



# AMERICA TAKES ITS PLACE ON FRONT LINE OF BATTLE TO FIGHT THE HUN

## U. S. SOLDIERS OPEN FIRE ON BARBARIANS

Stars and Stripes Given a Place on the Battle Line Where Drive to Berlin Is Soon to Be Started; American Guns and American Men Begin Their Grim Work of Blasting the Hun From France

### FRENCH SOLDIERS GREET YANKEES WITH WILD ENTHUSIASM AND KISSES

U. S. Artillery Roars Blasting Salute to the Kaiser by Dropping Explosive Shells Into the Enemy's Lines; Take Places in Middle of Night During a Driving Rain Storm

By Associated Press

With the American Army in France, Oct. 27 (By the Associated Press) — American troops are in the first line trenches on the French front.

The artillery fired the first shot of the war at 6 o'clock on the morning of a recent day at a German working party. There has been intermittent artillery fighting since.

The helmeted infantry marched in, without the knowledge of the enemy, on the same night, through rain and mud. The French soldiers in the trenches welcomed them enthusiastically.

The nearest enemy trench is several hundred yards away. The sector is one of the quietest on the front. It has not been taken over, being under the control of troops under the direction of the French.

The Americans have shelled German gun positions and troops, the enemy sending back shell for shell. The first shell case will be sent to President Wilson.

#### Cheer First Shot at Boches

The case is now in the possession of General Sibert. The shot was fired by a red-haired gunner as his comrades in the ranks and the assembled officers cheered. Later a luncheon in the field was attended by the American and French artists in celebration of the first American contact with the enemy.

The gun used in firing the first shot was one of the famous French 75's. On the second day the French shelled a German battery position which was located by sound and the enemy replied vigorously, projectiles falling close to the Americans who joined in the artillery duel.

#### In Drenching Rain

Standing in a little, almost deserted shell-wrecked village, well within hostile gun range and a few kilometers from the trenches The Associated Press correspondent watched the troops marching up in a driving rain over roads covered with sticky mud. The artillery had been firing all day and as a result the impression was given that there was considerable more activity on this front than there had been for some time.

It was soon after lulls in the firing

and in the dark that the first machine guns hauled by Missouri mules, the American infantry, packs on their backs, rifles slung over their shoulders, rain glistening on their helmets and coats, the wind whipping the bottom of their coats around their legs which were moving with machine like precision.

The Americans swung down the street apparently as proud as though on dress parade notwithstanding they had marched miles from the billets where they had been since coming by motor trucks and railway from the instruction centers. As the ranks passed every now and then a soldier could be heard whispering softly to himself, his nearby comrades listening silently to sentimental and popular pieces.

"Stop That Noise" Finally from the rear came the whistled strain of a tune which all

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"BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR"



## SALE OF BONDS CLOSES AT NINE O'CLOCK TONIGHT

Banks of City Will Remain Open to Accommodate Belated Subscribers

### BUYING AT MERRY RATE

Allied Towns Making Valiant Effort to Reach Their Quotas

Harrisburg people have until 9 o'clock this evening to back the American boys who have gone and who are going to "the other side" to give their lives, if need be, in the cause of liberty and democracy.

The Second Liberty Loan closes to-day. To give every one an opportunity to obtain a Liberty Loan bond, Harrisburg banking institutions have arranged to remain open until 9 o'clock to-night to receive subscription. Many of the banks have arranged to handle accounts on a plan similar to the Christmas Savings Clubs. Any bank will loan you money and retain the bond as collateral upon receipt of a small initial payment. Those who do not purchase bonds will have a flimsy excuse at the best to offer for their failure to back up the boys in the trenches. The city of Harrisburg is buying bonds at a merry rate to-day. The exact total subscribed by this city

### FINLAND IN DANGER

Petrograd, Oct. 27.—Preparations are being made in Helsinki for the evacuation of that city according to a telegram received here. A report from Stockholm to the Novoe Vremya, says that in view of the easy advance in Russian territory, the Germans are preparing for a descent on Finland.

Turks Retreat London, Oct. 27.—"On Tuesday Turkish columns moving on both banks of the Tigris from Terkit, approached our positions at Samara (on the Tigris above Bagdad)," says an official report from the Mesopotamian front. "The Turks retreated up the river during the night without fighting, on the advance of the British."

## SCHUMANN-HEINK GIVES MOTHERLY TALK TO CROWD

Great Contralto Tells "Those Back Home" How They Can Help Ones Who Have Gone in Their Defense; Organization Effected

"Let mortal tongues awake Let all that breathe partake, Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong."

The wives, mothers and sisters of Harrisburg's soldier boys gathered in the Orpheum Theater yesterday afternoon to learn just how they could help the dear ones who had gone out in their defense. A picked chorus of voices led by Prof. Phillips led in the singing of "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." Dr. Bagnell, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, made the invocation before Mayor Bowman gave a short personal talk to the motherhood of the city.

"Your heart is where your treasure is," he said in part, "at the front with your boys. You more than any one else can understand what they need and want, what comfort gifts and letters can bring. By organization you can become a wonderful power for good in the community. Think what a great thing for Harrisburg."

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## News of Americans in Trenches Eagerly Received in City

News of the active entrance of American soldiers in the fighting along the front in France was greeted by enthusiastic crowds as soon as the first edition of the Harrisburg Telegraph was on the streets. The Telegraph was on the streets far ahead of its competitor.

Men in uniform who hurriedly bought papers, eagerly scanned the headlines and then burst unrestrainedly into cheers. The active participation of American soldiers in the fighting is expected to stimulate recruiting

Artist Off Stage Is Simple, Everyday, "Homey" Type; Eager, Energetic and Alive With Enthusiasm; Talks to Telegraph Representative

When the greatest contralto of the present generation left the Orpheum Theater after her impromptu little talk to the mothers of Harrisburg she went directly to her home where she graciously received the representative of the Telegraph.

"Sit down," she said drawing two rocking chairs close together as if for a long chat with some dear old friend.

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## Will Tell How U. S. Can Overcome Germany at Red Cross Meeting

The annual meeting of the Harrisburg Chapter of the Red Cross in Technical High school auditorium Wednesday evening will be addressed by Frederick C. Wolcott, of the American Red Cross headquarters at Washington. Mr. Wolcott will speak on "The Prussian System and How the United States Can Overpower It."

In addition to the lecture officers for the ensuing year will be elected and reports of all the committees read. The work has acquired considerable magnitude during the first year of the war.

### AMERICANS DECORATED

Paris, Oct. 27.—War crosses have been awarded to Paul H. Ballou and Benjamin V. Harrison, Jr., for transporting wounded men under violent bombardment. Both are Yale men, Mr. Harrison is from Mont Clair, N. J.

## ITALY'S FATE IN BALANCE

### ALLIES HAMMER CONSTANTLY ON FLANDERS FRONT

French Capture More German Trenches in Renewed Offensive

### BRITISH GAIN CONTINUES

Two Teuton Counterattacks Repulsed During the Night

By Associated Press

London, Oct. 27.—British troops have made further progress west of Passchendaele, east of Ypres, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig to-day. Two German counterattacks were repulsed during the night and the ground gained yesterday was consolidated.

Paris, Oct. 27.—Continuing their offensive in Belgium, French troops have captured German trenches north of the objectives reached yesterday, the war office announces.

British Front in Belgium, Oct. 27.—Polderhoek Chateau, on the Ypres front, which the British entered yesterday, was in the hands of the Germans to-day. Hard fighting is continuing.

The terrible condition of the ground prevented as much of an advance yesterday as was desired. Nevertheless the main purpose of the attack—occupation of the Bellevue spur—was achieved.

Italian Army Headquarters, Friday, Oct. 26.—The military situation here to-night is summed up by army officers as follows:

The Austro-German advance is still held in check in the passes west of the Isontzo river leading to the Venetian plain. But the gravity of the conditions caused by the enormous forces of the enemy has led the supreme command of the Italian army to adopt precautionary measures.

General Cadorna, the Italian commander-in-chief, announced that in consequence of the retirement of the Italians to the former frontier line further arrangements are now being made for falling back from the Bainsizza high plateau.

This plateau is thrust forward between the Austrian flanks and while representing a splendid achievement of Italian arms, it becomes a menace with Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces west of the Isontzo seeking to make a turning movement southward. The falling back from the Bainsizza plateau therefore is designed as a strategic move to checkmate the enemy's turning movement.

### Scholarships Awarded at Ukrainian Convention

Three scholarships were awarded to members of the National Ukrainian Association at the convention in the Board of Trade Hall this morning. Gregory Herman was given a scholarship in philosophy; Wolodymyr Kowal, medicine, and O. M. Hrenowsky, agriculture. An appropriation of \$1,000 was made for the Greek-Catholic Orphan Home, of Philadelphia, and a yearly allowance of \$500 was given to the same institution.

Officers elected by the association for the ensuing year are: Konstantyn Kirzow, president, Jersey City; Andrij Stefanowicz, vice-president, Penbrook; Mrs. Maria Bilwyk, ladies' vice-president, Chicago; Mychaljo Udrchak, recording secretary, Jersey City; Semen Yadowlowsky, financial secretary, Jersey City; Wasyl Liewczyk, treasurer, Elizabeth, N. J. The convention will adjourn late this afternoon.

## TEUTONS MASS A GREAT ARMY FOR INVASION

Sixty Thousand Prisoners and Hundreds of Guns Taken by Teutons in Their Invasion of Italy, According to Berlin Claim; Effort Being Made to Sweep Kingdom From the War

By Associated Press

Berlin, Oct. 27.—Via London.—Sixty thousand Italians have been taken prisoners by the Austro-Germans in their offensive on the Italian front, army headquarters announced to-day. Guns to the number of 450 have been captured.

The mountain ridge of Stol has been captured from the Italians, as has also the summit of Mont Mattajur, says the offi-

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## ITALIAN SITUATION SERIOUS

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### AUTO BANDITS BUSY

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 27.—Automobile bandits last night broke into the garage of James E. Finn, a Hellidayburg merchant, and stole his touring car. They then motored to Roaring Springs where they robbed the post office and dynamited the office safe, stealing Liberty Bonds and stamps to the value of \$100. They completed the night's adventure by breaking into the general merchandise store of Casper brothers, loading the car with goods and making their escape.

### KING VICTOR TAKES UP PROBLEM

Rome, Oct. 27.—King Victor Emmanuel arrived in Rome this morning for consultations regarding the cabinet crisis.

### FEARS U-BOATS; KILLS SELF

Paris, Oct. 27.—Miss Helen Cudahy, daughter of Patrick Cudahy, the Milwaukee meat packet, committed suicide in midocean on October 19, according to the army edition of the Chicago Tribune. Fear of submarine believed to have been the motive for her act, the newspaper says.

Paris, Oct. 27.—Major General Hugh L. Scott, former chief of staff of the United States Army has arrived in France and gone to the front. After his retirement last month as chief of staff, Major General Scott was made chief instruction officer of the new National Army. He went to France to study operations on the western front and on his return will supervise the intensive training of the National Army in trench warfare.

Newport News, Va., Oct. 27.—Lieut. Adamsti, of the Royal Italian squad left Langley field this morning shortly after ten o'clock in the Italian seaplane, on a flight to Mineola, Long Island. He expected to make the trip in about three hours.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frank O. Shoemaker, Mt. Union, and Frances Morrison, Harrisburg; Ambrose Nitrauer and Katie Fry, Middletown; Frank Miller and Esther Gouge, Hampton township, Cumberland county; Ira H. Gambert and Florence E. Weyant, Harrisburg.

## THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Sunday; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Generally fair to-night and Sunday; not much change in temperature; moderate southwest to west winds.

General Conditions The western disturbance has moved northward into Canada. It caused light rains in the last twenty-four hours in the Ohio and Middle Mississippi valleys and the Lake Region.

Temperatures have risen 4 to 20 degrees in the Atlantic and Gulf States; over the greater part of the remainder of the country there has been a general fall of 2 to 15 degrees in temperature.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 46. Sun: Rises, 6:30 p. m.; sets, 5:07 p. m. Moon: Full moon, October 30. River Stage: 0.3 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather. Highest temperature, 50. Lowest temperature, 35. Mean temperature, 48. Normal temperature, 60.