IL NEMICO ABBANDONA POSIZIONI AVANZATE DAVANTI A ROVERETO

Duemilacento Prigionieri fatti negli Ultimi Due Mesi; Due Cannoni e 17 Mitragliatrici Conquistate agli Austriaci

ASPETTANDO L'OFFENSIVA

ROMA. 16 Maggio Le forze austriache hanno abbandonato le loro posizioni avanzate davanti a Rovereto attesa di una vigorosa offensiva delle forse Italiane nella Vale dell'Adige, in di-

rezione di Trento. Tutti i villaggi della vale dell'Adige, lungo la quale si attende che le trupe italiane avanzino, sono stati evacuati dei non combattenti. Le autorita' austriache hanno ordinato l'evacuazione sin da domenica, come affermano parecchi trentini che sono riermano parecchi trentini che sono ri-iti ad attraversare le linee austriache ed ifugiarsi in Italia.

a rifugiarsi in Italia. Trecentomila soldati austriaci sono ora centrati lungo la fronte trentino-tiro-centrati lungo la fronte trentino-tiro-centrati lungo la fronte trentino-tiro-centrati lungo la fronte trentino-tiro-moni sulle montagne erigendo barriere di cannoni sulle montagne erigento barriere di reccia sul passi alpini e preparandosi a far fronte all'offensiva italiana. Intanto le forze del general Cadorna continuano a migliorare la loro posizione nella regione di Roveretto mentre la loro artiglieria pro-cede sistematicamente alla distruzione delle austriache non appena erette.

DUE MESI DI GUERRA. Il Ministero della Guerra ha pubblicato un rapporto speciale circa le operazioni di guerra sulla fronte italo-austriaca negli ultimi due mesi. Esso continuera' a pubblicare periodicamente questi rapporti dettagliati nei quali sono spiegate le operazioni gia' annunziate nei bollettini ufficali giornalieri.

Il rapporto pubblicato ieri sugli ultimi sue mesi di guerra dice che in questo perjode di tempo sono stati catturati 2100 prigionieri austriaci, due cannoni da campagna, e 17 mitragliatrici; sono stati ab-pagna, e 17 mitragliatrici; sono stati astruti 13 aeropiani austriaci e sono stati distrutti cinque idrovolanti.

Il rapporto riveste poi speciale impor-tanse per il fatto che spiega la cause che determinarono la recente offensiva degli italiani sulla fronte dell'Isonzo e delle Alpi Questa offensiva fu determinata dagli attacdei tedeschi contro la fortezza di Verdun chi dei tedeschi contro la fortezza di Verdun ed ebbe lo scopo di impedire che truppe austriache fossero inviate ad alutare i tedeschi sulla fronte francese, obiettivo che fu perfettamente raggiunto giacche tutte le forze austriache rimasero inchiodate sulla fronte italiana e nemmeno un cannone fu potuto togliere dalle Alpi o dall'Isonzo per mandarlo a Verdun.

Il presidente del Consiglio, on. Salandra, il ministro della Guerra ed il ministro degli Esteri dovevano andare a Londra per restituire la visita fatta a Roma dal primo min-istro Asquith, ma il viaggio e' stato riman-dato al primi di Giugno per il fatto che la riapertura del Parlamento richiedeve la presenza dei ministri a Roma.

SULL'ADAMELLO.

Il rapporto del generale Cadorna pub-blicato ieri sera dai Ministero della Guerra amuncia nu ve vittorie degli italiani nella sona del'Adamello, dove gli alpini hanno conquistato le vedrette di Fargorida e di Lares ad una importante posizione nelle vicinanze dei Crozzon del Diavolo, ad un'altezza di 1808 piedi sul livello de mare. Ecco il 1808 dei rapporto: Nella zona dell'Adamello le nostre truppe alpine hanno completato l'occu-

pazione di una cresta ad ovest delle Vedrette di Fargorida e di Lares, stabilendosi tra il Crozzon di Fargorida e quello di Lares. Noi abbiamo conquistato anche una posizione avanzata nelle vicinanze del Crozzon del Diavolo, ad un'altezza di 9800 piedi, facendovi

una ventina di prigionieri. Nella zona della Val di Ledro con-tinua la nostra avanzata sulle ripide falde del Monte Sperone. Dopo un intenso fuoco di artiglieria contro le nostre posizioni a nord della vallata, il nemico tento' un attacco contro Cima della Costa, a nord di Lenzumo, attacco che

fu subito respinto. Nella Val Lagarina ed alla testata della Val d'Assa le artiglierie nemiche nostre posizioni, ma furone efficace-mente controbattute dalle nostre bat-terie. Alcune grosse granate caddero in Asiago ferendo pochi borghesi.



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San Francisco.

The intent of this national meeting is to commemorate the achievements of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in the fields of communication, transportation, lighting and power. An auditorium in each city will be connected by teisphone with the meeting in New York, where President Carty, of the institute, will preside. Mr. Carty will open the meeting by an address to the members in the other five cities named, and this will be followed by an exchange of greetings between prominent members of the institute in different parts of the country for the benefit of every one of the anticipated total of 6000 men who will each have a transmitter at mouth and vill each have a transmitter at mouth and

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The second portion of the meeting will consist of an address by a principal speaker in each city for the hearing of his local audience only. At Witherspoon Hall, Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, will make the local address, after which the meeting will close by a series of six addresses, one from each city, to each other city, followed by musical selections that will cover the same latitude of territory.

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It is expected that over a thousand members will be present at the Philadelphia unit of the meeting, and that a like number in maximum will be present in each of the other five cities. While meetings have already been held in which telephonic communication between Philadelphia, New York or Boston and San Francisco has been established, this will be the first instance in which simultaneous communication be. in which simultaneous communication tween six cities at the same time has ever occurred.

To make the telephonic connection essential to the meeting, it will be necessary to cover a distance of 4000 miles with 10,000 miles of wire passing through 5000 circuits. Twenty States will be traversed, 13 to San Francisco from New York, and seven from New York to Atlanta. All of the miles of wire will be above ground, since better connection is secured for long-distance transmission in this manner than by utilizing such portions of the route as have wire underground. Over 150,000 separate polls



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a village in the desert, where a telephone station was established in 1914, to San Francisco.

HONK, HONKS BACK TO CELL

Taxicab Fever Patient Returned to Prison With Unpaid Bill

NEW YORK, May 16 .-- If there is a cure for the taxicab habit, John H. Hocart, of Goshen, N. Y., would like to be introduced

Yesterday he stepped into Manhattan, after spending five days on Blackwell's Island for beating a taxi bill. On his ar-

rival he heard the familiar honk, honk. He irned about and leaped toward the taxl. "Ride me around the city," he said to Arthur H. Parker, the chauffeur.
Five hours later Hocart appeared in the men's Night Court with an unpaid bill for

"You've been free from the island for five hours, and you're going right back there for five days more," said Magistrate Cor-

rigan.
"Yes, but all those five hours were spent in a taxi," said Hocart, with a satisfied

TEMPLE \$250,000 FUND RACE BEGINS TONIGHT

Campaign Will Start With Banquet and Continue for Ten Days

The campaign to raise \$250,000 for Temple University will be inaugurated tonigh at a banquet in the Adelphia Hotel. The campaign is the first step in the collection of \$1,000,000 for the benefit of the university. Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Director of the Department of Public Health and Charitles is chairman of the Executive Committee is charge of the movement. charge of the movement.

The campaign which will start tonight will be continued for 10 days. More than 300 men and women prominent in the business, financial and professional life of the city will participate in the work.

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Women will play an important part in the quest for funds. The women's division will be headed by Mrs. Walter C. Hancoon. She is to be assisted by Mrs. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Mrs. Laura M. Southwick, Mrs. John M. Patterson, Mrs. Gustave Ketterer, Mrs. Joseph P. Rogers, Mrs. Robert Wesder, Mrs. Arthur R. H. Morrow, Mrs. John C. Applegate, Mrs. Walter B. Shumway, Mrs. L. Chandler Williams, Mrs. Jane M. Quennell, Dr. Laura H. Carnell and a host of other women interested in the university.

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