17.—The torpedoed destroyer McDonough presented a strange appearance when she slipped out of the harbor today to join in the Atlantic fleet. Her hull was painted black and paint had been used over the battle-gray sides of the destroyer to form the outlines of a submarine, and the shape of a periscope was painted on the middle funnel. Shrewd observers found the illusion effective at a comparatively short distance.

ILL WOMAN TRIES TO DIE. Daughter Finds Mother Unconscious With Gas Tube in Mouth. CHESTER, Pa., Aug. 17.—Mrs. John Cox, of Eddystown, was found unconscious with a gas tube in her mouth at 10:30 o'clock today by her daughter. She was hurried to Chester Hospital, where it is thought she will recover. Mrs. Cox has been in poor health for some time and this morning went to lie down. Upon going to see how her mother was the girl discovered she had attempted to die.

Wilson Appoints Circuit Judge. WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—President Wilson today announced the appointment of Samuel Alschuler, of Chicago, as United States Circuit Judge for the seventh circuit, embracing Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. The formal appointment of William W. Russell as minister to Santo Domingo was also announced.

Man Leaves Home, Returns While Police Seek Him and Commits Suicide. WEST CHESTER, Aug. 17.—Charles P. Bell, about 65 years old, of 102 East Biddle street, who disappeared from his home early yesterday and returned there while the whole police force was seeking him, committed suicide by inhaling gas in an attic. His body was found there last night after members of the family had detected the odor of gas emanating from the little upstairs room.

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