

# THE AUSTRIANS RESUME ATTACK ON MONTELO

## ENEMY REPAIRS BRIDGES AND CONTINUES FIGHT

**Austrians Have More Than Three Hundred Thousand Reserves Ready To Throw Into the Struggle Which Therefore Is By No Means Over—What Enemy Gains Made Hardly Justified By Tremendous Cost.**

Special Cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Arthur S. Draper).

London, June 21.—The Austrian attack, which was stopped after the destruction of all except two bridges on Tuesday, was resumed yesterday by drives against Montello and the Italian positions along the Fosetta Canal.

A limited advance was made at both points, but the gains are hardly justified by the cost. However, the big point in this news is first, the Austrians have repaired their bridges which were destroyed by fire and flood; and secondly, that the Austrian command is determined to pursue its tactics despite the failure of their initial efforts.

As the Austrians still have at least twenty-five unused divisions (300,000 men) it is too early to consider the campaign as being over. Fuller details of the operations since the opening of the offensive explain many points hitherto clouded in mystery. Both the armies of Schusentel and Archduke Joseph almost achieved a break through in the opening stages of the battle, first by capturing Col. Meschin, outflanking the Italian line, and later by making big gains at Montello.

The Austrians' advantage of the mountains was short lived, and prompt counterattacks restored all the important positions but Montello. The situation remained extremely serious until June 18 when bridges to the north and east were destroyed, cutting off the enemy attacking forces. On that day the Italian local reserves came into action and relieved the situation by several counterattacks which regained more than half the ground which had been lost on the previous days.

**Enemy Handicapped.**

The combination of broken communications and fresh Italian reserves proved to be a handicap which the Austrians could not overcome though they fought with great determination along the river, in contradiction to the demoralization of the forces operating in the mountains and forcing them to yield much earlier gains. At one time it seemed as if the Italian would drive the enemy into the river, but by frantic working Austrian sappers succeeded in building new bridges and the hard pressed forces on the south bank of the river, who were holding the continuous front of eighteen miles from Candela to the canal, were relieved. The latest reports show that the enemy's communications are again restricted, and that Boevovic is trying to gain the initiative which he lost when the bridges were swept away.

**Gaillard Italians.**

Too high praise cannot be given to Italians for fighting with such bravery and skill. Most of the Austrian reserves remain in the mountain districts, and it is possible that they will return to attack this quarter where utter failure marked their first efforts.

As the Austrians have upwards of eight divisions south of the Piave, the situation is likely to remain interesting for some time. Because the internal situation in Austria is extremely grave it is almost certain that the army will be driven with the greatest desperation. It is no exaggeration to state that Emperor Karl faces the gravest peril of his short reign here if it were much further extended would obviously threaten the whole Piave line from the south to the extreme left. It is at this point that we have to watch in the immediate future.

**SHEDIAK YOUNG LADY DOES EXCELLENTLY AT MOUNT ST. VINCENT**

Miss Georgia Coffey Wins Medal, Special Prize, Two Diplomas and Two Certificates For Proficiency—Lancaster Girl Gets \$10 Prize.

Miss Georgia Coffey of Shediac did excellently at Mount St. Vincent Academy, Halifax, this week, when the graduating exercises were held. Lieut. Gov. Grant was among the prominent people present. Archbishop McCarthy delivered the medals, and made an address.

Miss Coffey in the college department won one of the two silver medals presented by the Pitman Short-cut Company of New York for speed and accuracy in shorthand. She also won the special prize for theory in music.

In the commercial department Miss Coffey won a diploma, also a diploma from the Dagan Typewriter Co., a certificate for speed and accuracy, also a certificate for proficiency in typewriting.

Miss Coffey is a daughter of Conductor John Coffey of the C. G. R. and Mrs. Coffey.

Miss Geraldine Ready of Lancaster, St. John, won the \$10 gold prize for general progress.

## WOUNDED IN BATTLE, THEN IN HOSPITAL, AND ENLISTS AGAIN

**C. H. Stainer, An Englishman, Returning "Over There"—Not Yet Twenty, But Has Seen Much Service.**

To have been wounded at Neuve Chapelle and a little over a month later receive a second wound in the hospital to which he had been sent, to recover from these and get hit a third time at Vimy Ridge, is an experience through which C. H. Stainer, of Liverpool, England, has passed. He is not satisfied yet that his bit is done and he is going back to see the doctor and the marching enlisted this week at the British and Canadian recruiting mission in New York.

Mr. Stainer is not yet twenty years of age, but has seen a lot of active service in his war. On the outbreak of the war, being at that time large for his age, he succeeded in passing the doctor and entered the Black Watch. He served with that unit from Mons to Neuve Chapelle, and at the latter place was wounded on March 10th, 1915. A little over a month later on April 18, the hospital in which he was being treated was shelled and Mr. Stainer was wounded the second time.

He recovered and returned to his regiment serving until on June 13, 1916, he received his third wound at Vimy Ridge. He spent several months in hospital and then was given his discharge. After this discharge from the army he entered the merchant marine and made several trips back and forth.

Not satisfied with this method of serving, he on May the first of the week walked into the office of the British mission in New York and re-enlisted with the Australians. For the present he is attached to the Hebrew unit depot, and will leave this morning for Windsor.

**LAST PERFORMANCE TODAY.** Last performance today. The Bon Ton Musical Comedy Company, headed by Nat Farnum, will close their engagement at the Lyric this evening. A good laugh is in store for those who attend today.

**PRINCE ARTHUR IS WELCOMED TO JAPAN.** Will Present To Mikado Baton of Field Marshal of British Army.

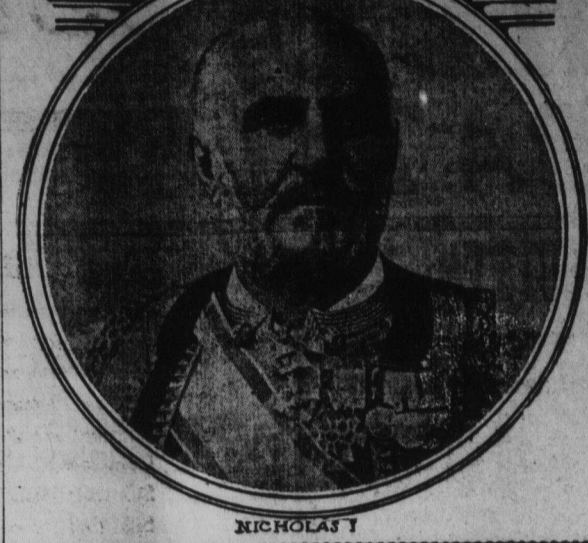
Yokohama, Tuesday, June 18.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, a cousin of King George of England, and son of the Duke of Connaught, formerly Governor-General of Canada arrived here today and was received by high British and Japanese officials. The Prince's welcome was not demonstrative as is customary on receiving a royal personage but markedly cordial. Prince Arthur's mission to Japan is to present to the Japanese Emperor the baton of a field marshal of the British Army, an honorary appointment conferred on Great Britain's eastern ally.

**AUSTRIANS LOSE 120,000 SOLDIERS.** Heavy Blow To Army of Emperor Karl.

Paris, June 21.—The Austrian losses in their offensive in the Italian front exceeded 120,000 men according to a despatch to La Liberté, from Rome, quoting the correspondent of the Corriere D'Italia.

**PROBABLE WRECK.** St. John's, Nfld., June 21.—Parts of hatches and other wreckage have been washed ashore at Cape St. Francis. It is feared that some ship may have struck an iceberg and met with disaster.

## KING OF MONTENEGRO—A MONARCH WITHOUT A THRONE.



**GRAND BAY.** Grand Bay, June 21.—Mrs. Roland Skinner and Mrs. Robertson were the guests of Mrs. Grant Thomson on Wednesday.

Miss Mildred Barnes of the Halifax School for the Blind, is spending her vacation with her parents at "Riverholm."

Miss Jean Smith and Miss Helen Rogerson were Miss Hunter's guests over Sunday.

Miss Edith Lindsay and Miss Maud Blakelee spent the week-end with Miss Dorothy Peters.

Mr. Ronald Bond spent Sunday with Mr. Wentworth Lewis, Pandemec.

Mrs. Fanjoy is visiting Mrs. C. D. Kierstead this week.

Miss Bertha Weatherhead had as her guests over the week-end, the Misses Wilmore.

**OBITUARY.** Miss Katherine McPherran.

At 139 Deeks street early this morning the death occurred of Miss Katherine, daughter of the late John and Sophia McPherran. The deceased for the past few years had been residing in Washington where she was taken seriously ill, but came home in March last, greatly improved, and hoping for complete recovery. She leaves behind her two sisters, Mrs. Alfred Manley, London, Ont.; Mrs. Stanley Cullen, Glace Bay; Mrs. Jas. A. Dougherty and Miss Teresa McPherran of this city, and a number of other relatives.

Miss McPherran will be favorably remembered and her death regretted by many former friends in St. John.

New York, June 21.—Sensitiveness over being known as a German was given as the reason for the suicide today of William Mohr, for nearly fifty years a member of the New York Cotton Exchange, once its president, and popularly known in cotton circles as "Rocky Mohr." Mohr, who was 57 years of age, and senior member of the firm of Mohr-Hannemann and Company, sold his seat on the exchange a week ago.

Early today he shot himself in the head at his apartment where he lived with his wife and daughter. Friends say his business had suffered since the United States had entered the war.

Ottawa, June 21.—Sir Thomas White, who has returned from Washington, in the course of an interview expressed himself as being well satisfied with the result of his trip to Washington. The minister announced that he had been able to make certain financial arrangements in London which will have a helpful effect. He says:

"The immediate object of my visit to Washington was to confer with the general question of permitting the issue and sale of Canadian securities in the United States. I addressed the board upon our financial and commercial position and the state of our exchange and international trade with the United States. The board was

**MINIATURE ALMANAC.**

June—Phases of the Moon.

Last Quarter, 2nd ..... 1h. 20m. a.m.

New Moon, 8th ..... 7h. 3m. p.m.

First Quarter, 16th ..... 10h. 12m. a.m.

Full Moon, 24th ..... 7h. 38m. a.m.

## PLAYGROUNDS SPECIAL MEETING

Eight Teachers Conferred With Executive Last Evening—Many Important Matters Dealt With.

A special meeting of the executive of the Play Grounds Association was held last evening at the Y. M. C. A., and matters pertaining to the playgrounds in the city were discussed. Eight teachers, who are engaged by the Play Grounds Association conferred with the executive and several suggestions were made. The conference lasted about an hour after which the executive dealt with questions brought up by the teachers. Judge Armstrong, A. M. Belding, and H. L. Gantor who have been delegated to attend to the arrangements to be made at Rockwood Playground were present and spoke of the need of a place of this nature for the youths of the city to enjoy themselves.

Captain Mulcahy reported progress with respect to the playground on the West Side.

A fairly large area at the foot of Short street was suggested as a suitable place for a playground. It was stated that 143 children were playing on this area the other evening.

It is several weeks since the British army has been engaged in any prolonged fighting on a large scale although British divisions were involved in the German attack which began the offensive of May 27, on the Alsace front. The bulk of the casualties now being reported, which are still running between 30,000 and 40,000 weekly, evidently represent accumulations of games from the intensive operations in which the British were engaged during the heavy German attacks of this spring on the British front.

## Suits, Outing Trousers, Light Overcoats, Raincoats

Yes, we have them in any style you like, and remember, too, our clothes are particularly made clothes—they are correct in style, cut and patterns.

We must send to the Allies more Wheat, Beef and Bacon. Repeat the fact all over Canada—Food Board.

**Gilmour's, 68 King St.**  
Open Friday evenings  
Close Saturdays at one.

**SUNDAY TRAIN SERVICE.**

For several months past the Sunday train service on the Canadian Pacific Railway to and from Montreal has been suspended. Commencing on Sunday, June 23rd, the service will be restored, that is, Montreal express will arrive Sunday noon at 12.30 p.m. and will leave for Montreal at 5.50 p.m. This will provide an every day service between Montreal and St. John on the Canadian Pacific. Train will consist of the usual first and second class coaches, diner, and sleepers. The restoration of this service will be good news for the travelling public.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Military Service Act, 1917.

Men of 19 and 20 Years of Age.  
Harvest Leave.

Leave of Absence on Ground of Extreme Hardship.  
Procedure to Obtain Leave of Absence.

**Men Nineteen and Twenty Years of Age.**

It has come to the attention of the Government that there is a widespread impression that young men of nineteen years, and those who became twenty since October 13, 1917, as well as those who may become nineteen from time to time and who have been or will be called upon to register under the Military Service Act, are to be immediately called to the colours.

This impression is quite incorrect. No date has yet been fixed for calling upon such men to so report for duty, nor has the question been brought before the Cabinet for decision. In view of the need of labour on the farm, it is most unlikely that consideration will be given to the matter until after the harvest is over, although of course the Government's action must be determined primarily by the military situation.

There is no further obligation incumbent upon young men of the ages above mentioned who have registered or who do so hereafter, until they receive notice from the Registrars.

**Harvest Leave.**

Some enquiries have been received as to the possibility of granting harvest leave to such troops as may be in the country at that time. No definite assurance can be given on this point as advantage must be taken of ships as they become available. On the other hand, harvest leave will be given if at all possible.

**Leave of Absence on Grounds of Extreme Hardship.**

It is desired that the Regulations respecting leave of absence in cases of hardship should be widely known and fully understood. Such leave will be granted in two cases:— (a) where extreme hardship arises by reason of the fact that the man concerned is either the only son capable of earning a livelihood, of a father killed or disabled on service or presently in service overseas, or in training for such service, or under treatment after returning from overseas; or the only remaining of two or more brothers capable of earning a livelihood (the other brother or brothers having been killed or disabled on service, or being presently in service overseas, or in training for overseas or under treatment after his or their return from overseas); brothers married before 4th August, 1914, living in separate establishments and having a child or children not to be counted, in determining the fact that the man is the "only" remaining son or brother; where extreme hardship arises by reason of exceptional circumstances such as the fact that the man concerned is the sole support of a widowed mother, an invalid father or other helpless dependents.

It is to be noted that in all these cases the governing factor is not hardship, loss or suffering to the individual concerned, but to others, that is, members of his family or those depending upon him.

**Procedure to Obtain Leave of Absence.**

A simple system for dealing with these cases has been adopted. Forms of application have been supplied to every Depot Battalion and an officer of each battalion has been detailed whose duty it is to give them immediate attention. The man concerned should on reporting to his unit state that he desires to apply for leave of absence on one or more of the grounds mentioned and his application form will then be filled out and forwarded to Militia Headquarters, Ottawa. In the meantime, if the case appears meritorious, the man will be given provisional leave of absence for thirty days so that he may return home and continue his civil occupation while his case is being finally disposed of.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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On Asiago Plateau Than on Montello and the Swiss

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The Austrian offensive conducted without a full rest of the situation of the opposite sides of the sector great attack was launched. Last autumn the Austrian for the first time a true Western line. He brought Caporetto on the Italian whole mass of the 14th south of that point and in an extremely arduous retreat, involving the loss of 600,000 men and 2,000 guns. Aations have been offered, aster, but the main understanding should be sufficient for a first effect of the Russian. With the Russian collapse centre of gravity of the war. A very great proportion of the Austrian army, which on the West front on the defensive. We never West front against the G. Austrians against the G. Italy will serve him in the trition which he has begun will exhaust the Allies before recruitment can turn against him.

Ready to Sacrifice All

He is occupied now for that war movement to Italy. Treat from Caporetto last ed in what are known as of the Piave." In the king which the French in Italy used to call a "logical war" which is fought with consideration at all except the and at any price and with stood in view of victory, the upon which the Italians retired was the Adige River behind the Piave. The broad, rapid and permanent considerable volume, which are difficult to cross. In following it to its mouth, lines are carried to the Piave follow that river to the Alps which still strong obstacles is far broader, deeper and even than the Adige, and to traverse. To hold the Adige to the mouth of the be to hold the strongest against the invasion of Italy. The Adige has rightly called the strategic Italy.

But there is a very serious against carrying the it.

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