

**WEEKLY WAR REVIEW**

**Five Weeks of Desperate Fighting Costly To Teuton Armies.**

Washington, Dec. 3.—An effort by the Germans to bring on a decisive engagement on the western front is suggested in the War Department's view of military operations for the week ending December 1, issued to night by Secretary Baker.

The outstanding feature of the general military situation today, says the review, "is to be found in the

ever-increasing mobility of action of the forces engaged.

"Static warfare is giving way to activity of movement.

"It seems that a decision is being sought by the enemy who realizes that he cannot endure for a much longer period the strain of trench warfare imposed by the Allies in the west.

"This explains the effort of the Central Powers in massing considerable forces in order to coerce Italy—a concentration of troops made possible by the internal situation in Russia. This

offensive was undertaken to crush the Italians and compel them to sue for peace.

"Five weeks of desperate fighting has brought them no nearer to the real object in this theater.

"The Italian army suffered severe reverses in the early stages of the battle. They were compelled to give way and for a time the military situation along the Italian front was serious. But the enemy has underestimated the resisting power of the Italians and discounted the spiritual morale which their forces would display when the full magnitude of the impending crisis was visualized.

"The hopes for revolution in Italy, which had been sedulously fomented by German propaganda and which was an important part of the German part of invasion failed to materialize.

"The Italians by a magnificent effort reorganized their broken forces rapidly reformed their cadres and, backed by the Allies, were able, single-handed to check the Austro-German invasion.

"It would be futile to underestimate the great losses, both of men and material, suffered by the Italians. These losses should serve to set forth in bolder relief the heroic efforts of these elements of the Italian armies which were able to thwart the plans of the Central Powers.

"The closing of the Swiss frontier two weeks ago indicate that the enemy is transporting large forces, both men and guns to the west.

"The enemy is constantly detaching large contingents from the eastern theater. All good troops which can possibly be spared are being dispatched to other zones of operations.

"So that, though the season is not propitious for engaging in military enterprises on a large scale, yet owing to the imperative necessity for a continuance of this mobility, further offensives are anticipated.

"On the other hand, the Allies will give the enemy no respite and any ofensive undertaken by the Germans will be promptly met by a counter-stroke of greater severity.

"The battle of Cambrai continues with sanguinary intensity.

"The enemy after the first onrush of the British by bringing up fresh forces, has been able to bolster up his weakened defenses which for a time imperiled the security of the entire Hindenburg line.

"However, when the Germans had recovered from the first blow and were able to stand their ground, no further extensive gains of terrain by the British were anticipated.

"Hostile reaction has been extremely heavy and costly counter-attacks made by the enemy have enabled him to retake a certain area as well as occupy terrain southwest of the new salient.

"The situation along the Italian front is rapidly becoming normal. Enemy assaults in the northern sector are subsiding. Allied cooperation has now been firmly established in a measure relieving the Italians.

"In the Palestine theater of operations the rapid advance of the British on Jerusalem, after the fall of Jaffa has been temporarily retarded. The resistance of the Turkish forces has considerably increased and the necessity of bringing up further reinforcements and materials has caused delay in the offensive operations."

**Beetles Day Set by Governor Manning.**

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 2.—The people of South Carolina, in an appeal issued today by Governor Manning, are requested to refrain from eating beef, pork or mutton on Tuesday of each week, to abstain from wheat on Wednesdays, to use no hog meat on Thursdays and to reject cake or sweet desserts at least two days every fortnight. The use of poultry, fish and vegetables is not barred at any time. "We can have them in abundance if we raise them," said the governor.

The appeal says that no family is asked to stint, but the request is merely to save and avoid extravagance and waste, particularly at elaborate meals, which should be avoided. "The sacrifice at our tables is a small one compared to the price our soldiers stand ready to pay in blood," stated the governor.

**GERMANS LOST HEAVILY**

**In Effort to Retake Ground Lost to British Near Cambrai.**

With the British Army in France, Dec. 2.—(By the Associated Press)—Nine separate counterattacks launched against Masnières by strong German forces yesterday, were all repulsed after most sanguinary fighting, although the British pulled their line back somewhat to lessen the sharp salient there. An intense battle raged all day and it is stated that the British killed more Germans between daylight and dark than in any similar period since the war began. It was virtually a continuous fight from start of the first counter-attack.

The enemy infantry kept surging forward in waves and as each came it was caught by the fire from the British artillery, rifles and machine guns. The attacking forces were mowed down like grain before the reaper, but with characteristic Prussian discipline they continued to fill their ranks and advance until after the ninth assault had failed.

During the afternoon the Germans succeeded in capturing Les Rues Vertes, a suburb south of Masnières, but a British counter-attack delivered at 5 o'clock pushed the enemy out again.

German guns on elevations south and southeast of Masnières late yesterday were conducting a heavy bombardment against the town. The British line at that time bulged around Magnieres in a very sharp salient, which made the position an unenviable one to hold at best. It seemed quite apparent that if the British should decide to withdraw slightly in the neighborhood of Masnières and establish their line on the southeastern outskirts of the place their front would be much improved, as the British line was entirely dominated by the high ground in the possession of the Germans.

The British a little before 2 o'clock this morning made a local attack in moonlight on the German positions north and northeast of Passchendaele and about the same time a minor assault against the enemy front northwest of Goeborg. These attacks appear to have gone well as a whole.

The British were held up in the center along the ridge for a time, but for the most part were reported to have reached their objectives and to have penetrated from 300 to 400 yards at numerous points. The attack about Goeborg involved two strong German fortifications.

If the gain to the north along the ridge is confirmed it will mean that the British have added much to the completeness of their observation in this region.

**Mrs. Langley Dead.**

Mrs. E. J. Langley, of Lancaster, died at the home of her daughter at 522 Lower Street and the funeral was held at Buffalo Baptist Church, seven miles from Kershaw. Mrs. Langley was 74 years of age. She was a devoted mother and a consistent member of the Baptist Church. She is survived by one brother, William Outen, of Kershaw; four daughters, Mrs. J. L. Whitaker, of Kershaw; Mrs. J. W. Pittman, of Columbia; Mrs. J. H. Mosler and Mrs. T. J. Williams of Sumter, and one son, E. Jack Langley, of Badham.—Wednesday's Columbia Star.

**Beaufort County Merchant Killed.**

Beaufort, Dec. 2.—Sam Schein, a storekeeper of Burton, three miles from here, was shot last night and died within half an hour. His alleged assailant was John Gardner, a negro of this county, who has been arrested and is lodged in the county jail here. Mr. Schein leaves a wife and several children. This is the third assault upon Mr. Schein in the last few years.

**Relics of Ku Klux Days.**

During what is known as Ku-Klux times 1871-2—Messrs. Will Fowler and R. A. Robinson under the firm name of Fowler & Robinson engaged in the business of carriage building and undertaking. Their place of business was just in the rear of the building now occupied by True's Department store in Spartanburg. It was a building surrounded by a stone wall. Mr. Robinson was a member of the Ku Klux Klan and he and others of his comrades kept their guns in this brick building and hid their ammunition in secret places in the stone wall. During the past summer this wall was torn down and in an opening found in the wall the workmen discovered a box of cartridges. They had become greatly corroded. In fact it looked as if a part of the load had been eaten away, but the copper jacket was in an almost perfect state of preservation. Mr. Fred Robertson, a son of Mr. R. A. Robertson, secured some of these ancient death messengers and sent them to his mother who resides at 638 West Meadow St., this city, and she purposes to keep them as souvenirs of the times that tried the soul of men and women alike.—Gaffney Ledger.

**The Youth's Companion Calendar.**

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