



YANKEES IN CLASH WITH HUNS; WATER HAZARD BEFORE VENICE

U. S. PATROL CLASHES WITH HUN FORCE IN NO MAN'S LAND

Teutons Place Machine Guns in Craters and Throw Stream of Bullets Into Trenches

NIGHT DARK AND SHOWERY

Firing Mostly at Distance; Enemy Silenced by American Artillery; Congressmen at the Front

With the American Army in France, Nov. 15.—There have been further encounters between American patrols and Germans in No Man's Land. Last night there were a number of clashes but the night was dark and showery and the firing was most at a distance. There were no American casualties.

The Germans placed machine guns in several craters and sprayed streams of bullets on our communicating trenches. The American artillery hurled shells from 75's at the positions and silenced the enemy.

American patrols have worked up the German wire entanglements. The artillery fire day and night continues lively.

Senators Kenyon, of Iowa, and Kendrick, of Wyoming, to-day say American battalions practicing behind barrage fire and also witnessed the work of machine guns, American motors, hand and rifle grenades, bayonets and indirect artillery firing. Both senators agreed that the American work is doing splendidly and that their training is progressing more rapidly than seemed possible. They later left for Paris from where they will go to the French front.

Twenty-one Motorists Nabbed in Highway Net

Twenty-one motorists have been arrested on the state highway between Paxtang and Rutherford, it was announced to-day. In some cases the drivers have been exceeding sixty miles an hour. The license numbers of autoists were taken by Corporal John Kautz, Troop C, state police, who with another state policeman, timed the motorists over a previously arranged stretch of road between Paxtang and Rutherford. Notice was served on the offenders, four of whom drove automobiles, and seventeen drove motorcycles. The minimum fine in such cases is \$10. Seven of the offenders have paid their fines. Those who do not pay before November 20 will be arrested and brought before Alderman Nicholas.

The above arrests are part of a campaign to put an end to reckless driving on state highways. There have been numerous complaints received by the State Highway Department from residents living along state roads in the vicinity of Harrisburg against drivers of motorcars and motorcycles for speeding and racing. The stretch of road between Harrisburg and Rutherford has been a particularly favorite place for the speedsters, and residents along this road, and a petition requesting the Highway Department to put an end to the dangerous practice.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Cloudy to-night; Saturday probably fair; not much change in temperature; lower to-night about 40 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy to-night; Saturday probably fair; moderate northwest and west winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will continue to fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 4.3 ft. is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning.

General Conditions Pressure has diminished over nearly all the country east of the Rocky Mountains in the last twenty-four hours, except along the northern border, where it has increased. The greater part of the Lake Region eastward to New England, it has increased decidedly over the Pacific slope. It is somewhat colder in the Southern Rocky Mountains and in a few other localities of limited extent. The temperature of the country generally has risen 2 to 10 degrees since last report, and is now 5 to 15 degrees above the seasonal average over most of the country east of the Rocky Mountains.

Temperature 8 a. m., 44. Sun: Rises, 6:55 a. m.; sets, 4:45 p. m. Moon: First quarter, November 21. River Stage: 4.4 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 40. Lowest temperature, 25. Mean temperature, 48. Normal temperature, 42.

FLEEING INHABITANTS JAM CANALS OF THREATENED VENICE



GRAND CANAL, VENICE.

Reports indicate that a great part of the population of Venice is fleeing the city. The Grand Canal, pictured above, is filled to overflowing with gondolas and other craft, carrying people evacuating the city. The long range guns of the Austrians may at any time start a bombardment of the famous art center, and to protect as much as possible the priceless relics and valuables, all precautionary measures have been taken. The famous Palace of the Doges has been covered with sandbags and the delicate arched facade has been shored with heavy timbers. The Campanile has sandbags for forty feet around the base.

DESERT VENICE BEFORE ADVANCE OF HUN ARMIES

Thousands Flee From Ancient City That May Be Given Up Undefended

Venice, Nov. 16.—Venice is now almost empty, the population having been reduced from the usual 160,000 to 20,000. Despite the proximity of the enemy lines at the mouth of the Piave river and the unsuccessful efforts of the Austro-Germans to make the long triangle between the mouths of the Piave and Sile rivers, the remainder of the population is calm.

The city may not be defended in case of an attack in order to spare the monuments and art treasures. The mayor of Venice, who is a descendant of the Doges and a chamberlain to the Queen of Italy, announced to-day he would remain at his post.

The outward appearance of the city is very desolate. All the main hotels, cafes and other places patronized by tourists, are closed.

City Is Deserted The city authorities are furnishing trains and ships to take away any of the remaining population who wish to go. The best known centers such as the Rialto bridge, St. Mark's Square and the square where the gondolas are hired, are now deserted except by a few stragglers. There are five shops open and they are selling goods at any price to save them from passing into the hands of the enemy.

There has been much activity outside the lagoon and yesterday several guns bombarded the enemy positions at the mouth of the Piave river.

Some foreign consuls remain but most others residing here temporarily have gone. All the palaces along the Grand Canal are closed and the occupants have gone, though a few noble families and some descendants of the Doges remain with the firm purpose of not abandoning the city under any circumstances. All the government offices have been removed outside the city but the government prefect, Count Ciola, remains at his post.

STOVE UPSET; TWO BURNED. Kent, Ohio, Nov. 16.—Jacob Roth, Jr., and his wife were burned to death in their home here early today as a result of a fight between Roth's father and three friends of the elder Roth. During the fight a stove was overturned and Jacob Roth, Jr., and his wife were trapped in an upstairs room and burned to death.

Opportunity For All to Contribute

Due to the fact that it was impossible for all persons desiring to contribute to the Y. M. C. A. fund to be approached by the campaigners in the limited time at their disposal, it has been decided by the committee in charge to permit churches, if they wish, to make collections for this fund on Sunday. Advice from Washington are that \$75,000 will be needed from this city to properly finance the movement, although \$52,000 was the amount first announced. It is for the purpose of running the contributions up to the maximum asked that the contributions will be continued.

ITALIAN TROOPS TIRED BUT NOT DISCOURAGED

Correspondent Sees Solid Miles of Troops Coming and Going to Front

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Wednesday, Nov. 14.—The Italian general staff gave the first opportunity to-day to see the Piave battlefield and the correspondent was among the first four civilians authorized to take the trip. It came at an opportune moment when the enemy had succeeded in getting small parties across the river at two points and when the holding or breaking of the Piave line promised to bring the whole balance of Italy, and to some extent, for the entire entente.

An officer from the headquarters staff was in charge of the party, which gave it free access through the rear lines to the Piave, where the chief points along the thirty miles of front were visible and a view obtained of the whole range of the gigantic operations.

Some ten miles back from the river the correspondent passed through solid miles of troops coming and going to the front. Those going to the rear were mud-covered and tired but not disheartened. Those going forward were fresh and full of spirit.

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Pope Asks Protection of Women and Children

Rome, Thursday, Nov. 15.—Pope Benedict has asked the governments of the central empires to instruct their military authorities operating in the zone of war to follow the rules of international law in respecting the lives and property of civilians and in the protection of women and children. The pope's appeal was made through the clergy, hospitals, churches, bishops' palaces and presbyteries.

The Pontiff also has ordered the papal nuncios at Munich and Vienna, if necessary, to appeal personally and directly to Emperor William and Emperor Charles to obtain the fulfillment of his wishes.

SONS OF REST PUZZLED OVER THE DISPOSITION OF 20,000 NEEDLES

The Sons of Rest on duty at the Penn-Harris this morning were much pleased to hear that District Attorney Michasi Stroup has an eye wide open in their interest. It was yesterday the occurrence occurred. District Attorney Stroup passing along Market street saw City Engineer Cowden giving the Dives, Pomeroy and Stewart building operations the u. and d. "Hey," said District Attorney Stroup. "What are you doing down here? Don't you know the lodge meets only at Third and Walnut?" A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Stroup to-day by the Sons of Rest. The wether was so chilly to-day that the artour de chise as the French would say, was hard to maintain among the Sons of Rest. Finally, however, an argument started which warmed things up and finally seemed likely to result in a call for the wagon. It happened this way: "What are you studying so hard for?" John Newton asked Edmund James. "I know a guy who has 20,000

RETAILERS MUST NOT CHARGE FOR LARD CONTAINERS

Inspector of Weights and Measures Warns of Coming Prosecutions

In prosecuting a woman on the charge of giving short weight when she sold last Saturday in the Broad street market, Harry D. Reel, city inspector of weights and measures, issued a warning to all persons making purchases of commodities sold in small paper or wooden cans that the weight of the containers should not be included in the net weight of the food product which is bought.

"Frequently I have had reports of dealers the customers stating they were sure they had been given short weight," Inspector Reel said. "Persons who purchase one pound of butter, lard or a similar commodity sold in a paper or wooden container should get sixteen ounces of lard, and not fifteen ounces of lard and an ounce or fraction of an ounce of wood or paper. I intend to prosecute any case brought to my notice when a dealer in selling a pound or more of a food product includes the weight of the container in the total weight. This is a case of short weight and a violation of the law. For the first offense the penalty is a fine of not more than \$25; for the second not less than \$50 and for the third and subsequent offenses, both fine and imprisonment.

"Homekeepers should be on their guard and insist in getting full value and weight. Most of the containers used in handling lard, butter and similar commodities weigh almost half an ounce."

The woman against whom Mr. Reel brought suit was Mrs. Annie Isaacman. The hearing was held yesterday before Alderman Edward J. Pomeroy. Witnesses testified that in purchasing lard from her they thought it did not weigh a pound and asked City Inspector Reel to weigh the purchase on a city-tested scale. When the weight was found to be short the prosecution was started. Alderman Hilton fined the woman \$12 and costs which totaled more than \$20.

BORDER TOWN UNDER ARMS TO PREVENT MEXICAN ATTACK

Presidio, Texas, Nov. 16.—Presidio remained under arms again last night prepared for any emergency which might arise from the presence of 1,600 or more Villa troops in Ojinaga, Mexico, opposite here. Colonel George T. Langhorne, commander of the Big Bend district, and Captain Theodore Barnes, Jr., in command of this sector, were again on duty all night directing their patrols.

Wednesday night's precautionary measures were repeated last night but there was less stress noticeable in anticipation of a possible attack upon the American town.

Cadet Has One of First Flags to Go "Over Top"

Chatanooga, Tenn., Nov. 16.—E. Earl Cook, of Dawson, Ga., cadet in the Seventh Infantry Company at the Reserve officers training camp at Fort Ouelthrops, was one of the first to receive American flags to go "over the top" at Vimy Ridge. It was sent him by his brother, a lieutenant of the reorganized Princess Pat Regiment, from Canada.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

Washington, Nov. 15.—A pronounced earthquake, estimated to have been centered about 5,000 miles from Washington, occurred during the night, beginning at 10:35 a. m. and continuing until about 12:52 a. m. The maximum movement was between 11:17 p. m. and 11:40 p. m.

FLOODGATES ON ITALY'S RIVERS OPENED TO STEM ADVANCE OF HUN

Will Inundate Triangle, Hoping to Prevent Enemy Movement to Flank Their Right Wing

MAY DROWN OUT GERMAN FORCES

Italians Resist Pressure of Invader in Mountainous Country Between Asiago and the Piave

Rome, Nov. 16.—All along the mountain front from Asiago to the Piave river the attacks of the Austro-German forces which are seeking to crush in the Italian line have been repulsed, it is announced officially. All the positions attacked yesterday remained in the hands of the Italians.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy (Thursday), Nov. 15 (by The Associated Press).—Embattled for the protection of Venice and Lombardy, the Italians have opened the floodgates of the Piave and Sile rivers, northeast of Venice, to keep in check the Austro-German force which has crossed the Piave near Griscolera. In attempting to inundate the triangle whose apex is near San Dona di Piave, the Italians hope to prevent any enemy movement to flank the right wing of the Italian army along the Piave.

Neither the Adriatic the Piave and Sile rivers are contained in canals running through land at or below sea-level and which stretches for many miles along the Adriatic from the Venetian lagoon. The Venetians allowed to flow unchecked it would appear to make Austro-German efforts in this region barren of results.

The Austro-Germans have been unable to make any progress in the face of the Piave line being outflanked, although still present, probably has not become serious enough to cause any change in the Italian plans. The Teuton pressure between the Sugana Valley and the Piave is very strong but the Italians have been able to check violent attacks at various points along the sector.

Fresh Austro-German attempts to cross the Piave have been rendered futile by the Italian defense. The Austro-Germans are holding in check those troops which crossed near Zenson and in the marshland near the Piave the invaders had been unable to make any progress. The Austro-Germans counterattacks and artillery fire directed toward the opening of the floodgates.

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REBELS DISPUTE PREMIER'S RULE IN PETROGRAD

Kerensky Controls Moscow; Bolsheviki Claim to Hold Power in Capital

PREMIER'S ARMY LOYAL

German Socialists Ask Reichstag to Discuss Lenine's Peace Offer

Communication with Petrograd again has been restored but no direct news has been received from the Russian capital. The Bolsheviki are still in control in Petrograd while Premier Kerensky's troops are reported to be in flight and again to be marching on the Bolsheviki stronghold. Efforts of the Socialists to arrange a settlement with the Bolsheviki and to bring about a new coalition government have failed. Other reports say that the Maximalist leaders, Lenine and Troitzky, are losing their popularity.

The Bolsheviki in Moscow are reported to have been defeated completely in street fighting which claimed 2,000 lives. Heavy fighting has occurred at Kiev where the Cossacks were said to have arrived several days ago.

The Wolff Bureau, the official German news bureau, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Geneva, admits that the provisional (Kerensky) government has mastered the revolt in Moscow. It says that Lenine still controls Petrograd where the fighting was severe Wednesday afternoon.

An attempt to negotiate for the creation of a Socialist government in Russia and the postponement of a railway strike there are described in an Exchange Telegraph Company dispatch from Petrograd dated Tuesday. The Socialist leaders offered the Bolsheviki the following basis for an agreement:

First—The disarming of the Red Guard.

Second—The transfer of the control of the Petrograd garrison to the municipality.

Third—The cessation of military operations—and in consideration of the acceptance of the terms.

Fourth—Full guarantee that Kerensky's army would be the only one entering Petrograd and would not fire a single shot.

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CITY PASSES ITS QUOTA IN Y. M. C. A. DRIVE

Three Hundred Enthusiastic Harrisburg Workers Celebrate Success of Campaign at Luncheon; Boys Did Splendid Work For the Cause; People in All Walks of Life Help Cause

Harrisburg went "over the top" in the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. war work fund campaign this afternoon, when contributions and pledges amounting to \$67,724.18, were reported at a jubilee meeting in the Board of Trade Assembly rooms. Amid cheering and applause, the result was announced by Mayor J. William Bowman, chairman of the city organization.

This sum includes the contribution announced earlier in the week. The city quota was \$52,000.

The detailed statement follows: Division A. Mrs. M. E. Olmsted, leader; Mrs. Jennings, \$703.87; Mrs. Payne, \$438.54; Miss Weiss, \$641.20; Mrs. Tate, \$437. Division grand total, \$14,301.45.

Division B. Mr. Johnston, division leader; Captain Wallace, \$1,230; Captain Fager, \$292.25; Captain Kinter, \$219.50; Captain Beckley, \$211. Division grand total, \$9,544.47.

Division C. Mr. Reinhold, division leader; Captain Herman, \$262.50; Captain Pass, \$215; Captain Steinmetz, \$226; Captain Bacon, \$472.75; Division total, \$9,629.34.

Division D. William H. Bennethum, Jr., leader; Captains McCullough and Ogelsby, \$1,000.15; Captain Breckner, \$237.11; Captain Baum, \$300.05. Division grand total, \$9,328.14.

Division E. C. W. Burnett, leader; Captain Barnes, \$152; Captain Armstrong, \$215; Captain Seaman, \$160;

Captain Orr, \$147. Division grand total, \$6,332.37.

The executive committee announced contributions of \$6,753; the theater committee, \$241.53; lodge committee, \$179; girls' committee, \$419; boys' committee, \$1,571.30; P. H. R. Y. M. C. A., \$856.25; industrial committee, \$253.58; Paxtang, \$11.20. The total of the contributions from boys and girls was \$1,920.30.

Edward Bailey, chairman of the Dauphin county committee, announced that he was unable to give any definite report but that the contributions would exceed \$12,000 by a wide margin. Among the contributors he announced were those of Halifax with a quota of \$150, raised \$163; Millersburg with an allotment of \$50, raised \$650; Pillow with an allotment of \$70, raised \$140; Loyaltown, with a quota of \$20, raised \$75. Members of the police force contributed \$54; the firm of Russ & Windsor, \$25; conductors and brakemen running out of Harrisburg stations, \$109.50; employees of the Harrisburg Hospital, \$40; employees of the State Highway Department, \$118.50; employees of the Department of Labor and Industry, \$175; employees of Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, an additional subscription of \$25. One subscription of \$1 per month as long as the war lasts, was announced by a team captain in Mr. Johnston's division. In accordance with their announcement, the Kresge store gave 50 per cent of one day's sales amounting to \$274; the Alrick's Association gave \$500; employees of the Dauphin Clear Company, \$51.75; employees of the Harrisburg Ship Manu-

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ONE HALF "Y" FUND RAISED

New York, Nov. 16.—With only two more week days in which to work, a little over one half the \$35,000,000 Y. M. C. A. war fund had been raised at noon to-day. Officers at the headquarters here of the National War Work Campaign Council to-day said they realized they were in the hardest part of the campaign.

PHILADELPHIA FUND INCREASED

Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—Total subscriptions obtained in the city to-day to the Y. M. C. A. war fund amounted to \$257,597, increasing the grand total since the opening of the campaign to \$1,194,806.