ROBS Fresh southeast winds; partly fair and warmer, with occasional showers.

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# USTRIAN OFFENSIVE A TOTAL COLLAPSE

Not a Single "Ubjective Has Been Attained Since the Fighting Began

## USTRIANS FORCED TO WITHDRAW ON WHOLE MONTEBELLUNO FRONT

Troops Are Forced to Retire Before Italian Re-

ne. June 20 -From the Montello sea the battle of the l'iave continuing bitterly without e, the Italian war office announcday. Last night the Italians ed the invaders to withdraw their le front north of the Montebelrailway More than 1200 Ausprisoners were taken and numachine guns captured.

he Austrians yesterday afternoon the statement, launched a fresh ock on the Piave with strong forces od succeeded at first in gaining ne ground in front of Zenson. Later an reserves were brought up and reed the Austrians to retire. The text of the Italian war office ment follows:

From the Montello to the sex the attle is continuing bitterly without the enemy back to the northern part of the Montebelluno railway and made him withdraw nis whole front of attack somewhat towards the northeastern salient of the Montello, capturing and sugar. Think of your famprisoners and taking numerous

Along the Plave River the struggle

of Zenson, but he was promptly cked and was afterwards forced to reserves, which imme-

troops with energetic countersucceeded in greatly reducing ona di Piave. Prisoners to the

First Tribute of Blood. Slovak units have valiantgiven their first tribute of blood generous principles of freeand independence for which they ghting on our side. The 25th inry division, in the course of five Bisango brigade and the and 210th regiments were able rday in repeated counter-attacks ing out all their valor.

dawn to sunset our own allied airmen and the seaplanes the Italian royal navy were all e in chasing and not allowing the my to approach our lines for obfor other aims. Our maes carried out bombardments, atthe enemy with machine gun and participated uninterruptedly d effectively in the battle.

Fourteen enemy machines were ght down. One of our airmen id not return. Along the whole our observation balloons co-opusefully and courageously. the Asiago Plateau French by a successful surprise operarried the positions of Bergo and Pennar, capturing 102 pri-

troops completed the gains the capture of Costalunga, takhundred prisoners. Enemy attacks on Corno were re-

## READING MAKES PLEA FOR CO-OPERATION

British Ambassador Wants Britain and United States to Have Closer Relations.

Cambridge, Mass., June 20 .- A plea Anglo-American co-operation after the war was voiced before the Harvard alumni today by the Earl of Reading, British ambassador to the United States, who had previously een awarded the honorary degree of doctor of laws at the university com-

Your entry has helped

## Front of Zenson Fresh STARVING AUSTRIANS FIGHTING FOR FOOD

Archduke Charles Tries to Improve Morale by Talking of Things to Eat.

SALADS AND VEGETABLES

Little to Exist on More Than Those for the Next Six Weeks.

Italian Army Headquarters, Wednesday, June 19.—That Austria's drive against Italy is positively "a hunger offensive" has been proven by new orders and addresses found spon prisoners. These were signed by officers ranging from Field Marshal Conrad von Hoetzendorf down to regimental commanders. One which was tie is continuing bitterly without issued by the commander of the famous regiment bearing the name of

and sugar. Think of your family. Think of white bread you may win for all."

The Italian soldiers tell humorou

The Italian soldiers tell humorous stories of captures effected by persuading the series of captures effected by persuading the Austrians that they will be well fed. One Italian officer who had been wounded and picked up by a group of Austrians who intended to make him prisoner, explained how foolish they were. He said: "Come with me and numerous troops, succeeded first in gaining some ground in whole party went over to the Italian whole party went over to the Italian lines.

> ming of the offensive the Austrians ed yesterday afternoon.
> in the front line each received three. The new Orde street. rations of meat, one for each day of the attack until they reached the Italian stores. They were so hungry, however, that they ate all of them the first day.
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> Trouble is Expected.

London, June 20. - Burgomaster Weise-Kirchner of Vienna has informed the Austrian premier, Von Seydler, according to a despatch from the Austrian capital, transmitted by the correspondent at Amsterdam of the Ex-

Presse, the people of Austria will have to exist on little more than salads and certain vegetables. Farmers Must Deliver.

Copenhagen, June 20 .- According to The Vossische Zeitung, the mayor of Vienna in a statement explaining the food situation, has said that month a proclamation was issued to farmers requesting them to deliver a certain amount to large towns. The council had hoped to receive ten thousand carloads of grain, but as a matter of fact had received only 2,500. The mayor also reported that after the last lot of potatoes is distributed this week the supply will be exhausted. The mayor of Budapest, eplying to a telegram requesting assistance, said that conditions there were so bad that the people had not

had sufficient food for months.

Some Food is Promised. Amsterdam, June 20.—The Austrian premier, Dr. von Seydler, in a statenent to the press representatives at Vienna, announced that, as a result of ernment declared itself ready to adof grain, and he added, some hundreds of wagon loads were already on the

Germany had thus again proved its fraternal attitude in the alliance, he continued, but the supply in Austria was still so scanty as to make it impossible for the present to remove the restrictions on the bread rations. The Hungarian Government also had promised to send foodstuffs, especially considerable quantities of new pota-

## INDIAN DISCIPLINE

ON A SINKING SHIP London, June 20 .- The admiralty re-"England entered the war." he cipline and bravery of Indian native "knowing she was vindicating troops aboard a sinking British transto port in the Mediterranean which had that vision, to establish the been torpedoed by a German submaprinciple of liberty and justice among rine. The natives coolly proceeded to the boat stations and stood at atten-Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president tion. As the boats were being lowermeritus of Harvard, expressed the ed a second torpedo struck the vessel, especially that before the British ambas-which was rapidly sinking. The solleft this country he would be diers were thereupon ordered to heave arrange an offensive and de- the rafts overboard and jump into the alliance between Great Brit- water after them These orders were ain and the United States, and that carried out with commendable calmthese two nations would welcome to ness, and all except three reached the ill, according to The Cologne Volks such an alliance, he believed, all other rafts. The survivors were picked up Zeitung. He recently suffered a stroke by patrol vessels and safely landed of paralysis.

#### CHILDREN TO GET HOLIDAYS EARLIER

Board of Education Decides to Close Public Schools Next Wednesday Instead of Friday.

The board of education decided last night to close the pub-lic schools for the summer vacation on Wednesday next instead of on Friday as had been pre-viously agreed to. The exam-inations will be over today and all the bigger pupils will be away from school, and it was felt that it was hardly fair to hold the younger children in class while the older were out. It was felt, too, that the teachers had done good work in the past year and deserved a few days' extra rest.

### **NEW MODEL SCHOOL** AT ORDE STREET

Will Be Provincial Training Institution When Opened in September.

TEN CRITIC TEACHERS

Will Receive Two Hundred Salary Increase.

Important developments in connection with the completion of Ords street school were officially announc-

The new Orde street public school will be opened in September as a model school for the purposes of the provincial normal school. Hitherto some classes in Church and Victoria street schools have been used for this purpose.

D. D. Macdonald, Principal, The board of education has appointed D. D. Macdonald, now principal of change Telegraph Company, that in McMurrich school, to be principal of view of the reduction of the bread the Orde street school. A staff of ration he declines to guarantee order ten specially qualified teachers will ten specially qualified teachers will in the capital. The burgomaster's de- be app inted at the next meeting of mand for dried vegetables to make up the board of education as critic teach-for the lack of bread has been re- ers, to take charge of the ten classes of the school, in which the teachers Amsterdam, June 18.—For at least in training at the normal school will six weeks, says The Vienna Neue Freie receive practice in teaching. This training for the candidates for second class teachers' certificates will be similar to that now provided at Ryerson school for students of the faculty of education of Toronto University. who are seeking to qualify for first

class certificates. Each of the critic teachers will receive an addition of \$200 a year salary before their appointment to the ten specified Orde street school

When the Orde street school is in full working order it is probable that several more classes will be used as Orde street school is a 9-roomed school at present, but will ultimately be a 21-room school. 't is expected that about 17 classes will be taught at Orde street after the reopening in

#### **AERIAL MAIL ROUTES MONTREAL-TORONTO**

Montreal. June 20 .- The opportunthis city, at the disposal of aviators has been taken early advantage of by the proposal of an airplane mail route between here and Toronto. This was decided on today by those interested in aerial work, and it is likely that next week the possibilities of such a route will be tried out by carrying of letters and me

#### GERMAN 'PLANES ATTACK A BRITISH SQUADRON

by biplane between the two cities.

Enemy Machines Made No Hits and One Scaplane Was Destroyed.

London, June 20.-German airplanes attacked a British naval squadron north of Heligoland Bight on June 19, machine gun fire and bayonet. the British admiralty announced today. The German machines made no

#### hits and one seaplane was destroyed. BETHMANN-HOLLWEG ILL.

Amsterdam, June 20. - Dr. vor Bethmann-Hollweg, the former imperial German chancellor, is gravely

## STRIKE IS AVERTED BY BOARD'S OFFER

Civic Employes Ask That Robbins Amendment Be Agreed to.

SEND REPLY TODAY

Special Meeting of Council to Ratify Controllers' Offer is Demanded.

The threatened strike of the civic employes was narrowly averted last night when at a mass meeting of the men a large number were strongly in favor of taking a strike vote. This was avoided only by the use of the most careful diplomacy on the part of the more cool-headed employes until it became known what attitude the Trades and Labor Council had adopted.

After a delegation of members of the Trades and Labor Council had met the representatives of the civic employes it was unanimously decided to reply to the letter received from the board of control embodying the amendment made by Controller Robbins, the reply to be handed to the mayor personally this morning. The employes suggest that the mayor call immediately a special meeting of council to consider and deal with the offer of two dollars a week to date back from January 1, the heads of civic departments to meet the accredited representatives of the Civic Employes Union or the officers of the various organizations most conversant with existing conditions to consider all present grievances, failing which to submit all matters to a board of conciliation or arbitration. council to consider and deal with the Specially Qualified Instructors

Labor Council, and it was well to-wards midnight before the mass meet-ing of the employes decided unaniously upon the wording of the statement to be sent to the mayor in reply to the letter of the board of control

## **BOX-LUNCH HOUSE BEATEN BY WOMAN**

Store Takes Trade Away Quickly.

A meeting of the box lunch men of the city was held in the headquarters 2 College street, yesterday, when an organization was completed. The following officers were elected: President, W. C. Haddock; vice-presidents, R. J.

A deputation leaves for Ottawa this week to interview the food control pressing appreciation of the fine sea-board to see if it is not possible to manship and courage of all concerned get some concessions in the way of state their action is worthy of the sandwiches. The big rush hour for best traditions of the British mercanbox lunches is just when the regula- tile marine. tions say no sandwiches may be used, 11 to 2.30. As sandwiches are the base of a box lunch, the men feel if they cannot get some leniency they will be forced out of business. On display at the meeting was a box lunch purchased at a small gro-

cery at the Beach. A woman had recently started to sell box lunches, and one of the dealers said he was having so many boxes refused with the words, "We're going to —'s grocery now," that he investigated. Here was the lunch he purchased on a meatless day for 15 cents: Three huge sandwiches made of all white bread, weighing in all 714 ounces (law allows 1 ounce of ity furnished the Royal Air Force by white bread). Two of these containthe placing of the polo grounds, near ed a generous supply of ham, and the other was cheese. No wonder the box lunch man couldn't compete!

#### TRENCHES ARE STORMED BY AMERICAN TROOPS

Germans Who Remained to Fight Were Killed by Ride and Machine Gun Fire,

With the American Army in France, front of Cantigny, in the Montdidier sector. Those of the German garri-son who remained to fight and carry out their orders to hold the positions at any cost, were killed by rifle and The Americans also took prisoners

#### Bonar Law's Grateful Tribute To War Services of Moslems

London, June 20 .- In the house of commons Mr. Bonar Law, chancellor Moslem fellow subjects.

# BALFOUR REPROVES PACIFISTS, WHOSE PROPOSAL IS NEGATIVED

#### GERMANS SEEK TO FOMENT **REVOLUTION IN MOROCCO**

Tribe Informed That Mussulmans Have But One Chief, Kaiser El Hadj Guilloum, Conqueror of France.

Paris, June 20.—How Germany tried to use the recent offensive for her own purposes in Morocco, is told in an official note made pubic here tonight. The note is based on documents intercepted by Gen. Lyautri, the French resident general in Morocco, in May. They are signed by a German agent named Hermann and Mulai Abd El Malek, uncle of the sultan of Morocco.

The documents announced the resumption of the offensive in France, as having been set for May 29 and urged the Beniourain tribe to rise against the French troops, as the moment was particularly

"The Mussulmans have but one chief, Kaiser El Hadj Guilloum, who is the conqueror of France and is about to deliver Morocco," documents say.

#### FRENCH TROOPS MAKE TWO SUCCESSFUL RAIDS

British Line Is Advanced Slightly Near Merris and a Few Prison-ers Captured.

London, June 20 .- The British official communication issued this even

conciliation or arbitration.

The whole trouble was fully gone into by the civic employes and also thereby dealt with by the Trades and counter-attacks on our new positions. counter-attacks on our new were successfully beaten off,
"The hostile artillery was active with gas shells today in the of Ayette (south of Arras).

#### RESCUED THE CREW IN STORM AT NIGHT

London, June 20 .- A thrilling story of heroism at sea was disclosed at Braun: presentations by the late captain of the steamship Percisien of Quebec and Keeper of Small Grocery officer of the steamship Lord Erne. Lloyds to W. S. Roberts, late chief While traversing the Atlantic on February 8 the Lord Erne received a distress signal from the Percisien that standing the darkness and terrible weather the captain of the Lord Erne the city was held in the headquarters manoeuvred his vessel as rapidly as of the Retail Merchants' Association, possible to the sinking ship. Roberts called for a volunteer crew, to which all hands, including the engineer and apprentice, responded. Despite the greatest difficulties the Percisien was boarded and the whole

Dowling and J. Love; secretary, J. of the 26 members of the crew res-The admiralty authorities.

#### ITALIAN UNIFORMS PUT ON AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS

Were to Have Been Thrown Into Ital-ian Lines in Order to Create

Rome. June 20 .- Italian military oficials learned before the Austrian offensive began, says a semi-official in Italian uniforms in order to throw them at a suitable moment into the entente allied lines so as to provoke ary! panic and disorder. Captured Aus-

Confusion.

#### drumhead courtmartial. TRANSPORT TORPEDOED: SIX HUNDRED DROWNED

Sant'Anna Sunk While Taki Troops From Bizerta to Malta. Taking

Paris, June 20. - The transport Sant'Anna, proceeding from Bizerta June 20 .- At dawn this morning Am- for Malta, was torpedoed and sunk erican troops stormed German on the night of May 10-11, according trenches and machine gun nests in to the Havas Agency. There were on ers' fields for two weeks now, with cold treaties were an obstacle to peace. men, of whom 1512 were saved.

#### Food Troubles in Dual Empire Unequaled Since War Began

riving here from Germany and Austria make it clear that the latest equaled since the beginning of the war. The agitation thruout the countion with the gravest apprehension. harvest.

Corruption Rampant, Says Socialist Deputy, From Jailbird to Court Chamberlain.

**EVERYBODY CHEATS** 

Even Official Bodies Attempt to Extort Illegal Profits From the Poor.

Amsterdam, June 20 .- The following is a picture of social conditions in Prussia as presented during the debate on June 18 on the budget of the ministry of the interior in the house of deputies, by the Socialist member,

"We are face to face with a terrible condition of public morality. We hear of numberless cases of thefts on railroads and alarming juvenile criminality. According to official statistics, between October, 1916, and November, 1917, there were 487,726 she was foundering rapidly and the convictions for infractions of the food lifeboats had been lost. Notwithregulations, and these were only a age individual members of the allismall percentage of the actual trans-

"As for that, we are all sinners. Profiteering exceeds all usury is rampant among all classes. Fraudulent profiteering, like that of the Daimler works, is nowise exceptional. Even official bodies attempt to extort illegal profits. Poor people can only buy clothes at the official clothing department by bribing the salesman with tips or food.

"The increase of criminality demonwar, which is described by fools as a rejuvenating bath. Self-sacrifice and patriotism, perhaps, are still found in the trenches, but in the invaded regions profiteering begins to rear its head, culminating in the most repulsive profit-snatching at home. "Everybody cheats, steals, grabs, from jailbird to court chamberlain, who cheats the needy home worker out of his scanty earnings, and pockets millions. And the longer the war lasts the worse it becomes. "Added to this is the fatherland note issued today, that the Austrians party's wild war-baiting propaginda had dressed Italian-speaking soldiers and refusal of equal suffrage. What wonder that popular exasperation

Herr Braun further pilloried the nefarious activities of police and in-formers, and the hateful hypocritical trians so garbed were executed after censorship. The prohibition of the acknowledgment of gifts by soldiers to the Socialistic fund, he said, was ordered for the purpose of withholding from public knowledge the magnitude of the demand in the army for peace

burst forth in a big strike in Janu-

#### and equal suffrage. Two Weeks of Wind on the Farms.

nights and cool days. The hay crop pro- These treaties were made in circummises to be light, and all the more need, stances in which he believed any therefore, of corn fodder, and even of government would have acted similarstraw; but this latter ought to come with the splendid condition of spring wheat, barley, oats. Quite a number of farmers Amsterdam, June 20 .- Messages ar- had to plow in their first planting of corn ernment are not going to shut and to re-sow. Rain would be a blessing, ears to anything that could be called as old pasture fields are taking on a reasonable suggestions, if such sug-brown aspect, and those who are plowing gestions should be made. Any protroubles in the dual monarchy over these days complain of the packed nature posal to the ailles will be considered the food situation have never, been of the earth. Haying will not be general of the earth. Haying will not be general entered into by this country with others as nembers of an alliance. By of the exchequer, stated the government gratefully recognized, the conment gratefully recognized, the conment gratefully recognized the given a short furlough for part of the
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British Foreign Secretary Says They Appear to Think it Almost Criminal Not to Fall Right Into Germany's Trap.

London, June 20 .- Philip Edward Morrell, Liberal, representing a small pacifist group in the house of commons, to day started, as his group does on every possible occasion, a detate on the question of peace by egreement and moving the following resolution:

"That this house desires that the overnment will lose no diplomatic opportunity to settle the prob-lems of the war by agreement, and that to that end it expresses its opinion that secret treatles with allied governments shold be revised, since, in their present form, they are inconsistent with the object for which this country entered the war and are, there fore, a barrier to a democratic

The motion was negatived without

division. In moving his resolution Mr. Morell said that the people were anxious about the progress of events and enitled to a restatement by the government of its war aims and its opinion as to the prospects of achieving them. He charged that statements made in behalf of the allies bolster up "kaiserism." He declared that there was a passionate desire for peace in Germany if it could be got with security, but the Germans believed that the allies were unwilling to listen to reasonable terms and that only by supporting the emperor and the military party could they secure the peace

Mr. Merrell said that in June the British casualties averaged seventy killed a day, and that for the five months from January to the begin-ning of June the British losses in killthe wounded and missing numbered

Philip Snowden, Socialist, in sup-porting the resolution, asked Mr. Bal-Philip Snowden, Socialist, in lour, secretary for foreign affairs, to define what he meant by "peace offensive." He agreed with Mr. Morreil that nothing like a stable peace ould be optained until secret treaties

were denounced. wr. parto-r Explains. Mr. Baifour began his lepty by exp.a.n.ng, that by pe\_ce ouens.ve, he meant any enort, by speech or otherhon-raose termination of the resent

Replying to Mr. Snowden's contention that nothing had been heard about Germany's desire to dominate the world in the early stages of the war, Mr. Balfour said that the British as a nation had been slow it believe that other nations could be animated by motives so widely separated from the motives which moved their own people. But it was a fast that Germany was pursuing her aim of universal domination with persistent and elaborate care and foresignt, strates the demoralization thru the war, which is described by fools as tradition far behind.

"Is this a case where a sober historian would ever see the basis of a possible peace?" asked Mr. Balfour. "Is there any evidence whatever that a suggestion like the Austrian emperor's letter or any similar suggestion were made with a view to obtaining the sort of peace, which even Mr. Snowden would regard as a reasonable peace, carrying with it rospect of security for the future liberties of the world? We never rejected proposals which we thought had the slightest probability of producing such a peace, and there is no evidence whatever that the German lovernment has ever been serious in making such peace offers."

What About Belgium? Contending that Belgium remained the greatest blow to German honor, the secretary asked whether Germany had ever in any document or penly or plainly offered to restore Belgium to absolute political and economic independence. He knew of no such offer. There had been suggestions, but never a frank avowal. Mr. Balfour proceeded to empha-size that in the matter of war aims there was not the slightest difference between Great Britain and the United Still the wind blowing across the farm- States and he denied that secret ly, and it was quite a mistake to sup-

pose that the treaty with Italy would stand in the way of peace. on its merits. These treaties were

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