

# AUSTRIANS EXHAUSTED

## Losses to Date Aggregate 120,000

### Italians and Allies Gain the Upperhand. Little Fighting on Western Front. Concentrating for New Offensive.

#### WAR SUMMARY.

The harrier the Italians and their allies have raised along the great battle area from the Asiago Plateau to the sea remains insuperable to the Austrians. The operations by which the enemy had hoped to press his way from the mountain peaks in the Alps and across the Piave River to the plains of Venetia, thus far have met with almost signal failure. Where the enemy was able in the mountains to press back slightly the Allied defenders of the front in the first day of their offensive, the ground has been regained; where he crossed the Piave and apparently was threatening the plains with invasion, he now is being severely harassed at every point by the Italians. The battle is not a stalemate. In the mountains the Italians, British and French troops seemingly have the upper hand. Along the Piave from the Montello Plateau to the mouth of the river east of Venice the Italians, notwithstanding vicious thrusts by the enemy here and there, apparently are gaining the upper hand. Little fighting of moment is in progress with the invaders meeting resistance upon which they had not counted, and being steadily pressed back toward the west bank of the now turbulent river, which has swept away many of their pontoon bridges in the centre of the line, leaving them in a rather precarious predicament. Freshly the banks, and the question of sending Austrian reinforcements to the west side or conveying food and military supplies to the men already on the border of the plains has become critical. Hoping to alleviate the situation the Austrians have again delivered attacks on the Montello Plateau, the keystone to the plains, but like the previous thrust they met with repulse.

Between the Treviso railway bridge and the Zenson loop the Italians have pressed back the enemy closer towards the Piave, while at Losson near the Fossata canal the enemy attacks were repulsed. Further down the stream a short distance from where it empties into the Adriatic Sea, the Italians in a daring assault north of Cortellazzo, pierced the enemy front, took 200 men prisoners, and firmly held their ground against a counter attack. In the violent air fighting that is in progress all along the front American aviators have joined the Allied airmen and are performing daring feats. Among the enterprises carried out by them has been the bombing of pontoon bridges thrown by the enemy across the Piave. Empty stomachs continue to play an important role both with the Austro-Hungarian armies and the people inside the Dual Monarchy. Prisoners taken by the Italians are noticeably ill-fed. Troublesome times prevail in cities and towns in the empire and kingdom because of the lack of food. The people, even officials, are declared to be at their wits' end in endeavors to alleviate the situation. The Hungarian Premier is said to have told Parliament that the kingdom has only one-fourth the food necessary to maintain the people in health, and that it would be hard to hold out until the new harvest is gathered. Except for the Italian theatre, little fighting is in progress. Southwest of Soissons near Faverolles and a little further south near Havannes, the French, in more of their daily attacks, have bettered their positions and taken prisoners from the Germans. In the regions of Arras and Albert the British also have made gains and repulsed German attacks near Merris on the Flanders front. The German official statement records

the repulse of an American attack northwest of Chateau Thierry in the Marne sector, and says the Americans suffered heavy losses. This probably refers to the fighting of Thursday in the Belleau Wood, where the Americans advanced their lines more than half a mile, after the enemy had refused to accept the gaze of battle.

#### AUSTRIAN LOSSES.

PARIS, June 21. The Austrian losses in their offensive on the Italian front, exceed 120,000 men, according to a despatch to La Liberte from Rome, quoting the correspondent of the Courriere d'Italia.

#### ITALIANS CONTINUE OFFENSIVE.

ROME, June 21. Italian forces yesterday continued their offensive on the Piave in the region of Fargaro and Zenson and gained further ground from the Austrians, the Italian war office announced today. Austro-Hungarian pressure continued strongly on the Montello yesterday, the war office states, but everywhere the invaders were repulsed. The Austro-Hungarians launched five heavy attacks on the Italians west of Piave, but were exhausted by their exceptionally heavy losses. The attackers were forced to retire in face of Italian resistance.

#### GOOD DAY FOR ITALIANS.

ROME, June 21. The efforts of the Austrians to widen the northeastern salient on the Montello Plateau, the keystone of the Piave front toward the west, have failed, Premier Orlando informed Parliament last night. The enemy's losses during the day were enormous, the Premier added. The Italians took

several hundred prisoners. Toward the south, the Premier stated, the enemy again succeeded in crossing the Monte Bell Sugana railway at several points near the Niverna station, but was promptly stopped. On the Lower Piave the Italians gained more ground.

#### SECOND EFFORT DUE.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, June 20. (By the Associated Press.)—The second phase of the Austrian offensive featured by attacks to the right and left of Valdagno, along the Brenta River and in the mountains, should logically begin soon, now that the first effort has failed. It is felt that the Austrians do not renew their efforts to penetrate to the plains through the Brenta region and taking Monte Grappa, it would be an acknowledgment of defeat and their inability to carry out the ambitious plan launched a week ago. The situation, however, is still regarded as most serious, and all preparations have been made to meet any new offensive. Along the Piave the Italian positions are virtually unchanged. The Austrians are fighting well, according to the Italians, but the latter are outclassing them.

#### AIR OPERATIONS.

LONDON, June 21. The official statement of airplane operations issued to-day says: On the 20th inst. low clouds and rain greatly hampered flying operations. One enemy machine was brought down and one of ours is missing.

#### TRANSPORT FIGHT SUBMARINE.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 21. An American troop transport, formerly a German liner, which returned this week from a French port, was subjected to a shell fire attack from a German submarine, two days out from the port of departure, it became known to-day. The transport escaped by superior speed, although a running battle lasting more than an hour took place, in which more than 100 shots were fired by the two ships. The sub, appeared to have one gun that outranged any carried by the transport, and from this gun there were counted 35 shots, none of which, however, hit the American ship. The sub didn't venture close enough to use a torpedo and finally gave up the pursuit.

#### GERMAN OFFICIAL.

BERLIN, June 21. Attacks by American troops northwest of Chateau Thierry and by French troops southwest of Noyon were repulsed by the Germans, according to the official statement issued to-day. Both the French and Americans suffered heavy casualties, and some prisoners were taken by the Germans, says the statement.

#### AMERICANS STRAIGHTEN LINE.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE. (By the Associated Press.)—The American forces northwest of Chateau Thierry this morning further straightened their line by a series of small, but brilliantly executed attacks on the north side of Belleau Wood.

#### AGREE TO A CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, June 21. Word reached the State Department to-day from the Spanish Ambassador at Berlin, that the German Government has agreed in principle to a conference with representatives of the U.S.A., to discuss the treatment, welfare and exchange of prisoners.

#### EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS FORBIDDEN.

MOSCOW, June 21. (By the Associated Press.)—Because of a disagreement with Germany concerning the exchanging of war prisoners, the Russian War Prisoner College has issued an order to stop immediately the repatriation of all Germans between the ages of 16 and 45 years who are fit for military service.

#### ANOTHER BIG BATTLE PENDING.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, June 20. (By the Associated Press.)—It is considered only a question of a brief lapse of time before the Austrians will begin another offensive. It is said that this time they probably will concentrate their efforts instead of scattering them as they did a week ago, when they followed the German plan of attack to make a big general offensive over a long line before revealing their point of attack. It is thought that the plan was even dictated by General Ludendorff, the German Commander, who didn't realize that the Austrians were too weak to make such an attack, lacking as they did not only artillery, but general officers and officers of lower grade. The reported presence of Emperor Charles on the Italian front is considered one of the signs leading to the belief that the Austrians will feel the necessity of renewing their attack.

#### BRITISH CASUALTIES.

LONDON, June 21. British casualties reported during the week ended to-day aggregated 36,690. The losses were divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds, officers 235, men 4,247; wounded or missing, officers 1,414, men 30,724. It is several weeks since the British Army has been engaged in any prolonged

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ed fighting on a large scale, although British divisions were involved in the German attack which began the offensive of May 27th, on the Alsace front. The bulk of the casualties now being reported, which still are running between 30,000 and 40,000 weekly, evidently represent accumulations of names from intensive operations in which the British were engaged during the heavy German attacks of this spring on the British front.

#### SINN FEINER ELECTED.

LONDON, June 21. Arthur Griffiths, the Sinn Fein leader, who was recently arrested in

the Sinn Fein round-up in Ireland, has been elected on the House of Commons from East Cavan. He defeated the Nationalist candidate, David Channon, by a vote of 2,793 to 2,581.

#### GRAIN FOR VIENNA.

AMSTERDAM, June 21. There has been some alleviation of the food situation in Austria, according to a Vienna despatch to the Dutch newspapers. This announced the arrival of a thousand cars of grain at the Austrian capital.

#### HOUSE PASSES BILL.

WASHINGTON, June 21.

Without a dissenting vote the House to-day passed and sent to the Senate the Alien Anarchist Deportation Bill, authorizing immediate deportation of aliens subscribing in whole or part to the tenets of anarchism.

#### SCOTCH TROOPS PENETRATE GERMAN TRENCHES.

LONDON, June 21. (Official.)—In last night's raids north of the Scarpe, Scotch troops penetrated the German trenches inflicting heavy casualties on the garrison and capturing some prisoners. A number of dugouts and many machine guns were blown up and destroyed. Nothing of special interest occurred to-day.

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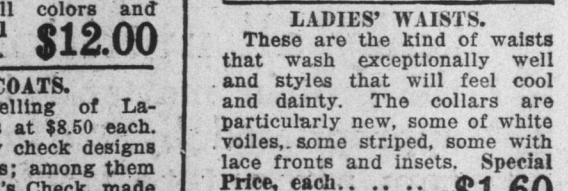
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