## EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1917

# MMEE WOUNDS THREE ATTACKERS

rapped as Barrage Lifts, He Makes Gallant Fight **Against Odds** 

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#### Pershing Praises Troops for Brave Stand When Huns **Assail Dugout**

### WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE. Nov. 12.

Heaver, Nov. 12. How a young American corporal, under the for the first time in his life, and that uly three hours after he had entered the pannets for the first time, battled bravely almst five Germans, is told in a detailed sport on the recent German trench raid sceived by a certain general.

The corporal was on duty at a listening soft when the Germans began a terrific combardment, barraging the first line. An officer signaled the corporal to re-ire, but the latter misunderstood the order and remained at his post. Buddenly the barrage lifted and the Ger-han swarmed over the manufact the cor-

mans swarmed over the parapets, the cor-poral finding himself surrounded by five Germans, who cut off his retreat. The cor-poral's story, as told at the field hospital where he is now recovering from his wounds, follows.

"A Boche made some sign at me as if calling for me to surrender. I answered by turning my tifle upon them and letting them have helt. Three of them went down in a row wounded and I was just drawing a bead on a fourth when something hit me on the back and I woke up here." The general's detailed report further thewed that severe fighting occurred near

howed that severe fighting occurred near dugout in which Americans were cap-

The dugout was twenty-five feet and the men had taken refuge there from the furious shelling. The Americans ap-parently had begun pouring from the dugas the Germans came over the top The few who reacned the surface immediately attacked the Germans, who outnum-bered them. The trench sides near the entrance to the dugout were splattered with ood and torn bits of 'uniforms, both merican and German, showing that hand-hand fighting of the most savage character had taken place there.

#### PERSHING PROUD OF MEN

way. There is hope here today that the race had been won by the Anglo-French forces, because of the admission that British artillerymen are now in the front lines of trenches confronting the Germans; but The General said he was well satisfied with the conduct of the men and pointed out they had been on the march all the night before and were tired. Added to this, they several days will be required to make it dain whether sufficient of these veteran had been in a trench in the European war only three hours and the shellfire had sev-ered the American telephone wires, making communication with the rear difficult.

extent to which the Germans has planned the raid was shown by the fact that they had brought up field telephone switch boards behind the American barbed witch boards behind the American barbed wire entanglements, connecting with Ger-man batteries by three lines for signaling the advance of the barrage during the progress of the raid. The American sector was normal on

Sunday.

not believed that there will be much mor-peace talk from Teutonic sources excepting along lines of a "made-in-Germany" peace General Pershing is recovering from a slight cold contracted during a recent visit to the American lines of communication. The Officials were glad that this was so. insisted that the talk of an early peace has been more or less responsible for delay in war preparations, and with such discussion seneral, in speaking of the successful trans-portation of American troops, said: "Thanks to the efficiency of the British.

ended the entire nation is expected to be come more efficient in all lines of war en-Fre ch and American naval protection, submarines have not claimed a single life of American soldiers on our troopships bound deavor. or France

neral Pershing was much pleased with Moscow Army Quits what he saw on his tour and said, in this

"Our innovation in army organization is already showing excellent results. In a war of all our strength against an enemy who uses all of his, we need the service of every kind of expert co-ordinated toward ons great purpose. Troops and supplies ar-

Continued from Page One preted it today, betokened battle. The last word received from Petrograd told of the

near approach of Kerensky and his loyal Government troops. It also declared that even in the city itself elements were band-ing together to oust the Trotzy-Lening of praise for the young Plattsburgers and student officers from Fort Sheridan, who have been arriving here for their final in-

ing together to usurpers of power. London does not expect the Bolsheviki to put up much of a fight. They are consti-put up much of a fighting men. They would are are tutionally not fighting men. They would not stomach a contest where the forces ar-rayed against them were their equal in number

Despite the kaleidoscopic changes and uncertainty of information from various Russian sources, the London press reflected a more cheerful attitude today. The con-

viction was expressed everywhere that Kerensky had once again drawn strength from initial defeat. German agents, with which the army known to be plentifully sprinkled, are prob-ably doing their utmost to prevent the lin-ing-up of Kerensky's forces against the revolutionists. One dispatch, received via Moscow, told of certain troops, ordered to entrain for service against the Boisheviki, who mutinied and attempted to halt pas-sage of special trains bearing other soldiers toward Petrograd.

Most encouraging of the late news was word from Petrograd that the railway, post and telegraph employes—all Covernment servants—had switched their allegiance from the Bolsheviki back to the Provisional Covernment and refused to obey Bolshevisi fashion. censors. This opened the first channel of Himse

iews from Kerensky's side as to conditions in the capital. Special correspondents for London newspapers in Petrograd sent dis-patches agreeing that support of the paci-According to these dispatches, there has already been some fighting in the streets of Petrograd. A great deal has been due to lawless elements taking advantage of the disorganization in the capital to loot and rob.

Numerous Covernment buildings, including the Winter Palace, have been stripped by soldiers of decorations and valuables, the process going on openly. Many of these soldiers, loaded with their booty, have en-countered Provisional Government troops

the city and have been shot. Wireless dispatches from Moscow clared that the counter-recoil against the Bolsheviki was in progress in Petrograd and that overthrow of the pacifists was

only a matter of houry. The same source assorted that the village of Tsarkoe Selo, about twelve miles from Petrograd, has been taken by Kerensky troops, Formation of an all-Russian organization to res-cue the nation was also reported. Kerensky, with General Alexieff, chief of staff of the raught with much more danger than was the Russian. There is now complete proof on hand here that the German plans call Bolsheviki by lying concealed in the bottom of an ambulance.

#### City Freely Opens Purse to Y. M. C. A.

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fund. Wayne Vetterlein and Price Mc Quilien, two Philadelphians who served in the American ambulance service front, will speak between the acts at the

natines. In emphasizing one small part of the Triangle association's work, one Red Trians worker add that on the night before worker said that on the night before a contingent of oldiers left recently for France, no leas than 30,000 letters were written on Y. M. C. A. paper. S. S. Kresge, owner of three five and ten cent stores in Philadelphia and of a chain of similar stores, will give 50 her cent of tomorrow's gross receipts to the Y. M. C. A. fund. The average sales for Tuesday are 180,000. Efforts will be made to heavet the

The Kresge stores have sixty-five men in the service. In order to boost the sales to-morrow, announcement was made that every girl in the store having the largest amoun of sales will receive \$1 bonus. Mr. Kresge also has asked to have some of the cam-naign workers address the girls tomorrow before the doors of the stores open for

GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH'S FRAISE paign headquarters:

I am deeply concerned in the work of the Y. M. C. A. for the men in the great training camps of the National Army

At every camp visited by us I have in-spected the Y. M. C. A buildings and met the men in charge. I have inquired at length of the commanding officers of the structure of the commanding officers of the structure of the commanding officers of the army concerning the work. The equipment and the service are uni-dependent of the service are uni-exception, are enthusiastic in praise of appreciate fully this splendid service. In fact, the Y. M. C. A. work at the camps is an essential and integral part of the training of our soldiers. To a sesential and the service of the training of our soldiers. The support and extension of the Y. A. C. A. work in our army and navy. Announcement was made that all scheof children in the city will be appealed to and children in the city will be appealed to and asked to contribute one cent a day for four months for the fund.

BRITISH OFFICER'S THRULLING PLEA The luncheon today at the Ritz-Carltonthe first to be held to hear the reports of the team captains-was a memorable one

Announcement of the large subscriptions was made by Horatio G. Lloyd, chairman of the Philadelphia district. There was only one speaker, Captain David Fallon, of the English-Australian army, but he urged the workers to action in true battle

Himself a veteran of the trenches, with a shattered hand and his face scarred, he described the Y. M. C. A. as one of the greatest institutions in the world. He told of how he had been the only officer to return with a few men after his whole company virtually had been wiped out of existence in charging the Boche trenches.

"The Y. M. C. A." he said, "is the last part of civilization which the men have before they scramble over the trenches to enter into hell. "It is also in the Y. M. C. A. dugouts that the boys write their last letters before going over the top. This message is kept going over the top. This message is kept, for a short time and if the man is left alive

it is returned to him. If not, it is for-warded to his relatives-the last living

warded to his relatives-the last living word from him on this earth. "Think men? Think what it means to those poor felows. Think also what it means to the folks at home. If you men do not know what it means, I am afraid you will have to learn sonn. This is a mighty and a bloody war. It only can be ended when these who started it have been destroyed. Amounts turned in hy team captains to-

day were as follows: H. G. Brengle, \$35.746; N. W. Corson, \$2552; J. Hernon Crosman, Jr., \$12.937; W. H. Folwell and L. G. Graff, \$11,560;

 Iay Cooke, \$21,854 25; Howard Cooper John-on, \$3161; C. Herman Krumbhaar, \$3350; Harman Kuhn, \$6440; Franklin G. Harfman Kunn, 88400; Frankin G. Morss, 468; George McFadden, \$20,000
C. Stout, \$11,251; J. N. Pew, Jr., \$5459; J. O. Platt, \$2600; Frank H. Tay-lor, \$1129; J. Randall Williams, \$559.

**RESPINGONO I TEUTONI** La Fanteria ed i Bersaglieri, con Truppe Anglo-Francesi, Sconfiggono le Avanguardie

**GLI ITALIANI ED ALLEATI** 

Nemiche

#### UN PROCLAMA DEL RE

La Croce Rossa Americana Elargisce \$250,000 Pei Profughi delle Terre Invase dai Teutoni

#### ROMA, 12 Novembre,

li Comitato Militare Interalleato, dal quale é' diretta la campagna per la salvagione d'Italia, ha recato oggi il primo colpe ontro le invadenti forze austro-tedesche. Lungo il basso corzo della Piave e sopra "altiplano di Asiago, a sud della Valle

Sugana, le truppe italiane in unione a quelle illeate, dopo aver efficacemente bombardate a posizioni teutoniche, con un deciso attacco hanno respinto indietro gli invasori. Nella Valle Sugana, che attraversa la frontiera dall'Austria-Ungheria in Italia a nord-est di Rovereto, lavanzata delle forze austrotedesche fu arrestata ed i bersaglieri dei generale Diaz riuscirono a catturare pareacht prigionieri.

Se, come annunzia il ministero della merra tedesco, le citta' italiane di Belluno e Viltorio sono state calturate dal nemico una nitova minaccia si presenta per le armate italiane che occupano le posizioni sulla Plave a nord di Viltorio, e la via per una ritirata verso le regioni piu' a sud arebbe seriamente ostacolata.

Con l'aumento di pressione contro am-edue i fianchi delle truppe italiane, che ecupano le posizioni verso la Piave, si readerebbe necessaria una nuova strategica ritirata per impedire che siano tagliati fuori i contingenti italiani sulle Alpi a nord lelle linee di Asiago e Vittorio. Una tale titrata costrogerebbe gli italiani a dare vo iontarlamente la città di Venezia, che sen-bra formi una delle mire dell'alto comando tedesco. Ma tale pericolo si spera sata frustrato dalle valorose retroguardie itali-ane e dalla brillante strategia degli ufciali che comandano le truppe alleate degli"

Italiani. Il comunicato del Comando Supremo, pubblicato feri dal Ministero della guerra itali ano dice.

All'alba di leri, dopo una preparazione Altanoa di fort, dopo dua preparazione di artiglieria che comincio la sera imanzia, avendo oltreparsato la linea di osservazione nel dintorni di Asiago, li nemico attacco i nostri posti avanzati a Gallio e Monte Serragh—collina 1116 -oltre detta linea e dopo flero combatti-mento riusci' ad impossessaraene. Le unita' di attacco del sedicesimo, ventinovesimo, settantasettesimo e set-tantottesimo reggimento fanteria, e la quinta brigata bersaglieri, con un vio-posizioni ricacciando indietro il nemico e catturando cento prigionieri. L'avanguardia pemica che avava rag-

dice il Re. sconfitto in ogni scontro dursa trenta mesi, ha ottenuti rinforzi di nun rose truppe veteranne della Germania. "Italiani, cittadini e soldati-cosi" con-"Italiani, cittadini e soldati-cosi" con-chiude l'appello-siate tutti uniti in un sols esercito. Ogni atto di codardia e' tradi-mento. Ogni disordine, ogni recriminazione e' tradimento. Al nemico che fa conto nen tanto su di una vittoria militare, quanto sull'indebolimento del nostro spirito e sulla postra acquiescenza passiva, rispondiame sull'indeponimento del nostro spirito e sulla nostra acquiescenza passiva, rispondiano, ad una voce che tutti siamo pronti a dar tutto per la vittoria e per l'onore dell'Italia.

one tuetonica.

L'Ambasciatore Page ha ricevuto ma

istruzioni al riguardo. La stampa italiana pubblica articoli nei quali si esaita ratio magnifico della Croce Rossa Americana, esprimendo i plu'alti sensi si gratitudine a nome del popolo d'Italia.

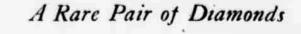
Philadelphia Boy Steals Auto

catturando cento priglonieri. L'avanguardia nemica che aveva rag-giunto il Villagia Tezze, nella Valle Sugana, venne prontamente attaccata e catturata. Sul corso del Piave le nostre truppe di copertura, dopo aver respinto i nemici che le attaccavano sulle alture di Valdo-biadene, passaroto alla riva destra del fiume distruggendo il ponte di Vidor. Lungo la parte mediana e la parte bassa del fiume Piave si verificarono duelli di artiglieria e di mitragliatrici. Un dispaccio da Londra dice che Berlino Il proclama e' firmato tanto dal Ra quanto dal membri dell'intero Gabinetto. La Croce Rossa Americana ha disposto \$250,000 a favore delle popolazioni che hanno abbandonato le loro case dietro l'inva-

Un dispaccio da Londra dice che Berlino annunzia che le forze austro-tedesche hanno catturato la citta' di Belluno al disopra della Piave, come pure la testa di ponte Vidor sulla riva orientale. Il comunicato tedesco dice pure che sulla fronte del Tren-tino le forze teutoniche hanno guadagnato terreno, dopo violenti combattimenti, nella regione del Sette Comuni, a nord-ovest di Aslago, e nella valle Sugana. In questi punti le forze austro-tedesche avrebbero at accato forti contingenti italiani ed in un punto li avrebbero respinti. Il comunicato tedesco termina dicendo che gli italiani hanno onposto resistenza lungo il basso

1 nomico,

Philadelphia boy Steals Auto NORRISTOWN, Pa., Nov. 12.—Caught stealing an automobile belonging to How. ard White from in front of a cigar store on Main street, Norristown, John E. Hughes, eighteen years old, 5825 Pemberton, street. Philadelphia, is being held for a bearing. He said that he did not intend to steal the core, only borrow it. He wanted to go home orso del fiume Plave. Re Vittorio Emanuele ha pubblicato un nergico appello alia Nazione dicendo che nemico, col concorso di straordinarie circar, only borrow it. He wanted to go home stanze, ha potuto concentrare tutti i suoi in a hurry and had no money. sforzi contro l'Italia. L'esercito austriaco,



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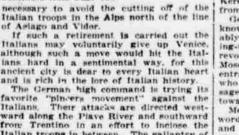


have been amalgamated with the Italians to permit their lines to hold. As a result of the Italian defeat, army officers here today have gone back to their original program, which called for at least two years more of the war. There is an utter lack of optimism in official Washington over an early peace. All of the infor-mation which has reached here shows that the German and Austrian officials have taken every possible advantage of the Rus-sian and Italian situations to revive and enthuse the war spirit. In consequence, it is

The

\$50,000. Efforts will be made to boost the sales to \$100,000 so that the fund will get

**Reds to Aid Kerensky** The following letter from Governor Brumbaugh was received today at cam-



**Foe Presses Drive** 

row Trentino in an enter. The gallantry of Italian troops in between. The gallantry of the Italian rear guards and the brilliant strategy of the officers commanding the Allies have so far frustrated the German alms int his regard.

GENEVA, Nov. 12 GENEVA, Nov. 12 Less than sixty miles of the Austro-Ital-ian battle line now rests upon Austro-Hun-garlan soil, said a dispatch from Vienna today. It added that the only point where

rive in increasing numbers in keeping with the plans worked out by experts of the Wat

Department in conjunction with experts France." The General digressed to say a few wo

10.000 Italians Taken:

Italians are now fighting upon Austrian ter y is at the southern point of the Tren-where the fighting front extends from itory is at the Stelvio Pass to a point near the Sugana Valley

## **GRAVE DANGER SEEN** IN ITALIAN POSITION

While advices from the Italian front were

uch more reassuring today, the speed of

he Italian retreat having been greatly re-luced, the Italian flank along the upper

Plave has been turned, army experts say

and it is by no means certain that a stand can be made in the positions that now are

The position of official Washington has all long been that the Italian situation was

for the complete crushing of Italy, if that is

It still is a race between the Austro-Ger-nans and the substantial re-enforcements of

British and French troops that are on th

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being taken.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12

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