

AUSTRO-GERMAN SMASH ON PIAVE LINE CONTINUES

Huns Continue Strong Attacks Against Defenses Despite Heavy Losses

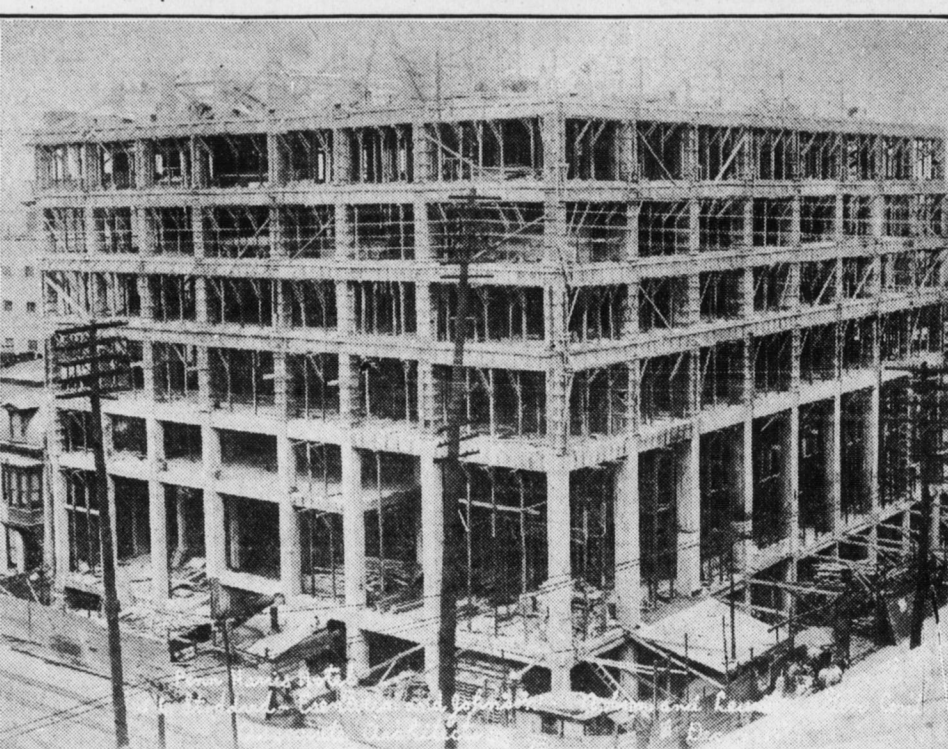
Except on the short stretch between the Brenta and Piave rivers there has been no marked infantry activity on the front from the North Sea to the Adriatic. Although their losses have been heavy the Austro-Germans continue their strong attacks in an effort to break the Italian northern defense.

URGES PRAYER DURING THE WAR

Dr. Mudge Draws Interesting Story of Fall of the Holy City

Saying that Christ forbade His followers' prophesying, and that we are not to be dogmatic in our interpretations of the Bible, Dr. Lewis S. Mudge preached on 'The Capture of Jerusalem' at the Pine Street Presbyterian Church last evening.

RAPID PROGRESS MADE ON NEW HOTEL DESPITE DRAWBACK OF WINTER WEATHER



President E. Z. Wallower, of the Harrisburg Hotel Company, is more than pleased with the progress which is being made on the new hotel at Third and Walnut streets notwithstanding the weather drawback. He stated to-day that while the snowstorm had temporarily suspended concrete pouring the carpenters, plumbers and electricians have been making fine headway.

Patriotic Services Held at First Baptist Church

"America will be the savior of the world," said Philip S. Moyer, speaking in the patriotic service held last night at the First Baptist Church. The service was opened by a special organ prelude composed of a medley of national airs of the Allied nations.

Feast of the Lights

Three special collections were offered at the Feast of the Lights at the Methodist Educational Fund, \$60 to the sickle people of Halifax and \$30 for the Red Cross auxiliary.

THOUSANDS ARE OPENING HEARTS

is operating in the First ward. He has no membership cards or buttons, and according to the reports, has not yet secured any subscriptions. First ward residents have been warned of his operations.

HICKOK TO ASK FOR MORE COAL

Dealers said this morning that the yards in the city are practically emptied of coal. At a meeting called by the Mayor Saturday afternoon, at which the fuel commissioner, representatives of the coal dealers and of the Chamber of Commerce attended, the seriousness of the fuel situation here was discussed in an effort to suggest remedies to relieve conditions.

Headmaster Brown in New Organization of Preparatory Schools

The preparatory schools of Pennsylvania and other states are to be placed in position to be of greater service to the nation, as developed at a conference held in Philadelphia last Friday. The manhood of the country is to be developed for national service.

Hardscrabble Appeals Are Held Over Until Thursday

Owing to the slight illness of Judge S. M. McCarrill, appeal trials in court, the hearing in the suit of Arianda E. Dintaman, one of the property owners, has been continued until Thursday. President Judge George Kunkel to-day excused the jury until they are ready to take the case when the trial is resumed on Thursday there may be settlements in more of the suits which have been pending.

Gaston B. Means Acquitted of Wealthy Widow's Murder

Concord, N. C., Dec. 17.—Gaston B. Means was acquitted here yesterday of the charge of slaying Mrs. Maude A. King, the wealthy New York and Chicago widow. The jury received the case last night, but after two hours' deliberation announced a verdict would not be returned until to-day.

Knits at 82

Among the articles turned in to the local chapter this morning was a sweater knitted by Mrs. Mary L. Haverstick, 1624 Green street. Mrs. Haverstick is 82 years of age. Her work is among the best received at the headquarters.

Try to Prevent Suffering

Mr. Hickok said this morning that all efforts will be made to prevent suffering in the city among the poor. The matter of procuring the services of the police in an effort to tabulate the supply of coal on hand in the poorer sections of the city was discussed.

Musical Art Society Gives Handel's Messiah

The presentation of Handel's 'Messiah' by the Musical Art Society in Grace W. Phillips hall, last evening, was one of the best musical treats Harrisburg music-lovers have received.

Too Much Red Tape in Getting Money, Says General Crozier

Washington, Dec. 17.—General Crozier declared to-day at the Senate military committee's inquiry into Army preparations, there was "entirely too much red tape" getting money. While an emergency appropriation request for a lump sum of \$2,932,537,000 made by the War Department April 5, a day before war was declared, it was June before Congress made appropriations under the estimates.

Council to Take Up Tax Rate Problems With New Budget at Night Session

The first meeting of council in preparation of the 1918 budget will be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock in the council chamber. It was reported to-day that the commissioners would probably wait until then to discuss the ash and garbage question.

M. E. FUNDS ARE GIVEN A BOOST

Educational Campaign Committee Expects to Meet Goal Thursday

At noon today it was reported at the headquarters of the great Methodist Jubilee Campaign that the results of "Gleaning Sunday" yesterday had swelled the fund to \$372,000 and many districts had not yet been tabbed. At least \$20,000 more was expected by this evening.

Advertisement for Christmas Social Events. Includes text: 'Within a week the day of Good Cheer will be with us, the day of all the year when you want to look your best as well as feel that way.' and 'Suits, coats and dresses should be carefully inspected. If you find they need pressing or dry cleaning, phone us immediately and our motor delivery will call for your garments and return them to you ready for any social event.'

Advertisement for American War Mission Returns From Europe. Text: 'After spending two weeks in London and two in France, Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the export war board and a member of the American mission to the interallied war council, returned to Harrisburg last night convinced that the mission was a great success, but not feeling free to talk before the members of the mission see President Wilson to-day. He did, however, confirm the same dogged spirit of self sacrifice that will stop at nothing until victory has been achieved.'

Advertisement for Funeral Services Held For John C. Jennings. Text: 'Funeral services for John C. Jennings, prominent manufacturer and businessman, were held from his home at 11 o'clock this morning, by the Rev. Robert Bagnall, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, officiating. Mr. Jennings was president of the Jennings Manufacturing Company, which was active in the work of the fraternal societies and the philanthropic work of the city. He was a member of Perseverance lodge No. 21, F. and A. M., Perseverance Arch chapter No. 21, and the Harrisburg commandery of Knights Templar.'

Advertisement for Goldsmith's North Market Square. Text: 'Give Goldsmith Gifts—Useful, Practical Gifts. A Piano Bench Makes an Excellent Christmas Gift. Why not discard that old and unsightly piano stool when you can buy daughter one of our Mahogany Piano Benches at \$8.00 to \$15.00. A very large showing to choose from—every one with music compartment under seat—a design to match every piano.'

Advertisement for Wm. Strouse. Text: 'A Man's Gift From a Man's Store. HUNDEL'S DIES.—Mrs. Emanuel Menzle of Lower Paxton township, died at her home on Saturday, aged 63 years. Besides her husband she was survived by five daughters and two sons. Funeral services will be held Thursday at Shenk's meeting house at Deodate, Berks' Cemetery.'

Advertisement for Meatless Days Already Responsible For Surplus. Text: 'Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Howard Heinz, Federal Food Administrator for Pennsylvania, is in receipt of the following telegram from the United States Food Administration which has been accomplished in meat and wheat, which are needed for shipment to our Allies abroad, by the observation of meatless and wheatless days in this country. The results from meatless days have for the first time created a sufficient visible supply of meat to allow us to partially comply with the quantities requested by the Allies for shipments during the month of December. This should be a matter of satisfaction to entire American people that their devotion in this matter now enables us to resume our duties to the allies in this respect and our endeavors should in no instance be relaxed. As to wheat, we have already exported the whole of the surplus of the 1917 harvest. All exports of wheat from now forward are limited entirely to volume of saving made by the American people.'

Advertisement for Radiolite Watches. Text: 'A Nice Present at a Moderate Price. GORGAS. 16 N. Third St. Penna. Station. Use McNeil's Cold Tablets—Adv.'

Advertisement for Cohen's Watches. Text: 'Buy Your Jewelry for Christmas at COHEN'S. We Specialize in High Grade WATCHES. COHEN'S 431 Market Street. AT SUBWAY OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL XMAS.'