

LA GRANDE ORA SUONA ANCHE PER L'ITALIA SU LA FRONTE DELLE ALPI

Cinquecento Battaglioni Austriaci per l'Offensiva Contro l'Italia—3300 Cannoni sul Lavarone

ATTACCHI RESPINTI

ROMA, 23 Maggio. La grande ora dell'Italia e' suonata. Questo e' il tema di tutti i discorsi e di tutti i commenti intorno alla offensiva austriaca nella regione trentina. Ed e' infatti l'ora della grande prova.

Dalle notizie provenienti dalla fronte di battaglia si rileva che le forze austriache sono state piu' che raddoppiate e che l'artiglieria austriaca, specialmente quella di grosso calibro e di lunga portata, aumenta ogni giorno piu'.

E' chiaro ora che gli austriaci tendono ad impadronirsi del litorale del Sette Comuni che domina il piano di Vicenza, donde essi potrebbero minacciare noi il fianco e le spalle del Esercito italiano dell'Isonzo.

L'artiglieria austriaca di ogni calibro, ma specialmente quella da 305, ha trasformato tutta la valle del Brenta in un vero inferno, ma la fanteria austriaca che viene lanciata in massa all'assalto si spezza contro la resistenza delle posizioni italiane.

Le truppe italiane hanno formato ora la loro linea di difesa e mantengono fermamente tutti i passi ed i picchi da cui non solo e' stato arrestato il movimento di avanzata degli austriaci, ma e' stato sfoggiato il nemico in alcune posizioni strategiche prese nel primo impeto del l'assalto.

Vi sono diverse indicazioni che scopo della presente offensiva austriaca sarebbe quello di impedire che l'Italia partecipasse alla campagna degli alleati in Francia ed impedire che avvenga il congiungimento delle forze italiane di Valona con quelle degli alleati da Salonicco.

E' stato nuovamente ferito alla testa il tenente Morrone, figlio del ministro della Guerra.

IL COMUNICATO UFFICIALE. Il Ministero della Guerra ha pubblicato il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte italo-austriaca:

Nella zona del Tonale e in quella dell'Adamello l'attivita' della fanteria porto' a combattimenti favorevoli a noi.

Fra il Garda e l'Adige si ebbero azioni di artiglieria e piccoli scontri con reparti nemici che furono dappertutto respinti.

Sulla riva sinistra dell'Adige un intenso bombardamento delle nostre posizioni nella giornata di ieri fu seguito da un violento attacco che fu completamente respinto dalle nostre truppe con perdite nulle per il nemico.

Su resto della fronte di battaglia, fino alla valle dell'Asio, non si sono avuti avvenimenti di importanza.

Fra la valle dell'Adige e la Val Sugana l'attacco nemico continuo' ad intervalli, appoggiato da numerosa e potente artiglieria.

Si e' avuta attivita' generale dell'artiglieria nemica contro le nostre linee avanzate ad ovest del Tora, Dosso Maggio e Campelle, nella Carnia e sull'Isonzo; particolarmente intensa e' stata nell'alta valle del But e nella zona di Montebelluna.

Aeroplani nemici hanno fatto cadere bombe nella val Lagarina e nella Carnia. Si ebbero alcune vittime, una sola lievi danni materiali. Durante un raid su Portogruaro un idroplano nemico fu abbattuto da una nostra squadriglia di aviatori.

LE FORZE AUSTRIACHE

Il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava pure ieri una altro comunicato ufficiale circa le forze che l'Austria ha ora nel Trentino. Il comunicato dice:

Il 15 Novembre gli austriaci avevano nella loro prima linea venti divisioni, cioe' circa 300 battaglioni. Di queste, tre divisioni difendevano il Trentino. La scarsa delle truppe era pero' largamente compensata dalla grande quantita' di artiglieria e dal valore delle posizioni che il nemico occupava.

Dal mese di novembre pero' le forze austriache cominciarono ad essere aumentate. Il 15 marzo l'arrivo di nuove unita' divenne piu' frequente e molte furono mandate nel basso Trentino. Il 15 maggio 38 divisioni, cioe' circa 500 battaglioni, si potevano contare lungo la fronte austriaca verso l'Italia. Gran parte di queste truppe proveniva dalla Galizia, dalla Serbia e dal Montenegro. Sedici divisioni furono concentrate nel Trentino e destinate ad operare tra l'Adige ed il Brenta accanto alle truppe vecchie che furono lasciate dove si trovavano.

tutti i reggimenti di Kaiserjager e di Questo sedici divisioni comprendono

Landschutzen reclutati nelle montagne del Tirolo ed abituati alla guerra di montagna. Oltre a cio' gli austriaci concentrarono sulle fronte del Trentino tutta l'artiglieria che poterono togliere alla fronte russa.

Mentre e' molto difficile stabilire il numero preciso delle batterie nemiche concentrate tra l'Adige ed il Brenta, possiamo dire che non meno di 2300 cannoni sono concentrati sull'altopiano di Lavarone. Risulterebbe chiaro pero' che l'Austria sta facendo contro di noi uno sforzo poderoso che noi affrontiamo pero' con piena fiducia.

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PRESIDENT COMPLETES NOTE ON MAIL SEIZURE

Protest to Britain Said to Be Legal in Character—Tells Page to Act Vigorously

WASHINGTON, May 23.—President Wilson today completed his note protesting against mail seizures by Great Britain. It was sent to Secretary Lansing for the latter's signature shortly after noon, and was expected to be put on the cable immediately.

Largely legal in character, the communication closes with instructions to Ambassador Page to renew vigorously the complaints already made by the United States.

The legal discussion relates to the practice followed by the British patrol cruisers in holding up neutral vessels, carrying United States mails on the high seas, taking them into British ports, and there subjecting the mails to municipal censorship.

This practice the American note insists is entirely without the pale of international law and contrary to all recognized rules respecting the inviolability of neutral mails in time of war.

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Uses Bullet and Noose to End His Sorrow

Man Shoots, Then Hangs Himself While Brooding Over Wife's Death

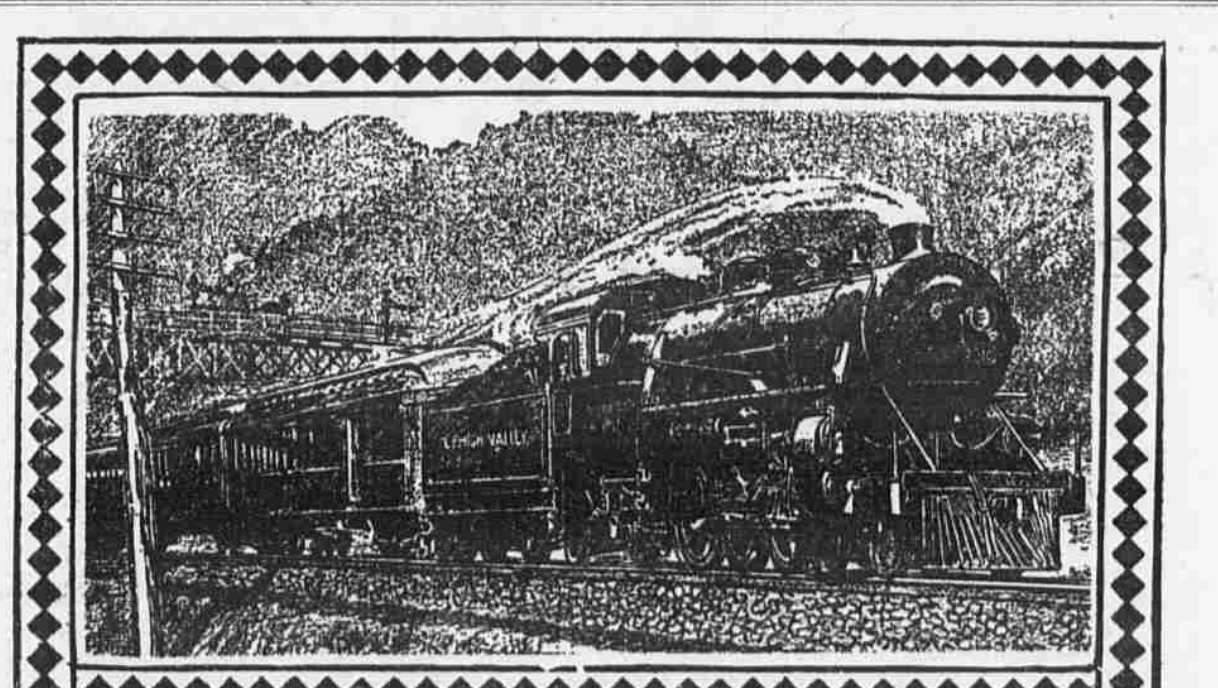
READING, Pa., May 23.—Standing on a fence with a noose around his neck and a revolver in his hand, Charles H. Sittler, 34 years old, of this city, well-known former hotel landlord, ended his life today along a country road above Reading by shooting himself in the head. His body then fell from the fence and hung by the neck to a nearby cherry tree, the man having made doubly sure to end his life. Constant brooding over the death of his wife a year ago is given as the cause.

Mrs. Basile M. Fisher, 32 years old, committed suicide at her home at West Wyoming, near here, today, by hanging herself to one of the rafters in the attic, using a heavy sash cord for the purpose.

North Wales Plans Memorial Day Fete

NORTH WALES, Pa., May 23.—The largest Memorial Day celebration in the North Penn this year will be at North Wales, when patriotic exercises, a track and field meet, flag-raising and band concert will be part of the program. The following Committee on Arrangements has been appointed: H. A. Julius, chairman; Harry Danner, secretary; William Pie, financial secretary; Frank H. Leister, treasurer.

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