

ITALIAN DRIVE LOSING NONE OF ITS FORCE

AUSTRIANS FALL BACK ON THEIR MAIN DEFENCES ON THE TRENTO FRONT

PIERCE DRIVE OF ITALIANS GOES ON UNCHECKED AND ENEMY DRIVEN BACK TO MAIN LINE OF RESISTANCE BETWEEN THE ADIGE AND BRENTA.

Rome, via London, June 30.—The Italian offensive on the Trentino continues unchecked according to the war office statement of today.

The official statement says: "Between the Adige and the Brenta we have now reached the main line of resistance where the enemy is strongly entrenched and supported by numerous batteries of machine guns. Our offensive is now being extended to other positions on the front.

"In the Asa Valley we occupied the Val Morbia line and the southern slopes of Monte Spil. In the Pasubio sector we continued to attack the enemy's defenses in the Cosmagnon area.

"Along the Poiana line we took Griso, and on the southern side of Monte Maggio the Seara Valley, between Castana and Laghi and the strong positions on Monte Calgari and Monte Sogli Bianchi, to the south of Monte Seluggio.

"In the Sugana Valley we occupied the slopes of Monte Civaron. We took 174 prisoners, several hundred rifles, ammunition and large quantities of material.

"In the Upper But we repulsed hostile attacks. We stormed the summit of Zelonkofel, taking 156 prisoners, including ten officers. On the Upper Feita our infantry advanced to Leopoldskirchen and Monte Grand. Our artillery bombarded the railway station at Tarvis, and set fire to Salfnitz.

"In the San Michele and San Martino Del Carso sectors our troops, in a counter-attack drove back the enemy, inflicting heavy losses, and taking 403 prisoners.

"In the Sels-Monfalcone area, the advance we began on the 28th resulted in the capture yesterday of Hill 70, west of Monte Cosich, and Hill 106, east of Rocca Di Monfalcone. We captured 660 prisoners, including some ten officers, besides arms, ammunition and material."

YORK COUNTY MAN AMONG THE MISSING

No Trace of Joseph Hatheway, of Mounted Rifles, Since First Day of Third Ypres Battle.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, June 30.—News that another York county boy is included in the long list of members of the Canadian Mounted Rifles missing since the opening day of third battle of Ypres reached Millville yesterday, an official telegram from Ottawa stating that Private Joseph Hatheway of that place was reported missing since June 2d. He is a native of England, having come to New Brunswick when a small boy, and is now 24 years old. He had made his home with Mr. Allen Sharpe at Millville, and the only relative he had in Canada was a brother who is now overseas with the Canadian Expeditionary forces. Lists sent out from Ottawa give Private Hatheway as wounded. An official despatch from Ottawa received here yesterday states that Sergt. Richard Plaster, of Beaver Dam has been wounded while fighting in France with a Canadian infantry battalion. Sergeant Plaster is well known here. He is an accomplished basketball player and played in local stands on various occasions. Upon joining the 56th Battalion he was appointed bandmaster. He resided in Fredericton for some time, and during that period was employed with Mr. W. R. Dunbar, baker, and also played with Gem Theatre orchestra. Sergt. Plaster was a veteran of the Imperial army, having served with the South Wales borderers and with a Middlesex regiment. At the time of the South African war he was called up as a reservist and served in that conflict. He has one son, Private William Plaster who enlisted with the 6th Mounted Rifles, and who is now in France.

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St. Matthew's, Presbyterian Church, Douglas Avenue.

Services, 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. At the evening service Rev. John Hardwick, the acting minister will take for his subject, "Glancing Backward and Looking Forward," a patriotic sermon celebrating the 49th birthday of the Dominion of Canada. Seats free. Strangers welcome.

Lancaster Tennis Club. The popular tennis tea will be held on the court today.

The funeral of Miss Annie Campbell Willett took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, Brookville. Rev. J. A. MacKelgan conducted the service, and interment was made at Prospect.

FINANCIAL BLOCKADE IS TIGHTENING UP

Bankers and Other Financial Interests Requested to Give Close Scrutiny to Exchange Credit Operations.

London, June 30.—The financial blockade to prevent money reaching the enemy is tightening up. Bankers and other financial interests have been requested to exercise increased scrutiny of the various exchange credit operations.

FORMER GERMAN ARMY OFFICER IS ACQUITTED

New York Jury Declares Tauscher Not Guilty of Conspiracy to Blow Up Welland Canal.

New York, June 30.—Hans Tauscher, former German army officer, was acquitted today by a jury of conspiracy to blow up the Welland Canal. The jur was out fifty minutes. When the verdict was read Captain Tauscher's wife, Madame Gadske, the opera singer, and Miss Lotta Tauscher, the defendant's daughter, swayed in their seats and wept with happiness. Two men started a demonstration by clapping their hands and shouting in German, but they were quickly ejected by court attendants.

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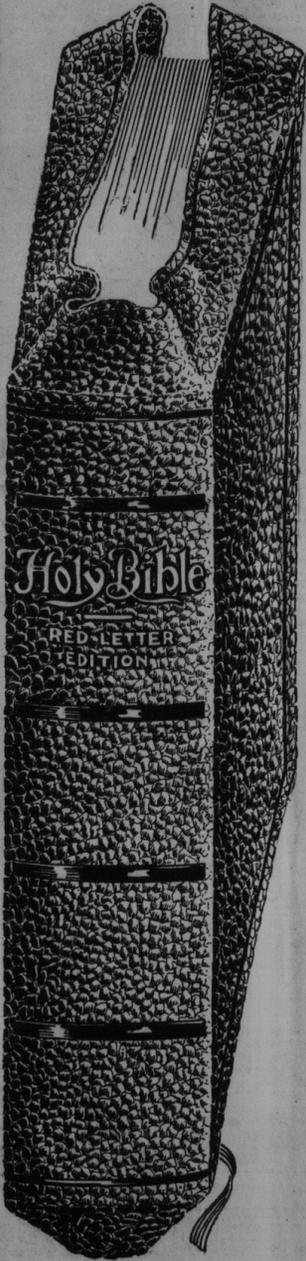
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