### solone Region STILL RAGING

ensive in Monte

LONDON, Dec. 22. hostile raiders last neighborhood of the abrai road, to the east y-le-Prex and southeast of was all Field Marshal d to report today.

PARIS, Dec. 22. active shelling on both as reported from around Fayet, Beaumont, Wood and Apremont in today's official statement. Champagne, around Moron-French troops carried out ul raids.

ROME, Dec. 22.

Re progress" in lively fighting in the Asolone region was reported y's official statement, marking the day of the Italian offensive. The line reported a hostile counterad been checked instantly.

I dispatches from the front today ed the battle as proceeding alcontinuously, with the Italians stimulated by their victories so

struggle between the Piave and renta, which has developed into the most bitter combats of the as now continued with hardly an cessation for eleven days. The first ays of the battle saw the invaders r in turn the mountain strong-if Beretta, Solarolo, Caprille, Per-d Asolone, and press steadily for-to within four miles of the Venelains, easy access to which is pro-by the San Lorenzo Valley, now y under the enemy's fire. those first eight days the Teutons ed, according to their own claims,

inth day of the conflict, Wednes minth day of the conflict. Wednes-itnessed the first serious efforts of alians to assume the aggressive, hursday they succeeded in putting amy on the defensive, and for the time wrested back some of their

he battle the British and French r have taken little part, but con-the Italians have had to rely ir artilleries for defensive sup-that their contribution has not neignificant by any means. nsignificant by any means only attack in which British took part last week proced a but as the struggle goes on both in the fight more actively.

## **ELGIUM SHOWS HUN CONGO STORY FALSE**

ts Disprove Charge Geran Post Was Attacked Before War Began

PARIS, Dec. 22. eigian Government today made e refutation of Germany's latest Boesn't black that began hostilities in the Congo sching a German post August 8, According to German propagands, m at that time also turned over utral Congo basin to the French, in Government declared, in direct in the Congo were ordered to taricity on the German reports, in in the Congo were ordered to taricity on the defensive util August 8, 1914. The frontier into the all Congo sone was not crossed util imbor-after the German them had begun hostilities in the mental congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the German them had begun hostilities in the mental congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the mental congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the mental congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the mental congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the congo sone was not crossed until mbor-after the Germans them had begun hostilities in the congo sone was not crossed until many that the neutral congo sone was not crossed until many than the con shift responsibility for the war.

#### OYD GEORGE SPEECH APPLAUDED BY PRESS ne London Editor Finds Fault

Vith Premier's Denial of Selfish Aims

DON, Dec. 22.—Premier Lloyd a emphatic disclaimer that had selfish aims of extending ritory through the war brought general approval from the Lon-

fear it may be difficult to de-the wishes of inhabitants of German colonies," said the Dally, "but the influence of the United emier again showed the falsity rge that our aim is conquest," 'mes's comment.

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LE TRUPPE ITALIANE

Una Poderosa Offensiva Lanciata dagli Italiani sulle

Montagne

Una poderosa controffensiva e' stati lanclata dagti italiant tra i flumi Brenta Playe ed in una serie di brillanti attacchi, intorno a Monte Asolone, le forze austro-tedesche sono state respinte da quasi tutte le posizioni che eran riuscite a catturare al principio della settimana.

Dispacci giunti oggi dal Quartier Generale Italiano, a Verona, fanno risaltare la violenza degli assalti italiani ed il valore delle truppe. Di fronte al fuoco delle artiglierie e delle mitragli-atrici gli italiani vanno carica al fa-tidico erido di: "Savoia" sparando 'dico grido di: "Savola!" spazzando il nemico dalle pendici della montagna In seguito alla prima rottura delle

loro linee gil italiani si trovarono in con-dizioni avantaggiose, ma ciononostante essi son riusciti a resolugere il nemico con tale spirito da sbalordire gil austro-

Il generale Cornes, un critico mili are, in un suo articolo sul giornade romano "La Tribuna," commentando gli odierni combattimenti, cosi' dice:

"La violenza del combattimento ora i progresso sulla fronte italiana e la na tura delle operazioni danno alla bat taglia un aspetto simile a quello di Ver-dun. Tuttavia alcune delle caratteri-stiche sono differenti. L'offensiva aus-tro-tedeschi contro l'Italia fu lanciata in un momento quando parte delle Armate italiane erano dissorganizzate da propaganda insidiosa. Cio' non av-venne a Verdun. Di fronte all'oppri-mente nemico gli italiani hanno dovuto riconoscere se stessi durante la ritirate e ricquipaggiarsi. In breve tempo essi si trovarono a combattere in un terreno altanente favorevole al nemico.

si trovarono a combattere in un terreno altamente favorevole al nemico.

"Il fronte di battaglia italiano prese tale forma che le nostre posizioni potevano essere attaccate di fiance e di fromte simultaneamente. Anche cio non si verifico a Verdun. Ora le nostre linee sono state ben rafforzate e gli attacchi nemici vengono lanciati qua' e la' in uno sforzo, di trovare un punto deblo. Cio' e' pero' ben lungi dall'essere scoperto."

Altre notizie giunte dalla fronte di battaglia confermano che le truppe italiane hanno assunto una forte offensiva sulle montagne tra il Piave ed li Brenta, ove negli ultimi dieci giorni i teutoni si erano impegnati in una battaglia spaventevole e di sacrifizio per avanzare oltre le linee italiane.

Il comunicato ufficiale, pubblicato leri dai Ministero della Guerra, annunzio che gli italiani erano riusciti a riprendere una considerevole quantita' di territorio che era stato occupato dagli austro-tedeschi martedi' scorso intorne a Monte Asolone, ad oriente del Brenta, Le posizioni riguadagnate furone fatte segno ad una serie di poderosi contrattacchi e ad un vio ento fuoco concentrato delle batterie nemiche amtrattacchi e ad un vio ento fuoco cor centrato delle batterie nemiche am

Una idea della violenza degli attacchi taliani puo' anche rilevarsi dal comuni-taliani puo' anche rilevarsi dal comuni-cato tedesco, il quale dice che le truppe italiane condussero sette ondate di fanteria contro i teutoni, in brevissimo tempo. Tre potenti attacchi furcho tempo. Tre potenti attacchi rurono operati contro gli austro-tedeachi sul Monte Pertica ed un altro, anche poderoso, fu diretto contro Monte

Gli attachhi furono condotti sotto u violento fuoco di artigieria. Gli austro-tedeschi ebbero a soffrire perdite

### CHRISTMAS TURKEYS RESPINGONO I TEUTONI FOR 100,000 SAMMEES

Part of Pershing's Army to Have Real Holiday "Eats"

GIFTS FOR WAR WAIFS

Staff Colonel to Enact Role of Santa Claus in One "American Zone" Town

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 22.

Part of the Sammees will have their Christmas turkey and mincemeat even though the special Christmas shipments of those products haven't yet arrived. The quartermaster's department did a careful job of figuring today and announced there was just about enough turkey and mincement left over from Thankegiving to feed 100,000 men. Who the lucky hundred thousand will be was an all-absorbing topic of interest today.

over to the French.

Headquarters reversed itself in a ruling today, permitting Sammess to cable
Christmas greetings home. The rate,
however, will be the regular commercial
one instead of the special rate heretofore
in effect and which is temporarily suspended.

One certain town in the "American cone is to have an elaborately arranged Christmas. French women today completed a Santa Claus suit, in which a staff colonel will masquerade and distribute gifts purchased by money contributed by the Americans to about fifty war waifs. For the most part the youngsters are orphans, refugees from devastated regions.

Great quantities of mail continue to pour inte the training zone. The Sammees are contentedly smoking real American cigarettee and American to-bacco in their pipes. There are a number of excessively shiny-cheeked Americans, attenting to the assiduous use of Christmas rapors.

careful job of figuring today and announced there was just about enough turkey and mincement left over from Thanksgiving to feed 100,000 men. Who the lucky hundred thousand will be was an all-absorbing topic of interest today.

However, the quartermaster is endeavoring to make up the deficiency by purchases of delicacies from the French. Such a plan will not reduce the French for interest to the men of their forcible reminder to the men of their

It became known today that some time ago a number of American soldiers "awapped" uniforms with some polius and thus endeavored to deceive the military police guarding a certain prohibited section. The guard saw through the scheme. Both the Sammees and polius were arrested and punished.

Both chaplains and medical officers are gratified at the sweeping provisions of General Pershing's orders. They make drunkenness promptly punishable by commanders.

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### Much ceremony attended the recent visit of the German Emperor to his Moslem ally, the Sultan of Turkey. In this group the prominent figures from left to right are the Sheik-ul-Islam, the Kaiser, the Sultan and Enver Pasha, the Turkish Minister of War. **CHIDES CROZIER** ARGENTINA RIOTERS

Lack of Guns

FOR WAR DELAY

BAKER ALSO CRITICIZED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. Responsibility for ordnance and rine shortage in the American army was laid on General Crozier, chief of ordnance, today by Colonel Isaac Lewis, inventor of the Lewis machine gun, in testimony before the Senate Military Affairs Com-

"General Crozier is responsible, more than any other man, for obsolete equipment of the ment and the lack of equipment of the sary quantities of guns and aminuniment and Lewis.

will solve the problem of getting the sary quantities of guns and aminuniment and the lack of equipment of the sary quantities of guns and aminuniment and Lewis.

one of the pet weapon fold the committee his ceived a fair trial here.

so often.

"They never knew what they wanted," he declared. "They told me last August there would be no more last august

les." He believes other manufacturers had suffered likewise. He told how the Government refused to take Lewis guns firing British am-

ered 19,000 of them by this time.
"Of course, it was preferable to have
the guns shoot American ammunition."
said Borie. "But I've been told the army has practically no machine-guns Inventor Holds Ordnance
Chief Responsible for

THE KAISER ON A VISIT TO THE SULTAN OF TURKEY

PAID BROWNING \$1,250,000 Borie said he understood this Government had paid \$1,250,000 to Browning for his patent rights for the duration

Asked on whose advice this was done, Borie said the chief of the ordnance department and others connected with guard, police reserves patrolling all downtown streets and a deep undercur-rent of hostility against tiermany by street crowds were visible evidences to-day of how Buenos Aires has been

reality?" asked Chamberlain.
Borie said he "supposed so."
Putting a "he-man" in charge of munitions production and supply is the only way the United States Government

army," said Lewis.

In a dramatic declaration that America is not fighting the battle of the Allies, but the battle of America, Lewis declared that "it's a shame and an outrage" that American troops abroad have to beg artillery from France, "already nearly bankrupt and bled white."

The former West Pointer, who saw his machine-gun rejected by the American War Department and accepted as one of the pet weapons of the Allies, one of the pet weapons of the Allies, to be changed.

Quartermaster Sharpe is scheduled to

rold the committee his gun never received a fair trial here.

"I'm not here to tell the story of the Lewis gun in great detail;" said Colonel Lewis. "It's telling its own story today on every battlefield in Europe. The only Zeppelins that the British have brought down were brought down by Lewis guns."

Lewis said that for the sake of his two sons, now with Pershing in France, and for "the sake of all your sons who will be there before this terrible war is over, "faster progress should have been made in equipping the army.

DOESN'T LIKE BROWNING GUN

Gun manufacturers sponsoring the Browning machine-gun are "fooling the Government." A. E. Borie, of the Savese Arms. Several should be probed.

When the matter of cantonment contracts and site selection is reached, it is likely the medical department will come.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A Berne dispatch, dated the 19th, referring to the agree-ment of the Inter-Allied Council regard-ing foodstuffs, says:

"Switzerland is greatly relieved by the thought that, for the present at all events, she need not starve. The Federal Council ratified the arrangement between the Swiss and the American representatives whereby the wheat executive, undertakes to supply Switzerland, between now and next September, with 24,000 tons of breadstuffs. "Unlike the arrangement by which Switzerland gets coal from Germany, this agreement is not subject to compensations. The press is filled with expressions of satisfaction over it."

### Lieutenant Robert L. Smith- Was Taken Ill After Returning From Thanksgiving Furlough Word was received here today of the

THREATEN IRIGOYEN

Spirited Street Fights in

Buenos Aires Between Anti-

German Mobs and Police

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Special Cubic Service of the United Press and Evening Public Ledger BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 22. German-owned properties under heavy

day of how Buenos Aires has been stirred by the latest Luxburg revelations. The Government had prepared for nstrations last night, and rioting quickly controlled. There were sev-spirited fights between shouting

dent Irigoyen were openly voiced by many of the rioters, while street orators who demanded immediate war on Ger-many were cheered vociferously.

None of Buenos Aires newspapers has yet commented editorially on the

latest chapter in Count Luxburg's career
of duplicity. Members of Congress indicate a determination to force a complete
explanation from President Irigoyen of

the various implications in the Luxburg

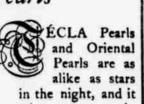
letters, alleging Trigoyen's friendliness t

PHILADELPHIA OFFICER DIES AT SOUTHERN CAMP

death of Lieutenant Robert L. Smith, at Camp McClellan, Alabama, of men-ingitis. He was taken ill shortly after returning from a furlough during

No Sugar Supply in Cleveland CLEVELAND, Dec. 22 .- This was getting shipments in the city this week

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