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Austrian Offensive Defeated.

Losses to Enemy Estimated at 180,000 Now in Retreat Across the Piave River Hun Submarines Being Bested.

WAR REVIEW.

The first phase of the Austrian offensive has ended in failure and defeat. The culmination of what was intended to be a crush of Italy between the jaws of Austrian pincers is the rout of the invaders themselves. With their backs to the swollen Piave River the Austrians for many days past had been trying to ward off the vicious counter attacks of the Italians and save the situation. Now they are endeavoring and still under great pressure to ford the stream and reach safety on its eastern bank. From the Montello plateau to the Adriatic the enemy is in retreat. The River is literally clogged with his dead. Already his losses are estimated at 180,000 men, and the chances of his escape without additional heavy casualties and men made prisoners seems remote. Large numbers of the pontoon bridges the enemy threw across the Piave have been swept away by the now torrential stream and on all the sectors of the 33-mile front where they gained the edge of the Venetian ridge they are being sorely harassed by the fire of the Italian guns and rifles, and by the machine gun fire and bombs of the aviators who have done such notable executions since the drive started. Monster preparations had been made by the Austrians for what was to be the death blow to King Victor Emmanuel's men. Thousands upon thousands of men, many of them brought from the Russian and Rumanian fronts, and guns and stores in tremendous quantities had been parcelled among the various commanders for the drive over a battle area of virtually 100 miles running from the Asiago plateau to the Piave River, and then following that stream to the sea. Undoubtedly the Austrian high command had built largely for success on the belief that the Italian morale had been shattered when last year their great pincers closed in upon them and forced back the line in a semi-circle from the Julian Alps to the Piave and from the mountains in the north almost to the plains of Venetia. Such a belief, however, was entirely erroneous. From the first onslaught the enemy met a rejuvenated army, which fought him with the greatest gallantry, never ceding an inch of ground unless it was dearly paid for. Aiding the Italians in the mountains were British and French allies, who also fought nobly and everywhere defeated the enemy. Large numbers of the enemy have been reported recently as coming behind the northern line in the mountain region, and it is not improbable that shortly the second phase of the battle will begin. Complete confidence is felt in the Italian and other Allied command, however, that the enemy will meet foemen of superior quality, and that his efforts will go for naught.

This announcement was made by Premier Orlando in the Senate to-day. He added, after the present victorious resistance another battle will burst sooner or later. In fact reliable reports which have been received say that the enemy is concentrating large forces in the Tyrol and Trentino in another desperate attempt to break through the mountain front. A proposal made by an Italian General to declare Mont Grappa a national monument in recognition of the heroism displayed there, was announced by the Premier and was received with approval.

ENEMY DEFEATED.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, June 23. (By the Associated Press).—From Montello to the sea the enemy has been defeated, and forced by the Italians to cross the Piave River in disorder.

OFFENSIVE NOT RENEWED.

ROME, June 23. The enemy's offensive pressure, broken heroically or withheld along the whole front of battle by the firm resistance and counter offensive spirit of our troops, has not been renewed since the evening of June 20th, says the official report from headquarters yesterday.

AUSTRIAN EXAGGERATION.

ROME, June 23. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—The Austrian claims of the capture of 40,000 Italian prisoners is semi-officially contradicted. The truth is that this figure represents the whole of the Italian casualties, which when compared with the length of the front is very small.

AUSTRIA GOT THE BONE.

WASHINGTON, June 23. Official despatches received here to-day, founded on information gathered at Berne, reflect the seriousness of the food situation in Austria-Hungary and the difficulties of Ludendorff, the

German General, in supplying his armies on the west front. They tell of the diversion of the food supply in the Ukraine and Bessarabia, they promised to the Austrians by the Germans to themselves, and recite correspondence between Ludendorff and the Mayors of Vienna and Budapest, in which the Mayors gave warning that they could not be responsible for such conditions and could give no more help.

AUSTRIAN CABINET RESIGN.

PARIS, June 23. (Via Havas Agency).—After a meeting with Emperor Charles of Austria on Friday, says a despatch from Zurich, Switzerland, Premier Seydler presented the resignation of the entire Austrian Cabinet. The Emperor said he would decide on Sunday whether to accept the resignation or not.

DESTROYING U-BOATS.

PARIS, June 23. (Via Havas Agency).—Two-thirds of the German submarines launched are already at the bottom of the sea, according to a statement made to the Deputies by the Under Secretary of the Navy, and, continued the Under Secretary, we are destroying them twice as fast as they are building them.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, June 23. British troops last night successfully raided the enemy lines near Moriancourt and Bucquoy and captured a number of prisoners, the British War Office announced to-day. A strong German attack on the British positions west of Merra was repulsed.

AMERICA'S MARVELLOUS WORK.

WASHINGTON, June 23. Nine hundred thousand men have been shipped across the seas, General March told newspaper correspondents at the weekly conference yesterday. These include the troops shipped from

all American ports of embarkation. The United States to-day is five months ahead of its programme for placing an army in France, General March said. The figures on Austrian troop movements are significant, since General March at his first conference last week fixed the number shipped at more than 800,000; the addition of more than 100,000 during the week showing the rate of progress that is being made.

ITALIANS IN SCRAP ON WEST FRONT.

PARIS, June 23. German forces last night attacked the Entente Allied positions at Bligny about eight miles southwest of Rheims, and succeeded temporarily in gaining a footing in the Allied trenches. A vigorous counter attack, instituted by Italian troops, however, quickly ejected the enemy and re-established the line in its entirety.

AERIAL OPERATIONS.

LONDON, June 23. The War Office communication dealing with aerial activity, issued last night, says: In spite of adverse weather conditions on the 21st inst., some artillery co-operations, photographic reconnaissances and patrols were carried out by our airplanes. One hostile machine was destroyed. Two of our machines are missing.

AN IDLE RUMOR.

PARIS, June 23. Premier Clemenceau and Leon Abram, Under Secretary for Effectives and Pensions at the War Office, had a lengthy hearing before the Senate Army Committee to-day on the question of effectives. It has been widely rumored that the Germans have placed a number, varying from eight to thirty, of long range cannon for the bombardment of Paris. Several questions were put to Premier Clemenceau, most of them concerning this rumor, but he treated it as idle gossip.

ROMANIA IN THE WAY.

AMSTERDAM, June 23. According to the Rheinische Westphalische Zeitung, Dr. Gustav Stresemann said in the Reichstag yesterday we might well have wished that the Rumanian dynasty had disappeared. There is ever the larger that Bucharest remains an entente nest where threads can be spun against Germany. Go. Ledbour then declared the authors of the war one day will be brought to trial. When Count Von Westang, Conservative member of the Reichstag, advocates the removal of the Hohenzollerns in Rumania he are in accord with him.

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Edgehill Prize Winners

Among the prize winners at Edgehill, N.S., Church of England School for girls, the following Newfoundland scholars appear: Olive Petley, Curlew; Alice Prowse, St. John's; Pauline Clement, Burgeo; Jean Crawford, St. John's; Amy Chaplin, St. John's; Gladys Blackall, St. John's. The Telegram congratulates these young ladies on their success in the "halls of learning."

We would advise you to see the new assortment of Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Hats, all one price, \$1.95, at W. R. GOOBIE'S, just opp. Post Office. June 11, 18.

Express Passengers.

The following passengers are on the incoming express:—H. D. Reid, Rev. S. Smith, Mrs. Caule, Miss M. Diamond, H. Bennett, G. H. Ford, J. Fleming, W. Quilty, Miss T. O'Brien, Mrs. M. Forward, Miss M. Quilty, W. R. Parsons, Mrs. R. F. Howwood, Miss K. M. Penney, Miss E. A. Rider, Miss M. Carson, C. E. Henry, Miss R. Blackall, Mrs. W. W. Blackall, Miss E. Alderidge, Miss E. Roberts, Miss F. Rogerson, Miss R. Rogerson, J. W. Alexander, E. B. Ellis, M. Hickey, J. Smith, D. B. Beaudry, C. Chisholm, J. M. Baird, H. Carter, J. V. Jameson, F. Benkinstein, R. J. and Mrs. Murphy, D. G. and Mrs. McAlpine, Miss Johnson, Miss K. Purchase, W. and Mrs. Goodland, A. Hollett, S. Courtenay, Mrs. H. V. Ansterlan, Mrs. L. Morris, Miss D. Clement, Miss P. Clement, Miss M. Clement, Mrs. C. Hackett and two children, Thomas Carew, W. A. MacKay.

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CORSET COVERS.
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BOYS' COATS.
A job lot of Boys' Linen Coats in sizes 3 to 7 years. These will go in a hurry, so come early and procure one while sizes are complete. Special Price, each **\$1.10**

LADIES' WHITE BOOTS.
What is a white dress without white shoes? If you have your white dress, then you should surely come to the Store at once for a pair of these White Shoes; sizes are complete. Special Price, per pair **\$2.90**

CHILD'S BOOTS.
A Dongola Boot in sizes 6 to 8, with white cloth upper. This is a stylish boot and will give satisfaction in wear. Special Price, per pair **\$1.48**

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A very charming line of White Dresses, beautifully trimmed with embroidery and ribbon. All carefully selected styles that are sensible and designed to wash and last; size 6 to 14 years. Special Price, each **\$1.60**

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