

# ITALIANS ARE FIRM AS BIG BATTLE IMPENDS ON THE RIVER PIAVE

### Advancing Germans Are Almost Within Artillery Range of Venice, Which Fears Bombardment, and Has Covered the Doges Famous Palace With Sand Bags.

(By Associated Press.) Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 13.—A heavy and continuous bombardment is proceeding along the lower Piave river, marking the opening stages of extensive operations on this new line. Whether a general engagement is imminent depends largely upon the enemy, as the Italians are now entrenched behind the river and fighting defensive tactics, with the stream and their re-established forces checking the further extension of the Austro-German offensive. The engagements thus far have consisted of episodes at detached points, although the shelling extends almost uninterruptedly for 40 miles along the lower Piave. The crash of some enemy heavy guns is now heard, showing that the Austrians and Germans have been able to bring up a few of these monster pieces. No longer is a secret made of the fact that Piave is the line of defense to which the supreme command has been bending its energies steadily for the last 10 days. The upper end of this line joins the Trentino front, making virtually one unified front, sweeping in a huge arc from Lake Garda to the mouth of the Piave, near Venice.

#### Protection of Venice.

Precautionary measures to protect Venice continue, lest the enemy, whose long range guns are not far off, should attempt to bombard the famous art center. The palace of the Doges has been covered with sand bags and the delicate facade has been shored with heavy timbers. The Campanile has sand bags for 40 feet around the base. The Grand canal is filled with gondolas being used for transportation purposes. "In the sector where a small detachment of our troops had taken their places in the trenches as a part of their training the enemy (as is customary in trench warfare) when fresh troops are believed to have taken places in front line trenches for reconnaissance purposes executed a well-planned raid and succeeded in temporarily penetrating the short segment of the line held by our forces, inflicting a few casualties and taking prisoners. A unit of our artillery, also in the course of its training, came in contact with the enemy and acquitted itself very creditably in this first encounter. "In Italy the situation is developing as normally as can be expected under the circumstances.

#### On Russian Front.

"Along the eastern front no operations of military importance took place. "The enemy instead of attacking has renewed its efforts to fraternize with the Russians. Owing to the involved political situation and the fresh outbreaks of the extremist elements, it is probable that these may have a marked influence on the general strategy of the war which we must be prepared to meet."

## Red Revolt Wins In Bloody Battle At Tsarkoe-Selo

(Continued From Page One.) cause was hopeless, as no news of Kerensky came and the ammunition was nearly exhausted. Many of them had been paroled after the Winter palace surrendered last week and they feared to trust themselves again in the hands of the Bolsheviks.

#### Capture Antonoff.

In taking the exchange the cadets had captured M. Antonoff, the assistant minister of war, whom they held prisoner. Panic soon seized the defenders. The officers in desperation cut the buttons and insignia from their uniforms, while others discarded their uniforms and attired themselves in the garments of the linemen. Frantic telephone calls were sent in every direction asking for help. Finally M. Antonoff and Mr. Williams were sent to parley with Bolsheviks, who promised the men would be spared if they surrendered. This the cadets did, one by one. Many of the telephone operators remained at their posts throughout the firing. Miss Beatty cheered and encouraged the more timorous girls and assisted in treating the wounds of cadets who had been shot by the Bolsheviks.

## "My God! I've Found Her," Is Weird Cry Nethaway Makes

(Continued From First Page.) in the morning session that Nethaway came home in his car at 3:15. The Testimony. "Were you at your home about 3:15 p. m. Nethaway?" Mr. Piatti for the state asked. "No, sir, I was not." "Were you at your home between 3 o'clock and the time you met Learned?" "I don't see how I could have been," Nethaway replied. "I met Learned and went in his car with him to look at some property. We came back and he left me and I got in my car and drove home. That was about 4 o'clock." Nethaway testified that he left his car standing in the shade near the station while he went with Learned in Learned's car to look at the land. His wife was with him at the Briggs station to go with him and Mr. Learned to look at the land in question, he testified. Later she was going to go to her sisters. She did not appear. He did not worry about her until he returned with Mr. Learned and found that she had not arrived yet. Misses Wife. "I then drove around home. The door was locked and I took out my

# ITALIANS FIGHT VALIANTLY IN SUGANA VALLEY

### Recover Captured Strongholds by Resolute Counter Attacks and Determinedly Resist German Hordes.

Powerful efforts are being exerted by the Austro-German invaders of northern Italy to pierce the Italian front in the eastern Trentino and by breaking forward to the plains from the Sugana valley and outflank the Italian line, on the lower Piave, protecting Venice. Berlin's official report today claims some successes for the Teutonic armies in this attempt. They took Mont Longara, northeast of Asiago, and further to the northeast made headway between the Sugana and Cison valleys, storming defensive works in this area. The fighting here obviously is of a desperate nature and the Italian forces have shown themselves in a mood of determined resistance. In the Asiago area last Saturday, for instance, two peaks in the same defensive zone as Mont Longara were captured by the invaders, but afterwards were retaken by the Italians in resolute counter attacks. Between the Cison and the upper Piave valleys the Italian line is straightening out to virtually an even line for the connecting link between the Piave and Trentino fronts. It is apparently in this process that the town of Fonzaso, about five miles west of Feltre, which was reached Sunday by the Teutons, and an equal distance east of the Sugana, has been given up to the Austro-German advance.

The extremist party which gained control of the Petrograd government last week claims in an official statement sent out by wireless from Petrograd to have inflicted a complete defeat on the forces of Premier Kerensky and General Korniloff, advancing on Petrograd. The engagement occurred near Tsarkoe-Selo, 15 miles south of Petrograd. The Kerensky forces are said to be retreating. The premier apparently is still with them. Measures are being taken for his capture, the Bolsheviks communicate declares.

## STREETS RUN RED AS FACTIONS FIGHT FOR PETROGRAD

(Continued From Page One.) nurses and French officers gained permission to remove them. Funeral Brings Armistice. At one moment machine gun bullets were whizzing through the

## Food Prices Hit My Lady's Poodle

New York, Nov. 12.—The latest rise in the price of food in New York will affect pet dogs at several of the leading hotels. Announcement was made today that the price of dog food has been raised to equal that charged for guests. Shin bones will now cost 50 cents apiece and the price for chopped meat has been boosted from 20 cents a pound to 75 cents.

streets; the next the firing ceased and the people doffed their hats as a funeral cortege with four white horses drawing a white canopied hearse and black-garbed mourners following on foot, crossed the Morskaia directly in the line of fire. Bullets splattered against the facades of the buildings and one military cadet fell in a crumpled heap across the street from the Associated Press office. Another fell with a shot through the head as he was warning the on-lookers to seek safer quarters. The military cadets within the telephone exchange surrendered shortly after dusk, when their ammunition became exhausted. The city then became quiet except for occasional spasmodic firing. Two other clashes between the military cadets and the Bolsheviks occurred at the Fontakna bridge, where a military cadet car was captured and the inmates killed, and at Vladimirovskaya street, where a military school, which was bombarded and captured only after a brave defense. The military cadets correspond to the West Point cadets in America. The committee of public safety is endeavoring to unite the opposition elements. It purposes the formation of a stable power to take charge of the government until a constituent assembly meets.

## Y. M. C. A. Rally Is Held At Springfield, Neb.

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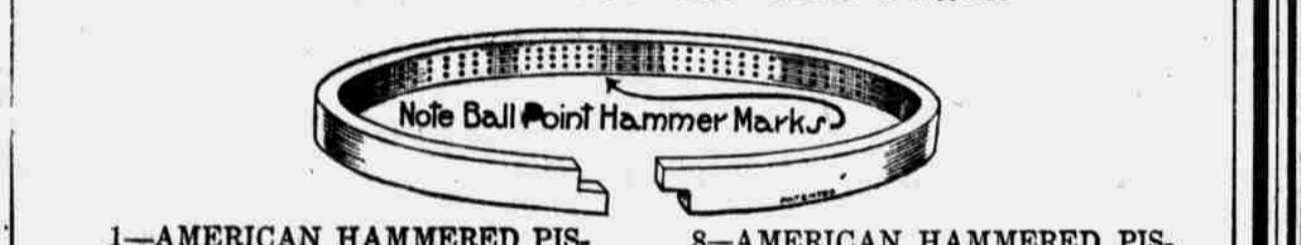
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