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## THE BATTLE OF THE SAN DEVELOPING IN RUSSIA'S FAVOR

### OFFICIAL BRITISH.

London, May 31.—On Friday, during trench fighting in the Dardanelles, the Turks suffered 2,000 casualties. Our losses were 300. The French Army has captured an important redoubt on the right of the Turkish line. General French reports further small gains north of Festubert; otherwise all is quiet on our front. A German aeroplane was brought down on Saturday.

The French Government report the whole village of Ablain captured, three German companies being annihilated or put to flight.

In Belgium all German trenches on Hill 17 in the Pilleken region were captured with fifty prisoners and three quick-firing guns. Progress is made near Neuville and Protre. Forest and many prisoners captured.

The Russian Government report that desperate fighting continues in Galicia, north of Przemyśl. The enemy have evacuated the right bank of the San up to the mouth of the river Lubaczowka, losing 3,000 prisoners. In east Galicia the Russians captured some 3,000 prisoners and several machine guns.

The Italian Government report progress in Trentino. Cortino is occupied and advances made in the Isonzo Valley.

BONAR LAW.

### FRENCH.

Paris, May 30, via St. Pierre.—In Belgium on the right banks of the Yser our troops captured all the German trenches on Hill 17 in the Pilleken District, capturing fifty prisoners and 3 machine guns, also repulsing a counter attack.

In the sector north of Arras artillery duels are raging very fiercely. We attacked to the south-east of Neuville St. Vaast the heavy German works. A hot struggle took place, but we advanced four hundred metres taking numerous prisoners including officers. On Le Pretre Wood outskirts we secured further trenches and captured 50 prisoners.

In Alsace, on Schnepfenrieth Hill, we repulsed an attack and captured, by throwing back the enemy, one of their advance trenches and 2 machine guns and a minenwerfer.

### ITALIAN.

Rome, May 31.—In the valley of Giudicaria, on the Trentino Tyrol front we occupy the important position of Spessa summit near Storo. Our artillery destroyed the Luserna fort on Astago Plateau. Seeing the white flag flying on latter fort the Austrians of Fort Belvedere immediately directed their fire against it. The modern works of Venezia Summit are also destroyed and occupied by our infantry, who advanced right up to the village of similar name situated further down. Our losses are slight.

In the Cadore we occupy the Pass of the Croc Cortina Baspezzo on the Friuli front. The Austrians reinforced their positions on the right banks of the Isonzo and still hold several important positions on the right banks covering the town of Goritz. Despite rains which swell the rivers, our troops continue to advance. Their vigorous activity and spirits are excellent. Austrian losses up to Saturday reached 1,800 killed, 3,000 wounded and 1,000 prisoners. The Italians have to face for the present an army of 650,000 men and 70 batteries.

### Danish Steamer Sunk in Channel

London, May 31.—The Danish steamer Soborg has been sunk in the English Channel by a German submarine according to an announcement made by Lloyds agency. The crew were saved.

### Bulgaria Feels World's Unrest

London, May 31.—Important negotiations are in progress between Roumania and Bulgaria. The Bulgarian Minister to Roumania has left for Sofia, Turkey, according to a report current, had offered to cede Adrianople to Bulgaria.

### Total Losses Of Mercantile Marine Not Very Great

London, May 31.—An Admiralty statement, giving the number of British merchant and fishing vessels sunk or captured since the beginning of the war, shows that 56 merchantmen have been sent to the bottom by the cruises of the enemy, 12 by mines, and 62 by submarines, a total of 130. Eighty-three fishing craft have been lost, and 24 sunk.

Since German submarines began their attacks on merchant shipping on Jan 27th, the merchant ships sunk by them number 59, and fishing craft 31. Looking at the losses from the standpoint of tonnage, since the war began Britain has lost 458,000 tons of merchant shipping, and 12,585 tons in fishing craft.

### Prosecution Against "Times" Newspaper

London, May 31.—The first important newspaper prosecution under the Defence of the Realm Act, on a charge of printing information useful to the enemies of Britain, was begun to-day against the Times.

The prosecution is based on a letter written by Major Richardson, published in *Times*, May 21, which said, "The last of the French reserves are out. At the present moment young raw recruits have been called up."

The letter was a plea for conscription. Public Prosecutor Bodkin said the French Government had complained of its publication. "The statement, whether true or false was calculated to give confidence to Germans and depress the Allies," the prosecutor said. The case was adjourned to Saturday.

### President Wilson Delivers Speech On Memorial Day

Washington, May 31.—President Wilson roused a large audience, at the Memorial Day exercises, at the Arlington National cemetery, to a high pitch of enthusiasm. Applying the lessons of the Civil War to present day problems, he declared the solemn lessons of the war was the unity of the United States must be exemplified by the actions of its people. "Let us think of our duty and the actions that lie before us," declared the President.

M. Wilson avoided any direct reference to the present international crisis. When he arose to speak, the entire crowd stood up and clapped for several minutes.

### Spy Scare Alarms Rome

Rome, May 31.—A cry of alarm has been raised over the possibility of German or Austrian spies being hidden in the catacombs which extend many miles outside Rome. The major part of the excavation of the catacombs hitherto has been directed by Germans.

The catacombs of San Sebastiano was, until a month ago, the active scene of German spy work. It is not very far from important defensive posts.

### Many Soldiers Victims of Poison

London, May 31.—The effectiveness of the gas employed by the Germans on the Western front is indicated by the latest British casualty list made public to-day.

Of the second battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers, 403 men are reported to be "suffering from gas poisoning."

### Reluctant Dutch May Be Involved

London, May 31.—Holland's attitude is watched here with the keenest interest. Reluctant as the Dutch people and the Government are against being plunged into a great conflict they have ample evidence just across the border that they may be drawn in.

## GERMAN OFFENSIVE HAS BEEN HALTED

### Enemy Suffers Heavy Losses---The Russians Take Many Prisoners

Petrograd, May 31.—The battle of the San, in the vicinity of Przemyśl, is developing in favour of the Russians according to an official announcement given out to-day. Furthermore, the Russians between May 12th and May 24th captured nearly 19,000 of their antagonists.

In Slavik region, Kovvo province, the Germans continue to resist our offensive, with violent fire, but fighting in this district continues to our advantage. On the front between the

River Pilicia and the Upper Vistula we captured between May 12th and May 24th, 209 officers and 18,617 of rank and file.

In Galicia the battle on the San river is also developing in our favor. Our troops have successively assumed the offensive. Last night they crossed the River Lubaczowka, and occupied the village of Monaster, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

The offensive of the enemy along the front from Jaroslau and Radvymno, in an easterly direction, has

been stopped by our fire.

In the region beyond the Dniester all hostile attacks of Saturday along the front between Zaderewacz, Bolechow and Jaworow, were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. On Saturday night our troops assumed a resolute offensive with great success. This front captured over 7,000 prisoners, and thirty firing guns. The enemy began a disorderly retreat. On other sections of our front there were no important changes during Saturday.

## BATTLE OF SAN STILL RAGES

### RUSSIANS ASSUME OFFENSIVE Fate of Przemyśl Uncertain--Germany Trust Seem to Have Come to an End After Fruitless and Appalling Losses---Russians Claim Victories All Along the Line

London, June 1.—The great battle on the San, to which the Russians feel back after retreating over half of Galicia, still rages, but the Russians assert they have assumed the offensive. This statement is taken in London to mean that another mighty German effort has expended itself.

Though the fate of Przemyśl is still uncertain, it is contended in Allied circles that the Austro-Germans have failed in their purpose to crush the Russians in Galicia and that their rush forward, costing as it did thousands of lives, has fallen short, just as did the repeated thrusts at Warsaw and Calais.

An official statement issued to-night by the Austrian War Office makes no claim to any noteworthy advances in the East, dismissing the Przemyśl fighting continues and asserting there have been no serious engagements elsewhere on the Eastern front.

The Russians on the other hand claim victories, virtually along the entire front, especially beyond the

Dniester, where they say they have taken seven thousand prisoners.

In the West, neither side has done much of late, although the French continue gnawing around Arras. There has been hard fighting along the Yser.

Italy has retaliated for the Austrian air and naval raids along her coast, by bombarding Pola, an Austrian naval base, from a dirigible, while Italian destroyers have made a dash on Montalongo, doing considerable damage to Austrian shipping and getting away unscathed.

German submarines have been extraordinarily active, the news to-night adding more neutral vessels to the growing list of victims. This was the Danish steamer Soborg, which was sunk forty miles north-east of the Tyne. All hands were rescued.

The Golden Horn is one of the biggest and safest anchorages in the world, and it is so deep that the largest warships can ride at anchor close in shore. It is about four and a half miles long.

### WELLS KNOCKS OUT FORMER CHAMPION DICK SMITH

London, June 1st.—Bombardier Wells to-night knocked out Dick Smith, Light Heavyweight Champion of England, in the ninth round of a twenty round match.

### Heavy Fighting Among the Turks

London, May 31.—Heavy fighting in the Gallipoli Peninsula resulting in the rout of attacking Turkish forces is announced in an official statement given out to-day.

The casualties of the Turks are said to have amounted to at least 2,000. The British loss is given as 300.

### ENGLISH PAPERS SPECULATE AS TO AMERICAN ACTION

London, June 1st.—The English press is following the German-American exchanges on the Lusitania tragedy, with the keenest interest. There is much speculation as to probable American action.

### British Steamer Dixiana Torpedoed

Havre, May 31.—The steamship Dixiana, owned by the Strong Steamship Company, of Savannah, Georgia, was torpedoed by a German submarine. The Dixiana was attacked off Ushant, France, where German submarines have been particularly active the past few days. She was bound from Savannah to Swansea, Wales, and this port. The crew was saved. She was a British steamer of 4,127 tons.

### Count Bernstorff Seek An Interview With Pres. Wilson

Washington, May 31.—President Wilson has granted the request of Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, for an interview at the White House on Wednesday afternoon. It is understood that the Ambassador desires to discuss the questions pending between his country and the United States.

### Grey Forced By Failing Sight Take a Holiday

London, May 31.—Foreign Secretary Grey has been obliged to discontinue his labors for a short time, in order to rest his eyesight.

An official statement to this effect, issued to-night, says that Lord Grey has been requested by Mr. Asquith, to take charge of the Foreign Affairs of Britain, and that the Marquis of Lansdowne has consented to assist him.

### Zepplin Raiders Reported Near London

London, May 31 (official).—Zepplins are reported to have been seen near Ramsgate, 67 miles east south-east of London, and Beantwood, 17 miles east north-east of London.

In certain outlying districts of London many fires are reported, but these cannot be absolutely connected with the airships' visits. Further details will be issued as soon as they can be collected.

### Submarine Blocks Turk Movements

London, June 1.—An Athens despatch says it has been learned there that transportation of Turkish troops to the Dardanelles has been interrupted by the operations of a British submarine which is cruising in front of Constantinople.

### Italian Invasion Of Trent Continues

London, June 1.—The Italian invasion of the Province of Trent is progressing from the South along the Adige and Chiese rivers, from the west across Tonale Pass and from the east by the way of the Lavarone Plateau.

The Italian attack is continuing along the zig-zag frontier up to the highest part north, where they have occupied the Ampezzo Valley, together with the town of Cortina.

[Cortina is a well-known summer resort where Ambassador accredited to Italy were accustomed to spend several months during the warm weather. Cortina is also the junction of several railroads, the most important being that from Pieve di Gardone, which leads to Toblach along the Drava Valley.

### Official Report Italian Progress

Rome, June 1.—The following official statement of the operations of the Italian military forces is issued by the chief of the General Staff.

"The advance of our troops beyond the Tyrol-Trentino frontier continues, and we have occupied an important height of the Zugna, about four miles north of Aia, which dominates Rovereto. Upon this height the Austrians some time ago ordered a fortress to be built. Our vigorous artillery action upon the Plateau is being followed up. The fire of the Austrian front is being diminished in intensity, and our infantry is solidly established upon the field.

Our front, advancing in Val Sugana has arrived within five miles of Borgo and is supported on the slopes of the Valley. The mountain of Belvedere, which dominates Piana di Dimierlan, in the Cismen Valley, is in our hands.

### British Troops Gaining Ground Germans Weakening

London, June 1.—British troops are advancing on St. Julien, according to a message from the correspondent of the Daily Mail in Northern France. The German lines is said to be greatly weakened and is giving ground north-east of Ypres, before vigorous attacks which have preceded by bombardment of their trenches. They have made desperate efforts to hold their possessions, and are said to have been ordered by the German Headquarters staff to hold their ground at any cost.

The ground which the Germans won a month ago is gradually being pierced, according to the correspondent, at various points.

### Serbian Again On the War Path

Nish, Serbia, June 1.—Resumption of military activity on the part of Serbia against Austria is indicated in an official announcement issued to-day.

In this report the military authorities claim successful artillery engagement, as the result of which a battalion of Austrians, which was fortifying itself to the north-east of Capinova was dispersed.

Considerable military activity on the part of the Serbians has been noted also on the Albanian front.

### A Brush With The Austrians In Mountain Pass

Rome, June 1.—A battalion and a half of Austrians, with machine guns, attacked our Alpine troops in a defile on Mont Crocs on the Carnia frontier May 30th. The Alpine troops repulsed five spirited attacks, delivered one after other, after which they took the offensive in a violent rain and thick fog, putting their assailants to flight. Our losses light.

### Germans Repulsed At Lorette Heights

Paris, May 31.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out an report as follows:—

"No development during night of May 30-31 with the exception of a check in the region of Notre Dame de Lorette to a German attack. This movement was easily repulsed by our troops.

The number of prisoners taken yesterday at the Labyrinth is 150, including four officers.

### "Gulfight" Sunk Through Mistake

Washington, May 31.—The United States Ambassador at Berlin has been formally notified that the American steamer Gulfight was sunk through mistake by a German submarine. The Commander reported that he failed to notice the Gulfight's American flag and took her for a British vessel.