

VENEZIA, TREVISO E MESTRE BOMBARDATE

Gli Aviatori Teutonici Sfogano la loro Malvagita' sulla Popolazione Civile

ATTIVITA' AEREA

Gli Italiani a Capo Sile attaccano di Sorpresa a Catturano Prigionieri

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ROMA, 5 febbraio. Dalle notizie giunte dal Quartier Generale Italiano si apprende che gli aerei teutonici hanno avuto una volta data libera corso alla loro malvagita' bombardando Venezia ed altre città aperte nella pianura veneta.

Nella Valle Lagarina e lungo le posizioni verso la costa si verifico' una intensa attivita' da parte dell'artiglieria italiana e del mortai da trincea. I riparti d'incursione fecero effettuare alcuni attacchi di sorpresa a Castione e presso le posizioni verso Capo Sile. Parecchi prigionieri caddero nelle mani degli Italiani i quali inflessero, pure, perdite all'avversario.

Gli aviatori italiani furono instancabili e compirono ripetute incursioni durante le quali efficacemente bombardarono, con ottimi risultati, le linee di comunicazione del nemico. I velivoli italiani, durante la notte di domenica, continuamente molestarono ed interruppero il traffico ferroviario al di la' delle posizioni nemiche ad oriente del Piave.

Esso il testo del comunicato ufficiale pubblicato, ieri, dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma: Aumentata attivita' da parte dell'artiglieria e dei mortai da trincea si verifico' nella Valle Lagarina e lungo la costa.

Le nostre aeronavi hanno vigorosamente bombardato le località dietro le linee nemiche. Il traffico sulle linee ferroviarie ad oriente del Piave fu efficacemente molestato, la scorsa notte, dai nostri velivoli. Tutte le nostre manovre furono eseguite con successo ed i risultati sono stati eccellenti.

L'ospedale civile di Treviso fu colpito e contemporaneamente otto persone rimasero uccise e dieci ferite tra la popolazione. A Venezia non vi furono vittime ne' danni.

Un pranzo dato dall'Attache' Militare Americana, colonnello Buckley, in onore del colonnello Robert Perkins ed altri ufficiali della Croce Rossa Americana, assunse considerevole importanza politica per la presenza, accanto al generale Page e del generale Molinari, sottosegretario di Stato al Ministero della Guerra, rappresentante il generale Alberti, ministro della guerra il quale trovandosi in Parigi per il consiglio di guerra degli Alleati.

L'ambasciatore Page brindo' al Re Vittorio Emanuele che chiamo' "Il Soldato" perché fu al principio della guerra e' stato tra i suoi uomini al fronte. Il colonnello Buckley espose il suo tributo di ammirazione per l'eroiche azioni compiute dalle Armate Italiane specialmente per l'occupazione di Col del Rosso e Monte Val Bella.

Il generale Montagna, dopo aver brindato al Presidente Wilson e all'armata americana, disse: "Vi e' un cantone tra le Alpi ed il Piave ove i colori francesi ed inglesi di gia' sventolano, ed ove noi speriamo che le stelle e le strisce dovranno essere presto spiegate per guadagnare nuova gloria".

I SOLENNI FUNERALI DI ANTONINO SIRAVO

Ieri mattina, partendo dalla residenza al N. 3410 North Eleventh street, ebbero luogo i funerali del compianto Antonio Siravo, un contrattore italiano ben noto e conosciuto, che aveva lasciato in eredita un patrimonio di circa 100 milioni di lire.

Il corteo funebre fece sosta alla Chiesa Italiana di Nostra Signora di Pompei, alla sesta strada presso Erie avenue, ove il rettore Reverendo Padre Gentile celebro' una solenne messa funebre e pronunzio' commoventi parole presso il feretro.

Antonio Siravo era nato in Colle al Voltorno, Provincia di Campobasso, ed aveva appena cinquant'anni. Lascio in eredita la moglie e due figli.

Il defunto da molti anni risiedeva in questa città e lavorava indefessamente al servizio della compagnia Contava numerose amicizie e non aveva mai mancato di portare il suo contributo in opere filantropiche, di carita' e patriottiche. Recentemente era stato particolarmente attivo nella raccolta di fondi, tra gli Italiani, a beneficio della Croce Rossa. La sua ultima morte ha veramente addolorato la colonia italiana di Philadelphia.

WILL AID WAGE FIXERS

Pennsylvania Railroad to Give All Possible Assistance to Commission

President Samuel Rea, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has addressed a message to all employees of the system calling attention to general order No. 5, of Director General McArdle, explaining to the employees the scope and purposes of the newly created railroad war commission. After quoting the text of the order, President Rea says: "The management of the Pennsylvania Railroad system has at all times endeavored to adjust wages fairly and equitably for all employees. The above-named commission is to investigate the compensation of persons in every department of the railroad service, so that all employees may receive equitable consideration. All information requested by the railroad wage commission will be furnished to facilitate its investigations."

Copies of order No. 5, with Mr. Rea's comment will be posted on all employees' bulletin boards of the Pennsylvania Railroad system.

STATE COLLECTS \$137,000 HARRISBURG, Feb. 5.—More than \$137,000 was recovered for the State during 1917 by the Attorney General's Department from estates or relatives of the Commonwealth in insane and other institutions.

Bills for maintenance were collected from those able to make payment and it is believed that the total this year will be \$200,000. Richard W. Williamson, of Harrisburg, the new special deputy in charge, said.

CHURCH FALLS DOWN IN WAR, SAYS ODELL: 'NEVER!' CRIES DR. ROBERTS

Former Philadelphian's Accusation Flayed by Venerable Presbyterian, Who Declares "Our Enemies Have Forgotten That They Are Christians"

By M'LISS

HAS the Church fallen down on the war job? The Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Odell declares that it has, and clergymen all over Philadelphia are roused to holy wrath at the accusation.

Doctor Odell, a former resident of Philadelphia, is now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Troy, N. Y. He is as widely known as an editorial writer and magazine contributor as a man of the cloth.

In an article in the current Atlantic Monthly, entitled "Peter Sat By the Fire," warning Protestants, Doctor Odell removes the ministerial mite and goes after his brethren with his bare hands. Flaying the men of God for their passivity, rather than their pacifism, Doctor Odell points to Cardinal Mercier as the sole example of magnificent heroism the Church has furnished in the present war.

He says that the Church has been a failure because it has not spoken out in connection with the war. The present moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Rev. J. Willard Chapman, the distinguished evangelist, who is known all over the world, has spoken out very clearly as against German militarism and has been in correspondence with the moderators of Presbyterian churches in all countries.

"The Presbyterian Church, however, has always honored its laymen as well as its ministers, and in this connection has members who are officially known as religious elders.

Wilson a Believing Elder "President Woodrow Wilson is a ruling elder, and American Presbyterians are proud to call him the President of the United States. He is an American and as a Presbyterian. He is the great outstanding American Christian."

The Kaiser is what he is, Doctor Odell asserts, because the preachers are what they are. "There was a time when preachers were of a different breed," he writes. "In the middle of the fourth century the Roman Emperor, in a fit of anger, locked the doors of an amphitheater and sent his soldiers in to slay the people. For three hours the slaughter went on and 7,000 defenseless men, women and children were butchered. Then Ambrose, bishop of Milan, wrote a stinging letter to Theodosius. Later the Emperor determined to go to church in royal state. Ambrose met him at the outer porch and raised his hand in denial. "You may not enter," he said in tones of thunder. "This is no place for such a man unless you come in deep shame and sorrow. Go back to your palace! Your hands drip with blood! Repent! Repent! And then come! But not now!"

The church looked on, Doctor Odell charges, while the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. took up the work of service. "The church," he says, "is a failure because it has not spoken out in connection with the war. The present moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Rev. J. Willard Chapman, the distinguished evangelist, who is known all over the world, has spoken out very clearly as against German militarism and has been in correspondence with the moderators of Presbyterian churches in all countries."

SAYS ODELL LACKS KNOWLEDGE Declaring that a lack of knowledge on the part of Doctor Odell is revealed by his article, Doctor Roberts answered him point for point in a statement he dictated to the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.

"The official position which I hold in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church," he said, "enables me to state that American Presbyterians have had no sympathy at any time with German militarism, nor with the racialist German philosophy, nor with the theological voluntarism which have been put forward during the last twenty-five years in German universities."

"We recognize heartily the valuable contribution which Germany has made in times past for the welfare of mankind, but in recent years everything in her mind, thought and life has been twisted in the direction of the support of the German military ambition of the Kaiser and the Potsdam gang."

"When war came the Presbyterian Church, through its General Assembly, at once took its place alongside the National Government, established its national service commission and has been rendering service earnestly and successfully along lines appropriate to the work of the Christian Church."

"Fully 125,000 of the men in the National Army are Presbyterian church members, and it is to be remembered that President Wilson, Vice President Marshall, Secretary Lansing and numerous others are members of the Presbyterian Church."

"Reference is made by Doctor Odell to the Y. M. C. A., and from the side of the wrong idea that the Y. M. C. A. is independent of the churches. This organization never would have been since they are the Christian Church. John H. Mott, its general secretary, is a pronounced Christian man and recognizes on every possible occasion the independence of the churches to the churches."

Y. M. C. A. AND CHURCH WORK TOGETHER "I am privileged to be a member of the co-operating committee representing

the churches and appointed by Mr. Mott, and I know that the churches and the association have been, and are now, working together.

"As to the work which is being done by the churches I have simply to say that there are a great many Presbyterian ministers serving as Y. M. C. A. secretaries. In addition, there are serving Presbyterian ministers who are either in the United States or in other countries. At least twenty Presbyterian ministers are already in Europe in the Y. M. C. A. service, and the Wartime Commission of the Federal Council of the American Churches and the war commission of the Federal Council of the American Churches are co-operation one with another and with the Y. M. C. A."

Doctor Odell's attempt to drive a wedge between that association and the churches is a failure. "Reference has been made to men like Cardinal Mercier as if prominent Christians had not spoken out in connection with the war. The present moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Rev. J. Willard Chapman, the distinguished evangelist, who is known all over the world, has spoken out very clearly as against German militarism and has been in correspondence with the moderators of Presbyterian churches in all countries."

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SMILE, SMILE, SMILE AGAIN ALL THE WHILE

And While You Do So Buy a Smileage Book and Make the Sammees Happy

"Smile, and while you smile another smiles! And soon there's smiles and smiles of smiles. If you but smile."

These lines, penned by an unknown poet, very neatly explain the meaning of a new book which will soon make its appearance on the streets and in the homes of the nation's hamlets, villages, towns and cities. This little volume is entitled "Smileage." The first edition is expected to run into the millions, both in copies and financial returns, and similar editions will be issued during the term of the present war.

Just as the familiar "Smileage" books of the railroad companies of the country entitle the holders to travel over miles and miles of territory, so will the coupons which make up the "Smileage" books entitle the holders to travel "smiles and smiles" on the way to happiness. Only the holders of "Smileage" will be soldiers of the United States army departments and not civilians.

In brief, these books of coupons entitle the holders to so many admissions to the Liberty theatres and the "Sammees" will be able to witness such plays as "Turn to the Right." Here comes the bread and other headlines.

Even the theatres "Tuesday nights when other theatres will be dark and featureless will hold no terrors for the Liberty theatres and the "Sammees" will be able to witness such plays as "Turn to the Right." Here comes the bread and other headlines.

At drugists, grocers, confectioners; also news and cigar stands.

DISMISS SCHOOL GUARDS Lower Merion Board Thanks Home Defense for Services

Further protection of the schoolhouse at Lower Merion has been deemed unnecessary by the school board of the township, and a vote of thanks has been tendered to the Home Defense Reserves for the guards furnished by that organization for the schools for some time past.

"Unaware of this action by the school board, about a score of the guardsmen of Bala and Cynwyd went out in the extreme cold weather last night for the purpose of standing guard over the schoolhouse. Upon arrival at their destinations they were informed of the action that had been taken.

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P. R. R. RELIEVES CRUSH AT CAMDEN SHIPYARDS

Special Electric Train Service to Plants Answers Complaints of Philadelphia Workmen

In order to accommodate the shipyard workers who are employed in the shipyards at Gloucester and South Camden, the Pennsylvania Railroad is now running special trains to Patview street.

South Camden, and the South Gloucester station. The poor trolley service to the plants of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation and the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Companies caused a general complaint to be made by all three companies as well as by their employees.

The three companies are steadily increasing their working forces and increasing of getting better the trolley service has been getting worse and pictures of men hanging on the side and rear of the cars were sent to Secretary McArdle. Men could not get to work on time and they were late getting home for supper, so an order was issued to the Pennsylvania Railroad and now all of the electric trains leaving Camden in the mornings before the shipyards open give special cars for the shipyard workers and an extra train is run.

In the afternoon an extra train is run from South Gloucester station to carry the shipyard workers home, and three other trains with empty cars stop at South Camden within ten minutes, as the South Camden and Philadelphia employees now have little trouble in getting to and from work.

WONT OPPOSE BRUBAKER

Dr. Robinson Withdraws as Candidate for Medical Club Head

In a letter to the governors and directors of the Philadelphia Medical Club, Dr. William Duffield Robinson, who was recently defeated for election as president of the club by Dr. Albert P. Brubaker, has asked that in the election soon to take place to correct the technical invalidity of the previous election his name shall not be considered as a candidate against Doctor Brubaker.

The Van Sciver Sale Presents the Largest Collection of Beautiful Furniture at Lowest Prices

IT IS no exaggeration to say that in order to see its equal you might traverse a dozen cities and visit a score or more of stores. Even then, you would be missing much, for many of the beautiful suites and pieces here displayed are exclusive to this greatest furniture Store in America.



Beautiful, finely designed, well constructed furniture is the rule at the Van Sciver Store, yet our almost unlimited price-range shows that good furniture is not necessarily costly. For instance, you will find a neat 4-piece William and Mary Dining Suite in Jacobean Oak at \$62.00; solid Oak Extension Tables from \$9.75 up; many charming and inexpensive dining suites in the popular American Walnut; Mahogany Dining Suites from \$75.00 to \$980.00. And in Bedroom suites there is a choice 4-piece Mahogany set at \$94.50; an Adam style 4-piece suite in Ivory Enamel, beautifully ornamented, at \$85.00. The living room and library are well cared for, too; for example, you can get a luxurious Wing Arm Chair in genuine leather for \$16.00 — up to \$115.00, and our assortment of living room suites in cane and mahogany, upholstered in handsome velours and tapestries, is exceptionally large, low-priced and attractive.

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With a stock valued at more than a quarter-of-a-million dollars (figured at wholesale costs of months ago), you can imagine how well equipped we are to take care of every requirement no matter how unusual. And, during this February Sale, regular prices have been marked down heavily — regardless of the fact that many of them were actually below present-day manufacturing costs. We quote a few interesting, representative items, but so comprehensive a stock must really be seen to be appreciated.

Table listing various floor coverings and their prices, including Royal Wilton, Royal Wilton, and Seamless Axmin.

\$2.75 High-Grade Axminster Carpets, \$1.65 per yard. Some with borders to match; limited quantity.

\$3.00 Whittall & Bigelow-Lowell Body Brussels Carpets, \$1.65 per yard. Some with borders to match; part rolls only.

\$2.25 Best grade Inlaid Linoleum, 95c sq. yd. Part rolls, patterns specially suitable for bath rooms, pantries, kitchens, etc. Please bring sizes.

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Our Great Sale is still in progress, in which all our regular stock is reduced. With the cost of furs advancing, with the need of furs increasing on account of the weather and the lack of means of keeping warm, this reduction on furs of the quality we sell is an event no woman should miss.

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