

GERMANS STORM HILL TRENCHES IN CHAMPAGNE

Officer's Troops Regain Some Positions in Battle with Grenades.

FRENCH AEROPLANE FIRES ENEMY CRAFT

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Counter-attacks by the Austrians are becoming more frequent and Rome reports greater activity by the enemy artillery. After a preparation by heavy fire the Austrians attacked in the Ledro Valley. Rome claims that the assaults were completely repulsed.

The Italian bombardment of Gorizia has almost put a stop to the ordinary business activities of the city. An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich says the Department of Commerce and Industry, which remained in Gorizia until its buildings were struck by shells, has been transferred to Vienna. An Austrian submarine sank a small Italian cruiser off Valona on the 6th, says the Vienna statement.

INVADERS GAIN ON THE CARSO

Storm Strong Trench in Monte San Michele Zone, Says Rome.

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The belief prevailed in official circles that Ambassador Bernstorff would not be able to inform Secretary Lansing that the wishes of the United States would be complied with before Saturday at the earliest.

Any application for safe conduct for Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen will be considered by the Allied governments solely as a request of the United States.

The first impulse among representatives of the Allies was flatly to refuse to enter into any undertaking to refrain from treating the two German officers, once they are deprived of their diplomatic immunity, as entitled to any treatment different from that which would be meted out to any enemy soldier or sailor.

Further consideration, however, has led to a change of view. If the United States should take the ground that it is responsible for the safe return of the two officers to Germany, the Allied governments would be disposed to refrain from intervention, though it is probable that they would insist that the men give their parole not to serve actively during the war.

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ITALIAN OFFICIAL

The War Office at Rome made public the following official communication: Along the whole front there has been greater activity by the enemy's artillery, to which our batteries effectively replied. The enemy is also making an extensive use of asphyxiating gases.

Monday afternoon an intense preparation by artillery fire was followed by enemy infantry attacks against our positions north of Pre, in the valley of the Ledro and to the east of Piazzia, in the Terragnolo Valley. The attacks were completely repulsed.

GERMAN OFFICIAL

The official statement issued at Berlin says: Attempts by the enemy to contest our success east of Auberville (in the Champagne district) failed. In addition to the prisoners taken, three machine guns fell into our hands.

To the north of Souain a position on Hill 193, over a distance of about 200 metres, was wrested from the French. Four counter attacks were repulsed. One officer, 120 men and two machine guns were captured.

EXPERTS TALK ON ENGINES

Many Papers Read at Annual Meeting of Mechanical Engineers.

The second day's session of the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers was held yesterday at the Engineering Societies Building, 29 West Thirty-sixth Street. The conference will be continued to-day.

At the sessions yesterday papers on technical subjects were read by F. W. Lewis, Allen H. Babcock, Arthur H. Jupp, David Lindquist, Hollis Godfrey, C. F. Hirschfeld, A. L. Menzies, Robert Cramer, Albert G. Duncan, Frank W. Reynolds, Dan Adams, Joseph P. Gray, L. D. Burlingame, L. C. Brooks, Anatole Mallet and Roy V. Wright.

There was a smoker for members and guests at the club building last night.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL

On the Carso front, despite adverse weather conditions, our infantry is maintaining its aggressive attitude. A brilliant action which developed yesterday in the northern zone of Monte San Michele enabled us to capture a strong and extended enemy entrenchment to the east of Peltino. We took 146 prisoners, including eight officers, and a quantity of rifles, ammunition and other war materials.

AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL

Vienna gave out this statement: On the Isonzo front the enemy attacked the northern portion of the Doberdo Mountain chain. Northeast of San Michele Mountain they penetrated some trenches, but were later driven out. In the San Martino sector their efforts also failed.

Sistiana (on the Gulf of Trieste) has been bombarded by Italian torpedo boats.

One of our submarines on the morning of the 5th sank a small Italian cruiser with two funnels off Valona Albania.

Italy Must Raise New Loan

Minister Tells Deputies

Rome, Dec. 8.—In a statement before the Chamber of Deputies to-day, the Minister of the Treasury, Paolo Carcano, said that the budget of 1914-15 had been closed with a deficit of \$57,000,000. The budget of 1915-16 showed a surplus of \$243,000,000, taking into account the war loans emitted.

But, added the minister, the surplus was much below the amount necessary for the expenditures indispensable for the continuation of the war from the end of December to the end of June. Therefore, it was necessary to make another appeal to the Italian people for a great national loan.

Signor Carcano, speaking with reference to the budget of 1916-17, predicted peace would come before the expiration of that period, and he estimated a surplus of \$28,000,000. The expense of the war, according to the minister, reached \$500,000,000 during the first five months, and would be proportionately higher in the next seven months.

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- An ash tray for a man who burns it.
- An umbrella for Uncle Edward.
- A cigar case for Cousin Jim.
- A tea caddy set for Aunt Jane.
- A magnifying glass for a fault-finding friend.
- A silver match box "from one sport to another".
- An auto case for "a friend with a car".
- An embroidery set for a woman who has nothing else to do.
- A card case for brother Jack.
- A silver button hook for sister Mabel.
- A smelling salts bottle for a man about town.
- A cigarette holder for a man about eighteen.
- A cigar cutter for a "friend of the family".
- Comb, brush and mirror for a young man's fiancée.
- A "breakfast companion" for "the June bride's" first Christmas.
- A silver pencil for the groom to figure the cost of living.
- A blue shopping bag for a lady with blue eyes.
- A desk set for Bill "studying hard".
- A travelling bag for a man on the road.
- A brief case for a man "called to the bar".
- A cellorette for a man who keeps a bar of his own.
- A mesh bag from Brother Tom to Sister Sue.
- A gold pen knife from Sue to Tom.
- Five o'clock tea spoons to a young matron.
- An opera bag for a girl who shares your operatic tastes.
- A vanity box for a pretty young thing in Boston.
- A candy box for "Sweet Sixteen".
- Knife, fork and spoon for little Willie.
- A tea set from the children to Mother.
- A gold match box from children to Father.
- A shaving set for Grandfather.
- A bud vase for Grandmother.
- A wrist watch for Charles.
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