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ARTIGLIERIE IN AZIONE SUL FRONTE DEL CARSO

Il Generale Cadorna Bombarda il Nemico a Comen e Fa Tacere i Suoi Cannoni

ROMA, 18 Dicembre. Il Ministero della Guerra pubblica ieri sera il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte italo-austriaca.

Nella zona del Trentino l'artiglieria è stata più attiva che nei giorni scorsi. La nostra batteria hanno distribuito i movimenti del nemico nell'alta valle dell'Adige e sull'altopiano del Sette Comuni.

Sulla fronte delle Alpi Giulie hanno avuto luogo duelli di artiglieria e combattimenti di reparti in ricognizione. Il nemico cerca di bombardare Montefalcone quando i nostri grossi calibri incominciarono a battere efficacemente i punti fortificati nemici di Comen.

Nulla, come si aspettava da tutti, si concluderà con la proposta di pace fatta dalla Germania e dai suoi alleati. Si sa che la Gran Bretagna, piuttosto che lasciare la Germania arbitra della sua idea sulla "Mittel Europa", l'idea di predominio su tutta l'Europa Centrale, combatterà fino a che avrà un uomo solo. E dalla stessa decisione sono animati in altre potenze che formano la Quadruplice Intesa, compresa l'Italia che da una pace che dia alla Germania sia pure la parvenza del pre dominio avrebbe tutto da perdere e nulla da guadagnare.

U. S. ARMY OF 250,000, JERSEY SENATOR'S PLAN

Hughes Warns Against "False Security" and Urges Immediate Action

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—America must push her preparedness plans now, lest peace come and find her still with pending international difficulties, or with military and naval armaments still unready abroad, many Congressmen warned today.

Senators and Representatives frankly admit that behind their warnings lies thought of still unsettled submarine difficulties with Germany and possible differences that may arise with Japan in connection with the immigration bill which recently passed the Senate.

Senator Hughes, of New Jersey, today came out for a great army of professional soldiers, backed by a trained, equipped volunteer army. He said: "Some of that which I have to say has been said before, but all will bear repetition. It seems to me that since the people of the United States are now convinced that the recent events which have occurred in the world are of such a character that nations are likely to go to war against each other on slight provocation, for any or no reason."

A great many of us believe we have lived for years in a "false" paradise when we believed that nations could not be got to go to war. No man would have been rash enough to predict that the situation which now exists in Europe could possibly take place, but here it is.

PENSION MUTUAL HEARING ON TODAY

Receivership Appeal Heard in Dauphin County Court. Many Witnesses

CASUALTY CASE NEXT

Insurance Commissioner Is Confident of Victory—Real Fight Tomorrow

Judges Junkel and McCarrall, sitting in the Dauphin County Common Pleas Court at Harrisburg, today will listen to arguments on the application filed several weeks ago by State Insurance Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil, to have a receiver appointed for the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, with a branch office in this city.

Officials of the Pension Mutual, which Commissioner O'Neil states has a deficiency of more than \$1,000,000, and among whose policyholders are many poverty-stricken families living in different parts of Pennsylvania, will attend the hearing. Lyndon D. Wood, president of the company, may be one of the chief witnesses. Attorneys representing the company carrying yards of legal documents today left for the Capitol.

Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown, who will represent the Insurance Department, will be assisted by Deputy Attorney General William M. Hargest and Horace W. Davis. The application for the appointment of a receiver for the Union Casualty Insurance Company of Philadelphia, whose home office is at Third and Walnut streets, and which is a "sister company" of the Pension Mutual, will be argued tomorrow at 9 o'clock, provided the Pension hearing has been concluded.

The period of time that has elapsed between the receivership application by the Insurance Department and the time set for the hearing today has given opportunity for men from many points outside Pennsylvania to write both to Mr. O'Neil and the Evening Ledger, and say that Wood ought to be put out of business. The most notable examples were insurance president of Washington and Ohio, Mr. Wood's activities seem to have been exceptionally earnest in those places, and the complaints made against him have been bitter. The Mayor of Cincinnati joins in one of the most bitter complaints made to Mr. O'Neil.

The Insurance Department does not expect as hard a battle today as it does tomorrow. The case against the Pension Mutual life office will try to get postponement for a receiver will be granted. They add that there is little reason why it should be better. The Mayor of Cincinnati joins in one of the most bitter complaints made to Mr. O'Neil.

LINER'S STATEROOMS FLOODED BY STORM

Passengers of the New York Battered When Mountainous Waves Strike Ship

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Battered by fifty-foot waves in a hurricane off the Irish coast, the American liner New York arrived here today from Liverpool with 429 passengers, most of whom had been seasick. Six were under the care of the ship's doctor.

Mrs. Samuel Hall, of Philadelphia, was hurled down a companionway. She was removed to a hospital. Staterooms were flooded, two ports were smashed in and everything movable on deck was swept overboard. Among the notables on board were Miss Maxine Elliott, the actress, and Mrs. A. Sanderson, daughter of the late John D. Archbold.

YOUTHFUL MURDERERS HAVE LIVES CUT SHORT Volunteer to Die Three Days Earlier so Funerals May Be Over by Christmas

OSHING, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Two youths, the older one barely out of his teens, volunteered today to give up three days of their lives that Christmas Day may not be a mockery for their mothers. Both are convicted murderers and they will die at dawn tomorrow, instead of next Friday, as sentenced.

LOAN URGED TO AID SUPPLY OF WATER

Chamber of Commerce Wants Increase in Central Business District

LETTER SENT TO MAYOR

Communications urging a \$2,000,000 loan for the purpose of increasing the water supply in the central business district were sent to Mayor Smith and to the presidents of Select and Common Councils today by the Chamber of Commerce.

The letters contained copies of a resolution adopted at the last meeting of the board of directors and were signed by Howard B. French, president, and N. H. Kelly, general secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce based its complaint on the investigation of water conditions in the central section of the city conducted by the Chestnut Street Business Men's Association. It is explained that the condition of the water supply, already insufficient, becomes worse with the erection of each new office building.

INTERFERES WITH BUSINESS "In August, 1916," the letter reads, "the pressure was so low that it interfered with the conducting of mercantile establishments in the central part of the city."

Director Datsenon and Chief Davis, of the Bureau of Water, are said to have confirmed these facts. Chief Davis is quoted as saying that "the water facilities of the city are taxed to the utmost at the present time."

PROBE FOOD COST IN DETROIT

U. S. Grand Jury Begins Investigation of Illegal Combinations

DETROIT, Dec. 18.—Uncle Sam's first blow at Detroit's high cost of living fell today with the assembling of a Federal Grand Jury to investigate charges that unlawful combinations among food or coal dealers have put prices on a speculative high plane.

Youth Taken Ill With Smallpox POTTSMVILLE, Pa., Dec. 18.—While visiting Shenandoah, Michael Cabao, nineteen years old, of Lewistown, Pa., was taken ill. This morning his disease was pronounced to be smallpox. The patient was immediately removed to the Municipal Smallpox Hospital. His case is pronounced a mild one.

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BANDITS TAKE \$7000; IMPRISON BANK FORCE

Cashier, Who Enters When Job Is Half Done, Put in Vault With Assistants

BRISTOL, Col., Dec. 18.—Two men held up bandits were about to leave. He and the Stockmen's National Bank of Brush, today and got away with \$7000. The robbers found three men at work and at the points of pistols forced them to lie on the floor. Then one of the men rifled the vault.

Shoe Workers Threaten Strike LYNN, Mass., Dec. 18.—More than 15,000 men and women, members of the United Shoe Workers of America and employed in Lynn factories, threaten to go on strike next month unless their demands for an increase in wages are granted.

BOY ADMITS MURDER; THEN "VICTIM" APPEARS

Missing Child Returns to Save Playmate, Who Says "Third Degree" Forced Confession

BAITMORE, Dec. 18.—"Charlie" Klein, the fifteen-year-old boy, for whose body detectives have been searching the Pen Mar woods for several days, is at his home here today, very much alive. Richard Barrett, fourteen years old, had "confessed" to the police that he had killed Klein last June near Pen Mar and hidden his body in the woods.

When Klein learned of Barrett's "confession," he came here from Cumberland, Md., where he had been working since he disappeared from home last June. Barrett, who is confined in St. Mary's Industrial School here, blames the detective for his "confession." He said he told them "first that he had not harmed Klein, but they wouldn't believe him. After being forced through the "third degree" he told of killing Klein "just to please them," he said. Klein said today he had had no quarrel whatever with Barrett when they parted at Pen Mar.

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250 Elk Hunters Snowbound MORRISMAN, Minn., Dec. 18.—About 250 men, women, boys, automobiles and a great number of sleds and wagons, have been stalled for seven days in the upper part of the state, six miles from the coast, by thirty inches of snow on the ground. The snow is a heavy blanket with no wind to stir it up.