

## AUSTRIANS BRACE LINE; VERIFY ITALIAN VICTORY

**Making a Last Desperate  
Stand to Stave Off Ital-  
ians Mad Rush Toward  
Trieste—Von Mackensen  
Thrusts Forward—Ger-  
mans Threaten Offensive  
at Verdun.**

(By the International News Service.)  
Rome, Aug. 2.—Austrian troops are making a last desperate stand on the eastern edge of the Eisnizs Plateau where one of the bloodiest battles of the war has been raging for three days. Capture of the entire plateau had already been unofficially announced last night when a sudden stiffening of the Hapsburg defense became noticeable.

It developed that along the eastern

extremity of the battlefield the Austrians are depending in the supreme struggle upon a powerful system of defense, long since prepared for just such an eventuality. Against this last line the Italians have been launching throughout last night and today incessant hammer blows. Every bulletin from the war office breathes absolute confidence that these positions, desperately as they are being defended, will be overcome.

New headway has been registered by the Italians on the heights to the

north of Gorizia. More than 1,000 additional prisoners have been taken by them. What may have been the forerunner of a large scale diversion was delivered by the Austrians on the Trentino front. Gen. Cardona admits that Austrian attacks in the Upper Zebur Valley succeeded in penetrating the Italian lines. "Our men, however," he adds, "were able to occupy a higher summit, from which they keep their old positions under fire."

**Italian Flyers "Do Bit."**  
New heroic deeds of Italian flyers were recounted by the war office to-day. No fewer than 26 machines took part in the Bainsizza battle since its inception. More than 7,000 kilograms of explosives were hurled upon Austrian batteries in the Panovizza Wood. The latest Austro-Hungarian official statement is dated August 25. It speaks of terrific losses to the Italians and asserts that thanks to the gallant defense of the Graz Fusiliers and Hunarian territories "the enemy failed to pierce our line at any point."

trians and thus was occupied "with out fighting during the night."

**Russians in Panic.**

London, Aug. 28.—An entire Russian division—27,000 men—turned its back to the Teutons here yesterday in the region of Focșani, on the Rumanian front, and fled in panic. This second large-scale desertion to be admitted.

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# GERMANY OVERTHROWS HAVE LITTLE EFFECT

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U. S. Discourts Proposition Made  
to Argentine Republic.

Little importance was attached to

terday by the State Department to the other members of the cabinet.

In some circles it was taken to mean that Germany was pursuing

ward the South American neutrals. Mr. Lansing's disposal of the question left little room for doubt that the administration puts no faith in such a move. It is expected at the State Department that the first press of necessity will lead Germany to treat Argentine ships in the same way she has treated all ships on the

It was stated at the department however, that no action would be taken on the exchange of notes between Argentina and Germany until official texts of the correspondence had been received. Such texts will reach the department within a few days and it is then expected that

**HOMESICK SOLDIERS  
BREAK CAMP IN N. Y.**

One Hundred and Fifty Men Seek  
Former Comrades.  
Camp Mills, Mineola, N. Y., Aug. 29.  
—Homeseek for their old regiment, the  
Fourth of the Franklin 250

Fourth of Brooklyn, 150 men recently transferred to the 165th regiment, left camp without leave today and marched to Sheepshead Bay to appeal to their old commander, Col. Howlett, to cause their re-transference. A number of the contingent transferred from the Twenty-third Regiment.

from the Twenty-third Regiment recently made a similar request, but not in the same manner.

Col. Howitt, although touched by the feeling of the men for their old regiment, lectured them upon the seriousness of leaving camp without leave, then sent them back here. The men will undoubtedly be disciplined for the breach.

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