PHOLD MINIMUM CURRENT CHARGE

Service Commission Finds "Stand-Ready-to-Serve" Basis Justifiable

TROLLEY COMPANY LOSES

Long Controversy of Phoenixville Line and Philadelphia Suburban Electric Ended

HARRISBURG, Oct. 30 .- In an opinion critten by Commissioner John S. Rilling In ruling on the complaint of the Phoenix wille, Valley Forge and Stratford Railway pany against the Philadelphia Suburban One and Electric Company, the Public Servfee Commission holds that "the justice of a minimum charge or a 'stand ready to serve' charge to patrons of a utility has been well established." Under the conditions under which this service is rendered by the respondent, a reasonable demand charge would seem to be just and proper, the commission said.

The companies have been in controversy over rates for months and proceedings in the Chester County courts have been pending, a temporary injunction being part of the litigation. The trolley company refused to accept a new contract last year, contending that rates were too high, and took the electric company into court to prevent discontinuance of service, while the electric mpany brought suit against the trolley mpany. There is also a complaint of inadequate service. The trolley company uses most current in the summer.

On the complaint of interruption in service, the compaission said it will not pass at this time, as the company is making an effort to prevent further interruptions. The mort! fixed for a minimum demand of 300 kilowats, and the trolley company was directed to pay for service rendered since October 11, 1916, at a two-cent rate, subject te minimum charges. The electric company was directing to make a new tariff covering service to the trolley company in accord-ance with the decision.

The Center and Clearfield Railway Com-pany of Phillipsburg is the latest trolley commany to file notice of intention to increase fare from five to seven cents. It also discontinues sale of twenty-one tickets for a dollar and increases express and mer-

Teutons Take Udine in Mighty Offensive

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authenticated Ewiss reports received here.
"Our enemies are probably playing their
last card," commented the newspaper Tribuna today, "A battle which is developing
and which may occur on the Fruili plain
may be decisive for the whole Entente."
"Even if the center and the Julian wing
are compelled to withdraw this will have
no fatal consequence," said the Popolo
diffalia.

"We are steadfort and ready to reject with scorn any attitude creating difficulties with the directing powers" said the Osser-valore Romano.

ITALY MAKES HEPOIC DEFENSE; "PARALYZES ENEMY'S ADVANCE"

LONDON, Oct. 30, Italy's reliders are fighting heroically in the valleys of their own land, and this afternoon, according to correspondents at the front, are "playing the enemy's advance groups.

At Arditi furiously repeated assauls ere reported, which wiped out great bod-is of the enemy.

Further to the north, in the mountains, the operations are masked in terrible weather. It has been raining and snowing in a continuous gale for several days.

Julius Price, official correspondent for the British press with the Italian army, now in London, said today that instant aid must be rendered to Italy. "The facts must be squarely faced," he id. "At all hazards, the invasion of Italy

must be stopped. 'Italy has never been sufficiently strong

to bear the brunt of an attack of such overwhelming odds.

"However, provided British reinforce-ments arrive in time the Ivan should have a poor chance of success."

"There is not a moment to lose. At last we have the enemy in the open—with no elaborated trenches—far from the protecting wall of the mountains. If the situation is handled with Cadorna's strategic genius it is quite conceivable that the Austro-Germans may meet their Waterloo

ALLIES AID EXPECTED TO TURN TIDE IN ITALY WITHIN NEXT WEEK

on the plain of Fruili."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30. The turning point in the great struggle between General Cadonn's Italian forces and the invading Teutons on the plains of rth Italy will come within a week, offitake Cadorna at least six or seven days to withdraw to the Tagliamento line and con date his forces there, the cables say, that time neavy re-enforcements from the Ailto both in ren and munitions, are expected to effect the Huns. The prevent organized preparation for a

turn on the Teutons, however. Van Macken-sen is forcing his troops day and night. Kalser William is expected to join Emperor Fori at the front immediately to urge further linste. All dispatches indicate Ger-

It is officially declared here that political ons in Italy are improving under are calm, the cables show

"It is ioo early to describe the result of struggle" says the idea Nazionale. "It now l'ays duty and honor to sustain

in new l'ays duty and honor to sustain this big off-vaive. And she is doing so with parfact con-didence that she will be able to show herself worthy of her destiny and the confidence of her Allies."

Italy's t ibinet crisis, official cables add, has been virtually settled under demands for instant action to repel the Hun instance, Som into will be retained as Minister of Foreign Affairs, with Biscolitti and Nitt holding important portfolios under Prime Minister Orlando. Maintaining the norsale of the civiliar, population will be the norale of the civilias, population will be big task of the new cabinet.

If task of the new cabinet.

Enterte military men make no attempt sonceal the general chagrin felt at likel misjudgment of Italy's needs and ermany's strength.

It is now too late for this country to an amplituon needes by Italy, but France at England are expected to get vast suples to Caderna immediately. The twenty-ships, turned over to Italy by the ships burd what the great Teuton drive with a month officials say.

Tax Board to Hear Appeals

CADORNA DISCUSSING WAR MOVES



The Italian commander-in-chief, on the left, recently visited one of the British batteries aiding the Italians. The photograph was taken during

PHILADELPHIA TO RUSH | Allies Will Plan SHIPS TO AID ITALY

Heads of Big Plants on the Delaware Will Confer With Federal Authorities

gaged in the manufacture of steel for ship-

metals, which contributed to her inability to retain the ground gained by her in her campaign, is due, it is said, to the lack of ships to transport these appoiles to the conflict.

This does not mean that in the interimation of the ground consequence. The Italian situation demands immediate ships to transport these appoiles to the conflict. ships to transport these supplies to Italy. It is the determination of Chairman Hurof the Federal Shipping Board, that new vessels in American shipyards be rushed to completion as quickly as possible. so that supplies which will enable Italy to new the offensive may be sent across the

Tomorrow's conference, which will continue for several days, was called by Chairman Hurley so that shipbuilders, steel concerns and manufacturers of shipbuilding of all description may have an op-

on of shipbuilding. Harry Land, head of the William Cramp Sons Shiphuiding Company, with several there from that concern, will attend the onference, and the Chester Shipbuilding conference, and the Chester Shipbuilding Corporation, the American International Corporation, which recently acquired ship-building sites on Hog Island; the New York Shipbuilding Corporation and other local concerns will send representatives. The Cambria Steel Company, the United States Steel Corporation and other concerns which manufacture steel plates, engines, boilers and other shipping supplies will also be repbetrouser

None of the local concerns was willing Note of the local concerns was willing to say today what suggestions it would have to offer for lustening the shipbuilding program. All are working as rapidly as their ability to get labor and raw materials will let them. They are easer to learn, however, what suggestions will eman-ate from the conference.

The Federal Shipping Board yesterday

held a conference with representatives from the Southern Pine Emergency As-sociation an organization composed of southern sawmill owners and lumbermen. The lumbermen pledged themselves to see that lumber comes from the mills accord-ing to the specifications of the board and

that frames for shipbuilding shall always have priority of shipment

Heretofore some confusion has existed due to some of the mills holding up wood for shipbuilding in favor of better-paying commercial orders, and to meet this condition fairly the Government has granted a tion fairly the Government has granted a advance in the prices it pays for

To insure that the mill owners stick by their agreement, the shipping board, working through George Rubley, its representative on the priority board, is prepared sentative on the priority abard, is prepared to enforce a preferential order to prevent shipments of lumber, except for Government purposes, Violation of this order will be followed by prompt confiscation of the offending mill, Mr. Hurley said.

Charles Piez, for many years associated with the Link Belt Engineering Company, and Particularly was elected vice chairman.

of Philadelphia, was elected vice chairman of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, and will in that capacity be the direct aid of Mr. Hurley, the chairman. Mr. Piez will continue to discharge his former duties as

Mighty Offensive

Continued from Page Ocof the nations, revised and sanctified when

the United States entered the war. the United States entered the war.

But while prepared to go to the limit of human endurance to win the war the allied statesmen believe that there is a possibility of winning it before another year is passed. To do so, however, it is feit that As a re uit of the Italian reverses at the hands of the Austro-German armies, a dozen Philadelph and, hends of shipbuilding activities along the Delaware, will visit Washington tomorrow to confer with the Emergency Fleet Corporation officials and representatives of big steel concerns ensured in the manufacture of steel concerns ensured in the manufacture of steel for steel of American military participation is of American military participation is thrown in, all Europe will be resounding with the fury of the conflict.

The Italian situation demands immediate attention, and the steady pounding of the derman lines in the west must, of course, go on. But in war winter is the season of preparation, and it is to this work of preparation particularly that the interallied conference may be expected to devote its principal attention.

It is a problem calling for the best thought that the united brains of the nations can give to it. Mountains of ammunition, forests of guns, gigantic stacks

ounce of producing and transporting en-ergy must be conserved and utilized with the ulmost economy and lack of waste. Whole nations must be dedicated anew to the tremendous task ahead, and through the eriod of these winter months of preparation nations that are hungry and cold must be fed and warmed from a world that is short of food and fuel and shorter of the means of transporting them.

Scranton Coal Man Dies SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 30.—Joseph V. Birtley, seventy-one years old, died here yesterday. He had been general super-intendent of the Price Pancoast Coal Company for twenty-eight years.



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U. S. GOVERNMENT IS URGED GLI ITALIANI ARRESTANO TO END PRINTERS' STRIKE

Employers Say Press Feeders Halt Work on Federal Contract

NEW YORK, Oct. 30 .- Rather than grant the demand of 2700 press feeders for an increase of \$4 a week, the Association for Employing Printers has decided to appeal to the Government for assistance.

The employers informed representatives of the feeders that they will increase wages \$2 a week as a war relief. The employers believe that if the feeders refuse this offer the Government will step in to prevent delay in the completion of printing contracts connected with war work

At least 200 employes in the association have war printing contracts, Floyd Wilder, secretary of the association, said after the meeting. The employers are confident the feeders will receive no support from the International Association.

Unless the press feeders and the em-ployers agree soon there is danger the bal-lots will not be printed in time for the municipal election on November 6.

WILL CUT ARMY COATS

Radical Changes Ordered in Uniforms to Meet Modern Needs

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Radical changes NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Radical changes in army uniforms to meet the requirements of modern warfare, as we as to perfect further economies in their manufacture, have just been inaugurated. Overcoats are to be nade shorter. Shoulder pads are to be eliminated from wool service coats and for the first time manufacturers will be allowed to use cotton thread in the sewing.

The decision to make shorter. The decision to make shorter overcoats results from observations made in the trenches, where British soldiers have cut eight to ten inches from their coats to prevent their movements from being ham-

Hit by Onrushing Autoist, Boy Dies LANCASTER. Pa., Oct. 20.—John H. Stauffer, aged four, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Stauffer, of Landisville, died last night from injuries received when he was hit by an automobile in front of his home yesterday afternoon. The driver of the machine did not stop.

L'AVANZATA TEUTONICA

Le Truppe di Cadorna Resistono all'Impeto della Irruzione degli Austro-Tedeschi

ROMA, 30 Ottobre. Notisie ufficiali pervenute dalla fronte di battaglia confermano che l'avanzata delle forze austro-redesche sulla fronte del l'Isonzo e' stata arrestata e che le truppe italiane valorosimente stanno complendo il loro dovere per contendere l'avanzata del co sulle pianure.

Le forze austro-tedesche sono giunte De forze austro-tedesica sono ginte poche miglia da Udine, mentre gli italiani in perfetto ordine si ritirano sulla linea del fiume Tagliamento, secondo i plani stabiliti dal Comando Supremo, e da dove sara' definitivamente arrestata la marcia degli austro-tedeschi. Le linee sull'Isonzo sono state in prece

Le linee sull'Isonso sono state in prece-denza preparate e rafforzate in modo tale da opporre una resistenza molto superiore a quella che sarebbe stata possibile op-porre dalle linee dalle quali gli italiani si sono dovuti ritirare. A quest'ora sulle linee dei Tagliamento sono state inviate tutte le riserve disposibili di uomini e di cannoni in numero sufficiente da poter far fronte all'evenienza della lotta. fronte all'evenienza della lotta. Treni carichi di materiale e munizioni

stinuano ad essere inviati verso il nord. Tutta Italia e' fermamente convinta che la odierna situazione militare sara' chiarita nella maniera piu' soddisfaciente tra due o tre giorni. Una completa fiducia e gene-ralmente riposta nel piani di Cadorna per eventare la minacciata e grande invasione Al comunicato ufficiate che annunziava

l'attacco dell'ala sinistra sulla fronte Giulla che faceva apparire che la Seconda Armata si sarebbe ritirata od arresa al

nemico senza combattere, ha fatto seguito un altro comunicato che chiarisce la posizione di quelle truppe le quali non avrebbero commesso alcun atto di vilita' ma furono costrette a ritirarsi di fronte alla violenza dell'attacco nemico il quale avanzo' con forze numericamente quattro colte avanzo con forze numericamente quattro colte avanzo con forze numericale. volte superiori e con batterie di grosso calibro. Sembra pura accertato che l'artiglieria tedesca in questa avanzata ha fatto largo uso di speciali proiettili con gas asfissianti e materie inflammabili, dopo aver adoperate una qualita' di projettili che sviluppavano del gas producenti un'irritazione insop-portabile da costringere i soldati italiant a

Si osserva, pure, che le truppe della seconda armata erano composte di territoriali, cloe' di uomini richiamati alle armi e dell'eta' dai 35 al 40 anni, naturalmente meno resistenti e non sufficientemente istruiti. Contro questi uomini si scateno' la furia delle formidabili artiglierie tedesche,

Molti nutrono la ferma convinzione che l'Italia sia stata tradita da spie le quali hanno saputo bene informare il nemico del punto piu' debole della linea italiana. Infatti le forze tedesche hanno attaccato la fronte del settore difeso soltanto da territoriali e cioe' da un punto ad ovest di Tolmino fino a Pontebba.

Dispacci giunti dalla fronte dell'isonzo assicurano che le truppe italiane cola operanti hanno offerta una spiendida reistenza alla opprimente e numerosa pres-ione nemica. L'evacuazione dell'altipiano di Bainetzza avvenuta con il massimo ordine e senza erdite di cannoni o di uomini.

Si conferma che le forze austro-tedesche avanzano lungo le valli che conducono nella pianura Friuliana, e marciano verso Udine irradiando la pianura come le steeche di un ventaglio spiegato. Un telegramma da Berna annunzia che, Party candidate on Nov. 6th

tedesche sulla fronte dell'Isongo tano a circa ventimila uomini.

Un communicato ufficiale di Berline annunzia che la truppe austro-tedescia hanno invaso l'Italia sattentrionale è li trovano di fronte ad Udine, fino a poch giorni or sono sede dei quartiere generale

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