

SEVEN ALLIED PLANES WRECKED BY TEUTONS

German Aircraft Also Shell Dunkirk—British Win and Loose Trenches

BERLIN, Feb. 2. Seven Allied aeroplanes were shot down in sky battle yesterday, the German War Office announced today in an official report on western front operations.

Numerous reconnoitering enterprises were carried out at various points along the front. On the Guedecourt-Beaulencourt road (some front) an English detachment, after strong artillery fire, succeeded in penetrating a position held by a German company, but was driven out by a counter-attack.

On both sides of the Ancre and Somme rivers there were lively artillery duels.

Snowstorms and severe frosts have prevented any important operations against the western front, the War Office stated. No mention was made of Rumanian operations. The situation on the Macedonian front is unchanged.

Failure of a German attack Thursday evening against the French line near Verdun, in Lorraine, was announced in today's official statement.

Around Verdun the statement detailed artillery activity in the sector of Louvemont.

Dunkirk was bombarded by enemy aircraft with small damage. There were no casualties in the air raid.

BIG DRIVE EXPECTED ON ITALIAN FRONT

ROME, Jan. 12 (by mail to New York, Feb. 2).—A Teutonic offensive against the Italians on a bigger scale than that of last June, in which German and Bulgarian troops will take part as well as Austro-Hungarians, is in prospect, according to information reaching the Italian General Staff. On the other hand, from the contents of orders found on officers recently made prisoners and from other sources, the General Staff has come to the conclusion that these preparations must be regarded as proof that the Austrians are fully aware that a gigantic Italian offensive against Trieste is imminent and that they are taking every precaution to meet it and check it at its very beginning.

Direct news from the front, besides confirming all previous information concerning the Teutons' preparations for an offensive against Trieste, warn the Italian public that there are signs of preparations on even a larger scale for another offensive against the Gorizia-Isonzo lines.

In fact, the civil population of the towns of the Vipacco Valley are being gently urged to move in front of the lines in order to avoid unnecessary hardships and at the same time to leave the artillery free to put in a state of defense every town, farmhouse and hamlet. Reliable information has it that the work of fortifying these towns was begun early in November under the direction of Colonel Lileman, a German fortification expert, who acquired experience in Belgium and France.

According to this expert the real war for Italy will begin the moment she undertakes an offensive against Comen, whose guns guard the Monfalcone-Nabresina road to Trieste. In November the Italians pushed their lines near the gates of Carnia, a village which is only about seven miles from Comen.

A chain of hills, extending from Duino, on the Adriatic, to Termizza, on the north, and comprising Mount Quarcino, 1100 feet high; Mount Noveto, 1200 feet high; and Mount Tarvet, 2000 feet high, to say nothing of minor hills of strategic value, denude any further approach to Comen from the west; while from the northwest hundreds of guns on Mount Frigido, 4300 feet high; Mount Veik, 4700 feet high; Mount Madrasovaz, 3900 feet high, and a series of lesser hills, guard the railway line to Ljubach.

These heights, the German expert says, can be captured only at the cost of tremendous sacrifices in men and materials, and that even if the Italians should succeed east of Comen they will find successive lines of defenses to the very threshold of Trieste. Besides this, the expert avers, that if the Italians should take Duino, east of Monfalcone, and thus secure a comparatively free, but narrow road, to Trieste along the seashore, their left flank would be dangerously exposed to a counter-attack from the north and east, which would eventually result in cutting the advancing army from its base and deprive the Italians of the only road at their disposal for retreat.

In Trentino still larger movements of troops and materials are reported by the Italian intelligence department and independent observers in Switzerland. Besides, the Italian general staff has often warned that a surprise attack even in midwinter is not improbable and that this time it would have to reckon not only with Austro-Hungarian, but German and Bulgarian as well, and with twice the number of guns used in the Teutonic offensive last June.

70 Years Married, Mark Anniversary

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 2.—Barr Spangler and wife, of Lancaster, Pa., are celebrating their seventieth anniversary of married life, believed to be the oldest married couple in Pennsylvania and both are in good health, though he is ninety-one years old and she is eighty-nine. He is vice president of the Marietta National Bank and a merchant.

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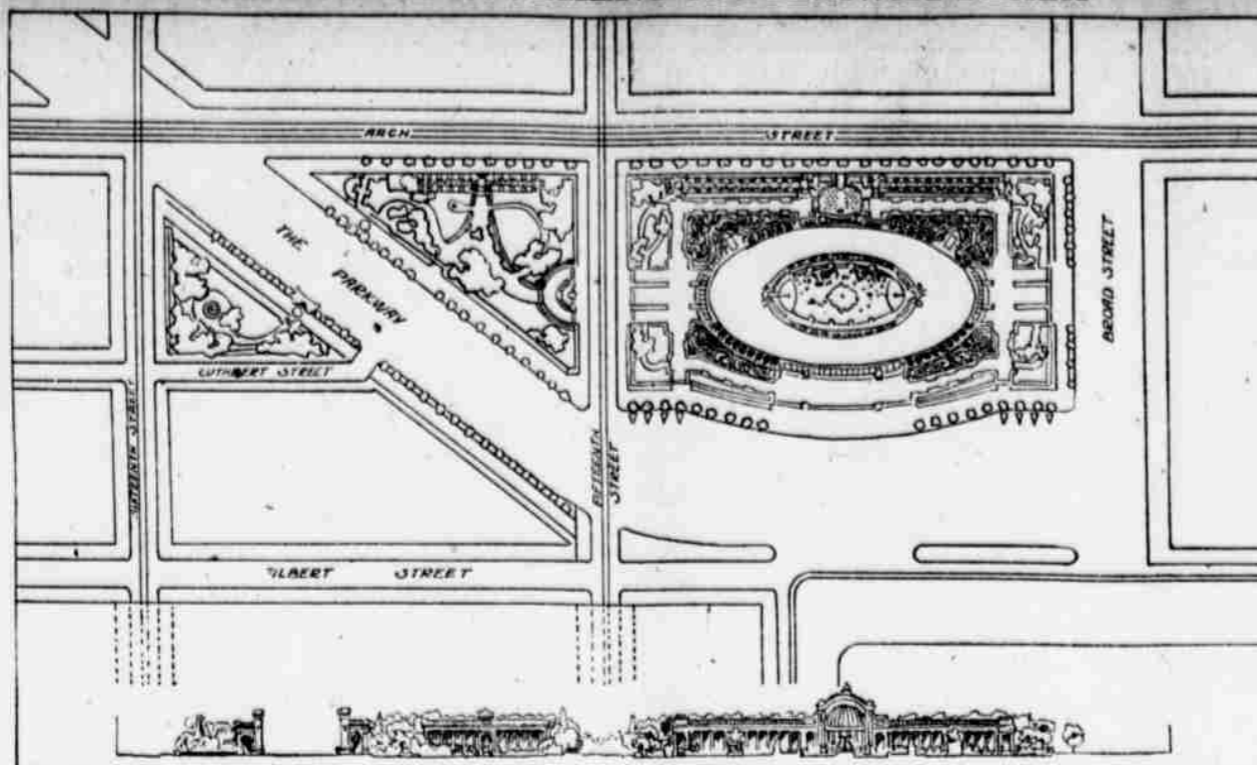
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UN ULTIMATUM INVIATO DI GIA' ALLA GERMANIA?

A Washington Si Dice Che Gli Stati Uniti Abbiano Minacciato la Rottura delle Relazioni

WASHINGTON, D. C., 2 Febbraio. Nella ancora di positivo si sa circa l'azione che gli Stati Uniti si propongono di iniziare come risposta alla nota del governo del kaiser circa il blocco delle coste dell'Inghilterra e la guerra di sotterranee, si dice che la risposta sarà quella che deve essere e si dice che una nota di ammonimento è stata già mandata alla Germania. Di essa ad ogni modo si ignora il contenuto, ma corre voce che è tale che la rottura delle relazioni diplomatiche è da attendersi da un giorno all'altro. Si crede generalmente, in base a notizie raccolte da fonte autorevole, che l'ambasciatore von Bernstorff, che ieri un giornale, il Providence Journal, accusava un'ipotesi di essere stato l'istigatore di incidenti e di assassinii in America, riceverà i suoi passaporti nello spazio di 48 ore.

Le speranze che il presidente Wilson poteva nutrire sulla possibilità di evitare una rottura e convincere la Germania ad usare i suoi sottomarini secondo le leggi internazionali e di umanità, sono completamente svanite. Si sente dappertutto che la guerra è inevitabile, la guerra è la sola risposta che una grande nazione neutrale può dare al kaiser che tenta di calpestarne i diritti più ovvii. Si aspetta che nella giornata di oggi il Dipartimento di Stato annuncerà la sua linea di condotta di fronte alla Germania. Ad ogni modo si può esser certi che la rottura si avvicina a rapidi passi. A rendere la situazione ancora più grave, a rendere la rottura ancora più imminente ed inevitabile, è venuta una nuova dichiarazione da parte dell'ambasciatore Bernstorff che fu consegnata dal Dipartimento di Stato. La nota, o per essere più precisi, il memorandum che accompagnava la nota originale, dice che dal momento che gli alleati dell'Inghilterra hanno rifiutato di discutere la pace su basi di "uguaglianza di diritti" di cui certamente la Germania non avrebbe parlato se avesse potuto essere vittoriosa sui grandi teatri della guerra il governo del kaiser deve rinunciare alle restrizioni che si era imposto nell'uso dei suoi sottomarini, ed esprimere la speranza che gli Stati Uniti comprenderanno la necessità e conseguentemente approveranno le sue misure.

Gra si dice che anche il governo austriaco ha presentato al governo americano, o sta per presentargli, una nota simile a quella della Germania circa la guerra di sottomarini. In questi circoli politici, fatte poche eccezioni, si crede che l'azione del governo americano di fronte alla minaccia tedesca sarà pronta, decisiva e vigorosa. Questa azione è domandata dalla grandissima maggioranza del pubblico americano per bocca dei grandi e piccoli giornali, con poche note discordi oltre a quelle della stampa tedesco-americana e di quella, non numerosa, di quella.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PROBES SINKING OF GERMAN SHIP

Reports Vessel was Scuttled to Block Charleston Harbor Under Thorough Scrutiny

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Government today began a thorough investigation of the sinking of the German steamship Liebenfels at Charleston, S. C., a few hours after Germany had announced her ruthless submarine warfare intentions. Reports were that the vessel was scuttled by her crew in an effort to block the harbor. The Treasury Department ordered Collector Frederick C. Peters, at Charleston, to obtain the stories of the crew and any other evidence.

The Madrid giunge notizia che ieri si ebbe un lunghissimo consiglio di ministri ebbene il quale il ministro degli Esteri ebbe una lunga conferenza con l'ambasciatore americano.

VIOLERA LA SVIZZERA? ROMA, 2 Febbraio.—Si ritiene qui che la campagna dei sottomarini tedeschi sarà seguita da altre spaventose operazioni di terra. La Germania, dicono notizie da Londra, si propone di violare la neutralità della Svizzera e dell'Olanda.

Dead on Wife's Grave Heart disease was given by physicians as the cause of the death of George J. Ziegler, prominent Kensington Mason, whose body was found late yesterday on the grave of his wife, in North Cedar Hill Cemetery, Frankford. He was tyler for eight years of Kensington Lodge, No. 211, F. and A. M.

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