

HEATRE

FEATURES

Mary Pickford In Poor Little Peppina. COMING ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY. John Barrymore In Nearly a King.

FRIDAY EVE. MAY 26th

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May 29 at 2:30 and 8:15

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D SATURDAY

up the number of votes given for and against this By-Law. 12. This By-Law shall take effect from and immediately after the final passing thereof. Take notice that the above is a true copy of the proposed By-Law which has been taken into consideration and which will be finally passed by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford, (in the event of the assent of the electors being obtained thereto) after one month from the first publication thereof in the Brantford Courier newspaper, the date of which first publication was the 25th day of May, 1916, and that the votes of the electors of the said Municipality will be taken thereon on the day and at the hours and places therein fixed.

H. F. LEONARD, Brantford, May 25th, 1916.

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Trentino Battle Nearing Point of Decision Very Little Change Recorded at Verdun Allies Preparing to Drive in Macedonia

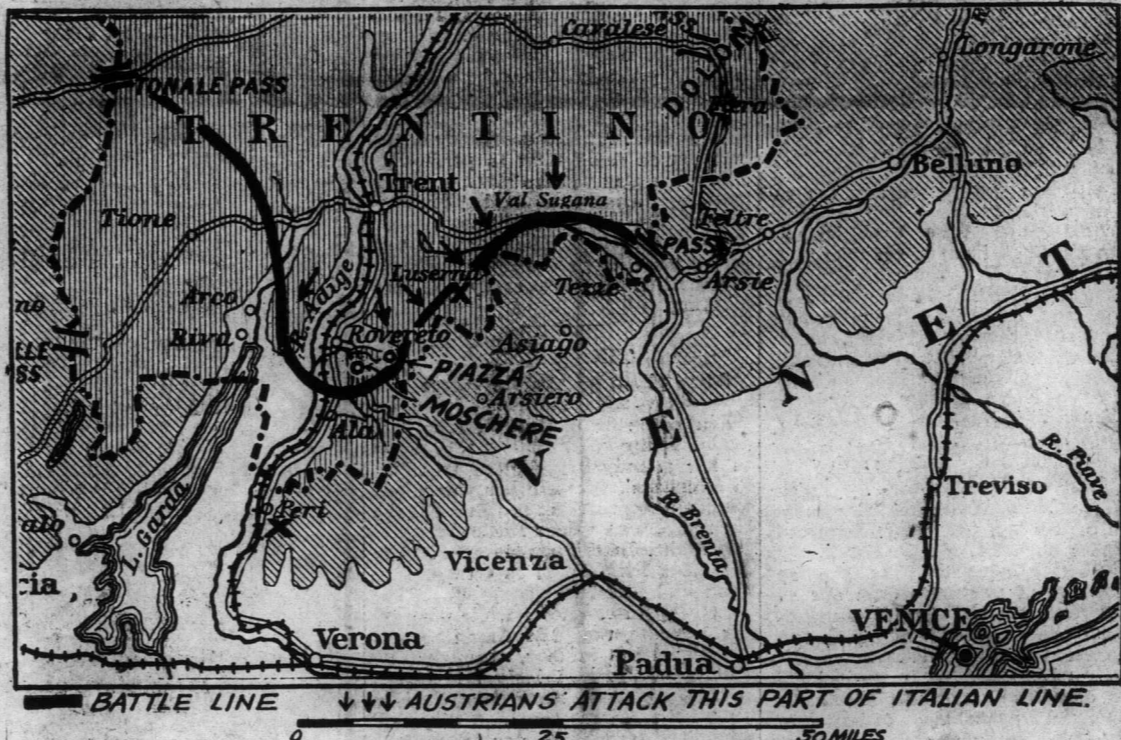
NEXT FEW DAYS WILL LIKELY TURN TRENTINO BATTLE IN ITALY'S FAVOR; STRUGGLE DESPERATE

Austrian Drive Made With an Army of 300,000 Men and Between 1000 and 2000 Guns—Italian Commanders Confident.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, May 25.—(New York Times cable)—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Milan says: "The Trentino battle is now raging at its height and is about to enter the decisive stage. The Italian army has been meeting for the last two days an Austrian onslaught conducted with a force of 300,000 men and 1,000 to 2,000 guns with a similar array of force, and although the phase of this struggle of giants is slightly in favor of the Austrians, the next few days will probably turn the tables in favor of the Italians."

SOME TERRITORY LOST. "The territory so far sacrificed by the Italians consists of some advanced mountain spurs between the Adige and Valassa, including Poppiano and Zugnatarta, the great part of the Terragnolo valley as far as Posina, and a stretch of the plain between Monte Molo to Monte Virena. "Parts of the territory thus evacuated under superior orders are from five to seven kilometres, but with the exception of Zugnatarta, Campo Molo, and Verena no really important strategic positions have been sacrificed, and the Austrian boasts of having captured some thousands of prisoners, who were mostly wounded and defended their positions to the last moment, are more than compensated for by the fact that more than 10,000 Austrian dead now lie unburied in the contested valleys, and more than 20,000 Austrian wounded have been sent

WHERE AUSTRILIANS ARE ATTACKING ITALIANS



Advices from both Swiss and Italian sources indicate the Austrian attacks launched in great force along the Southern Tyrol mean that the general offensive, which has been expected for several weeks, at last has begun. The principal blows are falling on a line about thirty-five miles long, but military observers believe they are simply preliminary to the supreme effort which will be directed toward the Vicenza plain from the Lavarone plateau. The Lavarone region up to this morning had scarcely been touched by the activity further to the west.

Situation in the Trentino is Causing No Anxiety

No Substantial Change Within the Last 24 Hours, and Austrians Find Themselves Now Confronted by Italians in Stronger Positions Than Ever.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Rome, May 25.—(Montreal Gazette)—The situation in the Trentino, although continuing uncertain, is causing no anxiety and has not changed substantially within the last 24 hours. The Austrians, having made their effort, now find themselves confronted by the Italians in stronger positions than had been prepared for the defence since the war began, while they must move up their heavy guns and dig trenches in preparation for counter attacks. Their progress, if they succeed in advancing, will be very slow. The country they will be coming to will be more difficult and mountainous as they advance, and they will be facing an enemy who has an abundance of everything behind him, while the Austrians, having made their effort, will find themselves in a difficult position. Here it is generally expected that the Austrian offensive in the Trentino will last some time, as that of the Germans at Verdun has. Meanwhile the Italians have been victorious all along the rest of the front where they have not retired from any point.

ALLIES' STROKE FOR PEACE WILL BE GREAT SMASH AIMED AT TURKS AND BULGARIANS

Entente Forces Will Strike From Saloniki and Mesopotamia and Will Try to End the War Before Winter—Italian Troops at Saloniki Along With the Allies.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, May 25.—A Havas despatch from Athens says it has been learned from a reliable source that 30,000 Bulgarians have been brought from the Black Sea coast to reinforce the Macedonian front. New York, May 25.—A news agency despatch from Rome to-day says: "A terrific smash within a few weeks aimed at eliminating the Turks and Bulgars from the war, will be the allies' next great stroke for peace. This is the report in general circulation here to-day. Heavy allied blows from Saloniki and in Mesopotamia will be followed by a tremendous offensive against the Austrians in an attempt to win the war before winter. French, English, Serbian and Italian forces are reported concentrated at Saloniki awaiting the word to strike against the Bulgarians and Germans in southern Serbia. (This is the first report that Italian troops are at Saloniki.) Meanwhile, the Russians are pressing on toward Bagdad, rolling back the Turks, who are reported to be extremely weary of the war. The public continues to watch with confidence the official statements regarding the situation on the Trentino front. It is now reported the first Italian reverses were due to a shortage of heavy cannon to cope with the heavy Austrian guns. The French are said to have come to the rescue with artillery and new pieces are being hurried forward from Italian factories so that the deficiencies will be more than supplied within a few days."

Little Change Takes Place in the Positions at Verdun

Artillery Bombardment Very Violent About Avocourt Wood and Dead Man Hill, and on the Right Bank of the Meuse French Make Gains—Germans Claim Successes.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, May 25.—There has been little change in the situation on the Verdun front, says the official announcement issued by the war office this afternoon. The artillery bombardment was very violent about Avocourt wood and Le Mort Homme (Dead Man Hill). At the latter place a German attack was stopped by the French curtain of fire at its inception. On the right bank of the Meuse the French succeeded in recovering part of the trenches occupied yesterday by the Germans between Haudremont wood and Thiaumont farm. Otherwise the battle front was calm. The text of the statement follows: "In the Argonne district, French troops exploded a mine with success at La Fille morte. "On the left bank of the Rivr Meuse there has been very violent artillery fighting in the sectors of Avocourt and Dead Man Hill. At this latter place a German attack which was about to be made, was circumvented by our curtain of fire. "On the right bank of the river a counter attack brought into our possession a section of trench occupied yesterday by the enemy at a point between the wood of Haudremont and the farm of Thiaumont. To the north of this farm we last night made progress with hand grenades and took some prisoners. "The night passed relatively quiet on the remainder of the front."

GERMANS AT LAST ADMIT FOOD SHORTAGE

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, May 25.—(New York Sun cable)—The Germans are at last admitting a shortage of food. A leading article in the Schlesische Zeitung, the organ of the great Silesian land owners, says: "It is childish to continue always to hide the truth. Let us openly admit that the difficulties that have arisen mainly in the great towns are caused not merely by a lack of system in the distribution of the necessary articles of food, but also by the fact that the supply of such articles is inadequate. The journal admits that grievous discontent has spread in all directions in consequence of defects in the system of dealing with the food supply and hopes that the measures introduced in the new imperial food department will improve the situation."

VILLA BANDIT LEADER KILLED

American Troops Gain Success South of Cruces.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Field Headquarters, near Nampiqua, Mexico, May 25.—Candelario Cervantes, the Villa bandit leader, was killed by American troops south of Cruces to-day. One other Mexican, Jose Bencomre, and an American were killed. Two Americans were wounded. Cervantes' end came after he had made a surprise attack south of Cruces on a detachment of engineers repairing the motor-truck road. He was beaten back and pursued into the hills by the engineers, who had been reinforced by a detachment of the seventh infantry.

FROM JAMAICA, TOO

Contingents of Soldiers Are Being Formed Rapidly There.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Kingston, Jamaica, May 25.—(New York Sun cable)—Jamaicans continue to pour steadily into the recruiting camp here to form contingents who hope to help the motherland and her allies in the great war. A big influx of men of fighting age from the Bahamas arrived at the recruiting camp to-day. Hundreds are also coming from Honduras to enlist.

Aged Minister Dead.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Winnipeg, May 25.—Rev. Henry Kenner, a veteran minister for the Methodist church, died here last night, aged 84.

William J. Bryan spoke for temperance, peace and Sabbath observance at meetings in connection with the Presbyterian General Assembly in Atlantic City.

A SUDDEN STRIF AT SALONIKI

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, May 25.—Exceptional military activity at Saloniki is believed here to portend developments of great importance. Gen. Lowell, chief of the British staff, and other officers of the Allies, who have been on leave in Athens, have been recalled suddenly. On May 13, Bulgaria was reported to be sending heavy reinforcements to the Saloniki front in anticipation of a general offensive by the Allies. Since that time exchanges from various sources have reported activity on the part of the French and British forces, the most notable being the occupation of Florina, 18 miles south of Monastir, by Allied troops on May 23. Significance was also attached to the efforts of the Entente to obtain the use of the Greek railroad for the transportation of the re-organized Serbian army to the Saloniki front. Paris and London have been persistently silent as to any developments in the Balkans.

NO PESSIMISM OVER RETREAT OF THE ITALIANS

Battle Line is 400 Miles Long and Withdrawals Only on Portions.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Rome, via Paris, May 25.—The retreat of the Italians on a portion of the Trentino front has not caused any pessimism in official circles here. It is pointed out that the entire line of battle is four hundred miles long and that there need be no surprise that there should be withdrawals at some points under overwhelming pressure. The fact that the Austrians now hold a small mountainous section of Italian territory is considered of small importance when compared with the fifteen times greater territory occupied by the Italians in Austria. It is also contended that if the enemy continues to advance the conditions which have favored him hitherto will be reversed as the farther he gets from his base of operations the more difficult it will be to supply ammunition for his heavy artillery. On the other hand the Italians will enjoy the advantage of having good roads, four main railways and inexhaustible reserves available at their immediate rear. These considerations are independent of the natural obstacles which make the Austro-Italian front so different from that at Verdun. An official statement has been issued explaining that it is impossible to limit the war to trench fighting in a region like the Trentino where large masses of troops can be easily transferred from one point to another without weakening any section of the front. A large number of refugees from Arsiero, Asiago and neighboring villages have arrived at Milan, where they are being cared for in charitable institutions. The evacuation of their home towns was ordered by the Italian military authorities when the great Austrian offensive started.

NOT OPTIMISTIC

Lloyd George's Chances on Irish Problem Not Conceded to be Bright. By Special Wire to the Courier. London, May 25.—(New York Sun cable)—While the press generally agrees that the choice of David Lloyd George as the olive-branch bearer to Ireland is one that could not be bettered and unanimously wish him God speed, optimism as to the result of his efforts is conspicuously absent. The Morning Post says it cannot be said that Premier Asquith's new plan for attempting a settlement in Ireland has aroused any great hope in the minds of either the Irish or the British members and cynically suggests that as a device for shelving the subject for some time it has much to recommend it.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



Citizens about to have the gold stopping taken out of their teeth.—London Opinion.