

AUSTRIAN TROOPS FALL ATTACKS FOR BROUHEADS

Italians Are Holding Them With Their Gunfire and Inflicting Great Losses

OVER 9,000 PRISONERS TAKEN BY ITALIANS

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The Teutonic allies apparently have lost their spirit of do-or-die. Their attacks everywhere lately have lacked the dash of days gone by. Instead of plunging through allied lines with stubborn indifference to casualties so long as an objective was attained, they now waver and then halt in the face of the enemy's rifle fire or the men barring their way, and with the points they were trying to gain still far beyond their reach. The Austrian offensive in the Italian theatre is still in progress along the Piave river, but in the mountain region after the sharp reaction by the Italian, British and French troops, who in counter-attacks pushed back the invader from the points he had reached in his initial rush, the enemy evidently is fearful of again trying out the mettle of the defenders. On the Piave numerous attempts have been made by the Austrians to gain further bridgeheads on the western bank of the stream, but the Italians everywhere are holding their own with their gunfire and also doing sanguinary execution within the ranks of the enemy across the river with bombs and machine gun fire. The Austrian war office asserts that the Austro-Hungarian troops have crossed the Fossalta Canal at some points where Tuesday it was claimed they had made advances and also that several Italian lines at the southern foot of the Montello plateau, the key to the Venetian plains, have been pierced. Some, on the other hand, declares that all the weak attempts in the Montello region were completely repulsed. More than 9,000 men have been taken by the Italians since the offensive began, and many guns and several machine guns have been captured. That intensive air fighting has taken place is shown by the fact that fifty enemy planes have been shot down. Only two of the most terrible bombs have failed to return to their base. The attack of the Germans near Rheims resulted disastrously to them. Hardly had they left their trenches after one of the most terrific bombardments with shells of all calibres including gas projectiles, ever experienced on the western front, when nearly 9,000 men were faced by the reinforced French army and literally cut to pieces and forced to fall back precipitately. Only at one point, to the east of Rheims, did the enemy succeed in penetrating the French line. Here they were ejected almost immediately. The German official communication describes the attack as a demonstration of artillery and mine throwers. Little activity has prevailed on the remainder of the western front, except the usual reciprocal bombardments and operations in the nature of patrol engagements. The success of the recent naval attack by the British on the German submarine base at Zebruge seemed to have been more successful than anticipated. Twenty-one destroyers, a large number of submarines and numerous auxiliary craft are blocked in the canal by the ships sunk across the waterway.

CENTRAL POWERS BENEFIT BY EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS. Returning Russians Tell of Ill-Treatment at Hands of Germans.

Orsha, Mohilev, Russia, Sunday, June 17.—(By Associated Press).—The exchange of invalid prisoners between Russia and the central powers, which has been going on for several weeks, is proving advantageous to Germany. It is being used as a disguise for the sending of home-bodied men, to the eye of the physician in charge of the sanitary train on which the correspondents traveled to Orsha, "produced the impression of being well men." Of 553 prisoners the train carried, only 48 were bedridden and about 60, while the remainder, mostly Austrians, were quite strong, healthy and cheerful, in striking contrast to the returning Russians, who, with few exceptions, all were seriously ill or crippled. Returning Russians told of ill-treatment by the Germans in simple but eloquent words. Their plain and clothes had been taken by the Germans when they entered hospitals and never returned to them, receiving instead wooden shoes and torn trousers and jackets in which they were driven to work in snowstorms and the cold; how they had been starved, being given watery soup after a hard day's work, and how they were forced to eat pebbles in pits where slops were thrown and eat them after they had been washed in order to appease their appetites. These statements were corroborated by a steward who had witnessed hungry and sick Russians pick bones found in the mud near the station at Molschno, southeast of Vilna.

BIPLANE FROM MINEOLA WRECKED AT GREENWICH While Pilot Was Attempting to Land in Field of Tall Grass.

Greenwich, Conn., June 19.—A large two passenger biplane from the aviation grounds at Mineola, L. I., was wrecked today in the Stanwich section of the town when, as the pilot, Captain H. W. Lake, was attempting a landing in a field of tall grass, the forward end of the engine struck a rise in the ground and the plane turned upside down, pinning the occupants under it. Captain Lake was cut about the nose and bruised and shaken up. His mechanic, Sergeant Robert H. Belcher, was unhurt. The machine left Mineola during the forenoon and stops had been made at Piping Rock and Rye, N. Y.

MRS. LILLY BUSCH RELEASED FROM CUSTODY. Widow of the Late Millionaire St. Louis Brewer.

Key West, Fla., June 19.—Mrs. Lilly Busch, widow of the late millionaire St. Louis brewer, en route home after several years' residence in Germany, today was released from custody by federal immigration authorities under instructions from Washington. Mrs. Busch and her party are leaving tonight for St. Louis.

TWO NAVAL AVIATORS KILLED AT PENSACOLA When Their Airplanes Collided—Recently From M. I. T.

Pensacola, Fla., June 19.—R. E. Sylvester and A. B. Blair, naval reserve aviators were killed near the navy air station today when their airplanes collided. Both men were sent here recently from the Boston School of Technology to complete their training.

Cabled Paragraphs

Franco-American War Co-operation. Paris, June 19.—Announcement will be made officially tomorrow by the French government of the establishment of a secretariat for Franco-American war co-operation at the office of Premier Clemenceau. The new department will be headed by Captain Andre Tardieu, the French high commissioner to the United States.

OBITUARY. Ex-Congressman William Kennedy.

Naugatuck, Conn., June 19.—William Kennedy, former member of congress from the fifth Connecticut district, died early today at his home here. He had been in failing health for two years, but he continued at his law practice and even until recently seemed to retain much of his former vigor. He had suffered from a complication of ailments. Yesterday morning the patient was quite low but he rallied during the day. During last night there was another sinking spell and he died unexpectedly. The funeral will be held from St. Francis' church here on Friday morning. William Kennedy, who represented the fifth Connecticut district in congress from 1913-15, and who for many years was a well-known member of the state bar and a leader in democratic politics for some years, was born in Naugatuck, Dec. 18, 1870. He was admitted to the bar in September of that year. He was in the state senate in 1899 and 1901, having been central committee in 1896 and 1898. He was elected to congress in 1913, and was chairman of the delegation to the Kansas City convention. In his home town he had held offices for many years, and had been its attorney for a long period. He was with 1893. In the election in 1917 he was chosen to congress from the fifth district. Mr. Kennedy married Mary K. Clerkin of New Haven on November 23, 1892, and three children were born to them. One daughter, Miss Charles F. Mitchell of New Haven, the son Louis, and the other daughter, Miss Julia, who lives at home.

VIENNA PROTESTS REDUCTION OF THE BREAD RATION City Council and Labor Council Have Passed Resolutions.

Amsterdam, June 19.—The Vienna city council on Tuesday according to a despatch received here, passed a resolution protesting against the reduction of the bread ration. The Vienna labor council after conferring for many hours on the same subject, passed a resolution renewing its demands for the "speediest general peace notwithstanding the great obstacles at present in the way of peace endeavors." The labor council resolution said it was a pity that no improvement in the food conditions in Austria was possible while the war continued. The resolution of the city council demanded that the bread ration be increased to the earliest possible date and that in the meantime other foodstuffs be used to replace the reduction in the amount of bread.

EXTENSION OF DRAFT AGE NOW SEEMS PROBABLE. Secretary Baker Has Withdrawn His Opposition.

Washington, June 19.—Withdrawal by Secretary Baker of his opposition gave fresh impetus today to consideration of the proposal before congress to extend the draft age limits so that the war department will have available at no distant date ample man power to carry out President Wilson's program of an army of unlimited size for the war on Germany.

12-YEAR-OLD GIRL KILLED BY AUTO AT ANSONIA Was Carrying Child and Was Unable to See the Car Approaching.

Ansonia, Conn., June 19.—Mamie Tontino, 12 years old, of New York, was killed today by an automobile, owned by Henry F. Shelton, and driven by his chauffeur, Carl Neilson. Police investigation showed that the little girl was five-year-old Sarah Catalano in her arms, was crossing the street and in the manner in which she was carrying the child was unable to see the approaching car, which was knocked down. As she fell someone on the sidewalk called to the driver to back his car. He did so and one of the wheels struck over the Tontino girl's body, causing the injury which resulted in her death.

TAFI ADVOCATES ENTRY OF JAPANESE INTO RUSSIA To Establish an Eastern Front From Which to Strike Toward Berlin.

New Haven, Conn., June 19.—Former President Taft, speaking at the Yale alumni dinner, urged that Japan and her allies be allowed to go into Russia, by way of the Siberian railroad to establish an eastern front from which to strike towards Berlin. He also criticized those who he said seek to belittle the war aims of the United States. He praised the work of Herbert Hoover, federal food administrator, and Henry P. Davison, head of the Red Cross bureau, both of whom he received the honorary degree of doctor of laws from Yale today.

CHORUS OF 75,000 TO SING ON BOSTON COMMON One of the Features of the Fourth of July Celebration.

Boston, June 19.—Singing by a chorus of 75,000 voices gathered in groups on the Boston Common is to be one of the features of the Fourth of July celebration in Boston planned by the Independence Day committee. Arrangements are being made to have the chorus divided into national groups of the allied nations and sing in costume. The chorus will be led by a military band of several hundred pieces. Fireworks will not be used this year.

STRIKE OF DRESSER TENDERS AT AMERICAN THREAD PLANT Demand an Advance of 5 Per Cent.—New Receiving \$28.50 Per Week.

Willimantic, Conn., June 19.—Ninety dresser tenders employed at the local mills of the American Thread Co. struck today for an increase in wages. Early in the month the operatives received an increase in wages of 15 per cent. The tenders now demand an additional 5 per cent. advance. They receive at present \$28.50 a week.

MAJOR GENERAL H. A. GREENE ORDERED TO WASHINGTON Has Been in Command of National Army, at Camp Lewis, Washington.

Washington, June 19.—Major General Henry A. Greene, who has been in command of the 91st division, national army, at Camp Lewis, Washington, has been ordered to report to Washington. No explanation of the order was forthcoming from the war department tonight. Brigadier General Frederick S. Feltz has been placed in command at Camp Lewis temporarily.

Food Situation is Serious in Vienna Four Men Indicted for War Graft Contracts

LACK OF EVERYTHING THAT IS NECESSARY EMPLOYEES OF WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS THEY DUPLICATED BILLS They Are Charged With Trying to Make a Second Collection of Bill For \$187,000 For Repairs to Government Bills.

Washington, June 19.—Employees of the war and navy departments today were drawn into the net set by the department of justice for war contract grafts, through indictments returned by a federal grand jury here charging four men with trying to collect on a duplicate bill for \$187,000 submitted by a drydock company for repairs to a government vessel. The case does not involve contingent fee profiteers, but grew out of the investigation into their practices. Four Men Indicted. The four indicted are Clyde C. Waltham, a veteran and navy department's bureau of supplies and accounts; Charles E. Waltham, his brother, a business man of Victoria, Va.; Benjamin F. Peaslee, a soldier stationed at Fort Meigs, Wash., formerly of Berea, N. C., and D. Malvin Mowery, a stenographer employed in the signal corps office, formerly of Lancaster, Pa. Scheme to Pay Same Bill Twice. Clyde C. Waltham and Mowery, who are roommates in Washington, are alleged to have conceived a scheme for getting the navy department to pay the same bill twice, and to collect one of the payments through a confederate in the office of the company rendering the bill. They successfully tested the plan twice, but the navy department refused to actually collect the money, and the firms returned the duplicate payment to the government. Free Access to Department Files. Finally, with free access to navy department files, they were said to have obtained a bill for \$374 rendered April 23 by the Morse Drydock and Repair company of New York for repairs to the government vessel Casper, during the week ending March 1 and March 15, this year. After the bill was alleged to have been taken from the files, the company was told it was left in a file between two other bills, which was paid. Before the men presented the original bill for payment they were arrested. Soldier Informed the Government. The scheme failed, it is said, because the men tried through Peaslee to get in touch with a confederate in the office of the drydock company and an unnamed soldier who heard of the plot informed the government. Charles Waltham became involved through some correspondence with his brother on the subject. All four men have been arrested and released on bail.

GIPTS TO YALE UNIVERSITY PAST YEAR TOTAL \$1,279,764 Announcement Made by President Hadley at Luncheon.

New Haven, Conn., June 19.—Gifts to Yale University in the past year and credited as endowment made a total of \$1,279,764, the alumni were informed by President Arthur T. Hadley at the luncheon which followed the opening exercises this afternoon. From time to time gifts have been announced but the new items included \$100,000 as the E-4 Memorial fund from Mrs. James Harvey Williams for the benefit of the University Press; \$400,000 from William L. Harkness, '51, as a building fund; \$10,000 from Robert W. Kelley, '19, for the new Yale record building fund from the 1918 Record board. The Williams fund is for Earl Williams, 1919, 301st Field Artillery, who died in May. The record building fund will be used in war relief. The Harkness building after the war will contain lecture and reading rooms. The other contribution consisting of Nathan Hale a captain in the Continental Army was given by Mrs. William A. Read in memory of Emory Read, aviator, who recently was killed. The university met the requirements of the general education board and the \$2,500,000 endowment for the medical school is completed, and the school will receive interest on the board's subscription of \$582,900 as a part of its yearly income. Total receipts of the university alumni fund were announced as \$507,727, including \$160,450 from reunion classes. This is the largest gift ever received in the history of the fund. The largest gift from the alumni was the fortieth reunion gift of the class of 1878, which amounted to \$78,000.

AMERICAN AVIATORS START FOR THE ITALIAN FRONT Will Go Into Action Immediately Upon Their Arrival.

Washington, June 19.—The first escadrille of American aviators trained in Italy started today for the Italian front and will go into action immediately upon their arrival. The Italian embassy was informed today by cable from Rome. The aviators are accompanied by Captain La Guardia, a member of congress who has been in Italy several months. "This first contingent," said the cablegram, "is composed entirely of volunteers representing the finest spirit of the American people. They are being received by the Commission of Aeronautics and Assistant Secretary of State Gallena and numerous civil and military authorities. "After many evidences of solidarity given by the United States this contribution of aviators to our fighting front constitutes a fresh truth of the invaluable support of America, the significance of which is deeply appreciated by the Italian nation."

NO RECONSIDERATION OF MINERS' DRAFT CLASSIFICATION Members of Congress From Mining Districts Not Informed.

Washington, June 19.—There will be no reconsideration of Provost Marshal General Crowder's decision not to grant deferred draft classification to coal miners as a class. Members of congress from mining districts were so informed today by General Crowder's office. SENATE PASSED PENSION BILL IN FIVE MINUTES Carries \$220,000,000—Larger Than Any Hitherto by \$12,000,000. Washington, June 19.—Only five minutes were required for passage today by the senate of the annual general pension bill, carrying \$220,000,000, the largest pension measure by \$12,000,000 in the government's history.

21 GERMAN DESTROYERS PENNED IN BRUGES CANAL As the Result of the Recent British Naval Operations.

London, June 19.—Twenty-one German destroyers, a large number of submarines and numerous auxiliary craft are penned in the Bruges Canal docks as the result of the recent British naval operations at Zebruge. The German submarine force on the Belgian coast. Thomas J. McNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty, made announcement in the house of commons today that the German craft were now the subject of constant bombing.

Condensed Telegrams A Great Revolt is in Progress at Kiev

New York's police reserves will be increased to 25,000. Premier Clemenceau made another short visit to the front. War orders of the Ford Motor Co. are estimated at \$300,000,000. Great Britain is spending \$34,240,000 daily for the prosecution of the war. Half of the Russian prisoners returning from Germany are tubercular. Economic negotiations between Germany and Holland have been resumed. British aviators dropped 24 tons of explosives on Zebruge, Ostend and Bruges. Holy Cross college graduated a diamond jubilee class of 98 yesterday for its 75th anniversary. Permanent increase of the navy personnel from 87,000 to 131,455 men was voted by the house. About 20,000 men of draft age must be re-classified in Philadelphia owing to an error of a draft board. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer declared the rush of soldiers to the front was a surprise to the Allies. The President ordered the elimination of contract brokers in Federal manufacturing contracts following exposures of graft. Capt. Frederick C. Spang, who sold four sacks of flour to civilian dealers at Camp Travis, Tex., was dismissed from the service. The navy dirigible, missing from Cape May, N. J., since Saturday, was picked up at sea with her crew and brought into port. Counsel for the Anti-Saloon League declared liquor interests had supported pro-German organizations as one means of defeating prohibition. Directors of the Chicago board of trade yesterday adopted a resolution opposing the circulation by members of all but official crop reports. Fifteen manufacturers were raided by Federal agents in Philadelphia and their records examined in a search for "contingent fee brokers" and war profiteers. The senate passed the bill of Senator Thomas providing an allowance of \$12 a month for widows of soldiers of the Boer rebellion and Spanish-American War. The house in West Torrington in which John Brown, the abolitionist, was born, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The house was owned by the John Brown association. Clarence F. Lee, congressman from California, announced to the Senate agricultural committee that flat prohibition would be ruinous to the California grape industry. The President pardoned a sentry who slept on post in France saying, "This young man will take the restored opportunity of his forfeited life as a challenge to devoted service."

ARTILLERY STORES HAVE BEEN EXPLODED FIGHTING IN STREETS

Forty Thousand Peasants Armed and Organized Are Participating in the Revolution, Which is Spreading to Other Districts. Indiana Democrats in State Convention Hear Vice President Marshall Denies the Republican Party.

London, June 19.—A great revolt has begun at Kiev, according to an intercepted wireless message transmitted from Moscow to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Artillery stores have been exploded and there is continuous street fighting. The revolt is spreading to the Pottava and Tcherniv districts. Forty thousand peasants armed and organized are participating in the revolt. INDIANA DEMOCRATS IN STATE CONVENTION Hear Vice President Marshall Denies the Republican Party. Indianapolis, Ind., June 19.—Declaring in their platform that "the immediate purpose of the democratic party, the purpose which has precedence of every other, is to win the war," the democrats of Indiana, in state convention here today, nominated a state ticket, adopted a platform and listened to addresses by Vice President Thomas H. Marshall, former Governor Samuel M. Ralston and Representative Scott Ferris of Oklahoma, chairman of the congressional committee on campaign committee. The contests for places on the ticket were enlivened by squabbles within the delegation from this (Marion) county, the most heated coming shortly before adjournment, over the nomination of judges for the appellate court for the First division. Vice President Marshall put the delegates in a happy frame of mind by his reference to Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, as "this young Lochinvar" who "rambled out of the west on the G. O. P.—Grand Old Party—and with force of arms seized the Lady Theodore and carried her off to that medieval castle called the republican headquarters, where he set her above the salt and introduced her as a republican vestal virgin." Former Governor Ralston stirred them to great enthusiasm by declaring that the exigencies of the times demanded the renomination and election of Woodrow Wilson in 1920, regardless of precedents. Representative Ferris quoted statistics to show the preparations made by President Wilson for carrying on the war. PROTEST MADE AGAINST ABSOLUTE PROHIBITION By Bainbridge Colby Before the House Agricultural Committee.

Washington, June 19.—Vigorous protest against immediate absolute prohibition was made before the house agriculture committee today by Bainbridge Colby, member of the shipping board, who declared that the prohibition of the workmen the output of the American shipyards would be reduced 25 per cent. William J. Bryan was the chief witness for the day. He urged immediate nationwide prohibition as a war measure. A protest from the heads of international unions, organized by the American Federation of Labor was presented by Joseph Proestle of Cincinnati, general secretary of the United Brewery and Drink Workers. The proposed legislation the petition said would render an unnecessary burden upon the workers of this nation. Mr. Colby in voicing his protest said he appeared at the request of Chairman Hurley as a representative of the shipping board. Of the pending Jones prohibition amendment to the emergency agriculture bill he said: "We believe that this legislation would reduce the efficiency of the workmen in the shipyards and reduce its output of tonnage to a substantial amount." Ship builders, he said, saw no harm in drinking beer and thought it was essential. ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEPORTING MINERS Harry Wheeler, Former Sheriff of Cochoise County, Ariz., Cables from France. Bisbee, Ariz., June 19.—Severely arraigning the Industrial Workers of the World and their sympathizers, and announcing his intention to protect his friends, Harry Wheeler, former Sheriff of Cochoise county, Ariz., now a captain in the United States army, today cabled from France accepting full responsibility for the deportation of I. W. W. members from Bisbee, Ariz., last year. Twenty-one prominent men of Bisbee, including Wheeler, recently were indicted on charges growing out of the deportations. The cablegram follows: "I wish my friends to know that I am anxious to protect them by again assuming all responsibility for the deportations. Would do the same thing over again under same circumstances. No traitors or I. W. W. sympathizers over here; only American soldiers. My country needs me here, but when I can be spared, if still alive, you will find me ready to go home and stand with my friends and fellow Americans to undergo any tribulation the politicians, I. W. W. sympathizers and other traitors can inflict. Eagles in France feel only contempt for those cultured at home, but do not fear them."

WORKERS IN NEW LONDON To Be Built Out of \$60,000,000 Fund Provided by Congress.

Washington, June 19.—Authority to administer the \$60,000,000 fund recently provided by congress for housing war workers was delegated by President Wilson today to Secretary Wilson of the department of labor. Plans for using the money at various construction centers already have been prepared. They include Bethlehem, Pa.; Bridgeport, Conn.; New Brunswick, N. J.; New London, Conn.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Sharon, Pa.; Aberdeen, Md.