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STUPENDOUS LOSS FOR SHATTERED FOE AS ITALIANS RUSH ACROSS THE PIAVE

45,000 Prisoners, Great Numbers of Cannon and Enormous Supplies of War Material Fall to Diaz' Troops As They Pursue the Hopelessly Routed Teuton-Flooded River ENEMY IS AGAIN Filled With Enemy Corpses.

Washington, June 24.—Capture of 45,000 prisoners, many cannon and enormous stores of war material by the Italians in their counter-offensive, which has driven the Austrians across the Piave, is announced in an official cablegram received today by the Italian embassy from

DIAZ RIPPING

Mome.

"Offensive operations by our troops of the segan Sunday," says the dispatch. After violent artillery preparations at destroyed all bridges except one, in the infantry drove forward, with irrestitible impetus. The flooded Fiave intains thousands of enemy corpses, livisions which had passed the Piave ere decimated by our artillery and fantry.

infantry.

"Montello was attacked in three columns. Enemy lines were broken at Cella Della, Madonna and Nervesa, Cella Della, Madonna and Nervesa, and these places reoccupied. From and accurate artillery fire, compelled to face bayonet attacks by the Italians and being constantly bombed by Allied aviators, flying low in defiance of machine gun and anti-aircraft fire, the Austrians have been fighting recently sufficiently the property of the first encounter. Subbravery in the first encounter subbravery in the first encounter in the f

sa. The Italians met with item one. The retreating Austrians crossed the properties of the only bridge remaining to a, north of Zenson. SIIITS DON'T LIE, SIIITS DON'T LIE, mark. Along the Lower Plave Italian. The tired enemy has been given no rest, although the fighting has been intermittent, owing to the fact that intermittent, or the fact that intermittent intermittent intermittent intermittent intermittent intermittent intermittent intermittent i JESUITS DON'T LIE, SAYS FATHER DOYLE, REPLYING TO SPENCE

Declares Ministers "Lying Black and Blue" About Novitiate.

HAVEN'T GOT FACTS

Father Power Says Attackers Badly Mixed as to M.S.A. Act.

Toronto, June 23 .- Rev. Kennedy Toronto, June 23.—Rev. Kennedy Palmer of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Guelph, is a visitor in this city today in connection with the Guelph Novitiate affair. In addition to conferring with brother ministers of various Protestant denominations here, Mr. Palmer will, it is stated, endeavor to see Premier Hearst, and members of the Ontario Government, presumably to see if Ontario as a province can secure any status in the dispute. Mr. Palmer's conference here are private, and at 1 o'clock nothing had been given out for publication.

PREPARE ARIGHT FOR WORLD PEACE

London, June 24—(Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Premier Lloyd George, speaking at the Welsh Baptist Tabernacle in London, urged that we must prepare aright for peace. The world must be fit for everybody and all classes to live in, There should be no room for deformities such as militarism, mammonism and anarchy. All must have a fair share.

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"The future of the Empire has already been committed to democracy," he said. "Problems of reconstruction must be arranged in an atmosphere of brotherhood and friendliness. The upper classes, middle classes and lower classes have all passed through the fiery furnace together, and it has changed the hearts of the people. Before the war I fought hard to get fair play for the people from whom I sprung and what I got was by fighting. I'm going to try another way this time,"

BADLY WHIPPED AT BLIGNY LINE

Thrown Back by Italians Holding Point With Serious Losses.

Paris, June 24.—Germans launched a new attack against positions held by the Italians at Bigny at 11 o'clock last light. After hard fighting the Germans were completely repulsed with serious bases, leaving prisoners in the hands of the Allies, according to a statement issued by the war office today. The french, have repulsed a German attack west of the Oise, in the region of antheuli.

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GOOD RAID BY HAIG.

London, June 24.—The British made a successful minor attack on German positions south of Meteren (in the Lys salient), last night. Many Germans were killed and 50 prisoners and some machine guns were taken by the British, according to a statement issued by the war office today.

The statement reads:

"A successful minor enterprise, in which many Germans were killed, 50 prisoners captured and some machine guns taken, we carried out by our troops last night south of Meteren.

"Casualties were inflicted on the enemy and a few prisoners were captured

CROSSED BY ONE BRIDGE.

London. June 24.—After recapturing
London from the Austrians, acte Montello front the Austrians, acte Montello front the Austrians, acte Montello front the Italians began its afternoon, the Italians met with little reseas. The Italians met with little resease. The Italians met with little research with the feet above the low water mark.

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The crest of the Plave River flood guns taken, was carried out by our grisoners captured and some machine prisoners captured and some machine pri

WATCHING FOR THE BLOW.
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN
FRANCE, June 23.—(By the Associated
Press.)—Another week has passed with
the Germans containing to make
threats to attack the British front, but
without an offensive materializing.
Both sides have been closely watching
each other and each has carried out a
large number of raids for the purpose
of identifying opposing troops and inbushes and tall swamp grasses growing in the lowlands.

The heroic deeds of the Italians in the fighting upon the Carso plateau, east of the Isonzo, are recalled by the repeated examples of valor and endurance shown in the present struggle. With the Italian armies along the front there is only a stern intention to do or die. There is no effervescent boasting, no victory chants, but a realization that harder fighting may yet come.

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Internal Troubles of Central Powers Piling Up, Labor Striking Over the Reduced Food Rations — Meatless Weeks Are Likely for the Fatherland.

Zurich, Switzerland, June 24.—The Austrian troubles are extending, according to a dispatch from Munich, quoting the Neueste Nachrichten of that city.

The Vienna Zelt, according to these advices, states that the strike has become general.

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GERMANY MAY TAKE CLOTHES FROM DEAD

London, June 24 — (British Wireless Service).—Clothing in Germany has now become almost as scarce as food. Perhaps nothing could more graphically reveal the clothing plight of Germany than a proposal just put forward by Justizarat Otto Feig, a prominent Berlin lawyer, that the Government should forthwith enact a law making it compulsory for the executors of dead people or the administrators of the estate to turn over to the state all clothing left by the deceased persons.

"After July 15 it will be illegal for any hotel, restaurant or other public house to serve meals on table cloths. Such table cloths and napkins as these establishments now possess will be confiscated and utilized primarily for baby linen.

KILLED AT CAMP MOHAWK PACIFISTS TRYING TO

lows:

"In spite of opposition, we again improved out positions northwest of Chateau Thierry. In this region the artillery on both sides continues active."

of the war.

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DISASTER GRIPS AUSTRIAN ARMS AT DIAZ' HANDS

THE WAR SITUATION

Shattered on the rock of Italian resistance, the Austrian offensive has turned into a retreat, and from Montello to the sea the enemy is hurrying back across the Plave before the closely pursuing Italians.

Austria's defeat is being halled throughout Italy and allied countries, not so much because of the Italian victory, but because of the Austro-Cerman offensive. Holding the final barriers to the Venetian plain and Lombardy, the Italians by their steadfast resistance during eight days of heavy fighting, turned the great enemy onslaught into a disorderly repulse.

Huns May Not Escape.

Whether the several enemy divisions on the western bank of the Plave will be able to escape capture or destruction in attempting to cross the Plave to the opposite bank will be the next inversion of the next few hours.

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teresting development of the next few hours.

The river is swollen, and Vienna, in its latest communications, seems to be preparing the way for unwelcome news, it dilates at length on the burdens placed on the troops by the heavy rains and the torrential Plave, Most of the Austrian bridges are gone, and the Italian heavy artillery is still within range at points where the Austrians crossed and near the river bank where the Italian line has held fast.

Diaz in Hot Pursuit.

Undoubtedly Gen. Diaz's men realize the predicament of the enemy, and their pursuit of the fleeing Austrians will be pressed with ardor. In withdrawing from Montello, the enemy probably will meet with as much difficulty as in getting out of the rain-soaked towns and along the lower reachs of the Plave.

To add to the troubles of the Austrian command, their advances across the Plave have been on unconnected sectors, with the Italians holding the sectors.

tors, with the Italians holding the sectors in between.
Previous to the beginning of the enemy retreat there had been little infantry fighting along the Plave for 48 hours.
The Italians had occupied the time in

The Italians had occupied the time in shelling the enemy lines and communications heavily. In the mountains the situation is unchanged, although the allied artillery has been very active in some sectors.

Austrian Reports Faise.

Austrian official claims of the capture of 40,000 prisoners and on allied air losses are declared to be fabrications, in a semi-official note issued in Rome. It is asserted that the Italian losses in killed, wounded and missing aggregate 40,000. Austrian losses are placed at 180,000 by Italian newspapers.

Civil unrest in Austria-Hungary is still rampant, and there has been little alleviation of the food conditions. Failure of the Austrian offensive probably will have an appreciable effect on the situation in the Dual Monarchy. The Austrian cabinet is reported to have decided to present a collective resignation to the emperor.

Except for raids at night and in the early morning hours, there is no activity on the front in France and Flanders. The Germans show no intention of again taking up a forward movement, but the next effort, like previous ones, probably will begin unneraided, except by several hours of intense bombardment.

BERLIN FORCED VIENNA INTO OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE WISHES OF LATTER

Washington, June 24.—Gen. Pershing's communique for yesterday, received to-day at the war department, is as follows:

ALL SAUGEEN INDIANS OUT TO BE REGISTERED

[Special to The Advertiser.] Port Elgin, June 24.—Reports from Mr.
Thomas Stout, who is in charge of the Indian reserve of Saugeen, say that the Indians registered to a man on Saturday and that every eligible turned out to be registered except one blind woman.

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LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last inject. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 59; lowest, 41.

enthusiasm by the morning papers.

Will Austria Collapse?

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Grand Offensive Ends In Disorderly Retreat Of Karl's Forces In Which He Abandons All His Artillery West of Piave.

ITALIAN ARMIES PRESSING MERCILESSLY ON FLEEING FOE

General Diaz Assumes the Off ensive Along Greater Part of Line and Is Administering Terrific Beating to Routed Austrians.

Italian Army Headquarters, Sunday 23 .- (Night, by Associated Press).—The great retreat by the Austrians along the Piave front began under cover of darkness on Saturday night. The retreating troops left their cannon

Italian detachments are pursuing the enemy east of behind them.

OLD POSITIONS RETAKEN.

Rome, Sunday, June 23.—Italian troops have crossed the old channel of the Piave River, west of the main stream, and recaptured several of their old positions there, according to a semi-official announcement tonight. From Capo Sile other detachments are advancing toward the

main stream of the river. The Italians have thrown numerous bombing detachments across the main stream, where the artillery and air

craft are hammering the enemy. Austrian troops left to cover the retreat used their machine guns to set up a barrage fire.

PURSUIT PRESSES HARD.

When it was observed that the Austrians had begun a retrograde movement the Italians began to attack virtually all along the Piave line from Montello, on the north, well towards the mouth of the river. The attack was quickly pressed and became more insistent, accompanied

by violent artillery fire. The number of guns left behind by the Austrians they retreated has not been computed, but is said to be

The Italians began at dawn on Sunday. With the very great. Montello on the left flank, the attack was carried out all along the lines through Candelu to San Dona di Piave.

MANY THOUSANDS SURRENDER.

Italian Army Headquarters, Sunday, June 23.—The Austrian retreat, which began in an orderly manner, soon became wildly disorganized and confused. Many thousands of Austro-Hungarians surrendered at the first opportunity when overtaken by their pursuers. An Italian staff officer arriving from the fighting zone

on the Piave River, exclaimed as he ran into the Italian army headquarters tonight: "Victory is ours! We have put the enemy across the Piave all the way!"

ROME REJOICES.

Rome, June 23.—The news that the Austrians have retreated across the Piave, pursued by the Allies, caused the greatest enthusiasm here. Extra editions of newspapers were bought up as fast as they were issued. Flags were displayed and bands played the royal march, while crowds cheered the King, the army and Gen. Diaz. Dispatches announce similar manifestations in pro

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS

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PACIFISTS TRYING TO

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London, June 24.—The manifesto issued by eight labor members of the issued by eight labor members of the British Government, according to some of the morning newspapers, is connected with threats of serious splits in the Labor party due, some papers say, to efforts of a pacifist group to embaring made preparatory to attacks upon the Italian lines.

The Daily Telegraph says that the party stands in imminent danger of a part IN NORTHERN ITALY, Saturday,

HEARTENING NEWS.

London, June 24.—The laconic bulletin from Gen. Diaz, announcing that the defeated Austrians are retreating in disorder, with the Italians in pursuit, is the most heartening news received in the following were the lowest temperatures during previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low.

disorder, with the Italians in pursuit, is the most heartening news received in allied countries in many months. Although nothing is yet known as to the exact extent of the Austrian defeat,

of popular dissatisfaction. The suggestion is made that these causes may have had much to do with the failure of the Austrian offensive, which started with military resources much greater than those controlled by Italy. Whether the decision of the Austrian cabinet to resign is connected with what appears to be a considerable disaster to the country's arms along the Piave, is not yet known.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW-FAIR AND WARM. Toronto, June 24-8 a.m. Forecasts. Today—Moderate southerly winds; fair and a little warmer. Tuesday—Showers in many localities, but mostly fair and moderately warm. southerly winds;

The following were the highest and owest temperatures during the 24 hours

Winnipeg 58
Port Arthur 58
Parry Sound 64
Port Stanley 64