

ENEMY LOSSES TOTAL 200,000

Enemy Rout Complete; Many Bodies in Piave

Italians May Launch an Offensive Effort

Austrian Retreat is an Allied Victory

Piave River Once More Bars Foe From Venetian Plains

DIAZ LIKELY TO FOLLOW UP FOE RETREAT WITH DRIVE, TO CROWN ITALIAN GAINS

Germany May Rush Help to the Hard-Pressed Austrians by Transferring Troops From Western Front, But Such is Not Expected--Total Austrian Losses Now Reach Figure of 200,000

By Courier Leased Wire

PARIS, June 25.—Havas Agency—Austrian losses total 200,000 men, according to The Secolo of Milan. Certain enemy divisions lost two-thirds of their effectives.

A dispatch to The Matin from Turin says that the rout of the Austrians is complete, and that the Piave has carried away many Austrian dead. Italian cavalry, it is added, have advanced beyond the eastern bank of the river.

French newspapers continue to acclaim the Italian victory. Hope is expressed that General Diaz, profiting by the demoralization of the enemy, will not confine the fighting to local actions, but will strike out boldly into an offensive, and transform the Austrian retreat to the Piave into a decisive victory.

Several newspapers wonder whether the Germans will rush help to the Austrians by transferring forces from the western front. L'Homme Libre believes that such action is scarcely probable as Emperor Wil-

liam and von Hindenburg are convinced they cannot obtain a decision except on the front from Switzerland to the sea.

AUSTRIANS IN DISORDER

GENEVA, June 24.—The Austrian retreat across the Piave continued in the greatest disorder under the immediate fire of the Allied artillery, according to news received this morning. British gunners especially are doing heavy execution in this sector.

Hundreds of the enemy, the report states, were drowned in the swollen river into which the Austrians are throwing their maxims and light cannon.

In the meantime the Austrians are rushing up new reserves to fill the breach between the Montello plateau and the Adriatic in order to avert a disaster. In spite of the official announcement from Vienna that the retreat was due entirely to the flood in the Piave River, the report states that the Italian armies caused the breaking of the offensive by their continuous pressure against the enemy.

RIVER LINE ONCE MORE BARS FOE

Austria's armies again are beyond the Piave, and the river line once more bars the enemy from the Venetian plain. The crushed Austrian forces, not only were pursued to the river, but the Italians at points have occupied strong bridgeheads on the eastern bank.

How thorough the Italian victory has been, is not yet clear, as every hour brings reports of increasing Austrian losses. Many thousands of the invaders were killed in their attempt to regain the eastern bank of the river, and the latest announcement from General Diaz places the number of prisoners alone at 40,000. One report places the Austrian casualties at 200,000 men. In addition, the enemy lost large stores of ammunition and supplies and many guns.

Apparently the sudden torrent in the Piave, which played havoc with Austrian communications, fell as quickly as it rose, and the river bed was dry when the Austrian retreat began. This enabled the enemy to get many of his troops across, otherwise his losses would have been measurably greater.

Vienna blames the weather and the high water in the river for the retirement, and gives no credit to the stout Italian resist-

ance which held the enemy on the western bank, and was gradually forced back to the river. It says the order to withdraw was given last Thursday, and leaves the impression that the retreat was carried out unobserved by the Italians.

It has been reported that Baron Burián, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, told the German command that grave events, possibly revolution would follow in the dual monarchy if an Austrian attack, which Germany insisted upon, was repulsed. There have been no reports that the disorders and unrest within the Hapsburg Empire have ceased. In fact, latest news dispatches give scanty intelligence as to the state of affairs in Austria.

If the Austrian offensive was expected by the German command to relieve the situation on the western front, the Teuton strategists have had a bitter

disappointment. Austria probably will be unable to take up a new forward movement on the Piave line for a few days at least. In fact, the Piave front appears to be stronger now than at the beginning of the present battle. Operations on the mountain front are still at a standstill and if Emperor Charles still desires to push his offensive against Italy the next enemy attacks may come from this front, unless the Italians continue their advance eastward from the Piave, of which, however, there are no indications at present.

Along the front from the North Sea to Switzerland the Allied armies are awaiting another blow from the Germans. Premier Lloyd George has told the British House of Commons that a gigantic blow is coming within a few days, possibly within a few hours. The Allies are ready to combat it. British and French troops on the Flanders battlefield have carried out local operations successfully. On the plain north of Le Port, west of Soissons, and along the Aisne, the French have improved their positions and captured 170 prisoners. Last night they successfully resisted an attempt by the Germans to recapture the ground lost by the enemy.

GREEK ARMY IS GROWING

Nation Will Soon Have More Than 200,000 Men Under Arms

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, June 25.—(Havas Agency)—Greece shortly will have more than 200,000 men under arms, according to a statement given by the Greek legation here to The Matin. Additional troops beyond this number, are to be called to the colors soon, it is added.

The notable work accomplished by the Hellenic Kingdom since its entrance into the war a year ago this month is reviewed and the achievement of Premier Venizelos in restoring public confidence and effectively guarding the interests of the country are pointed out.

FOR ITALY, FOR KING, FOR CIVILIZATION

Stirring Message From General Diaz to His Victorious Army—Barriers of Italian Heroism Unshakable

By Courier Leased Wire

Rome, June 25.—In announcing to his victorious army the repulse of the Austrians, General Diaz, the Italian commander-in-chief, says that the fighting for the present is confined to local attacks. He calls upon the army to prepare for new trials. In an order of the day to his officers and men, General Diaz says:

"The enemy who, with furious impetuosity used all means to penetrate our territory has been repulsed at all points. His losses are very heavy. His pride is broken. Glory to all commands, all soldiers, all salutes!"

"The country understood at once that the harrier set up by

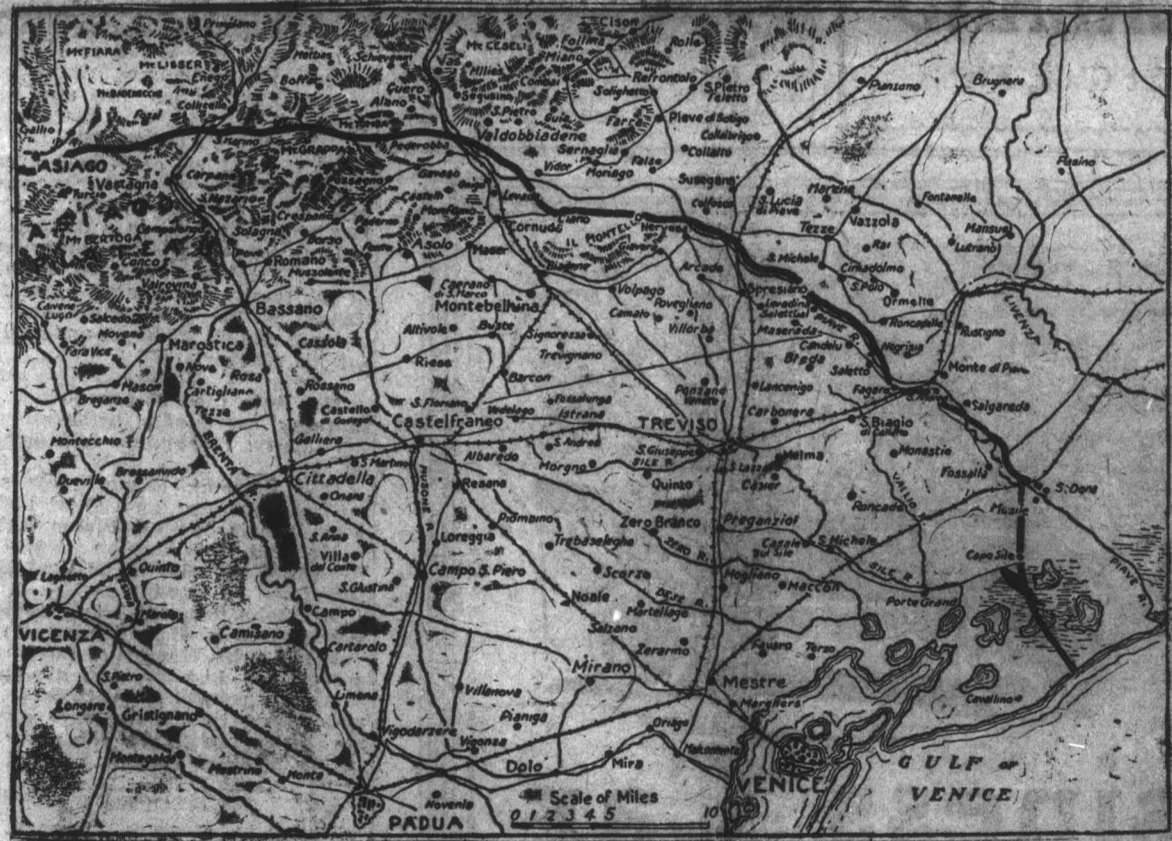
your heroism was unshakable and that your strength is the purest of immortal vigor. Our people and our allies who have so many glorious representatives amongst us will again show the enemy that it has lost none of its faith, strength and abnegation."

"For Italy, for King, for civilization, let us persevere in our sacred duty."

Triple Tragedy Feared.

Quebec, June 25.—Miss Amelia Fradette, who left Lewis last Friday with two little nephews bound for the Island of Orleans, is believed to have drowned herself and the young-

sters. Detectives claim that some persons saw the young woman leap from the wharf into the St. Lawrence, dragging the two little children with her. A child's straw hat has been recovered on the beach near the Island of Orleans.



WHERE THE AUSTRIAN BLOW FELT. The heavy black lines show the part of the Italian line against which the Austrians launched the great offensive. As will be seen from the map, a rupture of the line on the Asiago Plateau would have permitted the Austrians to cut both the railways and make a run under the Alps in the rear of the Italian defences and forced on the troops in the bulge to the eastward a disastrous retreat, with a grave danger of capture.

ENEMY FAILED IN ATTACK ON FRENCH LINES NORTH OF AISNE

Unable to Make Gains in Raid on Position Near Le Port

KUEHLMANN BLAMES RUSSIA FOR THE WAR

By Courier Leased Wire

Paris, June 25.—The Germans last night attacked the new French positions in the region of Le Port, north of the Aisne, but were unable to make any gains, says the official statement from the war office today. In surprise attacks in the Woivre and in Lorraine the French captured twenty prisoners.

The statement reads: "North of the Aisne, after a violent bombardment and grenade fighting, the enemy attacked positions recently gained by us northeast of Le Port. The French positions were maintained in their entirety. The artillery activity was rather lively in the region of Faverrilles and Courcy, between the Aisne and the Marne. "French troops carried out in the Woivre and in Lorraine three surprise attacks from which they brought back 20 prisoners."

France And England Secondary Responsible, Declares Teuton Foreign Secretary — Germany Will Make No Pledges As to Belgium

By Courier Leased Wire

Amsterdam, June 25.—Chief blame for instigating the war was laid at Russia's door by Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, in an address to the Reichstag yesterday. In which he also dealt with Germany's war aims. France and England were named as the next powers in order of culpability.

"I believe," said Dr. von Kuehlmann, "that one can say without fear of contradiction, as the result of revelations, that the deeper we go into the causes of this war, the clearer it becomes that the power which planned and desired the war was

TWO AUSTRIAN ARMIES VIRTUALLY SURROUNDED

Troops of Archduke Joseph and General Wurm Must Surrender or be Annihilated, London Hears --- Full Extent of Italian Pursuit Unknown as Yet

By Courier Leased Wire

LONDON, June 25.—The extent to which the Italian pursuit of the Austrians across the Piave has developed is not known here, and no detailed reports have been received bringing events up to date.

A statement current in London yesterday that the Italians had taken 45,000 prisoners, is said by the morning newspapers to be confirmed by the Italian Embassy. The same statement is attributed to Premier Orlando by the Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The same correspondent quotes The Giornale d'Italia as saying that the troops of Archduke Joseph, and of General Wurm are virtually surrounded and must surrender or be annihilated.

MACHIN LIKELY TO LOSE JOB FOR OUTSPOKENNESS

Charges Made by Montreal Director of Military Service a Bombshell

'A METHODIST CABAL?'

By Courier Leased Wire.

Ottawa, June 25.—The government will, it is understood, take into consideration, to-day the interview given by Lieut.-Col. Machin, director of military service at Montreal. It is probable that an official statement covering the charges made by Col. Machin will be issued in the course of the day. In the meantime the circumstances will be investigated.

The Montreal Press to-day says: "The interview given in Montreal yesterday by Lieut.-Col. H. A. Machin in which the director of the military service council charged that a powerful cabal exists in Ottawa against the Minister of Justice and that this cabal showed its hand in the raid on the Jesuit College at Guelph has fallen as a bomb shell in military and political circles here. That a government official of the responsibility and standing of Col. Machin should make such an extraordinary charge and then proceed to follow up with an onslaught upon the Methodist Church in Ontario, is expected to make a splash in political waters, the ripples of which are bound to be felt all over the Dominion. "In official circles, however, Col. Machin's charges created a veritable sensation, and the first impression they created was that a general uproar would be the inevitable result."

"In the best informed circles not much stock is taken in the plain insinuation of Col. Machin that Messrs. Sifton and Meuburn conspired against their colleagues. There have been stories of friction and disagreements, but those best in a position to know, maintain that these never exceeded the usual limits of differences of opinion between cabinet colleagues."

"It is probable that a statement will be issued to-day by General Meuburn dealing with the whole situation, and it is also considered likely that the contingency anticipated by Col. Machin when he said his interview would cost him his job will speedily come about."

Various Opinions. Montreal, June 25.—Commanding officers in this military district and the registrar under the Military Service Act, advanced different views this morning in reference to the statement made yesterday by Lieut.-Col. Machin of the Department of Justice, Ottawa, that not enough (Continued on page 4.)

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, June 25.—Disturbance which was in the Missouri valley yesterday has moved southeast and south of the Great Lakes. Showers have occurred in many parts of the western provinces and Ontario. Forecasts. Fresh to strong easterly winds, light rains near Lake Erie, but mostly fair. Wednesday—Easterly winds, mostly fair and cool.