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AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE COMPLETE FAILURE AND DEFEAT

From the Montello Plateau to the Adriatic Sea the Enemy is in Retreat After Suffering Losses Estimated at 180,000 Men.

The first phase of the Austrian offensive has ended in failure and defeat. The culmination of what was intended to be a crushing of Italy between the jaws of the Austrian pincers, is the rout of the invaders themselves. With their backs to the swollen Piave River the Austrians for several days past have been trying to ward off the various counter-attacks of the Italians and save the situation. Now they are endeavoring to still under great pressure to ford the stream and reach safety on its eastern banks.

From the Montello Plateau to the Adriatic Sea, the enemy is in retreat. The river is literally clogged with his dead. Already his losses are estimated at 180,000 men, and the chances of his escape without additional heavy casualties, and men made prisoners seems remote. Large number of the pontoon bridges the Austrians threw across the Piave have been swept away by the now torrential stream, and on all the sectors of the thirty-three mile front where they gained edges of the Venetian Plain they are being sorely harassed by fire of the Italian guns and rifles, and by machine gun fire and bomb of the aviators who have done such

notable executions since the drive started.

Monster preparations had been made by the Austrians for what was to be the death blow to King Victor Emmanuel's men. Thousands upon thousands of men, many of them brought from the Russian and Roumanian fronts and guns and stores in tremendous quantities had been parcelled among the various commanders for the drive over a battle area of virtually one hundred miles, running from the Asiago Plateau to the Piave River and then following that stream to the sea.

Undoubtedly the Austrian High Command had built largely for success on the belief that the Italian morale had been shattered when last year their great pincers closed in upon them and forced back the line in a semi-circle from Julian Alps to the Piave, and from the mountains in the north almost to the Plains of Venetia.

Such a belief, however, was entirely erroneous. From the first onslaught the enemy met a rejuvenated army which fought him with the greatest gallantry never ceding an inch of ground unless it was dearly paid for. Aiding the Italians in the mountains were British and French armies, who also fought nobly and everywhere defeated the enemy.

Large numbers of the enemy have been reported recently as coming up behind the northern line in the mountain region, and it is not improbable that shortly the second phase of the battle will begin. Complete confidence is felt in the Italian and other Allied commands, however, that the enemy will meet foemen of

superior quality and that his efforts will go for naught.

Allies Never Felt Better Prepared Says Lloyd George.

LONDON, June 24—Premier Lloyd George announced today that the next couple of months would be anxious ones. There might be a great blow coming in the next hour, he said and certainly in the next days, and on this blow the issue of the campaign might depend. The Entente Allies, he added, never felt better prepared to meet it.

Premier Lloyd George said the Austro-Hungarians were in full retreat. The question now was, he added, whether they would be able to effect a retreat.

The Premier, who made his announcement in the House of Commons, referred to the amazing organization which was bringing American troops to France.

"Enough Americans have arrived to satisfy the Allies and to disappoint and ultimately defeat our foes."

Mr. Lloyd George emphasized the difficulty and the impossibility of dealing with Russia with her many differing and changing Governments. He agreed, however that it would be to the interest of the British people, and also just and equitable, if Russia wanted it, that Great Britain stand by Russia.

It was possible that within a short time, the Premier said, the Allies would be stronger than Germany. The enemy, he declared, had no further reserves to call upon after another offensive except by a drastic combing out of the essential industries which he already had started.

S. S. SAXIOLA FROM THE WAR ZONE

UNITED FRUIT COMPANY'S BOAT FIRST TO TAKE REFUGE AT BALTIMORE

Master Warned by Wireless—Vessel Bound From Cuba to New York; 81 Passengers; 100 in the Crew—Commanded by Commodore Henshaw, Formerly of Nova Scotia.

[From a Baltimore Paper.] Getting a wireless warning from the War Department at 8 o'clock Monday

morning, it was said there were no Baltimoreans aboard.

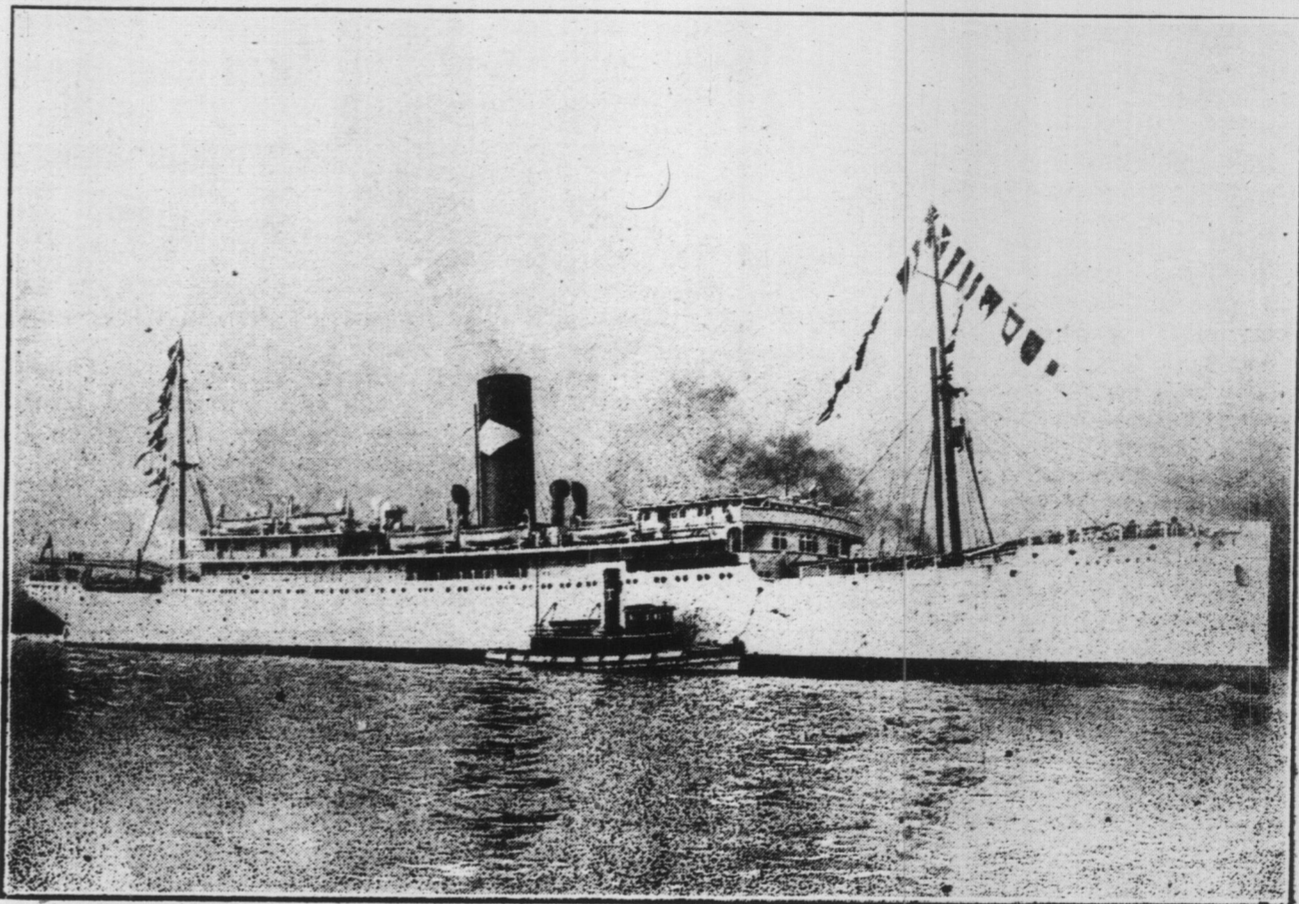
"We were about 25 miles south of Diamond Shoals Lightship when we got the first war warning that submarines were in the vicinity," said Capt. Henshaw. "I at once put in closer to the coast, intending to make a run for the Delaware and put into Philadelphia harbor."

"When about 60 miles from Cape Henlopen, where the Herbert L. Pratt was attacked, I got the warning that the Pratt had been sunk. I then ordered the ship turned back and made for the Virginia Capes. Then I came on to Baltimore to discharge the passengers and permit them to continue their trip by rail."

"There was no excitement to speak of," he continued. "There were one

ment has already taken over several of the fruit company's ships, and it is reported that the one which put in here today will be taken. This report was partly confirmed when a naval officer called on Captain Henshaw this morning and asked for a private interview with him. Captain Henshaw later refused to give out any information regarding the officer's visit.

[A synopsis of the above appeared in our last issue. Commodore Henshaw, when on duty, which is very seldom, resides in Wolfville, where Mrs. Henshaw is at the present time. He is a native of Bear River and is probably the best known in marine circles of any commander sailing out of an Atlantic port. He has crossed the ocean several times, bringing out new steamships for the United Fruit



THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY'S STEEL STEAMER "PASTORES," FORMERLY COMMANDED BY COMMODORE HENSHAW

morning, when in waters where the tanker Herbert L. Pratt and several other vessels were sunk just a few hours previous, the United Fruit Company's ship, the Saxiola, the first vessel to put into Baltimore harbor because of the U-Boat activities, docked at the foot of South street this morning. It had a passenger list of 81 and carried a crew of 100.

Though the Saxiola did not sight a submarine, she passed through the waters which had been infested by the submarines, and her escape from the Hun sea pirates is considered providential. So grateful were the passengers for the prompt action of Capt. H. A. Henshaw that a memorial of thanks was drawn up and presented to him.



COMMODORE H. A. HENSHAW

The steamer Corilla, of the same line, was in wireless communication with the Saxiola until that vessel turned back on its course. Nothing was heard from the Corilla after that, but officials of the company do not believe she was attacked. The Corilla is due in New York Friday.

NO BALTIMOREANS The Saxiola was bound from Cuba to New York with a number of prominent persons on board, including Lieutenant Commander H. L. Payne, U. S. R. C. and representatives of the steamship company. All the passengers were sent on to Philadelphia, New York, Boston and to the West by

or two persons who became rather excited, but all the rest took the peril calmly.

"We did not sight any submarine at all, but we evidently had a narrow escape, for we passed through the zone in which the U-boats had been operating just a few hours previously."

MEMORIAL FOR CAPTAIN

As an expression of their heartfelt appreciation and thankfulness to Captain Henshaw for his thoughtful care and watchfulness over the lives of the passengers entrusted to him during the German submarine activity off the Virginia coast, June 2 and 3, the passengers drew up a memorial and presented it to Captain Henshaw.

"His conduct in an hour of danger cannot be too highly commended," was the closing sentence.

When the boat berthed this morning a cordon of police and Customhouse inspectors and officials was thrown around the pier of the United Fruit Company, and only those having business on the pier and who carried waterfront permits from the surveyor of the port were permitted to pass.

This action, as much as the arrival of the vessel itself, brought the war closer home to Baltimore than hitherto. Following the examination of baggage, the passengers disembarked and formed in line to get their railroad transportation. None of the passengers said they had seen any submarine, but a number of them expressed relief at having safely passed through the danger zone.

Today was the first time that Captain Henshaw, who is widely known in Baltimore, has brought a ship through the Virginia Capes in 16 years.

"I thought when my two sons enlisted in the Canadian Army that I was doing my bit in this war," he laughingly commented today, "and I did not expect to be dodging German submarines."

HIS SONS FIGHTING

The captain's eldest son, Eldon R. Henshaw, with his brother, Vaughan I. M. Henshaw, enlisted in that Canadian regiment known as the "Fighting 26th," hailing from New Brunswick. Eldon has seen more than two years of fighting in the trenches, while Vaughan, or "Vim," as he is called because of his three initials, was so fearfully wounded by a Hun dum-dum bullet that he was put out of action. "Vim" was injured after a little more than two months of fighting, his whole side being torn open.

Whether the Saxiola will be permitted to continue its trip to New York could not be learned. The govern-

Company, one of which was the Pastores. A cut of this beautiful ship and her commander appears with this article.—Editor MONITOR.]

The Red Cross Campaign

Arrangements have been made to have Mr. "Tobie" Jones, of Halifax, address a public meeting in the Bridgetown Baptist church next Wednesday evening, July 3rd, in the interest of the Red Cross Campaign, which will be conducted from July 8th to 15th. The people of Nova Scotia are expected to contribute \$250,000 during the week above referred to. The general public is invited to attend this meeting and we trust the church will be filled to hear one of the most interesting speakers that has ever visited our town. Mr. Jones was one of the first to go overseas in the present war and his experience at the front enables him to thoroughly understand the great importance of this Red Cross Campaign.

Death of A. E. Wall

Mr. A. E. Wall, chairman of the board of Nova Scotia censors, died at Amherst Tuesday afternoon, following an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Wall had occupied his position on the censor board for several years. He was elected to represent Digby in the House of Assembly at a by-election in 1910 and was again returned at the general election in 1911. He resigned to run for the House of Commons in September of the same year, when he was defeated by Clarence Jameson. He was a native of Westmoreland, N.B., a Liberal in politics, and a Baptist by church affiliation. The deceased is survived by a widow, seven daughters and one son.

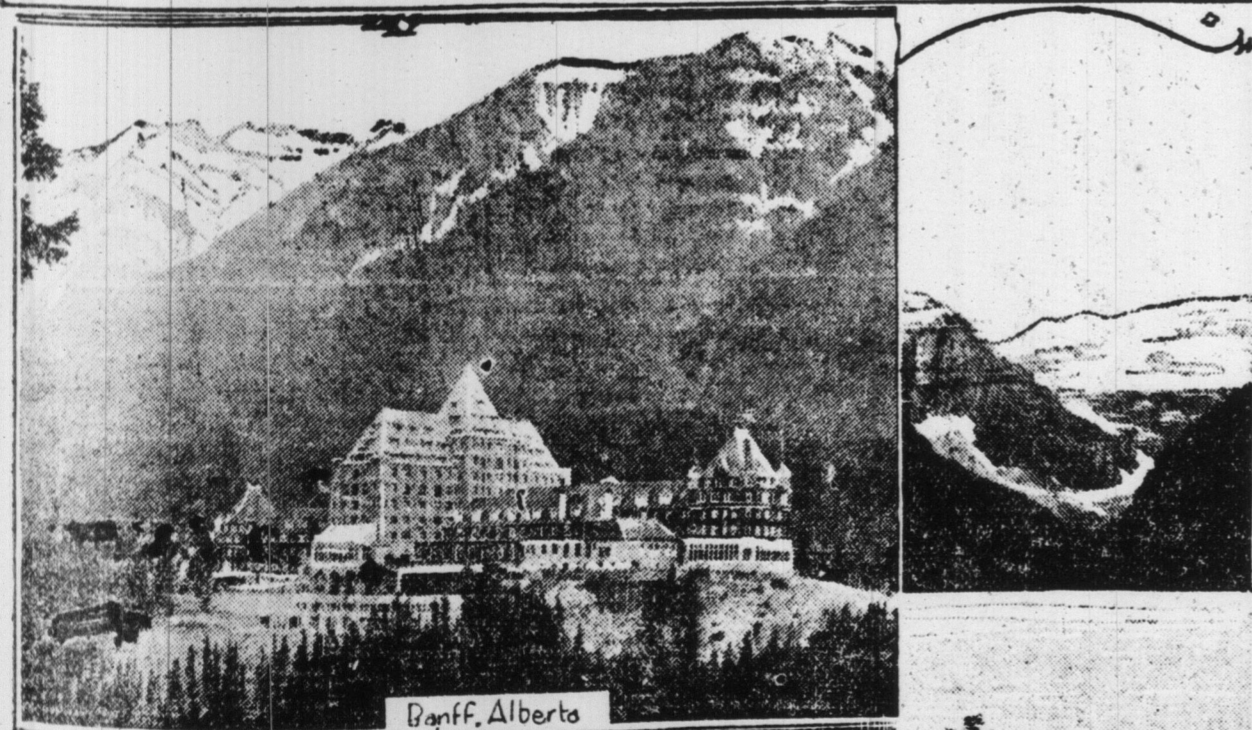
Yarmouth Service to Retain Aranmore

YARMOUTH, June 23—E. K. Spinney, M. P., received a message from Ottawa yesterday containing the assurance that the loan of the steamer Aranmore as a freight boat on the Yarmouth route would be extended until other arrangements could be made. This will be gratifying news to the business men of western Nova Scotia, who were threatened with severe loss in case the department persisted in its resolve to divert the Aranmore to her regular service in coastal waters.

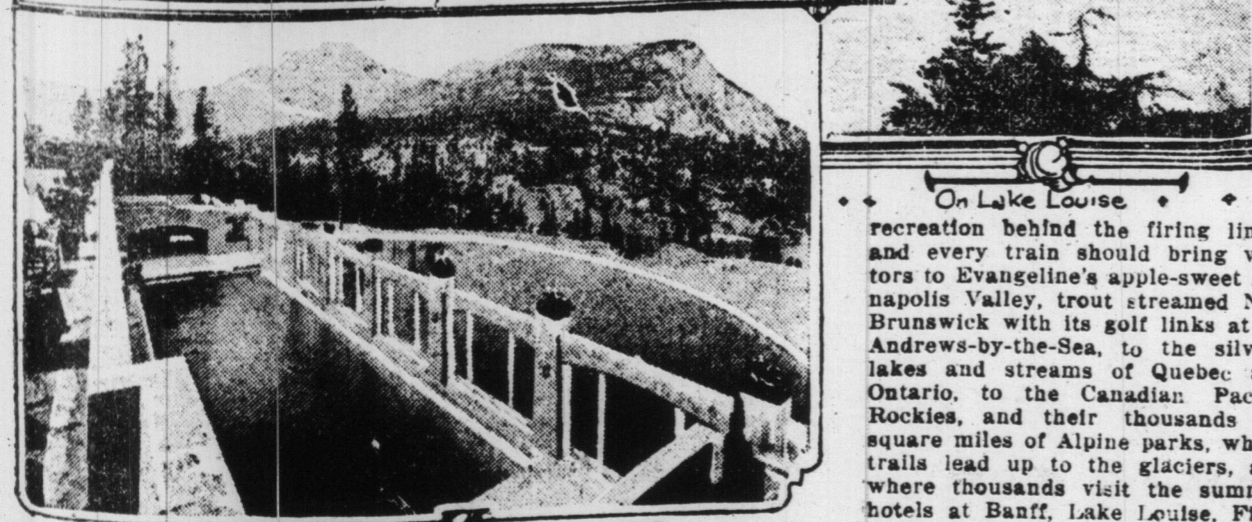
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HAVE YOU BEEN TO DOC NATURE, WAR STRAIN SPECIALIST?



Banff, Alberta



Swimming Pool at Banff

These are war times, and I'm too busy to take a holiday. I work all day and night, and I have not the energy for a holiday," said a business man who in addition to his own office work attended each week a dozen or more patriotic and war committee meetings. No wonder that in time the doctor was sent for, and ordered him to a sanatorium. He did not remember the headline that he wrote in his school copy-book: "A stitch in time saves nine," otherwise a month at a holiday resort would have saved him a year of ill health. Nature is the one great healing physician for the tired and overworked, and nature is always best when using preventatives. She cures, too, but she prevents in all cases where a breakdown is threatened. Holiday resorts of this country are at their brightest during July, August and September. The hard working home fighter needs leave as much as the soldier needs his period of

recreation behind the firing lines; and every train should bring visitors to Evangeline's apple-sweet Annapolis Valley, trout stream New Brunswick with its golf links at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, to the silvery lakes and streams of Quebec, and Ontario, to the Canadian Pacific Rockies, and their thousands of square miles of Alpine parks, where trails lead up to the glaciers, and where thousands visit the summer hotels at Banff, Lake Louise, Field and Glacier. The stream of tourist traffic flows out to Vancouver Island and on to Alaska, the Land of the Midnight Sun. In spite of war conditions, Canada still retains good service for passengers on her railways. Life has become simpler, and one has to be content sometimes with an upper berth while the regulations of the Food Board are rigidly observed on the dining cars, but the health resort is recognised not as a luxury, but as a necessity, and Canada's summer travel promises to be as active as ever.

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day he was surprised the steamer, which was off, but did not mist set in later and sight of the steamer, which he saw at once, he was surprised to see the United States saw two cylinders of painted gray, sup-

Henshaw Tells of Flight, Baltimore Sun.)

A. Henshaw, commander of the United Fruit Company's S. S. Saxiola, who put into Baltimore on Wednesday to avoid submarines operating east, called on Mayor Hall yesterday and giving account of his experience.

Commodore Henshaw Pastores during America three years first time Commodore in Baltimore in 1917. Mayor took him out for dinner.

Henshaw brought 51,000 lbs. of fruit to Baltimore, the first fruit that has been brought to this city in many years. He was in Philadelphia when he was called from the U. S. Navy to command the ship in that direction.

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SKIN WHITE, SOFT, CLEAR

Lotion for a Few Days for Yourself.

Woman hasn't heard of remove complexion often the skin and to see, the freshness and softness of her skin before irritating and with orchard white through a fine cloth fresh lemons into a about three ounces when shake well and quarter pint of skin lotion at about the cost for a small jar of cream. Be sure to strain no pulp gets into the lotion will remain months. When applied to face, neck, arms and help to bleach, clear, and brighten the skin.

will supply three white at very little cost.

Rockwood, Me.

son, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morganville, Rockwood, Me., last week between cars in a pulp mill, in which he was a man 56 years of age, unmarried and had been in Maine for about 10 years. He was taken in charge by undertaker.

is survived by his wife, Ernest, of Percival, Lewiston, and one sister, Mrs. Gardiner, Mass. Burial Monday afternoon at Morgantown.

Churches

James, Bridgetown

Sunday, (4th Sunday) 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Wednesday evening at usual hour.

7:30 p. m.

4:30 p. m.—Sermon on behalf of the evening Prayer; 8:30 p. m.

ed Baptist Church

son, pastor. Sunday, 10 a. m. preaching and 7:30 p. m. Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at Centrelea on

next Sunday June 30 at 3 p. m.

thodist Church

Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Friday, at 8 p. m. Sunday, June 30rd: Day School 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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