

### ITALIANS HOLD FIRM AGAINST RELENTLESS FOE

Destroy Six Out of Twenty Divisions of Austro-German Troops in Terrific Battle.

Rome, Nov. 27.—An entire division of the enemy made an attack yesterday in the Brenata valley in an effort to break through the Italian northern front. Today's official statement says these troops, which attacked in massed formation, were driven back.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Heavily reinforced masses of Austro-Germans, estimated at 20 divisions, vainly trying to break the Italian defensive line, have suffered great losses, according to official dispatches today from Rome, and between the Piave and Brenta rivers alone have worn out six divisions.

Troops in Good Condition. Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 27.—During a trip of 100 miles today through the fighting zone in the north the correspondent met the major general in command of the most exposed front between the Brenta and Piave rivers, where the pressure has been greatest and the losses heaviest, and obtained from him details of the situation. The general spoke of the condition of the troops and the splendid fight they are making against heavy odds. The general estimated these odds at four or five to one, based on reports reaching him. Attacks were almost continuous at one point or another, but the Italians were always ready to respond, and had not only repulsed attacks, but driven the enemy back after a series of heroic charges.

The general summed up the physical conditions of the battle ground, which made the struggle particularly trying on the troops. "First," he said, "there was that terrible strain of endurance and natural fatigue accompanying nights and days of ceaseless fighting with the relentless foe. Then there was the temperature at night, at about 14 degrees above zero. This extreme cold was made worse, he said, because the men were without shelter, everything having been swept away in the terrific artillery action and the constant shifting of positions."

In addition, the general said, many of the commands were short of officers, as the continuous fighting had taken a heavy toll. But with all this, the general said, the spirit of the men was unabated in the determination to hold at any cost.

Venetian Plains Safe. The fluctuations of the great battle have now developed to a stage where the resisting power of the Italian army has been demonstrated to be sufficient to retard if not to prevent any sudden rush through the passes leading to the Venetian plains. This was regarded as a serious menace six days ago, but as each day has shown the Italian lines holding solid against repeated attacks and their defenders ready even to take the aggressive against heavy odds, the feelings of gravity that then prevailed is changing to one of restored confidence and unwavering determination, coupled with a spirit of buoyancy which prevades all ranks of the army and civilian life.

There is also the feeling that friendly allied support is near at a timely moment and that the mingled ranks of gray, blue and khaki will combine to form the barrier that Italy has sustained alone until now.

Prince of Wales a Mixer. Many British officers were at headquarters today and the streets showed almost as much khaki as gray. The Prince of Wales renewed his earlier visit, going about the streets and mingling with the officers at public restaurants in the most democratic fashion. It is reported from the Friuli region, occupied by the enemy, that the civil population has been required to turn over all its copper articles, grease and oils in its possession within five days. Emperor Charles is said to have made another visit to the invaded region, going to the coast cities of Grado and Monfalcone.

### Two Members of Russian Party in Omaha Saturday



Major Stanley Washburn and 10 members of a Russian official party touring the United States will be here Saturday night for a public meeting. The details for the meeting have not been completed, but will take place at the Hotel Rome.

Major Washburn is an American officer, who has had three years' intimate knowledge of military affairs in Russia. Among others in the party are W. W. Saldatenkoff, representing the Russian minister of foreign affairs, and A. J. Sack, director of the Russian information bureau.

The Russian party will come from Kansas City over the Burlington, reaching Omaha at 3:30 Saturday afternoon, remaining until 10:55 at night, going from here to Chicago.

### WATTLE NAMES MEN FOR COUNTY FOOD DICTATORS

County food administrators for Nebraska were appointed late Tuesday afternoon by G. W. Wattle, federal food administrator for Nebraska. Included in the list are well-known Nebraskans, among them Mrs. C. C. Ryan of Grand Island, Mrs. Ryan is the only woman in the list, her appointment coming in recognition of excellent work in the pledge card campaign.

A meeting of these officials has been called in Omaha for December 5, when Mr. Wattle will outline their duties and give them first-hand information of the government's policies. A few remain to be appointed, which will be announced soon. They are:

County	Town	County Administration
Adams	Hastings	J. R. Corey
Antelope	...	...
Banner	Harrisonburg	M. E. Saffo
Blaine	...	...
Boone	...	...
Box Butte	Allamore	H. E. Tash
Boyd	...	...
Butte	...	...
Chase	...	...
Cherry	...	...
Cheyenne	...	...
Clay	...	...
Colfax	...	...
Cass	...	...
Cedar	...	...
Chambers	...	...
Cherokee	...	...
Chilton	...	...
Clatsop	...	...
Cuming	...	...
Custer	...	...
Dallas	...	...
Dawson	...	...
Deuel	...	...
Dixon	...	...
Dodge	...	...
Dundy	...	...
Dwight	...	...
Franklin	...	...
Frontier	...	...
Genesee	...	...
Grant	...	...
Greely	...	...
Hall	...	...
Hamilton	...	...
Harlan	...	...
Hayes	...	...
Haskell	...	...
Holt	...	...
Holt	...	...
Hooker	...	...
Howard	...	...
Howland	...	...
Johnson	...	...
Kearney	...	...
Keith	...	...
Keyapaha	...	...
Kimball	...	...
Kimball	...	...
Lincoln	...	...
Lincoln	...	...
Logan	...	...
Logan	...	...
Madison	...	...
Madison	...	...
McPherson	...	...
Merrick	...	...
Merrick	...	...
Nance	...	...
Nemaha	...	...
Nemaha	...	...
Nichols	...	...
Nichols	...	...
Otoe	...	...
Pawnee	...	...
Pawnee	...	...
Perkins	...	...
Perkins	...	...
Phelps	...	...
Pierce	...	...
Pierce	...	...
Polk	...	...
Polk	...	...
Red Willow	...	...
Red Willow	...	...
Reno	...	...
Reno	...	...
Rock	...	...
Rock	...	...
Saltine	...	...
Saltine	...	...
Sarpy	...	...
Sarpy	...	...
Saunders	...	...
Saunders	...	...
Scottsbluff	...	...
Scottsbluff	...	...
Seward	...	...
Seward	...	...
Sherman	...	...
Sherman	...	...
Sioux	...	...
Sioux	...	...
Stanton	...	...
Stanton	...	...
Thayer	...	...
Thayer	...	...
Thompson	...	...
Thompson	...	...
Thurston	...	...
Thurston	...	...
Valley	...	...
Valley	...	...
Wayne	...	...
Wayne	...	...
Webster	...	...
Webster	...	...
Wheeler	...	...
Wheeler	...	...
York	...	...
York	...	...

**Danish Socialist Leader Urges New Peace Confab**  
Stockholm, Nov. 27.—T. Stauning minister without portfolio in the Danish cabinet and also leader of the Danish socialist party, has written Pieter Jelles Trotski, the Dutch socialist leader, and Camille Huygmans, the Belgian socialist and secretary of the International Social congress, proposing the holding of a conference of the Socialist International in December with the ostensible purpose of furthering a general peace.

**Given Doped Whisky; Wandered Dazed for Weeks**  
Cedar Rapids, Ia., Nov. 27.—Asserting that he had been given doped whisky at Des Moines which caused him to lose all sense of recollection, J. L. McDonald, member of Troop A, 130th United States cavalry, who is stationed at the remount depot at Des Moines, gave himself up here today to Lieutenant R. E. Munden, after wandering over the state for three weeks in a dazed condition, he said.

**British Losses Slump, Despite Cambrai Fight**  
London, Nov. 27.—British casualties officially reported for the week ending today aggregated 30,294. They were divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 269; men, 5,927.  
Wounded or missing: Officers, 896; men, 23,202.  
Notwithstanding the heavy fighting during the last week in the Cambrai district, the British casualties are less than in the preceding week, when they totalled 32,227. Two weeks back they were 25,065.

### 'OUR BOYS' GIVEN WAR CROSSES AND THANKS OF FRANCE

In an Impressive Ceremony French General Presents Decorations to Americans Who Withstood Raid.

With the American Army in France, Monday, Nov. 26.—An impressive ceremony marked the presentation of the French cross to the American soldiers who withstood the first German raid early this month. Fifteen officers and men, cited with their company by the French general commanding the sector, were decorated today.

It was late in the afternoon when the regiment to which the company which suffered the casualties is attached marched to the top of a big grassy hill. There, under skies threatening rain and with the cold, wintry wind blowing, they formed three sides of a hollow square. At the base of the square the regimental colors and the Stars and Stripes cracked in the wind. The regiment was called to attention as the general commanding came up and took his position in the open side of the square.

**Congratulates Company.**  
The general first read the citation for the whole company, which was standing near the colors, breaches in the ranks showing where the men now prisoners in Germany or in hospitals had formerly stood. Then he congratulated the company, and presented the company's citation and cross to the lieutenant commanding. Next the three lieutenants stepped from their positions, saluted and received their individual crosses. The general congratulated each. Next the noncommissioned officers and men marched up, were congratulated on receiving the honor and then returned to their places in the ranks.

The company lieutenant was given the cross and citation for a corporal who was unable to leave the hospital because of a severe wound. To the regimental colonel the general entrusted the decorations awarded the three men killed in the raid, asking him to see that they were sent to the next of kin in the United States.

**Daniels Opposes Decorations.**  
Washington, Nov. 27.—Decorations of any officers or men of the American navy by foreign governments for war services will be opposed by Secretary Daniels. He declared today that if asked for an opinion he would advise a strict adherence to the provision of the constitution which prohibits it.

**Italians Threaten Life Of Milwaukee Attorney**  
Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 27.—Another bomb plot has been disclosed in Milwaukee. This was made known today when a death letter was opened at police headquarters and the new development may lead to the discovery that a combined plot had been made.

**Chief of Police Dunn Ill With Ptomaine Poison**  
Chief of Police Henry Dunn, 3611 Mason street, is critically ill at his home with ptomaine poisoning, and Tuesday night was reported by attending physicians as being very low.

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### HOLMES AND HALL IN VERBAL BATTLE

Railway Commissioner and Rock Island Attorney in Heated Vocal Encounter, When Former Says Latter Drank Red Gnk.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—The State Railway commission office was today the scene of another war of words when Attorney E. P. Holmes of the Rock Island railway appeared before Chairman Thomas Hall of the commission and accused the latter of being prejudiced to such an extent that he would not appear before him.

This is the second time members of the commission have been accused of prejudice in hearings before the commission. About a month ago Commissioner Victor Wilson was accused by Attorney E. J. Hainer of the Lincoln Traction company of having made up his opinion before the arguments were made in the case. As a result the commission has declared that Mr. Hainer can no more appear before the commission until an apology is forthcoming. The apology to date has not arrived.

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The controversy today resolved itself into a contest of words and vigorous roundings upon the hard wood table in the office of Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Hall accused Attorney Holmes of having taken a bottle of red ink before coming to the state house.

On being accused of drinking red ink, Judge Holmes got red-headed, so to speak, and shouted, "I came up here like a gentleman. You have seen fit to insult me, but I'll be damned if I'll submit anything to you when you've prejudiced the case against me."

The controversy was over an application of the Rock Island railroad to take off two trains before a hearing could be had. Hall refused to do so intimating that the railroads were trying to cut down service in order to make money, under the guise of patriotism and conservation of fuel and equipment.

This started things and though Commissioner Wilson tried to pour oil upon the troubled waters, the waters were too agitated and refused to be calmed by Commissioner Wilson's lubricating material.

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