

ALLIES STILL FERMOST ON THE BATTLEFRONT IN ITALY

AUSTRIAN LOSS IN THIS DRIVE 120,000 MEN

Situation Not Greatly Changed in the Italian Theatre, But What Change Has Occurred Is In Favor of the Allies—Italians Push Back Austrians and Compel Them To Re-cross the Piave River.

Desperate Situation Continues in Austria and Amid Strikes, Hunger, Disorder and Tumult, Premier Von Seydler Decides To Lay His Resignation Before Emperor Karl, Who Is At the Front.

Special Cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Hilaire Belloc)

London, June 21.—The position on the Piave river remains very much what it was the day before. The only difference is in the Allies' favor. The river was reached in two or more places by the Italians who pushed back to the bank or compelled to retire over the remaining bridges the Austrian forces which had reached the southern shore. This is especially the case in the centre of the line. The Austrian losses exceed 120,000 men.

It is to the advantage of the Allies that Montello Hill, which is at once an observation post and a position turning the entire Piave line from the north, has been the scene of light retirement upon the part of the enemy. On the other hand, we must not underrate the enemy's position in the south or extreme left of the Piave line. Here, west of St. Dona, he has many things in his favor, including five bridges intact behind him and a main double railway line from Udine in perfect working order and giving immediate ample supplies.

Near Mestre. Here he has made much the largest passage of the river. He holds a belt about three miles from the stream and following the main railway towards Mestre. He is said to have passed over no less than five divisions and a new bridge.

He embarked on the Italian adventure with the expectation of duplicating the coup of last fall thereby relieving the political situation in the dual monarchy. The masses are weary of the war and driven to desperation by the prolonged economic stress they have been quick to read failure in reports of battles which were intended to distract their attention and furnish a moral stimulus.

Vienna instead of being gay with flags in the celebration of the victory on the Piave, had become a hotbed of unrest and revolt. A strike involving hundreds and thousands of workers has broken out and the streets of the city are filled with people protesting against the shortage of bread and other food.

Premier Has Decided to Resign. Count Tisza, leader of the majority, stated yesterday in the Hungarian parliament that many of the provinces had only a third or a fourth of the necessary food supplies. He said that Hungary would have the greatest difficulty to hold out until the next harvest.

These reports from the dual monarchy must not be considered as camouflage. Karl has not the German military machine to organize his mixed subjects, and the dangers of revolution are infinitely greater in the dual monarchy. Unless the costly adventure against Italy brings an early and full success, Germany will find Austria as troublesome as Russia.

KING AND QUEEN WILL CELEBRATE

London, June 22.—(The Associated Press)—The English people will, on July 8, have the first opportunity since the days of George III. to celebrate the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of their King and Queen and are preparing to mark the event to the fullest extent that war necessity and war sentiment will permit.

King George and Queen Mary have decided to accept a personal silver gift from the City of London and the Lord Mayor of London is raising a sum of money which will be bestowed upon some charity their majesties may see

SCOTS ENTER ENEMY LINES NEAR SCARPE

Italians Everywhere Hold Enemy and Gain Ground in Counter Work.

THE AUSTRIANS PRESS HARD ON MONTELO

Berlin Claims Germans Repulsed Attacks By U. S. Troops.

London, June 21.—The British official communication issued this evening says: "In last night's raids north of the Scarpe Scottish troops penetrated German trenches, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy's garrison and captured a number of prisoners. A number of dugouts and several machine guns were blown up and destroyed."

"Nothing of special interest occurred today."

Italian Statement. Rome, June 21.—The statement issued by the Italian war office says: "On the Montello the pressure of the enemy continued strongly but everywhere he was held by our troops who, counter-attacking, regained ground."

"The Pina Brigade and the 29th and 30th Regiments advancing with admirable ease, captured 400 prisoners and a number of machine guns. They wrested intact from the enemy two of our halcyons of medium calibre which were promptly put into action against the enemy."

On the Piave. "On the Piave the struggle was concentrated in some sectors. West of Candoli a hostile attack was completely repulsed."

"More to the south, in front of Fagaria and Zenson, our counter-offensive action begun on the night of June 19-20 has continued irresistibly and has taken us on to the positions which we held the day before."

"The enemy suffered losses equal to his strenuous resistance. Several hundred prisoners remained in our hands."

"On the area west of San Dona Di Piave the enemy attempted a strong attack against Looson (northeast of Meolo). At first he was arrested by our fire. He renewed his attack four times in vain until, exhausted by the exceptionally heavy losses suffered, he was forced to yield in the face of the dangerous valor of the Sardinians, of the Sestier Brigade, the 151st and 152nd regiments, which were valiantly helped by the 11th battalion of the 20th Infantry, the Biscagno Brigade and by a Bersaglieri Cyclist column."

At Mouth of Piave. "North of Cortellazzo (at the mouth of the Piave) parties of sailors and Bersaglieri daringly broke into the enemy's lines, capturing two hundred prisoners, afterwards firmly holding the positions."

"At Cavazzochina (at the eastern end of the swampy region near the coast) we effected our bridgework."

"The aviators in spite of adverse atmospheric conditions, carried out their usual activity."

"Enemy machines were brought down."

"For the first time our airmen and those of our allies had as their companions during American pilots, who, as soon as they arrived the front expressed a desire to participate in the battle."

"The valiant Major Barratta, who had won his 34th victory, did not return the 19th instant from an heroic war flight."

German Statement. Berlin, via London, June 21.—Attacks by American troops northwest of Chateau Thierry and by the French southwest of Noyon were repulsed by the Germans, according to the German official communication issued today. Both the French and the Americans suffered heavy casualties and some prisoners were taken by the Germans, says the communication.

PRINCE OF WAGRAM LIKELY CAPTURED

Descendant of Famous Field Marshal of Napoleon Missing.

Paris, June 21.—Capt. Alexandre Berthier, prince and duke of Wagram, is missing. It is believed that he is a prisoner in the hands of the Germans. The captain, who is a descendant of the famous Field Marshal Berthier, of the Napoleonic wars, is thirty-five years old.

SUMMER CAME ON TIME AT 3 THIS MORNING

If New Brunswickers did not keep a close track of the calendar or lived in northern lands where they have no calendar at all, it might be surmised by some slight stretch of the imagination that this week has been one borrowed at a furious rate of interest from the grand old hitting and potato digging month of October. Up in the usually super-heated valleys of the Petticoats, the St. John, the Miramichi, the Nepisiguit, the Kouchiquia unspeakable names, the good old folks have lost part of their carefully planned and prepared war gardens, due to a visitation or several visitations from that friend of the Kaiser, Jack the Snipper.

We mention all this as a forelimb before breaking the news to our thousands of readers, including those who have been the victims of Jack Frost, that summer is really, truly, officially and astronomically here. That glorious event occurred at exactly three o'clock this morning, daylight time. The warm season is officially scheduled to be with us until six o'clock on the evening of September 23, thereby lingering about as long as possible. There will be a full moon next Monday morning at 5.38, followed by hot weather.

There is no longest day of the year. There are five days of exactly the same length which are the longest of the year, extending fifteen hours and twenty-five minutes. The sun rose this morning, yesterday morning, and will tomorrow morning at 6.41, setting at 9.10. On two days next week it will rise at 5.47 and set at 9.11.

The indications are for dry, warmer weather after the middle of next week. In the meantime there is a heavy disturbance in the west moving eastward, and some dirty and unsettled weather is predicted today and tomorrow.

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TREMENDOUS UPROAR AT GUELPH, ONT.

Raid on Jesuits' Novitiate Arouses Public Excitement To High Pitch.

RAIDING OFFICER IS GIVEN TRANSFER

Protestants and Roman Catholics in Ontario Are Somewhat "Het Up."

Toronto, June 21.—Captain A. C. Macaulay, who has acted as assistant provost marshal here for the past fifteen months, and who was in charge of the raid by the military police on the St. Stanislaus Novitiate at Guelph, Ont., on the night of June 7, has received notification from Ottawa that he is to be transferred to Winnipeg.

Tremendous Uproar. Guelph, Ont., June 21.—A tremendous uproar among Protestants and Roman Catholic alike has followed in the wake of the visit to the Jesuit novitiate on the night of June 7, by a force of military police in search of M. S. A. defaulter. Public excitement is aroused to a high pitch by the semi-political attacks that have developed.

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NINE BUILDINGS ARE DESTROYED AT OROMOCTO

Children Playing With Matches in Barn of John Malone Start Blaze Which Burns His Dwelling, Riverside Hotel, Houses of William Rutledge, and Mrs. Omar Ward, Post Office, Five Barns and Wharf—Four Other Buildings Damaged.

Fredericton Firemen in Twenty Automobiles Go Down River and Assist People of Oromocto To Save the Village—No Person Injured—Total Loss Is Estimated At \$30,000.

Special to The Standard. Oromocto, June 21.—A serious fire did heavy damage in Oromocto from 5.30 until 10.30 o'clock this evening. Nine buildings, including an hotel, and three houses, and a wharf were burned with most of their contents and four others were damaged. The total loss is estimated at \$30,000. No person was injured.

The fire started at 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon in the barn of John Malone and was caused by children playing with matches. A stiff wind was blowing at the time and the flames soon spread to Mr. Malone's dwelling, which also was burned. So fast did the fire extend that it was impossible to save a cow in the barn or the contents of the house.

The fire then spread to the house of William Rutledge nearby, where the post office was located. The dwelling, with the office, was burned. The fire then skipped across the road and burned the house of Mrs. Omar Ward. Next the fire jumped a distance of one hundred and sixty yards and destroyed three barns belonging to Mrs. Charles White.

Wharf Burned. From the Riverside Hotel property the flames worked their way into the steamer wharf, valued at \$8,000 or \$9,000 and this was burned. The homes of Leo Higgins, Harry Carson and Captain Currier and the barn of T. J. McElroy were damaged. The fire was under control at about 10.30 o'clock. It will take some time to total the amount of insurance on the properties. Mrs. Stocker and Mr. Malone carried no insurance. The Riverside Hotel and stable were worth about \$8,000. The burned dwellings were valued at from \$2,000 to \$4,000 each.

The destruction of the hotel and wharf will inconvenience the village for some time.

RAW SUGAR PRICE IS ADVANCED

International Sugar Committee Raises Price Because of Submarine Menace—Refined Sugar Will Follow.

Activities of German submarines in the ocean lane traversed by sugar laden ships between Cuba and Buenos Aires have so increased marine insurance that the international sugar committee announced an increase in the price of imported raw sugar yesterday.

"Effective at the opening business, June 24," said the announcement in the trade, "the basic price upon which refined sugar margin must be based will be 6.655 cents per pound delivered, duty paid, for 36 centrifugal sugar, New York. Such basic price will be continued until further notice."

It is expected that refined sugar will be advanced in Canada and the United States shortly. It was intimated in the Standard yesterday that sugar would probably rise.

RUNNING BATTLE WITH SUBMARINE

American Troop Transport Fired At More Than 100 Times, But Escapes.

An Atlantic Port, June 21.—An American troop transport, formerly a German liner, which returned this week from a French port, was subjected to a shell fire attack from a German submarine two days out from the port of departure, it became known here today. The transport escaped by superior speed although a running battle lasting more than an hour took place in which more than 100 shots were fired by the two vessels.

The submarine appeared to have one gun that outranged any carried by the transport and from this gun there were counted thirty-five shots, none of which however, hit the American ship. The submarine did not venture close enough to use a torpedo and finally gave up the pursuit.

CALL TO PRAYER SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, June 21.—His Excellency, the Governor General of Canada, is transmitting through the Lieutenant Governors of the several provinces a message calling upon the loving subjects of His Majesty the King throughout the Dominion to observe a day of public humiliation and prayer. Sunday, June 30th, is appointed as

the day on which the people should unite in humble prayer and intercession to Almighty God on behalf of the cause undertaken for the British Commonwealth and the Allies and for those who are offering their lives for it and for a speedy and enduring peace. The message comes officially this week through the Royal Gazette of the province.