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LI ITALIANI FERMI NELLE LORO POSIZION

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the Hindenburg line.

Troops Against Haig

COLLAPSE WITH LOSSES,

Fruitiens attucks by British forces yes

ported in today's official statement. The

SAYS GERMAN REPORT

BERLIN (via London), Nov. 23.

Presso San Marino i Teutoni Sono Sconfitti alla Baionetta e Subiscono Perdite Gravi

LA LOTTA CONTINUA

Nel Settore tra le Vallate del Brenta e del Piave Infuria un Violento Combattimento

ROMA, 23 Novembre. Delle notizie pervenute dalla fronte di Delle notisie pervenute dalla fronte di battaglia si apprende che i disperati at-tacchi condotti dallo forze austro-tedezche contro le posizioni italiane tra i fiumi Brenta e Plave, sorio stati brillantemente postenuti dalla Quarta Armata Italiana al comando del generale Robliant. Le forze reutoniche erano, numericamente superiori along. Their achievements character British guns to keep up atmost with the it fantry in the move forward. HEAVY BRITISH ATTACKS si calcola nella proporzione di tre contro

due. Durante le operazioni che si sono svolto feri l'altro gli austro-tedeschi riporiareno perdite ingenti, specialmonte presso la cit-tadina di San Marino, ed in nessun punto raggiunsero i boo oblettivi ud eccezione del l'occupazione di alcuni posti avanzati anti-stanti alle trinces italiane sul Monte Fon-tano Seco. tana Secca.

Ecco il testo del comunicato del Comando Supreme Italiano, pubblicato ieri dal Mi-nistro della Guerra in Roma:

partito.

austro-iedeschi con l'occupazione di alcunt posti avanzati presso Monte Fontana Secca ba dato campo al governo di Berlino di pubblicare un comunicato nel quale dice che le truppe teutoniche, composte di reggimenti del Wurttemberger e dei fucilieri imperiali tirolesi, mediante un attanco hanno conquistato le semmita' di Monte Fontana Secca e Monte Spinosa, tra l'fiumf

plu' ottime previsioni commentando la presente situazione alla fronte italiana, duta la valorosa resistenza delle truppo del generale Diaz sulle lines del a Pine. L'aver resistito in questi ultimi giorni su dette lines deve considerarvi come una grande vittoria difensiva, la quale ha commerzamente

Italiano, entreranno in azione prestissimo. L'artiglieria inglese presta il suo aluto da plu' di una settimaona.

tinglesi in Francia, contro i tedeschi, gli invasori teutonici in Italia vedono Inde-bolire i loro sforzi per spezzare le linee italiane tra le vallate dei Brenta e dei Piave, ove. secondo le ultime notizie oggi riunte, un terrribile combattimento e' progressio

principali posizioni sono saldamente

l'alto Plave dei forti rinforzi ottenendo cosi una superiorita' numerica sopra gli italiani. ma questi occupano posizioni vantaggiose ed hanno una catena di fortificazioni sulle sommita' delle montagne, nella via che dovranno battere i teutoni.

alle sue truppe elogiando la loro bravura.

certo numero di ambulanze della

pended that a modern army has ever won. Foremost in the array of mechanism with which Byng clinched his victory was the tank America, with the Allies, can turn out this sort of machinery as fast as De-troit produces Ford cars.

[Note—Of peculiarly timely interest in connection with Simms's cable was a state-ment given out Saturday by Henry Ford Queant switch, one of the chief supporting ilnes of defenses to the northern end of declaring in part: "We must think more about machinery. If this war is to be won it will be won by the nation that knows The minute care and painstaking atten-tion to detail of the British staff were made increasingly apparent today. Semiofficially dispatches, for instance, told of new records beat how to use tools and machinery.' Ford's statement was given out on the or casion of his joining forces with the Gov-

dispatches, for instance, foid of new records made in highway and raliway building by engineers in keeping up the constant flow of munitians and supplies to the raphily ad-vancing troops. Miles upon miles of broad and narrow-gauge tracks were faid. The construction corps in many instances worked almost directly behind the "mop-ners-up and German meioaners, with their ernment to speed up on machinery-parleularly ship machinery.] Acting as mechanical cavalry, and unlike entine cavatry, almost impervious to Ger-man fire, the British tanks saved thousands o flives. Substituted for the customary preparatory artillery fire they sa ed more pers-up, and German prisoners, with their arms still upraised while they echoed "Kamerad," way the British track-layers methodically and rapidly shoving the lines along. Their achievements enabled the lives, always sacrificed where artillery preparation warns an enemy of an impend-ing attack and brings an enemy barrage against the assaulting waves.

British officers estimated today this lack of any drumfire preparatory shelling had sived literally millions of rounds of am-quation—and amountion which costs on n average of \$20 per round. This was ade possible by machinery.

The stream of German prisoners to back incs was unabated today, while hot fight-ng went on up front. Tanks, cavait, and manty were all in action. The enemy infantry were all in action. The enemy and these are striving to prove much the pincers which the Tommles are squeezing around Cambrai Joyful French civilians from Corman or

enciny made the assemits several timer. Around Fentaling, the War office sold. One village of Lafolle and the wood had been dermed and charred of the count. upied towns, now repatriated by the Brit Around Runnily, Bantux and Vonder is English attacks "collapsed under heavy lowes," tills statement concluded interface in the interface of the second lines by inotoriorry. Most of the religious had been concentrated at Massileres. All declared that victually all the food they had eaten in months had been that fur-nided by the America's Bellef Continuation. If this wid had not near forthermine that The War Office mentioned the fighting on

hildren.

FOILUS TO WIPE OUT

A friendly fog, which steamon up oppor undy, gave French troops a churce for surprise blow Wednesday that knocked nother clumb off the German hold on

was going on was shown by the fact he burried up reserves to back up a The Germans were so confused they

by German newspapers, according to a dis-patch from the frontier today. It states that, aside from publishing the official report of the German War Office, which minimized the Allied gains, the news-

papers refrained from comment, This was evidently due to consorship, as the papers failed also to publish Premier Lloyd George's recent declaration that five German submarines were sunk in a single

Huns' Desperate Drive on Italy

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which will be fought by all the reserves of the Allies against all the soldiers the Central Empires can bring into action."

ITALIANS KILL COLONEL WHO ASKED SURRENDER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23. How a detachment of Italian froops near, y turned a trick against the German-nring an energy advance is related in an fficial cablegram received roday from fone. An enormous motorcar bearing the operial German cade arrived near Galo.

here an Italian automobile with a ma-ine gun was stationed. A voice from the German car ordered the

A voice from the derivation car ordered the litalians to surrender. They replied with their machine gun killing the German driver and all the off-strain the car, among whom was a estimated of the German staff. Inside the actomobile was found a large quantity of leasty falsen from the Udine shore, including three women's drawes,

BURLIN, Nov, 23 (via London), "Between the Brents and the Playe the fighting is progressing favorably," today's official statement asserted.

A general headquarters conference today

be under Tschernoff as Premier. in heavy clothing in

military machine that Russia will "com-back" the quicker. the army the People's Commissaries today agreed special requisition from all persons paying more than 150 rubles (about \$75) monthly.

RUSSO-TEUTON TRUCE SURE, BRITISH BELIEVE

LONDON, Nov. 23. Russias formal armistics with the Teu-tons will merely make formal a cessation of fighting, which is atready in full force. No doubt whatever was expressed here today that the Boisheviki would carry through their announced intention to estab-lish a truce—and that the Germans would ecept. Such a move, however, was not exarded as likely to have any effect on he millitary situation. Germany and Aus-ria have already stripped their lines on the Rassian fronts to almost nonning. Most to the troops used in the Italian drive une from this northern war zone.

which the Russian extremists are pre-ared to go in their program of idyllic interationalism. As observers saw it today, the ove was undoubtedly made with the variable of a great part of the war-weary rmy and citizens. The Bolshevild are emhatically disclaiming any intention of a eparate peace. The armistice offer itself a addressed to "all beligerents" and stress hid in Petrograd acquirities on the fact at the offer is merely the first step in the abitions—if idyffic—scheme of the Bol-weikt for world peace.

In some circles the idea of an armistics between lineda and the Teutons was re-garded favorably. It was pointed out that such a formal agreement might avoid a great therman drive which would sweep thousands of square index of Russian tec-tors in a formal barder. story into German hands-a drive timed enciny against a Russian army which only half starved, totally unoceparer ad incolequately equipped. The as permit a smoothing out of the Russian

WASHINGTON EMBASSY TAKES HOPEFUL VIEW WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.

Russia can be counted on as a fighting factor for world democracy if the Bol-devict peace menace is sverted, Russian mbasey officials here declare. Political chaos has not serjously affected the military and naval orginization, it was

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wild. "We are now in daily communication

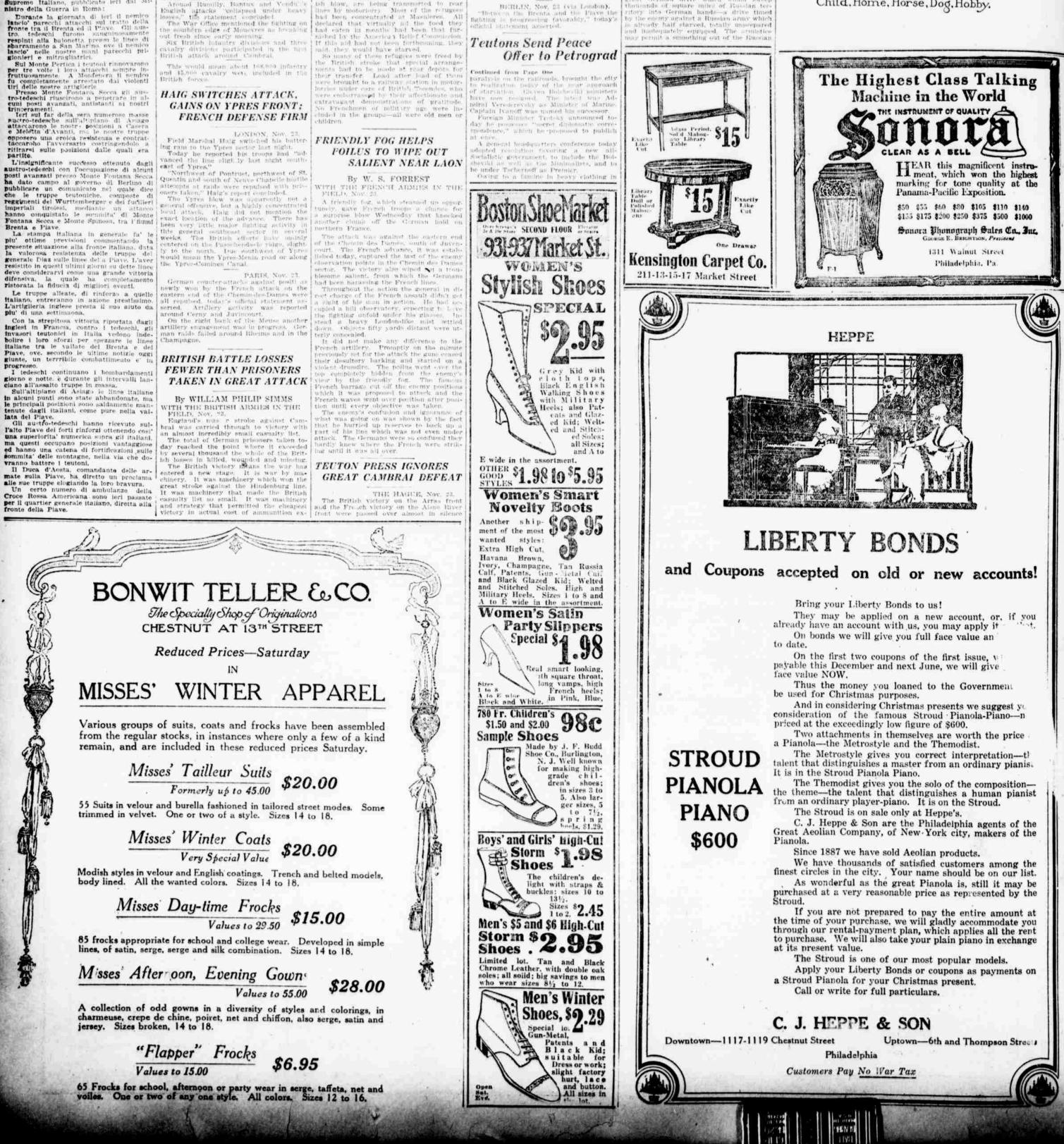
with Admiral Verederevcky, Minist ine, and with officials of the mi tablishments." said the embassy. Verederevsky does not recognize the Man im illsts, authority he has been allowed to continue the direction of the navy and has

ept it intact." (A dispatch from Petrograd today say erederevsky has resigned.) "The army is still a formidable fighting arganization as the progress against the Surks prove. Bolsheviki overtures for an armistics and sparate pence will go unbeeded by the United States, Government officials binds

today.

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The armistice offer illustrates the length-