GERMANY CLAIMS CAPTURE OF 60,000 ITALIAN TROOPS

Kaiser's Last Desperate Blow to Compel a Favorable Peace Brings Enormous Losses to General Cadorna's Command; Allies Press Forward Along

Entire Western Front.

Berlin, Oct. 27 .- (Via London)-Sixty thousand Italians fire or were captured, and the other have been taken prisoners by the Austrian-German forces in merely added to the disorganization their offensive on the Italian front, army headquarters and among the retiring German troops. nounced today.

Guns to the number of 450 have been captured.

gary is commanding the attacking Austro German army which, the statement says, is pressing toward the Italian plain through the spurs of the CAPTURE STOL RIDGE. The mountain ridge of Stol has

been captured from the Italians, as has also the summit of Mount Matajur, says the official statement. The statement claims the defeat of the Second Italian army and that the Isonzo front of the Italians is im-

periled as far as Wippach. NOT YET DANGEROUS.

(By Associated Press.) the Italian forces of the Isonzo.

cess of the allied arms.

AT FIRST OVERWHELMED.

General Cadorna's men were overwhelmed seemingly by the massed blow of heavily reinforced Austrian divisions under the command, it is reported, of Field Marshal von Mackensen, the leade of two successful offensives against the Russians,

The Italian leader probably considered it better to withdraw his battered soldiers from the sharp curve in the Isonzo northwest and southwest of Tolmino to a line from Monte Maggiore to Auzza, than to attempt to hold the Austro-Germans where, if they were able to continue their successes, the whole Italian campaign along the Isonzo might be nullified.

Rome Is Reticent.

Berlin claims that the advance continues and that captures of men and material increase hourly. The latest official communication reports the capture of more than 60,000 prisoners and 450 guns. Rome is reticent concerning actual fighting operations, admitting only that the Italians under the Ailette valley, menacing the Ger- forth be one of the most dignified Maggiore-Auzza line, and that it has sizza plateau, northeast of Gorizia.

The Austro-German blow apparently is a final effort to conquer one of the strong allied nations in an attempt to bring about a favorable peace. The effort against Russia, despite the poor morale of the Russian army, cannot be said to have been greatly successful as a means of bringing about pease. In France the Germans cannot advance, but, on the contrary, have slowly been giving up valuable strategic positions. The final hope apparently was in aiding war-

weary Austria in crushing Italy. Petain's Smash Effective.

The effectiveness of General Petain's smash on the Aisne southwest of Laon is shown by the fact that the German crown prince has not attempted counter attacks. The French are extending their gains eastward along the plateau north of the Chemin-des-Dames while organizing their new positions for further action.

Under a heavy downpour of rain the Anglo-French troops have carried out a successful minor movement in the Ypres salient, capturing more than 800 prisoners.

Plan to Evacuate Helsingfors. Petrograd, Oct. 27 .- Preparations are being made in Helsingfors for the evacuation of that city, according to

a telegram received here. French Attain All Objectives. With the French Armies in France, Oct. 27 .- However great may be the praise bestowed on the French troops for the brilliance of their victory over the Germans north of the Aisne this week, it is too small an appreciation of their herculean efforts in the face of one of the most difficult tasks of the war. This is the opinion not only of their immediate chiefs, but of all who have seen them at work. Fronting them were the finest divi-

sions of the German crown prince's army, occupying sitions that were

Emperor Charles of Austria-Hun- | strong by fortified and having the enest appreciation of their value. standing this, the French

> pes of the most sanguine and adinced 1 and the pointed places to offer strong resistance to a further fore than 11,000 prisoners alrea'y advance. For the moment, however, have been counted and sent to the the French have gained everything rear. Cihers are coming in and large they set out to gain and can afford to aps still are hid ag in subterran-ean shelters and their fate can only

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Dominate Town of Filain. The French line now runs along the southern side of the Aisne-Oise canal without a break from westward French successes, on the Aisne and of the Auxaillon to Pargny-Filain, British pressure in Flanders are off-set for the moment by the Austro-German blow against the left wing of spondent Friday watched the French infantrymen, who, after four days of However, the latest Teuton effort almost uninterrupted fighting, were has not yet progressed far enough to busily employed digging themselves in be called dangerous to the future suc- all along the new front. Their extraordinary exertions had not extinguished their good humor and willingness. Notwithstanding privations and suffering from weather conditions, with icy cold rainstorms drenching them at intervals, they worked with pick and shovel as energetically as

> during the furious battle. The German artillery, which showed activity Thursday evening, was quieter Friday, because the French batteries had mastered it. The French superiority in this arm is demonstrated by the proportion of shell wounds to bullet wounds among the French wounded. On this occasion only three men were wounded by shell splinters to one by the bullet, as compared with the ratio of 19 to 1 in the battle around Verdun-

Enfillade German Positions.

enfilade the German positions in three ments. directions, namely toward Brancour, northwest of Ailette-Le-Chateau, and nouncement by the judge that the along the valley to Laon and through South Side police court will hencepressure have withdrawn to the Monte man line on the Chemin-des-Dames tribunals to be found anywhere, and ridge. The canal on the borders of that he will not tolerate any nonwhich the French advance rested is dry but forms a natural line of defense. The bridges and locks had amusement there will have to look artillery fighting.

The Germans Thursday night made a strenuous effort to establish artillery | Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

in the ravines behind the plateau but were greatly discommoded by the French bombardment, which left them no respite and quickly silenced their fire. The crown prince also hurried up divisions which had been badly a law giving it legal status, were an-navy, are members of the present nel S. D. Waldon will be dropped

Germans Without Food.

Prisoners taken from the Empress Elizabeth guard regiment declared they had been without food three days and that all their officers retired and left them without commanders to continue the fighting. Seven German divisions altogether were engaged in the opening day's battle and when the German commanders saw utter defeat staring them in the face they ordered up, helter-skelter, other divisions from long distances. One oi these was recently brought from Galicia and reached the battlefield in battalion driblets, many of which imme diately were caught by the French The guards suffered very heavily,

but principally by being captured, for the French noticed that they surrendered more readily than the other units. Elements of five fresh German divisions were observed at various positions on the front of the French today and the evident intention was noticeable on the part of the Germans await future developments.

South Side Police Court Frowns on Jovial Spectators

South Side police court clamped

on the lid. Police Judge Fitzgerald and Prosecutor Anheuser have announced they will no longer tolerate persiflage, friendly banter, jokes or "loud asides" during court session, regardless of the provocation

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they had done with rifle and grenade Heretofore Judge Fitzgerald has been somewhat lax with the jovial offenders. A not of levity has frequently been sounded in the proceedings by witnesses and spectators. This has been partly brought about by numerous bootlegging cases which many times take a humourous turn. The humor usually centers about

the evidence. At the sight of a bottle of evidence spectators have been accustomed to lean forward in their seats and grin expectantly.

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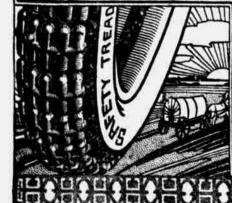
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