

MIMEE WOUNDS THREE ATTACKERS

Trapped as Barrage Lifts, He Makes Gallant Fight Against Odds

BLOOD STAINS TRENCH

Pershing Praises Troops for Brave Stand When Huns Assail Dugout

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Nov. 12

How a young American corporal, under fire for the first time in his life, and that only three hours after he had entered the trenches for the first time, battled bravely against five Germans, is told in a detailed report on the recent German trench raid received by a certain general.

The corporal was on duty at a listening post when the Germans began a terrific bombardment, barraging the first line.

An officer signaled the corporal to retire, but the latter misunderstood the order and remained at his post.

Suddenly the barrage lifted and the Germans swarmed over the parapets, the corporal finding himself surrounded by five Germans, who cut off his retreat.

The general's detailed report further showed that severe fighting occurred near a dugout in which Americans were captured.

The dugout was twenty-five feet deep and the men had taken refuge there from the furious shelling.

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.

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General Pershing was much pleased with what he saw on his tour and said, in this respect: "Our innovation in army organization is already showing excellent results."

"Thanks to the efficiency of the British, French and American naval protection, submarines have not claimed a single life of American soldiers on our troops bound for France."

"The extent to which the Germans had severed the American telephone wires, making communication with the rear difficult, had planned the raid was shown by the fact that they had brought up field telephone switch boards behind the American barbed wire entanglements, connecting with German batteries by three lines for signaling the advance of the barrage during the progress of the raid."

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rive in increasing numbers in keeping with the plans worked out by experts of the War Department in conjunction with experts in France."

The general digressed to say a few words of praise for the young Plattsburgers and student officers from Fort Sheridan, who have been arriving here for their final instructions.

10,000 Italians Taken; Foe Presses Drive

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necessary to avoid the cutting off of the Italian troops in the Alps north of the line of Asiago and Vidov.

If such a retreat is carried out the Italians may voluntarily give up Venice, although such a move would hit the Italians hard in a sentimental way.

The German high command is trying its favorite "pinners movement" against the Italians. Their attacks are directed westward along the Piave River and southward from Trentino in an effort to enclose the Italian troops in between.

GRAVE DANGER SEEN IN ITALIAN POSITION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—While advice from the Italian front were much more reassuring today, the speed of the Italian retreat having been greatly reduced, the Italian flank along the upper Piave 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 being taken.

The position of official Washington has all along been that the Italian situation was fraught with much more danger than was the Russian. There is now complete proof on hand here that the German plans call for the complete crushing of Italy, if that is possible.

It still is a race between the Austro-Germans and the substantial re-enforcements of British and French troops that are on the way. This 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.

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.

Officials were glad that this was so. They insisted that the talk of an early peace had been more or less responsible for delay in war preparations, and with such discussion ended the entire nation is expected to become more efficient in all lines of war endeavor.

Moscow Army Quits Reds to Aid Kerensky

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preted it today, betokened battle. The last word received from Petrograd told of the near approach of Kerensky and his loyal Government troops.

London does not expect the Bolsheviks to put up much of a fight. They are consistently not fighting men. They would not stomach a contest where the forces arrayed 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 conviction was expressed everywhere that Kerensky had once again drawn strength from initial defeat.

German agents, with which the army is known to be plentifully sprinkled, are probably doing their utmost to prevent the lining-up of Kerensky's forces against the revolutionaries.

Most encouraging of the late news was word from Petrograd that the railway, post and telegraph employees—all Government servants—had switched their allegiance from the Bolsheviks back to the Provisional Government and refused to obey Bolshevik orders.

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 Government buildings, including the Winter Palace, have been stripped of soldiers of decorations and valuables, the process going on openly.

At every camp visited by us I have inspected the Y. M. C. A. buildings and met the men in charge.

The equipment and the service are uniformly excellent. The officers, without exception, are enthusiastic in praise of the work.

The men in training use and 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.

Announcement was made that all school children in the city will be appealed to and asked to contribute one cent a day for four months for the fund.

BRITISH OFFICERS' THRILLING PLEA The luncheon today at the Fitz-Carleton—the first to be held to hear the reports of the team captains—was a memorable one.

"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 for a short time and if the man is left alive it is returned to him.

Amounts turned in by team captains today were as follows: H. G. Brengle, \$35,746; N. W. Corson, \$25,522; J. Hermon, \$12,937; W. H. Bolwell and L. G. Craft, \$11,267; Jay Cooke, \$21,842; Howard Cooper Johnson, \$21,011; C. Hermon Krumbhaar, \$32,250; S. Hartman Kuhn, \$6,419; Franklin G. Morris, \$468; George McFadden, \$20,000; C. F. Stout, \$14,251; J. N. Dew, Jr., \$24,000; J. M. Platt, \$25,000; Frank H. Taylor, \$11,200; J. Randall Williams, \$25,000.

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

Continued from Page One fund Wayne Vetterlein and Price McQuinn, two Philadelphians who received in the American ambulance service at the front, will speak between the acts at the matinee.

In emphasizing one small part of the association's work, one "Red Triangle" speaker said that on the night before a contingent of soldiers left recently for France, no less than 40,000 letters were written on Y. M. C. A. paper.

K. S. Kresge, owner of three five and ten cent stores in Philadelphia and of a chain of similar stores, will give 50 per cent of tomorrow's gross receipts to the Y. M. C. A. fund. The average sales for Tuesday are \$80,000. Efforts will be made to boost the sales to \$100,000 so that the fund will get \$50,000.

The Kresge stores have sixty-five men in the service. In order to boost the sales tomorrow, announcement was made that every gift in the store having the largest amount of sales will receive \$1 bonus.

GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH'S PRAISE The following letter from Governor Brumbaugh was received today at campaign 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.

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Le unita' di attacco del sedicesimo, ventiseiesimo, settantesimo e settantottesimo reggimento fanteria, e la quinta brigata bersagliera, con una violenta contrattacco riconquistarono le posizioni ricacciando indietro il nemico e catturando cento prigionieri.

L'Avanguardia nemica che aveva raggiunto il Villaggio Torno, 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 Valdobbiadene, passarono alla riva destra del fiume distruggendo il ponte di Vidov.

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 annunzia che le forze austro-tedesche hanno catturato la citta' di Belluno al disopra della Piave, come pure la testa di ponte di Vidov sulla riva orientale.

Il comunicato tedesco dice pure che sulla fronte del Trentino le forze teutoniche hanno guadagnato terreno, dopo violenti combattimenti, nella regione di Sella, nella valle Sugana. In questi punti le forze austro-tedesche avrebbero attaccato forti contingenti italiani ed in un punto li avrebbero respinti.

Il comunicato tedesco dice che gli italiani hanno opposto resistenza lungo il basso corso del fiume Piave.

Re Vittorio Emanuele ha pubblicato un energico appello alla Nazione dicendo che il nemico, col concorso di straordinarie circostanze, ha potuto concentrare tutti i suoi sforzi contro l'Italia.

L'esercito austriaco, dice il Re, sconfitto in ogni scontro durante trenta mesi, ha ottenuto rinforzi di nuove truppe veterane della Germania.

"Italiani, cittadini e soldati—cosi' conclude l'appello—state tutti uniti in un solo esercito. Ogni atto di codardia e' tradimento. Al nemico che fa conto sull'indebolimento del nostro spirito e sulla nostra acquiescenza passiva, rispondiamo, ad una voce che tutti siamo pronti a dar tutto per la vittoria e per l'onore dell'Italia."

Il proclama e' firmato tanto dal Re, quanto dai membri dell'intero Gabinetto. La Croce Rossa Americana ha disposta \$250,000 a favore delle popolazioni che hanno abbandonato le loro case dietro l'invasione teutonica.

L'Ambasciatore Page ha ricevuto istruzioni al riguardo. La stampa italiana pubblica articoli nei quali si esalta l'attacco magnifico della Croce Rossa Americana, esprimendo i piu' alti sensi di gratitudine a nome del popolo d'Italia.

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