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100,000 MEN IN NEW DRIVE U.S. Will Send Forces to Aid Italy

Charge Rental Holdup

Evidence that rent hogs are active in Tacoma, not only in boosting the rents on house-keeping rooms, but on houses and cottages as well, is piling up in the form of numerous complaints made to those in charge of listing rooms for the accommodation of the families of soldiers and others who have come to increase the city's population.

Rent Doubles. One of the complaints was from a man who said that a year ago he rented a five-room cottage at \$12.50 a month. Later his rent was raised to \$15. Then, after he had painted the place at his own expense, had made a garden and improved the premises, the landlord raised his rent to \$25 a month.

Another case was from a Tacoma householder who had been paying \$11.50. Wishing to accommodate a shipyard worker and his family who had been unable to find a home, he rented out the upper floor of his home. Immediately his rent was raised to \$35.

\$30 to \$60. Complaints of exorbitant rents on rooms and apartments are in the majority. In one case reported the rent on two rooms in an apartment house has jumped from \$30 to \$60; in another, one room and a kitchenette has advanced from \$35 to \$50.

One of the many persons who have signed the petition to Congressman Johnson, printed in the Times, urging the passage of a law for a tax on excess rents, was Mrs. G. P. Sprout, wife of a Tacoma shipyard worker.

Worst Offenders Wealthy. A month ago, she said, she and her husband rented two rooms in a house at No. 1 and Tacoma ave. for \$16 a month.

Then, when she went to pay the rent for the second month, the proprietress informed her it had advanced to \$18.

The complaints which have been received indicate that among the worst offenders are wealthy and prominent citizens of Tacoma.

DRIVE MAY HIT YANKS

Dispatch From Fred S. Ferguson
By United Press Leased Wire.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, June 17.—The Americans at the edge of the Montdidier-Noyon offensive front are also in the shadow of the storm cloud which possibly will break before Amiens.

This sector was quiet today, but it was an ominous quiet. The artillery are silent and airplanes drone lazily in the sky. Beneath the quietude, however, there was the keenest alertness.

As on the Marne front, certain French units are serving under American commanders in the Montdidier sector now.

Doug Sells Pop
(United Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, June 17.—Charlie Chaplin and Douglas Fairbanks will sell peanuts and pop throughout the grandstand and other movie celebrities will assist in various ways this afternoon when the Oakland club of the Coast league plays the submarine baseball nine for the benefit of the enlisted men's club.

WEATHER FORECAST
A lto gather, now, give three cheers for Blanche. The city hall clock is running! In time for the longest day of the year. Fair tonight and

IN THE CLOUDS



ORGANIZE AGAINST RENT HOGS

By J. H. Duckworth
Special Staff Dispatch.

NEW YORK, June 17.—Over 50,000 families are now involved in the fight against the profiteering landlord in New York.

Both sides are thoroughly organized. The struggle is to be fought to a finish.

Samuel Orr, lawyer and city assemblyman, is the principal legal adviser for the oppressed tenants; Bernard Deutsch is president of the "landlords' trust."

"We are going to win this fight," said Orr today, "if the tenants will stick together. The only thing the landlords can do will be to start the wholesale eviction of 50,000 families, which would rival the present flight of French refugees before the German armies."

Tenants Organize. "Falling federal action to protect householders, we intend to fight this unpatriotic robbing ourselves."

"We are going to show what tenants in other parts of the country can do if they will only stick together." The rent clash started last winter.

Many apartment houses were without heat. In a number of cases, according to Orr, the landlords had coal in their cellars. The tenants bought gas stoves, electric heaters and coal and deducted the cost (\$2 to \$3) from (Continued on page five.)

BANKS PUSH WAR STAMPS

Louis Burnett, head of the War Savings campaign in Tacoma, was rejoicing Monday over a resolution passed by the Washington State Bankers association which has been holding a conference at Yakima to the effect that every bank in the state should purchase \$1,000 worth of the war stamps, as an institution, and that every bank officer and director, and their families should purchase as individuals \$1,000 worth. This is the maximum amount.

Burnett has appointed as chairman of the finance committee to assist him in the drive, Stephen Appleby and Arthur G. Erickson, Apt. 513 No. 1st.

Mother Dies on Way to See Son At Camp Lewis
On her way to visit her son, George E. Sherry, a soldier stationed at Camp Lewis, Mrs. James J. Sherry of Seattle collapsed Sunday morning in the Colman dock, and died a few minutes later of heart trouble. Mrs. Sherry was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Garske of Bend, Ore. According to Mrs. Garske, her mother appeared to be enjoying the best of health and at no time complained of feeling ill.

Don't wait to be urged to join the W. S. S. army. What if our men in the trenches waited to be urged?

Another Victory For U.S.

Dispatch From Frank J. Taylor.
By United Press Leased Wire.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, June 17.—More than a third of the force of Germans which attacked Xivray at daybreak yesterday was wiped out, it was established today.

Eight hundred Germans participated in the attack, which was made on a half-mile front, extending on both sides of the village.

The enemy losses were estimated at more than 300, as a result of the Americans' deadly rifle and machine gun fire. Our losses were light and we took eight prisoners.

Both artilleries maintained a terrific barrage during the attack. American patrols raiding in the Toul sector report enemy trenches are occupied by an unusually large number of troops, contrary to the recent policy of withdrawing into the support trenches each night. The Germans also are using a large number of observation balloons.

Occupy More Sectors. It is now permissible to announce that the Americans have been occupying additional sectors in the Toul front since May 27, including some cases, Selchery, where the biggest fight in this area was staged several weeks ago.

For the second time since the Americans took over a sector in German territory east of Belfort—official announcement of which was made Saturday night—they repulsed a German raid Friday morning. It may now be stated. Only one American was captured and the enemy suffered severe casualties.

French military officials now confirm that Lieut. Eddie Rickenkacker has officially bagged five German planes. His victims were acquired between April 29 and May 20. He is the second American-trained ace.

Rickenkacker, who formerly was the fastest automobile race driver, declares that his flying was safe compared with motor racing.

Near Switzerland. The first announcement that American troops are in the line with the German territory, made Saturday night, was in the "south" of the famous hill of Hartmannswillerkopf, which is 22 miles north of the Swiss frontier.

Taylor's dispatch today locates them more definitely as "east of Belfort." This would place them about seven miles within German territory and eight miles north of the Swiss border.

The important German city of Atrich apparently is about four miles east of them.

TACOMAN TO FIGHT IN ITALY

At least one Tacoma man already is on his way for service with the U. S. forces in Italy.

He is Joseph Gagliardi, eldest brother of Salvi A. Gagliardi, Tacoma attorney and former Italian vice-consul here.

He enlisted in Spokane last January, and is with company C, 307th Infantry.

According to a letter just received by his brother here, he is now on his way from Camp Dix, N. J., to have a part with Uncle Sam's forces in joining the fighting of his native country in the Balkan front.

Young Joseph Gagliardi was in Tacoma in October.

He told his older brother then that he wanted to join the American army and asked his advice. "Go ahead," Salvi told him.

"He surely has the spirit of '76, even though he is not yet an American citizen," Gagliardi said Monday. "He is a strapping big boy, and has been eager to get into the fight."



Who wasn't got a Thrift Stamp?

OFFER OF PEACE IS REFUSED

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17.—That Germany has offered "an honorable peace" to Italy was disclosed by Premier Orlando before the Italian chamber of deputies yesterday, according to Rome cables here today.

The dispatch did not indicate Italy's reply but it was promptly assumed here that it was promptly rejected.

No indication is contained in the cable as to the means employed in advancing the offer, Orlando's statement, as cabled, saying merely, "The Germans even have offered an honorable peace."

The peace move was launched "recently," probably as a step in anticipation of the Austrian drive. These are the same tactics employed by the Germans before their last assault on Italy, designed to break the morale of the Italian troops.

FIERCEST FIGHTING ON PIAVE

Italian War Office Report.
By United Press Leased Wire.

ROME, June 17.—Austrian forces have renewed their attack against the Italian, French and British troops in the Asiago and Grappa regions, the Italian war office declared in a special statement issued last night.

The fiercest fighting is under way at various points along the Piave river.

In the Asiago and Grappa regions, the enemy re-attacked violently, the statement said.

(Mount Grappa is about seven miles west of the Piave. French troops are believed to be fighting there. The Asiago plateau is directly west of Mount Grappa and is being defended by British and Italian troops.)

"Along the Piave the enemy is attempting to establish a bridgehead. We are tenaciously resisting and holding the enemy."

"East of Montello and west of San Dona die Piave (on the east bank of the Piave, 10 miles from the sea) there is the fiercest fighting."

Raider Balked
(United Press Leased Wire.)
LONDON, June 17.—A hostile airplane crossed the Kent coast at noon today, but turned back over the sea after being bombarded by anti-aircraft guns, it was officially announced.

National War Savings Day is only one day; our men in the army and navy have their day every day.

Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you signed the anti-rent-hog petition?

"We shall win the war," said Old Man Clemenceau, "in the last quarter of an hour."

And we Tacomans can move up the clock, so that quarter of an hour will come sooner, by buying War Saving Stamps.

More things not worth paying attention to: What the captain of a German submarine tells his captives about his plans.

Even tho he is one of the best fellows in town we can't resist telling a tale on J. H. Loh, advertising solicitor.

He used to work on a Butte paper—Marcus Daly's, if we recall correctly. Anyhow, it went broke.

Loh went to Spokane and landed a gorgeous job with the Inland Empire Herald. Just then launching out. It went smash.

Shoved Back In Places

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WITH THE ITALIAN ARMIES IN THE FIELD, JUNE 17.—The Austrian pressure is continuing strongly on the whole new battlefield between the Asiago and the sea, with the greatest force exerted on both sides of the Brenta.

It is still possible that the line will flow backward and forward, but the situation seems reassuring.

The enemy with 60 divisions (720,000 men) has not succeeded in passing the advanced areas south of Montello, where they succeeded in crossing the Piave in considerable numbers.

The Austrians have been gradually pushed backward to the river. The Italian reaction on the lower Piave came more quickly. The Austrians who crossed the river at several points between Candela, Senon and San Dona di Piave, were counter-attacked and driven back almost immediately.

"Entirely Satisfactory." The Austrians have been carefully trained for the drive. They are attacking with light equipment, then opening out in storming formations, protected by artificial fog.

One of their objectives, it has been learned, is to reach the plains southward of the mountains. They also intended to reach Treviso the first day, an advance of 15 kilometers (about ten miles).

"The situation is highly satisfactory," declared an officer in the British sector, now under assault by the Austrians today.

Documents found on the prisoners showed the Austrians objectives included hills three miles behind the British front.

Use German Tactics. Despite the fact that the Austrians began their offensive after four days of rain and mist which rendered aerial observation almost impossible, the Italians learned that the enemy artillery had been ordered to start firing at 3 a. m. Saturday and a terrific Italian barrage was started at midnight.

It was maintained for 20 minutes and appeared greatly to disorganize enemy concentrations.

The Austrians followed the German tactics of rushing up men in the last hours before attack. Great concentration of Austrian cannon were made along the front.

One Italian army in the Trentino faced 1,000 guns while 1,500 were concentration between the Astico and the Brenta, a 10-mile line.

Raid Success
(United Press Leased Wire.)
LONDON, June 17.—Raiding operations and a brief enemy bombardment in the Albert region were reported by Field Marshal Haig today.

"East of Arras, we made a successful raid and took a few prisoners," the statement said. "An attempted enemy raid in the neighborhood of Givency was repulsed yesterday morning."

"The struggle did not diminish in intensity during the night and is continuing fiercely." Rome's communique said, "but our troops are holding all along the Asiago plateau, have completely reoccupied their original positions on Asoleno and at the Monte Solarola and are very closely pressing the enemy infantry which now has passed to the right bank of the Piave."

British forces which are occupying positions in the Asiago area ejected the Austrians after the latter had penetrated the British lines to the depth of 100 yards on a front of 2,500 yards, taking 350 prisoners.

On the right the French and Italians blocked the enemy eastward to the Piave.

U.S. ARRIVALS SET RECORD
(United Press Leased Wire.)
LONDON, June 17.—Arrivals of American troops in the past few days have eclipsed all records," the Post declared today.

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The Yankee idea of holding a line is to advance it.

In all the world the two most fragile things are a lover's vows and the gut in a tennis racket. Neither is guaranteed to last an hour.

Washington's Version of Battle Situation. By United Press Leased Wire. WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17.—American troop aid for Italy will be forthcoming soon. With the Austrian offensive under way, this fact develops today. In line with the pledges of President Wilson and Secretary Baker, U. S. forces will take their places along with the Italians and other allies. They will not be vast in number, their purpose being to show Italy concretely that the United States is backing her. American aviators and forces of other kinds have been in Italy for some time, but there has not been any announcement of U. S. soldiers in the Italian trenches. The initial stages of the offensive caused no undue alarm here today. The Italian embassy's first message indicated that while the Austrians had made some progress, the counter attacks had developed quickly and satisfactorily. There will be no great yielding such as accompanied the previous Teuton smash, it is felt. The Italian morale is satisfactory. Infusion of British and French and the promise of early American troop participation have had stimulating effects.

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ATTACK IS 70 MILES IN LENGTH
(United Press Leased Wire.)
LONDON, June 17.—The long heralded Austrian offensive launched on the Italian front early Saturday was still under way when the latest official statements were issued.

The drive, which followed an intense bombardment between the Lagarina valley and the Adriatic sea, a distance of about 100 miles, was begun on the 70-mile front between the Asiago plateau and the sea.

The line extends eastward from the plateau to the Piave river in the vicinity of Segusina, then follows the river southeastward to its mouth.

The Austrians succeeded in forcing a crossing of the Piave at Nervet, 15 miles southeast of Segusina and 60 miles north of Treviso and at Pagare and Musile, respectively 10 and 20 miles from the sea.

Counter attacks initiated by Italian, French and British troops all along the front, later restored most of the ground yielded under the first shock.

Vienna claimed capture of 10,000 prisoners, and the Italian war office made a counter claim of 3,000 prisoners.

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