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Austrians Routed; Lose 45,000 Prisoners and Much Equipment

Enormous Amount of War Material Captured by Victorious Italians

Fleeing Enemy Abandoning Guns—Attacking at Dawn on Sunday, Italy's Troops Swept Forward All Along Line—Paris Believes There Will Be Serious Effect Upon the People of Dual Monarchy—"Best News in Many Months," Says London

Washington, June 24—Capture of 45,000 prisoners and enormous stores of war material by the Italians in their counter offensive, which has driven the Austrians across the Piave River, is announced in an official cablegram received today by the Italian embassy from Rome.

POUT, SAYS PARIS

Paris, June 23—The Austrian offensive appears to have ended in a rout, according to the view taken by the Paris press as summarized today by the Havas Agency. Believing that under such conditions as the news indicates the enemy will be compelled to give up important booty in material and prisoners to the victorious Italians, the newspapers predict that the unquestionable defeat will react seriously upon the population of the dual monarchy, so sorely tried by hunger.

LEAVE GUNS BEHIND

Italian Army Headquarters, Sunday, June 23—(Evening by the Associated Press)—The great retreat by the Austrians along the Piave front began under cover of darkness on Saturday night. The retreating troops left their cannon behind them.

Italian detachments are pursuing the enemy east of the Piave. Austrian troops left to cover the retreat used their machine guns to set up a barrage line.

When it was observed that the Austrians had begun a retrograde movement, the Italians began to attack virtually all along the Piave front. The attack was quick, prepared and became more intense, accompanied by violent artillery fire. The number of guns left behind by the Austrians as they retreated has not been computed, but is said to be very great.

OLD POSITIONS RE-TAKEN

Rome, June 23—(By the Associated Press)—Italian troops have crossed the channel of the Piave River, west of the main stream, and recaptured several of their old positions there, according to a semi-official announcement tonight from Capo Sile, other detachments are advancing toward the main stream of the river.

The Italians have thrown numerous bombing detachments across the main stream, where the artillery and aircraft are hammering the enemy.

The Italian attack began at dawn on Sunday. With the Montello on the left flank, the attack was carried out all along the line through Candelo to San Dona Di Piave.

South of the Zenson bend the Austrians are fighting rear guard actions to cover the retreat of their main body over the two bridges they have left at San Dona and Cisolera, three and a half miles from the Adriatic.

The Italians have taken large numbers of prisoners, great quantities of munitions and other booty since the Austrian retreat began.

The Italians are advancing from their bridgehead at Capo Sile.

London, June 24—After recapturing the Montello from the Austrians, according to news received in London this afternoon, the Italians began making bridgeheads at Falze and Nervasa. The Italians met with little resistance.

The retreating Austrians crossed the Piave by the only bridge remaining to the north of Zenson.

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AMERICANS ARE DAILY INCREASING FORCE "OVER THERE"

Paris, June 23—"Will the intermission in the hostilities last much longer?" asked the military commentator of the Temps. "We can only congratulate ourselves on this lull because American troops are landing each day in increasing numbers."

"The Germans possibly are counting on the defeat of the Italians obliging us to send forces there," he continued. "But the Austrians still see the most fertile plains in the world over the heads of the Italian soldiers."

BRITISH ATTACK

London, June 24—The British made a successful minor attack on German positions south of Metz (in the Lys salient) last night. Many Germans were killed and fifty prisoners and some machine guns were taken by the British, according to a statement issued by the war office today.

FRENCH REPULSE THEM

Paris, June 24—The Germans launched a new attack against positions held by the Italians at Bigny (on the Marne) at eleven o'clock last night. After hard fighting the Germans were completely repulsed with serious losses, leaving prisoners in the hands of the allies, according to a statement issued by the war office today. The French have repulsed a German attack in the region of Anthelm (west of the Oise).

ALBERTA REJOICES IN WELCOME RAIN

Calgary, June 24—Southern Alberta was visited with copious showers yesterday afternoon. The rain could not have come at a better moment than it did.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Miss Katherine McParland took place this afternoon from her late residence, 126 Duke street, to the Cathedral, where burial services were conducted by Rev. W. L. Moore. Interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.

ST. JOHN GIRL WINS PROMOTION

Miss Annie L. Baisley Gets a Well Merited Advancement From Montreal School Board

Friends of Miss Annie L. Baisley will be pleased to hear of the splendid success won by her from the Montreal Board of School Commissioners. Miss Baisley, who has been one of the instructors on the staff of the Montreal city schools for the past three years, has been appointed director of the Training School for Kindergarten Assistants, and in addition to her regular morning work will lecture to these young ladies in afternoon classes.

STILL A CHANCE TO REGISTER

Ottawa, June 24—Although last Saturday was the day officially designated by the Canadian registration board for all persons over sixteen years of age throughout the dominion to register, a further opportunity to fill in their cards and secure registration receipts will be given those who were unable to register on that date. For the next thirty days, at all post offices in Canada, registrations will be received, and persons who have a good reason for failing to register shall not be deemed to have broken the regulations, during that period, if they cannot produce their certificate. It will probably be some days before the number of registrations made up to and on last Saturday are definitely known. Senator Gordon Robertson, head of the Canada registration board, said on Saturday that reports received indicated a very large registration.

Toronto, June 23—It is estimated that about 450,000 had registered here by Saturday night.

QUEBEC, JUNE 24—It is estimated that up to Saturday about 85,000 had registered in Quebec, and about 16,000 in Lewis district.

ANOTHER PROTEST.

From the South End comes another protest against transfer of the swimming pool from Carleton to Rowan's wharf. Longer distance to go and increased expense because of street car fares are some of the reasons given.

Will Finance Attempt To Fly Across Atlantic

Aero Club's Patriotic Offer in New Design for Defeat of Hun

New York, June 24—The Aero Club of America announced here last night that it had notified John D. Ryan, director of American aircraft production, that it was willing to assume the expense of attempting a trans-Atlantic flight, in order to assist the government in solving the problem of delivering thousands of airplanes overseas and of establishing a trans-Atlantic aerial patrol to defeat Germany's U-boat campaign.

STOCKS STRONG ON GOOD NEWS FROM ITALY

New York, June 24—(Wall Street)—Stocks were decidedly strong at the opening of the market today, the advance being accelerated by further advice concerning the successful Italian offensive. Equipments led the rise, United States Steel and Baldwin Locomotive gaining one and two points respectively. Other car shares, motors, oil, tobacco and shipbuilding participated in moderate measure, but rails were dull and little changed. Sentiment was moderate and reactions before the end of the first half hour. Liberty bonds were steady.

Activity slackened toward noon, but trading assumed wider proportions, embracing additional industrial and equipment shares, and related metals, also minor war issues and specialties. Aside from leading investment rails continued to hold back, but last week's inquiry for secondary transactions was resumed.

Royal Dutch Oil at a further decline of five points and moderate reactions in Brooklyn Transit and American Telephone were the few exceptions to the sustained strength of the general list.

At mayor reported that the military authorities had complained of the fishing wiers on Partridge Island. The matter was referred to commissioners of the harbor, who said that he was taking action.

Commissioner Fisher reported that he had not filled in the site of the public school in Adelaide road, and asked inquiry in that particular location. He thought a better location could be secured. He moved that the hole be filled in as it was carried.

C. P. R. Trade—Commissioner Fisher introduced a resolution as follows: "Whereas the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is permanently occupying a portion of the full width of Union street, St. John's West, and is temporarily occupying a portion of German street, these two streets lying at right angles and together naturally affording a roadway with easy grade around the hill at the southeastern or shore edge of Carleton; and

Whereas the company agreed in writing to furnish on May 1 of this year, by removal of tracks or otherwise, a narrower roadway connecting Union street with German street and remove its tracks from German street, thus giving residents much needed access to their properties and furnishing a way for the fire apparatus to reach that locality; and

Whereas the company has not provided the roadway as per agreement; therefore

Resolved, that the company be called upon either to carry out the agreement to provide the roadway, etc., or to propose a date when the work will be done, such date not to be dependent upon any development work on the waterfront which the dominion government may undertake.

Commissioner Hilyard seconded the motion, in order to bring it before the meeting.

Commissioner McLellan was informed that neither the city nor the C. P. R. engineer had submitted any plans or estimates for the removal of track to provide a roadway. He said he understood that a roadway could be made by this method at a cost of about \$10,000. He moved in amendment that the city correspond with the C. P. R. regarding the removal of certain track and the purchase of one or two properties in order to provide a roadway, as suggested by the city engineer. He said that he would not aid in placing any obstacles in the way of movements of munitions.

Commissioner Fisher brought up the question of the city's policy with regard to street improvements, etc., but action was postponed. He also wanted the view of the council on the question of extending the present system of asphalt sides or laying permanent sidewalks of concrete. No action was taken.

Playgrounds—Commissioner Hilyard presented a petition signed by sixty-eight ratepayers of West St. John asking that the southwest corner of Queen square, W. E., be prepared for use as a ball field and playground. The petition was referred to the commissioner of public works.

On motion of Commissioner McLellan the commissioner of public works was

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Members of the Rotary Club will circulate to carry out a policy that will speedily prepare part of the Rockwood neighborhood baseball diamonds in the different sections of the city. The plan was the hearty endorsement of today's luncheon, in a discussion shared by many members. K. J. MacIver presided. Reports on way gardens were made by F. A. Dykeman and W. P. Barlett, and A. M. Belding and Engineer Hatfield reported on playground progress.

CHANGE OF TIME.—The Boston train pulled into the station today at 12:05. In the past it has been due to arrive at 1:45 p. m. The change is due to the change in the time table of the Boston & Maine railroad.

Published by the Department of Fisheries, R. F. Sturpatrick, Director of Meteorological Service

Synopsis.—The disturbance which was in the Ottawa Valley on Saturday moved eastward to the Gulf and maritime provinces, giving moderate gales with rain. The weather is now showery in the western provinces and fair from Ontario eastward.

Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley.—Westerly winds, fair and a little warmer; Tuesday, fair and moderately warm, showery by night.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore.—Fresh westerly winds, fair and a little warmer today and Tuesday.

Fair and warmer. Maritime.—Fresh westerly winds, clearing; Tuesday, westerly winds, fair and moderately warm.

New England.—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; cooler in the interior on Tuesday, moderate northwest to north winds.

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THEY KEPT IT FROM GERMANY

Bulgaria and Turkey Negotiating Over the Dobruja

SPIES FOUND IT OUT

Bulgaria Declared Firm in Intention to Exact Fulfillment of Demands—What Turkey Wants as Peace Terms But Will Not Get

London, June 24—Preliminary negotiations, presumably regarding the Dobruja, have begun between Bulgaria and Turkey and Germany learned of them only through its espionage service, so the Daily Mail correspondent at The Hague says he is informed. Austria probably will participate in these espionage negotiations in the course of a few days.

It is added that a recent speech of Dr. Van Kautmann, the foreign secretary, in the Reichstag, resulted from conversations between Bulgaria and Turkey which were begun on the initiative of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

M. Malinoff, the new Bulgarian premier, is said to agree entirely with the plan of King Ferdinand to exact fulfillment of Bulgaria's demands at whatever cost.

Turkey's Desires. Base Switzerland, June 24—The Turkish newspaper Akti, in an article in which it lays emphasis on the statement that Turkey's intervention in the war probably has prevented the Central Powers from being crushed, formulates conditions as representing public opinion as to what Turkey's peace terms should be.

The terms, the newspaper says, embrace the restoration of the Ottoman Empire, the re-establishment of Turkish supremacy in Egypt, the independence of Persia, to be secured by the expulsion of the British; the Black Sea to become Turkish, with a Turkish prince in the Crimea; a German prince in Georgia; an Austrian archduke in Armenia; Bulgaria to hold northern Dobruja, but Constantinople and the Bosphorus to remain free ports; Austria not to evacuate northern Italy until Turkey has recovered Cyprus, and Turkey to recover Crete.

THEY ALL RESIGN

Saskatchewan Food Control Executive Say Certain Regulations Make Work Impossible for Them

Regina, Sask., June 24—Hon. G. W. Brown, L. E. Mutton, G. A. A. Mantle, F. P. Auld and W. A. Wilson, the executive of the Saskatchewan Food Control committee, have resigned in a body, and have asked to be relieved of their duties. They expressed their view that they could no longer carry on the work because of the conditions created in Saskatchewan by certain regulations of the Canada Food Board.

COPENHAGEN, June 24—A German non-commissioned officer and his wife have reached Moscow, a Danish island in the Baltic Sea. They made their escape from Germany in a small boat. They have been interned, as have other German deserters, until an investigation has been made.

FRENCH ACE FLIES TO CLEVELAND BUT IS MUCH DELAYED

Cleveland, June 25—Lieut. Georges Fleuret, a French "ace" who left Montreal on last Wednesday, arrived here last night by airplane. He was compelled to make two stop-overs, one at Buffalo for two days and another at Erie for twenty-four hours due to accident and gasoline shortage. He had expected to reach here in four hours.

TWO KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO

Moose Jaw, Sask., June 23—John Carleton of Pasqua, Sask., and Mrs. John Carleton of Ripley, Ont., are dead, and only injured, as the result of their automobile being struck by a C. P. R. express train at a crossing near Moose Jaw college.

AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE PRICE OF WHEAT

Washington, June 25—Blanket authority to increase the price of wheat at primary and other markets, with the approval of Food Administrator Hoover, for press affairs and a prominent Bolshevik, was shot dead today in a street in Petrograd.

PROMINENT BOLSHEVIKI IS SHOT IN PETROGRAD.

Moscow, June 21—(By the Associated Press)—M. Volodarski, commissioner for press affairs and a prominent Bolshevik, was shot dead today in a street in Petrograd.

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Enemy's Strike Troubles Grow

Serious Condition in Germany As Well As In Austria—Vienna Factory Hands Demand Government Move For Peace

Zurich, June 24—The Austrian troubles are extending, according to a despatch from Munich quoting the Neueste Nachrichten, of that city. The Vienna Zeit, according to these advices, states that the strike has become general.

The Hungarian Crisis. Amsterdam, June 24—In discussing the crisis in the Hungarian government, Budapest newspapers, says the Lokal Anzeiger, mention Count Tisza presumably as successor to Premier Wekerle. Keep Cabinet in Power.

Amsterdam, June 24—Emperor Charles, says a Vienna despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger, Berlin, undoubtedly will refuse to accept the resignation of the Von Seydler cabinet, which will remain as constituted, except possibly for the Polish minister, Herr Von Twardowski, who will retire.

VIENNA WORKMEN DEMAND PEACE. London, June 24—Strikers in the various factories in Vienna on Saturday formulated a demand that the Austrian government show itself ready for a general peace and invite the governments of enemy countries to enter into peace negotiations, says a despatch from The Hague, Compiegne, Belgium.

BERN STRIKES IN GERMAN CITIES. London, June 24—Extensive strikes broke out on Thursday in Cologne and Mannheim, on the Rhine. Owing to a reduction in the bread ration 20,000 persons quit work in munition factories, according to a despatch to the Daily Mail from The Hague.

A Dutch workman returning to The Hague reports that the military and police interfered, but failed to prevent a street procession of more than 5,000 strikers at Cologne. The strikers, who included women, marched in a dense mass to an open place where a mass meeting was held. All the speakers, who included workmen and foremen, made this declaration: "Unless we get more to eat, we shall not work."

The Danes say that smallpox is increasing greatly among the Krupp workmen at Essen.

MEATLESS WEEKS FOR GERMANY. London, June 24—Meatless weeks for Germany is a possibility of the near future, Dr. August Mueller, under-secretary for food distribution, at a meeting of the Reichstag food committee on Saturday, according to an Exchange Telegraph Company despatch, from Copenhagen, announced that it would be impossible to increase the meat ration. He said that most likely it will be necessary to lower it or to introduce meatless weeks for the whole of Germany, at any rate certain parts of the population.

TROUBLE, TOO, IN BESSARABIA. London, June 24—The railway workers in Bessarabia are on strike and the entire country is paralyzed, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Zurich. It adds that many munition depots occupied by Roumanians have been blown up.

The Frankfurter Zeitung ascribes the action of the local branches of the party against authorized candidates, which has already been ignored by the executive of the resolution, would relieve the executive of embarrassment by releasing them from the obligation to keep faith with the government. The Times adds:

The executive have failed to enforce discipline in the constituencies and are weakly surrendering the position to the rebellious elements. If the resolution is passed the executive can endorse candidates against the government in which they are represented by Mr. Barnes and his colleagues. Behind this situation is a deep-seated cleavage between two sections of the party—trades union and socialist.

CHARGE AGAINST A HALIFAX DOCTOR

Matter of Prescriptions for Securing of Intoxicating Liquor

Dartmouth, N. S., June 24—Dr. H. O. Simpson, a local practitioner, appeared before Judge Foster this morning on the charge of wrongfully issuing prescriptions for the purchase of intoxicating liquors. The liquor vendors of Halifax city and county gave evidence, after which the case was adjourned until Thursday morning to give the magistrate time to consider objections raised by counsel for the defendant.

James M. Power, one of the city vendors, testified that in April he had received 805 doctors' prescriptions, in May, 1,027, and up to June 14, 503. Of this number, Doctor Simpson had issued 288 in April, 426 in May and 191 up to June 14.

J. B. Mitchell, county vendor, could not produce his records for this period when asked the court to do so. He said he had destroyed them as soon as the inspector had examined his books.

DEATH OF CHILD.

The death of friends will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bart Rogers, whose youngest child, Walter H., aged five months and ten days, died yesterday at their residence, 227 St. James street.