

**PREPARA LA VITTORIA DECISIVA**

**Ma Ora Che Egli Conterebbe di Attaccare gli Alleati dall'Alsazia-Lorena**

**IL COLPO ALL'ITALIA?**

ROMA, 3 Aprile.  
L'opinione da Copenhagen dicono che la mossa sta preparando il suo massiccio colpo militare nella speranza di metter la alla guerra con una vittoria decisiva degli imperi centrali e dei loro alleati. Le informazioni che sono giunte da Berlino e dal capitale danese dicono che il maresciallo von Hindenburg non ritiene affatto impossibile questa vittoria finale e decisiva. Egli ha arroviato tutti gli uomini capaci di portare un fucile, fin quelli di età superiore ai 45 anni.

Naturalmente i piani di von Hindenburg sono segreti, e poiché non si può sapere se egli intenda di attaccare ad est o ad ovest, e la riserva strategica che il maresciallo ha potuto mettere insieme sono ancora in Germania da dove possono essere mandate contro i franco-inglesi o contro i russi. Pare che il gran quartier generale tedesco sia ora stabilito a Krefeld, sul Reno e che lo Stato Maggiore generale sia diviso tra Charleville e Metz, in Francia. Si dice che questo fatto potrebbe rivelare qualche cosa delle intenzioni di von Hindenburg, che si pensa possano essere anche di attaccare la Francia dall'Alsazia.

Stando a queste informazioni, il ripiegamento dei tedeschi dalla Somme avrebbe avuto come scopo lo scopo di rendere possibile la battaglia in campo aperto su quella fronte, ma quello di evitare il macello che l'immensa massa di artiglieria concentrata colà dai franco-inglesi avrebbe fatto delle truppe tedesche e di ritardare l'offensiva generale degli alleati. Vi sono indicazioni che fanno ritenere che il ripiegamento dei tedeschi dalla fronte della Somme non è affatto terminato e che continuerà ancora per qualche tempo e per una certa estensione di territorio.

**SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA**

Con queste notizie ancora contraddittorie circa le intenzioni di von Hindenburg e dopo che si è parlato tanto della grande offensiva contro l'Italia, è naturale che non si esca ancora dal caos delle notizie. E' un fatto però che lo Stato Maggiore austriaco ha preparato qualche cosa sulla fronte italiana, ma le ipotesi sono così svariate, così strane e contraddittorie che sarebbe impossibile citarle tutte. Si dice perfino che von Hindenburg avrebbe abbandonato l'idea di invadere l'Italia per le vie che portano alla pianura veneta e penserebbe ad utilizzare quella che portano alla Lombardia, a cioè la Val Giudicaria, la strada del Tonale e quella dello Stelvio, le tre vie di invasione che sono le più facilmente difendibili, le più difficili a percorrere, quelle su cui l'artiglieria pesante difficilmente marciare a causa dei grandi dislivelli.

Ieri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte italo-austriaca:  
Forti nevicate nelle zone montuose della fronte di battaglia hanno ostacolato le azioni di artiglieria, ma queste sono state di proporzioni considerevoli nel settore ad est di Gorizia e sul Carso.

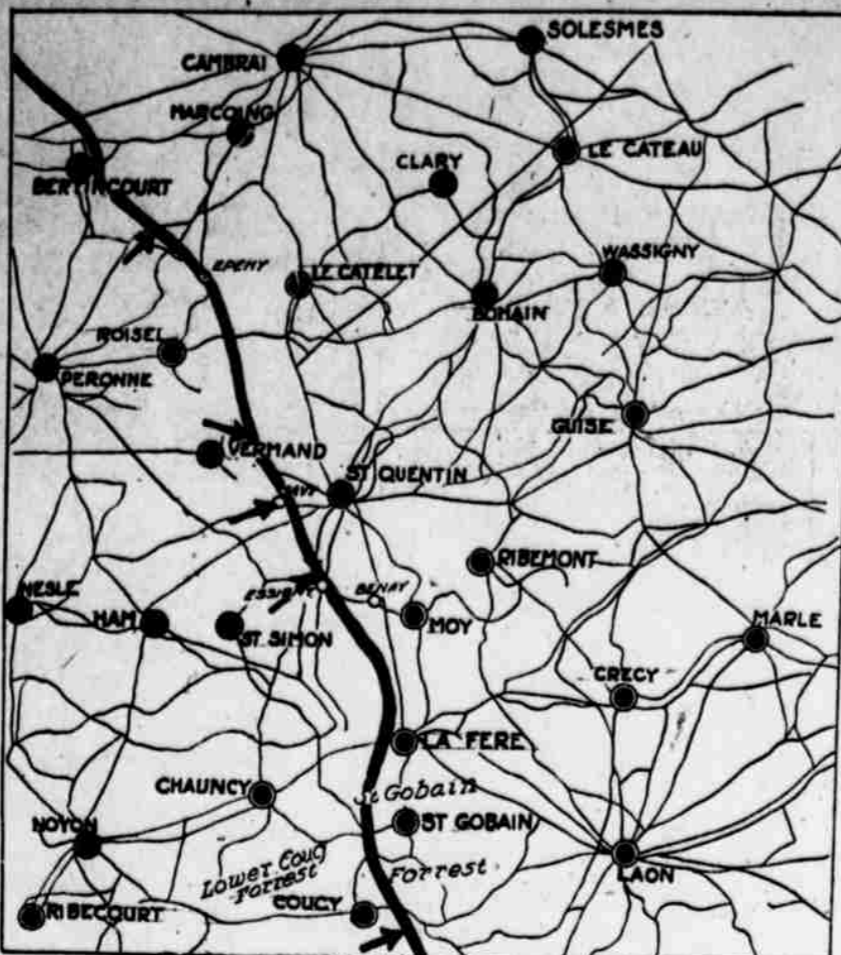
Scontri di poca importanza si sono avuti nella vicinanza del Paese del Tonale, nella Val Camonica e sulle falde settentrionali del Monte Melino, in Val Giudicaria.

Nella zona di Gorizia nella notte dal 30 al 31 marzo, dopo una violenta preparazione di artiglieria e di mortari da trincea, gli austriaci lanciarono un attacco contro le nostre linee a nord di Caterina, ma furono immediatamente respinti. Nella stessa notte il nemico tentò una incursione contro una nostra posizione ad est di Verri-olba, incursione che non ebbe successo.

**SULLA FRONTE DELLA SOMMA**

Telegrammi da Parigi dicono che gli inglesi ed i francesi si sono avvicinati ancora di più a St. Quentin. Essi hanno occupato Eavy e sono ad appena tre miglia dalla base tedesca. Si dice che parte della città di St. Quentin è in rovina, essendo stata distrutta dai tedeschi con incendi ed esplosioni.

**ALLIES ADVANCE ON ST. QUENTIN**



French and British forces are closing in on St. Quentin, which seems now to be their immediate objective. General Haig's troops have taken Vermand and Savy, bringing their lines within three miles of St. Quentin, and the evacuation of this town by the Germans, like the abandonment of Bapaume and Peronne, is predicted. The fact that the British are within even less than three miles from the main road linking Cambrai to St. Quentin leads to the belief that the whole line may be given up by the Germans either to mass troops for an offensive elsewhere, as it is said, or to defend a shortened line east of the Somme.

**British Take Crosilles, on Cambrai Road**

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the fall of 1914, when England's first army of 100,000 men was rolled back from Belgium by Von Kluck's all-powerful legions and nearly annihilated. By their assaults in the last twenty-four hours the British have driven their wedge from one and one-half to two and one-half miles deeper between Cambrai and St. Quentin.

Military experts here today saw French signs of Germany's apprehension that she will be unable to hold the Hindenburg line, in information arriving via Denmark that fresh calls for men have been issued by

the Kaiser's leaders. The latest draft will take every man able to carry arms up to fifty years of age. Theoretically Germany has not called out men of greater age than forty-five, but in actual working, the reports declared, she has now thousands in active service beyond that age limit.

**BERLIN, April 2.**

Gains for both British and French were admitted by the German War Office today. There was violent fighting all day yesterday along the eighty-five-mile front from Arras to the Aisne. The official communication said:  
West of St. Quentin, after attacks by strong Anglo-French forces, the Germans retired "as ordered," taking with them fifty prisoners.  
On the plateau of Vregny, immediately north of the Aisne, the French gained some territory also.

**RUSSIANS START NEW OFFENSIVE IN RUMANIA**

BERLIN, April 2.  
Russian troops fighting in Rumania have begun a new offensive against the Austro-Germans.  
"On both sides of the Uzul Valley, along the frontier heights, the Russians, after strong bombardment, made an attack over a front of four miles," the War Office announced today. "These storming waves broke down in our fire except in one place, where the attack resulted in hand-to-hand fighting. Minor advances in addition to the main assault failed also."  
In the sector of the Ludova forest Austro-German detachments destroyed Russo-Rumanian works with mines.

PETROGRAD, April 2.  
Russian forces in the Caucasus have occupied Matsagut, Potaht and Serpoule and are pursuing the Turks, who are fleeing toward Kasrichirh, the official War Office statement announced today.

**ENTENTE URGING CHINA TO ENTER WORLD WAR**

PEKIN, April 2.  
The Entente Powers are again exerting pressure on China to enter the war, it was authoritatively stated today. Reports have been received from the provinces that considerable opposition has developed against China's participation in the conflict, which is causing the Government to move cautiously.  
Advices from Shanghai said that Chinese merchants in that city have sent a long telegram to the capital urging a continuation of neutrality.  
The action of the French in closing German schools is greatly resented, it is said. The Government is being urged to confer with the French Minister on the matter.

LANCASTER, Pa., April 2.—This is Flag Day for Lancaster by proclamation of Mayor Trout, and there are few buildings not decorated with the national colors.

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Old Way	New Way
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4 EGGS	1 egg
1/2 cup shortening	2 tablespoons shortening
1 teaspoon flavoring	1 teaspoon flavoring

Makes 1 Large 2-Layer Cake

DIRECTIONS—Cream the sugar and shortening together, then mix in the egg. After adding the flour and Royal Baking Powder together two or three times add it all to the mixture. Gradually add the milk and beat with spoon until you have a smooth pour batter. Add the flavoring. Pour into greased layer cake tin and bake in a moderately hot oven for twenty minutes. This cake is best baked in two layers. Put together with cream filling and spread with whitening.

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