...NDANNA DI DUE ...OCIALISTI IN ROMA

...a' di Pattuglie d'Incursi... alla Fronte Italiana di Battaglia

...ELLI DI ARTIGLIERIA

...Militari Feriti, Ciechi e Mutilati Assistono ad un Concerto delle Bande Alleate

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ROMA, 1 marzo.

Ieri e' terminato il processo a carico di Costantino Lazzari e Nicola Bombacci, rispettivamente segretario e vice segretario del Partito Socialista Ufficiale Italiano, i quali furono a suo tempo arrestati sotto la imputazione di propaganda contro la guerra.

Una immensa folla gremiva l'aula del tribunale. Lazzari durante il suo interrogatorio disse che le sue idee socialistiche non rappresentano un crimine e proclamo' che egli seguira' sempre la stessa linea di condotta come per il passato, poiche', secondo lui, e' la miglior via per proteggere il benessere del paese.

Il tribunale, dopo essersi ritirato per pochi minuti, torno' ed il Presidente lesse la sentenza con la quale Lazzari e' stato condannato a trentacinque mesi di reclusione e lire 3500 di multa, ed il Bombacci a ventotto mesi della stessa pena e lire 3000 di multa.

Appena il Lazzari senti' la sua condanna grido': Viva il socialismo!, ed il grido fu ripetuto da qualche compagno di fede che si trovava tra la folla che gremiva l'aula del tribunale, la quale immediatamente lancio' grida poderose di: Viva l'Italia! Abbasso i traditori!

Dalle notizie giunte dalla fronte di battaglia si rileva che il nemico spiego' una rimarchevole attivita' tra l'Adige ed Brenta, ove le sue pattuglie compirono varie incursioni, sempre respinte dal fuoco degli italiani che occupavano i posti avanzati.

Duelli di artiglieria, alquanto violenti, si ebbero ad occidente della Valle Frenzela, e lungo le posizioni verso la costa dell'Adriatico.

Contingenti di truppe nemiche ammassate ad occidente di Monte Grappa furono bersagliati dalla batterie italiane, le quali effettuarono, pure, efficaci tiri contro trasporti nemici in movimento lungo il basso corso del Piave.

Gli aviatori italiani compirono varie incursioni facendo saltare in aria un deposito nemico di munizioni presso Cismone ed efficacemente bombardando gli edifici ferroviari di Bolzano e Pergine.

Gli aviatori teutonici riuscirono a compiere qualche incursione sopra la pianura tra Treviso e Venezia lasciando cadere parecchie bombe sopra l'abitato.

Ecco il testo del comunicato ufficiale, pubblicato ieri l'altro dal Ministero del la Guerra in Roma:

Tra l'Adige ed il Brenta vi e' stata attavita' di pattuglie nemiche in ricognizione. Esse furono ovunque respinte dai nostri posti avanzati.

Un vivace combattimento tra le artiglieria da ambo le parti si e' verificato ad occidente della Valle Frenezia e lungo la regione della costa.

Le nostre batterie hanno tirato su truppe nemiche ammassate ad ovest di Monte Grappa e sopra carreggi in movimento lungo il basso corso del Piave.

Nelle vicinanze di Cismone un deposito di munizioni nemico e' stato con successo colpito dai nostri aviatori.

Nella notte di martedi' le nostre squadrigile aeree efficacemente bombardarono gli edifici ferroviarii di Bolzano e Pergine.

Numerose macchine nemiche hanno eseguito delle incursioni sulla pianura, lasciando cadere bombe sulle localita' abitate fra Treviso e Venezia, con furia particolarmente sopra Venezia.

Una ripetizione del recente concerto interalleato si e' avuta ieri innanzi ad un uditorio di 5000 persons, composto dagli ufficiali e soldati feriti, ciechi e mutilati, e dalle infermiere della Croce Rossa che li assistono. Le bande militari alleate che vi presero parte furono l'americana, la francese, la inglese e l'italiana. La banda militare americana fu fatta segno ad una speciale dimostrazione da parte degli intervenuti. Questa banda ha avuto in Roma accoglienze indimenticabili e ieri l'altro percorse le principali vie recandosi a rendere omaggio al monumento di Garibaldi sul Giannicolo, ove innanzi ad una folla immensa parlo' l'Ambasciatore Americano on. Page ed il Generale Ricciotti Garibaldi, figlio del Grande Eroe.

La grande artista di canto Luisa Tetrazzini ha dato un ricevimento in onore delle bande militari americana ed inglese, durante il quale canto' entusiasmendo l'uditorio.

GRAFT IN CONGRESS? YES, AND HALT IS PLANNED

Committee Asks That Members' Secretaries Be Paid Salaries Direct

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Practices of petty graft on the part of members of Congress in having the salaries of their secretaries made out in their own names and then pocketing the money, spending only for a local stenographer to take their mail, is thrown in their faces in the report of the House Committee on Appropriations, which provides that in the future payments will be made direct to the clerk employed.

The members of the House have always resented the implication that they do not use all of the money given to them and have defeated every effort to have the method of payment changed.

The bill will no doubt have a rocky road this year when it gets on the floor.

The members from Pennsylvania are exceptions to the general rule, employing secretaries and turning the money over to them.

TO SING SING VIA CHARITY

"100 Per Cent Boy" Gets Jail Term for Forgeries

NEW YORK, March 1.—William J. F. [illegible], one of the "100 per cent boys" who made an easy, if precarious, livelihood by pocketing contributions intended for dependent women and children of men serving their country in National Guard regiments of the city, was convicted of forgery in the third degree before Judge Malone and a jury in General Sessions here and was sentenced to the maximum term of two years and six months in Sing Sing.

There were three indictments against him. All had to do with the practice of taking up some solid and big-hearted man (informing him (or her) over the phone that Colonel or Captain So-and-so was sending his orderly or secretary to the citizen's office and that any contribution for the dependent wives and children of the regiment would be gladly received."

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GENERAL MARCH BACK; SCORES CENSORSHIP

Public Must Know Truth, No Matter How Painful, Says Returning Chief of Staff

AN ATLANTIC PORT, March 1.—Major General Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the United States army, believes the censorship exerted over correspondents with the army in France is too strict. He made known his belief in a talk here today when he disembarked from an American liner.

General March has been with the troops in France for nine months. He is returning to make a report to the War Department and to take up actively his duties as chief of staff.

"The boys in France cannot understand the suppression of news," said General March. "I know of no gentle method of conducting this war, and we can't expect our armies to go through it without some one getting hurt. The public must know the truth, no matter how painful."

Asked about General Pershing's artillery, General March said he could tell nothing, "but it is some artillery."

General March declared the morals of the men in France to be all that could be desired, "better than when they were on the Mexican border."

ROUND-UP OF SLACKERS FIXED FOR WEDNESDAY

Police and Department of Justice Will Join Hands to Bring Draft Dodgers In

Next Wednesday, March 6, has been set by officials of the Department of Justice and the Philadelphia police bureau as the day for a systematic rounding up of all slackers. This decision was reached today following a conference between George W. Long, chairman of the Sixth District board, and Superintendent of Police Robinson.

The city will be raked with a fine tooth comb for the men of draft age who have failed to register for service in accordance with the selective draft law, or who, having registered, have failed to report for service. Until Wednesday those who have failed to register may report to their district boards and save themselves from the serious consequences that are likely to follow. Those who are arrested in the round-up will be tried as deserters.

GREAT TOBACCO MOVEMENT

Lancaster Roads Choked as Crop Hauling Begins

LANCASTER, Pa., March 1.—The greatest movement of tobacco ever recorded in Lancaster County got under way this morning and by noon teams were lined up for three miles in every direction out of Quarryville. More than $75,000 will be turned over to local farmers today and tobacco movements are expected to continue during the next fortnight.

The crop is estimated at $10,000,000 and is far behind in being delivered because of the closed roads.

INCOME TAX EXTENSION

Munition Makers Given Until April 1 to Make Returns

Extension of time until April 1 for return of income tax statements has been granted munition factories, as well as other industries by the Government. Information was received from Washington today by Collector of Internal Revenue Ephraim Lederer to include those connected with munition industries in the time extension allowed recently to those in other industrial lines.

Strike for Second Wage Increase

LANCASTER, Pa., March 1.—Every employe of the Minnich Machine Company, of Landisville, struck this morning for a 20 per cent increase in their wages. They were given an advance about a month ago.

GERMANS CAPTURE RUSSIAN FLOTILLA AND REACH DNIEPER

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is possible that the German advance on Kiev may have been brought to a decided halt.

The German War Office on Wednesday announced the capture of Berdichev, about sixty miles from Kiev, and a further advance toward Kiev from Jitomir, but since that time there has been no claim of a forward movement in that sector. (Kiev is the capital of Ukrainia.)

WASHINGTON INFORMED OF ENVOY'S DEPARTURE

WASHINGTON, March 1.

Ambassador Francis, the American consul, the United States military mission and American Red Cross representatives left Petrograd for Vologda, on the Moscow railroad, on the night of February 27, according to a dispatch received today from Edward S. Sisson, representative of the committee on public information in Petrograd.

The dispatch adds that representatives of the committee will remain in Petrograd to carry on the educational and informational work with which it was charged. Latest reports show that the circulation of the President's message of January 8 has virtually been completed and that 4,000,000 copies have been distributed. This includes separate printing and distribution at Tiflis, Vladivostok, Odessa, Rostov, Omsk and Chita, but does not include 1,500,000 newspaper circulation and an incalculable amount of partial printing and editorial comment which automatically followed.

In addition, 1,500,000 copies were printed in the German language and sent through the northern lines of the German army for circulation in the empire. More than 200,000 copies were successfully worked through the south and central fronts. The message also had full circulation among the German and Austrian prisoners in Russia.

The President has not abandoned Russia to her fate. Far from it. On the contrary, he believes that this giant new republic yet will be saved to take her place in the general concert of nations which are ruled by democracy. His new announcement of position, when it comes, will show to the Russians themselves that they cannot accept German autocracy even as a relief for the widespread anarchy which has prevailed throughout the nation since the downfall of Kerensky. It will be made very plain, to Germany and Russia alike, officials who know the inside facts of the situation say, that the United States will continue to fight to her last man, her last gun and her last dollar that "the world shall be made fit and safe to live in; and particularly that it be made safe for every peace-lovink nation which, like our own, wishes to live its own life, determine its own institutions, be assured of justice and fair dealing by the other people of the world as against force and selfish aggression." This latter declaration, taken from the President's address to Congress delivered on January 8 last, was declared by Administration chiefs today to sum up the attitude of the United States toward Germany's latest and great assault on democracy.

It is felt also that the President now must fully assure the Russian people that when Germany is driven from their land they will be given renewed possession of their own homes. This pledge will be absolute. It will be equally emphatic with the announced position of this country that "the United States has no desire to interfere in European affairs or to act as arbiter in European territorial disputes." The result of it will be, officials believe, that all loyal Russians will rally to the support of any military measures that may be taken to meet the German menace toward the eastward.

TEN AMERICANS CAPTURED IN FIERCE FIGHT WITH HUNS

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man raiders sprang over their trenches they split up in groups, following closely behind their barrage. A signal was flashed to the American artillery in the rear and a curtain of fire was quickly laid down. The Germans were not able to reach the American trenches and in addition to their losses they failed to capture any prisoners.

More cases of gas poisoning from the German attack on Tuesday morning have developed, and it was learned today that there are more than four score men in the hospital, while the death list has been increased to six.

On Monday German artillery opposite the Americans on the Chemin-des-Dames front was active, claiming nine victims. Forty gas shells and about ten high-explosive shells were thrown against the American lines, one man being killed and eight others wounded.

There was heavy cannonading on Thursday. American guns concentrated their fire against the Germans' gas projecting positions. The Germans replied and soon a hot artillery duel was in progress. It was the heaviest concentration of artillery fire the American gunners had yet put out and they enjoyed it immensely. Large areas of German territory were "felt out" by the gunners in hope of destroying hidden gas projectors.

Two men were killed and four were wounded when a German shell struck an empty ammunition wagon at "Dead Man's Corner," as a certain dangerous turn of a road behind the American front is known. The panic-stricken horses started to run away and the whole wagon-train was blocked. Drivers calmly quieted the frightened horses and summoned an ambulance.

A certain spot was fiercely "strafed" by the Germans on Thursday afternoon. A single stray shell fell in a group, killing one man and wounding four others, including a subordinate officer.

Announcement is made that two more Americans have been accidentally wounded.

BOCHES' GAS ATTACK REVEALS MALIGNITY

By HENRI BAZIN

Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger with the American Army in France

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN THE FIELD, March 1.

The slow action of the yoegene gas employed by the boches in their attack upon the American lines on Tuesday night is demonstrated by the fact that long after the attack was ended the poisonous fumes filled the trenches and continued to take their toll.

I saw three men brought to a hospital twenty-four hours after the attack. The boches used other gases besides yoegene, chlorine being one of them. Evidently the Huns tried all kinds they possessed in this one assault. I saw one chlorine shell case. It was painted gray and was two feet long and twelve inches in diameter. The time fuse had been set for fifteen seconds after contact with earth. These cases frequently remain intact or only cracked.

BRITISH PIERCE FOE'S LINES IN FLANDERS

LONDON, March 1.

British forces in the Houthoulst Forest sector of the West Flanders front delivered a strong attack against the Germans last night, penetrating the Germans' position to a depth of 1200 yards, the War Office announced today. The attack was delivered along the southern fringe of the forest, where it skirts the Ypres-Staden railway.

Near Gonnelieu, on the Cambrai front, British raiders entered a German trench, inflicting severe losses. It was also announced that the British made a successful raid north of the Ypres-Staden railway, capturing some prisoners. East of Ypres and near Vacquerie there was artillery activity.

CITY INSTITUTIONS ESCAPE CRITICISM

February Grand Jury Finds No Fault With Conduct, but Some Are Overcrowded

The February Grand Jury, which finished its term today and made its final presentment to Judge Finletter, in Quarter Sessions Court, has no fault to find with the conduct of the city institutions which they visited during their term of service. The hospitals and prisons are in good condition, the Grand Jurors say, so far as the buildings are concerned, but some of them are overcrowded. This is particularly so of the Home of the Indigent at the House of Correction.

In its report the Grand Jury says that so much inconvenience is to be blamed on the war that it would be unpatriotic to criticize unfavorable conditions that exist when the cause for their existence is shown to be the war. The report reads:

"Recognizing and appreciating that much of the adverse conditions brought to our attention during the February term were the result of abnormal conditions precipitated by reason of the war with Germany and severity of the weather, it is the consensus of opinion of the Grand Jury that it would be both unwise and unpatriotic at this time to offer radical recommendations that might directly or indirectly interfere with, or impede the extraordinary preparations being made by the Federal Government in the prosecution of the struggle for worlds' democracy.

"To the contrary, it is the unanimous feeling of the Grand Jury that everything should be done to aid and patriotically to advance these preparations, and that the entire community as good citizens should with unanimity work hand in hand with the Federal, State, county and municipal authorities, and lend every effort to bring the lamentable war to a speedy end."

PERSHING SENDS LIST OF U. S. CASUALTIES

One Man Killed, 21 Severely Wounded, Three Die of Gas on February 26

WASHINGTON, March 1.

One man was killed and twenty-one severely wounded in action February 26, and there were three deaths from gas, General Pershing reported to the War Department late yesterday.

The killed:

PRIVATE H[illegible] REYELT, Harlan, Ia., in action.

PRIVATE GEORGE E. GALLOWAY, Fairmount, N. C.

PRIVATE JOSEPH A. SCHUMACHER, R. F. D. 2, Bensalem, Pa.

PRIVATE ED COLMAN, Cord, Ark., all from gas.

Severely wounded:

PRIVATE JACOB ANGER, 194 Preston street, Louisville.

LYLE S. BATTS, 57 Crane street, Elizabeth, N. J.

PRIVATE ROBERT M. BEATTY, 557 East State street, Hammond, Ind.

PRIVATE FRANK P. MAHONEY, 712 North Mulberry street, Muncie, Ind.

PRIVATE ALVIN M. MASTERSON, 408 Lincoln street, Rochester, Ind.

PRIVATE SCHUYLER C. MOWRER, Monticello, Ind.

PRIVATE DAVID E. PLUNKETT, Evansville, Ohio.

PRIVATE ADAM BIELAWSKY, 18 Tremont terrace, Irvington, N. J.

PRIVATE ANAMILE M. COTE, 412 Avery street, Manchester, N. H.

WALTER J. DAUL, 19 Condit terrace, West Orange, N. J.

MARVIN R. DUNN, 2633 South Brown street, Anderson, Ind.

PRIVATE ADDISON W. JONES, 413 West Seventeenth street, Hopkinsville, Ky.

PRIVATE JOSEPH GOLDEN, 2 Hart street, New York city.

PRIVATE JAMES W. GRIFFIN, Livingston, Ky.

PRIVATE CHESTER C. HARRIS, 229 Orchard street, Albion, R. F. D.

PRIVATE BERNARD J. BECKWITH, Muncie, Ind.

CORPORAL WILLIAM O'CONNELL, 15 Sparks street, Cambridge, Mass.

SERGEANT WILLIAM J. FAGAN, Madison, Pa.

SERGEANT CASPER M. HECKEMEYER, 2922 Caroline street, St. Louis.

CORPORAL JOHN [illegible], 334 South Fulton street, Waverly, N. Y.

WAGONER JOHN BROWN, R. F. D. 1, Muncie, Ind.

Four deaths from natural causes and three from accident were also reported as follows:

PRIVATE CHARLES HARRIS, Superior, Mont.

PRIVATE WILLIAM C. GILBERT, Potomac, Mont.

PRIVATE WILLIAM R. COLEMAN, Rocky Mount, N. C.

SADDLER ALEX R. TROWBRIDGE, Gooding, Idaho, natural causes.

PRIVATE HENRY V. JUHALA, P. O. Box 3, Gladstone, Mich., automobile accident.

PRIVATE RALPH G. HURD, 8 Myrtle street, Lowell, Mass., fractured skull.

PRIVATE JAMES P. JACKSON, 516 Hall street, East Savannah, Ga., crushed.

HONOR PENNSYLVANIA GIRLS

Elected to Vassar Phi Beta Kappa for Scholarship

Two Pennsylvania girls, Anne D. Farr, of Wilkes-Barre, and Mary C. Schomier of Columbia, have been elected members of Phi Beta Kappa Society of Vassar College, it is announced by the college authorities.

The election is based on excellence of scholarship preserved through their entire course.

REV. W. K. MacNEAL DEAD

WEST CHESTER, Pa., March 1.—The Rev. William K. MacNeal, pastor of Marshallton M. E. Church, died in a hospital here today at the age of seventy-one years, death following a lingering sickness consequent upon an attack of pneumonia last autumn. He was a past master of Africa Lodge, F. and A. M., of Stroudsburg, and a Royal Arch Mason. He leaves one son, William K. MacNeal, Jr., of Philadelphia.

Mr. MacNeal was born near Gap, Lancaster County, and was a graduate of Millersville Normal School. He entered the ministry in 1871 and had held the pastorate of a number of churches in the State, being frequently transferred by the Philadelphia conference.

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