

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. Marcell, director of the operations, in his weekly statement to-day.

By JOHN H. HEARLEY

ROME, Nov. 28.—Within the last twenty-four hours Italian troops, assuming the offensive, have smashed German first and second lines, inflicting tremendous losses on the invaders. The announcement was made here today.

Details of the victory were withheld for the present. The news was cited as evidence of the growing strength of the Italian army, its complete rehabilitation and as an illustration that the enemy's most powerful efforts to break the Piave mountain line have been utterly fruitless.

With French and British aid now rapidly approaching the front, Rome looks for a decisive strategic step of vast importance.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Germany's great plan to crush Italy as Serbia and Rumania were conquered has ended in failure, according to belief expressed in military and diplomatic circles today.

However, both sides are preparing for a greater struggle. Reinforcements of men and guns are pouring across the Austrian frontier into Italy to strengthen the invading hordes, while the Alpine roads leading down from France into Italy are choked with masses of French and British veterans, trains of supply wagons, and long lines of artillery.

An oversight in two directions has helped to frustrate the carefully laid plans of the German general staff. First, they failed to count upon the true fighting spirit of the Italian soldiers; second, they failed to take into consideration the possibility of quick aid being given the Italians by the French and British.

The magnitude of the preparations that are being made on both sides for a continuation of the struggle is shown by the closing of the Austro-German frontier and the Franco-Italian frontier. These steps have been made to cloak the amount of reinforcements that are being sent into the area of action in northern Italy.

IDEAL AND REFUGEE SHOW FORM AT BOWIE

Speeders Outspurt Fast Fields in First and Second Races, Respectively

BOWIE, Md., Nov. 28.—Over the snow-laden, slippery course and under anything but ideal conditions Ideal sprinted to victory in the first race on the program here this afternoon. The veteran Ambrose was in the saddle, piloting his speedy mount to a win over the fast finishing Onico and Dalrym, winners of second and third, respectively.

Refugee showed a fine burst of speed in the second event at seven furlongs, outdistancing Early Moon and Little Nephew.

Table with columns for race name, horse name, and time. Includes races like 'FIRST RACE, selling, two-year-olds, 5 1/2 furlongs' and 'SECOND RACE, three-year-olds and up, seven furlongs'.

Held in \$2000 Bail in Theft Case Harry Laxer, of Second and Morris streets, was held in \$2000 bail for a further hearing December 5 before Magistrate Pennock in the Central Police Station today.

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 supply us here and which will send us 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 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.

RESERVE DECISION IN BALLOT APPEAL

Supreme Court Hears Organization Plea to Stop Recount

STUFFING CHARGE MADE

OFFICIAL COUNT, CITY AND CAMP VOTE

RECEIVER OF TAXES Kendrick 117,529 Armstrong 108,743

REGISTER OF WILLS Sheehan 110,856 Smith 108,734

CITY TREASURER Shoyer 113,267 Nicholson 111,263

CORRECTED COUNT FOR FORTY BOXES

Old majority gain New majority

Kendrick 8788 158 8944

Armstrong 2072 174 2246

Smith 2004 173 2177

Shoyer 2004 173 2177

Nicholson 2004 173 2177

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania late this afternoon, after hearing argument, reserved decision on today's appeal of the Republican Organization from the Election Court's recount of the November 6 vote.

At the same time, in the Election Court, the organization was accused by the Town Meeting party of ballot-box stuffing. For the first time the independent candidates gained access to the voters' check-list books it was announced that the Town Meeting party was prepared to show that in at least 110 election divisions 1547 more voters were counted than the voters registered or voters in the division.

The Supreme Court, in star-chamber session, listened for an hour and a half to argument on the proceedings to stop the recount. No one was admitted but the Justices and attorneys for both sides. The appeal was for a writ of certiorari for a supersedeas, brought by Alexander Simpson, secretary of the Independent and United Party, representing W. Frohman Kendrick, James B. Sheehan and Fred J. Shoyer, organization candidates. The Town Meeting party was represented by Henry J. Scott, Justice who has announced that he will resign to take office as Justice of the Peace.

The petition was based on two points. The Supreme Court was asked to declare that it could be introduced through a municipal law in 1918.

Mr. Gaffney said in all probability a loan of this character would have to be provided next year. During the course of a four-hour session Council's financiers paraded over \$1,000,000 from items asked for maintenance and supplies by various departments and bureaus.

One year ago Councils raised the tax rate from \$1 to \$1.25. This move was taken with fear and trembling, but as it brought only a slight protest from citizens it was decided to this year make the burden clutched with a duplication of places that city officials frankly asserted should be abolished if the city is to have anything like a business government.

Only three new Town Meeting petitions were acted upon by the time the restraining writ was asked for. A recount was ordered in the case of the seventh division of the Fourth Ward was held over because of a request by Henry J. Scott, Town Meeting counsel, that Peter B. Ewell, one of the signers of the petition in the last named division, be held for perjury. This was the first case of a witness' credibility being questioned so severely since the recount began. The court held over the petition until

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 States will consider such a step as making Russia a traitor. They will withdraw their support. At the very moment of 'peace' entry Russia will be deserted by everybody—and must beseech the Kaiser for releasing 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 Shorn" 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 the 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 afternoon the lines on both sides were virtually unaltered. 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 the ground is now 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 center of the German line.

This dispatch is written just after my return from a visit to Bourlon. 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 is, the German line—has been pushed to 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 toward us. We peered out over No Man's Land to see six British planes swooping, swerving, 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 30. 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 triweekly 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

Embezzlement, Falsifying Records and Conspiracy to Defraud City Charged

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." Russell and VanFranken are named in an indictment charging "falsifying, etc., books of a municipal corporation and a book of a public office" 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 Dr. 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 money than Philadelphia has been 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 money than Philadelphia has been 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 industrial workers' representative functions by certain members of the board, and through the financial mismanagement which must inevitably result when the finance committee attempts to exclude the superintendent of schools from its meetings and persists in conducting its business affairs without a detailed system of budget and a properly organized control of expenditures, to the great detriment of the value can be accomplished for the youth of Philadelphia until these and other serious evils have been remedied.

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U. S. PATROL BOAT DAMAGED IN CRASH

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Nov. 28.—The steamship Ontario of the Merchants and Miners' Line collided with a United States patrol boat off the Atlantic coast, according to advices received at the office of the line here today.

At the time of the collision the patrol boat was on its way to answer an S. O. S. call sent out by the two-masted schooner Kirk, which was reported to be leaking badly. No one was hurt, but the patrol boat was so badly damaged that it had to be beached.

The Ontario stood by until the patrol boat was safe and then proceeded slowly to its berth, slightly damaged and leaking. No further word was heard of the Kirk.

"GASSED" CHILDREN BURIED

Bodies of Two Asphyxiated by Deserted Mother Interred Here

Funeral services for Catharine and Earl Whitehead, twelve and four years old, respectively, of Haddonfield, N. J., were held at the home of their grandparents, Fifty-sixth street and Hazel avenue, this afternoon. The two children were found clasped in each other's arms in a gas-filled room in the home of their mother, who had chosen that way of ending the misery and privations thrust on them by the desertion of the father and husband, John Whitehead.

The families of the grandparents of the children attended the funeral and the burial in Mount Moriah Cemetery. The mother of the children, who was asphyxiated, was not able to attend.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Thursday; slightly warmer tonight; gentle westerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises, 7:00 a. m. Sun sets, 4:56 p. m. DELAWARE RIVER THE CHANDELIER High water, 12:42 a. m. Low water, 1:00 a. m. Delaware Bay High water, 12:42 a. m. Low water, 1:00 a. m.