

Germans Claim Capture Eleven Thousand Italians

Berlin, Dec. 6.—Eleven thousand Italians have been captured by the Austro-Germans in the new offensive in Northern Italy, it is officially announced.

British Report Only Small Activities on Western Front

(By Associated Press)
London, Dec. 6.—The British have advanced slightly their line southwest of Lavacquerie on Cambrai front, it is announced officially. Tuesday night the British withdrew to southwest of Noyelles Sur L-escout and Bourlon Wood, the withdrawal being accomplished without Germans appearing to be aware of their operations yesterday.

STATE SUPT. RURAL SCHOOLS PAYS VISIT UNION COUNTY

Mr. Editor:
During the past week the State Supervisor of Rural Schools had the pleasure of spending two days in Union county in company with the county superintendent of education. On account of the interruption of Thanksgiving Day only two days could be spent in the county at this time; but the State Supervisor hopes that later in the session he will have the pleasure and privilege of further visitation in Union county.

Tuesday three schools were visited in the lower section, Carem, Santuc and Carlisle. Carem and Santuc have each recently erected new buildings. Both of them conform to the State plans for modern two-teacher school houses. The auditorium at Santuc admirably adapts this building to the needs of the community for community purposes. The houses are well constructed, neatly finished and entirely meet the needs of the communities. An excellent type of work is being done at both of these schools. Fortunately the class rooms of the principals are not at present too heavily taxed with pupils of the high school grades. With the enrollment to be found in these schools two teachers can handle fairly satisfactorily eight grades of work but an attempt to do more than this necessarily leads to superficiality.

Carem ought to increase her special tax to four mills in order that the school might qualify as a two-teacher rural graded school and secure \$200 a year from the State. The bulk of the tax that would be collected in the district would come from the corporation wealth of the district and only a very small proportion from the local tax payers. This would put the district in excellent financial condition.

Carlisle has a splendid brick building, an equipment that seems entirely adequate to the present needs of the community. The teachers were found putting forth their best efforts in behalf of the pupils but the State Supervisor of Rural Schools was impressed that the work demanded of them is too heavy for thorough instruction all the way through. There is a good enrollment in all of the grades through the tenth, and with the enrollment found at Carlisle it is impossible for two teachers to do thorough instruction covering ten grades of work. If Carlisle would increase her special tax for current expenses to four mills, this school could qualify under the rural graded school law and receive State aid. This step would make it easily possible for Carlisle to run with three teachers and would enable the teachers to teach all the grades with a degree of thoroughness that they themselves now recognize as impossible.

Wednesday Gault, Kelly and Cohen were visited. Gault is a three-teacher rural graded school in a splendid three-room building. The building is entirely adequate to the needs of the country community. The State Supervisor was pleased with the character of the instruction found in the school and predicts a prosperous year for the Gault school.

Kelly is a four-teacher rural graded school. The building at Kelly has been added to from time to time but the present house meets the needs of a community about as well as a building so constructed could be expected

MAJ. GEN. HARRY HALE



Maj. Gen. Harry Hale, U. S. A., now commander of Camp Zachary Taylor, near Louisville, Ky., and which comprises selected men from Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. This division is the Eighty-fourth of the National Army. General Hale journeyed from China to Kentucky to take over his new command.

ed to meet the needs. An excellent organization of the work was found and the teachers were making good progress with their class room instruction. The school is handicapped at present on account of the illness of the principal.

Returning from Kelly to Union the county superintendent and the State Supervisor made a stop at Cohen. This is an excellent one-teacher school in a splendid one-room building. As a one-teacher school the conditions found at Cohen were all that could be desired.

It is always a pleasure to the State Supervisor to visit Union county. No county in the state is making more rapid progress in developing country schools than Union, and it is always a pleasure to observe such progress. The State Supervisor will look forward to the opportunity of an early return to the county.

LUECO GUNTER,
State Supr. Rural Schools.

Picnic for Soldier Boys.

The committee getting up the picnic dinner for the soldier boys make a plea for the help of every one in this undertaking. They especially wish their friends in the country to help in this dinner and ask that they make contributions of fried chicken, baked chicken, pies with top crusts, jellies, preserves, pickles, cakes, ham, sausage and all the good things that you can think of.

If you are willing to help, 'phone Mrs. J. Frost Walker, Jr., or Mr. W. D. Harris what you will give and bring your basket to them. There is hardly a home in the whole country that is not directly or indirectly interested in these brave lads and this Christmas dinner must in a way express our love and devotion to them.

Please help make it a success—get to work right now and 'phone the committee of your willingness to help.

Woman's Auxiliary.

Miss Katie Lee of Charleston will visit Union on Saturday, arranging for the annual convention of the Woman's Auxiliary, which meets in the Episcopal church on January 16-18.

Miss Lee will hold a conference with the members of the church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and all are urged to attend this conference. Visitors cordially welcomed.

Big Fire in Halifax, N. S. Result of Explosion

(By Associated Press)
Amsherst, Nova Scotia, Dec. 6.—A section of Halifax is on fire as a result of a collision between two steamships, one an American vessel, carrying ammunition. An explosion following affected dynamos of telegraph companies so that wire cable communication with outside points is cut off. Hundreds of buildings have been destroyed or damaged with serious loss of lives believed lost in certain sections of the city in flames.

Estimate Loss of Life Grows Larger With Each Report

Truro, N. S., Dec. 6.—Reports regarding the fire this afternoon gave number of dead in Halifax at 300, and stated it was feared that several score more persons lost their lives when the railway station at Halifax collapsed.

Fire Raging in Halifax Result Of Explosion This Morning

(By Associated Press)
St. John, Dec. 6.—A large part of Halifax is in flames, following explosion in the harbor this morning of two vessels, one of them said to be American, loaded with munitions, including high explosives. Many persons are believed to have been killed, many buildings are burning along the water front of the wrecked harbor and other shipping harbors suffered severely. The crews of several transports in the harbor are said to have been killed, but it is unknown whether it contained troops or fate of those aboard. A fierce storm was raging at the time, which is supposed to have caused the collision.

Estimated That Fifty Lives Were Lost in the Halifax Explosion

(By Associated Press)
Truro, N. H., Dec. 6.—Loss of life in Halifax explosion is placed at 50, according to reports received here.

President Considers Question Government Operating Railways in War Emergency

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 6.—President Wilson today took up the Interstate Commerce Commission recommendations for government operation of railroads, in the event that congress does not act to permit their practical unification in war emergency with possibility that the President also make recommendations to congress on the subject. It is not improbable that he might address congress on the matter at a special session.

One Hundred Estimated Killed In the Great Explosion at Halifax Today; Property Loss Runs High

(By Associated Press)
Halifax, Via Havana, Dec. 6.—One hundred persons killed and a thousand others injured, and Halifax is in ruins as a result of an explosion on a munitions ship in the harbor today. It is estimated that the property loss will run into millions.

Heavy Fighting Developing Around Asiago

(By Associated Press)
Italian Army Headquarters, Northern Italy, Wednesday.—Heavy fighting around Asiago is developing rapidly. The enemy assaults began with intense artillery preparations, followed by liquid fire, waves in fancy attacks and counter attacks still going on.

Declaration War on Austria-Hungary Would Add More Than a Million To Alien Enemies in Country

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 6.—A declaration of war on Austria-Hungary will add 700,000 men over the number today to the Allies enemies within the United States, according to figures compiled by the Census Bureau. Alien women here bring the total to more than a million.

Twenty-Five German Airplanes Raid London; Two Brought Down

(By Associated Press)
London, Dec. 6.—About 25 airplanes raided England today, it is announced officially. Six reached London, where bombs were dropped and caused a number of fires, all of which were quickly controlled. The casualties are believed to be light. Two of the raiders were brought down, the crew of three men on each machine being captured.

Means Tells of His Activities as German Agent Before War Declared

Concord, N. C., Dec. 6.—Gaston B. Means, in beginning the story of his relations with Mrs. Maude King at his trial for her murder today, related his activities as an agent of the German interests before the entry of the United States into the war.

War Resolutions Brought Before House Representatives

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 6.—With formal report from foreign affairs committee the resolution to declare war on Austria-Hungary today was brought into the house at the request of Chairman Flood. The house gave the unanimous consent to consider the resolution tomorrow, and will pass it before tomorrow night. The committee's report stated that the United States positively would soon send troops to Italy.

Censor Takes Control Wires Out of Halifax

(By Associated Press)
St. John, N. B., Dec. 6.—It is announced here that the censor has taken control of all wires in Halifax in connection with the explosion there today.

French Front Reports Only Minor Activities Today

(By Associated Press)
Paris, Dec. 6.—Only small actions are reported in the official statement today. One party of patrols brought back prisoners south of St. Quentin. The German raid against posts north of Bezonaux was repulsed.

VALUABLE PROPERTY SOLD

W. B. Fowler Place in Jonesville Brings Handsome Price—Newbury Auction & Realty Co. Handled the Deal, Having Associated With Them E. F. Kelly & Bro.

W. B. Fowler, one of the most progressive citizens in Jonesville, has sold out his farm of several hundred acres, formerly known as the Buck Hames Place, located on the southern boundary of the town. The transaction was carried through by the Newbury Auction & Realty Co., this firm having associated with them the local firm of E. F. Kelly & Bro. The land was divided into several tracts and sold at public auction yesterday. The purchasers were as follows:
W. M. Jones, 282 acres for \$20,000.
J. E. Griffin, 24.5 acres for \$539.00.
L. D. Varner, 62.46 acres for \$4,247.28.
J. L. McKinney, 10.85 acres for \$1,573.25.
Wade Jeter, 48.19 acres for \$578.28.
J. E. Johnson, 149.11 acres for \$2,257.54.

Prize Winners Girls Tomato Club.

First prize, short course Winthrop College and \$5, won by Bessie Orr, Adamsburg.
Second prize, short course Winthrop College and \$5, Lillian Foster, Union, R. F. D. No. 4.
Third prize, cash \$5.00, Julia James, Union, Route 4.
Best kept record book, \$1.00, Bessie Orr, Adamsburg.
Second best kept record book, 50 cents, Lucy Dabbs, Jonesville.
Best exhibit from Oakland club, \$1, Angella Belue, Union, R. 4.

Second best exhibit, Oakland club, 50 cents, Louise Adams, Union, R. 4.
Best exhibit from Sardis club, \$1, Sarah Sims, Union R. 3.
Second best exhibit from Sardis club, Lola Gregory, Union, R. 3.
Best exhibit from Carem club, \$1, Kate Koon, Union, R. 5.
Second best exhibit from Carem club, 50 cents, Nettie Green, Union, Route 5.
Best exhibit from Bishop club, \$1, Edna Becknell, Jonesville.
Second best exhibit from Bishop club, 50 cents, Martha Lee Fowler, Jonesville.
Best exhibit from Kelly club, \$1, Bessie Charles, Union, R. 4.
Best exhibit from Adamsburg club, \$1, Bessie Orr, Adamsburg.
Best exhibit from Kelton club, \$1, Christine Inman, Kelton.
Best exhibit of canned vegetables, \$1, Ida Gregory, Union.
Second best exhibit of canned vegetables, 50 cents, Edna Becknell, Jonesville.
Best exhibit of canned fruit, \$1, Bessie Charles, Union.
Second best exhibit of canned fruit, 50 cents, Bessie Edwards, Union.
Best exhibit of pickle, \$1, Lola Gregory, Union, R. 2.
Second best exhibit of pickle, 50c, Ida Gregory, Union, R. 2.
Best exhibit of preserves, \$1, Christine Inman, Kelton.
Second best exhibit of preserves, 50 cents, Angella Belue, Union, R. 4.
Poultry Club Winners.
First prize, short course scholarship Winthrop College, and \$5, Kate Koon, Union R. 3.
Second prize, cash \$2.50, Reubin Sims, Union, R. 2.
This prize money will be sent to the winners by the 10th of December.
Mayor-Elect Hylan should be careful not to overlook himself at being mayor before he legally begins his duties.—New York World.