

The Austrians Are Fleeing Before The Italians

ITALIANS TRIUMPH; AUSTRIANS IN FLIGHT

45,000 of the Enemy Captured--Nine Divisions Decimated--The Austrians Are Driven Across the Piave River in Disorder.

New York, June 24.—The Associated Press war summary to-day says: "Italy's victory over the Austrians on the Piave front appears likely to assume the proportions of a veritable triumph for the Italians and a disaster of great magnitude for the defeated enemy."

Washington, June 24.—The capture of forty-five thousand Austrian prisoners with a large number of guns and enormous stores of material has been made by the Italians in their counter-offensive, which has driven the Austrian invaders back across the Piave river in veritable disorder.

ATTACKING ALL ALONG PIAVE

The Italians Are Following up the Retiring Austrian Forces.

MANY GUNS LEFT BEHIND

BY THE AUSTRIANS IN THEIR BIG RETREAT.

The Counter-attack is Accompanied by Violent Artillery Fire--Aircraft Are Also Hammering the Enemy.

Rome, June 24.—The Italians have thrown numerous bombing detachments across the main stream, where artillery and aircraft are hammering the enemy.

Vienna, June 24.—The Austrian official communication issued yesterday says: "The heavy rains which have descended during the last week in Venetia, and which have placed under water broad stretches of the plain, have multiplied the burdens of the troops and the privations of warfare."

Fighting in Despair.

Cruelly harassed by a steady and accurate artillery fire, compelled to face bayonet attacks by Italians and being constantly bombed by Allied aviators, flying low in defiance of machine gun and anti-aircraft fire, the Austrians have been fighting recently with the courage of despair.

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MONT GRAPPA AND TREVISO OBJECTS OF AUSTRIAN ATTACK



Not alone are the Italians and their British and French comrades in arms holding in check the Austrian offensive along the greater part of the hundred mile battle front from the region southeast of Trent to the Adriatic Sea, but they themselves have turned aggressors on some of the more important sectors, especially in the mountain regions.

WAR BULLETINS FROM THE FRONT

What the Allies Are Doing At Various Points on the Battle Front--The Retreating Austrians.

Italian Army Headquarters, June 24.—The great retreat by the Austrians along the Piave front continuing under cover of darkness during the night, the retreating troops left their cannon behind them. Italian detachments are pursuing the enemy east of Piave.

Italian troops have crossed the old channel of the Piave river, west of the main stream and recaptured several of their old positions there, according to semi-official announcements. From Capo Sile other detachments are advancing toward the main stream of the river.

A Successful Attack. London, June 24.—The British made successful minor attack on the German positions south of Meteren in the Lys salient last night. Many Germans were killed and fifty prisoners and some machine guns were taken by the British, according to a statement issued by the War Office to-day.

Launched a New Attack. Paris, June 24.—The Germans launched a new attack against positions held by the Italians at Bligny on the French front, at 11 o'clock last night. After hard fighting the Germans were completely repulsed with serious losses, leaving prisoners in the hands of the Allies. The French have repulsed a German attack in the region of Anthelm (west of Oise) the statement says.

FISH PROFITABLE.

Dealers Send Supply from Government to United States. Toronto, June 24.—Fish dealers in some border counties have found a veritable gold mine in carrying on their business since the Government assumed control of a large share of the fish sales. By buying the Government article at a low price, delivering it on the American side and large profit, in some instances of 100 per cent, is reaped.

Two Windsor fish dealers are known to have no difficulty in buying the fish being brought from the sea-board by the Dominion fish board. In the last few days one of the dealers at least has been buying mackerel, which is retailing in Canada at 12 1/2 cents a pound, delivering it in Detroit, and clearing a tidy sum.

Lloyd-George's Man Beaten.

London, June 24.—The Clapham bye-election resulted as follows: H. Greer, Coalition, 512; H. Beamish, Independent, 3,331.

Defeated Austrians Flee in Disorder.

Rome, June 24.—On the Piave river from the Montello to the Adriatic, the defeated Austro-Hungarians are re-crossing the river in disorder, says the Italian official statement last night. The enemy is being closely pursued by Italian troops.

DID GREAT WORK.

On May 22nd Major Bishop's "Circus," as his fleet of aeroplanes was termed, reached France, according to a letter just received in Kingston. The squadron got busy at once and by June 1st brought down sixteen German planes, of which eight were credited to Major Bishop himself. The work was certainly marvellous. Capt. Douglas Carruthers and Capt. Beverly Macdonald, of the Royal Military College class of 1914, are members of this squadron.

RAID WATERTOWN HOTELS

IN SEARCH OF SOLDIERS SUPPOSED TO BE THERE.

Lieutenant Said the Raid Was Made to Stamp Out Boot-legging and Immoral Conditions. Watertown, N.Y., June 24.—Claiming authority under the military law which gives a commander the right to take his soldiers wherever he may find them and through co-operation with the district attorney's office, details of soldiers from Madison Barracks raided the Hardiman Hotel, the Crowner Hotel and an apartment at No. 212 Court street Saturday night, held several citizens in the city hall for two hours, and for a time policed certain sections of Court street and had armed guards posted at the city hall.

REGARDS SITUATION HOPEFULLY.

London, June 24.—Austria has already employed nearly half a million men in the Italian offensive, of whom practically a fourth (125,000 men) have been so severely punished that they were withdrawn from the battle, it was learned from an authoritative source here this afternoon. The situation is regarded very hopefully here.

WAR TIDINGS.

French prisoners who have been in Germany since August, 1914, were to be exchanged on June 24th. The Russian War Prisoner College has issued an order to stop immediately the repatriation of all Germans between the ages of sixteen and forty-five years who are fit for military service. Austro-Hungarian reinforcements are arriving on the northeastern front in great numbers and German reinforcements are also on the point of arrival there, indicating a strong offensive about to begin.

KING 25 YEARS MARRIED.

Anniversary of Their Majesties' Wedding on July 6th. London, June 24.—The British people will, on July 6th, have the first opportunity since the days of George III, to celebrate the twenty fifth wedding anniversary of their King and Queen.

NONE ARE LIABLE

For Military Service According to Evidence of Jesuits. (Canadian Press Despatch.) Ottawa, June 24.—According to an intimation in the statement of the Militia Department to-day, none of the young men at the Jesuit novitiate at Guelph are liable for military service under the Act, judging from the evidence submitted by the Jesuit authorities. The Department further states that Captain MacCauley, who led the raid, was transferred to Ottawa, not because he made the investigation, but because it was made in an offensive manner at an untimely hour.

The Latest Casualties.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Ottawa, June 24.—To-day's list of fifty-six casualties includes one accidentally killed; six died of wounds and four of disease; twenty-eight wounded, others gassed, ill and repatriated.

JAPANESE PAPER WANTS NEW TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Thinks Japan, Great Britain and United States Would Block Kaiserism.

Tokyo, Japan, June 24.—The vernacular press of Japan is giving Prince Arthur Duke of Connaught a warm welcome. The Jiji Shimpo declares that friendship with America, which should be the foundations of Japan's post-bellum international politics, should remain as a through friendship with Great Britain. It, therefore, lauds the Anglo-British alliance. The Kokumin Shimbun urges that the alliance, which it considers the real backbone of international politics, should remain as a permanent institution.

QUOTES BIBLE APTLY.

Lord High Chancellor Knows and Recites Scripture. Chicago, June 24.—Like most men of culture, Sir R. B. Finlay, British lord high chancellor, knows his Bible and can quote it aptly, says the Evening Post.

Referring to the recent extraordinary manifestations of German rage in the bombing of hospitals, he said they reminded him of a certain person concerning whom it was written that his "wrath is great because his time is short." The cable despatch does not do the fitness of the quotation justice, however. We looked it up and found it so admirably suited to recent happenings that we give it, in full, as you may read it in Revelation xii, 12: "Woe for the earth and for the sea, because the devil has gone down unto you, having great wrath, know that he hath but a short time."

LAST OF YORK COUNTY LOAN.

\$33,000 Awaiting Claim—Final Reports Are Ready. Toronto, June 24.—The last chapter of the York County Loan liquidation will be written to-day before Justice Rose at Osgoode Hall, when a motion will be made to confirm the report of the referee, J. A. C. Cameron. The report shows the total receipts are \$2,271,664.75; the disbursements other than dividends have been \$690,470.13. Three dividends have been paid, first, \$754,031.97; second, \$754,255.77; third, \$152,451.38. Dividend cheques issued but not cashed totalled \$33,619.25, leaving a balance in hand of the liquidators of \$6,156.35. After the payment of all expenses excepting \$2,500 to J. H. Spence, solicitor for the creditors, \$1,500 to Blake, Lash and Cassels, solicitors for the liquidators, the Master finds that the sum of \$6,500 is payable to the estate of W. H. Clippelham, who was solicitor for the liquidator until his death. The referee directs that the amount of the uncashed cheques shall be deposited with the Bank of Commerce to await claim. There will be no other dividend.

ONLY SEEN AT THE FRONT.

Bishop Fallon Says Visit to France Removes Doubts in Canada. London, June 24.—Bishop Fallon, of London, Ont., speaking to a gathering of Canadians, said: "I think it a good thing that the western Premiers have been to France. I hope they will go again and stay longer. I hope Premier Borden will go from one end to the other. He will then see not only what an effort Canada has made, but how unreasonable, empty, and shameful is some of the criticism heard occasionally in our own country. That sort of criticism has had no effect on the soldiers at the front."

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS MARRIED.

William Cool, Aged a Hundred, Willing to Farm. Victoria, B.C., June 24.—William Cool, aged 100, in signing his registration card signified his willingness to go on the land to help the Government in this time of crisis.

NEAR MILLION BUDDIES OVER.

Washington, June 24.—Nine hundred thousand men have been shipped across the seas, Gen. March told newspaper correspondents Saturday. The United States to-day is six months ahead of its programme for placing an army in France, Gen. March said.

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BRITISH GRIP ON ENEMY TIGHTENS

By the Growth of John Bull's Seapower, Naval Expert Says.

7,000,000 TONS MONTHLY OF SHIPPING ENTER OR LEAVE BRITISH PORTS.

And Not a Ship Is Lost—U. S. Troops Cross Atlantic Merrily—Balance in Favor of the Allies. London, June 24.—The necessity of keeping an eye upon the importance of sea power in the present conflict, despite the close attention claimed by the land battles, is emphasized by Archibald Hurd, the naval expert, writing in the Daily Telegraph.

"We have been apt, during the recent offensives on the western front," Mr. Hurd writes, "to overlook other aspects of the war—notably the fundamental factor, which is sea power. After a period of fifteen months, during which our strength in ships declined, the downward tendency has now been definitely arrested. Not only is our sea power increasing, but our grip on the enemy is firmer than at any previous period of the war."

"Seven million tons of shipping enter or leave our ports monthly. Each ship is the target for enemy submarines, yet there have been days in the present week when the enemy has not secured a single ship."

"Twelve months ago we were with difficulty maintaining one stream of traffic, namely, that which brought us food and raw material. To-day supplies are flowing through this main artery in greater volume than a year ago. At the same time another stream of traffic has started and merchant shipping has been made available for the greatest transport movement which has ever been carried out."

Balance Being Adjusted. "For three months past American troops have been coming across the Atlantic by tens of thousands, far faster than at one time was thought possible. That means that the balance between the Allies and the central powers is being adjusted in favor of the former."

"Viewing the war in its various aspects, naval, military and economic, we have every reason for confidence, and, turning, let us hope, for the last time, the submarine menace is being held. The Allied armies are increasing in relative strength."

The food positions of this country, of France, and of Italy, is improving and rebuilding both in British and American yards is proceeding at a greatly accelerated pace. There is assurance that, before the end of December at least 4,000,000 tons will have been put into the water here and in the United States, and that figure may be considerably exceeded.

Sinkings Reduced. On the other hand, the enemy sinkings of British and Allied tonnage have been so considerably reduced owing to the activity of the Allies' navies and the courage and resource of their merchant seamen, that it is practically certain there will be a balance of shipping on the right side.

In a word, the relative naval, military and economic strength of the Allies is steadily increasing, a moment when the enemy is feeling the cumulative effects of the blockade maintained over a period of four years with increasing stringency and of the war on land, which not only has resulted in heavy casualties, but has drained the central powers of industrial workers."

JULY 4th A DAY OF PRAYER.

London, June 24.—The Times to-day published a letter from the Mayor of Exeter stating that city will observe on July 4th "a day of solemn thanksgiving and prayer, not merely as an act of courtesy toward our Ally, but in thanks for the noble reasons that inspired America to come to our aid."

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ARRANGED TO PURCHASE NEW ZEALAND'S WOOL CLIP UNTIL ONE YEAR AFTER THE WAR, AT THE SAME PRICE AS HAS BEEN PAID THE PAST TWO YEARS.

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