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# Foe Launches Attack on Rheims Front New Offensive Extends Fourteen Miles Austrians Pound Italian Rock in Vain

## Germans Put Forth Supreme Effort to Capture Rheims

### New Attack Extends Along 14-Mile Front—The Enemy Makes Repeated Assaults But Fails to Carry Front Lines of Trench Defence—Fighting to the Advan- tage of the French—British Carry Out Successful Raids—Austrians Unable to Secure Advantage in Big Battle.

**GERMANS ATTACK FRENCH ON 14-MILE FRONT**  
(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)  
PARIS, June 19.—The Germans last night after a violent preparatory bombardment began an attack on the Rheims front, between Virigny and La Pompelle, the war office announced today. The front of new German attack is a semi-circle drawn by the enemy about the City of Rheims, in the recent offensive on the Aisne front. The Rheims region comprised the left flank of German attack. Ground was given by French on both sides of the Cathedral City but the town itself and nearby protecting forts were held against the German onslaught and have since remained in French possession. Rheims however, was hemmed in on three sides by the enemy and it has been considered only a question of time when the Germans would make a concerted movement to oust its defenders. The front of the present attack extends from Virigny west of City to La Pompelle, around a semi-circle to the east. The new attack extends fourteen miles. The text of the statement follows:—"At nine o'clock the enemy began an attack on the French positions between these two points. The French troops resisted the German attack with complete success, the counter-attack proving very strong. Between Virigny and Ormes the German assault troops were stopped by French fire and forced to return many times, and were not finally able to reach the French lines. Violent combats took place during the course of which the enemy suffered severe losses and was eventually repulsed. East of Rheims, the fighting likewise was to the advantage of the French, the Germans having been unsuccessful. Northeast of Allry the enemy was driven out by French counter attacks. Prisoners taken in the region of Rheims declared that the town was attacked by three divisions which were ordered to take the place at all costs."  
French are resisting new German assault with entire success. On western front of attack enemy was not able to reach front lines and were completely routed.

**SUCCESSFUL BRITISH RAIDS**  
(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)  
LONDON, June 19.—British troops last night successfully raided German lines in region to south of Hebutelb, north of Albert. A British post taken by the Germans near Vieux Derquin north of Calais was recaptured, some prisoners and two machine guns being taken in the operation.

**ITALIANS HAVE TAKEN 5,000 PRISONERS**  
(Morning Despatches from Canadian Press Ltd.)  
ROME, June 19.—Last night's official announcement says the Italians captured 1850 prisoners during the day and prevented renewed attempts of the enemy to establish openings on the right bank of the Piave. Vigorous Austrian advances were crushed by counter-attacks. Five thousand prisoners were taken by the Italians since the offensive began.

**RUDE JOLT CAUSES SURPRISE IN AUSTRIA**  
(Morning Despatches from Canadian Press Ltd.)  
GENEVA, June 19.—News from Austria indicates that the Austrians are much surprised at the sudden check to their great offensive in Italy.

**60 PLANES BROUGHT DOWN ON WEST FRONT**  
(Morning Despatches from Canadian Press Ltd.)  
LONDON, June 19.—The British brought down 25 planes on Monday and the French 35. Five British planes failed to return.

**THE AUSTRIAN CLAIMS**  
(Morning Despatches from Canadian Press Ltd.)  
VIENNA, June 19.—The war office, last night, says the Austro-Hungarians have captured 30,000 prisoners and 120 guns since the offensive began.

**HOLLAND IS ASKED TO EXPLAIN NATURE OF GOODS**  
(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)  
LONDON, June 18.—The British Government, suspicious of the greatly increased traffic on the Limberg railway between Germany and Belgium, says the Reuter correspondent at The Hague, has asked the Dutch Government to furnish a clear explanation of the nature of the goods in transit to insure that they are destined for military purposes.

**FRENCH AND ITALIANS BREAK UP ENEMY MASS**  
(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)  
PARIS, June 18.—After violently bombarding the French positions on the Asiago sector of the Italian front, telegraphs the Havas correspondent at the Italian headquarters, the Austro-Hungarians attacked today in mass formation. The French everywhere broke up the assaults and completely maintained their line. Prisoners were taken, important material was captured and considerable losses were inflicted on the enemy. Six hundred Austro-Hungarian corpses were buried in front of one French regiment.

**VENICE IS RESIGNED TO RAIDS AND PERILS**  
ROME, June 18.—Discussing the war situation, The Corriere Della Sera of Milan says:  
"This month is the most vital in Italy's history, with all Austria against all Italy. Every Italian soldier must be fired by the glorious example of Captain Rizzo, who, almost unaided, dealt such a terrible blow to the Austrian fleet."  
One correspondent at the front describes the fighting which is going on unceasingly around Monte Grappa, particularly for the possession of positions leading to it and those dominating the gorges of the Brenta River. There is no uneasiness among the inhabitants thus far, but a few peasants have been seen along the roads, seeking new homes further from the scene of battle. While Venice feels the menace, those who have remained in the city—about 50,000 in all—have become accustomed to air raids, war dangers and the sound of artillery fire. So, there has been no exodus from Venice of late.

**FRENCH LOCAL ATTACK SUCCEEDS AT VALSOY**  
(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)  
PARIS, June 18.—"The artillery activity was quite spirited northwest of Montdidier and at various points between Montdidier and the Aisne."  
"We carried out this morning a local attack south of Valsoy which permitted us to improve our positions; we captured about a hundred prisoners and some machine guns."

## Best Austrian Troops Engaged

PARIS, June 18.—Nine-two Austrian divisions, consisting of 80 divisions of infantry and 12 of cavalry, have been hurled into the greatest battle that Italy has yet fought, according to an official announcement at Rome, received here through the Havas agency. Seventy-one of these divisions have already been identified.  
The forces engaged comprise three-fourths of the whole Austrian army and the choicest troops under the command of Field-Marshal Boroevic. The number of men in an Austrian division is not exactly known, but the number of divisions engaged would indicate that approximately one million Austrian soldiers have been thrown into the battle.

## PEMBROKE VICTIM OF DISASTROUS FIRE

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)  
PEMBROKE, June 19.—A disastrous fire which started shortly after six last night destroyed most of the business section of the town. The loss is estimated at a million dollars.

## HALF OF RUSSIAN PRISONERS RETURN WITH TUBERCULOSIS

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch to "Ontario" by Canadian Press Ltd.)  
WASHINGTON, June 18.—Half of the Russian prisoners of war now returning home from Germany have tuberculosis, according to a report to the state department today from Volodga. The Russians are sent out of Germany, the message said, with only the scantiest of clothing.

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### Odd Lines Of Children's Hose

10c pair

Children's Lace, Lisle and Cashmere Hose, sizes 4 to 7 1/2, odd lines that sold as high as 38c a pair, on sale this week at 10c pair.

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