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Austrians Sustain Severe Casualties Under Fire of Allied Batteries.

COUNTER-THRUSTS MADE

Rome Reports Checking of Enemy Efforts Between Zenson and Fossalta.

(Associated Press)

Italian Army Headquarters, June 18.—Bitter fighting is in progress along the Piave river. The Austrians are sustaining large losses from the concentrated fire of Italian batteries.

Rome, Monday, June 18.—In their attacks between Zenson and Fossalta, along the Piave, the Austrians have been stopped everywhere, says an official statement issued tonight by the Italian war office.

The allied troops have taken several hundred additional prisoners and some machine guns.

The official statement says: "Enemy attempts to cross the river between Maserada and Candelo, northeast of Treviso, were bloodily repulsed. On the lower Piave other counter-offensive actions in the course of their development resulted advantageously for us."

Airmen Especially Active.

With the Italian Army, June 17 (delayed).—Despite adverse weather, airmen on the allied side have been active, bombing bridges and swooping down to an altitude of fifty feet, from which gallant machine gun fire would be poured into the Austro-Hungarian ranks.

Many enemy troops were seen to leap from bridges into the Piave. Latest information is that the Austrians made a really serious attack against the British front.

The second day's objectives included the heights commanding the Astico valley.

The Second and Sixteenth divisions were rushed up before the assault began. These divisions and the Thirty-eighth and Fifty-second divisions suffered most heavily, prisoners said. Despite the losses they were unable to make any impression against the British front.

The English casualties were very light. Not only the allied machine guns but the barrage fire from the Austrian guns caused the attackers severe losses. The Austrian gunners fired at short range that they caught their own men.

After the lines had been re-established patrols pushed out into no man's land, where some mountain guns and machine guns were captured. The Austrians were not able to agree new their attack and prisoners at the hot that they were demoralized by the heavy weapons they got. The Tommies were driven out into no man's land, where they picked up enemy rifles and abandoned equipment.

It can now be said that the Austrian offensive on the British front has gained nothing.

"Hunger Offensive." The "hunger offensive" as the Austrian prisoners describe it, is being carried on with the greatest severity on the Piave front where it is apparent the Austrians have massed large bodies of troops. In the mountainous regions it is limited to local attacks and counter-attacks. The enemy is making desperate efforts to retain the initial stage of the offensive on the western bank of the Piave, at the points where he still has a footing across the river. These operations are costing him heavily. Fierce fighting is taking place in the Nervosa zone, where the river emerges from the Alps to the plain, and in the region of Fagare, midway between the Alps and the sea.

There is no question that the spirit of the Italian troops is excellent. Nevertheless, the general situation is regarded as serious, in view of the fact that the Austrians, so it is stated, have brought into action all their available forces in the hope of breaking through the Italian lines and scoring such a decisive victory as to put Italy out of the war.

On Austrian prisoners have been found copies of a speech delivered by Emperor Charles shortly before the offensive was begun.

"Before you is the enemy," said the emperor. "There glory awaits you, and also honor, good food, abundant spoils, and peace. With the help of God, make the supreme sacrifice for your kind, for liberty, and for your beautiful fatherland."

One of the prisoners, an officer, said he always had maintained it was a mistake to press the Italians too hard. "They fight like demons for their own soil," he remarked.

The civilian population in the area under shell fire shows perfect confidence. The people are attending to their daily tasks. Soldiers going to the front line march along the roads, singing gaily and stopping by the way to beg flowers to pin to their caps.

ENGLAND SPENDS 6,848,000 POUNDS DAILY—BONAR LAW

(Associated Press.)

London, June 18.—Great Britain's daily average expenditure during the current financial quarter was 6,848,000 pounds, said Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, in introducing a vote of credit for 550,000,000 pounds in the house of commons today.

FIGHTING MORE FURIOUS ALONG THE RIVER PIAVE

Rome's Official War Report Says Struggle in Mountainous Sectors of Italian Front Has Slowed Down.

(Associated Press)

Rome, June 18.—The battle on the mountainous sectors of the Italian front has died down, but is fiercer from the mountains to the sea along the Piave river, according to the statement issued by the war office today.

HUN SEA RAIDER SUNK OFF AMERICAN COAST

(International News Service.)

An Atlantic Port, June 18.—Officers of an American vessel arriving here today from a Cuban port brought a report of the sinking of a German submarine off the American coast by an American submarine.

The officers declared, that on their voyage here an American submarine came alongside their boat and the officers on the submarine told them of sinking the German craft last Friday.

The submarine officers, according to the story related here, said they were running submerged when they sighted the German craft through their periscope. The American submarine, it was declared, immediately got its bearings and discharged a torpedo.

KAISER PREDICTS "WE SHALL GAIN VICTORY OF GERMAN STANDPOINT"

(Associated Press.)

Amsterdam, June 18.—The war is not a matter of strategic campaign, but a struggle of two world views wrestling with one another, Emperor William declared on Saturday at the celebration of the anniversary of his accession at German main headquarters.

"Either German principles of right, freedom, honor and morality must be upheld," he added, "or Anglo-Saxon principles with their idolatry of man-made law must be victorious."

The Anglo-Saxons, he asserted, aimed at making the peoples of the world work as slaves for the Anglo-Saxon ruling race and such a matter should not be decided in days or weeks or even in a year.

The emperor emphasized the fact that from the first he had realized that the trials of war would be great. The first outbreak of enthusiasm had not deceived him. Great Britain's intervention had meant a world struggle whether he desired it or not.

Drinks To His Marshals. He said he was thankful that Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Gen. Ludendorff had been placed at his side as counselors. Drinking to the health of the army and its leaders, the emperor said:

"The German people and army indeed, are now one and the same and look up to you with gratitude. Every man out there knows what he is fighting for, the enemy himself admits that, and in consequence we shall gain victory of the German standpoint. That is what is in question."

The emperor referred to the period of peace which he described as "twenty years of peace, but hard work, though the could not always be regarded as successful in a political respect and had brought disappointment.

PROVIDE RESTORATION COMPETITION AFTER WAR

(Associated Press.)

Washington, June 19.—Atty-Gen. Gregory has refused to approve the form of contract between the railroad administration and the new consolidated express company without some provision for restoration of competition after the war.

The attorney-general, John Barton Payne, chief counsel for the railroad administration, and C. A. Prouty, director of accounts for the railroad administration, conferred today in an effort to agree on a plan which would not give immunity from prosecution under the antitrust laws to the express companies after the war-time emergency is past, and which would be acceptable to the consolidated corporation.

The attorney-general's attitude is understood to be that regardless of the urgency of unifying the express companies at this time in a single agency of the railroad administration, the condition after the war should be such that the express monopoly subject to prosecution. Consequently he suggested a clause to be inserted in the contract to remove any ground on which the company might claim government sanction for the combination in peace times.

Although the express companies have made no formal announcement, their officers have indicated that the consolidation for operating purposes was planned as permanent.

DRAFT BOARD NO. 2 SELECTS LIETUENANTS

(Associated Press.)

At a meeting of city board No. 2 at the courthouse this afternoon at 3 o'clock, the seven lieutenants whose names are given on another page were elected.

Great spirit was shown by the colored men who were assembled at the call of their country. Gen. William O'Leary, erstwhile fugitive editor of the Bull, pleaded not guilty to charges of treason and violation of the espionage act when arraigned in the federal district court here this afternoon.

Place for Fighting Men at Front, Not in Gallery

(International News Service.)

Washington, June 18.—Flaming with anger, Representative Butler, of Pennsylvania, father of a colonel in the marine corps, pointed to naval officers seated in the gallery of the house this afternoon and shouted: "The place for fighting men is at the front, not here in the gallery."

Butler was fighting with all his strength the senate amendment to the naval appropriation bill that would give the commandant of the marine corps the rank of lieutenant-general and the brigadier-generals of his staff the rank of major-general.

The United States marine, "after a fight of one hundred years against the prejudices of both the army and navy," is recognized today as the greatest fighting man on the entire globe," said Representative Britten, of Illinois, on the floor of the house this afternoon.

Britten was leading the fight for the senate amendment which would give the world, excepting our enemies, is proud of the marines, who have shown that the Germans can be licked at their own grueling, driving, smashing game and it will remain for the spot and "muskie" to wedge that will start the Kaiser's troops on the toboggan," Britten asserted.

"At Chateau Thierry, the Kaiser's seasoned troops were driven back over ground covered with their dead; were outfought, outshot and out-slugged at their own viciousness. Stage fright or nervousness under fire is unknown to a trained marine, who shoots true irrespective of the carnage about him."

"During the month of May, 52,000 marines were selected from approximately 400,000 applicants, showing the importance of the results obtained by the counter-attacks of divisions under Gen. Mangin against the right flank of Gen. Von Hutier's armies," he continued. "This magnificent operation has called the enemy to the spot and completely checked the advance toward Compiègne. German officers who were made prisoner do not attempt to hide their chagrin at their inability to reach Compiègne, which they admit was their objective."

Premier Clemenceau contented himself by remarking: "I am completely satisfied."

80,000 CASUALTIES SUSTAINED BY GERMANS

(Associated Press.)

Paris, June 18.—Eighty thousand Germans were killed, wounded or made prisoner during the offensive between Montdidier and Noyon, Capt. Andrew Tardieu, who accompanied Premier Clemenceau to the front on Sunday, told Marcel Huten, editor of the Echo de Paris upon his return to Paris.

"This is a figure which should make even Ludendorff reflect," he said. "One cannot insist enough upon the exceptional importance of the results obtained by the counter-attacks of divisions under Gen. Mangin against the right flank of Gen. Von Hutier's armies," he continued. "This magnificent operation has called the enemy to the spot and completely checked the advance toward Compiègne. German officers who were made prisoner do not attempt to hide their chagrin at their inability to reach Compiègne, which they admit was their objective."

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U. S. PATROL BREAKS OUT STRONG AMBUSH LAIR

(International News Service.)

Washington, June 18.—The success of an American patrol in breaking out of an ambush lair by superior enemy forces is reported in today's communiqué as follows:

"On the night of June 13-14 a patrol of thirteen men operating on the front occupied by American troops in Picardy ran into an ambush patrol of forty Germans. In spite of their inferiority in numbers a greater part of the American patrol cut its way through the enemy and returned in safety."

JEREMIAH O'LEARY PLEADS "NOT GUILTY"

(International News Service.)

New York, June 18.—Jeremiah O'Leary, erstwhile fugitive editor of the Bull, pleaded not guilty to charges of treason and violation of the espionage act when arraigned in the federal district court here this afternoon.

Travel-stained and weary from his long trip back from the Pacific coast to face charges for which he will be liable to death if convicted, the Irish agitator was returned to New York today under heavy guard. After his arraignment he was held without bail for trial. He will be confined in the Tombs.

MAIL CARRIER HELD FOR UNPATRIOTIC ACTS

(International News Service.)

Birmingham, Ala., June 18.—A party of vigilantes, headed by special agent, Hugh McCrary, of the department of justice, went to Oneonta Monday afternoon, where they took two men into custody charged with violation of the espionage act.

ST. ELMO GARDEN CLUB TO DISCUSS INSECT ENEMIES

(Associated Press.)

The Garden club of the South St. Elmo school meets Wednesday at 10 o'clock at the school building, a special program is planned including a study of diseases and insect enemies of the family garden.

Showers, Says Billy 'Possum

(Associated Press.)

Where are those chaps of forty-five and forty-three and forty, who spent much time wishing they were "young enough" to go? Draft rulings soon may not deprive their doling up quite a sports for a "young enough" which will fix it up just so.

The weather? Showers tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.

32ND DIVISION, NATIONAL GUARD, FIGHT IN ALSACE

Americans at Grips With Enemy On German Soil, Maj-Gen. William G. Haan, Replacement Units For This Division, Were On Board the Tuscania.

(International News Service.)

Washington, June 18.—The Thirty-second division of the national guard, commanded by Maj-Gen. William G. Haan, is now at grips with the enemy on German soil in Alsace, the war department let it be known this afternoon.

Replacement units for this division were on the Tuscania, when that ship was torpedoed, the announcement added.

AVIATOR PICKED UP BY AMERICAN SCHOONER

(International News Service.)

An Atlantic Port, June 18.—Exhausted but alive after clinging for two days to a dirigible balloon which had fallen into the sea, a naval aviator and a student flyer were brought here today. They were picked up 45 miles off Sandy Hook yesterday afternoon. The dirigible was searching for U-boats and failed to return to its base Saturday. The American schooner Luther Little found the men clinging to the aircraft and rescued them. The balloon was taken aboard the ship.

U. S. MILITARY ACTION EMBARRASSES GERMANS

(Associated Press.)

Washington, June 18.—A dispatch to the state department today says that the Berliner Tageblatt in its issue of June 10 quoted a German general as saying that the American military activity was very embarrassing to German military strategy and military writers, as it did not coincide with the German program for influencing opinion at home.

CAPTAIN QUARTERMASTER CORPS GETS DISMISSAL

(Associated Press.)

Washington, June 18.—Dismissal of Capt. Frederick C. Spang, of the quartermaster corps, after trial by court-martial for selling empty flour sacks to civilian dealers at Camp Taylor, Tex., was announced today by the war department.

Capt. Spang was on duty in connection with the American military activity when he was charged with disposing of some 20,000 empty bags, for which he got about \$1,000.

LIQUOR MEN CHARGED WITH BEING DISLOYAL

(International News Service.)

Washington, June 18.—Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon league, today charged the liquor interests with disloyalty and accused them of supplying money to promote pro-German propaganda in the United States. He made this assertion before the senate agriculture committee in urging adoption of the Jones "bone dry" nationwide prohibition amendment.

VIENNA'S BREAD RATION NOW 1-1/2 POUNDS WEEKLY

(Associated Press.)

London, June 17.—The bread ration for the city of Vienna has been lowered from 1,250 to 630 grammes (less than 1-1/2 pounds) weekly, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. This decision, it was added, was delayed by the cabinet council as long as possible for political reasons, but it has become necessary because of the Ukraine famine.

Pietro, Accordeonist, Comes Back to Rialto

(Associated Press.)

Pietro is here again. He of the syncopated music that sets everybody's foot a-pating. The usual large crowd greeted the musician last night at the Rialto. The fact that Pietro Diero is there is quite sufficient in itself and the bill would be satisfactory if there were no other acts on hand. However, the entire bill is pleasing.

GERMAN PEOPLE SUSPECT DECEPTION AS TO ARMY

(International News Service.)

London, June 18.—The German people are beginning to feel the deception practiced upon them and the principal question now is "have we entered Paris?" said a Geneva dispatch to the Express today.

FOURTEEN BRIDGES UNDER FIRE ITALIAN ARTILLERY

(Associated Press.)

London, June 18.—The Austrians, according to the Evening Standard, now occupy the west bank of the "have from the Congianno railway to the Zenson bend a distance of a mile and a half. They have thrown four bridges across the river. These, however, are under the Italian fire.

ITALIAN LINES HELD INTACT

Austro-Hungarians Increase Desperate Efforts to Break Into Venetian Fields.

(Associated Press.)

Rome, June 18.—While cannonading and reinforcing their shattered and beaten divisions in the mountains, the Austro-Hungarians have increased their desperate efforts to break through the Piave river into the Venetian plains.

Furious Battle Rages on Monticello Crest—Strong Italian Counter-Offensive.

(International News Service.)

Rome, June 18.—While cannonading and reinforcing their shattered and beaten divisions in the mountains, the Austro-Hungarians have increased their desperate efforts to break through the Piave river into the Venetian plains.

Violent fighting was reported in progress today along the 40-mile front between the Adriatic sea and Ciano, on the upper Piave river, with the Italians holding their own everywhere.

Tremendous efforts were made by the Austrians to extend their slight gains on the slope of Monticello crest, but the assaults broke down with tremendous losses under the terrific artillery and machine gun fire and the magnificent resistance of the gallant Italian soldiers. Every one of Gen. Diaz's men fought like a hero.

The fourth day of the Austro-Hungarian offensive found the attackers held in their positions all along the line and beaten to a complete standstill in the sector of the Asiago plateau and Monte Grappa, where French and British are fighting gallantly, shoulder to shoulder with the Italians.

So badly were the Austrians beaten between the eastern reaches of the Sette Comuni and Monte Tomba that they were unable to renew their attacks.

They attempted to prevent allied counter-attacks with bombardments of drum fire, but were unsuccessful for the allied forces lured forward making fresh gains and driving the weary Austrians back through the Alpine passes.

The Italian counter-attacks daily have become stronger and the Austrians' ultimate chances of success more and more remote.

On the line of Ciano, Monticello crest and St. Andrea a furious battle has been raging on the line of Ciano, Monticello crest and where the big Italian counter-offensive has made itself most strongly felt.

On the line between ten and eleven miles north of the Italian base of Treviso, Ciano is eight miles north of St. Andrea and Monticello lies in between.

Efforts to extend their lines across the Piave between Maserada and Candelo, but were thrown back.

On the lower Piave the Italian attack has increased in strength and gained important results. Everywhere the Austrians have lost heavily.

GOV. BURNQUIST WINS NOMINATION, PROBABLY

(Associated Press.)

St. Paul, Minn., June 18.—Latest gubernatorial returns from yesterday's primaries election in Minnesota show Gov. Burnquist would be re-elected by the republican ticket by a majority of 50,000. His opponent, Charles A. Lindbergh, was returned from 827 precincts in seventy-seven of eighty-six counties had been completed. The latest figures gave Burnquist 75,427 and Lindbergh 45,094.

Judge W. I. Comstock, of Mankato, was nominated for governor by the democrats by a heavy majority over Fred E. Wheaton, of Minneapolis. Senator Nelson, who was endorsed by the democrats, had so far outdistanced his republican opponent, James A. Peterson, of Minneapolis, that it was estimated he would be nominated by a 4-to-1 vote.

WANT INFORMATION ON WATER POWER TREATY

(International News Service.)

Washington, June 18.—A resolution calling for information regarding the water power treaty between the United States and Great Britain was introduced in the house this afternoon by Representative Charles B. Smith, of New York.

The resolution calls upon Secretary of State Lansing to report to the house on all water power construction in progress or completed in the province of Ontario which will divert water from the channel of Niagara river to the detriment of the spirit of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain requiring that diversions of water, except those specifically provided for, shall not be made by either party to the treaty without the approval of the International High Commission.

The resolution was referred by Speaker Clark to the house committee on foreign affairs.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY OFFICIALS PROMOTED

(Special To The News.)

Knoxville, June 18.—C. B. Keister becomes general superintendent of the middle district of the Southern Railway company effective June 20, succeeding E. E. Norris, who is promoted to an important executive position yet to be announced. A. P. Johnson becomes superintendent of the Knoxville division, succeeding Keister. W. D. Post was appointed trainmaster of the Asheville end of the Knoxville division, succeeding Johnson.

First Lieut. Elmer D. Mackay, Meigsport, Tenn. Aviator Thomas Rufin, French aviation service, no address given. Lieut. Hugh Guzan, British Royal Flying corps, no address given. Lieut. Herman Whitmore, no address given, French aviation service.