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## ITALY PARRIES GREAT TEUTON STROKE

# CANADIAN NURSES "CARRY ON" AS CANADA MAY WELL KNOWN HERE

Nursing Sisters From Dominion Stick to Posts Under Repeated Attacks by Huns, and Rebel Against Removal to Immune Districts.

In the Canadian casualty ations closer to the lines the girls ced daily death and possible capture than the capture of the cap than one hospital has been heavil shelled during a battle when the rus f wounded was so continuous there ould be no thought of evacuating the

Wear Gas Masks. On some occasions during a March nched with enemy gas and the sis ters had to wear gas masks for he ng what gentle tasks they could with h a handicap. When forward casualty clearing stations were strong arche clearing stations were swept away

will shortly be decided and join their comrades sisters who came through that ordeal actually did duty in as many as five different hospitals in the week, scores of miles apart.

A Yellow Hun.

There is a story told of a sister from Eastern Canada at one of the big base hospitals which was badly bombed. In her ward was a German officer from one of the raiding Gothas, shot through both legs when his machine was destroyed by one of our patrols. He spoke English and told the doctor that if the English put hospitals near the railways they must expect to have them. bombed. The English put hospitals near the railways they must expect to have them. bombed. The English put hospitals near the railways they must expect to have them. bombed. The English put hospitals near the railways they must expect to have them bombed. The English put hospitals near the railways they must expect to have them bombed. The English put hospitals near the railways they must expect to have them bombed. The English put hospitals near the railways they must expect to have them bombed. Works Or

Service Act to Press Lightly

Until the Harvests Are

Gathered.

Ottawa, June 17.—It is stated that an

official announcement will shortly be issued by the Government dealing with the calling out of men engaged in ag-

# FIX PRICES OF

Dominion Likely To Take Up System Adopted by U. S. Government

> LISTS STANDARDIZED

Make Fair Profits for Merchant at Reasonable Cost

Ottawa, June 17.—A remarkable story of the heroism of Canadian nurses is contained, in of militia and defence from overease, which tells how women of the Dominion had corrying out their properties of the Dominion had corrying out their properties tasks. The article was written by Roland Hill from War Correspondent of Carry On' has been the Hunging of Carry On' has been the Hunging and steadfastness has gained them the admiration, of Carry On' has been the Hunging and steadfastness has gained them the admiration of the Carry On' has been the Hunging of Carry On' has been the Hun

is fully believed here, be adopted in Canada, with probably some modifications. The Dominion Food Board has already instituted a licensing system of retail stores. The price-fixing may conceivably be facilitated by this fact. Any overcharging after prices have been standardized might be followed by cancellation of the license of the store found sullty.

found guilty. IRISH CHIEF'S DEPUTY DENOUNCES SINN FEIN;

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TOO GROTESQUE, HE SAY

Dublin, June 17.—Jos. Devlin, M. P., deputy leader of the Irish Nationalist party, addressing a meeting at the villager of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of O'Hanlon, the strong of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of the candidacy of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of Wallon, and the same of the value of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of Wallon, and the same of the value of Virginia, Cavan County, in support of Wallon, and the same of

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# REPORT UNDER DRAFTEE ACT:

Ottawa, June 17.—By fall, it is expected, the limit of reinforcements under the military service act, will have been reached. This limit is fixed by statute at 100,000, and, up to the present; making full allowance for men not properly classed as "reinforcements" approximately 70,000 men have been secured under the act. The net number of men that should have reported now totals 95,685. Of these, 15,915 failed to report and are not yet apprehended, leaving a total reporting of 79,770.

Included in this total are 2,912 imperial recruits, men voluntarily reporting, and men granted leave of absence for farming. Investigation is now under way to determine how far the men reporting for duty can be properly classed as "reinforcements" under the act. Farmers on leave of absence it is understood, will not be so classed till they actually join the colors. By military districts the figures are: Ottawa, June 17 .- By fall, it is expected, the limit of reinforcements

colors. By military districts the figures are:  Net Number That Fa	ailed to Report	Total
Should Have Reported.	and Not Yet Apprehended.	Reporting
London	690 2,086	7,531 15,436
Vinceton	1,375	8,511 7,290
Monieal 11,479 Quebec 4,126	1,702 1,812	2,424 5,426
Hallfax 5,005	628	4,377 9,239
Winnipeg 11,114 Vancouver 6,644	1,875	5,941
Vancouver	299 556	6,490 7,105
Calgary	15 915	79.770

### Men reporting west of the Great Lakes total 28,775: in Ontario 31,478; in Quebec 9,714, and in the Maritime Provinces 9,803. Total 79,770.

### **AUSTRIAN PUSH BEGINS POORLY**;

Bad Jump Off Means Drive Will Fail, Say War Critics.

GERMANY BEHIND IT

Terrible Internal Conditions Is Cause of Vienna's "Gambler's Throw."

London, June 17.—The outcome of the Austrian offensive is viewed hopefully, even confidently by the newspapers here. This view is based on the staunch resistance of the Allied defensive and the failure of the enemy to make anything like a big success in his initial advance.

It is admitted that some days must pass before the result of fighting on such a great scale can correctly be judged, but the conviction is firmly expressed in several quarters that it will end in failure for the enemy.

"Failure," say the Daily Mail, "on the first day of these attacks, as conducted on the modern German plan, has hitherto been fatal as in the case of Vimy Ridge, and in the present case the fact of failure can hardly be

Began Badly.

The newspaper cites the opinion of its correspondent on the Italian front the th

that no enemy offensive up to time has begun so badly and adds: There is strong ground lieving that an enemy failure is im minent."

IT'S A LONG WAY YET

THE WEATHER

Outset, June 11—Today line of street, with the first contract of the contract of

### MANY SUB-SUNK SHIPS SALVAGED

London, June 17.—From January, 1915, to the end of May, 1918, 407 ships sunk by the Germans in British waters have been salvaged, according to details of the work of the admiralty salvage department, made public in the

the work of the admiratly salvage department, made public in the press today.

Up to December, 1917, 268 ships were recovered. In the present year to the end of May 147 have been salvaged the increase being due to improved methods and not to the greater activity of submarines. Among the difficulties encountered has been the emission of poisonous gases from the rotting cargoes of sunken ships which sometimes have caused the loss of lives. One salvage ship was torpedoed while working on a wreck, while sometimes the work of weeks is destroyed by the rough sea. Feats performed by the salvage department include the raising of a large collier sunk in twelve fathoms of water and involving a dead lift of 3,500 tons. Another vessel was raised 15 fathoms by compressed air.

Check Attempt To Cross the Matz.

war office announce that ground has around Montgobert.

TO FINNISH KINGDOM HIBERNIA IS WRAPPED

STUPENDOUS AUSTRIAN ATTACK

BREAKS ON GEN. DIAZ' DEFENCE

AND ROLLING BACK AT POINTS

It is believed the Austrian general attack is a repetition of the enemy's manoeuvre of last October, when he took the offensive from Caporetto to Monfalcone, with the intention of disguising his plan of breaking through the Alps and forcing the Italians to retire in the Bainsizza and Carson regions. Now the enemy's feint apparently is intended to conceal the development of a Now the enemy's leint abpearance.

tended to conceal the development of a
plan long chemished by Field Marshal
Conrad von Hoetzendorf to break
through from the high Asiago Plateau
to the Venetian Plain, thus obliging the
Italian army along the Plave to retire
in order to avoid being caught by an
outflanking movement. utflanking movement.

### THE WAR SITUATION

Italians, French and British troops have met the shock of the Austrian of have met the shock of the Austrian of-fensive along a 100-mile front in North-ern Italy, and the enemy is being pushed back, where he is being held in check. Violent battles continue in the mountains from Lake Garda to the Playe and southward along the Playe, but at no place has the enemy broken through the ailled defence. The full through the ailled defence. The full force of the Austrian blow in the moun-tain region drove the defenders of the Venetian Plains back to their third line, but there the Italians held and by suc-cessful counter-attacks have reoccupied cessful counter-attacks have reoccupied important positions on the Aslago Plateau and have recaptured mountain heights along the Brenta. Around Monetello Height, where the battle line turns towards the Adriatic, the British have completely re-established the British line and maintain it against vicious enemy blows. emy blows.

Gets Foothold on Grappa Between the Brenta and the Plave the Austrians apparently have gained a strong foothold on the western slopes of Monte Grappa, one of the key positions protecting the plains around Bassano. East and west of Monte Grappa, however, the Italians and allied troops to the street of the premy in check.

hold the enemy in check.

Although they were able to cross the Piave at two points, just south of Montello and northeast of Venice, the enemy Vienna claiming some loca Take Prisoners and Guns and night, the Italians already have captured 3,000 of the enemy.

A Double Stroke.

The Austrian plan apparently was to strike heavily on the north and on the east at the same moment in the hope that on one of the fronts large forces could be thrown on the Venetian Plains between Bassano and Treviso. short of its purpose of shattering the Italian front and rolling it back toward

the Adige.
On the front in France, the fighting activity has been limited to local German attacks at isolated points. Against emy failed. Between the Oise and the Aisne the French Improved their posttions early today ,capturing 100 prisoners and some machine guns.

The Lys sallent in Flanders is being subjected to a heavy German artillery fire. The enemy is paying special at tention to the front southwest of Ypres, east of Dickebusch Lake and to the western part of the southern leg of the salient, where the British recently carried out a considerable local advance.

BULGAR PREMIER QUITS;

**Teuton Offensive On 100-Mile Front** Is Being Held By British, French and Italian Troops—Austrians Who On Sunday Won Across Piave, Are Being Thrown Back By Furious Counter-Attacks - Rome Reports Situation As Assuring - Enemy Claims Capture of 10,0000 Prisoners, and Italians Report Taking 3,000.

Washington, June 17.—An official dispatch from Rome dated 11:55 o'clock last night, says the battle on the Italian front will assume gigantic proportions, the Austrians attempting to break down the Italian defence by a great pincer movement. It adds that the battle will last several days before a decision is reached.

With the Italian Army, Sunday, June 16 .- (Delayed) .- Austrian troops which forced the Piave River have been driven back. The fighting along the river is most intense.

REPEATED COUNTER-ATTACKS.

Rome, June 17.-Vittorio Orlando, the Italian premier, in an nterview, said that the Italian troops, by tenaciously resisting the Austro-Hungarian troops in their new offensive in Northern Italy, and by repeated counter-attacks, they were strongly holding the enemy. The struggle, he added, was most bitter on the eastern slopes of Monetello and to the west of Sandona di Piave.

DIAZ WAS READY.

The Italian army was prepared for the Austrian attack, and there is confidence that it will be able to break the force of the blow. Throughout the country there is a feeling of expectancy. The grave, solemn faces of the people are expressive of the seriousness of the hour, but also of the pride which is felt in the army for its splendid stand all along the difficult battlefront. The churches were more crowded than usual today, throngs of women praying for victory and for the safety of those at the france

women brought jewels as offerings. HOW IT STARTED.

has been checked in strong efforts to enlarge his gains and the Italians have begun to drive him back toward the river. West and northwest of Lake Garda there has been only local activity, with there has been only local activity, with brief but extremely violent artillery preparation with a large number of gas shells. The bombardment was for the purpose of denear Riva at the head of the lake. In stroying the Italian front line and paralyzing the Italian artillery. two days' fighting Vienna claims the Then, under cover of an artificial fog from bombs and smoke apcapture of 10,000 prisoners on the Plave capture of 10,000 prisoners on the Plave paratus the enemy, in open formation, advanced to the attack. The guns were taken along the riverfront. In enemy placed such faith in this preparation that he fixed his objectheir counter-attacks, begun Saturday tives for the first day's fighting more than fifteen kilometres in advance and planned to descend from the mountain area and also reach the city of Treviso from the Piave River.

SITUATION IS ASSURING.

Rome, Sunday, June 16.-The situation on the Italian front in its entirety seems very assuring, says a semi-official note issued Although carried out in great force and with heavy bombardments, the Austrian effort seemingly has fallen the enemy attacking forces have not succeeded in passing the Italian advanced area at any point.

Austrian pressure continues very strong along the entire front. The enemy is concentrating most powerful and fierce attacks astride the Brenta and across the Piave, and it is still possible for the French along the Matz River the en- | the fighting line to flow backwards or forwards.

A BRILLIANT DEFENCE.

With the Italian Army, June 16.—Nowhere else along the front of attack has the struggle been so severe as on the Plave line.

One of the most brilliant of the Italian actions was the defence of the Monte Moschin salient protecting the important Brenta positions. Here the Austrians suffered heavy losses. Many of their machine guns

The prisoners are ragged and ill-fed. Many of them are undersized youths. One of them remarked to the correspondent that he had no interest in the war.

The feeling of the Italians is buoyant.

AUSTRIANS AFTER TREVISO. Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, June 16.—By the Associated Press.—In their attempt to cross the Plave in great force Saturday the