

ITALIANS TURN OFFENSIVE AGAINST ENEMY IN MOUNTAIN REGION

Sweep Entire Western Bank of the Piave Clear of Foe—Numerous Prisoners and War Material Captured.

A despatch from London says: Holding the upper hand along the borders of the Venetian plain, the Italians have turned on the offensive against the enemy in the mountain region and are attacking on various sectors. Notable gains of ground have been made and in addition to heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy, a large number of Austrians have been made prisoner, and 16 machine guns have been captured.

The Italians at last have cleared the remaining Austrian rear guards from the west bank of the Piave river and now are in possession of the entire river front, from the Montello plateau to the sea. At last accounts their river forces which crossed the stream in pursuit of the retreating Austrians were still harassing them. Reuter's correspondent at Italian headquarters telegraphs that it is estimated that the Italians have taken 20,000 Austrians prisoner since the commencement of the offensive.

The Italian War Office statement has not as yet announced the total number of prisoners. The figures of 40,000 published were merely estimates given out by Italian officials.

A later despatch from Rome says: All the positions held by the Austrians on the lower Piave, constituting the Capo Sile bridgehead, have now been taken by the Italians, and the entire western bank of the Piave is clear of the enemy. Nearly 400 prisoners were taken in the enterprise.

Aside from this fighting there has been little activity in the southern section of the Italian theatre. Seemingly the chase of the enemy on the eastern bank of the Piave is ended, at least for the time being. In the mountains heavy bombardments are in progress in various sectors, and intensive aerial operations are going on along the entire front. The Rome War Office reasserts that all the artillery lost by the Italians to the Austrians in the initial stage of the fighting has been recaptured.



The latest photo of King George and Queen Mary. Princess Mary is in the background.

Markets of the World

Breadstuffs

Toronto, July 2.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.23½; No. 2 do., \$2.20½; No. 3 do., \$2.17½; No. 4 wheat, \$2.10½; in store Fort William, including 2½c tax.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 85½c; No. 3 C.W., 82½c; extra No. 1 feed, 82½c; No. 1 feed, 79½c, in store Fort William.

American corn—No. 3 yellow, kiln dried, nominal; No. 4 yellow, kiln dried, nominal.

Ontario oats—No. 2 white, 79 to 80c; No. 3 white, 78 to 79c, according to freights outside.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 Winter, per car lot, \$2.22; basis in store Montreal.

Peas—Nominal.

Barley—Malt, \$1.24 to \$1.26, according to freights outside.

Buckwheat—\$1.80, according to freights outside.

Rye—No. 2, \$1.80, according to freights outside.

Manitoba flour—War quality, \$10.95; new bags, Toronto and Montreal freights, prompt shipment.

Ontario flour—War quality, \$10.65, in bags, Toronto and Montreal; prompt shipment.

Millfeed—Car lots—Delivered Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$35.00; shorts, per ton, \$40.00.

Hay—No. 1, per ton, \$13.00 to \$14.00; mixed, \$12.00 to \$13.00, track Toronto.

Straw—Car lots, per ton, \$8.00 to \$8.50, track Toronto.

Live Stock Markets

Toronto, July 2.—Extra choice heavy steers, \$15.50 to \$16.00; choice heavy steers, \$14.50 to \$14.75; butchers' cattle, choice, \$14.50 to \$15.00; do., good, \$13.75 to \$14.00; do., medium, \$12.00 to \$12.50; do., common, \$11.00 to \$11.25; butchers' bulls, choice, \$11.50 to \$12.00; do., good bulls, \$11.00 to \$11.50; do., medium bulls, \$10.25 to \$10.50; butchers' cows, choice, \$12.00 to \$12.50; do., good, \$11.50 to \$11.75; do., medium, \$9.75 to \$10.25; stockers, \$8.00 to \$11.00; feeders, \$11.00 to \$11.50; canners and cutters, \$5.50 to \$6.50; milkers, good to choice, \$9.00 to \$14.00; do., com. and med. \$6.50 to \$8.00; springers, \$9.00 to \$14.00; light ewes, \$16.25 to \$17.00; yearlings, \$15.50 to \$17.00; spring lambs, 20 to 21½c; calves, \$13.00 to \$17.00.

Montreal, July 2.—Choice steers offered, \$13.50 to \$15.00; poorer quality, \$11.00. Choice butchers' cows, \$7.00 to \$10.50; canners, \$5.00 to \$6.00; butchers' bulls, \$8.00 to \$11.00; milked calves, \$15.50; poorer quality, \$10.00. Sheep were \$11.00 to \$13.00; Spring lambs, \$12.00 to \$14.00. Choice select hogs \$19.00 to \$19.25.

CAPRONI TO BUILD AIRPLANES TO CROSS ATLANTIC.

A despatch from New York says: Signor Caproni, the Italian airplane inventor, already has a machine capable of flying across the Atlantic, and is ready to send it to this country, or to build one here, according to his plans. The executive of the Aero Club of America are advised by Lieut. Belloni, of the Royal Italian Flying Corps.

Lieut. Belloni pointed out that the machines could be built in American airplane factories in large numbers, and as there were plenty of airmen available for the service, there only remained organization, faith and skill to make trans-Atlantic flights successful.

PRINCESS MARY TRAINING AS A NURSE.

A despatch from London says: Princess Mary, daughter of King George, will this week begin a course of regular training as a nurse at the Children's Hospital in Great Ormond Street. She will work in the Alexandra ward. The princess will attend the hospital two days each week, and will undertake the usual work of a probationer in order to make herself efficient in the care of children.

Bavarian Crops Unusually Poor.

A despatch from Copenhagen says: The harvest prospects are extremely bad, and the Bavarian Agricultural Council is preparing the population for further suffering, according to a Munich despatch to the Berlin Tageblatt. Frosts have affected the crops in the kingdom, and they have also suffered from drought. Rye is in particularly bad state, the advices add, while the potato yield is expected to be very small, and there is virtually no fruit.

FURTHER RAIDS ON GERMAN TOWNS 20,500,000 BU. OF WHEAT IN CANADA

Karlsruhe, Metz and Belcham Bombed—Powder Works and Airdrome Attacked.

A despatch from London says: The Air Ministry issued the following report on Wednesday night on aerial operations:

"On Tuesday night successful attacks were made by us on the enemy's airdrome at Belcham. Observation was difficult, but much damage is believed to have been done, a fire was started. The bombs were released from a low altitude, and machine guns fired into the hangars. Our planes were twice attacked with machine gun fire by low-flying machines, one of which was brought to a standstill.

"A large number of bombs were also dropped on railway sidings at Metz-Salons.

"On Wednesday a railway establishment and a powder works at Karlsruhe were attacked with good results. The powder works, main station and other buildings were hit. Our formations were heavily attacked by hostile airplanes, and three of our machines have not returned."

Loose knobs on doors or cupboards are easily tightened with alum. Warm a little powdered alum in an iron spoon, and apply it to the hole in which the handle fits. When the alum has hardened the knob will be quite firm. Alum is similarly a good cement for broken china.

MANY U-BOATS SUNK DURING MAY

British Navy Reaped Best Harvest Yet Recorded.

A despatch from London says: "The month of May was really the most favorable we have yet had."

This is the comment of Archibald S. Hurd, the naval writer, in the Daily Telegraph. He adds:

"It is common knowledge that owing to the large number of submarines destroyed the enemy paid a higher price for every ton of shipping sunk than in any corresponding period since piracy was inaugurated."

"The offensive by sea was still being maintained by the Germans during May with the utmost vigor, but in spite of the unprecedented number of submarines sent to sea only 224,000 tons of British tonnage was lost, as compared with 374,000 in May of last year.

"In spite of the fact that losses from marine risks were 'unduly heavy,' it can now be said definitely that the enemy's effort to cripple us by sea by an offensive simultaneous to attacks on the western front has failed definitely.

"Although exact figures are wanting of the sinkings of submarines, it is known they reached a higher figure last month than in any period since the submarine campaign began.

KERENSKY EFFECTS ESCAPE FROM RUSSIA.

A despatch from London says: M. Kerensky, former Premier of Russia, who made a dramatic appearance before the Labor Council on Wednesday, expects to go to Paris, perhaps before the end of the week, and a few days later to sail for America. He left Russia less than three weeks ago by way of Mourmansk. The time between the day of his disappearance from public affairs and his departure from Russia he spent in Novogorod, Petrograd and Moscow. His wife remains in Russia, in hiding.

Although Kerensky's evasion of the police agents of his own country was facilitated by a moustache and a long beard, which he grew in his long months of hiding, he did not think this sufficient to disguise himself, and added the dress of a soldier servant. A friend procured for him the pass and other papers of an orderly, and finally he began to move more publicly about the streets of Moscow. Finally he risked passage on the railway and got out of the country.

BRITAIN'S NEW AERIAL CIRCUS.

Major Bishop, V.C., to Lead Picked Team of Pilots.

A recent special cable from London states that Major W. A. Bishop, V.C., D.S.O., M.C., Royal Flying Corps, who won the flying honors of the world in a single flying season and whose book "Winged Warfare" has just been published by George H. Doran Company, "is shortly to emerge into the limelight with a picked team of pilots, including two Canadians, some Britishers, two New Zealanders, and two Africans." This is the first time, so far as seems to be known, that a "circus" squadron has been formed by either the British or the French. It is reported from sources close to Major Bishop that he is elated at the prospect before him, and that all the pilots of the new squadron are "aces" and have already made names for themselves.

CANADIAN TROOPS REACH ENGLAND.

A despatch from Ottawa says: It is officially announced through the Chief Press Censor's Office that the following troops have arrived in England:

First Tank Battalion, Ottawa; infantry drafts from Toronto; cavalry draft, Royal North-west Mounted Police; artillery draft from Woodstock, N.B.; nursing sisters; details; a total of 3,492.

"Are Our Guns Still Firing?"

Asked Dying Artilleryman.

A despatch from Italian Headquarters says: An artilleryman, who was cut down by an Austrian shell, when dying was visited by the battery commander. When asked how he felt, the artilleryman neglected to reply to the question, but demanded instead: "Are our guns still firing?"

FROM OLD SCOTLAND

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM HER BANKS AND BRAES.

What is Going On in the Highlands and Lowlands of Auld Scotia.

Thirlstane Castle is now being used as a convalescent home for officers.

The Duke of Roxburgh has put under cultivation a portion of his policies and golf course at Floors Castle. The Victoria Cross has been awarded to the three following natives of Banffshire: Skipper Watt, Private Mackintosh, Gordons, and Corporal Barron, Canadians.

St. Andrew's University, Fife, holds National War Bonds and other War loan stock to the value of over £203,000.

About one thousand patriotic women are asked to volunteer for the harvesting of the flax crop in Fife. Lance-Corporal Meldrum, Gordon Highlanders, who has been awarded the D.C.M., is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum, Gordondale, Alford.

The rector of Ardrossan Academy has given up part of the Academy Park for allotment purposes.

For gallantry in the Palestine operations Captain Ronald Brown, A. and S. H., Blinkbonnie, has been awarded the Military Cross.

The Military Cross has been awarded to Lieutenant G. G. Blackwood, of the Seaforths, son of Mrs. Blackwood, Southwood, Peebles.

A brass tablet has been erected in Gairloch Parish Church to the memory of the late Lance-Corporal Arch. Douglas McCall.

The roll of honor of the Kelvinside Academy contains the names of 494 old boys who enlisted in the army and navy.

The Croix de Guerre has been awarded to Bombardier Peter Sharp, R.G.A., son of Alexander Sharp, Renton.

Lieut. Edward L. Gray, R.A.F., Edrington Castle, Berwick, was accidentally killed while flying at a home station.

Professor Bowers, of Glasgow University, has been elected a member of the celebrated Scientific Academy of Turin.

The death in action is announced of Major John Skinner, K.O.S.B., one of the Glasgow winners of the Victoria Cross.

Musselburgh's war saving effort aims at providing a squadron of aeroplanes.

The total amount collected in Edinburgh on flag days amounted to over £22,985.

Colonel Sir John A. Hope, M.P. for Midlothian, has offered Pinkie House, Musselburgh, for Red Cross purposes.

The food control committee of the Vale of Leven have asked that Loch Lomond be netted for all kinds of fish.

The Peebles Fund for the Royal Scots' prisoners of war has now reached over £900.

Lieut.-Col. W. C. Charteris, a chaplain to the forces, and former minister to the Baptist congregation, Ayr, has been awarded the Military Cross.

Lieut. Rev. D. W. Bruce, Gordon Highlanders, who has been wounded a second time, is minister of Cadzow Parish Church, Hamilton.

The home of the Countess of Euston at Ardwell, Stranraer, is the headquarters of the county branch of the Red Cross Society.

General Walter Maxwell-Scott, great-grandson of Sir Walter Scott, has been married to Miss Mairi McDougall, of Lunga, Adgyllshire.

Pte. Archibald Haddow, R.A.M.C., Parkhead, was presented with £200 in recognition of his having been awarded the Military Medal.

Major A. C. McIntyre, M.C., Seaforth, reported killed in action, in civil life was clerk and treasurer to the Ardchattan School Board.

Major Smith, M.C., R.E., who has also received the Belgian Croix de Guerre, is a son of E. J. Smith, former mathematical master of the Royal High School.

The Military Cross has been awarded to Lieut. Hugh P. E. McIntosh, only son of the Rev. Hugh McIntosh, Balgreen road, Edinburgh.

Thomas McKenzie of the United States Forest Service has been endeavoring to arrange with the British Columbia authorities for summer pasture in the Pacific Coast Province for 1,000,000 American sheep.



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