GEL ITALIANI AVANZANO | PLOT MAY BE FOILED **VERSE IL MONTE SANTO** BY GERMAN'S ARREST

Prisoner's Correspondence Here

Indicates Scheme to Destroy

Fort Oglethorpe

Bursting Shell Kills

of the ship was standing within ten feet of the nurses when they were killed." Major Besley was standing within three

feet of the nurses who died, and, relating his

saw one of the dead girls silding from her chair to the deck. We do not know how the accident occurred.

hearing evidence, but we could get nothing definite. We found bits of the defonating cap, which is placed in the shell behind the

owder, scattered around the deck. There

was a line of lifeboats hanging between us and the gun. We had to stoop to look under the lifeboats to zee the firing. The gun was shattered. Its breach remained intact and

none of the gun crew knew what had hap-pened until we had conveyed word to the officer in charge."

The gun crew of the Mongolia several

weeks ago reported firing at a submatine in English waters, the same stern gun having been used in that incident. Major Besley expects to sail again imme-

diately. There will be no official investi-gation, he believes, other than the inquiry

which was conducted aboard ship last night He telephoned Washington this afternoor

BODIES BROUGHT ASHORE

headquarters

for instructions

crew sald

'I sat up until 1 o'clock in the morning

personal story of the accident, said :

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thorpe. Georgia.

La Quota 652 Saldamente Connolidata, Mentre sulla Fronte Giulia Tuona il Cannone

CANNONI CONQUISTATI

Le Masse Austriache Contrattaccane Inutilmente le Nuove Linee Italiane a Nord di Gorizia

ROMA, 21 Maggio. comunicato odierno dei Ministerr della Guerra alce che gli austriaci hanno nciato un violento e viguroso attacco contro le posizioni italiane del Monte Dente. sul Pacubio, ma gli austriaci sono stati respinti dopo che subirono perdite gravis-

e. L'attacco si era aviluppato in dense me su tutta la fronte del Pasublo. Il unicato aggiunge: a proviser and carringeneric from under the floor at his home. One of the letters, which was partly trans-lated, said, "Send dynamile by the usual method." The fact that many letters passed between Veckerman and Zanella indicates that some ominous influence is at work near "Nella zona della Alpi Giulie noi abbiam into un attacco del nemico sulle pen-

va e Britovo noi abbiamo esteso ancora zona della nostra occupazione sul Vo-e." Abbiamo preso centinala di prigionieri ed una quantita' considerevole di materiale da guerra.

Scalando alture che parevano inaccesa bili e sfidando nuvole di prolettili austriaci e cantando inni patriottici, i soidati d'Italia ni epingevano lunanzi oggi nel settore a nord di Gorizai. La battaglia sta raggiun-gendo una intenuita' straordinaria, avendo gli austriaci portato sulla fronte italiana visioni fresche prese dalla fronte della Galinia.

Si combatte tra i crepacci delle roccie, riparandosi dietro sassi e difeso improv-visate, e le masse di combattenti si divitono presto in piccoli gruppi che fanto tesoro di tutte le loro risorse individuali come nella vera e propria guerra di montagni

Lungo la fronte del Cucco e del Vodice la truppe del generale Cadurna hanno con-quistato oggi una intera sezione di alloggi sotterranei che evidentemente erano stati ammobigliati per ufficiali tedeschi. - Lu fatti essi erano ammohigilati con lusso fornite di vini in grande quantita'.

Le truppe italiane che hanno conquistato la Quota 652 sul Vodice, a nord del Monte Santo, hanno enteso le loro conquiste nella cifornata di sabato cosi' che la Quota 652 e' ora saldamente fortificata. Le truppe del generale Cadorna hanno anche attaccato di puovo le linee austriache ad est di Gorizia nuovo le linee austriache ad est di Gorizia le hanno sfondate, prendendo al nemigo prigionieri, cannoni ed altre armi. Anzi le satture di pezzi d'artigileria vanno divenendo sempre più importanti, giacche nella giornata di sabato Cadorna annunciava di aver catturato due cannoni da 116, due mortal da 152, numerosi mortal da trincea a mitragliatrici.

Gll austriact avevano tentato un mento diversivo nel Trentino, ma il tentativo e' stato subito sventato, il che mostri nentre egli attacca le linee delle Giulle dell'Isonzo, il generale Cadorna non trascura affatto la fronte del Trentino.

L'azione delle artiglierie sulla fronte del Fisonzo va divenendo sempre plu' violenta dopo una pausa di pochi gierni, cio che indica che si va preparando una nuova Importante azione dello fanterio. Sebbene le linee di Cadorna siano ora molto al di la' dell'Isonzo, sulle vette da cui gii aus-triaci dominavano il fiume tra Gorizia e Plava, il comandante italiano cerca evi-dentemente di forzare il nemico ancora verso est.

Ecco il testo del rapporto del generale Cadorna pubblicato leri sera dal Ministeri della Guerra

Nella zona a nord di Gorizia leri le sulla Quota 652, sul Mente Vodice. Dense masse nemiche, precedute da una fitta violentissima cortina di fuoco che ne protergeva l'avanzata, contrattaccarono nella speranza di arrestare la nostra avanzata, ma ogni volta cos si spinsero innanzi furono ricacciate indictro con gravi per-

Nella serata il nemico ritirava la sua fanteria e concentrava un vigeroso fucco di artiglieria sulle posizioni perdate. Queste furono mantenute dalle nostre truppe

Nol catturammo due cannoni da 110 millimetri, due mortal da 157, mortal da trincea e mitragliatrici ed un grande quantita' di armi e di munizioni.

EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, MAY 21, 1917

thus permitting the cartridge case to ez-piode and fly backward. Reports that some shells had burst close to the gun previously were unconfirmed, though it was suggested that if that re-port were true it must have been a result of improper setting of the time device. The only statement made by Secretary of the Navy Daniels was as follows: "Two nurses, Edith Ayers and Helen Burnett Wood, from Base Hospital No. 12, of Chicago, were accidentally killed by fragments of brass from a practice shell fragments of brass from a practice shell fred by a gun on board the steamship

The arrest of Florian Zanelia, an alleged Mongolia Mrs. Ayers, thirty-seten years old lived at 2112 Sedgwick street, Chicago, and was a graduate of Cook County Hospital, and a member of Base Hospital Group No. 12. German spy, by agents of the Department of Justice, may have prevented another dynamite tragedy. He will have a hearing Mrs. Woods, twenty-eight years old, lived at 1144 Sherman avenue. Evanston, and was a graduate of the Illinois Training today before United States Commissioner

Zanella was captured at 1103 North Han-School for Nurses.

ock street. He is accused of having The Mongolia fired the first shot in the war between the United States and Gersecret correspondence with a German sailor known as Veckerman, who is now interned She either eank or disabled a Gerwith others of his countrymen at Fort Ogieman submarine that maneuvered to attack her April 19 while on her way to Europe. thorpe, Georgia. Zanella was arrested by Agents Mallet and Gazsel. Among his effects, it is said, were found many letters from Veckorman, a revolver and cartridges. These were

Allies Resume Joint

Three men arrested for taking photo-graphe slong the Schuylkill River yester-Continued from Page One artillery struggle continued throughout the graphe along the Schuyfkill River yeater-day were released this afternoon after being questioned by Frank Gabarino, spe-cial agent of the Department of Justice. They proved that they were merely taking harmless anapshots. The men are Joseph Wojtecki, 378 North Third street, and his brether, Frank Wojtecki, and Walter Traci-kilwitez, both of 2216 Vine street. A strong German stlack was made night near Froidmont farm and repulsed.

official report said: We brilliantly captured several lines of German trenches in the sector of Moron-villiers, imprisoning 800. We found the crumpled German shelter: filled with dend. The enemy's longes were formid-able, particularly those inflicted by our forces against counter-attacks. All of these were repulsed.

Two Red Cross Nurses LONDON. May 21 LONDON. May 21. Further success along the Hindenburg line was achieved by British troops in spirit-ed fighting last night, Fleid Marshal Haig reported today. His report follows: At Bullecourt and Fontalnes-les-Croisilies, along the Hindenburg line, our success was continued a' night and Matzan, thirty-four, of Columbus, Neb., was eriously but not dangerously injured. "No other member of the unit was in jured. The morale of the personnel was

splendid. The nurses were sitting on the upper deck aft on the port side, 200 feet from the stern gun, during target practice Only one shot was fired from the stern gun. counter-attacks repelled. HINDENBURG SHIFTING At this time judgment must be suspended, as there is no accurate evidence to warrant making a positive statement as to the exact cause of the accident. The first officer TROOPS TO DRIVE INTO RUSSIA, GERMANS SAY

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE

FIELD May 21. "In the target practice, which occurred I p. m. Sunday, when we were twenty Field Marshal von Hindenburg is shift ing his shattered and exhausted divisions nours out, the two forward guns were fired first. Then the stern gun. The nurses were sitting in deck chairs watching the target, which was a long distance away. We saw the shell strike the water at a the west front to the northern and eastern battle lines, where they are being re-formed preparatory to a drive on Petrograd. In the meanwhile, fresh divisions great distance from the ship. Immediately afterward, Miss Matzan, who was injured, touched me on the shoulder and said: 'These girls are hurt.' I looked around and from the Russian front are being sent to France.

German prisoners revealed the purpose behind such a plan as twofold. "We expect Hindenburg to try to take

we expect filmandurg to try to take petrograd," said one today, "or at least additional Russian territory. His purpose would be first to some Russia into a sepa-rate peace, and, second, to use his gains there as a lever against the Allies.

Just now, however, the east front lines are thin. Exhausted divisions and those whose lesses have brought them far below their regular strength are being transferred from France to Russia. In return fresh divisions on the Russian front are being switched here. Some from Russia are being hurled against the British and French with out waiting for replacement on the Russian

From prisoners and the results of raids. From prisoners and the results of raids, British hendquarters estimated today a total of twenty tierman divisions, about 400,000 men, have been smashed since the start of the offensive. The British have steadily maintained the initiative, despite every effort of the enemy to wrest this from them, and in the face of scores of fresh divisions hurled in counter-attacks. The week-diverse tailly of the offension for instructions According to members of the crew, the American gunners were engaged in larget practice at barrels thrown from the stern of the ship. A shell fired from one of the 4.7 guns on the starboard quarter exploded as it struck the water about 175 yards dis-tant, sending a shower of fragments back upon the deck of the vessel. These frag-ments caused the deaths of the nurses, the crew said.

The week-by-week tally of the offensive shows net gains every seven days by the British, and the situation today was ex-tremely favorable for continued success. Hindenburg is now working to outman-euver the British, having failed by sheer weight of his counter-attacks to stop the advance. Every German attack is being weighed by the British staff for the possi-bilities of some bold Teuton trick of strat-egy which it may contain. Incessant trench raids by the British serve to check up room

the a vigorous enemy counter-stack west of Monte Dents. The fighting was of the hand-to-hand order, the War Office reported. The enemy COSTA RICA RECU order, the War Office reported. The enemy stack was in dense masses along the whole front of the Pasublo. "In the Julian Alps section." the War Office said. "an Alps section." the War

In the Julian Alps section," the War Office said, "an enemy attack on the north-ern slopes of San Marco was repuised. "We took a hill between Pallova and Britovo and extended cur position further in the Vodice section.

"Hundreds of prisoners have been taken and a considerable amount of materia

Whole Nation Rises to Take Liberty Loan

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burg. Pa., banks expects to take \$1,000,600 in bonds. Two Albany, N. V., banks pur-hased \$500,000 worth each and subscrip-ions training and subscripment today Conta Rica has been involved in more factional disorders than any of the smaller republics in Central America, and while this Government has aimed to aid the ofions totalling \$1,000,000 through one bank vere reporter

In San Francisco the California State Board of Control announced it would incommanded by Captain Emery Lieutenant Bruce R. Ware, Jr. arge of the American gun crew. Be Resume Joint Drive in the West from Page One

"FOR LIBERTY," SLOGAN IN WAR BOND SALE

The Liberty Bell-ring it again. With this as their slogan, more than 300 trained bond salesmen, the men who actu-ally get money for the financing of the sountry's big industrial schemes, "dug in today" in their effort to float the Liberty 001

Philadelphia must huy \$200,000,000 worth of Government bonds. It is a tidy sum, but Philadelphia is hig and has the money. That is what the bond salesmen say, and, drawing from their experience they are combing Philadelphia thoroughly Every man and woman in the city is t get a chance to exhibit his or her patriotism by subscribing, and to make this easy the salesmen are carrying the opportunity direct to the doors of every home, office

uilding and industrial plant. C. J. Rhoads, who is in charge of the cam

paign which will develop itself into a smashing drive, imbued the salesmen with enthusiasm by announcing in a few words what the Government expected them to do.

"You must tell the people of Philadel-phia." said Rhoads "that this is their war, and that they must help with it by sub-scribing to the Liberty Loan. Nearly every man in the city can afford to buy one, and man in the city can afford to buy one, and as Philadelphia leads the country in pa-triotism it is not necessary to give further instructions. Just sell the bonds." As the first move in the campaign, the aleanen are devoting their efforts to per-sons who understand bond issues, but to-morrow and Wednesday the campaign will develop such proportions that scores of

develop such proportions that scores of others will ceganize industial plants, churches, clubs, fraternal organizations and other associations where customers can be found.

CLERGYMEN IN CAMPAIGN

Philadelphia clergymen entered the "buy-a-bond-campaign" with earnestness today, and the Liberty Loan furnished the chief ople at various ministerial meetings

Bishop Berry when addressing the Metio-disi Conference in the Wesley Building, Seventeenth and Arch streets, urged immodiate action. "The Government is facing serious embarrassment," he said, "unless the people respond and subscribe to the Liberty Loan." As a result of his appeal next Sunday will be Liberty Loan Day in Methodist churches and clergymen will carry the message of the loan to their congregations. The conference also recom-mended that funds belonging to the church gregations. societies should be withdrawn from bank-and invested in the Government bonds.

Bishop Berry made it plain that the bond ale was "disappointing" to the Government and made a plea for "results," "Put your shoulder to the wheel and float the loan." was his advice.

President which will be passed upon later, it is the urgent desire of the President thay this much logislation be put through im-mediately so that Hoover can begin the effective work at once. The question of fixing maximum and minimum prices on foodstuffs during the war will avait adultion by the Nemite pond At the meeting of Episcopal ministers held in the Church House, Tweifth and Walnut streets, a resolution was passed request. ing Bishop Rhinelander to urge clergymen and members of the church to invest in the Liberty bonds. war will await solution by the Senate nend Liberty bonds. The Presbyterians took similar action ing action by the House. Bitter opposition has arisen in both branches of Congress

after the Rev. Samuel D. Price outlined the purpose of the loan.

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diplomatic agents, have slowly brought about stability in Central American Govern-ments where conditions had been disorganments where conditions had been disorgan-ized and unstable. One after another of the smaller republics in South America and the West Indies have been aided by the United States to govern themselves, but this step has not been taken until if was absolutely necessary, and then only as a means of stabilization and not control.

mposed.

Santo Domingo and Haiti are now en-joying for the first time in centuries a decent sort of government through the police control afforded by the United States. Order was established in Nicaragua with the aid of marines, and that Government is now unservit

COSTA RICA REGIME

WASHINGTON, May 21.

Washington Will Act in Order to

Frustrate German Plot for

Factional Strife

By a Staff Correspondent

The news from Costa Rica today of

Jerman plot to overthrow the present Gov-

ernment will lead to recognition by the

United States of that faction-tern repub-

ic. This was the semiofficial announce

low peaceful. It is the plan of the l'nited States to

recognize the present Government of Costa Rica, and this recognition will probably come earlier than had been planned because of the reported German plot to interfere in

affairs there and restore Gonzales.

Senate Hears "Dry" Plea in Food Issue

PROVISIONS OF BILLS

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These include

United States.

food during the war.

orner" necessities

truppe penetrarono nelle linee del nemico · vi catturarono alcuni prigionieri. Durante la giornata di sabato noi catturam-mo 254 prigionieri tra cui quattro ufficiali.

Sulla fronte del Trentino il nemico tento' una diversione con un violento hou bardamento e con attacchi locali di fan teria, ma senza alcun risultato.

Un aeroplano nemico e' stato abbatuna battaglia aerea mopra la cittadina di Feitre.

· L'OFFENSIVA INGLESE

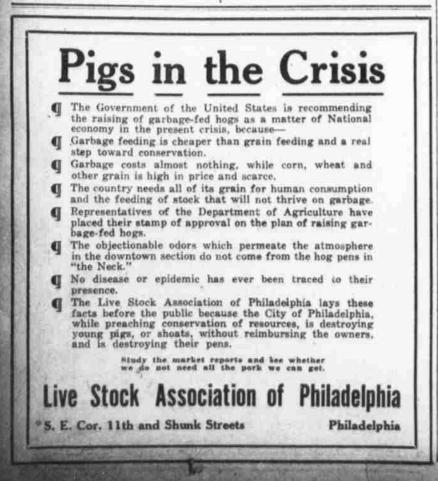
Telegrammi da Londra dicono che la fan teris inglese ha dimostrato ancora una volta che la famosa linea di von Hinden-burg non e'affatto imprendibile come pre-tendevano i tedeschi. Gli inglesi hanno attaccato le linee tedesche a nord di Bulle-court ieri mattina e alla sera ne avevano computatta più di se migle. conquistato più di un miglio. La battaglia non e' pero' finita, giacche' sembra che gli Inglesi siano impegnati ora in una nuova effensiva verso Doual e Gueant. Il mare-sciallo Halg rapportava ieri sera che la bat-taglia continuava a svolgersi a favore delle sue truppe.

WASHINGTON, May 21 Inquiries today concerning the condition of the ammunition aboard the Mongolia where two nurses were killed by an exploding cartridge case, developed the fact that the pavy has been investigating the faulti-ness of shells aboard the St. Louis-under suspicion that German agents might have

tampered with them. The shells on deck for immediate use on the St. Louis were found to be inoperative. Apparently the fuses had been tampered

Shells in the hold, to be used as reserve, were later tested at the Indian Head (Md.) proving grounds and founds to be satis-factory. This led to the suspicion that the

"Charley" Taft Enlists as Private NEW HAVEN, Conn. May 21.—Charles P. Taft, 2d, son of former President Wil-liam H. Taft, with eight companions, all Yale men, walked to the local army re-cruiting station and formally enlisted as privates in the artillery branch of the United States army today.

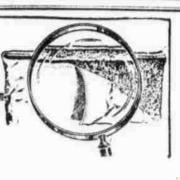




ON MT. PASUBIO; EXTEND GAINS NORTH OF GORIZIA

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