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## LOOKS LIKE FAILURE OF THE AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE

### Italians Check Drive Early Though Fighting is Intense—Attack Made Necessary By Political Conditions at Home—Italians Confident

Washington, June 17.—(Italian front)—An official despatch from Rome, dated 11.55 o'clock last night, says the battle on the Italian front will assume gigantic proportions, the Austrians attempting to break down the Italian defense by a great pincer movement. It adds that the battle will last several days before a decision is reached.

#### REPORTS ENCOURAGING

Paris, June 17.—(Havas Agency)—The reports from the Italian fighting front are encouraging and the newspapers believe that the enemy will be checked. The Echo de Paris says the Austrians may get a reprieve which might be turned into a defeat.

The main danger of the present battle is an unquestionable success for the Italians because the Austrians appear to have failed.

Almost all the newspapers insist that serious political consequences in Austria-Hungary will follow a check to the Austrian offensive.

#### FIGHTING VERY HARD

With the Italian Army, June 16.—(By the Associated Press)—Austrian troops which forced the Piave River have been driven back. The fighting along the river is most intense.

One of the most brilliant of the Italian actions was the defence of Monte Mesolcina against the important Beatis position. Here the Austrians suffered heavy losses. Many of their machine guns were captured.

The prisoners are ragged and ill fed. Many of them are undereaten youths. One of them remarked to the correspondent that he had no interest in the war. The feeling of the Italians is buoyant.

At Italian army headquarters satisfaction over the situation is felt on every part of the front.

The general commanding the artillery corps in the Monte Grappa region expressed this feeling to the correspondent: "Now send us only four divisions of Americans," the general added. "We will first shake hands and then travel together into Austria."

The severity of the fighting on Monte Grappa may be understood from the fact that the Italian artillery fired 70,000 shells in twelve hours.

#### Failed to Reach Objective

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, June 16.—(By the Associated Press)—In their attempt to cross the Piave in great force, Saturday the Austrians had the city of Treviso as their objective. In getting across the Piave, the Austrians had to pay a heavy price. Counter-attacks by Italian infantry and heavy Italian artillery have forced the enemy to retire from most of his gains along the Piave.

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#### A STORMY SCENE IN THE REICHSTAG

### The War a Family Affair of Hohenzollerns

#### OUTBURST BY DEPUTY

### Declares Border States a Golgotha With Bleaching Bones of Best in Land Slaughtered by Mised German Soldiers

Amsterdam, June 17.—A scene was caused in the Reichstag on Saturday by Doctor Cohn, a Socialist member, when according to the Cologne Gazette, he declared: "The border states have become a golgotha where lie bleaching the bones of the best in the land who have been slaughtered by the misled German soldiers."

An uproar followed this declaration and Deputy Cohn was called to order, but he continued:

"The entire war has become a family affair of the Hohenzollerns. It is possible that we may finally remain the only warriors in Europe and the Entente will have to submit, but Europe will have become a continent of beggars and we shall all suffer the consequences of such a peace."

General Von Stein, Prussian minister of war and state, in reply asserted: "It is not one family in this country which is waging war, but the German people, under the Kaiser, is waging war for its existence."

According to another account of the excited debate, several Independent Socialists shouted: "Robbers! murderers!" when Doctor Cohn said that people were being "slaughtered by the misled German soldiers." It is reported that members of the Centre and the Conservative parties thereupon left the chamber.

#### NEXT LIBERTY LOAN

### LIKELY TO HAVE SIX BILLIONS AS GOAL

(J. M. Robinson & Sons' private wire telegram.)

New York, June 17.—Fourth Liberty loan will probably be for six billions and likely in October, according to plans for floating certificates of indebtedness as announced by secretary Meado.

Plan under which railroad administration will operate railroads for period of the war nearly completed and ratification of formal agreements expected soon.

#### SEAMEN MAY WIN TORPEDO BADGES

London, June 17.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—The board of trade announces the award of torpedo badges to British merchant seafarers who were serving on a vessel which was torpedoed or mined if they complete their further voyage in a British vessel. A bar is given every time they are again torpedoed or mined, and five bars are exchangeable for a five-pointed star.

## LONDON PAPERS ALL ARE HOPEFUL

### See Failure For Drive on Italian Front

#### "A GAMBLER'S THROW"

### Desperate Attempt to Keep up Waning Spirits of People in Austria-Hungary—Serious Internal Effects if Offensive Fails

London, June 17.—The outcome of the Austrian offensive is viewed hopefully, even confidently, by the newspapers here. This view is based on the staunch resistance of the Allied defensive and the failure of the enemy to make anything like a big success in his initial advance.

It is admitted that some days must pass before the results of fighting on such a great scale can correctly be judged, but the conviction is firmly expressed in several quarters that it will end in failure for the enemy.

"Failure," says the Daily News, "on the first day of these attacks as conducted on the modern German plan has hitherto been fatal as in the case of Vimy Ridge and in the present case the fact of failure can hardly be doubted."

The newspaper cites the opinion of its correspondent on the Italian front that no enemy offensive up to this time has begun so badly and adds: "There is every reason to believe that an enemy failure is imminent."

The opinion is expressed by several papers that there is a direct connection between the initial offensive and internal conditions in Austria-Hungary. The Daily Express describes it as "a gambler's throw, the most desperate that the war has seen," while the Times declares "it is a desperate attempt to keep up the waning spirits of such elements of the population as still remain faithful to the established institutions of the Austro-Hungarian state."

"His volume," says the Times, "confirms Mr. Balfour's recent warning that German commerce forms a substantial part of Germany's policy of war domination, and as Lench explains, makes it almost as formidable an enemy to the liberties of the world as the German army."

In Lench's opinion, the Germans are "not the disturbers of the world's peace, since it is necessary that Britain should be overthrown and France weakened, while Austria has lost the necessity for existence."

More Than 400 Torpedoed Vessels Recovered in British Waters

London, June 17.—From January 1915 to the end of May 1916, 407 ships sunk by the Germans in British waters have been salvaged. Up to December, 1917, 290 ships were recovered. In the present year up to the end of May, 147 have been salvaged. The increase is due to improved methods and not to the greater activity of U-boats.

Amongst the difficulties encountered has been the emission of poisonous gases from the rotting cargoes of sunken ships, which sometimes have caused the loss of life. One salvage ship was torpedoed while working on a wreck, while some of the work of salvaging is destroyed by the rough sea. Feats performed by the salvage department include the raising of a large collier sunk in twelve fathoms of water and involving a dredge lift of 3,000 tons. Another vessel was lifted fifteen fathoms by the use of compressed air.

#### RESULT OF MEETING OF POLISH PARTY AWAITED

Amsterdam, June 17.—The expected turn in the Austrian political situation by ministerial action over the week-end did not materialize pending a plenary meeting of the Polish party, announced for June 21, to reconsider the Czecho-Slovak resolutions, which were a virtual appeal for the independence of Poland and the Hapsburg dynasty.

It is believed, according to news advices here, that an open German-Polish breach will not ensue, even should the resolutions be upheld and the situation remain undecided until such time as the parties can come to terms.

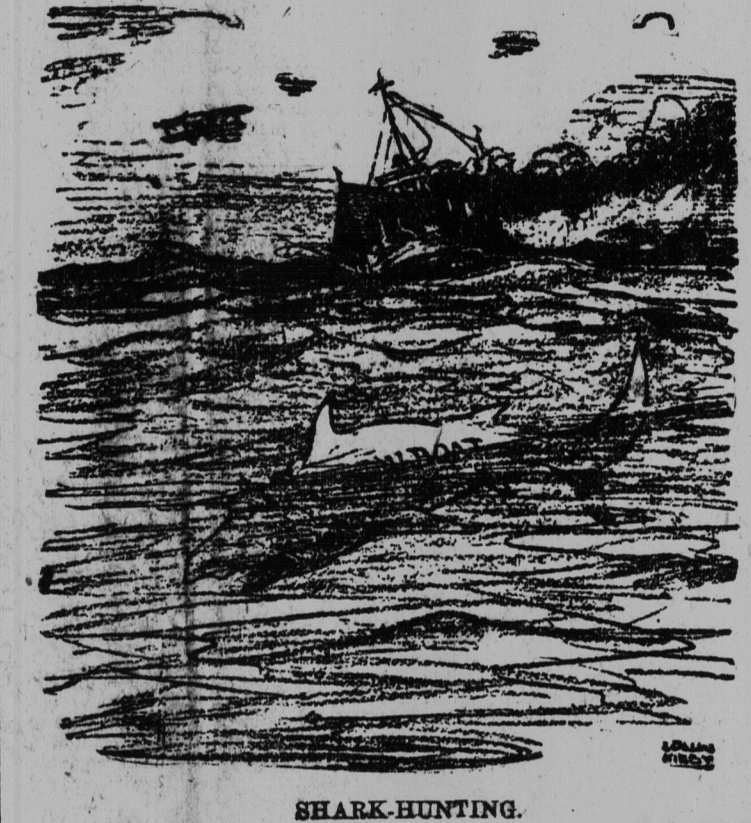
#### REV. MR. DOWLING WAS THERE

The executive committee of the Social Service Council of Canada, which met last week in Toronto, has deferred to the general meeting in January a proposal to select Ottawa as the permanent headquarters.

Mathew Wilson, K. C., of Chatham, was appointed convener of the political party and franchise committee, in the place of Rev. Dr. Chown.

An official organ, to be called Social Welfare, will be started in the fall, to be edited by Rev. Dr. Shearer, who has been elected to the position of general secretary.

Rev. Canon Tucker of London, the president, was in the chair, and in addition to the members who live near Toronto, Rev. F. S. Dowling of St. John, N. B., was present.



SHARK-HUNTING.

## Kaiser Boastful on His Anniversary As Ruler

### Declares Prussian Militarism Will Win And Asks People to Get Ready For More Suffering

Amsterdam, June 17.—Prussian militarism will bring victory to Germany, says Emperor William, in reply to a telegram of congratulations on the thirtieth anniversary of his accession, from Chancellor Von Hertling. The emperor declares that he leads "the most capable people on earth" and expresses the hope that the German people will have strength to bear their sufferings and privations.

London, June 17.—(British Admiralty per Wireless)—The Times on Saturday published a review of a book written by Dr. Paul Lench of the German Reichstag. Although nominally a supporter of Prussian capitalism and militarism.

"His volume," says the Times, "confirms Mr. Balfour's recent warning that German commerce forms a substantial part of Germany's policy of war domination, and as Lench explains, makes it almost as formidable an enemy to the liberties of the world as the German army."

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#### MORE GERMAN VILLAINY

London, June 17.—The British admiralty announces that the area within five miles of where the Dutch hospital ship Koninklijk Regentes was sunk has been searched and no mines have been found. But between June 3 and 7 in this region newly mined waters were swept up in the track used only by Dutch shipping.

"It seems clear," says the statement of the admiralty, "that the mines were laid to catch reparating vessels on their passage west, and that the submarine which laid them remained in the zone to sink the ships on the eastern journey, if not already sunk with British reparating prisoners. It is remarkable that there were no German prisoners on the Koninklijk Regentes on this trip."

#### DEVIL SPEAKS FOR PARLIAMENTARY POLICY

Dublin, June 17.—Joseph Devlin, M. P. and deputy leader of the Irish Nationalist party, addressing a meeting in the village of Virginia, Co. Wick, in support of the candidature of O'Hanlon, the Nationalist candidate for parliament in the coming election, yesterday gave a parliamentary policy was one of the principal factors in the upholding of Ireland's interests. He said the Irish party did not enter into this contest lightly and if the contest could have been avoided it would have been.

"The Sinn Fein is not a new doctrine or a new policy," he said. "It has been before the country for twenty years but the Irish people have permitted it to be because it is too grotesque and during this period of twenty years it has not raised a laborer's cottage or helped to brighten or beautify a single woman's home. The Irish party did not enter into this contest lightly and if the contest could have been avoided it would have been."

"When it was declared by the Sinn Feiners that there is no room for men like John Dillon in Irish politics, then the supporters of the constitutional movement accepted the challenge. There are now two policies before the people in this election. One will result in assured success and the other in certain failure. The promise of an Irish republic in fifty years or fifty centuries is no compensation to the men and women living in this day and generation."

#### IN WALL STREET TODAY

New York, June 17.—(Wall Street)—War news over the week-end and indications of another huge Liberty loan imparted some irregularity to prices at the opening of today's stock market. U. S. Steel yielded half a point while Republic Iron, Baldwin Locomotive, shipping, oils, and tobacco rose from large fractions to three points. Rails continued to be ignored and an initial gain of 1 1/2 points in General Motors was soon cancelled. Liberty bonds were heavy.

Noon Report.

The market soon threw off its uncertainty, the strength of rails and shipping, affording a broader foundation. Speculative interests entered largely in specialties, however, a few of which, notably Royal Dutch Oil and General Cigar, showed very substantially last week's gains. United States Steel overcame its early hesitancy and other equipment and war specialties increased their advance. Profit-taking checked the advance at noon.

## "Killed in Action," Nurses' Epitaph

### Inscription on Little Wooden Crosses Over Graves of Canadian Girls Who Died on Duty in Recent Attacks on Hospital

Ottawa, June 17.—A remarkable story of the heroism of Canadian nurses is contained in a cable received by the department of militia and defence from overseas, which tells how women of the dominion had to wear gas masks for hours while carrying out their gentle tasks.

The article was written by Ito and Hill, from the war correspondents' headquarters in France, and was cabled to Ottawa by Sir Seward Kemp, minister of overseas forces.

In the big base cemetery alongside the graves of the empire's bravest are the little white wooden crosses and mark the resting place of those Canadian nurses who died on duty. "Killed in Action" is the simple inscription, and mothers and fathers in Canada can be proud of it, for it is the same as that which the fighting soldier earns when he falls storming an enemy trench. They are of the same breed, those tender valiant sisters from overseas.

London, June 17.—Red Cross nurses attached to the hospital at Kirchendorf have informed the Austrian military authorities that the hospital would be closed unless the nurses are given adequate food, according to reports printed in Austrian newspapers.

The nurses, it is added, have been obliged to steal the rations intended for the patients in order to live. Some of them were caught and imprisoned for these thefts. The military authorities have demanded their release.

Moscow, June 16.—(By the Associated Press)—The Soviet government has advised the International Red Cross committee at Geneva and all governments adhering to the Geneva convention that the Soviet government recognizes all Red Cross conventions and arrangements recognized by Russia previous to October, 1917, and maintains all the rights and privileges based upon those conventions and agreements.

#### FURTHER INTERNAL TROUBLE FOR GERMANY

Amsterdam, June 17.—A political strike has been arranged for today at Wuremburg, as a protest against reduced bread rations and the postponement and hampering of Prussian suffrage reform, according to reports received here. The Social Democratic party and the United Trade Unions of Wuremburg, have issued a warning against a strike.

#### HALIFAX HAS IT TOO

Halifax is having trouble with its street railway company. Saturday's Herald says:

"Controller Murphy made most serious charges regarding the Halifax tram system at the board of control meeting yesterday—charges that must be promptly and fearlessly investigated—charges that call for immediate action on the part of the public utility board. The following is a quotation from the controller's report:

"It is not unfair to say that this service is being operated today with an utter disregard for public convenience, and that their rolling stock is in a most deplorable condition and a menace to public safety."

#### WAR NOTES

Premier Clemenceau of France, spent Sunday at Fontenay.

The Kaiser has congratulated the crown prince on the recent successes gained by his troops. He says "Eighty-five thousand prisoners and more than 1,000 guns are the outward signs of this tremendous battle success."

Burglaries in Germany are becoming very frequent.

The Cosack rising in the Don region against the Bolsheviks is reported extending.

A serious outbreak of influenza in Berlin is reported by the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger.

It is reported that all new crops have been ordered requisitioned by the Hungarian government.

#### BRITISH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BOTH GROW

London, June 16.—The board of trade figures for May show an increase of £28,257,000 in imports over the same period last year. The principal increases were food, £25,000,000; raw cotton, £4,000,000; and oils, £2,000,000. Exports increased £12,529,000.

#### KILLED IN HALIFAX

Halifax, June 17.—Charles Thorpe, aged 24, of Pembroke, Ont., employed as a plumber by the naval department here, was found dead on the railway track near the North street depot this morning. He is believed to have lost his way in the dark last night and fallen thirty feet from the street level to the station track.

#### THE WAR GARDENS

William McIntosh, supervisor of the War Garden Association, speaking this morning of the war gardens, said that the twenty or thirty that he had so far inspected, were coming along fine. He finds that those who do not know much about gardening are not asking for advice as he would like to have them do and those who do know are only too anxious to find out all that they can. The gardens he has inspected he believes will be a success.

## WOUNDED AGAIN; THIS TIME DANGEROUSLY

### Thomas McDonald of Carleton—Sergt. Wm. Finnan Has Trench Fever

Mrs. Thomas A. McDonald of 229 Rodney street, West St. John, received word on Saturday that her husband, Private McDonald, had been dangerously wounded on June 12 and admitted to No. 49 Casualty Clearing Station. Private McDonald went overseas as a member of the 11th battalion, and was transferred into the New Brunswick battalion. In August last he was wounded, and after a few weeks in hospital recuperated enough to return to France for duty. He is a mason by trade.

Mrs. William Finnan, 3 Carleton street, was advised this morning that her husband, Sergt. William Finnan, a member of a local infantry battalion, has been admitted to a base hospital, suffering from trench fever. Sergt. Finnan was living in the States when the war broke out and he returned to Canada and joined the army. He was a plumber by trade.

#### FORMER CITY PRIEST TO THE WAR AS CHAPLAIN

Rev. Hector L. Belliveau, assistant to Rev. H. D. Cormier of L'Assomption church, Moncton, N. B., has been appointed Catholic chaplain with the Canadian forces and is now with troops stationed at Camp Sussex. Father Belliveau was ordained at the Cathedral by His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc on June 29, 1914. He remained in the Cathedral for about a year and was then transferred to Moncton. The good wishes of many friends in this city will be extended to him in his new field of labor.

#### FOOD SITUATION IN GERMANY AGAIN GROWING CRITICAL

London, June 16.—(By British Admiralty per Wireless)—The food situation in Germany is becoming more critical. The Berlin Vorwarts declares that the physical and moral powers of the population to endure privations have been substantially diminished through another year of war diet, and that any further reduction of the rations must constitute "a serious danger."

In 1915 forty per cent fewer babies were born than in 1914, and from 1918 to 1917 the total decrease was equivalent to ten million.

#### TODAY'S LIST OF CASUALTIES

Ottawa, June 17.—Today's list of eighty-five casualties reports seven Canadian soldiers killed in action; three died, one reported dead by Germans; one presumed to have died, four prisoners of war, sixty wounded, seven passed and two ill. Those from the maritime provinces follow:—

#### INFANTRY

Reported Dead by Germans—Lieut. B. W. Harmon, Woodstock, N. B.

Wounded—A. M. King, Tignish, N. S.; O. R. Hubley, Black Point, N. S.

#### ARTILLERY

Lieut. J. B. Dever, St. John, N. B.; J. M. Pugh, Marsy Hope, N. S.; C. Preston, St. John, N. B.

#### GEDASSED

F. V. Condon, Halifax.

#### FORESTRY CORPS

Wounded—M. LeBlanc, Bellefleur Core, N. S.

#### SAYS GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRIA MUST GO

Amsterdam, June 16.—The Berlin Tageblatt prints the following from its Vienna correspondent:

"The death sentence has been passed on the government and it remains to be seen what course the government will take if the crown declines to accept the coming resignations. This is a state crisis and the Austria of 1867 has gone. Premier Von Saydl declines to recognize this and the danger of the situation. Berlin must realize that the old signatory of alliance no longer exists and no power on earth, not even Germany's protection can revive it."

#### NOTABLE FLIGHT OF ALLIED AVIATORS

Geneva, June 17.—Allied aviators last week performed two long distance flying feats in which they averaged 350 miles in four hours elapsed time. From a base south of Udine, Italy, a party of aviators went over Austrian Adriatic ports as far as Zara, in Dalmatia, and returned. A second party went over the Tyrolean Alps to Innsbruck and then to Friedrichshafen, where photographs were taken, showing that new airplane factories are being constructed there. The aviators did not drop any bombs.