

AL FRONTE MONTUOSO LA LOTTA E' ACCANTATA

Gli Austro-Tedeschi Invano Tentano Appirirsi la Via delle Pianure

DUELLI DI ARTIGLIERIA

ROMA, 24 Dicembre.

Da un comunicato ufficiale pubblicato ieri dal Ministero della Guerra, in Roma, si rileva che una disperata battaglia e' stata combattuta negli ultimi tre giorni nel settore di Monte Asolone.

Nonostante le condizioni atmosferiche sfavorevoli gli eroici reparti degli "Arabi" compirono prodigi di valore attaccando le forze austro-tedesche, in numero preponderante, tentarono invano riconquistare le posizioni ricoperte dagli italiani.

Alcuni tentativi gli austro-tedeschi, in unione a rinforzi ricevuti, tentarono un poderoso contrattacco sul Monte Asolone, ma furono respinti con perdite gravissime.

I duelli dell'artiglieria continuano violenti e senza tregua sulla linea tra il Brenta ed il Piave.

Una squadra giunti dal quartier generale italiano, relativamente ai combattimenti che si svolsero durante le giornate di giovedì e venerdì, si rileva che le "truppe italiane operarono una serie di brillanti attacchi in quali riuscirono a sloggiare il nemico dalle posizioni di Monte Asolone.

L'occupazione di detto monte da parte delle truppe austro-tedesche aveva un serio pericolo, poiche' da quelle posizioni si domina la vallata di San Lorenzo che mena a Bassano e da adito alla provincia veneta.

Il primo attacco da parte delle truppe italiane si effettuò verso l'alba di giovedì mattina, con contingenti del settimo reggimento fanteria. Ma l'attacco principale venne operato il giorno 23 antimeridiana da reparti di Alpini in unione ad altri del settimo fanteria.

Mentre l'ala sinistra ed il centro delle forze attaccanti procedevano in linea diretta, l'ala destra compiva un movimento aggirante verso le posizioni nemiche di Monte Asolone. Il combattimento fu accanitissimo e durò tutto il giorno e la notte susseguente, fino a che gli italiani riuscirono a costringere il nemico a ritirarsi, dopo avergli inflitto perdite assai rilevanti.

Tantato le truppe austriache verso il corso del fiume, e più precisamente verso la foce del fiume, tentarono la traversata delle acque con barconi armati di cannoni di piccolo calibro e trasportanti distaccamenti di truppe austro-ungheresi. La vigile sorveglianza dei soldati italiani frustò i tentativi nemici, ed concorso di contingenti di artiglieria della Regia Marina che valsero a costringere il nemico a ritirarsi, dopo che un bel barcon fu affondato unitamente alle truppe che trasportava.

Gli altri comandi tedesco ed austriaco sono allarmati dal pericolo che le loro truppe debbano passare l'Inferno, la montagna e colà spiega i disperati tentativi per occupare le sommita' del le alture che dominano le vallate, e le quali danno adito alla pianura. Anche la concentrazione di truppe nemiche verso l'altipiano di Asiago e lungo il basso corso della Piave, per quanto minore di quelle nella regione di Monte Grappa, intrinano allo stesso scopo.

Gli austro-tedeschi a qualunque costo e con qualsiasi sacrificio intendono di aprirsi un via e costringere le truppe italiane ad una generale ritirata, per poter così stabilire le linee nella pianura.

Tutti i prigionieri, senza eccezione, prendono una feroce battaglia per la fine dell'anno. E essi assicurano che le condizioni delle truppe austro-tedesche sono terribili ed assolutamente necessitano il consolidamento delle linee della pianura ed abbiano il controllo delle vallate del Brenta e della Piave.

Alla Camera dei Deputati in Roma, ha avuto luogo una movimentata seduta durante la quale il deputato socialista, onorevole Morgari, ha pronunciato un discorso antiaustriaco, durato per tre ore, sollevando la generale indignazione. L'on. Morgari durante il suo discorso, spesso interrotto dalle invettive del collega, svolse un quadro del giorno luttuoso che il Governo a rivolgere agli alleati ed ai nemici proposti per una pace generale. Il presidente del Consiglio, On. Orlando, tra gli applausi ed il clamore, fece rilevare al deputato socialista che, mentre riconosceva il diritto di libertà per la tribuna parlamentare, non poteva riconoscere i diritti di libertà per un limite il quale, specie nelle circostanze in cui versa la patria, non può ne' deve essere soppresso.

War Shadow Over Spirit of Holidays

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George W. Urquhart, will take presents to the sick bluecoats. A Christmas dinner will be served to 250 sailors and marines at the Hotel Adelphi at noon tomorrow.

One hundred orphans from the Northern Home and St. Joseph's and the Presbyterian orphanages will be the guests of the officers and men of a dreadnought at League Island Christmas afternoon. The sea fighter has been transformed into a Christmas ship for the children, with Santa Claus in command.

Sailors and soldiers, home on furloughs or stationed in this city, will be guests in thousands of homes. Haddonrig will honor its 600 men in the nation's service this evening at a celebration around a great community Christmas tree at Sixty-fifth and Girard avenues. All the members of the Drexel Biddle Bible classes in the service were remembered by Christmas boxes.

The poor will be remembered bountifully.

The churches, the Society for Organizing the Christmas Tree at Organizations, including the Volunteers of America, the Salvation Army and the American Rescue Workers, will see that needy hungry—and last but not least, the sick—were cared for even the underserving will receive Christmas cheer.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR POOR

The Volunteers of America have issued 1600 cards to needy families and to hundreds of needy persons who are without families. To the families to whom cards have been sent the volunteers will give baskets containing full Christmas dinners, cooked and ready to eat. These will be issued at 258 North Ninth street. The volunteers have also rented a restaurant at 267 North Ninth street, where from 11 a. m. until 5 p. m., dinners will be served to all to whom cards have been sent.

After 5 o'clock cards will not be required. Every one who is hungry will be served so long as any food remains.

Three hundred children in the neighborhood of Ninth and Arch streets will be guests tonight at a party given by the American Rescue Workers. Each will receive candy and oranges and each will receive shoes, a coat or some other warm article of clothing.

The Salvation Army, in the biggest holiday celebration in its history, will give 600 hundred dinners for 2000 persons at headquarters of the Army, Broad street and Fairmount avenue, at three p. m. today. Tomorrow, at 6.30 p. m., in the same hall, there will be a Christmas party for 1000 poor children.

Two enormous trees will be filled with lights and trinkets and each child will be given a box of candy, nuts and fruits, with articles of clothing and toys. There will be a moving picture show and a musical entertainment.

A big Christmas party for the children will be held tonight at the Starr Garden Recreation Center under the auspices of Mrs. E. T. Strickelbach.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will distribute more than 800 baskets throughout the parishes. Dinner and presents will be provided for mothers and babies at the Salvation Home and Hospital and the Ivy Home. Separate Christmas parties will be staged in the cottages of the Baptist Orphanage.

Children will sing carols from the Betty of the Lutheran Orphan's Home. Gifts will be distributed and entertainments held by the Western Home for Poor Children, the Catholic Home for Deaf Children, St. John's Orphan Asylum, Edison Masonic orphanage for girls and Home for Widows and Children, Northern Home for Friendless Children, Odd Fellows' Home for girls, Episcopal City Mission, Methodist Episcopal Orphanage, Home for Communicants, Edwin Forest Home for Actors, Old Ladies' Home, Wisconsin; Penn. Widows' Asylum, Ganagan Memorial Orphan's Home, Germantown Poorhouse, Germantown Flower, Fruit and Ice Mission; Little Sisters of the Poor, Home of the Good Shepherd and Happy Hollow Playgrounds Association.

In every hospital gifts will bring cheer to the sick. The ladies' committee of the Presbyterian Hospital has put trees in every ward; Santa Claus will visit the beds at the Presbyterian; services will be held in the Episcopal; nurses at the Medico-Chirurgical will sing carols; singing and a big dinner for 180 children will be the feature at the Franklin; Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will provide music for the Polytechnic entertainment, in charge of the ladies aid society; at St. Timothy's the junior aid society will stage a treat; patients in the St. Luke's, the Chestnut Hill, St. Joseph's, St. Christopher's, the Stearns, the Kensington and St. Mary's. The Lankenau Hospital observed Christmas yesterday. The Woman's Hospital celebration was conducted Saturday by the social service department.

The hundreds of inmates of the city institutions will be remembered by dinners and entertainments at the Municipal Hospital for Contagious Diseases, Philadelphia Hospital at Blockley, Home for the Indigent, Holmehurst, the St. Farm, Byberry. Under the supervision of Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Director of the Department of Public Health and Charles J. Heister, Chief of the Health and Charity, the following program will be observed during the week:

Wednesday—St. Timothy's House, Sixth and Reed streets, and the Italian Mission, Twenty-second and Ontario streets.

Thursday—Health Center No. 1, Twelfth and Carpenter streets; University Settlement, Twenty-sixth and Lombard streets; Friends' Neighborhood Guild, Fourth and Green streets; College Settlement, 301 South Front street; Health District No. 2, 224 Kensington avenue; Shiloh Baptist Church, Eleventh and Lombard streets, and Health Center No. 8, 4409 Germantown avenue.

Friday—Health District No. 1, Twelfth and Carpenter streets, and St. Rita's Hall, Federal Trust Building, Broad and Federal streets.

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THRIFT STAMPS AS GIFTS

The stamps were presented as Christmas gifts to the girls employed in the Philadelphia supply department of the Addressograph Company, 839 Market street. Each girl receiving this useful gift was encouraged to continue the little savings account which will aid Uncle Sam in conducting the war.

The messenger boys of the Western Union Telegraph Company and their supervisors will be the guests of the company at a big dinner Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at Kugler's.

A "Punch-and-Judy" show, dancing music, a Christmas tree, presents and a dinner is the treat that will be spread before 1500 children by the Manufacturers' Club tomorrow morning.

For the fourth Christmas the Rotary Club played Santa Claus, distributing \$1800 worth of "good cheer" baskets to 3000 poor children.

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