

AUSTRIANS IN RETREAT FROM THE MONTELLO PLATEAU TO ADRIATIC SEA

They Are Being Harassed by the Fire of Italian Guns and Rifles and Bombs of Allied Aviators

AUSTRIAN LOSSES ESTIMATED AT 130,000 MEN

Large Numbers of the Pontoon Bridges the Austrians Threw Across the River Piave Have Been Swept Away—With Their Backs to the River the Teutons Have Been Trying to Ward Off the Vicious Counter-Attacks of the Italians—Large Numbers of the Enemy Have Been Reported as Coming Up Behind the Northern Line in the Mountain Region and It Is Regarded Probable That Shortly the Second Phase of the Battle Will Begin—On the Battle Fronts in France and Flanders the Germans Are Holding Their Men to the Trenches.

The first phase of the Austrian offensive has ended in failure—in defeat. The climactic of what was intended to be the crushing of Italy between the jaws of the Austrian pincers is the rout of the invaders themselves. With their backs to the swollen Piave River the Austrians for several days past had been trying to ward off the vicious counter-attacks of the Italians and save the situation. Now they are endeavoring, and under great pressure, to ford the stream and reach safety on its eastern bank.

From the Montello plateau to the Adriatic Sea, the enemy is in retreat. Already his losses are estimated at 130,000 men and the chances of his escape without additional heavy casualties and men made prisoner seem remote.

Large numbers of the pontoon bridges the Austrians threw across the river Piave have been swept away by the now torrential stream, and on all the sectors of the 31 mile front where they gained access of the Venetian plain they are being sorely harassed by the fire of the Italian guns and rifles and by the machine gun fire and bombs of allied aviators who have done such notable execution since the attempted drive was started.

Monster preparations had been made by the Austrians for what was to be the death blow to King Victor Emmanuel's men. Thousands upon thousands of men, many of them brought from the Russian and Rumanian fronts, and guns and stores in tremendous quantities had been parcelled among the various commanders for the drive over a battle area of virtually one hundred miles, running from the Asiago plateau to the Piave River and then following the stream to the sea.

Undoubtedly the Austrian high command had built largely for success on the belief that the Italian line had been shattered when last year their great pincers closed in upon the Italian front and forced back the line in

Soviets Are Bartering Russian Resources

TO MEET RUSSIAN ENGAGEMENTS TO GERMANY

As a Guarantee For the Loan Russia Would Grant Numerous Concessions to Germany—Wide Exploitation, With Russia to Retain Control.

London, June 23.—A Reuter despatch from Moscow, undated, says that M. Brousky, commissioner of industry and commerce made the statement at the session of the Russo-German commission for the resumption of economic relations that, in order to meet the Russian engagements to Germany, the Soviet government will be compelled to conclude a foreign loan, and as a

Accident to the Gilt Edge Express

ABOUT 15 PERSONS INJURED, A FEW SERIOUSLY

New London, Conn., June 23.—About fifteen persons were hurt, probably a few more or less seriously when a compressed air valve on a passing locomotive blew out and sprayed air through windows of three rear coaches.

The accident occurred at Saybrook Junction on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad at Saybrook Junction to

President's Proclamation

THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, D. C.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES:

This war is one of nations—not of armies—and of our one hundred million people must be economically and industrially adjusted to war conditions if this nation is to play its full part in the conflict. The problem before us is not primarily a financial problem but rather a problem of increased production of war essentials and the saving of the materials and the labor necessary for the support and equipment of our Army and Navy. Thoughtless expenditure of money for non-essentials uses up the labor of men, the products of the farm, mines, and factories, and overburdens transportation, all of which must be used to the utmost and at their best for war purposes.

I earnestly appeal to every man, woman, and child to pledge themselves on or before the 28th of June to save constantly and to buy as regularly as possible the securities of the Government; and to do this as far as possible through membership in War Savings Societies. The 28th of June ends this special period of enlistment in the great volunteer army of production and saving here at home. May there be none unenlisted on that day!

WOODROW WILSON
President of the United States.

Blanket Authority to Increase Price of Wheat

Is Given the Food Administration Grain Corporation in New York.

Washington, June 23.—Blanket authority to increase the price of wheat at primary and other markets, with the approval of Food Administrator Hoover, above the \$2.50 a bushel minimum price guaranteed by presidential proclamation Feb. 21, is given the food administration grain corporation in New York by an executive order of the president. The order, issued under authority of the food control law, was made public today by Mr. Hoover.

To carry out the purpose of the order, the corporation is authorized to increase its capital stock from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in shares of a par value of \$100 each. All the stock will be owned by the government and will be purchased by the food administration from time to time, as the necessity arises to maintain the present \$2.20 price and any increases authorized.

While no explanation of the order was given either at the food administration or the White House, two considerations were believed to have influenced the president's decision to permit the grain corporation to pay higher prices for wheat. The first was the increased freight rates which will become effective Tuesday. Growers must bear this increase and without an advance in the price of wheat their profits would be materially reduced.

The second was believed to be the situation resulting from the deadlock in congress over the senate's amendment to the price of wheat. It is expected that by tomorrow circus officials will be able to furnish an authentic list of the missing. The missing list, which was the show had been booked to play Tuesday.

Coldest June 23 in the Past Ten Years.

New York and New Jersey Farmers and War Gardeners Anxious.

New York, June 23.—With a minimum temperature of 47 degrees and an average of 52, the coldest June 23 in the district in the last decade caused anxiety among New York and New Jersey farmers and war gardeners, who made elaborate preparations to protect their crops from frost tonight.

From Bangor, Me., a despatch reports that the extensive cranberry bogs in that district had been flooded to protect the plants from the cold. Nearly 2,500 negroes, drafted in Florida, who arrived at Camp Dix, N. J. this afternoon, appeared half frozen and pleaded that overcoats be issued to them before any other part of their equipment.

Archbishop John J. Keane.

Dubuque, Ia., June 23.—Most Rev. John Joseph Keane, former rector of the Catholic University of America and retired archbishop of Dubuque, died yesterday, 79 years. He founded the Catholic university which is in Washington, D. C.

Total of American Casualties, 8,634

KILLED IN ACTION AND LOST AT SEA 1312

Yesterday's Casualty List Contained 56 Names—23 Were Killed in Action—16 Died of Wounds—900,000 Americans in France.

Washington, June 23.—Total casualties in the American expeditionary force to date numbered 8,634, according to an announcement today by the war department. They are divided as follows:

Killed in action, including 321 lost at sea, 1,312.
Died of disease, 1,328.
Died of accidents and other causes, 446.
Wounded in action, 4,611.
Missing in action, including prisoners, 965.

Sergeants: Carl E. Cross, Mountainburg, Ark.; Carl R. Sohneck, Woodside, N. Y.; Corporals: Daniel F. Cooper, Haveshill, Mass.; Benjamin J. Hamby, Pike City, Ark.; Edward P. McCutcheon, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Clyde A. Smeltzer, Massena, Iowa; Privates: Ranzie Adams, Paragould, Ark.; Shelton B. Besty, Adams City, Ark.; Zygmunt Branski, Syracuse, N. Y.; William E. Burgess, Baltimore, Md.; George W. Cason, Hartwell, Ga.; Jerry O. Deviney, Cincinnati, O.; Raffaele Digiorio, New York City, Thomas E. Goode, Boise, Idaho; August J. Klinkner, Knoxville, Pa.; Thomas H. Larsen, Sioux City, Iowa; George E. Marshall, Rupert, Idaho; Patrick Paradine, Somerville, Mass.; Tom Phillips, Louisville, Ky.; Willie L. Rowland, Hope, Ark.; George J. Sneiderger, Anaconda, Mont.; Wesley J. Stubbs, Marble City, Okla.; Loren M. Trotter, Caldwell, Idaho.

Exports of potatoes from Bermuda have been prohibited as a measure to insure the food supply of the inhabitants of the islands.

The Spanish ambassador notified Washington that Germany will confer with the United States on the welfare treatment and exchange of prisoners.

The Massachusetts Public Service Commission disapproved a petition of the Boston & Maine Railroad relative to running excursion trains on Sunday.

Samuel Bodness of Stamford died yesterday at a hospital as a result of being struck by an automobile Saturday night on the Boston Post Road.

Eight persons were bitten in Jersey City by a supposedly mad dog. Forty dogs were killed in the anti-stray dog crusade, making 539 destroyed during the week.

Privates Miller and Martin Kelly, of Brooklyn, in the 53d Pioneer Infantry, at Spartanburg, S. C., were sentenced to one year imprisonment for absence without leave.

Six thousand members of the National Army at Camp Devens, who before entering military service had taken out first papers, will be naturalized this week.

Six hundred union carpenters employed on the Azalea hospital for tubercular troops at Asheville, N. C., went on strike. They demanded a 25 per cent increase.

Arrangements are being made by the British government with the fishermen of Newfoundland for the supplying of large stocks of fish for the use of the army and navy.

Production of 18-in. shrapnel shells, the principal factor in the Canadian munitions output, is to be doubled. Production has been 120,000 shells a week costing \$600,000.

Fifty Rotarians from various parts of New England left Boston to attend the annual convention of the International Rotarian Club which is to be held in Kansas City.

Newman Bros. & Worms were the purchasers of the first bale of this season's new cotton crop at Galveston. They paid \$475 for the cotton, which will be shipped to New York to be resold.

The Longley building at Woonsocket, R. I., a four story structure containing stores and offices, was badly damaged by fire. The two upper stories were destroyed and the loss was estimated at \$35,000.

Conservation of game for future generations was discussed by a number of speakers at today's session of the annual meeting of the Maine Sportsmen's Fish and Game Association at Rangley, Me.

CHAPLAIN WALTER DANKER DIED FROM SHELL WOUND

He Was Buried Near the Spot Where He Fell.

With the American Army in France, June 23.—(By The Associated Press).—The Rev. Walter S. Danker of Worcester, Mass., chaplain of the 104th infantry, died on Tuesday from a shell wound. He was buried on Wednesday near the spot where he fell.

TALK OF REVOLT AGAINST THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT

Story Told by Americans Who Arrived on a Norwegian Liner.

An Atlantic Port, June 23.—Gedmany, war-weary and ill-fated, is in a state of unrest so acute that talk of revolt against the imperial government is common among both the military and civil populations, according to Americans who arrived here tonight on a Norwegian liner after long residence in Germany or adjacent neutral countries.

SHIP TONNAGE SUNK BY SUBS DURING MAY

Official Statement Issued at Berlin Claims 614,000 Gross Tons.

Amsterdam, June 23.—Ship tonnage sunk by German submarines in the month of May aggregated 614,000 tons, according to an official statement issued at Berlin. The claim also was made that in addition badly damaged ships with a tonnage of 56,000 were taken to ports of the entente allies in April besides the losses already announced for that month.

TROOPS MOVED FROM UPTON TO DEVENS

A Detachment of 2,500 Soldiers Joined the 76th Division.

Aver, Mass., June 23.—A detachment of 2,500 soldiers from Camp Upton joined the 76th division at Camp Devens today. Many of the number are New Englanders who have been training from one to three months.

A WIDESPREAD AFFECTION OF THROAT AND LUNGS

Has Developed Among Residents of Hartford and Surrounding Districts.

Hartford, Conn., June 23.—A widespread affection of the throat and lungs of a peculiarly irritating nature has developed among residents of Hartford and surrounding districts. It was learned tonight, due to fumes emanating from unrefined gas which has been fed into the pipes of the gas company here during the last three days. According to Manager Isaac Eysenbach of the company, the condition is the result of using coal too light impregnated with sulphur, a condition which was not discovered until after the coal had been put into the retorts. The last of this sea, he said, will not be out of the pipes until tomorrow.

HUNGARY IS SENDING PROVISIONS TO AUSTRIA

Large Supplies of Corn, Meat, Fruit and Vegetables.

Amsterdam, June 23.—Budapest and many other Hungarian cities have received here today from the Hungarian capital, have declared a readiness to reduce their corn quota in order to alleviate the situation in Austria.

ESCAPED FROM GERMANY IN A SMALL BOAT.

A German Non-Commissioned Officer and His Wife.

Copenhagen, June 23.—A German non-commissioned officer and his wife have reached Moga, a Danish island in the Baltic sea. They made their escape from Germany in a small boat. The couple have been interned, as have other German deserters, until an investigation has been made.

PARAGUAY APPROVES AMERICAN SOLIDARITY

As Proposed by President Wilson to the Mexican Editors.

Washington, June 23.—President Wilson's proposal of American solidarity as expressed recently to the Mexican editors, has met with prompt approval in Paraguay. A despatch received here today by the Pan-American Union said that Dr. Manuel Franco, president of Paraguay, had endorsed Mr. Wilson's plan in these words:

"Paraguay accepts to the fullest extent the principles of American solidarity as enunciated by the president of the United States of America. There is no room for divisions among the nations of the two Americas when events arise that may profoundly alter the international status of the world.

CITATIONS FOR Y. M. C. A. WORKERS ON AMERICAN FRONT

Under Gunfire They Conducted Their Care of Wounded.

Paris, June 23.—Several Y. M. C. A. workers on the American front north of the entrance to Verdun have been recommended for citations for exemplary conduct displayed in the recent fight at Xivray.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND MUNITIONS FOR MEXICO

The Greatest Needs Which the United States Can Supply.

Chicago, June 23.—An appeal for agricultural implements and munitions for Mexico as that country's greatest needs which the United States can supply, was made tonight by Gonzalo de la Parra, editor of the Nacional, at a dinner tendered the twenty Mexican editors who are touring the United States by the Chicago Chamber of Commerce. The speaker declared that "the people that constitute the greater part of Mexico, fully realize all the United States has done for Mexico and desire friendly relations between the two countries."

NEW RECORD FOR PLACING KEEL AND KEEL PLATE

Made at the McDougall-Duluth Shipyard at Duluth, Minn.

Duluth, Minn., June 23.—Nine and a half minutes after the signal for launching the keel of the new ship to be erected on the same ways was in place and 11 seconds later the first keel plate was in position. It is believed this is a new record for placing keel and keel plate in the United States, the fastest time previously recorded being 11 1/4 minutes.

Cabled Paragraphs

Pleased With What Italy Has Done.

Rome, Saturday, June 22.—Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver has returned from the Italian front, where he witnessed the entire Austrian offensive. He expressed himself as much impressed with what Italy has done. Judge Lindsey left for Paris today and expects to proceed to the United States the latter part of July.

Paris to Honor President Wilson.

Paris, June 23.—A proposal to give the name of President Wilson to a large thoroughfare in Paris will come up before the city council at an early sitting. The suggestion is known to be warmly favored by the councilors.

86 HAGENBACK-WALLACE CIRCUS EMPLOYEES KILLED

In Wreck on Michigan Central Road Six Miles West of Gary, Ind.

Gary, Ind., June 23.—Sixty-two bodies of Hagenback-Wallace circus employees who were killed in the wreck six miles west of here on the Michigan Central railroad early Saturday lay in temporary morgues here and are identified by circled numbers. Circus officers endeavored to compile an accurate list of dead and injured. Only 24 of the bodies had been identified. Most of the persons killed were mangled beyond recognition.

Parts of Bodies Cremated.

Parts of two bodies cremated in the furnace of tangled steel and timbers which was the circus train were dug out tonight. The authorities said that if the dead list is as great as estimated by circus men, the additional bodies probably were reduced to ashes.

Parts of Bodies Cremated.

An inquest will be held at Hammond tomorrow and Gustav Klages, German of the troop train of empty Pullmans, has been ordered brought to Hammond to testify.

Revised List of Known Dead.

The revised list of known dead follows:

James Connor, baggage superintendent of horses, Bliss, Okla.

Mrs. Verma Connor, widow, Bliss, Okla.

Viriel Barnett, rider, Bliss, Okla.

Nellie Jewett, animal trainer, tiger horseback act, Washington, D. C.

Joseph Coyle, Jr., 11, Cincinnati.

Charles Coyle, 3, Cincinnati.

Jeb Cattaneo, electrician, Chicago.

Mrs. Bessie Cattaneo, aerolist, Chicago.

Mrs. George Brown, equestrienne, Denver.

Leroy Jessup, usher, Toledo, O.

Henry Miller, animal trainer, New York.

Charles Rooney, bareback rider, Chicago.

Carl Michael Berry, Schenectady, N. Y.

Henry Hanson, West Baden, Ind.

An attempt to remove Fireman Gustave Klaus from Michigan City to Hammond tonight met with failure. Acting Coroner Henry C. Greene sent a deputy to summon Klaus, but the man returned to report that Klaus had gone to Kalamazoo, Mich., where Engineer Sargent is awaiting summons to the inquest set for tomorrow.

AUTOMOBILES IN COLLISION AT NORTH HAVEN.

Gordon Root, 13, of Waterbury, Killed—His Father Injured.

New Haven, Conn., June 23.—Gordon Root, 13 years old, of Waterbury, was killed, and his father, Charles A. Root, was injured when their automobile collided with a motor truck on the highway in North Haven late tonight, driven by George Marsh of Springfield, Mass. The older Root and Marsh are in hospitals here, the former suffering from general shock and numerous cuts and bruises, and the latter has a broken leg, and severe cuts and bruises. Raymond Root, 18, a third occupant of the Root car, escaped injury.

Both machines were wrecked, the truck being overturned.