

AUSTRIANS DRIVE AT VENICE FOILED

Italian Success on Lower Piave Relieves Menace to City

FOE'S LOSSES HEAVY

Picked Bersaglieri Hew Way Through Teuton Line, Singing National Songs

ROME, Jan. 19.—The pressure which the Austrians have been exerting on the lower Piave in the sector nearest Venice has been relieved by the latest Italian successes. This is a singular sector originally cleared of the enemy when the whole region was inundated by opening the canals. But recently low water has permitted the enemy to renew his incursions almost to Capo Sile and the Venetian lagoons.

Enemy patrols had established dugouts and posts in the lagoons at Agenzola, just across the river from Capo Sile, which commands the narrow running to Porto Grande and the region back of Venice. During the early days of the week the Italian navy had bombarded the Austrians and destroyed the bridge on which the enemy was attempting to cross at Agenzola Trezza. The enemy made repeated attempts to enlarge his positions, but was uniformly repulsed.

Striking by the repeated checks, the enemy brought his full force to bear. They were not chosen Italian troops from the Bersaglieri and Bersaglieri brigades. The Italian defense was led by the Bersaglieri, who had asked that privilege in order to answer scurrilous pamphlets which had been thrown into the Italian lines.

The Bersaglieri hewed their way to the enemy's support line. The fight was stubborn for the first two hours, but the enemy gradually gave ground as fresh units of Bersaglieri checked and slung patriotic songs, threw themselves into the struggle. The enemy was finally pushed back from the positions he had gained.

One of the favorite ruses used by the enemy was for a party of his troops to advance with their hands up, calling "Kamerad." When they would get close to the Italian lines they would rush forward suddenly with hand grenades, and to be mowed down as they advanced by the Italian machine gun fire. The fighting throughout was at close quarters.

Heavy losses were suffered by the enemy and the Italians captured 150 prisoners. The Austrian dead and buried parties were busy throughout the night burying the bodies.

Many individual instances of bravery stand out. In a trench near the front line and five men leaped into an Austrian trench, two to machine gunners killed all the Austrian gunners and brought back the guns.

The Italian success gives a serious check to the enemy effort to improve its position near Venice.

PHILADELPHIANS HELP BILLY SUNDAY'S WORK

Rev. Dr. Isaac Ward and Rev. Dr. George C. Dowe Aid Capital Meetings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Billy Sunday's second week in the eight weeks' campaign here will wind up tonight. A retrospect of the campaign since its start, and particularly during this week, brings out several unusual features that promise to make the evangelist's campaign here the greatest since he held it in Philadelphia.

Two Philadelphia ministers made records this week in connection with the campaign. The Rev. Dr. Isaac Ward, former pastor of a Roxborough church, "knock hit" at three afternoon sessions in the Tabernacle this week and made a distinct impression on the big audience. Next to the evangelist himself, Doctor Ward is conceded to be the strongest preacher that has spoken in Washington in a long time. He was given three ovations when he mounted the Tabernacle platform on three different afternoons and congregations throughout the city are literally "falling over themselves" to line up Doctor Ward to speak in their churches.

Another Philadelphia minister, the Rev. Dr. George C. Dowe, former assistant pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, in Tioga, broke all Washington records when he lined up more than 15,000 Bible class men at Thursday night's service, the largest number that has ever attended a single meeting in the history of the capital. There wasn't a seat anywhere in the big building opposite Union Station and hundreds sat in the sawdust and on the wooden steps leading to the choir platform. It was by far the biggest crowd that has attended a Tabernacle meeting since the campaign began.

Captain "Tony" Biddle, now attached to the United States Marine Corps at Alexandria, Va., spoke from the platform with Billy Sunday and was given a great send-off. He had 2500 members of the Drexel Biddle Bible classes in the audience.

"The hit" started Wednesday night and to date more than 1700 have walked the "sawdust aisles." The opening "invitation" service brought 150 persons down the aisles, a larger number than in any of the Washington meetings. Billy Sunday began his "parlor meetings" for Washington at the home of Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing. There were 300 persons present, representing high official circles and including many members of the diplomatic corps now in Washington. These meetings will be continued weekly and their object is to reach those "high up" in Washington circles who do not attend the Tabernacle meetings.

Three members of the Cabinet have already attended Sunday meetings—Secretary Lansing, Daniels and Lane. A meeting was held in the office of Secretary Lane yesterday and about 400 attaches of the Department of the Interior gathered to hear Doctor Ward preach and Rodeheaver sing. Senator Vardaman, of Mississippi, has become a Sunday "fan." He carried away an evening meeting. The Senator thinks the evangelist is doing a remarkable work.

CHANGES AMONG BANKS

Citizens National, Middletown, Del., Makes Voluntary Liquidation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Voluntary liquidation in the case of the Citizens National Bank of Middletown, Delaware, has been made for the change of the name of the First-Second National Bank, of Pittsburgh, to the First National Bank, of Pittsburgh.

Wilson's Terms Backed

by New German Party

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 19.—A NEW political party has been formed at Munich under the name of "The Free Committee," according to the Tagliche Rundschau of Berlin, which says the new party has sent a telegram to the Reichstag saying:

"Notwithstanding its partiality, President Wilson's recent message contains a practical basis for the inauguration of negotiations toward a general peace."

The committee represents the ideas of Prof. Friedrich Forster, of the University of Munich, who was obliged to leave the Bavarian capital for Switzerland because of his unorthodox views about the war.

BLANKENBURG TO AID IN OUSTING THE KAISER

Ex-German Joins Society of German-Americans for Democracy

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The Friends of German Democracy, 22 Union square, announced yesterday that Jacob J. Schiff had affiliated himself with this organization, the purpose of which is to aid the German people get rid of the Kaiser and establish a democratic government in Germany.

American of German origin and others in sympathy with the aims of the society have been looking into the statement says Schiff had affiliated himself with this organization, the purpose of which is to aid the German people get rid of the Kaiser and establish a democratic government in Germany.

RED CROSS CLASS IS LARGEST WITH CHURCH

St. Luke and the Epiphany Organization Has 125 Members

What is believed to be the largest Red Cross class, distinctly associated with any church in Philadelphia has been organized at the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, Thirteenth street, below Spruce. Young women to the number of 125 are now at work under graduate instructors from the Red Cross headquarters at 220 South Eighteenth street.

When 110 young men of the parish joined the colors the girls of the church decided that they could spend their time better than in the usual girls' gymnasium classes, dancing and the like and took up the new work.

Money has been secured and the needed machines and materials, and the young women are now busily engaged in making bandages, learning hospital methods and knitting for the boys who have gone "over there."

Miss Marie Bosler and Mrs. Caroline L. Mack are the Red Cross instructors, while other teachers are Miss "Clothilde" Archer, Miss Ida Hammond, Mrs. B. H. Smith, Miss Kathryn Cook and Miss Lottie Stafford.

CHANGING THE WORLD'S MAP HAS CHRISTIANITY FAILED?

Noted clergyman and head of Seventh-day Adventist World Church will lecture at Garrick Theatre Sunday night. War pictures will be feature of address.

Arthur G. Daniels, president of Washington, D. C., Foreign Mission Board

Pastor Arthur G. Daniels, head of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the World and president of the Washington, D. C. Mission Board, will lecture at the Garrick Theatre Sunday evening on "Changing the Map of Earth—Has the War Proven Christianity an Inexplicable Failure?"

He will be assisted by his friends and co-laborers, Dr. Benjamin G. Wilkinson and Dr. Irvin J. Morgan, both of whom are well known to Philadelphians.

Mr. Daniels has recently returned from a trip around the world and through the war-torn nations. His pleasing personality and unusual ability as a speaker have never failed to draw immense crowds to hear him and no doubt hundreds will be standing outside the theatre doors when they open at 8:30 p. m.

War Pictures

The lecture will be illustrated with the latest and most remarkable photographs taken on the battlefields of Europe, showing the terrible work of the gas, the machine guns, trench fighting, France, battles in the air and on the ground.

The address will begin at 7:30 p. m.

L'OPERA DEI CANNONI

ITALIANI ED INGLESI

Bombardamento di Truppe Austro-Tedesche in Movimento Presso Montello

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Dalle notizie alinate dalla fronte di battaglia si rileva che, durante la giornata di ieri, non si ebbero a verificare combattimenti di grande importanza, affidati a brevi azioni di parte delle artiglierie e limitate attività da parte delle pattuglie e dei reparti d'infanteria.

Le batterie italiane effettuarono fuoco contro le posizioni che il nemico ancora occupa a Col Caprile e Col della Berretta, tra il fiume Brenta ed il Piave, con risultati ottimi e molto vantaggiosi.

L'artiglieria nemica effettuò un vivace fuoco dalle posizioni presso Montello, ma le nostre artiglierie, prontamente rispondendo, contrattarono a tutto e bombardando pesanti truppe austro-tedesche in movimento, nelle vicinanze di dette posizioni.

Non numerosi piccoli scontri vennero a verificarsi nelle posizioni occupate dalle truppe italiane nelle pendici meridionali di Sasso Rosso e in quelle settentrionali di Monte Solarolo, ma furono respinti e dispersi con le granate a mano.

Un rapporto del Comando Supremo italiano, relativo alle operazioni vittoriose che si svolsero durante le giornate di lunedì, martedì e mercoledì, nella regione di Monte Asolone e ad oriente di Capo Sile, si rileva che gli italiani riuscirono a far prigionieri 12 ufficiali teutonici, 478 uomini di truppe e catturare del tutto mitragliatrici e due lanciabombe.

Per compimento delle notizie relative alla situazione generale alla fronte italiana, si può facilmente dedurre che essa è "più" che soddisfacente nei riguardi delle truppe italiane, le quali hanno nuovamente affermato il loro motto: "Di qui non si passa!" e che gli austro-tedeschi dovranno infine convincerse, se tale non lo sono, che le linee attualmente occupate dagli italiani non cederanno e che la loro resistenza non cederanno in alcun modo infranta. La pressione nemica contro le posizioni italiane, appesantita con le ultime vittoriose operazioni delle valorose truppe del generale Diaz, e specialmente per opera degli eroici bersaglieri e della brigata granatieri.

Ecco il testo del comunicato ufficiale.

LLOYD GEORGE RUNG BELL, SAYS ENGLAND

Premier's Appeal to Labor Regarded as Important Event of War

LOYAL RESPONSE SEEN

Unrest Among Workers in Austria and Germany Grows More Menacing

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Labor must win the war.

That Premier Lloyd George showed this to be a fact in his notable speech was the opinion heard on every hand today.

Labor leaders in their discussions took the view that the Prime Minister, while addressing the English working men directly, was really appealing to the labor element in all Allied countries. The cordial response given to the Premier's appeal was a source of general gratification and was the dominant note in comment in the press.

For some time the Government has been carrying on negotiations with representatives of trade unions in connection with the man-power question. The Amalgamated Society of Engineers, one of the most powerful labor bodies in England, has so far refused to take part in them, but now it is reported on good authority that Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service, has again appealed to them, and indications are that representatives of the engineers will consent to treat with the Government.

If there has been any element of the labor situation in any of the Allied countries to cause anxiety, it can now be seen to be in the actual unrest among the workmen in the Central Empire.

In Austria, workers driven to desperation by hunger and the imperialistic war aims forced on the Austrian Government, are in open revolt. Strikes are springing up and industrial plants are attacked and damaged.

In Germany the labor element is held in the all-powerful grip of the military heads, but in spite of the iron discipline imposed upon them, German workmen are getting extremely restive.

U. S. SEAMEN LOST IN GALE

Department Reports Three Sailors Washed Overboard

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—It is announced in dispatches to the Navy Department that three men were lost overboard from battleships during the recent gale.

Their names follow: U. S. S. Texas, B. P. D. No. 1, Stockdale, Tex.; William E. Mackey, Freeman, U. S. S. North Dakota, Sherman, Tex.; Edward North Mattson, seaman, U. S. S. North Dakota, Kevick, Minn. The department also announced that Chief Machinist's Mate Willis Martin Goodrow, of Waterbury, Conn., was killed January 13 by an accident to a radio motor on board the U. S. S. Kowan.

David Clair Minner, Freeman, is reported missing from the U. S. S. Texas.

CHILIAN NITRATE FOR FARMERS AT COST

Government Purchased Fertilizer to Be Sold at \$75.50 a Ton, F. O. B. Seaboard

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Secretary Houston has announced a price of \$75.50 a ton f. o. b. seaboard for the nitrate for fertilizer which the Department of Agriculture has purchased in order to sell to American farmers at cost.

The farmers must pay the freight charges from ports and the State tax fees, and the payments must be in cash.

Ships carrying nitrate will be directed to the most convenient ports, including Baltimore, Norfolk, Savannah, Wilmington, N. C., and Charleston, the Secretary said, and the nitrate will be handled at seaboard by representatives, who will serve without compensation. In the same time they must deposit the money covering the cost of the nitrate they wish with the local bank, association or individual to be designated by the department.

Farmers are required to file their applications with the agents or committees not later than February 1. At the same time they must deposit the money covering the cost of the nitrate they wish with the local bank, association or individual to be designated by the department.

PHILADELPHIAN HELD AS INCENDIARY "TUTOR"

Percy Rosenberg Accused in Connection With Atlantic City Store Fire Conspiracy

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 19.—Charged with having been the "tutor" of Abraham Baird, a former merchant, in a store

fire conspiracy two years ago to defraud insurance companies, for which Baird is serving a five years' sentence, Percy Rosenberg, 114 South 87th street, Philadelphia, was committed to the county prison yesterday in default of \$3000 bail to await trial on a charge of arson.

Rosenberg, who conducted two shoe stores on Atlantic avenue until November last, when he "failed" for \$20,000, was indicted last week as an accessory upon testimony furnished by Baird. Baird is alleged to have testified Rosenberg volunteered to "show him" how the

"trick" should be done. Baird's conviction was due to the discovery of letters in a closet after his store was burned January 13, 1916.

Rosenberg came from Philadelphia yesterday to inquire as to the progress of the hearings of his creditors in the bankruptcy court. Rosenberg was sent to the county prison at Mays Landing in the afternoon after a two hours' stay in the city jail. Attorneys failed in a search to find a bondsman after Judge Shinn agreed to accept a \$3000 bail bond. Rosenberg is said to have been engaged in business in Manayunk.

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