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Success Crowns Italy's Effort Against Austrians, Who Admit Retirement

The French Also Advance Their Lines.

SHORTAGE OF FOOD UNDERMINES MORALE OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE

Success has apparently crowned the offensive in Italian mountains in places mentioned in statements. The north of Venetian Alps launched on Saturday. The attack on the enemy lines has gained rugged heights where Austrians are strongly entrenched and fighting is still going on. Vienna admits a retirement which is the expression used in official statements to mean the enemy blow has gained important ground. After three days struggle in the mountains, the Italians still hammer powerfully, and threaten the positions of the enemy. They not only gained ground but held it against desperate counter attacks by Austro-Hungarian forces, who were mown by artillery and completely checked by Italian infantry. Maps of the area where fighting is going on do not show distinctly some of the places mentioned in statements. The Vienna statement which mentions the Austria line running through Stimuli Wood is therefore without significance but as positions held by Austrians before Italian attacks begun were above the forest line, it would seem that the enemy has been ousted from the higher ground he formerly held and thus placed at a disadvantage in the fighting to come. The Italian attack was seemingly planned with care. In France there has been local attacks at many points north of Marne and on west side of salient driven in by Allied lines by German offensive that was begun on May 27th. The French have advanced their lines north of the Clignon River again, and

U.S.A. Will Take Over More Systems

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Government control and operation of the nation's telegraph and telephone systems was recommended to Congress today by President Wilson in the face of an impending strike of Union operators employed by the Western Union. An effort will be made to put it through before the recess of Congress this week, pending legislation empowering the President to take over the systems.

Italians Capture 2000 Prisoners

ROME, July 1.—Heavy attacks against Monte Di Val Bella by Austrians have been repulsed by the Italians. The enemy masses were mowed down by our artillery, according to the official report, and more than 2,000 prisoners were captured by the Italians.

A Fatal Collapse

AT SIOUX CITY, Iowa, June 30.—On Sunday afternoon the Oscar Ruhl building, a three storey structure, which was being remodelled, collapsed, falling on the rear of a grocery store and a meat market. It is reported fifty people were in these buildings, many of whom are believed to have been buried.

Admit Losses

VIENNA, July 2.—Austrian official admits the complete evacuation by the Austrians of two important strategic positions of Col Dell Rosse and Mont Di Val Bella on the west end of the Italian front.

NO UNITY IN AUSTRIA

AMSTERDAM, June 30.—Emperor Charles of Austria has commanded Premier Von Seydler to carry on the Government, but he has failed to tell him how to do it. Messages received here indicate that the Premier has enough difficulties ahead of him as the Poles remain adamant in their attitude in opposition to his policy. In fact the Poles have declared they will not even consider economic concession with which it is reported Von Seydler intended to placate them. The Premier has now appealed to the Poles not to obstruct the provisional budget too severely. The Czechs and Slovaks are resolved to fight any Government that yields to German demands and they plainly told Emperor Charles the other day they would refuse to vote for the provisional budget and the war credit if Von Seydler remained in office. On the other hand the Ukrainian members of the Austrian Parliament have suddenly come to the rescue of the Government. National Party in support of Von Seydler to the extent of declaring that they will vote for both budget and war credit on condition that the Premier remain in office. They are quoted as saying they will not tolerate his dismissal at the behest of the Poles. The Christian Socialists declared they will only stand by the Premier if the old regime in Bohemia is continued and they are determined to resist any further anti-state agitation. The attitude of the German Socialists political information bureau on Austria in the Austrian Parliament still is obscure; they probably will wait the

Germans Sink Another Large Hospital Ship

Another Brutal Act in Turning Her Human Cargo Adrift 116 Miles from the Nearest Land.

LONDON, July 1.—A Teuton submarine sank the British hospital ship west of the Fastnet on June 27, the British Admiralty announcement said today. The text of the Admiralty announcement follows:—About 10.40 o'clock on June 27 one hundred and sixty miles south west of Fastnet the hospital ship Llandovery Castle was torpedoed by an enemy submarine and sank in about ten minutes. She was homeward bound from Canada and therefore there were no sick or wounded on board, but her crew consisted of 164 officers and men and she carried 80 Canadian army medical and 15 female nurses. Of this total 268, only one boat of 24 survivors, has so far reached port. Search still is being made and there is a bare possibility that others may yet be found. It is to be noted that in this as indeed in all other instances the submarine had a perfect right to stop and search the hospital ship under Hague convention, but she preferred to torpedo her. Subsequently the Admiralty issued the following comment on the sinking: Germany's awful debt to the world continues to grow. Another hospital ship has been torpedoed. This time 116 miles from the nearest land and her people turned adrift in boats to sink or swim as they might, and that as it happened she was a Canadian hospital ship returning from Halifax with no wounded aboard. The of the crime reveals a wanton deliberation on the part of the submarine commander, and almost suggests the hope on his part he would find her full of injured and helpless men. The Llandovery Castle was 11,423 tons gross and was built at Glasgow in 1914 for the Union Castle Mail S. S. Service. The ship was 600 feet long, 65 beam and 37 deep.

The Italian Gain

ROME, June 30.—Italian troops supported by Allied forces captured Monte Di Val Bella from the Austrians on Saturday after a bitter struggle, the War-Office announces. More than 800 Austrian-Hungarians were taken prisoners. Strong counter attacks throughout the day and night were repulsed by the Italian infantry, artillery and airplane fires.

Kerensky in Paris

PARIS, June 29.—Alexander Kerensky, the former Russian provisional Premier, arrived in Paris from London to-day. Shortly after his arrival he had a long conference with M. Malakoff, the Russian Ambassador in Paris.

U. K. Revenue

LONDON, June 30.—The total revenue of the United Kingdom for the quarter ending June 30th, shows a net increase of £39,794,034, as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year.

IMPERIAL WAR CONFERENCE

Engaged in Various Phases of Post-War Economic Policy

To Governor, St. John's: LONDON, June 29.—The Imperial War Conference has been engaged almost exclusively during the fourth, fifth and six meetings held June 24, 26, 28, in continuing discussions on various phases of the post-war economic policy begun last week. The first subject on which a resolution was passed dealt with the recent non-ferrous metal industry act of the United Kingdom, and the question of similar legislation in overseas Dominions. This resolution is to the effect that in pursuance of this policy freeing the Empire from its dependence on German controlled organizations in respect to non-ferrous metals and ores, the Conference endorse the principle of the Non-ferrous Metal Act of the United Kingdom, and recommend that the Governments of the Empire adopt effective measures in so far as these may be necessary, and if not already taken, to carry out this policy. The next resolution related to measures necessary to secure for the British Empire and belligerent Allies command of certain essential raw materials to enable them to repair the effects of the war as soon as possible and to safeguard their industrial requirements. The Conference agreed that this course was necessary and expressed the opinion that the Governments of the British Empire should make such arrangements among themselves as will ensure that the essential raw materials produced within the Empire shall be available for the purposes named herein and should arrange with the Allied countries to utilize for the same purposes the essential raw materials produced in those countries. A further resolution in connection with the same question recommends that a committee of members of the Conference should first consider the possible methods of each part of the Empire in obtaining command of the essential raw materials referred to in the previous resolution, and that the Governments represented at the Conference should in the light of the information collected by their representatives on this committee, consult with representatives of the producers and traders concerned as to the method of obtaining of the best suited of each individual commodity.



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Messages Abbreviated

A Stockholm despatch to the London Morning Post says that a Swedish editor who returned from Petrograd reports the situation there more critical than ever. A terrible famine prevails at Petrograd, and in Moscow hunger revolts are the order of the day. German occupation is generally expected, if it is not forestalled by the Czechs-Slovaks, who have more than one hundred thousand well-disciplined troops and are now being rapidly joined by Siberian Cossacks. The negotiations for the extension of the German-Austrian alliance will be continued on July 5th in Salzburg, according to the Salzburger Volksblatt. From reliable resources it is learned that the Austro-Hungarian Government, through an official representative in Switzerland has made an attempt in the last few days to discover the Allied standpoint upon certain important questions. The Dual Monarchy, Commissary represented himself as being very close to Emperor Charles. Contact with the Allies was not established and he returned to Vienna. Three thousand women engaged in war work representing twenty-two organizations, presented King George and Queen Mary Saturday with an address expressing loyalty and extending congratulations upon the approaching silver wedding anniversary of the Royal couple which occurs in July. Without a roll call or dissenting vote and with but twenty minutes discussion, the Senate late Saturday passed and sent to conference the \$5,408,000,000 fortifications bill which provides for enormous increase in ordnance manufacture. The army appropriation bill carrying \$12,086,000,000 was also passed. The Berlin press is now predicting that Dr. Von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Secretary, will retain his office. He will not be free from attacks by his opponents. The Dusseldorf Hachrichten asserts, and it predicts, a fresh collision between his adherents and those in opposition to him. This is certain, it says, because the Foreign Secretary, by virtue of his promise, must work for peace, which

The Eight Hour Day

WASHINGTON, July 2.—President Wilson to-day voted (vetoed?) legislative, executive and judicial appropriation Bill on account of a provision increasing the hours of work for Government clerks from seven to eight hours per day.

Food Will Win

AMSTERDAM, July 2.—In an independent article on the present food situation in Germany the Socialist paper Vorwaerts of Berlin, frankly points out that the general shortage is undermining the morale of the people. Among them it declares the question of an early end to the tragic world war has become of urgent importance.

is directly opposed in certain quarters.

President Wilson by proclamation Sunday formally took over the wharves and docks of the North German Lloyd and Hamburg American Steamship Companies at Hoboken.

Emperor Charles' letter to Premier Von Seydler declining to accept the resignation of the Austrian Cabinet read textually as follows: "Although the attempt referred to in my autograph letter of June 23rd to surmount the difficulties which led my Austrian ministry to resign hasn't yet had the desired effect, I nevertheless, am not inclined to accept the resignation of the Cabinet and the Ministry must accept my decision as it is my firm will to permit of no intervention in the Parliamentary form of Government. I have determined to convene the Reichstag for July to continue its deliberations.

Nine enemy machines were destroyed and eight disabled and five British machines missing, are the results of Saturday's aerial fighting. The Pope has no intention to leave Rome either during or after the war, according to the opinion expressed today at the Vatican, where a denial was made of the report which appeared in Spanish papers to the effect that the Holy See might be transferred to Spain.

Saving Cloth

AMSTERDAM, July 2.—The German Imperial Clothing Department issued an ordinance to-day under which new clothing cannot be obtained unless the application is accompanied by a properly certified statement giving the list of the clothes already in the applicants possession. It is provided that henceforth coats shall be unlined in the back and lined only halfway down in front. The number of pockets is limited to four while vests and trousers may not have more than three pockets.

The Czechs-Slovak

LONDON, July 2.—Czechs-Slovak forces dissolved the Bolshevik Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Congress at Vladivostok, according to a despatch from Shanghai received by Reuters' Limited.

Germans Beaten Off

LONDON, June 30.—German gunners showed great activity this morning against the new British positions east of Nieppe Forest on the Flanders front, the War Office announces to-day. Hostile artillery also bombarded British positions in the Albert sector. A German attack on a British post near Merris to-day was repulsed after sharp fighting.

MIDNIGHT MASS HELD IN ROME

Solemn Service of Four Hours Celebrated by the Pope

ROME, June 30.—At a midnight Mass for the peace and re-establishment of justice, charity and fraternity throughout the world, Pope Benedict raised his voice in prayer in St. Peter's this morning. The Pontiff was accompanied only by Bishop Bonaventura Cerrutti, his Secretary. The congregation for extraordinary ecclesiastical affairs went to the Cathedral at 10 last night to take part in the ceremonies. There were about 1000 present, including a large part of the Roman aristocracy. The Pope dressed entirely in white and wearing a white cap knelt in the Greek chapel where the Holy Sacrament was exposed. He continued prayer for two hours, the prayer being repeated by the kneeling faithful. At a quarter past twelve Pope Benedict celebrated Mass according to his special message addressed to the whole world, issued May 9th, calling for special services on St. Peter's Day by the whole Catholic clergy throughout the world. Archbishop Carrutti followed with a Mass of thanksgiving while the widely known composer Abbe Perosi played the organ. The ceremony ended with the Apostolic Benediction from the Pope in his own apartment at two o'clock this morning.

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