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AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE A TOTAL COLLAPSE

Not a Single Objective Has Been Attained Since the Fighting Began

AUSTRIANS FORCED TO WITHDRAW ON WHOLE MONTEBELLUNO FRONT

In Front of Zenson Fresh and Numerous Enemy Troops Are Forced to Retire Before Italian Reserves.

Rome, June 20.—From the Montello to the sea the battle of the Piave River is continuing bitterly without pause. The Italian war office announced today. Last night the Italians forced the invaders to withdraw their whole front north of the Montebelluno railway. More than 1200 Austrian prisoners were taken and numerous machine guns captured.

The Austrians yesterday afternoon, says the statement, launched a fresh attack on the Piave with strong forces and succeeded at first in gaining some ground in front of Zenson. Later Italian reserves were brought up and forced the Austrians to retire.

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READING MAKES PLEA FOR CO-OPERATION

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

Cambridge, Mass., June 20.—A plea for 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 been awarded the honorary degree of doctor of laws at the university commencement exercises.

STARVING AUSTRIANS FIGHTING FOR FOOD

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SALADS AND VEGETABLES Little 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 upon prisoners. These were signed by officers ranging from Field Marshal Conrad von Hotzenrod down to regimental commanders. One which was issued by the commander of a famous regiment bearing the name of Archduke Charles, says:

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The Italian soldiers tell humorous stories 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: "Come with me and you will get meat, wine and rest. Thereupon the whole party went over to the Italian lines."

INDIAN DISCIPLINE ON A SINKING SHIP

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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 public schools for the summer vacation on Wednesday next instead of on Friday as had been previously agreed to. The examinations 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.

Important developments in connection with the completion of Orde street school were officially announced yesterday afternoon.

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 McMurrich school, to be principal of the Orde street school.

Extra Salary for Critics. Each of the critic teachers will receive an addition of \$200 a year salary before their appointment to the ten specified Orde street school classes.

Orde street school is a 9-roomed school at present, but will ultimately be a 21-room school. It is expected that the school will be taught at Orde street after the reopening in September.

AERIAL MAIL ROUTES MONTREAL-TORONTO

Montreal, June 20.—The opportunity furnished the Royal Air Force by the placing of the polo grounds, near this city, at the disposal of aviators has been taken early advantage of by the proposal of an airplane mail route between here and Toronto.

GERMAN PLANES ATTACK A BRITISH SQUADRON

Enemy Machines Made No Hits and One Seaplane Was Destroyed.

London, June 20.—German airplanes attacked a British naval squadron north of Heligoland Bight on June 19, the British admiralty announced today. The German machines made no hits and one seaplane was destroyed.

STRIKE IS AVERTED BY BOARD'S OFFER

Civic Employees 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 employees 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 employees 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 employees 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 whole trouble was fully gone into by the civic employees and also the board of control, and it was well towards midnight before the mass meeting of the employees decided unanimously to accept the Robbins amendment to be sent to the mayor in reply to the letter of the board of control.

BOX-LUNCH HOUSE BEATEN BY WOMAN

Keoper of Small Grocery Store Takes Trade Away Quickly.

A meeting of the box lunch men of the city was held in the headquarters of the Retail Merchants' Association, 2 College street, yesterday, when an organization was completed. The following officers were elected: President, W. H. Caddock; vice-president, R. J. Dowling and J. Love; secretary, J. Heck.

A deputation leaves for Ottawa this week to interview the food control board to see if it is not possible to get some concessions in the way of a box lunch for the men. The men feel that box lunches is just when the regulations say no sandwiches may be used, 11 to 2.30. As sandwiches are the staple of the men, they feel that if they cannot get some leniency they will be forced out of business.

TRENCHES ARE STORMED BY AMERICAN TROOPS

Germany Who Remained to Fight Were Killed by Rifle and Machine Gun Fire.

Paris, June 20.—The transport Sant'Anna, proceeding from Bizans for Malta, was torpedoed and sunk on the night of May 10-11, according to the Havas Agency. There were on board 2150 soldiers and native workmen, of whom 1512 were saved.

Bonar Law's Grateful Tribute To War Services of Moslems

London, June 20.—In the house of commons Mr. Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, stated the government gratefully recognized the conspicuous war services rendered by our Moslem fellow subjects.

BALFOUR REPROVES PACIFISTS, WHOSE PROPOSAL IS NEGATIVED

GERMANS SEEK TO FOMENT REVOLUTION IN MOROCCO

Tribè 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 public 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.

FRENCH TROOPS MAKE TWO SUCCESSFUL RAIDS

British Line is Advanced Slightly Near Morris and a Few Prisoners Captured.

London, June 20.—The British official communication issued this evening says: "Two successful raids were carried out last night in the neighborhood of Loos by French troops, who captured several prisoners. The British also took a few prisoners northeast of Metz."

RESCUED THE CREW IN STORM AT NIGHT

London, June 20.—A thrilling story of heroism at sea was disclosed at presentations by the late captain of the steamship Pericles of Quebec and Lloyds to W. S. Roberts, late chief officer of the steamship Lord Erne.

While traversing the Atlantic on February 8 the Lord Erne received a distress signal from the Pericles that she was foundering rapidly and the lifeboats had been lost. Notwithstanding the darkness and terrible weather the captain of the Lord Erne manoeuvred his vessel as rapidly as possible to the sinking ship. Roberts and a volunteer crew, to which all hands, including the engineer and apprentice, responded.

ITALIAN UNIFORMS PUT ON AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS

Were to Have Been Thrown Into Italian Lines in Order to Create Confusion.

Rome, June 20.—Italian military officials learned before the Austrian official note issued today, that the Austrians had dressed Italian-speaking soldiers in Italian uniforms in order to throw them at a suitable moment into the entente allied lines so as to provoke panic and disorder. Captured Austrians so garbed were executed after a drumhead courtmartial.

TRANSPORT TORPEDOED; SIX HUNDRED DROWNED

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Food Troubles in Dual Empire Unequaled Since War Began

Amsterdam, June 20.—Messages arriving here from Germany and Austria make it clear that the latest troubles in the dual monarchy over the food situation have never been equalled since the beginning of the war. The agitation throughout the country is growing enormously, according to the despatches, and the authorities in Austria-Hungary regard the situation with the gravest apprehension.

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 debate on the question of peace by agreement and moving the following resolution: "That this house desires that the government will lose no diplomatic opportunity to settle the problems of the war by agreement, and that to that end it expresses its opinion that secret treaties with allied governments should be revised, since, in their present form, they are inconsistent with the object for which this country entered the war and are, therefore, a barrier to a democratic peace."

A LURID PICTURE OF PRUSSIAN MORALS

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

EVERYBODY CHEATS

Even Official Bodies Attempt to Export 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, Braun:

"We are face to face with a terrible condition of public morality. We hear of numberless cases of theft on railroads and alarming juvenile criminality. According to official statistics, between October, 1916, and November, 1917, there were 467,718 convictions for infractions of the food regulations, and these were only a small percentage of the actual transgressions committed."

"As for that, we are all sinners. Profiteering exceeds all bounds; 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."

DEMORALIZATION THRU WAR

"The increase of criminality demonstrates the demoralization thru the war, 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. The soldiers from jailbird to court chamberlain, who cheats the needy home worker out of his scanty earnings, and pocket the money in the early stages of the war, which is the worst of the war."

TWO WEEKS OF WIND ON THE FARMS.

Still the wind blowing across the farmers' fields for two weeks now, with cold nights and cool days. The hay crop promises to be light, and all the more so, therefore, of corn fodder, and even of straw; but this latter ought to come with the splendid condition of a spring wheat, barley, oats. Quite a number of farmers had to plow in their first planting of corn and to re-sow. Rain would be a blessing, as old pasture fields are taking on a brown aspect, and those who are plowing these days complain of the packed nature of the earth. Haying will not be general until the first of July is well passed. And some of the farmers are hearing that some of the boys in military training will be given a short furlough for part of the harvest.

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