

AUSTRIANS IN RETREAT CHASED BY CAVALRY AND INFANTRY

retreat across the river at Falze, after the enemy had been swept from Montello. American aviators played a prominent role in this work.

Thousands of Austrians have been captured. Other thousands have been wiped out by artillery, machine gun and rifle fire, by air raids and by drowning.

RETREAT DISORDERLY, GENEVA REPORTS.

GENEVA, Monday, June 24.—The Austrian retreat across the Piave continues in the greatest disorder under the immediate fire of the Allied artillery, according to news received here this morning. British gunners, especially, are doing heavy execution in this sector.

The Austrians are rushing up new reserves to fill the breach between the Montello Plateau and the Adriatic in order to avert a disaster. In spite of the official announcement from Vienna that the retreat was due entirely to the flood in the Piave River, the report states that the Italian armies caused the breaking of the offensive by their continuous pressure against the enemy.

REPORT OF 45,000 PRISONERS IS OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED

Cable From Rome Says From 12,000 to 15,000 Were Taken Before Offensive Was Turned Into Rout.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—A despatch to the Italian Embassy from Rome to-day confirmed the announcement yesterday that prisoners taken by the Italians in the fighting at the Piave numbered 45,000.

This included some twelve or fifteen thousand captured during the last week before the Austrian offensive was turned into a rout.

Doubt had been cast on the accuracy of these figures because a report issued in Rome mentioned only 4,000 prisoners, although the Italian Embassies in Washington and London had announced 45,000. It is now believed the apparent discrepancy was due to the fact that the wireless reports from Rome are frequently delayed. The one mentioning 4,000 may have been one of these delayed wireless reports and have referred to a previous operation.

Complete readjustment of the plans of the German High Command, in view of the disaster which has overtaken the armies of Emperor Charles, is regarded as certain by observers here. Upon the extent of the defeat, it was said, will depend the course of events in France.

VIENNA ADMITS PIAVE DISASTER; LAYS RETREAT TO HEAVY RAINS

Tries to Dupe People Into Believing Retirement Was Not Known to the Pursuing Italians.

[AUSTRIAN REPORT]

VIENNA, June 25.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"A position has arisen by reason of the height of the water and bad weather which has caused us to evacuate the Montello and some sectors of the other positions which we had won on the west bank of the Piave.

"An order given four days ago was carried out in such a way that, despite the difficulties connected with changing to the other bank, our movements remained wholly unobserved by the enemy. Many lines already evacuated were subjected yesterday to strong Italian gunfire, which increased in places to drumfire.

ITALIAN COMMANDER ANNOUNCES VICTORY IN ADDRESS TO TROOPS

Austrian Pride Is Broken, He Says—Great Battle Being Reduced to Local Actions.

ROME, June 25.—In announcing to his victorious army the repulse of the Austrians, Gen. Diaz, the Italian Commander-in-Chief, issued the following order of the day:

"The enemy, who with furious impetuosity used all means to penetrate our territory, has been repulsed at all points. We are sure of our right and of the holiness of the cause we are defending. New trials which undoubtedly await us will again show the enemy that Italy has lost none of her faith, strength and abnegation.

"The country understood at once that the barrier set up by your heroism was unshakable and that your strength is the pursuit of immortal vigor. Our people and our allies, who have so many glorious representatives amongst us, applaud our success against the eternal enemy.

"The great battle is for the time being reduced to local actions.

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"For Italy, for King, for civilization, let us persevere to our sacred duty."

ITALIAN CHIEF OF STAFF MADE ARMY COMMANDER

Gen. Badoglio Promoted by King as Reward for Work in Present Battle.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Monday, June 24 (Associated Press).—Gen. Badoglio, Chief of Staff to Gen. Diaz, has been promoted by the King to the rank of an Army Commander as an expression of the King's satisfaction with the present operations. Gen. Badoglio will remain in his present position.

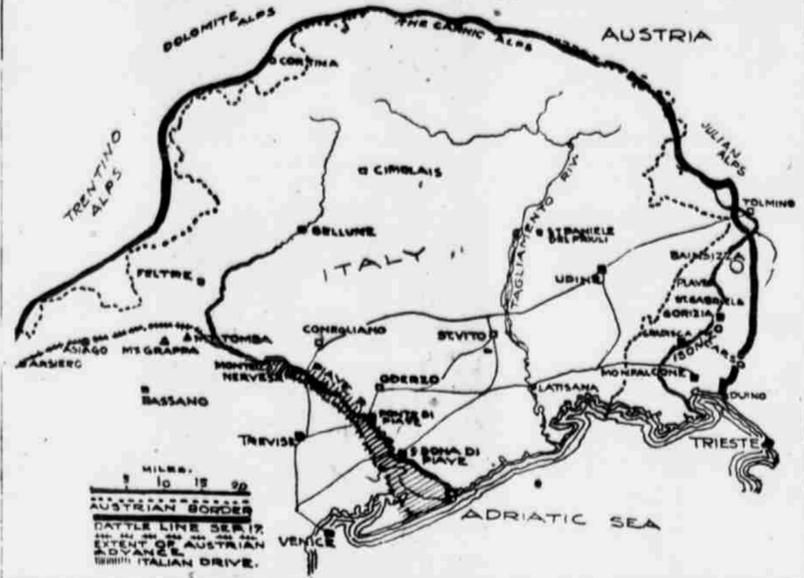
ALIEN WOMEN REGISTER.

The total number of enemy alien women registered yesterday was 77,116. Allidavis were given out to \$5.11. The figures by boroughs were:

Manhattan	15,825	Registered
Bronx	8,510	4,151
Brooklyn	8,556	6,709
Queens	4,337	3,749
Richmond	903	651

Registration continues to-day.

Extent of the Austrian Advance in Italy. And Ground Recovered in Great Counter Drive



GERMANS ATTACK ON AISNE, BUT ARE STOPPED AT ONCE

Prisoners Taken by French Troops in Surprise Attacks in Woevre and Lorraine. [FRENCH REPORT]

PARIS, June 25.—Following is the text of the statement issued to-day by the War Office:

"North of the Aisne, after a violent bombardment and grenade fighting, the enemy attacked the positions recently gained by us northeast of Le Port. The French positions were maintained in their entirety. The artillery activity was rather lively in the region of Gaverolles and Courcy (between the Aisne and the Marne).

"French troops carried out in the Woevre and in Lorraine three surprise attacks, from which they brought back twenty prisoners."

OFFICIAL BRITISH REPORT.

LONDON, June 25.—Following is the statement issued to-day by the War Office:

"Canadian troops raided the enemy's trenches last night at Neuville-Vitasse and brought back twenty-two prisoners and six machine guns. A few prisoners and a machine gun were captured by us in a successful raid south of the Scarpe.

"The hostile artillery has been active during the night between Villers-Bretoux and Mortancourt, south of Avion (Lens region) and west of Merville (Flanders front), gas shells being freely employed."

GERMANS WITH WARSHIPS NEAR BATUM IN BLACK SEA

Believed Aiming at Occupation of Caucasus, Threatening British in Mesopotamia.

STOCKHOLM, June 25.—Three thousand German troops, accompanied by a cruiser, two destroyers and a submarine, have landed at Porti, near Batum. It was learned to-day.

They probably seek to effect complete occupation of the Caucasus, thus threatening the British in Persia and Mesopotamia. It is believed they will immediately extend their occupation to the provinces of Kutub and Kutais.

A serious disturbance occurred in Moscow when the Bolsheviks arrested all of the fifty-eight members of the workmen's conference, who demanded a constituent assembly. Those arrested included ten Mensheviks.

Batum is an important seaport on the southeastern shores of the Black Sea. It is connected by railroad with Baku, the great oil centre on the western shores of the Caspian. Kutub province lies north of Batum, while Kutais borders Batum on the north, extending along the eastern shores of the Sea of Azov and reaching nearly to the Don river.

THEFTS OF ARMY BEEF FROM PIERS CAUSE MORE ARRESTS

Three Men Held in Bail of \$2,000 Each Charged With Stealing 103 Quarters.

With the arrest to-day of three more persons and a confession by another, the Government investigation into the wholesale thefts of army beef from Hudson River piers assumed increased proportions. Leaders Wiser, twenty-five years old, son of the proprietor of a butcher shop on Ninth Avenue, between 34th and 35th Streets; Michael Corbhan, a checker in the Merchants Refrigerating plant in Hoboken; and John Devlin, a driver, were held under \$2,000 bail after examination before United States Commissioner Hittcock. They are charged with the theft of 103 quarters of beef amounting to \$2,000.

Thrifts amounting to more than \$10,000 already have been established. 22 men have been arrested of which 14 are still in custody. More arrests are expected to follow.

Serbian Captured Enemy Work in the Region of Vetrnik.

PARIS, June 25.—To-day's official report of yesterday's operations in the Balkans reads:

"There were artillery duels west of the Vardar and north of Monastir. In the region of Vetrnik a Serbian detachment occupied an advanced enemy work, which it maintained despite several counter attacks."

U. S. NAVAL MEN ABROAD EAGERLY AWAIT "BIG BREAK"

Anticipated Battle With German Fleet Will Be "Whale of a Smash," Say Sea Fighters.

Waiting for "the big break" is the time that keeps the men of our navy in English waters on their toes these days, according to a naval commander of the destroyer fleet, and several sailors from the patrol fleet over there who returned to an American port to-day aboard a French ship.

The "big break" is the rumored—and long-hoped-for—dash of the German High Seas Fleet into the North Sea to engage the combined navies of England and America. These returning men of the destroyer flotilla which has been making life miserable for the submarine say a wide-spread rumor, fostered by the Germans themselves, created by the big German fleet with an intention to force a naval decision some time this summer.

"It will be a whale of a smash" if the big battle comes, and the inevitable result will be the ruin of the German naval dream, these sea fighters declare.

There is a strong belief in France, and other passengers reported, that the United States navy, calling Cyclops, missing without trace for more than two months now, had been captured by a German raider or submarine and either taken back to a German port by a prize crew or fitted out as a raider to operate on this side of the Atlantic.

DISCLAIMS IDEA OF WORLD DOMINATION OR PEACE BY ARMS

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German war aims, the Foreign Minister said:

"I consider it necessary to say quite simply, and in a way easy for all to understand, what our positive desires are.

"We wish for the German people and our allies a free, strong, independent existence within the boundaries drawn for us by history. We desire overseas possessions corresponding to our greatness and wealth; the freedom of the sea, carrying our trade to all parts of the world."

"These in brief," added the Foreign Secretary, "are our roughly sketched aims, the realization of which is absolutely vital and necessary for Germany."

Regarding Belgium, the Foreign Secretary said:

"We must decline to make, as it were, a prior concession by giving a statement which would bind us without the least binding of the enemy."

"I believe," added Dr. von Kuehlmann, "that one can say without fear of contradiction, as the result of revelations, that the deeper we go into the causes of this war the clearer it becomes that the power which planned and desired the war was Russia, that France played the next worse role as instigator, and that England's policy has very dark pages to show."

GERMANY'S SHIFTING OF BLAME FOR WAR AMAZES WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The speech of German Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann before the Reichstag, in which he laid chief blame for the war to Russia, was read in official and diplomatic circles here with some degree of surprise.

The question which immediately occurred to all officials was the underlying motive for the sudden shift of blame from England to Russia and

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The injured soldier last wrote home on Mothers' Day, telling his father and sister that "bullets go off me like water off a duck's back."

AUSTRALIAN FOUR TIMES WOUNDED; WIFE IN AIR RAID

Mrs. Masterson, Injured in London While Visiting Husband, Going Home to Aid Recruiting.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 25.—A soldier and his wife, on their way to their home in Australia, reached here to-day on a British liner from an English port. Mr. and Mrs. John Masterson of Sydney were and both are going home wounded.

Masterson was one of the first to enlist in 1914, and with his regiment was ordered to the Dardanelles. He was wounded and sent to England. Then he went to France and three times he was wounded again.

When Mrs. Masterson heard that her husband was wounded, and was to be sent to England, she journeyed thither to join him. On the night of May 10, she went for a visit to friends at South End. While walking with them on London Road, German airplanes appeared overhead and began dropping bombs, apparently aiming there where the crowds were the thickest, for there was no building in that quarter to make an air raid worth while.

Mrs. Masterson was struck by a piece of shrapnel under the right eye. She was five months in the hospital and had to undergo several operations. A number of shrapnel splinters have forced their way out from time to time, but Mrs. Masterson is cheerful and says that she is going home to help her husband recoup and recruit more Australian soldiers.

WOULD MAKE SURVEY OF ALL UNOCCUPIED APARTMENTS

Plan Proposed to Stay the Raising of Rents by Landlords.

A survey of all unoccupied apartments in New York and publication of this information with a view of aiding those affected by rent increases will be made if a resolution introduced to-day before the Board of Aldermen is passed. The resolution was referred to the Committee on General Welfare.

The resolution, it is said, would aid in the fight against the bound in rent prices that have caused so much to write to The Evening World asking that something be done about it.

Resolved, That the Police Department be requested to make a survey of unoccupied apartments in the city of New York and make a return by precincts of the facts disclosed to the Board of Aldermen for the consideration of that body with a view to the full publication of such gathered information for the purpose of aiding persons affected by rent increases.

Owner of the Times Gives Bail in Labor Case.

Adolph S. Ochs of the New York Times, and Errol Hart, assistant night city editor of the Tribune, both of whom were indicted by the Grand Jury last Friday on charges of criminal libel in the complaint of Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, surrendered themselves at the District Attorney's office to-day. Each was held in \$100 bail by Judge McIntyre of General Sessions.

AUSTRIAN ARCHDUKE WHOSE ARMY IS IN PERIL WAS CHASED BY RUSSIANS

Driven Across the Dniester About Three Years Ago—Related to John Orth.

ARCHDUKE JOSEPH FERDINAND, whose army in the Piave battle is reported in peril, is a son of Ferdinand IV., the last Grand Duke of Tuscany, who died in 1908. He is a half-brother of the former Archduke Leopold, who is now known as Dr. Weelfling, and of the former Archduchess Louise, now Mme. Toselli.

He was described by war correspondents at the beginning of the war as one of the most sympathetic of the Hapsburg princes. He is of a massive figure with full blonde beard. It is just about three years ago now that his army was in full flight across the Dniester River from the Russians.

It was the Archduke Joseph who had his uncle, the famous John Orth, declared legally dead in Austria that he might inherit his fortune. John Orth, who disappeared twenty-eight years ago, was a second cousin of Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria.

VICTORIOUS ITALIAN COMMANDER WATCHING BATTLE ON THE PIAVE

This photograph was taken while Gen. Diaz was standing in the gardens of a villa overlooking the river.



"NURSES' PLATTSBURG" IS OPENED AT VASSAR

Fifty Women Students Enrolled for Three Months' Training in Camp.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 25.—The Nurses' Training Camp for Women at Vassar College was opened by a large assemblage in the college chapel. Among the fifty prospective students are graduates of ten colleges.

President MacCracken, who presided, addressed the assemblage, and addresses were also made by Elliot Wadsworth of the National Red Cross, Mrs. John W. Hildgett, trustee of the college, and Miss Goodrich, President of the American Army Nursing Association.

Prof. Herbert E. Mills will be Dean of the camp, which is the first of its kind to be established in America. The course will cover three months and be divided into two terms of six weeks each. Some of the subjects to be mastered are physiology, anatomy, bacteriology, hygiene and sanitation, nutrition and cooking, elementary medical, elementary nursing and hospital economy, and the social aspects of nursing.

The teachers will be Miss Isabel M. Stewart, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Teachers' College, Columbia University; Miss Elizabeth Burgess, State Inspector of Training Schools for Nurses; Miss Caroline L. Gray, Principal City Hospital Training School, New York City; Miss Ann E. Stroud, R. N. A., Bryn Mawr, Assistant Professor of Public Health Nursing, Simmons College; and Miss Helen Pope of Carnegie Institute.

SENATE DEBATES WISDOM OF LOWERING DRAFT AGE

Raising Limit Above 31 Generally Approved—Reduction Below 21 Almost as Generally Opposed.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Taking up the question of changing the draft age, the Senate to-day debated on the wisdom of lowering the age from twenty-one to twenty, and the reduction below twenty-one was almost as generally opposed.

Senator Norris, Nebraska, urged the maximum age be made sixty. Senator Williams, Mississippi, presented an amendment making the limit twenty to forty. Senator Fall, speaking on his eighteen to forty-five amendment, declared the enrollment must be extended if the war is to be won.

Senator Nelson, Minnesota, a Civil War veteran, advocated making the age limit eighteen to thirty-five. Senator Chamberlain favored lowering and raising the age limits, declaring the war could not be waged unless the sentiment of the country was behind it. He advocated making the age limit twenty-one, with a provision that the young men be trained until they are twenty-one. Senator Fall said it would accept Chamberlain's suggestion.

Senator Pomeroy demanded why, in view of the fact that 10,000,000 men had registered, it was necessary to lower the age limit.

ROBERTSON MAY SUCCEED WIGGIN AS FUEL CHIEF

WASHINGTON, June 25.—James H. Robertson of New York is expected to be appointed as successor to A. H. Wiggin as State Fuel Administrator, it was learned to-day. Robertson has been called to Washington by Fuel Administrator Garfield.

A plan is under consideration for separating New York City from the remainder of the State to simplify the fuel problem. If this division is made, Robertson probably will be named to head the up-State district. Vigorous objection has been made to this plan, however, and it is possible that Robertson will be named State Fuel Administrator in charge of the entire up-State and Metropolitan districts.

DIED.

DOUGLAS.—June 25 at Staten Island, N. Y. JAMES DOUGLAS in his 81st year. Funeral services will be held at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, N. Y., at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon, June 26. It is earnestly requested that no flowers be sent.

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