

## UPPER ITALY TO BE SCENE OF BIG BATTLE SOON

NO HALLOWE'EN JOKE ABOUT THIS

### MANY REAR GUARD FIGHTS AS ARMIES NEAR TAGLIAMENTO

Proceeding According to Plans, Say the Berlin Official Report.

### CADORNA SAVES ARMY

Already the Teutons Have Taken 800 Square Miles From the Italians.

(By Associated Press)  
ROME, Oct. 31.—There were various hill and canal engagements between the Italians and the invading Austro-German troops yesterday says the War office announcement today. The Italian covering units and cavalry permitted other troops to continue to move toward their new line.

BERLIN, Oct. 31.—The campaign on the Italian front is being developed in accordance with the intention of the Austro-German leaders, the War office reports.

German and Austro-Hungarian troops are driving through the plains of Venetia toward the Tagliamento river while another army is endeavoring to break through the Italian defenses in the Carnic Alps in an attempt to outflank the Tagliamento line.

Udine, abandoned some days ago by Gen. Cadorna, has been occupied by the invaders whose advance guards are being harassed by Italian cavalry between Udine and the Tagliamento. Gen. Cadorna apparently has succeeded in saving the bulk of the forces which occupied positions south of Tolmino as during the last two days Berlin has made no claim of additional capture of large numbers of prisoners and guns. Udine is less than 15 miles from the Tagliamento and if the Italian commander is to make a stand there, heavy fighting along that line should take place in a day or two.

The German threatening movement in the Carnic region has not developed greatly and seemingly is not yet a serious menace to the Tagliamento line.

Vienna reports the capture from the Italians of positions at Pontafel near the Ploekner pass and on St. Tal. These positions are on the Austro-Italian border and it is probably not unlikely that Gen. Cadorna is preparing to draw in his lines there to better protect the line of the Tagliamento in the Ampezzo and Tolmezzo region. Berlin reports an advance toward the upper course of the Tagliamento but does not say how near the German forces are to that river. Since last Wednesday the Austro-Germans have occupied more than 800 square miles of territory formerly held by the Italians. The greatest step of the advance has been from Tolmino south east of Udine, a distance of about 25 miles.

The United States will give Italy what aid it can in the form of money and immediate tonnage to transport munitions, food and fuel. French and British troops and guns are now probably on their way to Italy. Internal affairs there are improving.

### M.V.T. CARMEN TO GET HIGHER WAGES

Five Cents on Hour More in Their Envelopes Beginning Tomorrow.

Beginning tomorrow all motormen and conductors employed by the Monongahela Valley Traction Company will receive a raise in wages of five cents per hour. The raise will affect approximately 200 employees of the company.

The raise of five cents per hour will increase the monthly earning of the motormen and conductors on the average of \$15. Notice of the increase has been posted at the car barn.

Many of the men have heard of the increase and have been making special efforts to see if the good news is true.

Both motormen and conductors made an exceptionally good showing in the Liberty Bond subscriptions. All of them subscribed in the Second Liberty Loan placing subscription from \$50 to \$1,000.



### PROMISE RELIEF ON EXPRESS BRIDGE

That "immediate attention" will be given to the repair of the express platform at the local Baltimore and Ohio railroad station was assured in a telegram received from Vice President Daniel Willard of the railroad company by Mayor Anthony Bowen this morning.

Yesterday afternoon about three o'clock Mayor Bowen wired President Willard of the B. & O., and Judge E. F. Morgan, chairman of the Public Service Commission, for relief.

The telegram to President Willard reads as follows:  
Fairmont, W. Va., Oct. 30, 1917.  
Pres. Daniel Willard,  
Baltimore, Md.  
About four weeks ago the platform from which express shipments are unloaded in this city was partially wrecked by one of your trains. Matter of repair was taken up with Supt. Scott at the time. Nothing has been done and no reply received. City is suffering on account of reply. Impossible for express company to give adequate service till repairs are made. Can't something be done?  
ANTHONY BOWEN, Mayor.

Shortly after six o'clock yesterday evening the following telegram was received from Charleston:

Charleston, W. Va.,  
5:14 p. m., Oct. 30, 1917.  
Anthony Bowen,  
Fairmont, W. Va.

Telegram received. Have taken matter up with Vice President Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company.

E. F. MORGAN,  
Chairman of the Public Service Commission.

About one hour after the above telegram was received Mayor Bowen received another telegram from Mr. Willard. The telegram reads as follows:

Baltimore, Md.,  
5:45 p. m., Oct. 30, 1917.  
Hon. Anthony Bowen, Mayor,  
Fairmont, W. Va.  
Your message regarding express platform, Fairmont, received. Matter will be given immediate attention.  
DANIEL WILLARD.

Thinking about getting married?—Ad

### COAL CAR SUPPLY IS HOLDING UP IN SPLENDID FASHION

Begins to Look as if This Region is to Get a Square Deal at Last.

The car supply so far this week is the best experienced in the Fairmont region in seven or eight weeks and coal operators are greatly encouraged. The Monday supply is generally better than other days of the week so when the supply that day was exceptionally good the operators were afraid to accept it as an improvement. But when the biggest Tuesday's supply in weeks came along and today's supply is a "crack-a-jack" in the words of D. F. Lawson, secretary of the Central West Virginia Coal Operators' Association, the coal men of central West Virginia began to credit the assurance of President Daniel Willard, of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, wired to the Central West Virginia Coal Operators' Association Tuesday that "you will see by the end of the week that distinct improvement has been made" in the car supply to which the association filed telegraphic objections day after day, and assured West Virginia coal people that "arrangements have been made" in the coal situation. The operators are satisfied today that President Willard is "making good" his pledges.

The coal operators of Central West Virginia met here Monday and practically arranged for an increase in wages of miners and laboring men (Continued on Page Ten.)

### GET NOTICE HERE TO WATCH RETAILERS

Word has just reached the Marion county Council of Defense that Food Administrator Hoover has taken a drastic step to end exorbitant food prices by cutting off profiteering retailers from their sources of supply.

Under the licensing system, which goes into effect tomorrow, no manufacturer or wholesaler is permitted to sell the retailers reported by state food administrators of charging unwarranted prices.

All that must be done is for the local merchant to be so reported to the County Council of Defense and for that organization to consider the offense sufficient to report it to the State department.

The decision to invoke drastic measures against the recalcitrant retailers is set forth in the following statement by the food administrator:

"No retailer or other dealer who in violation of the food control act puts excessive prices on necessary foods will be able to obtain supplies under a new regulation drawn by the food administration which goes into effect November 1.

### Had Nine Fight in Two Hours Flight

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Oct. 31.—Nine fights in the course of a two hour patrol flight is the record established by Sergeant David McKay Peterson of the Lafayette flying squadron. Sergeant Peterson whose home is in Honesdale, Pa., drove one of his adversaries to earth, following him down and continuing to fire as long as the German stayed inside. The German machine probably was destroyed.

#### CITY TAXES.

A discount of 2½ per cent will be allowed on City taxes for prompt payment. Office open evenings 7 to 9 P. M.  
J. C. ROBINSON, City Treas.

#### Laborers Wanted

in Shipping Department. Apply  
OWENS BOTTLE MACHINE CO.

#### Notice to Taxpayers.

The tax books for all of the Districts of the County are now ready for collection. I will give a discount of 2½ per cent on all taxes paid on or before November 30th, 1917. There is always a rush during the last few days of discount, so please call at my office at your earliest convenience and avoid this rush. Save TIME and MONEY.  
A. M. Glover, Sheriff.

## POTATOES

Car on siding now. Price at car in bulk \$1.65 per bushel. Delivered a reasonable distance at \$1.75 per bushel. Bring your own sacks. These are West Virginia potatoes and of excellent size and quality.

### THOMAS LAMBERT

See me at car or Roush Restaurant, Fairmont, W. Va.

### WANT S.S. BRIDGE KEPT OPEN AS LONG AS IT IS POSSIBLE

Traction Company Objects to Four Months Detouring of Traffic.

### QUESTION OF EXPENSE

Casey Company Engineers Will Work Out a New Plan.

Chief Engineer D. H. Blanks and General Manager E. B. Moore, of the Monongahela Valley Traction company, were before the Board of Affairs at a special session held yesterday afternoon asking that the present South Side bridge should not be torn down (Continued on Page Ten.)

### DOCTORS OF VALLEY WILL ORGANIZE

First Meeting of Physicians of Four Counties to be Held Here.

To form a Monongahela Valley Medical society a meeting of representatives of the Marion, Taylor, Monongalia and Harrison county medical societies will be held in this city December 7.

This was decided upon at a meeting of the Marion county Medical society held last evening at Cook hospital. The purpose is to organize four counties into a society for the study of matters of interest pertaining to the medical profession and to have the society meet either at Fairmont, Clarksburg, Morgantown or Grafton every three months.

Another matter of importance considered at the meeting last night was that of providing funds for the purchase of an automobile ambulance for Cook hospital. The society proposes to foster the scheme for the purchase of the ambulance but will ask the assistance of stockholders and patrons of the hospital. A committee composed of Drs. W. H. Sands and C. O. Henry was named to formulate plans for securing the necessary funds.

### EVEN THE FARMERS COMBINE AGAINST LOCAL CONSUMERS

What a Fairmont Wholesaler Found When He Went to Buy Spuds.

### MORE ABOUT GROCERIES

All Sorts of Prices are Charged for the Same Things Here.

This is the third of a series of articles regarding food price conditions in the stores of Fairmont. Potatoes this year have been grown in large quantities. Last year potatoes sold for as high as \$3.50 a bushel. At the beginning of the year (Continued on Page Nine.)

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