

AUSTRIA IS STARVING

Latest Drive Against Italy Nothing But a Hunger Offensive

ARMY SHORT OF FOOD
Troops Encouraged With Promises of Abundance of Plunder

PRISONERS ARE WEAK

By Courier Leased Wire
Italian Army Headquarters, Wednesday, June 19. — (By the Associated Press) — The Italians have won complete control of the air along the Piave line, where the most determined fighting of the present Austrian offensive is in progress. This afternoon not a single Austrian machine was aloft on this front.

In general, the situation of the Austrians along the Piave appears far from satisfactory to them. Prisoners taken by the Italians all declare the Austrian army has little food. Some of the prisoners have not eaten for 48 hours.

The River Piave, overflowing its banks, has destroyed several pontoon bridges constructed by the Austrians at Intermura and also San Donna di Piave. This has increased the difficulty of the Austrians in their rear communications affecting the transportation of artillery, ammunition, food and fresh troops. It is stated that the Austrians fighting south of the Piave river continue to implore help, and also that two of their divisions have been greatly reduced by losses.

A Hunger Offensive
Italian Army Headquarters, Wednesday, June 19. — (By the Associated Press) — That Austria's drive against Italy is positively a "hunger offensive" has been proved by new orders and addresses found upon prisoners. These were signed by officers ranging from Field Marshal Conrad von Hotzendorf down to regimental commanders. One which was issued by the commander of the famous regiment bearing the name of Archduke Charles says:

"Soldiers: Remember the spoils we

got last fall from the Italians: the shoes, the warehouses full of good clothes and grocery stores full of wines, canned goods, flour and sugar. Think of your family. Think of white bread you may win for all."

The correspondent has visited groups of hundreds of prisoners, all of whom are thin and weak. They said they had had little food for the past month, and spoke with horror of the winter months they had passed. A sample of their black bread showed that it was made of rye straw and potatoes.

Many of the prisoners have strong, well spiked shoes, but these they claim they made themselves or bought. Their clothes however, are falling apart, having been patched frequently. Most of them have mere rags for shirts. The majority of the prisoners have money, but it is either in paper bills or iron coin. The most of them wear medals for valor, some of them having two or three of them, but these decorations are of base metal and none are of gold or silver.

One is stamped with a likeness of Empress Zita and encircled with laurel wreaths, and is made of a zinc composition. The prisoners part readily with these medals, saying they have no pride in them, for a few pennies of Italian money. Most of the captured men are young and light haired, and generally have bad teeth.

The Italian soldiers tell numerous stories of captures effected by persuading the Austrians that they will be well fed. One Italian officer, who had been wounded and picked up by a group of Austrians who intended to take him prisoner, explained how foolish they were. He said: "Come with me and you will get meat, wine and real bread." Thereupon the whole party went over to the Italian lines.

It is said also that at the beginning of the offensive, the Austrians in the front line each received three ration of meat, one for each day of the attack, until they reached the Italian stores. They were so hungry however, that they ate all of them the first day.

GEN. WILLIAMS FREED.

By Courier Leased Wire
Edmonton, June 20. — News has been received in Edmonton that General Victor Williams, who was a prisoner of war in Germany for more than two years since his capture at Ypres in 1916, is now in England and will return to Canada soon. For about six months he was interned in Switzerland, his release being allowed recently.

USE OF SUGAR IS LIMITED IN U.S.

Three Pounds Per Person a Month is New Order — Dealers Must Check up Customers' Purchases

New York, June 21. — In new food regulations just issued by the Federal Food Board the public is asked to limit its consumption of sugar to three pounds a month for each person, and dealers and manufacturers are ordered to restrict sugar sales to two pounds on each order. For rural residents this limit is increased to five pounds.

By the new order, dealers are directed to limit the sale of sugar to three pounds a month for each person, and are instructed to "inform" themselves as to the membership of the families to which they are selling and govern their transactions accordingly. Specific suggestions as to how this order may be executed are mysteriously lacking.

Sugar for canning purposes is not to be limited, however. But purchases for this purpose must be made only on canning certificates, which have been issued to dealers by the Federal Food Board. It is specially ordered that sugar bought for such purposes must not be diverted to other uses.

Restaurants are directed to reduce their consumption to the lowest possible figure, proceeding on the basis of three pounds of sugar to each person served in the month. While no specific reason for this action has been assigned other than that it is a precautionary measure, many believe there is fear that sugar shipments may be curtailed as a result of the new submarine warfare.

NO BENNETT YET

By Courier Leased Wire
Montreal, June 21. — The relaxation of the Spanish oil embargo, which local oil dealers thought would release a quantity of olive oil for the Canadian market, has not resulted in any benefit, as the United States has prohibited the importation of that commodity. At present, transportation facilities between Canada and Spain are exceedingly limited, and it is only by way of the United States that any could be received. There is at present practically none obtainable in wholesale circles, except in small quantities at prohibitive prices.

BEST TOOLS FOR GARDEN

Laying Hens Are More Profitable Than Ever

Frequent Change of Pasture Protects Lambs from Disease and Ensures Steady Gains — Annual Pasture Has Proven Satisfactory.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)
MOST gardeners use a hoe, rake, spade, and digging fork in their gardens. The three last are used chiefly during spring preparation of the soil and again in the fall during the harvesting of the crop. The hoe, however, is used almost all summer.

Most people in buying tools simply take what is offered, never considering that in using the heavier types sold in many stores much energy is spent in handling these, that could be used more profitably in doing other garden work. Besides, it is expected that women and children will do much of the garden work this season and it is necessary to give them implements suited to their strength.

For these reasons it has been urged that gardeners use a hoe called the triangle, or best hoe, with a cutting edge 4 1/2 inches wide. This hoe is light to handle and does very satisfactory work, especially close in around the plants in the row. With it should be used the "Bucco" type of cultivator with the two outside tines removed. These two tools will do better work than any of the ordinary hoes with a great deal less expenditure of strength and in shorter time.

Where one has a larger garden, say 50 x 100 feet, it will be well to invest in a wheel hoe to help out the two above-mentioned tools. With the "Bucco" to make a deeper mulch after a heavy rain or continuous tramping over the soil, the wheel hoe for close weeding, the wheel hoe makes it much easier to maintain a good mulch during the dry season, thus conserving moisture and advancing the growth of the plants. MacKenzie, B.S.A., Ontario Vegetable Specialist.

HOT WEATHER POULTRY CALENDAR.

The hen that laid 123 eggs in 1917 made the same profit as the 123-egg hen in 1914.

The hen that laid less than 123 eggs in 1917 made a smaller profit than in 1914.

The hen that laid more eggs than 123 in 1917 made a larger profit than in 1914.

In view of the high price of feed and the farmer's effort to keep the poor-laying hens in 1917.

The rooster, unless kept for next year's breeding, is too expensive a luxury to keep—and he'll help relieve the meat shortage.

The market for the cull stuff promises to be good this month—and by marketing in June the distribution is more equalized.

The good layer of the yellow-legged breeds at this season loses the color from the feet and bill and these latter becoming almost white. The sleek plumaged, fat, yellow-legged hens are usually very poor layers. It will pay to cull them out now.

The abdominal cavity, or the space between the pelvic bones (situated under the tail) and the end of the breast or keel bones should be relatively soft and flexible. If it is full of hard fat the hen is usually a very indifferent layer.

As a rule the earlier maturing pullets are the earlier and most profitable layers. By marking these the best breeders may be selected.

In grading up a laying flock pure-bred eggs should be purchased. From the chicks good female breeding stock may be secured. The male may be secured in very many cases in Ontario from eggs secured by children taking part in school fairs. Watch the school fair winners this year.

It saves work to let the hens feed themselves—a hen can be built at home without great expense.

Keep hens that lay over 100 eggs yearly and feed them carefully. Kill this rooster and sell infertile eggs; gather the eggs daily and keep in a cool place in clean baskets; send the eggs to market quickly and regularly.—Prof. W. R. Graham.

Summer Forage for Lambs.
Frequent change of pasture is beneficial to, and relished by, all classes of stock and this applies with special emphasis to the case of sheep. It is true for two reasons. Sheep are subject to parasitic disease which may be prevented to a large extent by not pasturing on any one area for too great a length of time. In addition to this they are possibly more fastidious about their food than some other farm animals. It is not practicable on every farm to arrange for a succession of pastures during the grazing season. However, the same area will sustain considerably more sheep if such an arrangement is feasible.

Rye sown early in the fall furnishes a good supply of pasture in the late fall and early spring. After the rye is eaten off in the spring rape may be sown on this land and will come along for pasture in June or July. Alfalfa and red clover are satisfactory pasture crops and will serve until the rape is ready. An annual pasture consisting of one bushel each of wheat, oats and barley together with eight pounds of red clover provides a good pasture for the early summer months, and the clover coming along in the autumn will give a nice pickling. The annual pasture may be sown any time early in May. Without a great deal of additional labor it is possible to have a succession of crops ready for feeding throughout the entire season. The increase in health and condition of the flock will amply repay any such outlay of time and expense.—J. P. Sackville, B.S.A., Ontario Agricultural College.

U. S. Naval Secretary Daniels is urging haste in the construction of new destroyers.

Music and Drama

THE KEY.

Bull in a china shop? Huh, that's not nothing on Charlie Chaplin in a nutshell? If you don't believe it take a visit to the Rex and see for yourself. The infatigable comedian is seen at that theatre the last of this week in "The Pawnshop", one of his cleverest comedies. Enid Bennett is seen in "Naughty, Naughty", a delightful comedy-drama of a very small town, with all that that implies, and of a girl who undertakes to change things there. Williams and Blaney have a classy singing and dancing offering in a hearty applause, as does also the 11th episode of the serial, "The Woman in the Web". Considerable interest attaches to the showing of all next week of the picture, "Who is Do?", taken in Brantford with a local cast.

THE BRANT.

Winsome Mae Marsh appears at the Brant the last of this week in her latest Goldwyn production, "All Woman", a touchingly human story of a girl who inherits a saloon of undesirable reputation and of her struggle against heavy odds. In "All Woman" Miss Marsh does some of the best work of her screen career. May and Billie Earle appear in a laughable comedy skit, "Love Me, Love My Dog", which lacks a dull minute from beginning to end. Pearl White, heroine of so many serial pictures in the past, is seen in the first episode of her latest, "The House of Hate", a Pathe picture in which she is supported by popular Antonio Moreno, and which she fair to win the favor of all. The story of "The House of Hate" is brought to a close with the showing of the last episode. The Pathe Gazette is also an attraction upon the program.

GOVT. PURCHASES

By Courier Leased Wire
Ottawa, June 21. — With a view to better regulation of requisitions for public department purchases, provision has been made by order-in-Council that purchases not exceeding \$500 in value may be made on the request of a deputy minister. Requisitions for purchases over that amount must be approved by the minister of the department concerned.

VICAR GENERAL ILL

By Courier Leased Wire
Montreal, June 21. — Mgr. Roy, vicar-general of the archdiocese of Montreal, suffered a stroke of paralysis at the archbishop's palace yesterday. The paralysis has effected the right arm, and he has lost the use of his fingers. Monsignor Roy is president of the Montreal Board of Catholic School Commissioners.

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REX Theatre

Thurs., Fri. and Sat. Charlie Chaplin

"The Pawnshop"

ENID BENNETT

"Naughty, Naughty"

Williams and Blaney

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11th Episode:

"The Woman in the Web"

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"The Hidden Hand"

1st Chapter:

"The House of Hate"

Featuring Pearl White and Antonio Moreno

May and Billie Earle

"Love Me, Love My Dog"

Comedy Skit

PATHE GAZETTE

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WM. S. HART

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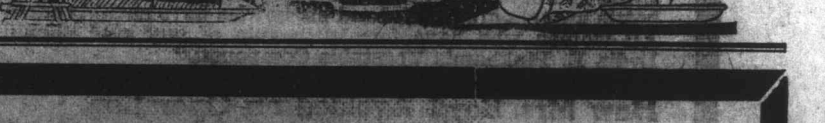


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2 Cans of Soap 25c
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Cherries, per can 25c
Fry's and Cowan's Cocoa 25c

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