

AUSTRIANS ARE MAKING STAND NORTH OF CZERNOWITZ

BELIEF IS GROWING THAT GREAT ALLIED OFFENSIVE IN WEST IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

Italians Counter Attack Austrians With Great Success on Monfalcone

GREAT BRITISH DRIVE IN THE WEST, IT IS SAID, WILL BE LAUNCHED VERY SHORTLY

Evidences Point to an Impending Offensive to Become Active When Germans Before the British Line Were Reduced to a Minimum—British Outnumber Enemy in Ratio of 13 to 8.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, June 15.—A Paris cable to The Times says:
Great interest has been aroused here by a statement made by Bonar Law to the Matin that the British army, completely in accord with General Joffre, was prepared to move whenever the French headquarters staff saw fit. The statement is accepted as a sufficient answer to the charge of British indifference to the French losses before Verdun. The press expresses much satisfaction over Bonar Law's frank statement. From the outset the military authorities here have insisted that it would be playing Germany's game for the British to move before the psychological moment, and have scouted anti-British rumors as idle or malicious gossip. Bonar Law's statement will go far to reassure the people here.

There is reason to believe that in addition to the great Russian offensive under way against the Austrians and southward along the Carpathians, the Germans on the northern part of that line, a third is about to be launched by the British in the west, if this last is not now under way.

For weeks there have been unmistakable signs of a great British offensive impending, which would become active when the Germans before the British line had been reduced to a minimum, and propitious offensives had been begun by the allies in other quarters.

NOW EXTENDS NINETY MILES.
The British front formerly extended from the Belgian front, which ends about ten miles north of Ypres, for thirty-two miles down to about the same distance from Arras. In the last week in March the British replaced the French as far as the Roye railway south of the Somme, and thus occupied a front of about ninety miles, or a quarter of the entire western front. The substitution of British for French troops in the southwestern sector, the French going, it is believed, to the Verdun defences, was made without any offensive on the part of the Germans.

EXPECTED LAST WINTER.
Prior to the beginning of the German campaign against Verdun in February 21 a British offensive had been weekly expected by visitors to the large British concentration camps, parade grounds and storehouses in the rear of the British front. Particularly was this so when a great

RUSSIANS GOING FORWARD WITH GREAT RAPIDITY

Great Contrast in That Respect to Drive of Last Winter.

CZERNOWITZ LOST TO THE AUSTRIANS
Russian Artillery Fire so Heavy, Smoke Darkened the Sun.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, June 15.—(New York Times cable)—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Petrograd says: "In Bukowina, the Russians are progressing with lightning rapidity, which is particularly astonishing when one recalls the slow and stubborn fighting on the approaches to Czernowitz during the December offensive last year. The Russians already hold the right bank of the Pruth, from their own frontier up to Nepokopits, 20 miles beyond Czernowitz, on the railway from the Bukowina capital to Kolomea."

FIGHTING FOR TIME.
"As to Czernowitz itself, the Austrians are defending it desperately, probably not without any hope of preventing the Russian entry, but in order to gain time to secure the retirement of their terribly battered army. Whether this army can be saved seems highly problematical, since the Russians are not only advancing along the Pruth but along the lower Strypa, have forced the Dniester at several points, have taken the important bridgehead at Zale Szczyty, and advanced along the Zale Szczyty-Kolomea railway as far as Horodenka, 23 miles from Kolomea. Even now, General Pflanzer's Bukowina army apparently is cut off from the main Austrian army in Galicia, and the only way of retreat open is down through Bukowina and over the high Carpathians."

AS 13 IS TO 8.
"In these circumstances the British force under Sir Douglas Haig should be about 1,350,000 men. Opposite him there are forty German divisions, exclusive of cavalry, or 800,000 men at all ranks. This aggregate, according to a British military expert, may represent in combatants 600,000 rifles and over 3,000 guns. It is an accountable concentration, and we must further assume that the drafts to make good losses are in the field depots behind the German lines."

Lieut. Harris Walsh Hurt?
To-day's casualty list says: "Wounded, Lieut. H. L. Walsh." At first this was thought to refer to Lieut. Harris L. Walsh, former city editor of the Courier. No address of the wounded man is given, nor do any of Lieut. Walsh's family in town know anything of his being hurt. There is a strong possibility, therefore, that the wounded party is none other than Lieut. Walsh of Brantford. To-day's list contains the name of Pte. C. Stanley Moore of Princeton, wounded.

MEXICANS AND YANKEES CLASH

Two American Soldiers Killed—Refugees Flocking to Juarez.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
San Antonio, Tex., June 15.—Two American soldiers were killed early today in a fight with bandits near San Ignacio, 40 miles southeast of Laredo, according to a report to General Funston. Six of the Mexicans were killed in the engagement and the remainder were wounded, but they were carried away by their companions. The American wounded were seven.

MANY REFUGEES.
El Paso, Texas, June 15.—Two thousand refugees are in Juarez today, having arrived from Chihuahua and the district around Torreon. Americans declare that famine conditions prevail around Torreon, and that the civil population would welcome any measure that would relieve them from the dangers of starvation. The newest issue of Carranza currency, they say, is without purchasing power.

LINE.
Canuto Reyes and Jose Isabel Robles, former Villa followers, who recently made their peace with the de facto government, are reported to have again revolted; and with a number of Carranza officers, declare they will oppose the Americans.

More Mail Trouble.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
Berlin, June 15 (via Sayville wireless)—A Copenhagen despatch quotes the Danish Postmaster-General as stating that the British authorities removed all the mail from the Danish liner United States, from Copenhagen, June 1, for New York and all the first-class mail and parcels from the Danish liner Frederick VIII from New York, May 31, for Copenhagen.

LLOYD GEORGE WILL SUCCEED EARL KITCHENER

Will Not, However, Sever Relationship With Munitions.

PEOPLE DEMAND STRONG MAN
Official Announcement of Appointment Expected Shortly.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, June 15.—The London correspondent of The Tribune cables: "David Lloyd-George is to succeed Earl Kitchener as secretary of state for war, according to well authenticated reports current here today. It is understood, however, that in accepting the war secretaryship, Mr. Lloyd-George, will not entirely sever his relations with the ministry of munitions.

Various successors have been suggested for Lord Kitchener, including Lord Milner and Col. Winston Churchill. The latter, returned from the front, is again enjoying Premier Asquith's favor, while his quarrel with Lord Fisher or responsibility for the Gallipoli disaster has been patched up and they are again fast friends.

MILNER AND CHURCHILL ELIGIBLE.
Both Lord Milner and Mr. Churchill, as far as the cabinet is concerned, might be entrusted with the direction of the War Office. Since the creation of the War Council and the turning over of responsibility for the operations in the field to General Robertson, chief of staff, Lord Kitchener's duties had become almost civil and administrative. But, unfortunately for Mr. Asquith (Continued on page four).

BERLIN REPORTS RUSS DRIVE IS BEING HELD

Austrian Troops Making Stand North and East of Czernowitz, and Beating off all Attacks.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Berlin, June 15.—(By wireless to Sayville)—Austrian troops in Bukowina are making a stand north of Czernowitz, capital of the Crown land, and also are holding the Russians to the east of the city. The repulse of the Russian attacks from both of these directions is announced in the official headquarters statement from Vienna under date of June 14.

Russian troops in dense formation attacked the Teutonic lines near Przewlaka, but were repulsed by General Von Bothmer's troops, it was announced by army headquarters today. A delayed official report from Vienna, issued under date of June 14th, reports the capture of more than 1,500 Russians and 13 machine guns on June 10, when three Russian regiments that had crossed the Strypa near Kolki, were driven back across the river by an Austro-Hungarian outflanking movement. Northeast of Tarnopol, the recapture of a height that had been taken by the Russians was reported.

On the Italian front, according to the same statement, Italian detachments that had maintained themselves near the summit of Monte Leticie, were surprised and defeated, and more than 500 of them captured. The Austro-Hungarians thus obtained complete possession of the mountains. Italian attacks elsewhere were repulsed.

TOOK TRENCHES AND MEN EAST OF MONFALCONE

Italians Make Surprise Attack on Austrian Forces.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Rome, June 15 via London.—A surprise attack was made yesterday on Austrian positions east of Monfalcone. The official statement of today announced that Italians captured Austrian trenches after a severe engagement taking several hundred prisoners and seven machine guns.

The communication follows: "Between the Adige and the Brenta rivers yesterday there were reconnaissance and intense artillery actions on both sides. Our artillery dispersed enemy columns on the march and shelled hostile battery positions at several points. "Two attempted attacks by the enemy in the region of Novogno, made in the direction of Monte Giove and Monte Brazzone, were repulsed. "After intense artillery preparation yesterday evening a gallant Naples cavalry detachment, in a surprise attack penetrated enemy lines east of Monfalcone. The trenches remained in our possession after a severe struggle. We captured ten officers, 488 men and 7 machine guns.

Squadrons of aeroplanes bombarded with excellent results the railway station at Mattarello, in the Lagarina valley, and encampments at the junction of the Nos and Campomulo valleys on the Asiago plateau. Enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs on Padova, Giorgio di Nogaro and Porto Rosoga. Two persons were wounded. The material damage was slight.

Charged With Forgery

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Regina, Sask., June 15.—David D. Bennett, a former employee of the Dominion government remount depot, is undergoing a hearing before a magistrate here on a charge of forging five bills totaling in connection with the delivery of hay to the remount depot.

Saturday Half Holiday

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Vancouver, June 15.—New Westminster and Vancouver have voted by a large majority in favor of observing weekly half holidays Saturday instead of Wednesday.

"Keep the Supreme Court out of politics," seems to be the battle cry as Democrats gather in St. Louis for convention. It is expected that more than \$2,000,000 will have been realized when the Allied Bazaar in New York closes this week.

Major Morant calculates that six millions of the enemy are being employed, munitioned by Japan and America—will Russ attack break off German offensive?

Critical Stage Reached in the Irish Settlement

Ulster Demands That Proposed Settlement Shall be Definitive and Final, and Other Side Will Not Accede to This Request.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, June 15.—A special cable to The World from London under yesterday's date says: Negotiations for a settlement of the Irish question have reached a highly critical stage and there is little hope of an early conclusion.

In the first place the Ulster Unionist settlement shall be definitive and final, counties is concerned. This all hopes of agreement, as the proposed arrangement is only an offshoot of the other provinces for John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, and Cardinal Logue at Armagh. Lloyd-George's scheme. Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, was engaged at the same time to induce them to accept a

able to the World from London under yesterday's date says: "The Irish question has reached a highly critical stage and there is little hope of an early conclusion. "The Nationalist demand that the proposed settlement shall be definitive and final, as far as the exclusion of six Ulster counties, is concerned. This all hopes of agreement, as the proposed arrangement is only an offshoot of the other provinces for John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, and Cardinal Logue at Armagh. Lloyd-George's scheme. Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, was engaged at the same time to induce them to accept a

Taps Sounded; Revellers Changed Into Mourners

Remarkable Tribute Paid to the Memory of Earl Kitchener Last Night at Allied Bazaar in New York.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, June 15.—Taps were sounded in honor of K. of K. at the Allied Bazaar last night, and the whole throng of revellers about and laughing at one minute to nine, changed instantly into a procession of mourners, says the Tribune. Motor cars were stopped at the entrance and women in evening clothes shivered and bowed their heads, side by side by the humblest of Britain's friends on the sidewalk.

Inside all activities stopped when the bugle sounded. Twenty thousand faces were turned and twenty thousand heads were bowed toward the front of Grand Central Palace, where the Rev. Dr. Manning, rector of Trinity Church, read a short prayer in memory of the great war lord. Then the orchestra played England's hymn, "The Land of Hope and Glory."

The New York crowd were so impressed by the ceremony that they forgot to hide their emotions, and when the tune changed to "Onward Christian Soldiers," everyone took up the refrain. There was seen the amazing spectacle of a huge, pleasure-seeking crowd, singing, as they went: "Like a Mighty Army Moves the Church of God." At the head of the stairs stood a Kitchener memorial table. Many paused in their march to drop a coin into the box labelled "Do your bit for Kitchener's cause." The Kitchener memorial came at the end of the moment of the bazaar's greatest jollification. To celebrate the passing of the first \$1,000,000 mark, a festive dinner was given last night.

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