LE FORZE AUSTRIACHE PRONTE AD ATTACCARE GLI ITALIANI A VALONA

Si Attende Una Battaglia Davanti alle Prime Opere di Difesa del Campo Trincerato sulla Voiussa

UN RIFIUTO DEI BULGARI

ROMA, 14 Margo. Nulla si sa questa mattina circa le operazioni alla fronte di battaglia italountriaca, e del resto la censura e' severa. Certo si intuisce che si combatte sul aso, e si attende con vivissimo inter-

Il rapporto del generale Cadorna.

Si apprende invece in un telegramma di Ginevra che il corrispondente del Bund di Berna, che si trova al quartiere generale austriaco in Albania, ha telegrafato al sue giornale che le forze austriache hanno avanzato assai verso sud dopo Poecupazione di Durazzo e che gli italizzato in transportatione di Durazzo e che gli italizzato e che gli italizzati e che gli italizzato e che gli italizato e che gli italizzato recupanion si albanesi si sono ritirati su Valona, cice' sulle opera di defesa che sono state costruite attorno alla citta' ed sme state costruite attorno ana citta ed alla baia, dopo aver fatto saltare i ponti un fiume Semeni e sul Voiussa. Il cor-respondente dice che finora si sono avute sollanto schermaglie ma cheuna battaglia si attende relativamente presto nei din-terni di Valona. Un altro telegramma da Ginevra dice

un auto tergramma de difevra dice che la Germania aveva domandato alla Bulgaria di inviare una divisione o due sua fronte francese, ma il governo bulgaro rifuto i a domanda a causa dell'incerta attitudine della Rumania.

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Il corrispondente della Reuter telegrafa
da Atene che da lettere private giunte da
Costantinopoli si apprende che la popolazione di Brussa, di Konich e di altre citta sione di Brussa, di Konich e di altre citta dell'Asia Minore ha inviato un memoriale all'erede presuntivo al trono turco, principe Vahid Eddin, domandandogli di far pre-sente al sultano la necessita' di un cambiamento nel governo ottomano allo scopo di spianare la via alla conclusione della pace separatamente dalla Germani e dal

raustria.

A Vienna si e' annunciato ufficialmente

A vienne iniziato una nuova che i russi hanno iniziato una nuova offensiva nella Bessarabia e sul Dniester e che un attacco italiano nella zona di Sela a nord di Monfalcone, e' stato

Nel loro vani tentativi di prendere il forte di Vaux i tedeschi hanno subito enormi perdite. Come e' noto, Vaux e' snormi perdite. Come e' noto, Vaux e' uno dei forti della piazza di Verdun. Ora paro giunge notizia da Parigi che le opere di Verdun sono di nuovo sotto un violento hombardamento del cannoni tedeschi, cio che fa prevedere che lo Stato Maggiore del kaiser prepara una terza offensiva contro la fortezza. Alcuni critici militari francesi ritengono

pero' che l'offensiva tedesca contro Ver-dun e' stata definitivamente rotta e che non si puo' parlare di una nuova offensiva vera e propria. Pero' i tedeschi stanno raccogliendo forze tra Forges ed il famoso Bosco di Corbeaux, forze che sono state bembardate efficacemente dalle artiglierie

SI ATTENDE IL NUOVO ATTACCO. Oggo pol si apprende che i tedeschi inviano rinforzi a Verdun mentre la loro artiglieria continua a bombardare le opere di difesa campale. Infatti la fron-tiera svizzero-tedesca e' di nuovo chiusa per tener segreto il movimento di truppe, che pero potette essere osservato da avia-teri francesi, che, approfittando del cielo o volarono dietro le colonne nemiche Ora si dice di nuovo che il marescialio von Mackensen e' davanti a Verdun, mentre

alfre notizie tendono a far credere che il kaiser ha chiamato alla fronte occidentale il maresciallo von Hindenburg. Il bombardamento dura gia' da 36 ore al aspetta da un momento all'altro l'at-tacco delle fanterie. Si crede che i tedes chi attaccheranno sulle due rive della Mosa, cercando di prendere la Collina dell'Oca, a nord-ovest della fortezza, ed il forte di Vaux e quello di Tavenne ad

I francesi ad ogni modo sono preparati all'attacco, ed li generale Joffre attende che esso si pronuncii.

"GUMDROP" DESPERADOES LAND IN POLICE TOILS

Sweet Trail Scented by Detectives and Two Boys Arrested

A trail of gumdrops left by the "des-peradoes" who robbed the 5-and-10-cent store of the Altman Company, 16th street

peradoes" who robbed the 5-and-10-cent store of the Altman Company, 16th street and Susquehanna avenue, Saturday night, led to the arrest today of two 12-year-old beys, accused of being the burglars. The boys are also charged with the robbery of two other stores the same night.

The youthful prisoners are Frank Speaker, 12 years old, 1416 Willington street, and Robert Wallace, 1534 Susquehanna avenue. They were sent to the House of Detention. District Detectives Franklin and Gerz, of the 28th and Berks streets station, made the arrests.

It is said that the plot to rob the stores was hatched while the two boys were attending a moving-picture show early Saturday night. In whispered tones they made their plans, it is said, deciding not to return to their homes after the show, but to stay out all night in defiance of their parents and the law.

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The War Today

After 36 hours of continuous bombardment, the Germans last night launched heavy attacks against Haudremont Forest, north-east of Verdun, and in the Le Pretre Forest, 45 miles to the south-east. These attacks were broken up by French artillery, the French War Office announced this afternoon. In the Woevre region the ar-tillery continues. The Crown Prince is reported to have received 100,000 fresh troops.

New demands made upon Greece by the Entente Powers have been rejected, says an Overseas News Agency dispatch. The Greek Gov-ernment, Premier Skouloudis said, was not disposed to transfer to the Entente the administration of railroads in northern Greece and Mace-Greek and French soldiers clashed on the island of Mytilene and one French soldier was killed.

LA NUOVA BATTAGLIA DI GORIZIA E' INIZIATA

La Censura Italiana Diventa Piu' Severa-Trincee e Reticolati Austriaci Distrutti

Il corrispondente romano del Times di Londra telegrafa che il violento can-noneggiamento iniziato dagli italiani sulla front dell'Isonzo e' secondo tutte le ap-parenze il preludio di importanti operazioni che stanno per essere intraprese dal generale Cadorna contro la linea di diffesa austriaca. A Roma si hanno maggiori particolari circa questa azione di artigliera e di fanteria sulla fronte italo-austriaca, ma la censua vieta di telegrafarii al l'estero. In fatti la censura e' divenuta piu' severa del solito in questo momento.

Il dispaccio del corrispondente del Cimes dice che l'artiglieria italiana ha distrutto trincce e reticolati metallici austriaci per lughi tratti evidentemente per aprire il passo alla fanteria, e gia' l'artiglieria austriaca risponde ora meno vigorosamente al bombardamento da parte degli italian!.

E' evidente che sull'Isonzo si preparando una nuova grande battaglia, che forse a quest'ora e' gia' cominciata. Cio' e' del resto confermato dai comuni-cati austriaci che dicono di un violento bombardamento da parte delle batterie italiane lungo la fronte dell'Isonzo. Il fuoco e' specialmente intenso contro la testa di ponte di Gorizia, ma evidentemente l'attacco italiano si va sviluppando su tutta la fronte del medio e basso Isonzo.

RUSSIANS TAKE POST ON MIDDLE STRYPA

Drive Turks Back in Caucasus and Capture Eight Guns in Operation in Persia

PETROGRAD, via London, March 14. The Russian War Office issued the fol-owing statement last night:

In Galicia, in the region southeast of Kolki and on the middle Strypa, we had successful encounters with enemy patrols, capturing a post of 30 men.

In the Caucasus we drove back the Turks in the region of the Karapota-

In Persia we captured eight guns in the operations near Kermanshah.

VIENNA, via London, March 14,-The Austrian War Office issued the follow-ing statement last night: In Bessarabla along the Dneister

Russians attacks were repulsed. There was an Italian artillery bombardment on the Isonzo front. The enemy attack near Seiz was re-

SWEDEN PREPARING FOR WAR, IS REPORT

Collecting Fund to Protect Stockholm and Mounting Anti-Aircraft Guns

COPENHAGEN, March 14.—War preparations are being made in Sweden, according to reliable reports that reached Copenhagen today. Private organizations, believed to have Government sanction, are collecting a fund of 700,000 kroner, to be used for protecting Stockholm from air aids. Anti-aircraft guns are being mounted on the hills about the Swedish Capital, and 20 aeroplanes have been pur-

It has frequently been reported that Sweden will join Germany and attack Russia, but as frequently denied.

Ex-Congressman Out for Senate WILMINGTON, Del., March 14.—Dr. Hiram R. Burton, of Lewes, former Con-gressman, has announced that he will be candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator.

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CITY OFFICIALS TO GET EFFICIENCY LESSON AT **BUSINESS SHOW TODAY**

W. F. Oswald Wins First Place in Typewriting Speed Contest, Wresting Supremacy From Woman

GIRL NOVICES VICTORIOUS

City officials and employes who believe city officials and employes who believe in preparedness, as far as office equipment is concerned, today doubtless will visit the first annual "Business Show and Efficiency Exposition," which is being held In the 1st Regiment Armory, Broad and Callowhill streets.

Callowhill streets.

Today is "Municipal Day" at the show, and while special features will be displayed for the benefit of city employes, others will be made to feel just as welcome, and it is expected that the attendance today will eclipse that of yesterday, when nearly 10,000 persons visited the many attractive, interesting and instructive booths to see and "take in" all the latest wonders in business efficiency.

For the first time in the history of pro-For the first time in the history of pro

fessional typewriter contests in the East-ern States, a man has won first place.

The contest was held at the flusiness and Efficiency Show in the First Regiment Armory. Broad and Callowhill streets. The show will continue throughout the week

The man who won the professional contest is William F. Oswald, of this city. He is a graduate of the Taylor Business School. 1002 Market street. He averaged 130 words a minute in a test which continued for an hour. He has won a number of other madals around the other than the continued for the madals. ber of other medals, among them the world's amateur and world's novice

Men also won second and third places in the professional contests. In the past women have carried off all trophies. J. L. women have carried off all trophles, J. L. Noyt, of New York, won second prize with 127 words a minute and Gus R. Trefzger, of New York, took third place, with 124 words a minute as his record.

The girls were more successful in the amateur and novice contests, taking all the honors. In the amateur contest the

awards were as follows:

First, Miss Bessle B. Linsitz, New York, 124 words a minute, writing a half hour; second, Miss Rose Bloom, Wood Ridge, N. J., 124 words a minute (this was so close that the award was made on the fraction of a word); third, Miss Anna Gold, Brooklyn, 121 words a minute.

In the novice contest Miss Genevieve In the novice contest Miss Genevieve Maxwell, 15 years old, won by writing 84 words a minute in a quarter of an hour test. This is one word better per minute than the record of Miss Margaret B. Owen, the present world'schampion. Miss Maxwell is the daughter of Mrs. Jennie Maxwell, of Paterson, N. J. Miss Celin Greenburg, of Brookly, won second with miss Celin Greenburg. Brooklyn, won second prize with \$3. words, and Miss Anna Johnson, of Paterson, N. J., won third with 72 words. All the winners used Underwood machines, except Miss Gold, who used a Remington.

J. M. Kimball, who has judged all the J. M. Kimball, who has judged all the international typewriter contests held so far was the judge yesterday afternoon. There is a startling array of adding, calculating, folding, payroll computing, letter duplicating, conying and an endless number of other office machines. Yesterday the typewriter reigned supreme as far as general interest was concerned.

Not only were the speed contests for amateurs and professionals held; pretty

amateurs and professionals held; pretty and police operators are eager to show the wonders of the latest typewriting machines. Any one is welcome to receive a lesson in typewriting, and business men who have exhibits have put in practice at the show one of the great secrets of success in business, namely, geniality and hospitality as far as customers or visitors

The booths showing the Remington and Underwood typewriters were great centres of interest yesterday. Judging irom efficiency shows in other cities—this is the first to be held in Philadelphia booths of the standard makers of typewriters attract probably the greatest in-terest during the whole exhibition.

Not only are persons given free lessons in typewriting, but typewriting "apeedkings" are always obliging and willing to

kings" are always obliging and willing to satisfy public curiosity and rattle off more than 200 words a minute.

The Remington people have a "self-starter" on exhibition. It is said to save an average of 30 secohds on a letter. Demonstrators at the show prove with lightning-like speed how a good typist can write an average of 50 business letters a day, which means a saving of 25 minutes a day, or two hours and a half a week. The self-starter is a simple arrangement by which any one can tabulate the exact position on a letter without all the preliminary "tap-tapping" of the old method. Instead of stopping at all "way stations," as the old tabulator did, the new "self-



WILLIAM F. OSWALD Philadelphia lad, who was the first to win the professional cast-ern typist contest for speed. He won in the contest at the Business and Efficiency Show yesterday with 130 words a minute in an hour test.

starter" goes directly to the destination What is more important, it will reverse, and, without added work, will go backrd to the correct spot by one touch of the key.

Among other features in the Reming ton booths, which occupy eight divisions at the show, there is the Multiple Reming-ton, which will make addresses on four sheets without the use of a carbon paper. This machine is used by many big con-cerns which wish to keep duplicates in various departments for reference.

GAS MEN TOLD TO SEEK ECONOMY IN METHODS

A. P. Post Urges Greater Efficiency to Cope With Lower Rates at Convention

The practice of economy and efficiency in order that the expected "fall" in the gas and electric current to the consumers may be coped with properly was urged toby A. P. Post, general auditor of the American Gas Company, in an address before the 100 managers of the various subsidiaries of the company, who today entered upon the second day of their three-day convention at 7th and Locus

"Everything has gone up but gas and electricity," Mr. Post declared, "and the service has grown better all the time. Probably that is because companies that are public in nature must now do their business to the satisfaction of their patrons. The representatives of such companies must never lose an opportunity to give efficient service."

S. P. Curtis, general manager of the American Gas Company, whose address was on "General Business," showed how the European war was today causing a mammoth consumption of gas and electric current. Particularly in the towns where munition plants have been established has the amount been exceptionally great, he said. Mr. Curtis was confident that the present era of prosperity would continue

after the war.

Further addresses were made by Austin Burt, of Waterloo, Ia., who was chairman of the meeting today; Charles Fox, manager of the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company, who spoke on "Gas Kitchens"; J. H. Gaylord, of Hazleton, Pa., who talked on "Merchandise Sales"; George W. Tomson and W. S. Fles, who gave campaign suggestions; H. M. Blake, on "Contracts"; C. W. Taggart, on "Electric Ranges and Appliances," and I. L. Craig, who spoke on "Auto Reports." 'Auto Reports.

Texas Militia to Guard Border

DALLAS, Tex., March 14.—Command-ers of Texas militia companies have re-ceived orders from Brigadier General C. A. Lyon, commander of the Texas National Guard, to recruit their com-mands to war strength of 150 men. In the absence of a call for volunteers the order stated the depletion of the border guard of Federal troops may necessitate the services of the Texas militia on the border.

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PROSPECTIVE CHANGES IN METHODIST PULPITS CAUSE MUCH INTEREST

Four District Superintendents to Be Appointed Also in Conference Which Opens Tomorrow

HISTORICAL FESTIVAL

Changes in the pastorates of churcher of the Methodist Episcopal Conference of Philadelphia are promised at the 129th ession of the conference which opens in St. James' Church, Olney, tomorrow morning. Prospects of these changes together with the appointment of four district superintendents and elaborate plans for the work of the City Missionary District have aroused unusual interest in the meet-

Preliminary to the opening of the con ference tomorrow, the anniversary of the Philadelphia Conference Historical Society will be held in the church tonight. Th principal address will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. John D. Fox. of Harrisburg. Special music will be a feature of the program. It will be given under the direction of W. C. Schwartz, choirmaster of St. James', by the church choir.

Delegates from the different cities and towns included in the conference and from other parts of the country are arriving today and the Rey. Edward F. Randolph, the pastor, and his congregation are bus-ily engaged in arranging to make their visit as pleasant as possible.

Bishop Joseph F. Berry, of Philadelphia. vill preside at the business session, which e scheduled to open at D o'clock to orrow morning.

District superintendents whose term of office expires this year are the Rev. Dr. George H. Bickley, the Rev. Dr. Frank P. Parkin, the Rev. Dr. E. C. Griffith and the Rev. Dr. E. E. Burris,

Bishop Berry has partly confirmed rumors that two of the new district superintendents would be the Rev. Dr. G. B. Burns, pastor of Calvary Church, West Philadelphia, and the Rev. Dr. Charles W. Straw, of Rehoboth Church, Frankford, Doctor Bickley, one of the retiring superintendents, has been mentioned as a possible successor to Doctor Burns in Calvary Church. He has also been mentioned for pastor of the First Church of Patts. for pastor of the First Church of Potts-ville. But it is also said that considera-tion is being given the advisability of con-solidating the work of the South district and the missionary district, and the nam-ing of Doctor Bickley to have charge of the combined districts. In such case he would doubtless have an assistant.

Hishop Berry has said that the pastoral changes would number less than 100. While the selections for important charges have not been definitely announced, it is understood that the Rev. W. Gray Jones will go to the Sarah D. Cooper Memorial hurch, West Philadelphia; Doctor Parkin one of the retiring district superintendents, to Grace Church; the Rev. Gladstone Holm from the Church of the Advocate, Germantown, to the Rehoboth Church, Frankford, and the Rev. William H. Landermuth, from the First Church, Pottsville, to the Tioga Church, this city.

Accused of Stealing Shirts Daniel C. O'Donnell, 35 years old, who lives at 2323 North 17th street, and is a druggist by profession, was arrested by Detective William Penneck at 2th and Market streets yesterday after he is alleged to have stolen shirts and other material, valued at \$25, from a department store. Detective Pennock told his brother Magistrate Pennock at the hearing this morning that O'Donneil was addicted to the use of drugs. Magistrate Pennock held the prisoner in \$500 ball for court.

'SHAKESPEARE WEEK' PLANS FOR SCHOOLS DISCUSSED

Committee Prepares Tentative Program for Celebration

Plans for commemorating the 300th anniversary of the death of Shakespeare in all the public and private schools through out the city during "Shakespeare Week" were discussed today by the special committee on arrangements appointed by Dr. John P. Garber, Superintendent of Schools While the date of the week has not been definitely agreed upon, the committee today prepared a tentative program of exercises for the schools.

Addresses and readings from Shakes eare will be given by the teachers and y outside speakers in the higher grades and in the lower grades stories from Shakespeare's works will be told the chil-dren and pictures illustrating various scenes from his plays will be shown

The committee in charge of arrangements consists of Dr. Cheeseman A. Herrick, president of Girard College, Stephen B. Knolton, Prof. Ernest Lacy, head of the English department at Central High School: Charles Lawson, Elizabeth Ledor, Abraham L. Myers and Armand J. Ger-son, chairman.

Resents Alleged Insult With Ax Joe Galyca resented being called a Burns, 47 years old, 2310 Garrett street, over the head with a pick-ax. Burns will have an X-ray picture taken of his skull today at St. Timothy's Hospital, Galeca, who gave his address as Domino lane. Manayunk, is being held without bail in the meantline to await the result of the injuries of Burns. Both men were em-ployed at laying ties on the Reading Rail-

way at Shawmont, near Manayunk.

LONDON PAPERS RIDICULE REPORTS OF PEACE TERMS

"Fantastic Dream," "Germany Will Not Dictate," Among the Commenta.

LONDON, March 14. — The London newspapers commented at length this atternoon on reports of German peace terms carried to President Wilson by Colonel House, transmitted in disputches from Washington. They generally ridiculed the German proposals.

German proposals. "Peace may be made in the not distant future, but not by Berlin," said the Eve-

ning Standard. "Germany will not dictate terms of peace, and it will be well for Washington to observe proper continence when the time comes," said the Globe.

The Pall Mall Gazette said the German idea of proper peace terms was a tastic dream."



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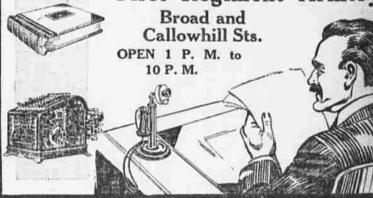
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