

TENACE RESISTENZA DELLE TRUPPE ITALIANE

Gli Austro-Tedeschi Riportano Gravisime Perdite nei Tentativi di Attraversare la Piave

AZIONI DI ARTIGLIERIA

I Teuton Invano Tentano di Aprirsi un Varco per Procedere Sopra Venezia e Padova

ROMA, 15 novembre.

Dalle notizie pervenute dalla fronte di battaglia si rileva che piccoli distaccamenti di truppe austro-tedesche sono riuscite ad attraversare il fiume Piave in vicinanza della costa adriatica. A Grisolera, situata a quattro miglia dalla foce del detto fiume, nella regione paludosa, tra la Piave e la Piave Vecchia, gruppi nemici furono arretrati dal fuoco degli italiani.

Un tentativo dei teuton per attraversare la Piave tra Quero e Fener fu soppresso ed il nemico riportò considerevoli perdite.

Al nord in un'avanzata sulle nuove linee di resistenza ad oriente di Asiago gli austriaci occuparono il fronte che si estende tra Lamon-Fonzano-Arten-Feltre, tra Feltre-Lamon-Fonzano-Arten-Feltre, tra Feltre e il Piave.

Il comunicato del Comando Supremo italiano, pubblicato ieri dal ministero della guerra in Roma, dice:

Dopo una breve ma intensa preparazione da parte dell'artiglieria, ieri, all'indomani, le truppe austro-tedesche tentarono un violento attacco di sorpresa contro le nostre posizioni presso il Lago di Lamon, e furono respinte con una perdita di uomini e materiale. L'attacco fallì completamente ed il nemico fu costretto a ritirarsi.

Durante la notte di lunedì le nostre truppe occuparono le posizioni sull'altipiano di Asiago, e precisamente quelle avanzate di Asiago, e precisamente dopo aver respinto il suo Monte Longarà, dopo aver respinto il suo Monte Longarà, dopo aver respinto il suo Monte Longarà.

Il nemico occupò il fronte che si estende tra Tezze, Lamon, Fonzano, Arten e Feltre.

Durante lo svolgimento di parziali combattimenti, le nostre truppe si difesero con successo a Tezze e nei forti ariostri di Cima di Campo e Cima di Lano. L'attacco della Piave l'attività combattiva è progressivamente aumentata.

La nostra artiglieria e quella del nemico hanno sostenuto intense azioni.

Tentativi nemici di attraversare il fiume fra Quero e Fener, a San Donà di Piave e ad Inteserola furono respinti ed il nemico soffrì perdite gravissime.

Un accanito combattimento si svolse a Predosio, Zefoson, ove la nostra controffensiva continua, ma non è riuscita a sloggiare il nemico dalle posizioni.

La Grisolera gruppi nemici riuscirono ad infiltrarsi attraverso la regione paludosa tra la Piave e la Vecchia Piave, ma furono arrestati.

Durante il giorno noi abbiamo catturato centocinquanta prigionieri ed alcune mitragliatrici.

I nostri aviatori hanno efficacemente rinnovato le loro azioni di bombardamento.

Petrograd in Flames, Swedish Report Says

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According to indirect word from Petrograd, arrangements have been made to convene the constitutional assembly soon.

On all sides here it was emphasized that Russia has nothing to fear from the prominent part Cossacks are taking in putting down the Bolshevik revolt.

Slight credence was given here to an unconfirmed dispatch from Copenhagen to the effect that the peasants of Siberia have proclaimed the independence of that country, have liberated the former Russian Czar and have established him as their ruler.

This information is attributed to a German source and was regarded as only one of the wild rumors that have filtered into London.

New York Financier Dies

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—George Macaulay Miller, a former financier and railroad director, lawyer and philanthropist, is dead here at the age of eighty-five.

Mr. Miller was one of the early directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and was associated with the elder J. P. Morgan in that system.

He was one of the defendants in the Federal prosecution of former directors of the New Haven road for alleged violation of the Sherman law, but on account of his extreme age his case was not pressed.

'Done With Politics,' Said Dying Senator

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Senator McNichol died; Harry A. McNichol, who is a member of the 214 Infantry, National Army; Joseph J. McNichol, who is a member of an artillery regiment stationed at Camp Meade; Frank J. McNichol, Edward J. McNichol, also a member of an artillery regiment at Camp Meade, and Daniel J. McNichol.

A dramatic touch will be lent to the ceremony by the appearance of the three soldier sons in their uniforms.

After the Catholic services, the body will be taken to the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Mount Airy, where it will be placed in the McNichol family mausoleum, opposite the cemetery containing the bodies of his first wife and his two dead children, Mary and James.

The casket in which the late Senator will rest is heavy and square-shaped and lined with copper and satin.

The undertaker in charge is John F. Carroll, 231 North Thirteenth street, who had been an intimate friend of Senator McNichol ever since the two were short trousers and who had charge of the interment of the first Mrs. McNichol.

LEGISLATURE TO ATTEND IN BODY

Arrangements for the participation of the entire State Assembly—the House of Representatives as well as the Senate—were completed today, when Speaker Richard J. Baldwin announced the appointment of the 297 members of the House of 1917 as a committee of the whole to attend the funeral.

Senator Clarence J. Buckman, chairman, announced the appointment of the 45 Senators as a committee to attend.

The two legislative bodies will assemble at the Metropolitan Hotel at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, and, headed by their respective sergeants-at-arms bearing the maces, will march up Broad street to the McNichol residence, and thence to the Cathedral. The House maces will be borne by Sergeant-at-Arms James R. Hagelwood, of Chester, who will be followed by Speaker Baldwin, William S. Leib, resident clerk; Thomas H. Clavin, chief clerk, in charge of the House arrangements, and other officers of the House.

Whether or not Senator McNichol left a will was not made known today. Considerable interest was expressed regarding the probable disposition of his estate, placed at between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000. It is the accumulation of many contracts for vast public works, followed by investment. Speculation as to the value of the McNichol fortune recalled the late Senator's well-known saying—that he did not want to die until he had made \$1,000,000 for each of his twelve children.

In regard to the McNichol will, a lawyer who enjoyed Senator McNichol's confidence said today that he doubted if such an instrument had been drawn up. It was his belief, he said, that Senator McNichol had made a prenuptial agreement with his second wife, Mrs. Mary Donahue, of the estate.

Senator McNichol did not retain any regular legal counsel, having at various times placed his work in the hands of ex-Sheriff Joseph Gillilan, ex-Attorney General John C. Bell, ex-Attorney General Hampton L. Carson, Representative George S. Graham and other well-known attorneys.

The McNichol family today denied that Senator McNichol had written an autobiography dealing with his political life. A rumor that such a work had been compiled by the late Senator was current among politicians.

Mrs. McNichol bore up well today, although considerably weakened by her bereavement. Her infant son, Robert, six weeks old, was sent back today to the new home of the McNichols in Overbrook.

The late Senator's three soldier-sons—Edward J., Joseph J. and Harry A.—who are members of the 214th United States Infantry—arrived home late yesterday from Camp Meade, Md.

A steady stream of visitors, coming to offer their sympathy to the family, called at the McNichol residence. More than 600 messages of condolence from Pennsylvania and other States have been received. One came from Montana from a former resident of the Tenth Ward. Hardly a trolley-car passenger borne past the McNichol home today did not crane his neck for a view of the home of the late Senator.

MONSIGNOR KIERNAN'S TRIBUTE

Announcement that the late Senator had made a decision to get out of politics was made in a longer statement by Monsignor Kiernan, at his parochial residence, Twentieth and Locust streets. In part, it was as follows:

"As a man, a citizen and a Christian, 'Jim' McNichol had few equals. His life, which terminated so suddenly, was a pure and most useful one."

He has been asked to make a few remarks about him from the pulpit of the Cathedral on Saturday morning. I only

hope I may be able to do so. At the present time I am under the care of a physician. It depends upon him entirely whether I can pay my respects to my late friend.

"Few men know 'Jim' McNichol as I did. Knowing him intimately enabled me to form an idea of his character. It was pure in every respect—neither in thought, word or deed did this man violate the confidence of any one."

"He never had an enemy. Rivals he had. Of course, a man born a political leader like 'Jim' McNichol, had rivals, but he had never made an enemy of a rival. Not one can say that they hated 'Jim' McNichol, and hatred alone means an enemy."

Among the "rivals" at the house were many division leaders from various wards in the city. Many of these, until the Senator's death, had been his political enemies; but now they came to offer sympathy to the family.

The William R. Leeds Association, with headquarters at 1314 Race street, the heart of the Tenth Ward, and with which the late Senator received his earliest political training, succeeding Mr. Leeds as head of the organization, will hold a mass-meeting at 8 o'clock tonight, at which resolutions of sympathy and condolence will be passed.

The organization will send floral tributes to the McNichol residence, among them being a large wreath of lilacs of the valley bearing the words, "We mourn our leader."

Thomas W. Birmingham, president of the association and life-long friend of the late Senator, said today:

"Senator McNichol's death is a terrible loss, a loss to charity and a loss to humanity. Senator McNichol was always ready to lend a helping hand to those who needed aid. It made no difference to him if the poverty-stricken person was white or black, his helpfulness was just as ready. It made no difference what his religious or political belief was. Whenever Senator McNichol aided suffering humanity, he went about it in a way which left no one but the recipient of his bounty know about it."

Senator McNichol's death came at 9:10 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of his eldest son, William J. McNichol, at 1627 Race street, where he had been ill for two months following an attack of acute indigestion. His wife, who was with their two-month-old son at their new home in Overbrook, raced to his bedside in an automobile but arrived there five minutes after his death.

After four years and having lived free from disaffection, Senator McNichol was at all times hopeful for his recovery. He held firmly the grip on his political reins up to the moment of collapse, and this determination to recover, as well as the encouraging symptoms noted by the attending physicians, none of his family anticipated his immediate death.

His sons, William and Frank, with two trained nurses, one of them a sister-in-law, Miss Mary Donahue, were the only members of his immediate family who were in the house when he died.

From Overbrook, Mrs. McNichol raced in an automobile to be at her husband's bedside, but she also arrived too late to see with him in his last living moments. Before his wife entered the house two of the smaller children, their school books in their arms, made their morning bow to their father. They sensed their loss when they were met at the door by a grief-stricken manservant.

Senator McNichol died in the political harness which he shaped when he launched his aspirations as a contractor, backed by a little more than \$100 in cash, a knowledge of street paving, and a smattering of that never-changed-for friend or foe. It was this spark in his disposition that earned for him the name "Sunny Jim." Through adversity as well as success he always retained his smile. It, as well as his unchanging personality, placed him within less than a decade in the foremost ranks of the Commonwealth's politicians.

M'NICHOLO DEATH WILL NOT STOP SUBWAY WORK

Jerome H. Louchheim, president of the Keystone State Construction Company, of which the late Senator James P. McNichol was the heaviest stockholder, said today that Senator McNichol's death would in no way affect the work in which the company

now has on hand, and which includes city contracts which total approximately \$14,500,000.

"Senator McNichol gave most of his time to political matters," said Mr. Louchheim, "and left the affairs of the Keystone State Construction Company, which was in no way a political organization, to the president of the company and its engineers. About 1000 men are now employed on the various contracts held by the company and more contracts are being put to work if it were possible to obtain more material. Unless the government should commandeer supplies of steel, nothing will stop the continuation of the company's work. The McNichol estate and the affairs of the company are entirely separate matters."

During Senator McNichol's funeral on Saturday all the men employed by the company will stop work, and there is a possibility that they will be allowed to stop for the entire day.

Judge Martin Holds Mayor to Grand Jury

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to presume concurrence of sentiment, and from this the actual fact of conspiracy may be inferred.

In the concluding paragraphs pertaining to the Mayor's case, Judge Martin says:

"It would have been a gracious task after a review of the evidence to have forthwith discharged the Mayor; but no personal considerations ought for an instant to induce a Judge to abandon the defense of the laws, the support of the dignity of the tribunals and the rights of his fellow citizens."

It is the province of the Grand Jury to weigh and consider the evidence of the witnesses who appear before them, and they hold and I have nothing more to say at the present time.

Two City Hall Appointments

City appointments today include Charles H. Eng, 217 Ambury street, assistant chief clerk, Department of Transit, salary \$3,000, and Frank A. Mahoney, 5722 Pine street, chamber, Electrical Bureau, \$3 a day.

November, 1917, the writ is dismissed and relator remained to enter his own recognition for appearance at the next term of court.

The concluding paragraphs of Judge Martin's opinion pertaining to Finley read as follows:

In justice to the relator, it should be stated that the testimony on which he is maintained is ex parte, no opportunity has been afforded him to contradict or explain the evidence produced by the Commonwealth; and the present proceeding is not one in which the evidence can be weighed. It is uncontradicted and must be assumed in this proceeding to be true.

A prima facie case of conspiracy having been established, relator must be remanded for the Grand Jury to determine whether or not a true bill shall be found, and he will be afforded an opportunity of presenting his defense upon a trial of the charges against him, or be discharged.

And now, November 15, 1917, the writ is dissolved and relator is remanded. Bail is set at \$500 for the defendant's appearance at the next term of court.

Senator Vare signed his own bail bond and also entered bail for Mercantile Appraisers, acting as security for Finley's bond his own property at 1120 Race street.

Mayor Smith signed his bail bond in his private office this afternoon. It was taken there as a courtesy by Sol Malberg, clerk of the miscellaneous criminal division of the Quarter Sessions Court.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE TO M'NICHOLO

McClain Weeps as He Tells of State Senator's Friendship and Ability

LANCASTER, Nov. 15.—When he learned of the death of Senator McNichol, Lieutenant Governor Frank McClain's eyes filled with tears. He said:

"I was inexpressibly shocked to learn of the death of Senator McNichol. My information was that he was rapidly on the road to recovery. He was not only my political friend, but my warm personal friend, for more than twenty years. I was very fond of him. He was the kind of a man people did things for, not because they feared his power, but because they loved him. The great secret of his success was his wonderful personality. He was big-hearted, big-hearted and big-minded. He was a living example of Kipling's poem, in that he could keep his head when all about him were losing their heads and blinding it on him. He could trust himself when others doubted him and make allowances for their doubting, too."

"And then he often demonstrated how he could meet with triumph or disaster and treat those two imposters just the same."

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TEUTON RAID ON CALAIS BRINGS QUICK REPRISAL

French Bomb Mulhausen in Retaliation for Killing of Many Civilians

PARIS, Nov. 15.—Calais was violently bombarded by enemy aircraft Tuesday, resulting in many civilian casualties, it was announced today.

This announcement was soon followed by another from the War Office that French airmen had bombed Mulhausen in Upper Alsace. This raid was made in reprisal for the attack on the channel port. No reports have been received of the damage inflicted upon the German stronghold.

Gasoline Burns Woman Seriously

LANCASTER, Pa., Nov. 15.—Miss Anna Fritsch was so badly burned last night by a gasoline explosion in the garage of her brother that she is not expected to live. The building was wrecked.

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