

TEUTONS' LOSS HEAVY AS DIAZ CRUSHES LINES

First and Second Defenses of Austro-Germans Smashed

ITALIAN TROOPS TAKE OFFENSIVE

Tremendous Casualties Inflicted Upon Invaders in Victorious Attack

CRUCIAL MOMENT NEAR

With Anglo-French Forces in Field Rome Looks for Decisive Move

LONDON, Nov. 28. "The Italian crisis is past," declared General F. B. Mariscal, director of the operations, in his weekly statement to-day. "The credit is due to the Italians alone."

RESERVE DECISION IN BALLOT APPEAL

Supreme Court Hears Organization Plea to Stop Recount

STUFFING CHARGE MADE

OFFICIAL COUNT, CITY AND CAMP VOTE

IDEAL AND REFUGEE SHOW FORM AT BOWIE

Speeders Outspurt Fast Fields in First and Second Races, Respectively

RECORD TAX RATE JUMP IS FORECAST

Probable Loan for Permanent Improvements Faces Finance Committee

PENN RESERVES MANICURE FIELD

Folwell Uses Scrubs and Second Varsity to Help Remove Snow

THREE FORMER WATER BUREAU MEN INDICTED

Embezzlement, Falsifying Records and Conspiracy to Defraud City Charged

U. S. PATROL BOAT DAMAGED IN CRASH

Collides With Merchants and Miners' Liner While Answering S. O. S. Call

"GASSED" CHILDREN BURIED

Bodies of Two Asphyxiated by Deserted Mother Interred Here

THE WEATHER

Forecast for Philadelphia and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Thursday; slightly warmer tonight; gentle westerly winds.

American Generals Send Thanksgiving Messages

THE EVENING LEDGER today received two Thanksgiving messages to the American people from the fighting front in France, written by the American commander-in-chief "over there" and his first assistant. The messages are:

By General John J. Pershing

First, we may be thankful for the spirit which a great cause has aroused in our nation.

Second, that our army in France increases and its training continues according to plan.

Third, for the energy and unity of purpose from home which sustain us here and which will send us to the men and the material enabling us to deliver blows whose result will give us even greater cause for thanks when another Thanksgiving Day arrives.

By Major General William L. Sibert

This little pioneer contingent of mine has many things to be truly thankful for.

We have progressed far along our progress of training. We have become so hardened physically that, despite exposure to the rough weather, our men have had a minimum of illness.

But most of all we are thankful for this, in the great task of transporting our army in France we have not lost a single man—not one casualty.

It is very encouraging, because we know and our people back home know that when the full force of the United States can be transported over here and thrown into the fight, then we Allies will win this war—hands down.

RUSSIAN REDS FACE ROUT AS NATION WAKES

Plans to Overthrow Maximalists Fast Gather Strength

WARNING GIVEN ARMY

Proclamation to Soldiers Declares Bolshevik Peace Proposals Are Traitorous

LONDON, Nov. 28. The Allies are considering the sending of a warning to the Russian factions, pointing out the serious consequences of a separate peace with Germany, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, announced in the House of Commons today.

LONDON, Nov. 28. Congratulations from the Bolshevik army commander-in-chief, Ensign Krylenko, for his "efforts looking toward conclusion of a general, just and democratic peace," were announced in a wireless message picked up here today.

LONDON, Nov. 28. The Russia of the plain people seemed to be coming to its senses today, but very slowly.

At the moment when authoritative reports declared German staff officers were openly in conference in Petrograd with the Lenin-Trotsky Bolshevik Government half a dozen dispatches from other sections of Russia depicted the growth of a formidable movement for the overthrow of the Maximalists and establishment of a real coalition Government, expressive of Russia's people as a whole.

Haparanda dispatch today reported that the Committee on Public Safety had issued a proclamation to the army declaring: "The Bolshevik peace proposals have deceived Russia. Foreign troops will consider such a step as making Russia a traitor. They will withdraw their support. At the very moment of their withdrawal Russia will be deserted by everybody—and must beseech the Kaiser for peace—paying the price in land and in money."

"CONGRESS" CALLED

British wireless stations today picked up a message sent by the Petrograd station and signed "Second Lieutenant Shornin" which urged all Russians to participate in a "congress to be held at Petrograd December 5." The message asked for replies to a previous invitation for such participation.

Whether the "congress" was a Bolshevik-concocted plan or part of the growing movement of opposing political factions to replace the Maximalists with a stable Government was not indicated.

The Russian Constituent Assembly has been called to meet by Premier Kerensky December 5. It may be this is the "congress" referred to.

A Petrograd message said M. Tchernoff, formerly Kerensky's Agricultural Minister; M. Aksenoff, who later held the same post; Prof. Paul N. Milukoff, formerly Foreign Minister under the Tuma Cabinet; Admiral Verkhovskiy, Kerensky's Minister of Marine; M. Ivanoff, a prominent Moderate Socialist; and a number of others had met at a conference at army headquarters. Their specific purpose was formation of a substantial Government.

At the same time the Russian army, now facing starvation, through failure of the Bolshevik Government to arrange transportation of food, is nevertheless torn

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GAS ATTACKS FAIL TO SHAKE BRITISH GRIP

Germans Hurl Tornado of Asphyxiating Shells on Byng's Lines

BOURLON WOOD IS HELD

Crown Prince Rupprecht Sacrifices Flower of Army in Vain Counter-Thrusts

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 28. It was reported from the German frontier today that the Kaiser is going to the western front.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Nov. 28.

The Germans unloaded a counter-attack full of gas in their attempts to shake the British grip back of the Hindenburg line today.

Shells containing powerful asphyxiating vapor were distributed by German guns over wide areas immediately back of the British positions. No damage was done, and the shells gave the enemy no advantage.

This dispatch is called the British attack has apparently shifted to west of Bourlon. Wood is being held despite the enemy's most desperate efforts.

The enemy frantically shelled Bourlon Wood all of last night and deluged with gas the lines south of that position, including Amiens, Arras and Lens.

It was as though the enemy were enraged by his failure in a vigorous attack around Tadpole Copse, south of Inchy.

This afternoon the lines on both sides were virtually unbroken. The Prussians seldom fought with such desperation as they battled yesterday and today, vainly, bloodily, frantically, striving to wrest Bourlon Wood from the British.

The wood is a mere bundle of sticks now. Its great trees have literally been splintered by high explosives, smothered down by tanks, and a pleasant stretch of grateful shade is now a bare, scrawny hump, 3000 by 2500 yards, out of the shallow forest forward into the very midst of the German lines.

This dispatch is written just after my return from a visit to "Canada" the buildings of the prize city are visible, even in today's thick weather, from where the British line sticks its steel menacingly forward.

QUANT'S PERIL GROWS

On the other side of the Bourlon ridge, toward Quant, the Hindenburg line—that black line of German tanks, and the tower's tower, so commanding is the ridge position.

It is small wonder Rupprecht is now desperate as he sees this vital dominating point in British hands.

As I stood south of the wood the rattle of rifles came from the right. I have seldom heard such terrific bursts of noise from infantry fighting.

Then the machine guns on both sides joined their staccato rattle in a feverish crescendo. A rally had been tried. And over all came the crash of gas! Explosions.

The boches are taking no chances of letting British reinforcements come up. Minute by minute they are busy crumpling every known road or every known track by which the German roads bring shells into the salient. High-explosive shells are used, great monsters that dig deep craters.

The British guns do not hesitate to reply. Back of the German roads Bryng's shells must be making life miserable for the boches.

As this great artillery duel roared there was a sudden cyclone rattling hail. We peered out over No Man's Land to see six British planes swooping, swerving,

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QUICK NEWS

MRS. C. J. RHOADS NAMED MOTHERS' PENSION TRUSTEE

Mrs. Charles J. Rhoads, South Bittenhouse Square, was today appointed a Mothers' Pension trustee for Philadelphia, to succeed Mrs. Bernard Gilpin.

TEN ENEMY ALIENS ARRESTED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Ten enemy aliens were arrested on a coal pier here today and will be interned for defying the proclamation against Germans approaching the water front.

JAPAN TO TAKE PART IN ALLIED CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Japan will participate in the Inter-Allied Conference at Paris Thanksgiving Day, according to official Rome cables received here today.

DU PONT DIVIDENDS FOR YEAR 50 PER CENT

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 28.—E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. has declared, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 4 1/2 per cent on the common stock, or 18 per cent for the year, a special dividend of 32 per cent, payable in Liberty Bonds at par with all coupons attached, and payable December 22, to stock of record November 20. The regular dividend, which is in cash, is payable December 15 to stock of record November 20. On the debenture stock the regular 1 1/2 per cent dividend was declared, payable January 25 to stock of record January 10.

2050 PROVISIONAL SECOND LIEUTENANTS NAMED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The War Department today issued orders assigning 2050 provisional second lieutenants to the cavalry, infantry, coast artillery and field artillery. This is the largest assignment of officers ever issued by the department. The officers are from the officers' reserve corps, civilian life or from noncommissioned ranks in the regular army and National Guard. They include some from the Porto Rico military.

CLYDE LINE SUSPENDS SAILINGS TO NEW YORK

The tri-weekly service of the Clyde Steamship Company's Philadelphia-New York line will be indefinitely suspended after Saturday, December 2. The last sailings from New York to Philadelphia and Philadelphia to New York will be made on that date. Announcement to this effect was made today. No freight will be received from shippers or connecting lines for transportation between New York and Philadelphia and points beyond after the noon hour on the date of suspension of the service. The Philadelphia offices of the company are located at 701 Chestnut street.

STRIKE OF MUNITION PLANT WORKERS SETTLED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Settlement of the strike of 200 workers at the plant of the American-British Manufacturing Company, Providence, R. I., engaged on a Government contract for anti-aircraft guns, was announced by the Department of Labor today. The terms of the settlement were not reported by John J. Casey, the department's conciliator, but it is believed the workers were granted the eight-hour workday, for which they were striking.

DENIES POPE PLANS NEW PEACE APPEAL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Osservatore Romano, the organ of the Vatican, denies that the Pope has directed or is preparing a new peace appeal, according to an official cablegram from Rome today.

THIERICHENS GETS 14 MONTHS' SENTENCE

Captain Max V. Thierichens, former commander of the German sea raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, was today sentenced to fourteen months' imprisonment in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., by Judge Thompson in the United States District Court, for conviction of violating the Mann White Slave act in bringing Marie Funk, a young German domestic, from Ithaca, N. Y., to this city for immoral purposes, in January last.

PEACE DEMONSTRATIONS IN BERLIN AND BUDAPEST

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 28.—Peace demonstrations have occurred in Berlin and Budapest, according to reports reaching here today. Police in both cities, it was declared, had clashed with the peace advocates.

BENSON AND BLISS RETURN TO PARIS FROM FRONT

PARIS, Nov. 28.—Admiral Benson and General Bliss, members of the American mission, returned today from a visit to the French front, where they had been guests of General Petain.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP THOR REPORTED SUNK

TOKIO, Nov. 28.—The Pacific Mail steamship Thor, bound to Yokohama from San Francisco, has been sunk, according to word reaching here today. No details were given.

U. S. WANTS 500 GRADUATE NURSES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Five hundred graduate nurses for immediate service are wanted by the army, the surgeon general announced today. The nurses will receive \$50 a month and maintenance.

WILLIAM G. MURDOCK TO GET MAJOR'S COMMISSION

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 28.—William G. Murdock, disbursing officer of the State draft headquarters, is to be made a major in the United States officers' reserve and attached to the Judge Advocate General's Department, when he takes formal hold of the State headquarters on December 15.

THREE FORMER WATER BUREAU MEN INDICTED

Three former employes in the Water Bureau were indicted today by the November Grand Jury on charges of embezzlement, falsifying records and conspiring to cheat and defraud the city. The defendants are Charles H. Russell, 1407 West Thompson street, permit clerk; James S. VanFranken, 2212 Lombard street, assistant clerk, and William S. Jones, 2062 North Lawrence street, permit receiving clerk.

According to the indictments, which charge specific instances, nearly \$4000 were stolen by the defendants from the city. Russell, VanFranken and Jones are all named in the indictment charging "embezzlement by employes of a municipal corporation" and "conspiracy to cheat and defraud and to embezzle from the city." An indictment is also presented against Jones charging him with falsifying the city's records. The indictments were returned to Judge Davis, in Quarter Sessions Court.

Jones was employed in the Receiver of Taxes' office and Russell and Van Franken in the Water Bureau. It is said that they conspired to alter books and keep different fees that were charged for the issuance of permits, etc. The books of both offices, it is alleged, were altered to cover up the defalcations.

Policemen Kill Suspended Hold-Up Man

PHOENIA, Ill., Nov. 28.—Otto Kurrie, an alleged hold-up man, was shot and instantly killed in a pistol duel with two policemen early today.

FRAZEE, RESIGNING, LASHES EDUCATORS

Charges Public School System Is in Administrative and Financial Chaos

RAPS UNNAMED MEMBERS

JOHN C. FRAZEE

John C. Frazee, associate superintendent of public schools, today resigned from the position, accompanying his letter of resignation a scathing attack on certain unnamed members of the Board of Education, who, he charged, had brought the city's public school system into a state of administrative and financial chaos. He will take up the chairmanship of a Federal labor committee for this State on December 1.

Mr. Frazee's letter of resignation was addressed to the John P. Garber, superintendent of schools, who has been his warm defender in a long-standing controversy between Doctor Garber and certain members of the Board of Education which arose after Mr. Frazee was made head of the public schools' bureau of vocational training in May, 1914.

These board members recently voted to eliminate the office of three associate superintendents. His action being prompted, Doctor Garber contended, by their desire to oust Mr. Frazee. Recently the Department of Labor requested the board to grant Mr. Frazee a year's leave of absence, with salary, to assist the Council of National Defense in dealing with the labor question. Yesterday, the board notified Mr. Frazee through Doctor Garber that it would not grant him leave of absence under any conditions and suggested point-blank that he resign although "November 28, 1917."

"My dear Doctor Garber—I am today in receipt of your letter of the twenty-seventh instant, containing the information that the committee on elementary schools, assembled to consider the request of the acting Secretary of the United States Department of Labor that I be granted a temporary leave of absence from all school duties to enter the service of the Government, has officially refused to grant me a leave of absence under any consideration, and has suggested that I resign. Philadelphia has been amply attested by my declaration, during my period of service with the Board of Public Education, of other positions offering more advanced salary than Philadelphia. I am ready to accept my resignation as an associate superintendent of schools if the Government desires my services.

"I believe that my undivided interest in the public schools of Philadelphia has been amply attested by my declaration, during my period of service with the Board of Public Education, of other positions offering more advanced salary than Philadelphia. I am ready to accept my resignation as an associate superintendent of schools if the Government desires my services.

"I am therefore handing you this resignation as associate superintendent of schools, to be effective at the end of this month. Under ordinary circumstances I would not submit a resignation to become effective at such short notice, but the purpose of the Department of Labor in requesting my leave of absence has been to obtain immediately my full services in connection with the labor emergency.

"JOHN C. FRAZEE."

Mr. Frazee, who is about thirty-eight years old, is a graduate of Coe College, Iowa, and also studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at the Michigan State College of Mines. From educational work on the Pacific coast he returned to teach at Columbia University and then came to Philadelphia to accept the position of superintendent of schools.

Last August Mr. Frazee was appointed Federal director and superintendent for Pennsylvania of the United States public service reserve, to be in charge of the department of labor and the committee of public safety of Pennsylvania.

His work for the Federal public service reserve in this State was to have been completed at the end of this month. Mr. Frazee had been told that it would be impossible to grant him leave of absence from his Philadelphia school post with salary, he asked for leave of absence without salary, but to this Simon Gratz, of the board's committee on elementary schools, replied that "if the Department of Labor wishes Mr. Frazee's services, his resignation will be accepted."

No charges against Mr. Frazee's administration of the vocational training bureau were made by the Board of Education at the time. The friction between him and certain members of the board was understood to be a purely personal matter.

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LENGTH OF DAY

Sun rises, 7:00 a. m. Sun sets, 4:56 p. m. DELAWARE RIVER THE CHANNEL

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