

# GORIZIA AUSTRIAN STRONGHOLD DOOMED

### Fortifications Almost Demolished by Furious Hammering of Italian Guns—Italians Secure Firm Foothold on Monte San Michele After Brilliant Infantry Charge and Fall of Austrian Fortress is Imminent.

Genoa, Nov. 21, via Paris, Nov. 22.—It is reported unofficially in despatches from Ljubljana, Austria, that the fortifications of Gorizia have been almost destroyed by the Italian artillery.

Rome, Nov. 20, via Paris, Nov. 21.—Intense bombardment of Austrian positions in the Gorizia zone by Italian artillery continues, according to the official statement issued today at the headquarters of the Italian general staff. A successful attack was begun northwest of Ostava, and Italian infantry obtained a firm footing on part of the summit of Monte San Michele.

The text of the communication follows: "In the Cordovole Valley, after an intense artillery preparation, the enemy launched large forces in an attack on the summit of Monte Colombari but was repulsed. In a counter-attack he was put to flight, with great loss, leaving on the field arms, munitions and hand bombs.

"Along the Isonzo front the struggle continued vigorously yesterday. In the Zazora section we took by assault a strong barrier in the Fondo Valley, making 37 prisoners.

"In the Gorizia zone the intense bombardment by our artillery continues. We have been successfully attacking on the heights northeast of Oslava. On the Carso plateau, after a brilliant assault, our infantry got a solid footing on a portion of the top of Monte San Michele.

"Aerial raids continue. One aviator was brought down by our anti-aircraft guns in the Millega zone, on the plateau northwest of the Arstovo. The pilot and observer were found dead. One of our air squadrons flew yesterday over the enemy's aviation camp at Assevizza, throwing more than 100 bombs and causing important damage. Our aviators returned safely."

The Austrian Report. Austrian Headquarters, Austro-Italian Front, Nov. 20, via London.—"The bombardment of Gorizia by the Italians continued almost without cessation throughout Thursday and Friday. As a result of this, women and children were killed, countless houses were destroyed and fires were started. On Friday the Austrian line of defence along the Isonzo also was bombarded ineffectually, after infantry attacks had failed."

Paris, Nov. 21.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight: "The artillery actions have been very spirited in Artois, around Loos and Hulluch, as well as to the north of the Somme and to the north of the Aisne, in the region of Arrancourt, Dancourt and Tilloy, and also near Soissons. The enemy works were very badly damaged by our fire.

"In the Artois, at Holand, we exploded successfully two series of mines. A very violent cannonade has taken place at Vauquois. "On the heights of the Meuse, in the Bois Des Chevaliers, the explosion of a German mine caused no damage in our lines.

"The Belgian official communication reads: "Our advance posts and our positions in the neighborhood of Dinmde were bombarded. Our artillery has counter-shelled the German batteries and trenches, and dispersed groups of military pioneers at divers points along the front. In reply to the bombardment of Furness, our aviators bombarded the enemy cantonments at Nessen."

"Army of the east: Quiet has prevailed on the French front since the Bulgarian counter-attacks on our positions in the direction of Kovrin. All the attacks were repulsed with appreciable losses to the enemy.

"The landing of French and British troops at Saloniki continues without incident."

Turk Report of Recent British Attack on Gallipoli. Amsterdam, via London, Nov. 21.—The text of a Turkish official statement regarding operations on the Dardanelles front has been received as follows: "Our patrols drove off enemy detachments from some trenches.

"A tug which ran ashore at Kouynligman was destroyed by our pioneers. A shell from one of our torpedo boats hit an enemy torpedo boat which had fired against us while off Alche. The enemy vessel steamed away, enveloped in smoke.

"Near Arburun there was heavy artillery and bombardment and near Seddul Bahr infantry and machine gun firing. Our artillery destroyed an enemy blockhouse and destroyed enemy artillery which was in position there."

Constantinople, Nov. 20, via London.—Comparative quiet now prevails on the Gallipoli peninsula, following the offensive movements undertaken by the British earlier this week. An official statement issued here today chronicles only minor engagements. It follows: "On the Dardanelles front artillery fire on both sides is in progress, with hostile armored cruisers participating. During a violent downpour on the night of November 18 two landing bridges of the enemy were destroyed. One tug boat and nine large barges were struck."

"Our artillery destroyed a bomb throwing and machine gun position near Kasli Dava. At Seddul Bahr the enemy continually threw bombs at our trenches in the centre."

Paris, Nov. 21.—The Athens correspondence of the Havas News Agency, in a despatch filed yesterday, confirms the report that the Entente Powers have declared a commercial blockade of Greece. The announcement to this effect, made in the form of a note issued by the British legation at Athens, is given as follows: "Because of the attitude taken by the Hellenic government in regard to certain questions touching closely the security and liberty of action to which the Allied troops have the right, under the conditions of their disembarkment on Greek territory, the Allied powers have deemed it necessary to take certain measures which will have the effect of suspending the economic and commercial facilities which Greece has received from them heretofore.

"It is not the intention of the Allied powers to constrain Greece to abandon her neutrality, to maintain which, in their eyes, is the best guaranty of her interests. The Allied governments have been somewhat disturbed by certain allusions to eventual measures, which, if taken by the Hellenic government, would appear to them to be contradictory to assurances they have received.

"As soon as their doubts on that subject—due no doubt to a misunderstanding—have been dispelled the powers will be happy to remove the obstacles which result from normal relations."

## REV. DR. A. W. MEAHAN UNDERGOES OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS

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Though the case was a serious one, and the life of the beloved priest was for a time despaired of, at a late hour Sunday evening he was resting comfortably, with chances in favor of his restoration to health and strength.

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## THE 26th HAS THREE IN CASUALTIES

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Fortieth Battalion. Seriously ill—E. Ellis, Yarmouth, N. S. Forty-sixth Battalion. Very seriously ill—George Arthur Atherton, Port Quappelle, Sask. Forty-ninth Battalion. Wounded—John Sloan, Address unknown.

Fifty-fifth Battalion. Seriously ill—Ovid Lutz, Westmorland County, N. B. Cavalry Depot. Seriously ill—Alfred Joseph Donovan, Regina, Sask.

MIDNIGHT LIST. Second Battalion. Wounded—Charles Bainbridge, Yorkton, Sask. Third Battalion. Severely wounded—Geo. Arthur Barrett, Toronto. Dangerously ill—Lieut. Henry Charles Jones, England. Died of wounds—Ross E. Brown, Toronto.

Tenth Battalion. Wounded—John Argent, Chatham, Ont. Fifteenth Battalion. Wounded—Fred E. Brooks, Hanover, Ont. Nineteenth Battalion. Wounded—John Coleman, Hamilton, Ont. Killed in action—A. C. Reid, Hamilton, Ont.

Twenty-second Battalion. Severely wounded—Albert Mahon, Montreal; Alcide Desjardines, Montreal. Wounded—Leo Bessette, St. Jean, Que.; Arthur Goyette, St. Etienne, Que. Twenty-fifth Battalion. Wounded—Arthur Thompson, Truro, N. S.

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## ADVANCE

ARRIVED TOO LATE TO RENDER HELP TO ANCONA

Str. Verdi went to spot where Italian liner was torpedoed but found no sign of ill-fated steamer.

New York, Nov. 20.—Fresh and dramatic details of what happened in the Mediterranean on the morning of November 7 when the "Ancona" was torpedoed by a submarine flying the Austrian flag were brought to New York today by the new Italian steamer "Giuseppe Verdi," here on her maiden voyage. The "Verdi" heard the Ancona's wireless distress cry, flashed it on to shore stations which the feeble batteries of the sinking steamer could not reach, and then rushed at full speed to the Ancona's aid, her boats swung outwards, her passengers lined up on the deck and her officers momentarily expecting a death blow themselves from submarines known to be lurking nearby. The "Verdi" steamed as near as she dared to the spot where the Ancona went down, but her lookouts saw nothing. Then, turning swiftly, with popping safety valves, she fled for Gibraltar and safety.

Luigi Morini, the youth at the key of the Verdi's wireless told the story here today. "The captain went as close to the Ancona's position as he dared to take the Verdi and doubled the lookout. We slowed down and tried to find some trace of the Ancona or her boats with glasses but failed to do so. We steamed away as fast as we could. The passengers remained on deck and the lifeboats were still swung out till we had cleared the war zone."

Morini's story was verified by several of the steamer's 535 passengers, among them Capt. G. B. Perry, U. S. consul at Tolin, Italy.

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