

DEFEAT OF AUSTRAINS ON WESTERN BANK OF THE PIAVE RIVER IS COMPLETE

All Along the River the Italians Have Pressed Back the Invaders of Their Territory

AUSTRIANS LOST 45,000 MEN PRISONERS ALONE

Austrians Ascribe Bad Weather and the Rising of the Piave as the Reason for the Withdrawal, But Rome Asserts That the Failure of the Invasion Was Due to the Impetuous Attacks of the Italians — So Hurried Was the Withdrawal of the Austrians at Some Points That They Did Not Attempt to Save Their Guns and Stores, Great Quantities of Which Are Now in the Hands of the Italians—In France and Flanders Operations Continue to Be of Minor Character—Americans Have Cleared the Belleau Wood.

The defeat of the Austrian armies on the western bank of the Piave river is complete. Admission is made by the Austrian war office that the troops of Emperor Charles have been forced to evacuate the Montello plateau, over which they had hoped to press their way and gain the Venetian plains and some sectors of the positions they attained last week on the west bank of the river between the plateau and the point where the stream empties into the Adriatic.

SECOND NATIONAL DRAFT THURSDAY OR FRIDAY

Procedure to Be Followed Will Be Similar to That of Last Year. Washington, June 24.—A second national drawing to determine the numbers of the 744,865 men enrolled last June 5 under the selective service law, will be held here today. The date has not been definitely determined but the drawing probably will be on Thursday or Friday, depending on the time the final list of names is received from the district boards.

TWO MARINE CORPS AVIATORS INSTANTLY KILLED

At Curtiss Field, Near Miami, Fla.— Fell About 900 Feet. Miami, Fla., June 24.—Lieutenant Duncan C. Cameron of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Sergeant Ernest L. Ahlstrand of Chicago, both members of the marine corps aviation section, were instantly drawn at Curtiss field, near here, late today when an airplane in which they were making a practice flight fell about 900 feet. A broken control rod believed to have been the cause of the accident.

YEAR IN JAIL FOR THE SALE OF LIQUOR TO SOLDIERS.

Thirty-eight Men Sentenced in Federal Court at Boston. Boston, June 24.—Thirty-eight men, arrested at Fitchburg, Lowell, Lawrence and elsewhere in the vicinity of Camp Devens, pleaded guilty in federal court today to aiding and abetting in the sale of liquor to soldiers and were given jail sentences of one year each. The cases of nineteen others held on the same charge are under investigation by federal authorities.

BUSINESS BLOCK DESTROYED BY FIRE IN SPRINGFIELD.

Occupied by Several Concerns—Loss Estimated at \$100,000. Springfield, Mass., June 24.—Fire today destroyed the upper two stories of a six-story business block in Fort street, in the retail district, occupied by several business concerns. The wholesale stock of wallpaper, paints and varnish of the Albert E. Hale company made a blaze hard to subdue. The loss of this firm and the Springfield Photo Engraving company by fire is complete, while the Eldredge Electric Manufacturing company and Springfield News company, a wholesale concern, will be heavily water. The building is owned by the estate of Dwight O. Gilmore. The total loss is estimated at \$100,000.

14-YEAR-OLD BOY SHOT BY A PLAYMATE

Near Wallingford—The Boys Were Going Out For Target Practice. Wallingford, Conn., June 24.—Ewald Schipke, 14 years old, was shot and killed near his home here tonight with a rifle in the hands of a 12-year-old playmate, Albert Stanlaski. The latter is being held for the coroner, who is expected here tomorrow from New Haven, to make an investigation. Schipke was the son of John Schipke, now in service in France.

SENATORS FAVORABLE TO SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

Predict Resolution Will Be Passed Next Thursday. Washington, June 24.—After a conference with President Wilson at the White House today, a delegation of senators supporting the house resolution for submission to the states of a federal suffrage constitutional amendment predicted that the resolution would be passed by the senate next Thursday. They said the president was "very enthusiastic" in his support of the amendment.

WIFE OF DR. CARL MUCK REGISTERED AT BOSTON.

Mrs. Anita Muck Gave Her Birthplace as Graz, Styria, Austria. Boston, June 24.—Mrs. Anita Muck, wife of Dr. Carl Muck, former conductor of the Boston Symphony orchestra, who has been interned as an enemy alien, registered today at a police station in this city, in accordance with the federal laws requiring the registration of women enemy aliens. It was learned that she gave her age as 48 and her birthplace as Graz, Styria, Austria, where her father was at one time mayor.

Cabled Paragraphs

Assassinated in Petrograd. Moscow, Friday, June 21 (by A. P.)—M. Volodarsky, commissioner for press affairs, a prominent Bolshevik, was shot dead today in a street at Petrograd.

CITATIONS OF AMERICANS FOR DEEDS OF HEROISM

During the Engagement at Cantigny—Recounted in Simple Language. With the American Army in France, June 24.—(By The Associated Press).—Citations of men for heroism in simple language the engagement at Cantigny which is destined to form a glorious page in American history, they read as follows: Lieutenant (since killed in action): "With splendid courage and coolness, he mounted the parapet of a trench and directed a destructive flanking fire from two automatic rifle teams exposed to seven German machine guns."

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