

# ITALIAN BARRIER HOLDING TEUTONS

BATTLES OF GREAT VIOLENCE ARE RAGING IN THE MOUNTAINS.

## ALLIES HOLD UPPER HAND

Austrian Force Which Gained Crossing of Piave Is Now Cut off From Reinforcements by High Water and Cannot Retreat.

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The barrier the Italians and their allies have raised along the great battle arc from the Asiago plateau to the sea remains impregnable to the Austrians.

The operations by which the enemy had hoped to press his way from the mountain peaks in the Alps and across the Piave river to the plains of Venetia thus far have met with almost signal failure. Where the enemy was able in the mountains to press back slightly the allied defenders in the first day of their offensive, the ground has been regained; where he crossed the Piave and apparently was threatening the plains with invasion, he is now being sorely harassed at every point by the Italians.

The battle is not a stalemate. In the mountains the Italians, British and French troops seemingly have the upper hand; along the Piave from the Montello plateau to the mouth of the river east of Venice the Italians, notwithstanding vicious thrusts by the enemy here and there, apparently are gaining the upper hand.

### Battles of Great Violence.

All along the Piave, battles of great violence are in progress, with the invaders meeting resistance upon which they had not counted. They are being steadily pressed back toward the western bank of the river, which has swept away many of their pontoon bridges, leaving them in a precarious predicament.

### Austrians Immured by Flood.

Fresh rains have forced the river out of its banks and the problem of sending Austrian reinforcements to the western side or conveying food and military supplies to the men already on the border of the plains has become critical.

### Take 200 Prisoners.

Hoping to alleviate the situation, the Austrians have again delivered unsuccessful attacks on the Montello plateau, the keystone to the plains. Between the Treviso railroad bridge and the Zenson loop the Italians have pressed back the enemy closer toward the Piave, while at Lussan, near the Fossalta canal, enemy attacks were repulsed. Farther down the stream, a short distance from where it empties into the Adriatic, the Italians in a daring assault north of Cortellazzo pierced the enemy front, took 200 prisoners and firmly held their ground.

### American Flyers Active.

In the violent air fighting all along the front, American aviators have joined the allied airmen and are performing daring feats. Among the enterprises carried out by them has been bombing of pontoon bridges thrown by the enemy across the Piave.

Except for the Italian theater little fighting is in progress. Southwest of Soissons, near Faverolles, and a little farther south near Hautvesnes, the French in more of their daily attacks have bettered their positions and taken prisoners from the Germans. In the regions of Arras and Albert the British likewise have made gains and also repulsed German attacks near Merris, on the Flanders front.

The German official communication records the repulse of an American attack northwest of Chateau Thierry, in the Marne region, and asserts that the Americans suffered heavy losses. This probably refers to the fighting Thursday in the Belleau wood, where the Americans advanced their lines more than half a mile after the enemy had refused to accept the gauge of battle.

### Government Warns of Over-optimism.

Washington, June 22.—Government officials have sounded a warning against over-optimism from reports of strikes, peace demonstrations and food riots in Austria. These, they pointed out, have preceded every Teutonic offensive and too much reliance must not be placed upon them now. Germany is sending grain and potatoes to Austria to relieve conditions there.

### One Sub Is Replaced.

Washington, June 22.—Navy officials believe that the first submarine which raided American coastwise shipping has returned to its base in Germany and that another has replaced it. Although a week has passed without reports of any new torpedoing, skippers of incoming craft report indications of a U-boat off the New Jersey coast.

### Seen Fly Across Atlantic.

Washington, June 22.—Establishment of an air route to Europe from the United States in order to bring the full force of the American effort in the air to bear against Germany has been decided upon as a definite project by the British air council, the new organization into which all British air service has been merged. This was disclosed by Maj. Gen. William Braucher, controller of equipment on the council, who is in Washington to discuss with American officers this and other projects relating to air warfare.

## COUNT PLUNKETT



Count Plunkett, Sinn Fein member of the British parliament, is one of the most prominent of the Irish leaders among the 500 arrested in the recent roundup of plotters by the British government.

## SENATE TO HEAR MORE ON PROHIBITION RIDER

Prediction Is Made That Absolute Prohibition Will Lessen Efficiency Of War Workers.

Washington, June 22.—Fearing that absolute prohibition might so affect the labor of the country as to interfere with the prosecution of the war, the senate agricultural committee has decided to reopen hearings on the Jones prohibition amendment to the \$11,000,000 emergency agricultural appropriation bill in order to investigate more fully that phase. The hearings were to have been resumed today, but owing to the inability of representatives of the shipping board and others to be present they were postponed until next week.

Decision to hold further hearings resulted from testimony given before the committee by Mr. Colby, who declared that the taking of beer from shipyard employes would lessen their efficiency and reduce the tonnage output about 25 per cent.

## LEADING AMERICAN ACE IS MISSING AFTER BATTLE

Attacked by Four German Machines and Plane Set on Fire in Unequal Contest.

Paris, June 22.—The leading American ace in the French flying corps, First Lieut. Frank L. Baylies of New Bedford, Mass., is missing after an unequal battle with four German machines.

On June 17 Lieutenant Baylies, with Sergeants Dohanner and Macri of the stock escadrille, while patrolling, sighted four single-seater German airplanes. The Germans attacked Baylies simultaneously. The enemy had advantage of position and number. Baylies attempted to take the offensive, but his machine caught fire and fell six miles within the German lines.

Sergeant Macri thinks that Lieutenant Baylies may have had a good landing if he escaped death in the flames of his burning machine.

## BISBEE SHERIFF TAKES BLAME FOR DEPORTATIONS

Bisbee, Ariz., June 20.—Harry Wheeler, former sheriff of Cochise county, who was in charge of the deportation of 1,186 copper mine workers and others from Bisbee last year, has cabled from France to the Bisbee Review assuming responsibility for the deportation. Wheeler now is a captain in the United States army. Twenty-one prominent men of Bisbee recently were indicted by a federal grand jury in connection with the case.

## PACKERS SOLD BAD MEAT.

New York, June 20.—Men of the American navy and the naval reserve would have been served with great quantities of decayed meat but for the vigilance of inspection officers, who rejected it as unfit for human consumption, according to evidence given here before the federal trade commission. The testimony was brought out during the inquiry which the commission is conducting into charges that Wilson & Company, packers, sold "bad" hams to the government.

## "Y." Men Must Not Fight.

Washington, June 21.—Young Men's Christian association workers and other civilians accompanying the army abroad were warned in a memorandum by the judge advocate general's office yesterday to refrain from participation in actual fighting since by so doing they would be subject to execution upon capture by the enemy.

## SITUATION IN AUSTRIA BECOMING UNBEARABLE

In Many Communities People Have Had no Potatoes for Four Months—No Fats or Flour.

Amsterdam, June 20.—Matters in Austria are rapidly approaching the breaking point. The Vienna Arbeiter Zeitung says that representatives of the government owned mines, printing works, mint, telegraph and posts secured an audience with the premier, Dr. von Seydler, and the finance minister, Dr. von Wemmer.

Deputy Gloeckel, acting as spokesman for the men, said that the lowering of the workers' efficiency was attributable, not to ill will, but entirely to underfeeding, and that the state employes needed an increase in wages of 50 per cent in order to live at all. Dr. von Wemmer replied that the utmost limit of expense already had been reached and that the state could not possibly bear a heavier burden. All he could promise was "further discussion" next fall.

The Arbeiter Zeitung, in a heavily censored article, speaks of dire distress outside of Vienna and in places where war industries have been established. In many communities, it says, the people have had no potatoes for four months and that no fats or flour have been distributed. Children are going to school hungry. In one place near Vienna bread supplies sufficient for two days are supposed to last for a whole week. The newspaper complains of the paucity of supplies from Ukraine. The rest of the article was censored.

## WAR DECLARATION ON TURKS A POSSIBILITY

Desecration of American Consulate and Looting of Hospital Widens Existing Breach.

Washington, June 20.—Desecration by Turkish troops of the American consulate at Tabriz, Persia, and the looting of an American missionary hospital in that city, reported to the state department yesterday, is believed to presage the long anticipated declaration of a state of war between the United States and the Ottoman empire.

Diplomatic relations between the two governments have been suspended since April 20, 1917, when Turkey withdrew Abdal Hak Huesseln Bey, who had been acting as charge of the Turkish embassy here since the compulsory retirement of the regular ambassador, which followed his open criticism of the United States government. Necessarily, Ambassador Morgenthau was obliged to leave Constantinople, and since that time the relations between the two governments have been just short of actual formal enmity.

The department is trying to get further information regarding the outrages and probably no action will be taken until these efforts are exhausted. It is realized that it will be difficult to secure additional reports because of the remoteness of the scene.

## PROPERTY OF MRS. BUSCH IS SEIZED BY GOVERNMENT

St. Louis Breweries, Stocks and Bonds Will Be Auctioned off by Alien Property Custodian.

Washington, June 18.—The entire estate in this country of Mrs. Lily Busch, widow of Adolphus Busch, late millionaire brewer of St. Louis, Mo., has been taken over by the government under the alien property law.

This fact became known in connection with the return to America of Mrs. Busch, who has been living in Germany for several years, or practically since the death of her husband. The government has not yet appraised the property, which consists largely of breweries in St. Louis and other cities, stocks and bonds and real estate in New York, but it is generally believed to be worth many millions of dollars.

Under the law, which permits the government to seize the property in this country of any person resident in Germany, title to entire estate has reverted to the government and unless the attorney general rules otherwise, it will be held subject to such disposition as the government may choose to make of it.

Mrs. Busch, who is 74 years old, was in Havana over Sunday on her way to the United States from Germany through Switzerland and Spain.

## FAIRBANKS ESTATE \$2,150,000

Indianapolis, June 20.—A trust fund of \$20,000 to be held for 500 years, the income from which is to be divided each 50 years and expended for social welfare work, is set aside from the estate of the late Charles W. Fairbanks, as a memorial to his wife, by his will filed for probate here. The value of the entire estate is estimated at \$2,150,000. An income of \$15,000 a year is provided for Mr. Fairbanks' daughter, Mrs. John W. Timmons.

## INDIAN MINERAL LANDS OPENED TO GENERAL PUBLIC

Washington, June 19.—A bill by Senator Ashurst of Arizona, opening about 30,000,000 acres of western Indian reservation lands to private development, upon a royalty basis, for minerals needed in the war, was passed yesterday by the senate and now goes to the house. Secretary Lane approved the legislation which opens to mining Indian lands heretofore undeveloped because the Indians lacked capital for mining operations.

# WORK OR FIGHT RULE EXPLAINED

GENERAL CROWDER SENDS INSTRUCTIONS TO LOCAL DRAFT BOARDS.

## DRAFT IDLERS IMMEDIATELY

Store Executives, Managers and Department Heads Exempted Under Rule.—Chauffeurs Not in Non-productive Class.

Washington, June 22.—Instructions to draft boards have been issued by Provost Marshal General Crowder explaining and amplifying the "work or fight" order under which, after July 1, all men of draft age, regardless of their classification, must engage in employment held to be productive or join the army.

"When it has been determined that a person is engaged in nonproductive service," says the instructions, the classification and order number of such person will be withdrawn, and he will be immediately inducted into the military service.

Several specific rulings are made as to the effect of the order on certain classes named as nonproductive. In the case of sports and amusements, the language of the order is repeated with emphasis, but without mentioning professional baseball, an announcement concerning which had been awaited with keen and widespread interest. In making public the instructions, however, officials of General Crowder's office said baseball playing "at present" is regarded as "nonproductive," though there will be no ruling until an individual case has been appealed from a local board.

### Cooks and Deliverymen Exempt.

Managers, cooks, clerks and other employes not engaged in the actual serving of food and drink in public places are exempted from the section declaring such service of food and drink nonproductive. Store executives, managers, superintendents and heads of special departments, traveling salesmen, registered pharmacists, delivery drivers and men doing heavy work are not included among the clerks and salesmen of mercantile establishments classed as nonproductive.

Chauffeurs, "public and private," are eliminated from the nonproductive class unless they engage in work held to be nonproductive in addition to their mechanical duties. This feature of the instructions attracted attention because it would class as useful a family chauffeur who performed no other service, and would send him into the army if he also acted as butler or handy man around the house.

The boards are directed to apply common sense in considering withdrawals of deferred classification privileges and to aid registrants in making necessary changes in employment by furnishing lists of those summoned for examination, to the United States employment service.

## GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL PLANS FOR NEXT QUARTER

Washington, June 17.—The government's financial program for the next four months was disclosed by Secretary McAdoo's announcement that, in preparation for the fourth Liberty loan, to be floated probably in October, about \$6,000,000,000 in certificates of indebtedness will be issued.

They will be offered in blocks of \$750,000,000 each every two weeks beginning July 15.

Every national bank and trust company is asked to assist the government by subscribing 5 per cent of its gross resources monthly. The certificates will bear 4 1/2 per cent interest like those of the preceding third Liberty loan, and will have varying maturity periods, none exceeding four months.

In addition, an undetermined quantity—perhaps \$2,000,000,000—of tax certificates will be issued during the summer for use in paying taxes a year from now.

The announcement of this program indicated that the fourth Liberty loan will be for at least \$6,000,000,000, the exact amount depending on government expenditures in the next few months. The treasury already has estimated these roughly at about \$12,000,000,000 between July 1 and next January 1.

The sale of certificates under the plan in effect during the past year amounts virtually to borrowing in advance from banks on projected popular war loans or tax collections, and periodically refunding these short term obligations in long term Liberty bonds. Depository banks make 2 1/2 per cent net, the difference between the 4 1/2 per cent interest paid by the government and the 2 per cent collected for deposits.

## KAHN WITH WETS NOW

Washington, June 18.—Representative Julius Kahn of California told the senate agriculture committee yesterday that the enactment of prohibition legislation at this time would bankrupt California wine growers and result in loss totaling millions of dollars.

## MISS MAUDE E. MINOR



Miss Maude E. Minor of New York has charge of the protective work for girls which the war department commission on training camp activities is maintaining at the various encampments. Miss Minor has been prominent in social work for a number of years, and is intimately familiar with the sort of work which the 55 men deputy sheriffs under her are doing at the camps.

# WORLD NEWS IN CONDENSED FORM

Four residents of Berlin escaped from Germany last week in two airplanes and succeeded in landing safely in Denmark. The occupants of the airplanes declared that they fled from Berlin because of conditions there.

Word has reached the state department from the Spanish ambassador at Berlin that the German government has agreed in principle to a conference with a representative of the United States to discuss the treatment, welfare and exchange of prisoners.

Provost Marshal General Crowder has called 8,976 registrants with grammar school training for special training in technical schools. At the completion of the course the men will be placed in special services.

Sergeant Kobayashi, the Japanese aviator in the French service, has been killed in an aerial battle. He was fighting against a number of enemies when his machine was set on fire by an incendiary bullet. He jumped from his airplane at the height of about 9,000 feet and fell behind the French lines.

A favorable report was voted by the house military committee on a resolution by Representative Madden of Illinois, asking President Wilson to report the number of men of draft age employed by government agencies created by executive order and for whom exemptions from military service have been allowed.

Grace Lusk, who was found guilty at Waukesha, Wis., of murder in the second degree for slaying Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts, wife of Dr. David Roberts, former state veterinarian, was declared by a board of alienists to be sane and was sentenced by Judge Martin Lueck to 19 years' imprisonment.

The far eastern Russian committee for the "salvation of the motherland" has resolved to appeal through Japan for immediate intervention in Siberia by entente allied forces. The Russian committee claims there will be no difficulty in establishing an allied army in Siberia.

Maj. Gen. Harry A. Greene, who has been in command of the 91st division, National army, at Camp Lewis, Wash., has been ordered to report to Washington. No explanation of the order was forthcoming from the war department. Brig. Gen. Frederick S. Foltz has been placed in command at Camp Lewis temporarily.

Fire, which the police and firemen said was surrounded with indications of incendiarism, destroyed the sawmill of the Rice Kinder Lumber company in Portland. The loss was \$90,000.

General Bayliss, former acting consul general of Great Britain at Moscow, who was driven out of Russia several months ago by the Bolsheviks, was found dead in his home in San Francisco. Escaping fumes from an open gas jet caused death, according to physicians. Bayliss came to San Francisco immediately after he left Russia with his family. The police said he had worried over his financial condition.

Employers engaged in war work are urged in a statement by President Wilson to refrain after August 1 from recruiting unskilled labor in any manner except through the United States employment service recently organized by the department of labor.

After having been 15 days at sea in a 24-foot boat, the crew of the burned schooner Crescent, with Captain T. Olson and his wife, calmly tied their craft at a pier in San Francisco and climbed stiffly up a ladder to shore and safety.

# OFFICER FOR TAKING

GOVERNMENT'S PROFITS

## MORE ARRESTS

Department of Justice Break up System of Profiteering

Washington, June 22.—The government's profiteers on war contracts were the target of the arrest in New York City of C. Staley, a reserve charge of acceptance of Truefit Raincoat Co. of New York for a contract to procure.

The arrest was made by the department of justice agents at the plant of the raincoat company whose proprietors are in connection with the government fraud.

Caught by the secret agents immediately after he received a sum of \$50,000 from Rosenthal and Lippman, proprietors of the plant, that he had told the expect more money on the contracts which 50,000 raincoats cost.

This was the first officer since the department started its investigation by which millions have made millions. Contracts for manufacture charged a commission.

Other arrests are known to a man in New York and assisting the government down agents by whom approached.

Lieutenant Staley, old and came originally entered a training camp last summer and later to Fort Snelling, Minn. he was commissioned subsequently he was transferred to the master's school at Iowa, and last December pointed an inspector master's department other army rubber plant stationed in New York time since.

Makes Complete After being arrested, Staley made a complete part in the transaction. Justice officials said valuable information to the detection of fraud. He will be tried.

The shadow of a tentative scheme by agents made millions of dollars in profit. Men in obtaining contracts, promised influence with government army officers or men to assure the award of special concerns and compensation if they landed.

A large portion of closed by correspondence documents seized in raids on offices of manufacturing plants the department of justice prompted by similar believe, and presented to squeeze millions of fees to pieces which was required to put the men in the street. If it is found that officers were implicated will be specially investigated. Retiree Daniels said meeting yesterday.

EUGENE V. DEBS STILL OPPOSES

Canton, Ohio, June 22.—Eugene V. Debs, three times elected for the presidency of the United States, addressed a group of a three-day convention of Ohio Socialists, which pledged support to the party's Socialist platform.

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