EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1917

U.S. BARRAGE FIRE FOILS HUN RAIDERS

Attempted Attack on Lines Broken Up by Rain of Shells

SAMMEES ARE KEPT BUSY

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS, IN FRANCE, Nov. 16.

IN FRANCE, Nov. 16. American artillerymen planted a roaring barrage of shells over the front of trenches held by American infantrymen early Thurs-day and defeated German plans for a raid. Fighting activity along the "American front" is now reaching a hot stage. Every sort of war activity short of general as-sault is being experienced by the Sammees in the front-line trenches. On Tuesday and Wednesday nights American patrol parties, scouting over No Man's Land, encountered German recon-malesance units. There were brief, hurried exchanges of shots in the dark, and the enemy scurried away.

exchanges of shots in the oars, and the enemy sourried away. Meanwhile the enemy artillery fire had been increasing steadily. Wednesday night it reached a crescendo. Then early in the morging, the Boches studenly loosed a spray of machine-gunfire at communication trenches—the lines by which re-enforcents and supplies are sent to the front

Alive to the fact that this might forecast a raiding attempt, the Americans sent up flares. They flooded the irregular ground in front of the fighting lines with light and disclosed a group of Germans approaching he American trenches

Word hurriedly went back from the Amer-ican commanders of the menaced trench sec-tion for a barrage. The American artil-lerymen got the word by telephone and benu to their guns with top speed activity. Their battery roared in a tattoo of fury. Over in front of the American lines the ground was churned up by the shells as they fell thick and fast and near the would-be raid

Then the Boches gave it up and scurried back to the safety of the trenches and dug outs. The rest of the night was marked by increased German gunfire. The Amercans kept on the alert throughout the dark

The American soldiers killed and wounded the recent German bombardment were a shack near American support lines in a single Boche shell struck their

A Pennsylvania boy, wounded in the arm, bdy and head by pieces of this missile, to-ay told of his experience as he lay on a portable table in a base hospital.

"Our platoon had been in a shack near port lines," he explained. "All of a sudden the Boches began shelling us. Our platoon commander said. Down in the dugouts, men!" We hadn't any more than done that very thing when a shell caved in our roof. Some of us in the party were killed and some of us were wounded."

Close by the Pennsylvanian was another

orbit table and on it lay an American soldier from Eckman, W. Va. In bustied a surgeon, who didn't want his patients interviewed. He hurried me out of the room, but not before I caught a glimpse of the Eckman boy being wheeled into the operating room and caught a whilf into the operating room and caught a whiff of the ether. The West Virginia soldier's eye had been shot out. Patrol encounters are now becoming a

regular every-night occurrence. In the clashes of the last few days there have been no American casualties. Whether the been no American casualties. Whether the Germans have been equally lucky against the American riflemen is not known. Dawn s light over No Man's Land fails to reveal bodies

Lively gunfire, increasing and diminishing by turns, occupies the daylight hours. Today the guns on both sides were booming away in a rapid succession of roars. Boche propaganda appeared in the midst

of the American troops today. A German balloon laden with anti-American pamphiets fell in a training camp.



Remarkable photograph showing the funnel of a vessel sinking beneath the waves after an encounter with a German submarine. A rescuing ship is seen speeding to the aid of the crew.

I TEUTONI SBARAGLIATI U-BOATS NOT BEATEN ALSATIANS DESERTING FROM GERMAN RANKS DALLE TRUPPE ITALIANE

Fully 30,000 Have Gone Over to French Since War

Began

Le Forze Tedesche del Generale von Below Tentano Invano Varcare la Piave

TRUTH SEEPING THROUGH DUELLI DI ARTIGLIERIA WELCOMES EDISON PLAN

Allied Literature Circulated Among Teutons Despite Desperate Efforts to Prevent It

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.

The American Government is matching feuton propaganda with efforts to influence public opinion in the Central Powers, All the Allies are doing the same, it was semi-

officially learned today. Beside hundreds of German soldiers who have used the password "Republic," similar French efforts since the opening of the war have cost Germany 30.000 Alsatians, deserters from the Teuton ranks, according a member of the French high commission. Through pamphiets dropped from air-

planes, distributed by German republicans operating from Switzerland and in ways the censorship forbids telling, the truth of the American and Aliled side is slowly seeping

through the enemy countries. These measures are considered sound strategy and selfdefense. How they are feared by the Austro-Germans is indicated by the death penalty for any one caught circulating literature undermining the people's morale.

The "air" or "subterranean" route for placing President Wilson's speech in the hands of the German people was adopted from the beginning because the official Gerversions cut out the "punchy" para-

graphs American watchfulness against Teuton propaganda is growing. Austrian agents trying to discourage enlistments of Rumani-ans, Serbs, Croats and other Balkan tribesmen in the United States army have been discovered

plosions Spur Washington

Il Parlamento Italiano si Riapre con una Seduta Commovente pel Patriottico Entusiasmo

ROMA, 16 Novembre. Dalle notizie pervenute dalla fronte s

apprende che la grande battaglia che si sta svolgendo lungo le lince del fiume Piave ha trovato le valorose truppe italiane salde sulla posizioni da esse occupate e decise a resistere a qualunque costo.

Tra la valle del Brenta e la Piave truppe tedesche in unione a contingenti austro-ungarici hanno compluto sforzi inauditi per tentare di effettuare il piano di poter prendere gli italiani di fianco, sulla loro ala sinistra, nella estrema punta della planura veneta e sulla frontiera del Trentino. I tedeschi hanno ricevuto nuovi rinforzi

alla fronte italiana, allo scopo di poter fronteggiare quelli che gli italiani hanno ricevuto dai loro alleati ed infatti gla aviatori italiani hanno segnalato grandi mov menti di truppe che dalla confluenza del Cismon col Brenta marciano verso le linee di battaglia.

I contingenti austro-tedeschi si sono av vicinati alle posizioni italiane sull'orlo ori-entale dell'altipiano di Aslago e sono stati arrestati dai fuoco delle artiglierie italiane

che hanno loro inferto rilevanti perdite. Per circa quaranta miglia lungo la valle della Piave sono in progresso violenti duelli di artiglieria. In numerosi punti il gene-rile von Below, comandante delle truppe tedesche alla fronte italiana, ha teutato di ar attraversare il fiume dalle sue truppe, na i tentativi sono andati falliti, benche ossero protetti dal fuoco dei cannoni.

Verso la foce della Piave, presso l'Adria tico, i tedeschi hanno tentato di avanzare sopra Venezia, ma sono stati arrestati. Dal comunicato ufficiale del comando premo italiano, si rileva che gli italiant hanno sbaragliato il nemico nel riunovati sforzi per attraversare la Plave. Durante

Wizard's Suggestion to Convert Sailing Vessels Into Steam Craft

YET, HURLEY WARNS

Construction Must Be Pressed to

Utmost, Shipping Board

Head Maintains

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. THE submarine menace as a de-Leisive factor in the war has failed." This declaration was made by Secretary of the Navy Daniels today. "Germany sought to starve out England by this fall," Secretary Daniels said. "This object has not been accomplished. American de-

stroyers, operating with British and French destroyers, have greatly minimized the menace of the submarine,"

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. time to pat ourselves on th ack.

Chairman E. N. Hurley, of the Shipping loard, took this view today of the greatly decreased submarine totals last week. He declared ship construction r ist be pressed to the utmost if the United States and her allies are to outstrip the U-boat. He welcomed the suggestion of Thomas A. Edison that as many as possible of the 5382 American sailing vessels be converted into steam Taft

At the same time navy officials looked for some willy trick in the suddenly dimin-ished submarine activity. Recent reports of strange submarines sighted much nearer American shores than the U-boat main hunting grounds were recalled. That the Kaiser is giving the Mediterranean more attention now, because of the Teuton drive into Italy, was an explanation experts advanced rather than increased attacks on United States transports.



What He Wrote Home

Dear Dad:

Myon know of a dollar; or a hundred dollars, or a thousand dollars that isn't doing its bit, tell it that The best way it can pull ito wight is by chipping in lorther y. M. C. a -

I can't tell you what this Y.M.C.A. work means to us fellows in camp ; it's too hig for you to guess or for me to tell. But it's just as necessary as boots and bullets -

Do, Dad, get behind the Y.M. C.A.

EUROPE WILL SEE NO JAPANESE TROOPS OUTRAGES BY ALIENS

Finance Minister Shoda Declares Recent Munition Fires and Ex-

NEW MOVE TO CURB

Meets Approval

Submarine Menace Over, Secretary Daniels Declares

Dispatch of Army to War Front "Impossible"

TOKIO, Nov. 16.

Sending of troops to Europe by Japan "Impossible," Minister of Finance Shods clared today in an address before the National Economic Association's meeting at

The reason is too obvious to explain,' the Minister asserted. "The Allies understand Japan's peculiar position in the war," he continued. "Japan has been and will continue to assist the Entente in other ways than by troops.

"She has already invested half a bil-lion dollars directly or indirectly in the Allied cause. She will maintain that finan-

There is no danger in the Russian situations. stions. The extremists will never succeed there. Italy's situation has also been improved by co-operative Allied efforts. Any talk regarding the early end of the war is German propaganda.

"Despite the American trade embargo, Japan has on hand today enough steel con-struction material to build \$60,000 tons of shipping by next March or April.

"The Government is planning to increase the naval armament so far as finances will

Minister Shoda's speech was regarded here as expressing official sentiments on the matter of sending troops to Europe. Newspapers of late have been filled with various reports of the Entente's desire to have its eastern ally represented in Eu-rope by troops.

WOUNDED IN SOMME FIGHT

Young Philadelphian With Canadian Forces Badly Hurt, Report Says

William C. Marchant, 133 Mayland street. a sergeant in the Canadian forces in France, was wounded in the big Canadian drive against the German lines on the Somm according to a telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Marchant. The message, from Montreal, read: "I regret to inform you that Sergeant William

regret to inform you that Sergeant William C. Marchant was admitted to One South African General Hospital. Abbeville, No-vember 2. Gunshot wounds multiple." Marchant, who is twenty-eight years old and a graduate of the Central High School, enlisted in the Thirty-eighth Canadian Battalion in August, 1916, and was promoted for bravery.

NORWAY DROPS FOOD PLEA

Envoys Lose Hope of Breaking Blockade and Will Go Home

washington, Nov. 16. — Failing to modify the food blockade, the Norwegian ommission closes shop tomorrow and Dele-nates Meeling, Borgen, Vogt and Utne Jeave or Norway. Dr. Fridjof Nansen and Sec-stary Morgenstein remain, in hope of ob-alning concessions later. While the food administration has not atly refused them food in the future, the majority of the commission felt they were resting their time.

\$4500 Fire at Stroudsburg

\$4500 Fire at Stroudsburg ROUDSBURG, Pa., Nov. 16.—Fire was vered this morning in the garage and of Samuel Hood & Sons in the rear alts Temple. A large quantity of hay, wheat and corn was destroyed. All we dock was safely removed. A large most of stores and plumbing supplies address storehouse were saved by more of the frames. The loss

lizzati Le to Drastic Action WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. Drastic steps against aliens to prevent

ferman agents destroying war property are planned under a proclamation that today awaits President Wilson's signature. Justice Department officials would not dislolento. cuss details in advance of the issuance the proclamation. It was made plain, how-ever, that recent fires and explosions in munition plants and docks made stricter cor rol over allens imperative.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 .- All enemy allen permits are soon to be revoked by the flowernment and persons who have been at lib erty and able to enter rstricted aras will in the future be compelled to report regularly to the police, according to United States Marshal McCarty, who returned

today from Washington. McCarty declared all enemy aliens will be treated in this country just as they are in England.

SHOOTS HIMSELF WHILE SITTING IN AUTOMOBILE

Produce Dealer Leaves Note, Telling

That Financial Difficulties Led to Act

Abram Nicholas Risser, fifty years cld, member of the firm of Risser & Co., produce, butter and egg dealers, 215 Callow-hill street, committed suicide last night by shooting himself while in an automobile in a lonely section of the Haverford read near Haverford according to the police

a lobely section of the haveflord read near Haveford, according to the police. A revolver was found beside the body, to-gether with a note for one of his partners, explaining that grief over financial reverses explaining that grief over infancial reverses had ied him to take his life. Risser, the police say, in order to direct the shot, had detached a small mirror from the front of the automobile and propped it up in front of him while he sat on the back seat. The body was found by a passerby. It was taken to the morgue at Lansdowne.

Clings to Car; Is Dashed Against Auto

Clings to Car; Is Dashed Against Auto Frank Norman, fifteen years old, 1913 Dauphin street, is recovering today in the Women's Homeopathic Hospital from in-juries received when he was dashed against an automobile as he clung to the side of a Susquehanna avenue trolley car. A com-panion of the injured youth, Thomas Wil-son, sizteen years old, 2010 Boston ave-nue, jumped from the car in time to save himself. He was arrested and held by Mag-istrate Collins, in the Nheteenth and Ox-ford streets police station, in \$300 bail for a further hearing.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jer-ney: Cloudy tonisht; Saturday probably fair; moderate northwest and west winds. Cloudy weather prevails in the Middle Atlantic States this morning, and light rains have occurred in the wastern portions of Pennsylvania and New York. Clear skies are reported quite generally from the cen-tral valleys and the cotton belt, and the western area of high pressure is moving nowly southward. This has caused a mod-erate but general rise in temperature in the sented mileys, and the Plains States.

orsi, ma i loro movimenti sono stati para The United States is gratified." Hurley, "that convoying and patrolling are cutting down weekly ship losses, but the

forze nemiche che erano riuscite a portarsi sulla riva destra della Plave, vi-Shipping Board will build faster and faster in the hope of proving to the Germans the futility of their submarine campaign. Our men in France and the materials they need ino a Zenson, trovansi impossibilitate a muoversi per la tenace pressione che in quel punto esercitano le truppe italiane. Altri riparti che erano riusciti ad attra-versare il terreno paludoso verso la costa, sono stati completamente arrestati e conwill alone require a tremendous number of ships. Hence overconstruction is impossible when the Allies' food and munitions needs are considered." trattaccati ed ora trovansi bersagliati dal fuoco delle batterie italiane effi-

acemente coadiuvate dalle artiglierie della regia marina. Ragioni strategiche consigliarono agli italiani di ritirare alcuni posti avanzati sulla linea montagnosa nel settore nordico.

ed i contingenti che li occupavano si portarono su posizioni che in precedenza erano state scelte.

Ecco il testo del comunicato del comando supremo italiano, pubblicato ieri dai Mini-stero della Guerra in Roma:

stero della Guerra in Roma: Sulla nostra fronte montagnosa tra la zona di Asiago e la valle della Piave il nemico ha intensificato la sua azione. Durante la notte del 13 corrente l'av-versario attacco le nostre posizioni nel settore Monte Sisemol-Meletta D-Avanti, ma trovo' una energica resistenza. L'azi-one fu continuata vittoriosamente dalle nostre truppe nella giornata di leri con l'obiettivo di ricacciare, mediante con-trattachi, i nuclei nemici che, che essendo penetrati in alcuni elementi avanzati delle nostra posizioni, cercavano di stabilirvisi. Ieri mattina il nemico attacco' piu' a nord lungo la fronte Meletta D'Avantinord lungo la fronte Meletta D'Avanti-Monte Fiore-Monte Castelgoniberto, ma anche qui' fu respinto. Nella serata il nemice rinnovo' l'attacco con forze mar-

giori e con maggiore violenza, ma venne parimenti ributtato. Colonne avversarie che avanzano a forma di ventaglio verso il nostro fronte tra Frisoni e la confluenza del Brenta col Cismon vennero presa dal fuoco della nostra artiglieria ed arrestate.

nostra artiglieria ed arrestate. Forti nuclei nemici impegnarono la nostra linea avanzata tra il Cismon ed il Brenta. Sul Monte Roncone (a sud di Feltre) gli austro-tedeschi furono re-spinti. Sul Monte Tomatico, ad est del Roncone, i nostri posti avanzati dopo aver opposto una flera resistenza, si riti-rarono in posizioni precedentemente pre-parate. In direzione del Passo di Quero un attacco nemico fu paralizzato all'ini-zio.

un attacco nemico fu paralizzato all'ini-zio. La battaglia continuo' nella pianura. Nufovi tentativi del nemico di varcare il Piave furono frustrati. I riparti che l'altro ieri passarono sulla destra del fume vengono sempre più' rinserrati presso il gomito di Zenson, mentre gli altri che avevano effettuato il varco nel settore paludoso tra il Piave e Plave Vecchlo, vennero arrestati e contrat-tacati, ed ora sono bersagilati dal fuoco delle nostre batterie, sostenute dall'arri-gileria della Regia Marina. Teri i nostri aviatori bombardarono efficacemente i ponti sui flumi Livenza e Monticano. Volando all'altezza di poche centinala di metri attaccarono gon tiri di mitragliatrici colonne nemiche che marci-avano lungo le rotabili nella pianura. Ieri si e' riaperto il Pariamento Nazio-nale italiano con una seduta che rimarra'

teri si e l'aperto il Parlamento Nazio-nale italiano con una seduta che rimarra' storica per il commovente e patriottico en-tusiasmo col quale essa si svolse. Il presi-dente del consiglio del ministri, onorevole Oriando, pronunzio' un elevato discorso durante il quale, dopo aver annunziata la formazione del nuovo exbinetto. spiego' la durante il quale, dopo aver annunziata la formazione dei nuovo gabinetto, spiego'i altuazione militare attuale, disse dolla solidarieta' degli Alleati in questo momento coi' grave per l'italia ed espresse la grati-tudine del popolo italiano alla grande re-pubblica Americana per le prove solenni dei suo potente e voienteroso concorso nel l'ora dolorosa e contro il nemico comune. Termino' il suo discorso ripetando le parole del Re: "Tutti siamo pronti a dare tutto per la vittoria e per l'onore dell'Italia." Ad unanimita' la Camera approvo' un ordine del giorno dell'On. Bossili coi quale i affermava la necessita' della concordia mationale e della fuelone di tutta le engine per la vittoria e per l'onore dell'Italia."

The Navy Department echoed Hurley's

warning against undue optimism, pointing out that the only certain panacea for the U-boat ravages lies in constructing ships faster than Germany can sink them.

MENACE OF SUBMARINE

NOT PAST, SAYS GEDDES

LONDON, Nov. 16. The submarine menace is not yet under ontrol. Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons this

He solemnly warned against overoptimism ecuuse of recent official statements show-ng great decreases in the loss of shipping. "Last week's report of our losses by subnarines does not indicate that the submenace is controlled," the minister narine "It is essential that our allies know that

omy is necessary. Shipyards are short ien. Women labor sent them will diof men. ectly affect the winning of the war.

"Momentarily we are holding the sub-tarines, but I repeat my warning." The greatest interest attached to Sir Eric

Geddes's appearance in the House in view of the showing in this week's official state-ment on submarine losses. This report showed just one British vessel of more than 1600 tons to have been lost in seven day and a huge number of arrivals and de-partures at British ports.

Recent statements have shown a regular decrease week by week, so that the public in England for the last few days has been jubilating more or less in the belief that the problem has been solved.

CAULIFLOWER ABUNDANT

ful in Market-Whiting and Ling Best Fish

Cauliflower is abundant, superior in qualty and very cheap, according to today's eport of J. Russell Smith, chairman of the iome Defense Food Commission. It sells Home Defense Food Commission. It sells at about seventeen cents a head for the large ones. White potatoes continue plenti-ful and cheap. They range from \$2.30 to \$2.60 per hundred pounds, and sweet po-tatoes are also in abundance, ranging from fifteen to sixty cents for a five-sighth bus el-basket of seven to nine quarter pecks. Cabbage is very plentiful and low in price, running from three-quarters to one and a quarter cents a pound. It arrives in carload lots and is sold in bulk quarkities by the ton. These are wholesals prices. This is the season of the year when whiting and ling are the only very plentiful fab. These fish are of excellent quality and the prices are: Whiting, two and a half to three cents a pound, according to the size; ling, two to three cents a pound. The other fash are about normal in supply and prices for this time of the year. MIDANT_Poistoes, wreet poistoes, white the prices, listuce, carrots, pumpting and prices. MIDANT_Poistoes, the plass, celetr, "The part of the rest, subst, celetr, "A price for the sear. it about seventeen cents a head for the

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