

ITALIAN GARRISON ABANDONS ASIAGO

Troops Holding Heights to Eastward—Austrians Slowly Advance.

MANY BIG GUNS LOST

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, May 31.—The Austrians are still pushing their advance in the Asiago and Arco region toward the Vienna plan and the railway supplying the Italian armies on the Isonzo. In the official statement, issued in Vienna today, the Austrian War Office announces the capture of Asiago, the northernmost of the heights to the north of the town, Monte Haino and Monte Piara have been occupied.

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ALLIES ARE NOT READY TO CONSIDER PEACE TALK

Premier Asquith Tells Parliament Offer of Mediation by Neutral Nation Would Not Be Acceptable Now—Is Reply to German Declaration.

LONDON, May 31.—There is no indication in the recent statement of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, German Chancellor, that Germany is ready to consider terms of peace which would assure the safety of the interests of the Allies and the future peace of Europe.

The question, which was put by Sir Arthur B. Martin, Liberal member for the Mansfield Division of Nottinghamshire, was evidently intended to make plain that the Allies would not at present accept intervention by Sir Arthur.

The Premier, in her note to the United States, had said that she had made peace. He then asked if the Allies were willing to avail themselves of the offer of a neutral nation to communicate the peace terms of the Allies to Germany.

The negative answer of the Premier was cheered by the House.

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The article concludes with a warning against illusions, "since even when the honor and rights of humanity are affected, as in the present war, too many nations limit their policy to avoiding a conflict and escaping suffering and material losses."

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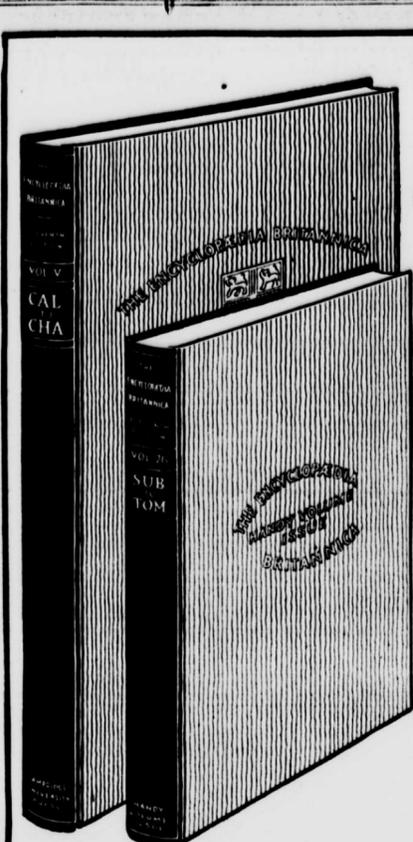
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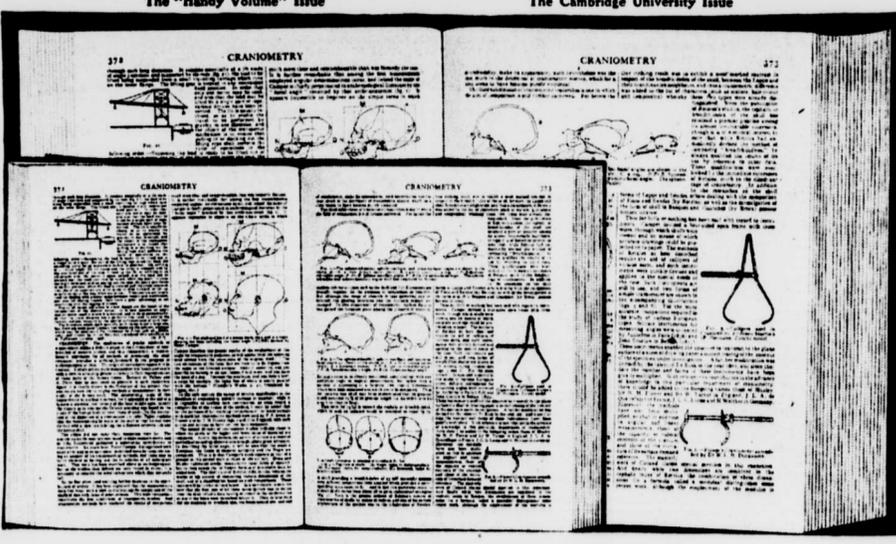
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