

DEATH STRIKES DOWN ITALY'S 'VICTORY DUKE'

Gen. Armando Diaz Led Men to Brilliant World War Victories.

By United Press
ROME, March 1.—Two of the great generals of the World War whose brilliant successes aided in the allied victory, today were joined in death.

Gen. Armando Diaz, known as "The Duke of Victory" and whose brilliant success in the Battle of Vittorio Veneto was the turning point for Italian victory against the Austrians, died last night, just a fortnight after the death of Earl Haig, Great Britain's wartime field marshal.

As in the case of Earl Haig, Diaz death came suddenly and brought deepest mourning to an adoring nation.

Spent Life as Warrior

Diaz had been interested in warfare since childhood. From the days of his maturity he had been a warrior. And he died a warrior's death, for wound received in battle were believed indirectly attributable to his demise.

He became ill Saturday after attending the opening performance of the Royal Opera House, Grip developed, which in turn brought on bronchial pneumonia. His condition was particularly susceptible to this ailment, owing to an impairment of his breathing system, due to a bullet wound he received in the chest in the Libyan campaign when he was a colonel.

His widow had been taken from the room a few minutes previous to the general's death. She collapsed when Diaz' final sinking spell started.

The general's death occurred in the villa presented him by the Italian Government as recognition of his success in the engagement of Vittorio Veneto. It had become almost a shrine for the hero-loving Italians.

Ancestors Were Fighters

Immediately after the marshal's death King Victor Emmanuel sent his aid-de-camp, General Cittadini, with condolences for the widow and children. Premier Benito Mussolini sent Undersecretary Cavallo with expressions of regret.

The body of the field marshal will be wrapped in an Italian flag as he had requested, and will lie in state with high ranking army officers as a guard of honor. No funeral plans have been made, but this will be at government expense.

For years General Diaz was rated as a distinguished military figure. His ancestors had fought in the Napoleonic wars and he had been a student of military affairs since childhood.

MORE LICENSES PAID

Auto Plate Fund Shows Half Million Increase.

The State of Indiana today has its automobile license fund \$511,403 more than at the same time last year. Frederick E. Schortemeier, secretary of State, announced.

"This increase comes as a result of not permitting any postponements and extensions of time in which to purchase the 1928 license plates," Schortemeier said.

"The State deposited this money in its depositories and is drawing interest on it now."

On Feb. 27, 1927, the license department had received \$2,514,132, and on the same date this year it had \$3,024,535.

2 KILLED AT CROSSING

By Times Special

RUSHVILLE, Ind., March 1.—Ralph Stant, 22, this city, and Miss Thelma Mayne, Newcastle, were killed when a Big Four freight train struck the auto in which they were riding at a crossing south of here late Wednesday. Mrs. Annette O. Thornburg, Newcastle, third occupant of the car, was seriously injured. Falling snow cut off view of the crossing by Stant, who was driving.

Slain in Chase



STRICT WATER SAVING PLANNED FOR SUNNYSIDE

Will Enable Hospital to Operate Pending Plant Erection.

A strict water conservation plan is being adhered to at Sunnyside Tuberculosis Sanatorium to prevent interruption of hospital service pending installation of the new \$8,000 water plant now contemplated.

Under ordinary conditions the institution would be able to operate successfully during the five months it would take to install the sedimentation bed type of plant, should this be decided on, engineers have assured county commissioners.

The plan, as recommended by Harry Best, engineer, will be passed on to the county council at a special meeting as soon as preliminaries can be disposed with by Commission President Cassius L. Hogue said today.

Save 15,000 Gallons

A daily saving of 15,000 gallons of water already has been effected, by the regulation of faucets, showers and other water outlets, Engineer Harry Best told the officials.

As far as daily consumption of water is concerned, present supply is adequate.

The fact still stares officials in the face that a \$1,000 county institution would be at the mercy of a fire should one occur.

This fact is pointed to by Best in his report. "There are no fire hydrants on the premises," said the report. "Provision has been made on the interior by extinguishers and hose, but these devices are only effective for fighting fire in its initial stages.

Recommended Hydrants

"I recommend that two hydrants be installed, one near the road in the water line that leads from the boiler house toward the Administration Bldg., and the other near the road on the line from the Soldiers' Bldg. to the Children's Bldg."

These two, with 500 feet of hose, would make a stream of water available on any part of the institution.

Best's plan would afford a storage capacity of 200,000 gallons, compared to the 15,000 gallons now available.

Save Fuel Bill

The conservation of water ordered by Superintendent Harold S. Hatch at the suggestion of Best will "not only result in a longer life for the wells," the report said, "but will also be evidenced in a saving in the fuel bill, because less steam will be used for the operation of the pumps and the heating of the water."

Best is chief engineer of a Louisville sewage disposal plant. His firm would not bid on the sedimentation plant at Sunnyside nor any other part of the contemplated plan, if his plan is adopted, he said. His services are not costing the county.

By the conservation plan, the per capita daily consumption of water has been cut down from in excess of 220 gallons to approximately 150 gallons, the recognized maximum for institutions like Sunnyside.

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Clifford Bauer, 216 Shiel Apt., 220 N. Illinois St., Dodge, 21-880, from Tenth and Alabama Sts.

Clarence N. Doughtit, 18 S. Capitol Ave., Auburn, 631-777, from Pearl St. and Capitol Ave.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Ford coupe, license 37-162, at 2502 N. Sherman Dr.

Chrysler roadster, license M44, at Thirtieth and Illinois Sts.

Methodists in Session
WINCHESTER, Ind., March 1.—A two-day conference of the Richmond district, Methodist Episcopal church, opened here today. Dr. F. F. Thornburg, district superintendent, is presiding. The conference sermon was delivered this afternoon by Bishop F. D. Lee, Indianapolis.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

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