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VIOLENT FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT; BYNG MAKES ADVANCE

"Battle of the Mountains" Rages With Unexampled Violence in Northern Italy; Italians Lose Positions but Regain Them After Fierce Combat; Austro-German Losses Heavy; British Firmly Established in New Positions Threatening German Supply Base; Huns Make Desperate Resistance; Irish Display Exceptional Bravery

Washington, Nov. 24.—The bait of a separate peace offered by the Bolsheviki government in Petrograd apparently has attracted the central powers. According to a report from Stockholm an emissary has gone to Petrograd with an offer of peace from Germany and its allies. It is reported also that General Von Ludendorff, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's principal aid and the reputed strong man of the German staff, has gone to the eastern frontier in connection with the Bolsheviki offer of an armistice.

ITALIANS GAIN LOST GROUND IN FIERCE BATTLE

Both Sides Suffer Heavily; Gallant Defenders Prefer Death to Capture

Rome, Nov. 24.—Powerful thrusts which were carried out yesterday by the Austro-Germans after heavy artillery preparations on the Italian mountain front from the Asiago plateau to the Brenta river, all failed, the Italian war office announced today.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Friday, Nov. 23.—The battle of the mountains is raging with unexampled violence. The Italians again hold the Monte Tomba and Monte Peraila positions which they lost last night. The losses have been very great but the enemy's exceed those of the Italians.

On the outcome of the mountain battle depends the result of the enemy's greatest effort to break through the Italian lines to the Venetian plain. The recapture of the Italian positions on Monte Tomba was accomplished by a succession of brilliant charges which dyed the snow red and left the ground piled with enemy dead. Monte Peraila was lost and won four times, the enemy finally being thrown back. Although the losses have been heavy, those of the enemy are by far the greater.

The battle broke in full fury early yesterday and raged throughout the day, the night and today. The first blow was struck by the Peraila where dense masses of enemy infantry were hurled against the Italians.

The enemy's greatest blow was aimed at the strategic key of Monte [Continued on Page 4.]

Franklin and Marshall Drops Bernstorff's Name From College Records

Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 24.—At a meeting of the board of trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, Count Bernstorff's name was stricken from the rolls. The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him in 1912.

The college, in proportion to enrollment has sent more students to serve the nation than any other college, and on this account is now facing a deficit despite retrenchments.

British Storm Ancient Town of Mizpah

London, Nov. 24.—The site of ancient Mizpah, 5,000 yards west of the Jerusalem-Nabulus road has been stormed by the British, the war office announced. British mounted troops which had advanced northward were forced back by the Turks.

The mounted troops had approached Beit Unia, and after being driven back took up a position at Beit Ur El-Koka (12 miles northwest of Jerusalem).

The statement also says the enemy had bombarded the traditional tomb of the Prophet Samuel.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and colder to-night, with lowest temperature about 22 degrees. Sunday fair, continued cold. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy and colder to-night; Sunday fair, continued cold; moderate northwest to north winds.

Temperature 8 a. m., 30. Sun: Rises, 7:30 a. m.; sets, 4:41 p. m. Moon: Full moon, November 28. River Stage: 4.1 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 44. Lowest temperature, 35. Mean temperature, 40. Normal temperature, 49.

Normal Activity In American Sector

With the American Army in France, Nov. 23.—(By the Associated Press) — Drizzling rains again have turned the American sector into a sea of sticky mud. Low visibility has caused the artillery activity to subside to normal. Patrolling continues.

IRISH CHARGE HUN POSITIONS WITHOUT TANKS

Ulsterites Bomb Trenches and Advance Under Heavy Enemy Fire

British Army Headquarters in France, Friday, Nov. 23. (By the Associated Press) — The main attack on the opening of the offensive Tuesday was along the western bank of the Canal Du Nord, which runs almost due north and south from a point a little west of Havrincourt. The main Hindenburg line trenches were built along this waterway and the British had to fight their way up the big ditch.

There was intense hard work aimed from the start as the Ulsterites, who undertook this task, got in among the German defenses. Because of the secret nature of the attack no artillery could be used to cut the tremendously strong lines of barbed wire in front of the trenches and the tanks were not operating in this section. Therefore it was necessary for the Irishmen to charge the entanglements and blow them to pieces in order to force their way through.

Bomb Way Through The Irish came under concentrated rifle and machine gun fire as soon as they began to advance but they maintained their reputation for valor and bombed their way with such grim determination that they drove an [Continued on Page 3.]

China May Send Army of 50,000 Men to France

Washington, Nov. 24.—An international commission, composed of representatives of the entente powers and the United States, will meet in Shanghai at an early date to discuss details of the application of the concessions made on the part of the powers and of China, in view of the participation of China in the war.

It is understood that American Minister Reisch will represent the United States at the conference and that other participants will be the ministers of the allied countries. China, it is learned to-day, has replied favorably to a communication stating the allied desires and concessions.

The principal considerations are said to be permission for China to increase import duties and to postpone payment of the Boxer indemnity.

Unofficial advice received here today are to the effect that the French minister to China has made a proposal, which had received the approval of the Paris cabinet and the allies, respecting the dispatch of a Chinese military force to France and which, it is said, probably will be accepted by the Chinese ministry. Roughly, the scheme is to send two divisions of infantry to France, numbering about 25,000 men. This force will be put in the second line, it will be equipped in France with all necessities not brought from China and can be put on duty almost immediately on landing. It has been estimated that there are between 200 and 300 officers in the Chinese army who have been through the military schools of France in the last ten years, and with some French officers speaking Chinese the language difficulty is disposed of.

BYNG ADVANCE THREATENS HUN SUPPLY CENTER

Hard Fighting Marks Desperate German Resistance in Cambrai Neighborhood

London, Nov. 24.—At various points west of Cambrai the British made progress yesterday, the war office reports. More than 100 guns have been captured recently in this area.

Reinforced by divisions from other sectors of the western front, the Germans are resisting desperately the British advance on Cambrai. Around Fontaine Notre Dame, less than three miles west of Cambrai, and the Bourlon wood, close by, the most strenuous fighting has occurred with the British making progress.

General Byng is combining his attacks with consolidation work and the British are firmly established in their new positions which give opportunities to destroy the usefulness of Cambrai as a supply center as well as a starting place for a drive either north behind the Drocourt-Quent line or west against Cambrai. Heavy fighting is taking place at Moeuvres, three miles west-southwest of Cambrai, near the junction of the Canal Du Nord and at Crevecoeur, about three miles south of Cambrai, at the other end of the wedge driven across the Hindenburg line Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Bourlon wood is the dominating hill to the west of Cambrai and the Germans have put up a strong resistance here as well as at Fontaine Notre Dame, which flanks the wood to the west. The British have made advances at the southern and southwestern edges of the wood. Near Moeuvres General Byng's men have taken Tadpole Copse, which dominates the village, part of which the Germans still hold. In addition to nearly 3,000 prisoners, the British have captured large quantities of war material and several scores of guns.

Fighting activity has been renewed in Flanders but on a small scale. Southeast of Ypres Field Marshal Haig made a slight advance in the direction of Menin. German artillery fire is heavy on this front, especially around Passchendaele.

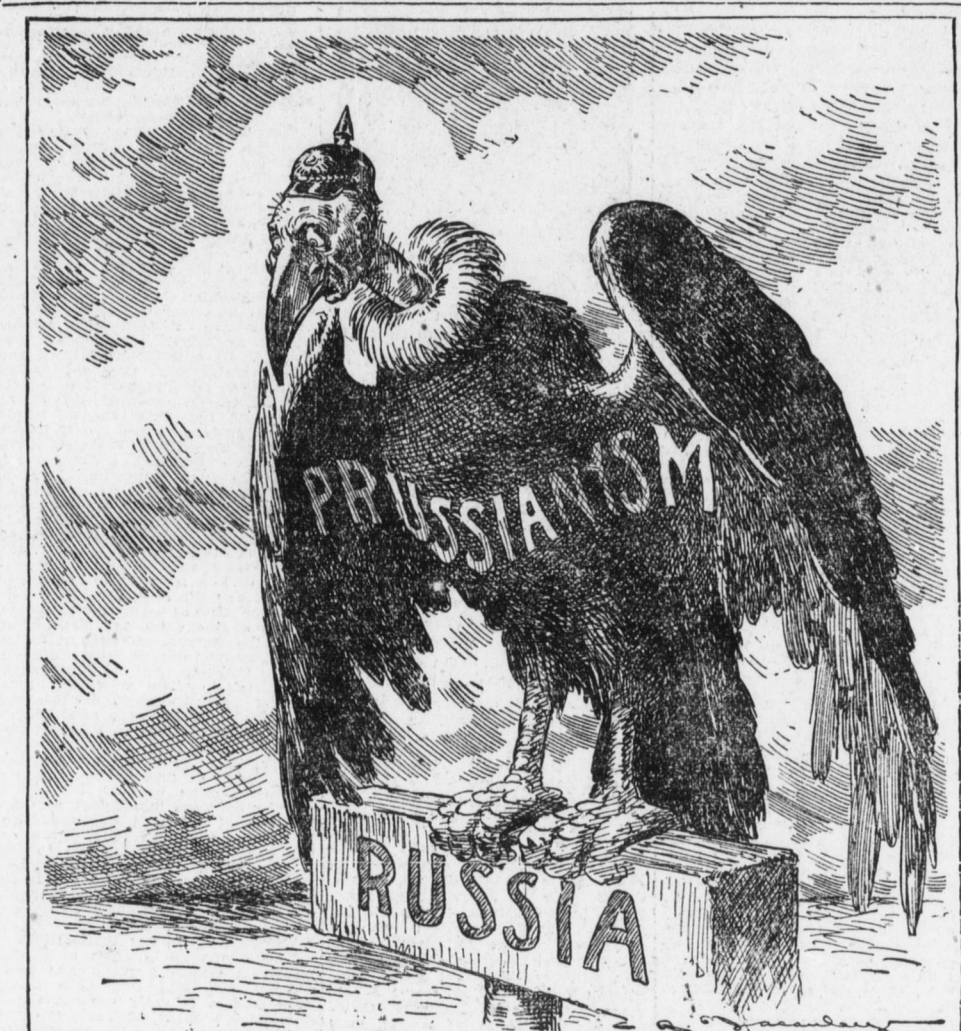
On the Italian front the forces of General Diaz, hand-to-hand fighting are holding up strong Austro-German attempts to advance. In the Asiago plateau, west of the main front, the Italians have checked an enemy encircling movement with the object of surrounding Monte Meletta, the vantage point in this region. The enemy attacked after a strong bombardment but the Italian First Army held its position, inflicted serious losses on the attackers and captured 200 prisoners.

East of the Brenta toward the piave river, the Italians still hold firm on the important Monte Grappa-Monte Tomba line, protecting the entrance to the Venetian plains. The fighting here is of the most desperate character. The Austro-Germans are attacking in massed formation, aided by strong artillery fire. They have been unable, however, to make a breach in the Italian defenses in the last three days.

Pigs Cling to Bear Until Boy Kills Him

Warren, Pa., Nov. 24.—"I couldn't have got him if it hadn't been for father's pigs," said Willie Hackenschmidt, 15 years old, of Salmon creek, this county, when he came to town yesterday with a 250-pound pig in the woods after rabbits when I heard one of the pigs squeal. We kept a drove them for our black bear and I ran toward the sound and when I got there a little black bear had one of the little squalers in his paw. He was rushing and pawing the bear from every direction. He dropped the pig and started to run, but the pig held him until I could get close enough to give him both barrels of my shotgun. The youthful animal then inquired the way to the nearest meat market that might like to feature fresh bear's meat.

BIRD OF EVIL



GREAT TURNOUT IS EXPECTED FOR KEISTER PARADE

Five Divisions to Enter Demonstration For Recently-Elected Mayor

A lively time is anticipated to-night when Harrisburg marching bodies will turn out at 8 o'clock in a big ovation to Mayor-elect Daniel L. Keister. The route of the parade takes in Market street from the River Front to Fourth, to Walnut, to Third, to North, to Sixth, to Woodbine, to Third, to North, to Second, to Chestnut. The newly-elected city magistrate will occupy an automobile immediately behind the Commonwealth band along with Mayor William Bowman and City Commissioners Lynch, Gross, Gorsak and Dunkle. A platoon of the "city's" net Amblers, the parade march is under the direction of Thomas P. Moran, as chief marshal. Mr. Moran's chief-of-staff is H. R. Geiger, and his chief aid, Captain George C. Jack.

Knights of Columbus to Open Campaign Here For Funds For Camp Work

Beginning with December 1 the Knights of Columbus in Harrisburg, aided by the members of all the Catholic churches here, will embark in a great drive to raise \$2,000,000 for the identical purposes which inspired the M. C. A. crusade. There will be some other sign than the red triangle, but at the K. of C. of "shacks" Catholic soldier boys will be able to identify the executive committees, clever motion pictures, facilities for writing letters to loved ones, reading, lounging, playing games, using the dining machine and piano, attending religious meetings, educational groups and the spirit of friendliness that always prevails.

This will be no experiment on the part of the K. of C. for they tried it out on the Mexican border with great success, having the sanction of President Wilson, former President Roosevelt, former President Taft, Secretary of War Baker and William J. Bryan. Whether a member of the Catholic church or not, the canvassers will expect every one who is able to contribute toward the cause, as the camp work will be for the benefit of men of all religions.

Locally the work will be in charge of James A. Flaherty, of Philadelphia, supreme knight, K. of C. The only religious organizations of the K. of C. is to raise the \$3,000,000 before the first of the year. In France the head of the enterprise will be Walter N. Kernan, of Utica, N. Y., a son of ex-Senator Francis Kernan.

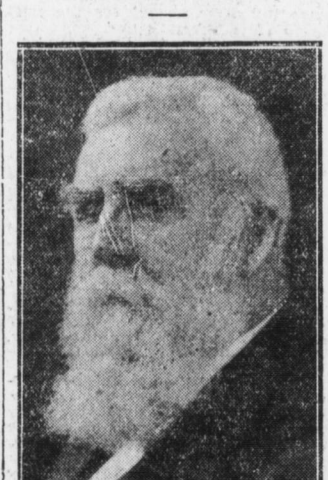
The K. of C. and the Y. M. C. A. are the only religious organizations permitted by the government to have a place of worship upon the foreign battlefields.

READING WILL ADOPT COAL CARDS

Reading, Pa., Nov. 24.—Fuel Administrator G. Howard Bright announced today that the retailers here will adopt coal cards as a means of regulating distribution. The first cards to be issued in a few days. Mr. Bright has been informed that the shortage of anthracite here will be relieved very shortly.

MAHLON EVANS, PIONEER HERE, IS DEAD AT 78

Was Long Identified With City's Wholesale Grocery Business



Long identified with Harrisburg activities, a pioneer of the city's wholesale grocery business, Mahlon Evans died at 5 o'clock this morning at his home, 432 North Second street, after a brief illness. He was 78 years old. Besides his widow he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Ada Burnett, the firm of the Witman-Schwartz Company, now located at 215 South Second street, which was successful from the very start. In January, 1917, the firm celebrated its tenth anniversary by holding open house which entertained more than a thousand guests. At its beginning the store was located in the rick building in Chestnut street and the company was composed of Mr. Evans and Charles W. Burnett.

In eight years the business assumed such proportions that the largest quarters were needed and in the spring of 1908 work was commenced on the present location, on which was erected a three-story brick building, equipped throughout with modern electric elevators and with 50,000 feet of floor space.

Mr. Evans took the greatest interest in the development of Harrisburg business and closely applied himself to the work of his big establishment, his last visit to the offices being only four weeks ago.

Funeral services will be held at his late home on next Tuesday afternoon, and burial will take place in the Harrisburg Cemetery.

JAMES SUCCEEDS NEWBOLD

Willis Geist Newbold, who has been engaged in newspaper work in this city for several years, left today for Brookville, Jefferson county, where he will become editor of the Brookville Republican. Mr. Newbold will be succeeded in charge of the Harrisburg Bureau of the United Press in this city by M. H. James, secretary of the William Penn Highway Association, who has also been engaged in newspaper work here recently.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN MONDAY

Tabulation of Soldier Vote Is Delayed Over the Weekend

While the count of the soldier vote was completed in court today the two tally clerks appointed by the court said they did not expect to make a complete return of the total ballots cast for each candidate before Monday. Until then, it is understood, no official totals will be made public. The count of the few remaining returns was finished this morning and the clerks immediately began checking up on the tabulation sheets. When this is completed the columns will be reported, while with the soldier vote Jacob Eckinger is elected coroner.

No Change Recorded The computation of the soldier vote in court verified unofficial returns it was stated by friends of candidates who made a separate tally. Keister's lead was cut one vote it was reported, while with the soldier vote Jacob Eckinger is elected coroner.

Much indignation was expressed by a number of voters when it became known that the soldier vote would probably be contested. Many persons in discussing the position taken by one of the defeated candidates echoed the statement of Judge Kunkel yesterday when he suggested that any candidate had the right, according to law, to proceed and prevent taking the soldier vote but preferred to take the chance and now should not complain because they lost.

Fireman Badly Hurt When He Falls From Roof

A defective chimney was the cause of a fire in the congested neighborhood of Balm and Bailey streets, about 1:30 this afternoon. The fire took place at the home of J. L. Shader, 1202 Bailey street. It is thought that the soot in the flue fell, closing the exit for the smoke and heat, and the wall about the stove caught fire. There was no one home by the time and Mary Barbush, the neighbor residing at 1204 Bailey street, saw dense smoke pouring from the chimney. She raised an alarm. It is the second fire by the same cause at this place.

Peter Shickley, of the Royal Company, when clambering off a ladder to the roof, fell clear to the ground, injuring his back. He was taken to the hospital, where he is being examined by X-ray, to determine the extent of his injuries. The hospital stated that his injuries are in the nature of a fracture, but how badly was not known.

MR. WOODS IMPROVING

Cyrus E. Woods, Secretary of the Commonwealth, who underwent an operation at the University of Pennsylvania hospital, was reported today as recovering very nicely.

MAYOR BOWMAN ENDORSES CITY MANAGER PLAN

Believes It Would Assure Economy and Efficiency of Administration

COMPLIMENTS OFFICIALS Suggests Closer Co-ordination of the Several Departments

Mayor J. William Bowman, whose service as Mayor has been most acceptable to his fellow citizens and who has been a student of municipal affairs during his brief term, made this interesting statement to-day: "On the eve of my retirement as Mayor of the city of Harrisburg, the one fact with which I am particularly impressed is the need of greater co-ordination of our municipal departments in the interest of efficient and economical administration."

"But in saying this I must not be understood as reflecting in even the slightest degree upon our present city officials. My brief experience in that office has convinced me that those charged with the conduct of our municipal affairs are earnest, honest and public-spirited. No city has enjoyed greater prosperity or had more constructive development over a considerable period of years than our own, and it is only fair to [Continued on Page 9.]

Ludendorff on Way to Arrange Armistice

Amsterdam, Nov. 24.—According to advice received here, General Von Ludendorff, first quartermaster general of the German armies, "has started for the eastern front in connection with the Russian offer of a truce. He is said to be accompanied by a numerous staff."

U.S. DESTROYERS SINK SUBMARINE IN WAR ZONE

U-Boat Goes to Bottom When Americans Try to Capture It

DEPTH BOMB IS USED Battle Begun at 400 Yards, When Periscope Is Sighted

Washington, Nov. 24.—Definite news of the destruction of another German submarine by American destroyers reached the Navy Department to-day in a cabled report from Vice Admiral Sims. The submarine damaged by a depth bomb went down with all on board after a destroyer had attached a line and was attempting to take her in tow.

Two destroyers took part in the action. One, sighting a periscope at 400 yards, headed for it and dropped a deadly depth bomb. Soon afterward the submarine came to the surface with no sign of life aboard. The second destroyer steamed up and attached a line but the U-boat, apparently shattered by the bomb, went to the bottom. Secretary Daniels announced the report in this statement: "Dispatches received from Admiral Sims state that a German U-boat has been accounted for by American destroyers operating in European waters. While on patrol duty a destroyer sighted a periscope four hundred yards off. Immediately ringing full speed ahead, the commanding officer headed his craft to pass a few yards ahead of the submarine. As the destroyer passed over the U-boat's conning tower a charge was dropped. This evidently caused damage to the U-boat which shortly afterward breached (came to the surface) about 500 yards away.

"Fire was immediately opened on the submarine by two of our destroyers, which circled about their target. The submarine was disabled by the fire and was evidently disabled. One of the destroyers got a line to her intending to tow her, but the boat soon sank."

HARRISBURG POLICE ASKED TO FIND GIRL

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 24.—The American Federation of Labor in convention here, adopted a resolution submitted by the Photo Engravers, Printing Pressmen, Bookbinders and Typographical Unions protesting against the change in rates on second class postage included in the war revenue law. The resolution calls upon Congress to amend the war revenue law to eliminate the section and requests that it be dealt with as a question of service rather than for war revenue.

Harrisburg—The local police have been asked to look for little Valta Hoffman, aged 12, five feet two inches tall, with light hair, who was put on the train at Baltimore on Monday, November 19, and sent to her home in Orbesonia, near Huntingdon, and has not reached her destination. When she was last seen at Baltimore she wore a green felt hat, light coat and high black shoes.

ROBBERS SECURE \$15,000

Danville, Ill., Nov. 24.—Robbers, using gas torches, cut through the vaults of the First National Bank at Dana, Ind., forty miles south, early to-day and escaped in an automobile with about \$15,000 in currency and securities.

LIFT POTATO EMBARGO

Philadelphia, Nov. 24.—The Pennsylvania Railroad today lifted the embargo on shipments of potatoes to Philadelphia. Orders were sent to all points and connecting lines in the potato producing territory to resume acceptance of shipments at once and it is expected that by Monday the movement of this product will again be normal.

MILITANTS RETURNED TO D. C. JAIL

Alexandria, Va., Nov. 24.—Twenty-five militants of the Woman's party were returned to the District of Columbia jail today under an order of the district commissioners.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Samuel H. Sites and Myrtle M. Myers, West Fairview; Warren H. Zimmerman, Sunbury, and Daisy L. Hitting, Harrisburg; James A. Harbo and Leticia Parker, Harrisburg; John P. Owen, Harrisburg, and Sarah L. Gelbach, Duncan; Harvey H. Reick and Myrtle M. Thompson, Millersburg; Howard L. Peters and Catherine D. Faust, Harrisburg; Herbert L. Drake and Rebecca Hallman, Harrisburg.

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