

ITALIANS MAKE STAND AND BIG BATTLE RAGES

Second Day of Fighting in Asiago Sector Is Inconclusive.

AUSTRIAN LOSSES IN MASSED ATTACKS HIGH

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, May 26.—The Austrians continue their heavy hammering at the Italian front in the southern Trentino and contiguous Italian territory, and the Italians have again fallen back on the Asiago as a result of terrific artillery concentration on the line between the Asiago and Posina Valley.

On the rest of the Trentino front the Italians are making a determined stand and last night and to-day were holding the Austrian forces back in spite of the continued artillery bombardment and repeated blows by masses of infantry.

Austrians Are Checked. The Austrians suffered their most severe check in the Lagarina Valley (the lower valley of the Adige), where they threw dense masses of troops against the Italians entrenched on the heights of the Boite Pass, between the Adige and Vallarsa plateau. The Austrians suffered heavily under the Italian fire and the attack failed.

Italian Official Report. The following official statement was issued tonight by the Italian War Office:

In the Lagarina Valley, the enemy, yesterday and today, made repeated attacks against our lines between the Adige and Vallarsa, and again repulsed with very heavy losses. After the usual artillery bombardment, masses of infantry attacked the Comi Zuma and the Boite Pass (to the south of the Comi Zuma) and were repulsed with the usual, unerring fire of our brave troops.

Between Vallarsa and the Posina Valley the situation is unchanged. In the Posina Valley, the enemy, yesterday and today, made repeated attacks against our lines between the Adige and Vallarsa, and again repulsed with very heavy losses.

Alpine Retake Ground. A column of our infantry (Alpini) in a brilliant surprise attack drove the enemy out of our positions on the mountain slopes of the Asiago. The fighting was very hard, but the whole day with alternating success and is still raging this evening.

Enemy aeroplanes bombarded Calliano, near the Italian front. There were some victims, and slight damage was done. Our Caproni aeroplane squadron bombarded the positions of the Terza Valle and the Asa Valley.

Along the remainder of the front there was the usual waste of ammunition by the enemy's artillery. We repulsed the enemy's attack on the upper Boite, the Podgora heights and Monte San Michele.

Home Is Confident. The persons are given in the Home Despatches for the continued confidence of the British public in the Italian drive and the fact that the Austrians are not nearly so successful as they were in the initial stages of the offensive. The Italian commander in chief, had taken personal command in the Trentino.

TO RAISE HOME LOAN. Plan to Get \$25,000,000 in Hands of National Bank. ATHENS, May 26.—D. G. Rallis, Minister of Finance, signed a contract yesterday with the National Bank of Greece for the raising of an internal loan of 125,000,000 drachmas (\$25,000,000).

NO BRITISH TROOPS HELD. Report of Fear of More Trouble in Ireland Denied. Assurances that the English are sending no more troops to the front but are holding them in reserve because of fear that they may be needed in Ireland were denied tonight by the War Office.

British Ship Sunk by U Boat. LONDON, May 26.—The Italian steamship Ercolie has been sunk in the Mediterranean, probably by an Austrian submarine.

German Press On. BERLIN, via London, May 26.—The attacks of the Crown Prince's army on the east bank of the Meuse were continued yesterday with success. The German forces extended their positions to the west of the Haumont quarry, north of Bras, crossed the Douaumont ravine and pushed the French lines south of Fort Douaumont further back.

Gen. Friend Says Precautions Were Taken by Military in March. LONDON, May 26.—Gen. Friend, commander of the forces at Dublin, was a witness before the Royal Irish Commission inquiring into the circumstances preceding and surrounding the recent revolt.

WOMEN RIOTERS HURT. In Holland from Germany and forwarded by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company states that eighteen women were wounded during a fight between police and women food rioters on Wednesday at Rotterdam.

GERMANS FEAR NO BOYCOTT. Shipbuilders, Believing Peace Near, Prepare for Trade. LONDON, May 26.—A resolution has been introduced in the Reichstag asking that the Government support and encourage the shipbuilding industry after the war.

GERMANS LOSE HEAVILY IN DOUAUMONT ATTACK

French Mitrailleuse and Infantry Fire Check Advances—Teutons Claim Gains on East Bank of Meuse—Take 600 Prisoners—Deny Fort Was Lost.

GERMANS PRESS ON. Claim Gains South of Douaumont—Deny French Took Fort.

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On the west bank of the river action yesterday was confined to the artillery, which was engaged heavily all day. An attack made by Turcos last night was repulsed. The German official statement says:

ATTACKS BY GERMANS REPULSED, FRENCH SAY. Lines South of Douaumont Held—French Section Is Retaken. PARIS, May 26.—A powerful attack was delivered by the Germans this afternoon against the trenches occupied by the French south of Fort Douaumont.

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'NEUTRALITY CABINET' OF GREECE RESIGNS

Skouloudis Quits Office Owing to Growth of Political Unrest. ATHENS, via London, May 26.—As a result of growing political unrest over conditions imposed upon Greece by the war and the intervention of Anglo-French forces in Greek territory the Skouloudis Cabinet has resigned, after lasting six and one-half months, an unusual length of time for Greek Cabinets since the outbreak of the war.

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GERMANS THREATEN DICTATOR OF FOOD

Batocki Warns Reichstag to Expect No Immediate Change for Better.

TO FEED ARMY FIRST

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. BERLIN, May 26.—According to Berlin advice, the president of the food supply board, Herr Tortilovitz von Batocki, warned the Reichstag not to expect any sudden change or improvement of conditions.

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AMERICANS WIN AERIAL BATTLE WITH GERMANS

Lieut. Thaw Brings Down Fokker After Thrilling Fight in Which He Is Wounded—Corporal Rockwell Mentioned in Despatches.

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PARIS, May 26.—The official communique published this morning states that a Fokker was brought down north of Baux and two other aeroplanes were seriously damaged and forced to land near Etain after a battle between an American squadron and a group of German aeroplanes.

This is the bald official account of one of the sharpest aerial battles yet fought in which the American squadron gained further distinction. Lieut. Thaw and Corporal Kiffin Rockwell flew out at 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning and Lieut. Thaw dived for the Fokker and Corporal Rockwell followed.

Lieut. Thaw, when fifteen yards from the Fokker, was shot through the right wing and fell at almost the first shot. This was the Fokker mentioned in the communique.

Battle in the Air. At 8.30 on the same morning the whole American squadron went out over the German lines, its work being mainly preventive, to stop Germans from flying over to make observations of the French lines.

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AMERICA ASSAILED IN REICHSTAG DEBATE

Prolongs War, Is Charge—Von Jagow Muzzled Press on U. S. Note. German Agent Indicted for Forgery in Applying for a Passport.

BERLIN, via London, May 25 (delayed).—The Government was criticized today in the Reichstag for measures which, it is alleged, were taken officially to suppress newspaper criticism of the United States and agitation for a more vigorous submarine campaign.

Herr Oertel, editor of the Deutsche Tageszeitung, in the Reichstag vigorously denounced the alleged attempt of the authorities to suppress a gigantic petition started by Prof. Dietrich Schaefer of Berlin University against sending to the United States.

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BRITISH ROUT ARMY OF SUDAN SULTAN

Ruler of Darfur Escapes After His Capital Has Been Occupied. Foundation's Aid to Be Shared by Serbia, Montenegro and Albania.

LONDON, May 26.—The dispersal of a force of British troops from the Sudan, on the frontier of Kordofan, the province adjoining Darfur on the east, is announced by the War Office tonight.

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WILL TRY TO BRING GERMAN AGENT INDICTED FOR FORGERY IN APPLYING FOR A PASSPORT

To make possible his return to this country from England Franz von Rintelen, the German agent, was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury yesterday for alleged forgery in applying for a passport last year. The indictment, which was sealed, was returned to Judge C. E. Wolverton, who issued a bench warrant at the request of Assistant United States Attorney Sarafay.

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