

ITALIANS STILL FORGE AHEAD

Triest Said to be Cut off From Rest of Austrian Empire

SUCCESS ON 3 FRONTS

Invaders Batter Forts Near Gorz—Platoon of 100 Men Capture Stronghold by Strategy.

Rome, June 14.—Italian artillery yesterday bombarded the fortifications of Santa Maria, San Pietro, San Marco, San Lucia and the other positions defending Gorz, the capital of the crown land of Gorz and Gradisca 22 miles northwest of Trieste and 10 miles east of the Italian frontier.

Documents found on Austrian officers taken prisoners indicate that it was the plan of the Austrian General Staff to prevent the Italians crossing the Isonzo River between Tolmino and Gorz.

An official note, which sums up the first offensive movement of the army, follows:

"In the Trentino zone our forces went resolutely forward, correcting at least in part strategical inconveniences of unfavorable frontier such as were imposed upon us after the campaign of 1866.

"Our brave mounted troops have occupied defiles and summits, the names of which recall unforgettable exploits by the brave combatants in Trentino half a century ago.

A DARING HIGH DIVE

Young Man Leaped From Brooklyn Bridge on a Bet.

New York, June 14.—Several thousand people crossing the Brooklyn Bridge by foot, train and trolley were electrified yesterday afternoon to see a dapper young man of rather boyish appearance climb to the parapet about midway between the Manhattan and Brooklyn towers of the structure.

Two minutes after hitting the waves with his hands the diver reappeared on the surface, tore off his trousers and shoes, treaded water until he got his bearings, and then struck out for the Manhattan shore, where he was placed under arrest, charged with attempting suicide.

"I did it to settle a dispute in my club," he explained. "There are a lot of men who maintained that such a leap could not be gotten away with. I agreed to show them. You can call it attempted suicide if you want to. It was great fun to me."

Messrs. Lee Fannon and Frank G. Martin, Jr., made a delightful automobile trip to Fredericksburg yesterday.

CORPORATION COURT.

Grand Jury Returns Six Indictments in Felony Cases.

The Corporation Court, Judge L. C. Barley, presiding, opened for the June term this morning with a grand jury summoned to consider six criminal indictments presented by Commonwealth Attorney Samuel G. Brent.

The grand jury returned true bills in the following cases: Com. vs. David Smith, malicious and felonious cutting.

Com. vs. Wm. Quill, malicious and felonious cutting.

Com. vs. Wm. Jeffries, breaking and entering a storehouse in the night.

Com. vs. Robert Dunbar, breaking and entering storehouse in the night.

All but Henderson and Quill plead not guilty. The other were given one year in the penitentiary except Dunbar, who was sent to the reform school.

Henderson's case was continued until the September term. The grand jury made the following recommendations: We recommend that the State Health Laws, especially as they relate to food stuffs exposed for sale, be strictly enforced.

DEATH OF FRANK H. NORCOME.

Remains of Former Baseball Man Arrived Here This Morning on Norfolk Steamer.

The remains of Frank H. Norcome, one of the best known baseball men in the South, reached here this morning on the Norfolk boat and were removed to the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. G. W. Welker, 111 north Royal street, from which place the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

ANOTHER MANIFESTO

W. J. Bryan Expresses Satisfaction With Relations Between the United States and Germany

Washington, June 14.—Ex-Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan has issued another statement yesterday afternoon:

"I am glad to note the change in the tone of the press in regard to the note to Germany. From the time the papers began to publish forecasts the jingo editors have been predicting that the matter would be dealt with 'great firmness'; that Germany would be told that there must be no more delay in the acceptance of this country's demands, etc.

"Instead of waiting until the note was issued they took their own conception in advance and colored it to suit their own purposes.

"It is a relief to find the papers are emphasizing the friendly tone of the note and pointing out that it does not necessarily mean war. Something has been gained if the warrior journalist at last realizes that the country does not want war, but that on the contrary it will support the President in his efforts to find a peaceful solution of the difficult problem raised by the use of the submarine against merchantmen."

The Wilard W. C. T. U. will meet tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock in Trinity M. E. Church South.

RUSSIANS WIN IN EASTERN ZONE

Furious Two-Day Fight Ends In Capture of 15,000 Men

FRENCH BREAK LINES

Czar's Troops Said to be Making Success in Galicia—Germans Report Capture of Towns.

Petrograd, June 14.—In a battle on the Dniester River in the region of Zurawna, Galicia, which lasted from June 8 to June 10, the Russians captured 348 officers and 15,431 soldiers with 78 machine guns and 17 cannon according to a Russian official statement issued under date of June 12.

On June 11, the statement adds, the Austro German forces crossed the Dniester at several points. The text of the communication says:

"To the north of Shavli, in the district of Szakimovo, we yesterday attacked and repulsed in a western direction the enemy outflanking column. Near Shavli the enemy continues his fruitless attacks in the sector of the northern battlefield.

"Our offensive on the front of Szaliany-Beisagola continued to develop with success. On Saturday we carried by storm several villages and a cemetery near Bourgade-Jouquiny. The day before, on this front our Cosacks charged the enemy on horseback and sabered 100 Germans and took more than 50 prisoners.

"In the direction of Kovno the enemy is endeavoring to secure the front of Sapieziska-Hudele. On Thursday night, in this district, we pushed back the enemy for some distance on the Mariampol road and along the railway from Kovno to Wirballen (Russian Poland).

"On the right bank of the Vistula in the region of Sarczely the enemy opened an intense artillery fire at dawn yesterday as a preliminary to a series of attacks. Up to midday the enemy did not succeed in approaching nearer than 400 paces from our trenches. Our air squadrons made reconnaissance and dropped bombs with success, thus contributing materially to repulse the enemy's attacks on this front.

"In Galicia: On Saturday in the valley of the River Sklo and enemy motor battery advanced toward our trenches, but was forced to beat an immediate retreat by our artillery fire.

"In a three days' battle on the Dniester River, in the region of Zurawna, which lasted from June 8 to June 10 we captured altogether 348 officers and 15,431 soldiers with 78 machine guns and 17 cannon. A large quantity of arms, ammunition wagons, field kitchens and transports also fell into our hands."

DEBTS OF WARRING NATIONS

Budapest, June 14.—The national debts of the belligerent powers have been increased \$11,250,000,000 since the beginning of the war, according to figures compiled by Dr. Elemer Hantos, a Hungarian financial authority.

Austria added \$745,000,000 to her previous debt of \$2,700,000,000 and Hungary \$245,000,000 to a previous debt of \$1,395,000,000.

Germany's national debt at the beginning of the war was \$6,420,000,000, and this debt had increased by \$2,895,000,000 at the end of March. Turkey increased her national debt can't divide from \$605,000,000 to \$715,000,000.

Great Britain's increase is set by Dr. Hantos at \$2,150,000,000, France at \$2,230,000,000, and Russia at \$2,750,000,000. Smaller amounts are chargeable to Serbia, Montenegro, Belgium and Japan.

DEATH NOTICE.

DIED.—At St. Vincent Hospital, Norfolk, Va., on Saturday, at 11:50 p. m., after a short illness, FRANK H. NORCOME. Funeral from the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. G. W. Welker, 111 north Royal street, at 2 p. m. Tuesday, 8-1wk.

TAX BOOKS NOT CLOSED.

Further Time is Given People to People to Make Returns to Commissioner of Revenue.

Early last week it was announced that Charles H. Callahan, commissioner of Revenue, would continue to receive tax returns up until June 20th, when they would be returned over to W. N. Lipscomb, examiner of records of this district. On Friday it was published that the tax books were closed. This information was in error as the difference between the list and the books was not clearly understood.

The following letter from Mr. Callahan is self-explanatory.

Editor Alexandria Gazette: I read with surprise in Friday's Gazette that "the Tax Books of the State of Virginia, so far as Alexandria is concerned, were closed last night by Charles H. Callahan, Commissioner of the Revenue." This statement, while harmless in a way, is misleading and may prevent delayed returns from coming in unless refuted and the nature of this report to the Examiner of Records explained.

As a matter of fact the Tax Books have not been compiled nor have the blank Personal Property books been received from the Auditor of Public Accounts, who supplies them to Commissioners. Under the new tax law or segregation act, the commissioners are required to assess personal property and incomes or sheets especially prepared for that purpose. These lists (not the Tax Books), under the law, are to be delivered to the Examiner of Records for inspection by that officer and the Local Board of Review not later than the last day of June, 1915, and the 1st day of April thereafter.

Owing to delays in receiving the blank forms and the consequent delays in getting them in the hands of the tax payers, the time was extended and June 10th fixed as the date upon which the Commissioner should make his returns of "lists" to the examiner.

It is also pertinent to say at this time that Mr. Lipscomb has informed the Commissioner that he (Mr. Lipscomb) is not yet ready to receive his report and the assessment will continue until the house to house canvass is completed which will take at least three weeks, and those who have failed to make their returns, may continue to do so, notwithstanding that the time for closing the lists has expired.

CHAS. H. CALLAHAN, Commissioner of the Revenue.

TAFT WOULD CURB PRESS

Urges New York Convention to "Restrict Trial by Papers."

Albany, N. Y., June 14.—Provisionally restricting "trial of cases by newspapers," providing for appointive judiciary, facilitating the impeachment of judges and eliminating grand juries and petit juries in civil cases, should be written into the State Constitution, former President Taft told the judiciary committee of the constitutional convention yesterday.

He also advocated the retention of trial by jury with unanimous verdicts in criminal cases.

Another proposal made to the convention, but not by Mr. Taft, was compulsory military service. The term of service would be three years.

Buried Under Coal.

Cumberland, Md., June 14.—Edward Conroy, of Eckhart, was instantly killed, and George Brode and William Bolt, of Frostburg, were injured yesterday in Mine No. 3, of the Consolidation Coal Company, at Hoffman when a prop gave way, permitting the entire roof of the room in which the men were working to fall.

Conroy had a car in his room, and was endeavoring to push it farther up the track, and had braced himself against the prop to push it with his foot. The prop broke and the coal and rock fell, completely burying him. The other two escaped with slight injuries.

NOTICE.

I have purchased for the season the hotel belonging to W. E. Dixon, near Marshall Hall, Md., and will take in summer boarders by the day or week and will also furnish country meals to transient boarders. MRS. C. A. PAUL, 8-1wk.

GERMAN REPLY TO BE FRIENDLY

Berlin Official Says Nation is Much Impressed by Note

DECIDED OPTIMISM

Kaiser Now Facing Balkan Issue—War Party Successful in Recent Election Throughout Greece.

Berlin, June 14.—America has no need to be apprehensive over the German reply, a high official of the German foreign office said today.

"We are much impressed by the friendly tone of the second American note," said the official, whose name cannot at this time be disclosed. "We certainly shall do everything to reply in the same manner. There is no reason for apprehension. Undoubtedly there will be a solution which both countries can accept."

Everywhere in Berlin a decided feeling of optimism prevails regarding the possibilities of a German-American agreement. High officials of the foreign office, editors of Berlin newspapers, and other prominent persons are equally optimistic over the negotiations.

"Of course this is a big question for America, but you must remember Germany is faced by other big issues," the foreign office official added.

"Do you refer to the Balkans?" he was asked. He answered in the affirmative.

Athens, June 14.—Incomplete returns today from the Greek elections indicate the return to power of former Premier Venizelos whose war program caused him to break with King Constantine and to resign.

All candidates of the Venizelos war party throughout the department of Attica, including the city of Athens, were elected. Returns from remote districts and the Greek colonies will not be received for several days.

TWELVE KILLED BY STORM.

Many Houses Destroyed by Disturbance in Wisconsin.

La Crosse, Wis., June 14.—Twelve persons are reported dead in the storm which swept over western Wisconsin and parts of Minnesota and Iowa Saturday night. Seven lost their lives near Ferryville, Wis., and five near Lansing, Iowa. An 8-mile strip from a point 2 miles east of Ferryville to a point 10 miles east, near the village of Seneca, was swept clear, and every farmhouse was wrecked or damaged.

Besides the twelve killed, 30 were injured, several of whom are in hospitals in La Crosse in a serious condition.

The tornado swept over a portion of Crawford county, and wrought havoc with life and property. After several hours of heavy atmospheric disturbance a twister formed over the Mississippi 3 1-2 miles north of Ferryville, and followed the river for 8 miles, then turned and went directly east, the end of the tornado dipping here and there as it swept across the country about midway between Ferryville and Lynville, leveling buildings and trees wherever it touched.

Trees 2 feet in diameter were snapped off. All telephone and telegraph lines in that section are out of commission.

TO THE OWNERS OF DOGS.

As required by law, notice is given to owners of dogs to take out the required license for owning or harboring dogs. The license is (\$1.50). One Dollar and Fifty cents, to be paid to the City Auditor on or before July 1 1915. After that date a fine of from \$3.00 three to \$5.00 five dollars can be imposed on the owners or harborers of each unlicensed dog. The Police force have been instructed to report delinquents. THOMAS A. FISHER, Mayor. je 10-10t.

LOCAL BREVITIES

The monthly meeting of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight at 8 o'clock.

"Clean-up" days for the first ward of Alexandria ended Saturday, and began today in the Fourth ward.

Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows, a number of Red Men, and a detail of police will attend the funeral.

The Women's Home Circle met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Hayden, 205 Duke street, last Friday afternoon.

A marriage license was issued in Washington Saturday to Augustus Dean and Mary F. Crowder, both of this city.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of police commissioners will be held on Wednesday night when a number of matters will be brought up for consideration.

Announcement was made at St. Mary's Church yesterday that commencing next Sunday masses will be celebrated at 7 o'clock and 10 o'clock. This schedule will be continued during the summer months.

In police court this morning Robert Jackson, colored was fined \$25 for carrying concealed weapons. Clarence Pye, colored charged with being drunk and disorderly was sent to jail for 30 days.

The baseball team of Alva Aerie, No. 871, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will go to Charlottesville and Harrisonburg to play on July 3, 4, and 5. One game will be played in Charlottesville and two in Harrisonburg.

Representatives of Old Dominion Commandery, Knights Templar, of this city, Fairfax, Fredericksburg and Piedmont commanderies met here yesterday and completed the details of the joint field day exercises of the four commanderies to be held here on June 28.

Funeral services for Policeman William A. Ferguson, who committed suicide here Saturday morning, will be held from his late residence, 219 S. Pitt street, today at 5 p. m. and will be conducted by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Church. By direction of Mayor Fisher the entrance to police headquarters has been draped in black.

DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY.

Sixth Anniversary of Organization of Friendship Council.

Friendship Council, No. 28, D. of L. celebrated its 6th anniversary on Friday night with a musical and literary program. Charles R. Herbert, chairman of the good of the order committee, after a few preliminary remarks, announced the following program:

Piano selection—Mrs. Flora Courtney. Address—Mrs. Mary E. Prender, State Vice Councilor of Virginia.

Reading, Miss Cora Kennedy. Piano selection—Mr. Glenn Harr. History of Friendship Council from its infancy—Mr. John S. Miller.

Reading—Mrs. Dora Dunn. Remarks—Mr. J. T. Herbert, of No. 28.

Instrumental duet—Mrs. Flora Courtney and Miss Catherine Pettet. Remarks—Miss Besserman, of Hope No. 1.

Remarks—Mrs. Louisa Beck, of Hope No. 1. Piano selection—Mr. Glenn Harr.

Remarks—Mr. Harry Pote, Hope of No. 1. Remarks—Mrs. Annie Sisk, of No. 28.

Remarks—Mrs. Minnie L. Pote, of No. 1. Remarks—Miss Mamie Prender, of No. 1.

Remarks—Mr. R. H. Prender, of No. 1. The ladies of the good of the order committee subsequently served ice cream and cake.

LOST.—Between the corner of Cameron and Washington streets to the market this morning, a pair of glasses. Finder please return to 709 Cameron street, and receive reward. 12-3t.

NOT ACCUSED OF CHEATING

Friends of Thomas W. Harrison, Jr., Hear Story of Charge

WEIGHING EVIDENCE

Virginia Midshipman at Naval Academy Merely Charged With Failing to Report Use of Dope.

Richmond, June 14.—Evidence before the court of inquiry at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., is tending to exonerate Thomas W. Harrison, Jr., son of Judge Thomas W. Harrison of Winchester, one of seven midshipmen recommended for dismissal for alleged "cheating" in their examinations.

According to this information, Midshipman Harrison was never charged with "cheating" in examinations. As a matter of fact, it is asserted, there was nothing questionable about any of the examinations held in his section, but he was alleged to have had knowledge that other midshipmen had received advance copies of questions to be used in examinations. He did not report these facts to the authorities, and his failure to do so, it is asserted, is the basis for the accusation against him.

Bearing out the statements of Harrison's friends in Richmond is the statement by Midshipman Broadfoot, president of the Virginian's class at Annapolis, who testified before the inquiry Saturday that he and his classmates considered that Harrison and L. P. Wessell, another midshipman recommended for dismissal here yesterday and that their honesty had never been questioned. Broadfoot indicated that these two midshipmen in particular had not been fairly treated at the previous inquiry.

Many friends of the Harrison family have offered their service to Judge Harrison in his efforts to vindicate his son's reputation. R. E. Byrd, a personal friend of the family who has returned to Richmond from Harrisonburg, where he attended Federal Court as district attorney for the Western District of Virginia last night expressed every confidence in young Harrison's integrity. He was unable to go to Annapolis because of his official duties. Mr. Byrd visited his family in Winchester.

Judge Thomas W. Harrison is one of the best known members of the Virginia judiciary and formerly represented his district in the State Senate. He is at Annapolis taking an active part in his son's defense before the court of inquiry, which was ordered by Secretary of Navy Daniels, after the seven cadets had been recommended for dismissal.

NOTICE. A special meeting of Fitzgerald Council, Knights of Columbus, will be held tonight at the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum on Duke street. By Order of C. T. Hellmuth, C. K.

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