

MONASTIR E' CADUTA NELLE MANI DEI SERBI

Le Forze Bulgaro-Tedesche della Macedonia Sono in Fuga in Direzione di Prilep

GLI AUSTRIACI BATTUTI

Attaccano le Posizioni Italiane nella Valle dell'Adige e sul But Inutilmente

ROMA, 20 Novembre. Ieri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblica il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte Italo-austriaca:

Nella valle dell'Adige durante la notte dal 17 al 18 novembre il semico-bombardamento le nostre posizioni sulla pendice del Monte Ciolo, a sud del Tito Cambera, e quindi attacco il villaggio di Bano che noi avevamo occupato il 25 ottobre. Vigorosi contrattacchi da parte della nostra truppa respinsero gli austriaci dal villaggio.

Sulla fronte delle Giulie nella giornata di ieri, nonostante il cattivo tempo, l'artiglieria stata attiva da ambedue le parti. Nell'alta valle del But nella sera del 17 novembre, dopo una intensa preparazione di artiglieria, forze austriache attaccarono il settore compreso tra il Pal Piccolo ed il Pal Grande. Il nostro discese il suo sforzo maggiore contro le nostre posizioni sulla sommità del Chapot, a nord del Pal Piccolo. Dopo una violenta battaglia corio a corpi gli austriaci furono decisamente respinti su tutta la fronte. Piccoli reparti nemici che erano riusciti a penetrare nelle nostre trincee sulla sommità del Chapot, furono completamente distrutti. Noi prendemmo al nemico prigionieri, armi e munizioni che esso aveva abbandonati nella sua fuga.

La città di Monastir, trasformata in una formidabile fortezza dai bulgaro-tedeschi, è caduta nelle mani delle forze alleate serbe, russe, francesi ed italiane operanti in quel settore della fronte macedone. Le truppe alleate entrarono nella città alle 5 anti-meridiane di ieri. La guarnigione bulgaro-tedesca che presidiava la città è in piena fuga, inseguita dalle forze alleate. Ieri ritornava anche l'artiglieria della nostra valle della città da parte dei serbi durante la guerra del 1912 contro la Turchia.

Reporti di cavalleria serba e francese sono già a nord della città e si attende ora che Ochrida cada anche nelle mani degli alleati. Ochrida da' e' a poche miglia da Monastir. In quella zona gli italiani operavano quasi sul fianco dei bulgaro-tedeschi, portandosi ora a nord della città. Le forze francesi e russe attaccavano Monastir dal sud, e quelle serbe operavano sul fianco sinistro dei bulgari, ad est della città.

Le forze bulgare si ritirano ora su Prilep, che è militarmente assai in mani degli alleati. La fortezza di Monastir è difesa dal passo di Babuna. Con la caduta di Monastir viene a rafforzarsi il collegamento delle forze di Sarajev con le forze italiane operanti nell'Albania meridionale.

L'evacuazione di Monastir è annunciata anche dal Ministero della Guerra tedesco che dice che le truppe bulgare hanno preso posizioni a nord della città. Telegrammi dalla fronte macedone dicono che i tedeschi fatti prigionieri attribuiscono la caduta di Monastir al fatto che i bulgari mal attrezzati, ordinarono di ritirarsi e che perciò essi debbono essere responsabili della disfatta. Alcune batterie tedesche sono cadute nelle mani dei serbi e degli alleati.

Mentre dalla fronte macedone giungono notizie così buone, quelle che si hanno dalla fronte rumena non sono altrettanto eccellenti. Le forze austro-tedesche del generale von Falkenhayn, nonostante la tenace difesa dei rumeni, sono riuscite a sboccare nella pianura valacca, sulla ferrovia Orsova-Craiova.

Il Ministero della Guerra russo annuncia però che le forze rumene operanti nella valle del Danubio, a nord di Monastir, ed hanno ricacciato indietro le forze teutoniche. Impressionandosi di una serie di importanti vittorie. L'avanzata dei tedeschi avviene quindi su di un solo fronte, quello delle Alpi di Transilvania, e sugli altri settori le forze teutoniche sono respinte. Anche nella Dobruja le forze del maresciallo von Mackensen sono efficacemente trattentate e respinte dalle forze russo-rumene.

TEUTON-BULGAR FORCES PURSUED BY ALLIES

Continued from Page One The first infantry to enter the city, the communice says, was a column of French and Russian soldiers.

LONDON, Nov. 20. A decisive blow was struck by the Allies when they captured the Macedonian fortress of Monastir, a blow that is smashing the whole German-Bulgarian line in southwest Serbia. All of southern Albanian may have been evacuated by the Teuton-Bulgar forces.

Dispatches from Salonica today say that part of the Allied army has begun a drive against Ochrida, thirty miles northwest of Monastir.

The remainder is engaged in a desperate encircling movement to cut off and capture the German and Bulgarian forces that fled from Monastir on Saturday night. It is now doubted here whether the German-Bulgarian forces can make complete escape from the encircling vise of the Allied flanking movement. Desperate fighting is proceeding as the Allies strive to press still further on the retreating Teutons. Roads churned into a sea of mud from snow and rain will, it is believed, make it impossible for the Teutonic forces to proceed with sufficient haste in their retreat to accomplish a complete withdrawal of forces and equipment.

Prilep, to which city the enemy is withdrawing, is about twenty-four miles to the north. The way is, for the most part, across level ground, with very few natural defensive features. The Allied occupancy of positions along the Cerna bend gives them a fulcrum for their lever to force clearance of the plain.

Military critics here today agreed that



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capture of Monastir is of the greatest importance. Most of the credit is given to the Serbians for the victory. It was their splendid fighting along the Cerna bend which compelled the enemy to abandon their southern defenses, enabling advance due north of the French and Russian troops. Ejected from their own country a year ago by Field Marshal von Mackensen's tremendous drive, forced to flee in disorder, their regiments scattered, their equipment—what little there was—for the most abandoned, the Serbians have been transformed in a brief twelve months into a formidable army with new arms and equipment, and the splendid tutelage of French troops operating with them as brothers in arms.

French booty was captured at Monastir. Before abandoning the city, the retreating troops set it on fire and blew up magazines and artillery works. It is reported in Athens that King Peter will leave for Monastir at once, and that he will proclaim it the new Serbian capital. The Allies have now penetrated nearly twenty miles into Serbian territory.

The brilliant success of the Allies in Macedonia was clouded somewhat by unfavorable news from the Rumanian theater of war. By a sharp and powerful thrust General von Falkenhayn has driven deep into the heart of western Rumania, reaching the Grovna-Craiova railway near Fillesu. Fighting in western Rumania is now in progress upon the Rumanian plain, about 120 miles west of Bucharest. The Callman-Suri railway has also been reached by the invading army of Austro-Hungarians in Rumania.

GREAT BATTLE DEVELOPING NORTH OF MONASTIR; ALLIED ATTACKS FAIL, SOFIA SAYS

BERLIN, Nov. 20. Bulgarian and German troops that evacuated Monastir have taken up a new and powerful position in the mountains north of the Macedonian fortress. Dispatches from Sofia today say that another great battle is developing there. Monastir is under the fire of German artillery. Military experts believe that the new positions of the German-Bulgar forces are stronger than the old ones, and that the efforts of the French, Serbian, Russian and Italian armies to break through will fail. The new lines offer fewer chances for an enveloping movement by the Entente forces than the old ones did.

RUMANIAN ATTACKS BEATEN BACK NEAR CAMPULUNG, SAYS BERLIN WAR OFFICE REPORT

BERLIN, Nov. 20. The repulse of Rumanian attacks in the sector northwest of Campulung during fighting along the southern edge of the Transylvania Alps was reported by the War Office today in an official report on Rumanian operations. It states that the Rumanian army is being thrown into confusion. Intense fighting has taken place in Dobruja. Severe cold has limited fighting activity on the eastern war front, according to today's War Office statement. "Progress as planned" was reported as attending the Archduke Carl's offensive in Rumania. "Northwest of Campulung," the statement said, "Rumanians are exchanging their units, which are mixed up haphazard in unsuccessful attacks."

PETROGRAD ADMITS FAILURE OF RUMANIAN ASSAULTS IN CAMPULUNG REGION

PETROGRAD, Nov. 20. Frank admission of the failure of Rumanian operations in the Campulung region of Transylvania, southwest of Braşov, was made in the War Office statement today. It was stated, however, that in the Albest region the Rumanians had advanced northward, capturing 100 prisoners, cannon and two machine guns. The retreat of the Russo-Rumanian forces in the Jiu Valley is still in progress, the War Office admitted.

GERMANS RECAPTURE PART OF GRANDCOURT FROM BRITISH; WIN BUTTE DE WARLENCOURT

BERLIN, Nov. 20. Ejection of British troops from the western part of the village of Grandcourt was announced in today's official statement. The official report says: Army group of Prince Rupprecht—The English artillery fire yesterday was generally less strong except along the Ancre. During the evening enemy attacks were launched between Serre and Beaucourt and south of Miramont, but they failed with heavy losses. Our infantry in a hand grenade engagement ejected the British from the western part of Grandcourt. During counter-attacks last week we captured twenty-two officers, 900 men and thirty-four machine guns. The French again tried to enter St. Pierre Vaast wood from the northwest. Although prepared for with strong fire and carried out with fresh forces the attack failed. The Butte de Warleucourt, that hill commanding a road to Bapaume, and which had been captured by the British on November 14, after enormous efforts and sacrifices, has again

ALLIES WIN MONASTIR FROM GERMANS



An army composed mainly of French troops, but comprising Serbian and Russian detachments, entered Monastir from the south side while Serbian forces developed flanking operations on the east, in the Cerna region. The allied line now runs north of Monastir and Iven, with a salient on the Cerna north of Negocani.

been conquered by the Germans in isolated attacks.

ATTACK OF 120,000 BRITISH ON SOMME FAILS, BERLIN MILITARY EXPERT SAYS

BERLIN, Nov. 20. The latest great thrust of the Allies on the Somme front has been brought to a complete standstill, writes the military expert of the Overseas News Agency today. He declares that the British in their mighty stroke on the Ancre used 120,000 fresh troops, but were able to gain only unimportant advantages.

The Butte de Warleucourt, which dominates one of the Bapaume highways, has been recaptured by the Germans.

The great uniform thrust has come completely to a standstill and the general battle has been split into isolated attacks. Small local successes of the attacking enemy cannot be expanded, and for the most part they have lost as the result of German counter-attacks.

The fact that for weeks the same villages have been mentioned again and again in the official reports as well as the reports of the Entente is the best proof that the battle on the general Somme front has come to a standstill, and that the British, as well as the French, are now limited to improving their positions.

"British attacks on the Ancre could not be carried beyond the positions method-

REPORTED PEACE MOVE FAILS TO STIR BERLIN

General Public, However, Interested in Any Effort Wilson May Make

GERARD GAINS FAVOR

Feeling Against U. S. Ambassador Abating—Germans Confident of Victory

By CARL W. ACKERMAN BERLIN, Nov. 20.—The German public regards skeptically, so far as immediate action is concerned, Washington reports by way of Switzerland and London that President Wilson may soon take some kind of steps for peace.

The Government itself is having nothing to do with the peace talk, nor is the army. The army is concentrating its efforts toward winning. The general attitude toward American Ambassador Gerard is changing. He will probably find himself more popular when he returns than he was six months ago. There is a seemingly well-founded report here that before Gerard departed, officials asked him to return, even to remain as long as possible.

But so far as the general public is concerned, the reports of peace steps are causing universal disquiet. The growth of sentiment for an international agreement to prevent other wars is evidenced by efforts of German newspapers to obtain from Isaac Wolf, president of the American Chamber of Commerce, information and ideas of the American League to Enforce Peace.

The newspaper Germania and its sister

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