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SEVERE DEFEAT FOR THE AUSTRIANS

FRENCH GAINS CONSOLIDATED ON THE AISNE

Enemy Counter-Attacks North of Hautebraye Have Been Repulsed.

PRISONERS TAKEN—370 Machine Guns and Trench Mortars Also Captured From the Enemy.

Paris, June 17.—"Between the Oise and the Aisne we repulsed enemy counter-attacks north of Hautebraye and consolidated our gains of the morning," says the war office announcement tonight.

FIGHT FOR LIFE IN SUNK U-BOAT

Fearful Scenes Enacted When Vessel Struck Mine on Leaving Zebrugge.

MANY COMMIT SUICIDE

Others Reached Surface From Conning Tower, But Compressed Air Burst Lungs.

London, June 17.—(Via Reuters Limited.)—Harrowing details of the destruction of one of the largest and more recently constructed German submarines are given in a despatch from a neutral correspondent.

The U-boat struck a mine, and out of the crew of forty only two survived on reaching the surface after a terrible struggle with death for an hour and a half twenty fathoms below the surface.

Only one chance of escaping was to force open the conning tower and the forward hatch and death for an hour and a half twenty fathoms below the surface.

The compressed air shot them to the surface, and hardly had they reached the sea level when the air pressure burst their lungs, and about twenty of them sank like stones.

FLOCKING TO RUSSIA FROM THE UKRAINE

Unemployed Leaving Districts Occupied by Germans, Where Bayonet is Strike-Breaker.

Moscow, Thursday, June 6.—The unemployed are flocking to Russia from the Ukraine and other districts occupied by the Germans, where virtually all the factories are closed, the eight-hour law waived and workmen are being forced at the point of the bayonet to replace strikers in factories still operating.

Official figures of the Ukrainian commissioner of labor show there are 15,000 unemployed in Kiev; 20,000 in Odessa; 25,000 in Kherson; 40,000 in Ekaterinoslav; 35,000 in Kharkov and 25,000 in Nikolaeiv.

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES ADJOURNS TILL AUTUMN

Tremendous Excitement as Italian Premier Praises the Army and the Allies.

Rome, June 17.—The chamber of deputies adjourned today until September—unless extraordinary events require that it reconvene at an earlier date—amid scenes of tremendous excitement.

The chamber was in an uproar of applause as the premier, King Victor Emmanuel and those who had been instrumental in helping the combatants and the civil populations in distress thru the war.

WILL NOT RECOGNIZE FINNISH GOVERNMENT

Hon. A. J. Balfour Says It Undoubtedly Is Under German Influence, the Same as Ukraine.

London, June 17.—In the house of commons today Hon. A. J. Balfour, foreign secretary, stated that the government did not propose for the present to recognize the Finnish Government, which seemed undoubtedly to be under German influence.

J. R. Clynes announced that the food ministry was assuming the responsibility for the wholesale collection, utilization and distribution.

DISTRICT DEPOT MOVES FROM RAVINA BARRACKS

Removal of the Toronto District Depot, the unit which has charge of the disposal of returned invalided soldiers, from Ravina Barracks, West Toronto, to quarters in the Park School building, took place yesterday.

The new quarters, adjacent to the Military Base Hospital, will be the home of the depot until the permanent accommodation at the St. Andrew's College property is ready.

AUSTRIAN EXCHANGE HAS FALLEN AGAIN

Amsterdam, June 17.—The Austro-Hungarian consulate has issued a denial of recent rumors on the bourse of friction between Austria and Germany in connection with the fall of Austrian exchange.

TABRIZ OCCUPIED BY TURKISH TROOPS

London, June 17.—Turkish troops have occupied Tabriz, next to Teheran the largest city in Persia, according to a Turkish official statement dated June 14. The text reads: "We have occupied both shores of Lake Urmiah and the Town of Tabriz (northwestern Persia) in order to protect the wing of our army on the Caspian coast."

Only Minor Raids Mentioned in Haig's Official Report

London, June 17.—Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France tonight mentions only minor raids and the usual artillery activity along the British front.

Italian Political Quarrels Are Laid Aside Till Victory

Washington, June 17.—Harmonious enthusiasm marking Saturday's session of the Italian chamber of deputies, at which the Socialist leader, Turati, declared all political Socialists must be obliterated until victory was achieved at the front, was the subject of an official radiogram today from Rome.

British Cruiser Torpedoed With Loss of Sixteen Men

London, June 17.—The British armed mercantile cruiser Patia (6,103 tons) was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine on June 13, according to an announcement made by the British admiralty tonight.

BIG PROFITS MADE BY LIQUOR VENDORS

Illicit Manufacture or Importation Has Not Made Much Headway in Province.

MANY PRESCRIPTIONS Nearly Six Thousand in One Month Alone in Toronto This Year.

It is the purpose of the Ontario Temperance Act, being designed to a large extent and a monopoly created in the sale of liquor, which is rapidly making wealthy men out of the holders of vendors' licenses.

Information laid against a Toronto physician for issuing within a few weeks, upwards of 500 prescriptions for liquor, has served to call attention to the way in which the Ontario Temperance Act is working out.

To secure liquor now one must have a physician's prescription certifying that a patient demands it. To glance at the records in the license commissioners' office there are a lot of people in Toronto suffering with everything from housemaid's knee to advanced stages of tuberculosis who simply must have a little something, and who neglect to secure a supply from Montreal before the ban was put on Ontario.

In one month alone this year two Toronto vendors filled nearly 6000 prescriptions. This was during the time shipments were permitted from Montreal, the sole source of supply cut off and the stocks in the cellars of householders running low or depleted it is expected that the vendors' business will still further increase.

Price the Great Barrier. To those who wish to secure a bottle of liquor, which is technically known as a "crook," the price is the greatest barrier, and it is hard to figure out why it should be so high.

The vendor has practically no expense as compared with a \$100 license fee, keep four or five horses and as many men, and extend a line of credit for \$5000 to \$7000 a year less than his predecessor in the trade, and those who cannot understand why they have to pay more now for their liquor than in the old days.

Frivolous to the time prohibition became a live issue shop licenses were sold in Toronto for \$200 and \$300. A former dealer who has been in business in Montreal since the days of the trade, and who sold \$100,000 or more for a vendor's license if one were for sale.

When we are dealing with this phase of the temperance question, said Vice-Chairman Dingman yesterday, "we thought it prudent to strictly limit the number of vendors who would be permitted in the hands of reputable men. We wanted them to make a fair profit and not have competition who would possibly tempt them to adopt means of securing business of which we did not approve. So far I must say the vendors have heartily co-operated with us in reporting irregularities, and we are confident that it might be advisable to impose a stiff license fee."

Vendors Not to Blame. Asked if many of those arrested for drunkenness did not secure their liquor from the vendors, Mr. Dingman said no doubt there were more or less irregularities in that connection, but the vendors were not to blame.

As far as the authorities can learn smuggling liquor into the province has not attained any proportions as yet. That is only attempted, because of the "home-made booze" in Ontario, as far as is going on more or less and is being combated.

While investigating smuggling officers received information that with the opening of navigation Ontario would be flooded with cheap whiskey from the United States. Toledo, Ohio, was the headquarters of an organization which proposed to smuggle, not only into Ontario, but also Michigan. It was to be done on an extensive scale, but its plans were upset by United States officers before they could be brought into operation.

The manufacture of "moonshine" whiskey is another phase of the liquor question which will have to be dealt with. Those who have looked upon themselves as being United States citizens. The matter of their cases was brought to the attention of the Canadian authorities, and dealt with by E. L. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, Ottawa. He has ruled that the men in question, in spite of the issuance of naturalization papers by the consul in Toronto, remain British subjects, and as such come under the Canadian draft act because of allegiance to the United States.

A test case was made regarding two men, 29 and 25 years of age, whose parents are United States citizens. The brothers were born in Canada. A few months ago they appeared before Chester D. Martin, United States consul in Toronto, took oaths of United States allegiance, and were then issued United States naturalization cards. From that time they have looked upon themselves as being United States citizens. The matter of their cases was brought to the attention of the Canadian authorities, and dealt with by E. L. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, Ottawa. He has ruled that the men in question, in spite of the issuance of naturalization papers by the consul in Toronto, remain British subjects, and as such come under the Canadian draft act because of allegiance to the United States.

WITH THE AMERICANS. Washington, June 17.—Aside from patrol activity in Picardy, Lorraine and the Vosges, no important developments at points held by the American troops in France were reported in tonight's communique from Gen. Pershing. In the Vosges a hostile raid was broken up by the American fire.

Austrians Are Being Aided by Some Contingents of Germans.

FORCES POUR FORWARD Trains Crowded With Troops for Reinforcements Rushing Towards Italy.

Geneva, June 17.—Reports received here from Buchs and also from several points along the Swiss-Tyrollese frontier indicate that the Austrians are aided by some contingents of Germans and that the Austrians continue to pour considerable forces toward Italy. It is said that trains from Innsbruck, Botzen and Trent are crowded with troops going southward and that the ordinary traffic on the railroads has been suspended.

The new Austro-German headquarters, the reports add, is established just behind the Sette Comuni range. Following the example of the Germans in the Asiatic and Lorraine, the Austrians are placing Slav irredentist regiments in the first and most dangerous lines, with Tyrollese troops behind them in order to prevent wholesale desertions.

Vienna newspapers received here devote large headlines to alleged successes by the Austrians. They deny that the offensive was ordered by Berlin, but say it is due entirely to the foresight and preparations of the Austrian headquarters staff.

TORONTO EXCEEDS DRAFT ACT QUOTA

Thirteen Thousand Estimate Has Already Been Passed by District.

EASTERNERS BEHIND More Men Are Still Being Ordered to Report to Colors, However.

Toronto military district's quota of men toward the 100,000 called for under the draft act, which was estimated at 12,000, has already been exceeded in spite of the fact, however, more men of Toronto military district are being gradually called to the colors. On Saturday 400 men in "A" medical category received official notice to report to the colors on June 26.

Some of the military districts in western Canada have also given their full quota of men under the Military Service Act. It is a striking fact that none of the eastern Canada military districts have yet furnished the required quotas under the draft act. The question is being asked why Toronto and other districts which have already given their share of men towards the 100,000 total, should give more than their share.

Under a new arrangement just decided upon by the Ottawa authorities, in cases of men being ordered to report and then reporting ahead of time so as to gain the advantage of choice of unit, they will not be counted as forming a part of the 100,000 total. In regard to this point it is stated that in Toronto district alone, some 4,000 men have already been found to have "beat out" the official date for reporting. It is understood the government will release itself from having to include the men reporting ahead of time in the 100,000 total by canceling the papers which notified them to report.

A new stand is being taken by the Dominion authorities in regard to men who claim freedom from serving under the Canadian draft act because of allegiance to the United States. A test case was made regarding two men, 29 and 25 years of age, whose parents are United States citizens. The brothers were born in Canada. A few months ago they appeared before Chester D. Martin, United States consul in Toronto, took oaths of United States allegiance, and were then issued United States naturalization cards. From that time they have looked upon themselves as being United States citizens. The matter of their cases was brought to the attention of the Canadian authorities, and dealt with by E. L. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, Ottawa. He has ruled that the men in question, in spite of the issuance of naturalization papers by the consul in Toronto, remain British subjects, and as such come under the Canadian draft act because of allegiance to the United States.

STEEL STRIKE IS ENDED. Employees of Nova Scotia Company Accept a Partial Increase.

Halifax, N.S., June 17.—The strike of the employees of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company is over. The men at a meeting tonight unanimously decided to return to work tomorrow morning. The company grants the men increases of wages, not as much as they demand, but an amount they are satisfied to accept. The demand for recognition of the federation of labor as a union was abandoned.

MOTOR STRUCK ROPE. Three Persons Seriously Injured Returning to Ridgeway.

Ridgeway, June 17.—Their motor colliding with a rope which had been stretched across Erie street as a barricade to permit oiling the street, Florence Westbrook, daughter of P. Westbrook, a Brantford hotelkeeper, Miss Clara Montgomery, of Brantford, and a little niece of Mr. Westbrook were seriously injured today.

The three have been hospitalized at Rondeau government park and were not going to town. Miss Westbrook was lying in the ambulance apparently not seeing the rope, the color of which was similar to that of the oil on the street. The rope in the impact broke the windshield of the car. It caught the occupants about the neck. Miss Westbrook had her windshield crushed. A hemorrhage resulted and for some hours it was feared she would die.

Enemy is Reorganizing After His Severe Defeat

British Statement Shows That Austrian Losses in Men and Guns Were Heavy, While Allied Casualties Were Light.

London, June 17.—The Austrians are reorganizing their effective along the British line of the Italian front after "severe defeat," according to an official statement issued tonight on the operations of the British with the Italians. The statement says: "There is little change on the British front. The artillery battle has died down and the enemy is reorganizing after his severe defeat."

"Captured maps show that his objectives were very ambitious; they included the capture of Pau and Clusafonte. The number of prisoners has increased to 716, including 12 officers. The total amount of captured material actually brought in was four mountain guns, 43 machine guns and seven flamethrowers."

"BLUE DEVILS" LEAVE FOR CANADIAN TOUR

New York, June 17.—Escorted by representatives of various Canadian Governmental departments and traveling on a train provided by the Canadian Government, the "blue devils" of France will leave New York tomorrow afternoon for a tour of Canadian cities. The Canadian party, which arrived in this city today, is headed by L. J. Loranger, K.C., of the military service council, and consists of Captain Jenkins, secretary of the military service council, transport service; Lieut. M. Taylor, M.C., and P. Thomas Aherm, private secretary to the minister of justice.

The itinerary of the trip, which will cover the period from June 18 to July 2, is as follows: June 18, leave New York, 2:15 p.m.; June 18, reach Quebec, 1:30 p.m.; June 23, leave Quebec, 7 a.m.; June 27, leave Montreal, 8:45 a.m.; June 27, reach Ottawa, 12:30 p.m.; June 28, leave Ottawa, 10:30 p.m.; June 29, reach Toronto, 7:50 a.m.; July 2, leave Toronto, 8 p.m.; July 2, reach Toledo, on return to New York.

TWO ARE ARRESTED FOR HOARDING SUGAR

Probably the first arrests to be made under the new food regulations to the effect that no one can have more than 15 days' supply of sugar on hand, were made last night by Plainclothesmen Marshall and Sullivan of Court street station, when Mike Frenk, a Greek restaurant keeper at 148 York street, was arrested for hoarding six bags of sugar and Jung Kee Chinaman, also a restaurant keeper at 162 York street, was taken into custody for having four bags in his possession.

Altho the regulation has been in force for some time this is, as far as the Toronto police are concerned, the first time the Toronto police have taken any action to enforce the regulation. It is expected that the ruling will be strictly enforced from now on.

MOUNTAINS OF STEEL IDLE IN VANCOUVER

Montreal, June 17.—"Veritable mountains of costly and rare steel materials, for which Canada is looking every day in vain are lying idle on the wharves and in freight cars in Vancouver," said a Canadian railway board official in an interview here today.

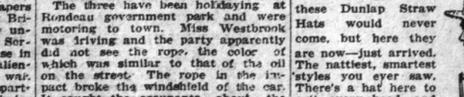
"About 50,000 tons of light rails, spikes, angle iron, spare parts, engines and cars have been lying in their present position for several months awaiting orders for trans-shipment to Russia. Russia has apparently forgotten the stuff while the Canadian railway board has been awaiting action by the allied authorities in response to its representations."

German Raiding Party Succeeds in Capturing a Few Americans

With the American Army in France, June 17.—A German raiding party took a few American prisoners on the Luneville front this morning. The enemy raid followed a patrol fight, in which the Americans penetrated the enemy trenches, killing one German and wounding another.

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Italians, French and British Start Successful Counter-Attack.

GAIN PARTIAL SUCCESS Battle Goes on With Extreme Violence Along the Piave River.

Rome, June 17.—Italian troops in conjunction with their French and British allies yesterday began a counter-offensive against the Austro-Hungarian forces which had launched an attack on the Italian mountain front. The Italian and allied troops, according to an announcement made today by the war office, were able to gain partial successes and to rectify their lines at several points along the front.

The statement says the Austrians, disregarding their losses, continued their endeavors to cross the Piave River, but that the Italians are bravely holding their positions.

More than 4500 Austrians have been made prisoner by the Italians, British and French.

The text of the Italian statement reads: "On the Asiago Plateau and on Monte Grappa the enemy, who had on Saturday suffered heavy losses, limited his action yesterday to hindering with intense fire the counter-offensive push of our own and allied troops who, however, were able at several points, to gain partial successes, and to rectify our line."

"Along the Piave the battle went on with extreme violence. The enemy, heedless of his losses, continued his powerful pressure in order to effect his occupation of the Montello and open the way to the plains. Our troops have strongly engaged the enemy on the line of Clano, the Montello crest, and St. Andrea."

"The Italians are bravely holding the positions on the river from St. Andrea, to Fossolata and are effectively opposing the enemy's advance in the area in front of San Dona Di Piave."

"Prisoners taken from the beginning of the fighting amount to more than 120 officers and 4,500 men of other ranks, including 716 captured by the British troops and 251 by the French."

"The aviation service has continued to take an important part in the fighting, notwithstanding the unfavorable flying conditions. Forty-four enemy machines have been brought down during the last two days."

Lists of Returning Soldiers Will Be Sent to Other Points

The soldiers' aid commission announces that from now on, instead of the lists of returning soldiers for Toronto military district being only issued in Toronto City, a list of the men due will be sent to every town in the district, addressed to the commission's local representative. The local representatives will be held responsible to see that the next of kin of the homecoming soldiers are given proper notice.

Emperor Charles of Austria With Men on Italian Front

Amsterdam, June 17.—Emperor Charles is with his troops on the Italian front, according to a Vienna despatch to The Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant. No German troops are participating in the offensive, the despatch adds.

TWENTY ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN BY BRITISH

Important Railways and Docks Bombed From the Air on Sunday and Monday.

London, June 17.—"The uncertain weather interfered with our operations Sunday," says the official statement on the work of the airmen. "The enemy aircraft were active at times on the northern portion of the British front and in the French battle zone. Eleven hostile machines were destroyed in air fighting; nine were disabled; one German balloon was shot down in flames. In addition, one hostile machine was shot down and another driven down out of control by anti-aircraft fire."

"We lost ten machines Sunday, six of which were working south of Montdidier."

"We dropped twenty-two tons of bombs by day and twelve tons Sunday night, heavily attacking the railways at Armentieres, Estaires, Comines and Courrai and the docks at Bruges. Two of our night flying machines failed to return."