

GLI AUSTRO-TEDESCHI DI NUOVO RESPINTI

Le Valorose Truppe Italiane Mantengono Salde le Riconquistate Linee

COMBATTIMENTI AEREI

Roma Degnamente Onora il Capo Della Croce Rossa Americana in Italia

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ROMA, 17 gennaio.

Dopo i giorni, nel pomeriggio di ieri, della fronte di battaglia hanno annunciato che nella giornata precedente gli austro-tedeschi hanno effettuato un poderoso attacco allo scopo di poter tentare il recupero delle posizioni guadagnate dagli italiani durante i combattimenti di lunedì.

L'attacco fu operato, con forze preponderanti, nella regione di Monte Asolone, ma per quanto condotto con estrema violenza si infranse contro la tenace resistenza degli italiani, i quali non cedettero nemmeno un polmo del terreno conquistato.

La giornata di lunedì, all'aurora, gli austriaci operarono un altro contrattacco ad oriente di Capua, sulle posizioni lungo il basso corso del fiume Tevere, dove gli italiani hanno recentemente un vittorioso assalto esteso in loro testa di ponte. Anche qui il tentativo del nemico fu frustrato e l'attacco fu respinto con gravi perdite per gli austriaci.

Ricevuto il testo del comunicato ufficiale, pubblicato ieri dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma:

Ieri mattina, nella regione di Monte Asolone, l'attività combattiva sulle nostre linee fu vivace a causa delle contrattacchi tentati dal nemico, che furono costantemente respinti. Le nostre linee, fortunatamente, erano state rettifiche durante la notte precedente.

Il pomeriggio in situazione divenne nuovamente normale. Ricognizioni e vivacchi attivarono da parte del nemico le nostre posizioni. Le nostre posizioni di artiglieria nel settore orientale dell'altipiano di Avezzano e nella parte superiore del vallone di Monte Sotano.

Lunedì, a notte ad oriente di Capua, un nuovo contrattacco fu lanciato dal nemico contro le nostre posizioni, ma fu respinto e l'attività di artiglieria da ambo le parti fu continuata. Nella regione di Avezzano, una considerevole attività aerea si verificò lungo l'intera fronte, ed i nostri aviatori abbatterono tre aeroplani nemici ed i nostri aviatori ne abbatterono un quarto. Le nostre batterie antiaeree presero ragione su una quindicina di macchinari nemici.

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FUGITIVE SLAIN IN FIGHT

Man Accused of Double Murder Loses Battle for Liberty

SHREVEPORT, La., Jan. 17.—Frank Scribner, alias Tom Starr, said to be wanted at Portau, Ohio, on a double charge of murder, was instantly killed and Deputy Sheriff B. D. Hazer and Lieutenant Callon, of the Forty-fifth United States Infantry, on guard duty in the Caddo oil fields, were wounded slightly during the night in a pitched battle at Mountgarden, this parish.

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"SPY" MERELY A LUNATIC

Woman Arrested in California Suffering From Aberration, Say Authorities

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Elizabeth Guisler, arrested at Hanford, Cal., is suffering from insanity only, and there is no truth in statement she has made that she has been a German spy, Federal authorities announced today.

Mrs. Guisler is to be handed over to relatives with the recommendation that she be confined in a sanatorium, it was said.

"The woman's mind, affected by stories she had read of the exploits of German spies, undoubtedly broke down, and she imagined that she was an agent of the Kaiser," a Federal official said today.

"The documents found on her were pure invention."

MAY LEVY ON WEST FOR RAIL MECHANICS

McAdoo Considers New Plan to Meet Demands of Eastern Roads

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Men from western railroads may be horrified to meet the shortage of machinists and other skilled railroad workers in the East.

The railroad administration has taken steps looking to moving many of these men for a few weeks until the overburdened eastern lines can make delayed repairs to locomotives and freight cars.

A. H. South, assistant to Director General McAdoo, in charge of transportation in the East, was asked to report the number of mechanics needed, while executives of western roads will ascertain how many men they could spare.

Within a few days the results will be presented to Mr. McAdoo.

Meanwhile, it was stated, some eastern roads already have asked the less-burdened western and southern lines to furnish machinists and car repairmen. It was made plain that efforts will be made to transfer only those willing to make the change and that no attempt will be made to coerce workmen.

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FIERCE BATTLES RAGE IN NORTHERN ITALY

Both Defenders and Invaders Lose Heavily in Vain Onslaughts

LONDON, Jan. 17.—A successful raid by British troops last night in the region north of St. Quentin was reported by Field Marshal Haig in the noon statement issued today by the War Office.

The enemy's artillery is active in the Ypres sector, it was stated.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Brutal fighting has developed between the Brenta and Piave Rivers in northern Italy, where the Italians on Monday won important successes in their first attack in several weeks.

From the Asiago Plateau to the heights of Valdobbiadene, assaults and counter-assaults, bursts of artillery fire and patrol encounters were frequent.

Both the Duse and Vienna War Offices report the repulse of all enemy efforts to win ground along the mountain front.

On the delta of the Piave the fighting was at times extremely violent also, the Austrians launching fierce counter-attacks against the Italian positions east of Capo Sile, but meeting with failure.

The bloodiest struggle of the day on the northern front took place on the western slopes of Monte Pertica, where the Sella River cuts through the mountains west of the bastion of Monte Gramia.

The previous day the Italians had cleared important outposts at the head of the valley and driven northward to the heights of Monte Anzolo and Monte Terlet, both of which positions are in the enemy's hands.

On the Asiago Plateau the Italians attempted one advance movement during the night, but were driven back without obtaining an advantage.

South of Monte Fontana, several efforts brought the Italians no success, according to the Teuton statement.

Aerial activity continued strong along the greater part of the front.

British aviators led their allies, bringing down three hostile machines.

The question of whether the Government should rate the independent railroads not connected directly with the national system was before the House Interstate Commerce Committee again.

Committee chairman and Commerce Commissioner McChord explained that the Administration could not define for some time precisely which of these short lines would be needed.

Work of Submarines Since Fight Started

Since the middle of April 525 British vessels, 642 of more than 1600 tons, have been sunk. The weekly totals follow:

Table with columns: Week ending, Over Under, Tons, Sunk, etc.

DEMOCRATS IN STATE WAIT MOVE OF FOES

Republican Attitude Toward Prohibition and Suffrage Uncertain

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Penny Ivania Democrats have given up the idea of calling a meeting of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation to discuss the coming campaign for Governor.

The situation in the Democratic party in Pennsylvania has taken the form of watchful waiting as a result of the announcement of the Percepsis in Pittsburg.

If the Brumbaugh-Vare faction presents a candidate declaring on the prohibition and suffrage issues, the Democrats will take a different tact.

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O'NEIL BACKS PLAN FOR NEW HIGHWAY

Commissioner Suggests Two-Inch Bituminous Top for William Penn Road

LEBANON, Pa., Jan. 17.—Standing before a conference of representatives of Lebanon, Berks and Dauphin counties, in planning for the William Penn highway, J. Henry O'Neil, State Highway Commissioner, proposed a two-inch bituminous top on a macadam or concrete base, instead of a concrete road, as originally planned.

The cost of such road, to be built with Federal and State aid, Commissioner O'Neil said, had been estimated by the engineering department at from \$16,000 to \$20,000 a mile, instead of \$25,000 for a solid concrete road.

The building of the permanent post road, he added, could be started next summer, but it may be delayed by the attitude of borough officials along the route.

The Attorney General's Department is to be asked for an opinion as to the borough's contention and, meanwhile, local committees are to learn what financial aid can be obtained from the three counties.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 17.—Three grade crossings on the William Penn highway in Perry township, Dauphin County, against which the State Highway Department had lodged a complaint, have been declared dangerous by the Public Service Commission, and plans were made by the State Highway Department for their abolition.

The commission, however, in ordering the crossings set forth that the proceedings should be directed to a new year, which means that the improvements will be contingent upon war development.

Contest Right of Posthumous Heir to Share in Estate

LEONISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 17.—Contest for the right of the posthumous heir and widow of Lucian P. Smith, Titanic victim, is done equally with two other children of Mrs. Anna R. Smith, Attorney R. S. Humboldt, representing James H. Smith, of Uniontown, and Mrs. Clara McKee, of Morgantown, the children, has had exception to the report of Auditor John S. Christy, by which Lucian P. Smith, Jr., and his mother, who is now Mrs. Robert Daniels, of New York, receive \$172,287.

The auditor's report was filed a few days ago. Mrs. Daniels is a survivor of the Titanic disaster and Lucian P. Smith, Jr., was born a short time after the accident. The estate of Mrs. Smith is valued at half a million.

CITY DEATH RATE IS HIGH

Mortality Record for Week of January 12 Is 21.5 Per 1000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Philadelphia again stood high in the comparative mortality records of the large cities of the country listed by the Bureau of Census today.

The average death rate of Philadelphia for the week ending January 12 was 21.5, against a rate of 12.3 for New York and 11.9 for Chicago.

The rate for Baltimore was 22.2.

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Boil Water, Chester Warning CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 17.—According to a bulletin issued by the Chester department of health, a prevalence of intestinal disorders among residents of this city may be the result of water contamination, and the public is warned to boil all water. The supply has a disagreeable taste and odor, due, it is said, to the unusual weather conditions, the ice preventing the escape of gaseous substances.

War Program for Lawyers ALLISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 17.—A patriotic war program was decided upon at a Hoover dinner at the Elbe Hotel which marked the annual meeting of the Lehigh County Bar Association, with Judge Grossman as guest of honor.

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