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British Repulse German Attack and Use Tanks for the First Time in a Midnight Raid--Germans Gain Footing in Allied Trenches Near Bligny, But Are Promptly Ousted.

# AUSTRIANS IN RETREAT FROM MONTELLO TO SEA

talians Drive Them in Disorder Across Piave River and Closely Pursue Them --- Sorely Harasses Enemy at Other Points.

ne, June 23.—On the Piave River ront, from the Montello to the delatic the defeated Austro-Hunarians are recrossing the river in sorder, says the Italian official statement issued today.

The enemy is being closely pursued by the Italian troops.

An earlier report tonight says: "Along the whole front of battle our artillery continues to bombard the intensely. On Montello and dong the Plave our infantry is everywhere maintaining powerful pressure on the enemy. Yesterday we carried successful small raids and patrol

"To the west of Fagare the enemy mpted some counter offensives ich immediately were crushed. "A British party in an energetic urprise action broke into the adsary's lines to the south of Asiago, id after a lively struggle killed 100 the enemy, and brought back 31

oners and one machine gun. Our own and the allied airme continued the struggle with unished daring. They also carried out yesterday big and effective bomments on the enemy's immediate es of communication.

"Ten enemy machines were brought down. The enemy's aerial losses since June 15 amounted to 95 airplanes and captive balloons."

LOCAL ATTACK REPULSED. Assaults Effectively Countered and Successive Advances Crushed.

tensive 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 20," says an official report from headquarters today.

"The enemy on Friday launched nother) strong local attack in the lirection of Losson, southwest of Foscalta, but was sanguinarily repulsed. "We carried out violent concentraons of fire on Montello and in the Grappa region, which were effectively untered, and successive advances attempted by infantry detachments

"At Cavazuccherina strongly suprted by the batteries of the Italian loyal Navy, our brave sailors and action, enlarged the bridgehead and were brought back. captured 150 prisoners and a large

quantity of arms and material. "On the remainder of the front small adjustment actions allowed us to rectify the line in our favor, and brought us some prisoners and war

"On the Asiago Plateau some of our small detachments daringly penetrated in full daylight into an enemy advanced post, and after a lively strug-

sle captured the garrison. "Ten enemy airplanes and three captive balloons were brought down.

MORE THAN FAILURE:

IT WAS A DEFEAT

Rome, Saturday, June 22. - "The Austrian offensive was more than a pared a resolution, which they failure; it was a defeat for the enemy, who at several points was four times stronger than the Italians." This announcement was made by Premier Orlando in the senate amid enthusiastic cheering. He added: "After the present victorious resistance, another battle may burst out sooner or later. In fact, reliable reports which have been received say that the Austrians are concentrating large forces in the Tyrol and Trentino in another desperate attempt to

A proposal made by an Italian gento declare Monte Grappa a national monument in recognition of the heroism displayed there, and announced by the premier, has been received thruout Italy with the greatest

### POURED HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE UPON TROOP CONCENTRATIONS

and Eighty Thousand Sustained in Latest Offensive.

Italian Army Headquarters, June 23.—A large part of the Austro-Hungarian casualties, estimated by Italian military officials at 180,000 and probably more, sustained in the latest offensive of the enemy on the northeastern Italian front, were due to the fact that in the early hours preceding the assault a week ago the Italians anticipated the Austrian fire by pouring artillery fire upon troop concentrations which were being made preparatory to attacks upon the Italian lines.

The Austrian losses on the Montello and at San Dona di Piave were particularly heavy after the first two days of the offensive origins to the

particularly heavy after the first two days of the offensive owing to the fierceness of the attacks at these two points.

Attempt to Capture British Po- Appeal to All Working Men in sition on High Ground Met Complete Reverse.

First Time Machines Have Been Used at Night, But Proved Thoroly Successful.

With the British Army in France, June 23.—An enemy attempt to cap-1ed by the labor ministers Messrs ture some British positions on the Barnes, Hodge, Roberts, Brace, Clynes, high ground east of Strazeele this Walsh, Wardle and Parker dwells upon The attack was a local one and was preceded by a heavy bombardment that began about six o'clock and was naintained with great intensity for a considerable time

At the conclusion of the artillery preparation, the German infantry long a narrow sector surged forward for the assault, but as they pushed up the incline which led from their own trenches to the more elevated British defences they encountered such a tor-nado of machine gun and rifle fire that, after struggling ahead a little, they were forced to retire.

During the night the British con ducted a raid near Bucquoy with tanks, which never had been used for raiding purposes before. The big gines went over the top shortly before midnight followed by infantry. The riflemen met with strong opposition gun fire, but the tanks proceeded on heir business and for two hours trun dled about the enemy territory, leaving the mark of their guns wherever they went. What casualties were inflicted on the enemy are not certain but the Bersaglieri, during another brilliant tanks did good execution and prisoner

Two successful raids also were made into German positions near Morlan-court during the night, altho this is not uncommon, for the Australians, who are in this sector, are always

On the eBlgian sector King Albert's troops carried out a raid northwest of St. Julien that resulted in a hot fight at a strong concrete blockhouse. The Belgians stormed this position and cleared it out capturing eight Germans who appeared to be all the men left alive in the fort.

The usual harassing fire was contined by the enemy in Flanders yester-

## WINNIPEG WOMEN

Winnipeg, June 22.—Several wom-en's societies in Winnipeg have prepose to introduce at a mass meeting called for next Wednesday night in Winnipeg, criticizing the Canada Food The resolution practically Board. accuses the food board of "agitating food shortages" to boost prices, and calls on the Dominion Government to reorganize the board.

### OFFERS RESIGNATION

OF AUSTRIAN CABINET Paris, June 23-After a meeting with Emperor Charles of Austria on Friday, says a despatch from Zurich, Switzerthe resignation of the entire Austrian cabinet. The emperor said he would decide later whether to accept the re-

Losses of Austro-Hungarians Are Estimated at Hundred

# LABOR MINISTERS

Britain to Do Nothing to Destroy National Unity.

SOME OMINOUS SIGNS

Certain Persons Are Endeavoring to Divide Nation Into Political Sections.

morning met with a complete reverse. the unprecedented influence of labor in the councils of the nation. They say their position, however, is rendered full of difficulties by the incessant sniping on the part of anti-national factionalists attacking them thru the labor press. The manifesto also explains opposition to their inclinations because that is the condition of coalition gov-ernment. Nevertheless in the past three years measures of democratic reform have been passed greater than at any time in the history of the country. The manifesto appeals to every-body in the ranks of labor to do nothing which would tend to destroy national unity during the war or the prospect of labor unity after the war. There are ominous signs of division in labor, says the manifesto, owing to sumed the right to speak for labor to divide the nation into warring political sections, and it is necessary to warn the nation of the supreme importance of maintaining national unity, because

> The manifesto cites Russia as an illustration of the evils with which we are threatenend. Her people, the victims of the machinations of the common enemy, are starving and are being degraded and exploited by Germany and Turkey in the interest of militar-

# **ALLIES PREPARED**

CRITICIZE FOOD BOARD Are Trebly Entrenched in District Between Soissons and Rheims.

> Paris, June 23 .- The Matin's corresvity since the cessation of operations between Soissons and Rheims, says: "It is certainly against this point that the German push will be directed. All precautions have been taken to counter the German plans. Nothing is more reassuring than the measures of defence which have been carried out on the front, as well as behind the lines. "The Belgians, Portuguese and Bri-

sector into an uninterrupted line of cit-

#### **BRITISH AVIATORS**

London, June 28.—The official re-port on aerial operations tonight says; "The weather hindered air work Saturday. There was no air fighting but at night conditions improved and night flying machines were more active. During the 24 hours 15 tons of bombs were dropped, the Bapaume dump, railway stations at Armentieres, Steenwerck and Bac St. Maur and the Bruges docks being heavily attacked by our machines.

"In spite of adverse weather conditions on the 21st instant, some artillery co-operation, photographic reconnaissances and patrols were carried out by our airplanes. One hostile machine was destroyed. Two of our machines are missing."

## **POLICE MAKE RAID** AND SEIZE LIQUOR

They Allege Illicit Trade Has Been Done by Supposed "Ring."

ALCOHOL IN CANS.

Bottling House is Said to Have Been on Gerrard

The wholesale importation of whiskey and pure alcohol into Toronto as broken tea, and the location of a night, when Plainclothesmen Scott and Ward of West Dundas street stanight, when Plainclothesmen Scott and Ward of West Dundas street station arrested six men and one woman, the members of an alleged "ring," on a charge of a breach of the Original and re-established the line in its ena charge of a breach of the Ontario tirety.

Temperance Act. Liquor to the value French troops last night executed a London, June 23 .- A manifesto sign-

Skrimshier, Mutual street; Howard or a moment. Italian troops by a vig-orous counter-attack ejected the en-brace, 127 Sherbourne street; Ar-thur Fenn, 219 East Dundas street; emy and secured a number of prison-thur Fenn, 219 East Dundas street; Our line was completely re-samuel Trafonsky, 96 Baldwin street; established. D'Arcy, 127 Sherbourne street; Arthur Fenn, 219 East Dundas street, Samuel Trafonsky, 96 Baldwin street; Thomas Morrow, 109 Sherbourne street. The one woman in custody is Mary DeVine, 113 Ann street.

The officers had been working on that they sometimes have to vote in the case for some time, and on Saturday night paid a visit to all the addresses above mentioned. In the home of Cecil and Howard Skrim-shier they found 12 bottles of whiskey, on Ann street 7 gallons, on Sherbourne street 14 bottles, on East Dundas street a large quantity, on Baldwin street a keg was found under the home of Morrow several bottles were discovered.

In Tin Containers.

Waybified as broken tea, and arriving in the containers about twelve

alleged to have come to Toronto from warded to the bottling house, where the whiskey and pure alcohol were upon the people of this country large-ly depends the future freedom of the pure alcohol was diluted and then colored with a mixture known as essence of champagne. One gallon of pure alcohol when treated and colored was made into several gallons of the 'moonshine" variety. After the whiskey had been made and colored, it is said by the police that it was distributed in a motor car to the homes of the people now under arrest, all whom are alleged to have retailed t in various manners at fancy prices. Several trunks, one or two stitcases, about 37 one-gallon "tea caddies" and eight glass containers were located and confiscated by the offi-cers. This is the second big "ring" to go to the credit of Ward and Scott. The last big clean-up they made was on the drug traffic.

## Invested With Victoria Cross

London, June 23 .- Lieut.-Col. George Pearkes of the Mounted Rifles was invested with the Victoria Cross in he open-air investiture at Buckingham Palace. The cross was won at pondent at the front, after referring to Passchendaele. Pearkes, when wounded in the thigh, continued to ead his men, and maintained the objective against repeated counter-attacks, altho both flanks were exposed.

### United States Battalion

Word was received at the mayor's tish, with the assistance here and there of American engineers, have increased their entrenchments three and four times over and have transformed each ington will arrive in Toronto at 5 clock on Friday morning this week take place from his late residence, 44 is said to be the first time in the his-

## ACTIVE AT NIGHT FAVORS TO CATHOLIC ORDERS DENOUNCED BY GUELPH PASTORS

## SCOTS RUSH FOE TRENCHES KILL ALL IN DUGOUTS

Penetrate to a Depth of Four Hundred Yards on a Front of Seven Hundred and Make Clean Out

With the British Armies in France, Saturday, June 22.—Another week has passed with the Germans continuing 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 in-

The biggest and most successful raid was made by Scottish troops yesterday southwest of Gavrelle, where enemy trenches were rushed along a front of 700 yards and penetrated to a depth of 400 yards. Every enemy dugout in this area was destroyed and its occupants killed.

German Forces Unsuccessfully Attacked the Allied Positions at Bligny.

The war office announcement tonight

says:
"The day was calm along the whole "Eastern theatre, June 22.-Violent storms have prevented activity along the Serbian front. In the region of Sinaprente, in the upper Devol valley, we repulsed enemy detachments who left some prisoners in our hands.

"Eastern theatre, June 21 .- Two enemy raids on positions recently taken some rugs in a baby carriage, and in by us west of the Vardar and south west of Lake Ochrida, were repuls-

#### JOHN S. ROBERTSON DIES AT ELMDALE

Was Son of Late John Ross Robert-son and Died on Day of Masonic Memorial Service.

John Sinclair Robertson, son of the late John Ross Robertson, founder of The Toronto Telegram, died at Elmdale early Sunday morning. he had been in very poor health for the last year or more, he had of late former strength and vigor, and the news of his sudden death, so soon after that of his father, came as a real shock to his many friends in this

John Sinclair Robertson was born in London, England, 45 years ago, and came to this country when still only a young boy. After completing his education here in Toronto, he entered the employ of The Telegram, which by his father, and altho he did not really take any very active part in the editing of his particular page, the sporting news, for several years past, he never completely severed his con-nection with The Telegram.

istics of his father. While he really conducted the sporting section of The Telegram, he always insisted upon being treated as any of the smaller and less important members of the

Masonic order, and closely connected with many benevolent and fraternal To Arrive in Toronto Friday organizations, and his friends looked upon it as a rather strange coincidence that he should have died at the First Snow in Buenos Aires very time his brother Masons were office from the C.P.R. on Saturday paying a last tribute to the memory that the b. ttall, of United States sel- of his father. Mr. Robertson leaves

Mayor Church and W. E. Lemon,

Postmaster, Know Nothing

which, dated Montreal, was published in Saturday in the Toronto evening tuated in this matter by any sense of papers. The despatch from Montreal Temperance Act. Liquor to the value of hundreds of dollars was seized in houses in different parts of the city, which were used by the gang as been done of prisoners.

French troops last night executed a number of raids between Montdidier augurated on Sunday by Capt. Bryan universal importance.

Peck of the Royal Air Force, that he arrived in Montreal on Friday in an "If any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in an "If any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in an "If any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in an "If any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in an "If any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in an "If any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in an "If any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in an "If any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in an "If any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in an "If any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in an "If any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biessings are to come arrived in Montreal on Friday in any biess stated that the service would be inpoints of distribution.

The men under arrest give their names and addresses as follows: Cecil Skrimshier, Mutual street; Howard Skrimshier, Mutual street; Russell T.

D'Arcy, 127 Sherbourne, Skrimshier, Mutual street; Russell T. Mayor Church of Toronto.

had been made by the postal author-

ities in Montreal. Mayor Church, when spoken to about the matter last night, denied to be regarded as incomp the "air route." All he knew about it certain charges had been made was what he had read in the Satur-

A Toronto officer of the Royal Air press censorship in this matter, and force said it could be stated as coming from R. A. F. headquarters that Force said it could be stated as com-ing from R. A. F. headquarters that if berty of speech and the liberty of nothing was known of any official authority being given for an aerial took the ministers of Guelph to pry mail service. It was also stated that off the lid, and it would stay off until no aerial mail service would be inaugurated by the Dominion Government without consultation with the

#### WEATHER HOLDS BACK\* HAY AND ROOT CROPS

with the possible exception of old meadows, but reports from the country districts the last two or three days indicate that the prolonged cold spell is holding back the hay and root crops, especially the mangolds, which are said to be at a standstill. The rainfall of Friday, pretty general over southern all be treated alike. Ontario, was just what was needed, and if warm weather comes along from had only shortly before been founded this time on there is every likelihood of another record year.

in years has there been such a clean out of the fall wheat crop. What little there is is out in head, and barley is starting to come, too, the fields bearing that uneven appearance which always accompanies the "shooting out of barley heads. Ex-Reeve Jonathan Nigh of Almira said last night that while Friday's rain was splendid, the cold weather was affecting the hay and mangolds, which were not making any growth but a warm spell weether. possessed of some of the most strik- out of the fall wheat crop. What little growth, but a warm spell would do

# To Make Blanket of White

Three trains are being used in bringing the visiting troops.

Castle Frank road, on Tuesday aftertory of the country that enough snow has fallen to make the ground white

Sermons Preached in All the Protestant Churches on the Recent Raid on Novitiate --- Attack on Jesuits and Censorship.

Guelph, June 23 .- "I want to tell you to take with mental reservation any statement made by a Jesuit priest, for any Le that he tells in defence of his church is to him a virtue of the highest truth."

church is to him a virtue of the highest truth."

Such was the startling statement
made by Rev. W. D. Spence, pastor of
the Congregational Church, and preadent of the Guelph Ministerial Association, to his congregation on Sunday morning in dealing with the military situation at the Jesuit Novitiate.
He went on to declare that Protestant
ministers in their theological studies
at college studied the Catholic faith
as well as their own, and he knew
what he was talking about.

This matter, which has caused an
agitation all over the country, was
referred to today in nearly all of the
pulpits of the city, and as it was generally known that it would be dealt
with large congregations were present.
The greatest interest, however, centred in the services by Rev. Mr.
Spence and Rev. K. H. Palmer, both
of whom have takeh a leading part
in the controversy.

Mr. Spence, in his opening remarks,
stated that the ministerial association
in taking the matter up did so not
only because they felt that they represented an Ontario city, but because
they represent the whole body of Protestantism in this Canada. "Insonr
as Protestantism accepts our atti-

"moonshine" bottling house on Gerrard street came to light on Saturday night, when Plainclothesmen Scott

religious intolerance, but that their feelings were that the issues involved Canada when the war is over from those of every form of faith, then we he would carry letters of greeting is to make these blessings possible. shielding men at the novitiate were not made by the ministerial associawm. E. Lemon, Toronto postmaster, not made by the ministerial association of the ministerial starting of an aerial mail service, but asked the government to investigate it was possible such an arrangement certain charges that were made to that the pastors of the Protestant incapable of being leaders in this acto him by the mayor of Montreal via tion against the novitiate, but that the 'military authorities, and these should be cleaned up. He referred to

> this thing had been cleaned up. Quarrel is With Law. "We have no quarrel with our fellow-religionists of any creed or faith," said Mr. Spence, "but we have the quarrel with the lawmakers of the land. We declare that the unfair clause in the Military Service Act Warmth Needed After Rain to Bring on Another Record Year. same level by the government."
> Rev. H. B. Christle, pastor of Dub-

Two weeks ago the outlook for all lin Street Methodist Church, was ap-the spring crops was of the brightest plauded to the echo at the morning

Rev. Dr. Gordon of Woolwich Street Baptist Church preached a strong sermon on the subject and declared that he was making no charges of any)her record year.

In the whole of York County there is probably less than 100 acres of fall wheat, and the most of that is headlands left over when the rest of the field was plowed or cultivated up. Not in years has there been such a clean

in anticipation of him making some sensational statements, and while he dealt with the agitation of the past week in great detail, he made no startments which could be construed as startling in their nature. He de-clared that several times he had tried to go into the question of status of men at the novitiate, but each time some restraining hand at Ottawa in-terfered and it was not until a new provost-marshal took charge at London that the raid was actually accomplished. Following the raid it was