

MANY AUSTRIANS DROWNED IN SWOLLEN PIAVE

THE AUSTRIAN ROUT ENTIRELY UNEXPECTED BY THE ENEMY

Previous Reports As To Extent of Crushing Disaster Are Confirmed—Total of Prisoners Captured By Italians Nearly 50,000 and Enemy Losses 200,000.

Washington, June 25—An official despatch from Rome today says the Austrians are still in full retreat, and that papers taken from prisoners show that Austria had not contemplated the possibility of defeat and was promising her soldiers this offensive would be the last stroke to oust Italy out of the war.

A despatch to the Italian embassy from Rome today confirmed the announcement that prisoners taken by the Italians in the fighting at the Piave numbered 45,000.

This includes some 12,000 or 15,000 captured during the last week before the Austrian offensive was turned into a rout.

Geneva, June 24—The Austrian retreat across the Piave river continues in the greatest disorder under the immediate fire of the allied artillery, according to news received here this morning. British gunners especially are doing heavy execution in this sector.

Hundreds of the enemy, the report states, were drowned in the swollen river, into which the Austrians are throwing their maxims and light cannon. In the meantime the Austrians are rushing up new reserves to fill the breach through the Montello Plateau and the Adriatic in order to avert a disaster.

Enemy Losses 200,000

Paris, June 25—(Havas Agency)—Austrian losses total 200,000 men, according to the Secolo, of Milan. Certain enemy divisions lost two-thirds of their effectives.

A despatch to the Matin from Turin says that the rout of the Austrians is complete, and that the Piave has carried away many Austrian dead. Italian cavalry, it is added, have advanced beyond the eastern bank of the river.

Fren newspapers continue to acclaim the Italian victory. Hope is expressed that General Diaz, profiting by the demoralization of the enemy, will not confine the fighting to local actions, but will strike out boldly into an offensive and transfer the Austrian retreat to the Piave into a decisive victory.

Several newspapers wonder whether the Germans will rush help to the Austrians by transferring forces from the western front. L'Homme Libre believes that such action is scarcely probable as Emperor William and Von Hindenburg are convinced they cannot obtain a decision except on the line from Switzerland to the sea.

Canadians Active

London, June 25—Activity was displayed during last night by the German artillery to the east of Amiens, between Villers-Bretonneux and Morcourt, and west of Merville (Flanders front) gas shells being freely employed.

Canadian troops raided the enemy's trenches at Neuville-Vitasse and brought back twenty-two prisoners and six machine guns. A few prisoners and a machine gun were captured by the British in a successful raid south of the Scarpe.

CANADIAN HOSPITAL IN FRANCE BOMBED

Nurses, Doctors, Officers and Patients in Casualties.

Ottawa, June 25—The following by Roland Hill, the correspondent at Canadian Army Headquarters in France, has been received by the Militia Department:

"Following the bombing of the Canadian hospitals near the coast the Hunns have taken toll from another Canadian hospital whose walls, during the March fighting, sheltered thousands of wounded. Canadian nurses, doctors and officer patients were among the number of those who were killed or seriously wounded.

CASUALTIES

The name of J. J. Bloomfield of Hampton, appears in the official list of casualties as having been killed in action. He is a native of England, but the family have been living in Hampton and he was one of the first to go to war from Canada. He had previously been in the casualty list as wounded.

Ottawa, June 25—Today's list of twenty-seven casualties includes ten killed in action, two died, thirteen wounded and two ill. Those from the maritime province are:

Killed in Action—C. McNally, Kingston Station, N. S. M. Dorey, Newburn, N. S. D. Cameron, Dominion No. 1, N. S. F. B. Spencer, Great Village, N. S. J. J. Bloomfield, Hampton, N. B. J. E. Noble, Shubenacadie, N. S. D. Young, Truro, N. S. W. A. Chase, Chester, N. S. Wounded—D. R. McDonald, Antigonish, N. S. F. J. Dunham, St. John. W. H. Tracy, Hantsport, N. S. L. K. Lepold, Kentville, N. S. N. E. Kendrick, East Puntico, N. S. W. R. Ross, Margaree, N. S. F. R. Doucette, Tusket Hill, N. S. W. Smith, Ashfield, N. S. Mounted Rifles. Wounded—G. McGraw, Colborne, N. B.

Exchange of Amenities By Britain and Japan

Mikado Presented By Prince Arthur of Connaught With Field Marshal's Baton — Japan Continues To Be Close Ally of Britain.

Tokio, Wednesday, June 19—By The Associated Press—Prince Arthur of Connaught, son of the Duke of Connaught, former Governor-General of Canada, today presented to the Japanese Emperor a field marshal's baton, carrying out an honorary appointment recently conferred upon Great Britain's far eastern ally, in making the presentation Prince Arthur said:

"Sire, I have been in receipt of a command from my King and Emperor, my august master royal and cousin, to ask your Imperial Majesty to graciously receive the baton of field marshal of the British army."

"In accepting the rank of field marshal your Imperial Majesty will confer the highest honor on the British army, which is proud to be associated with the mighty army of Japan, whose glorious traditions, self-sacrifice and ardent patriotism have evoked the admiration of the world."

Spirit of Comradeship.

"By your gracious acceptance of this insignia of that highest military dignity of the British army, your Imperial Majesty will not only exalt the spirit of comradeship animating the Japanese and British sailors in their common efforts to uphold the cause of freedom and right, but will give further proof of the strength of the indissoluble bonds of alliance and friendship which unite the two nations. King George trusts you will regard his royal commission as a British field marshal as a signal mark of his unalterable friendship and esteem."

Mikado's Reply.

The Emperor in replying said: "Your Royal Highness' welcome visit affords me a very high degree of satisfaction. His Majesty King George, my august ally, may indeed be proud of his army, which continues to invincibly hurl back the utmost efforts of our enemies."

"To be accorded the highest rank in such an army is a mark of His Majesty's friendship and regard which I shall ever appreciably value. I receive the baton from the hands of your Royal Highness with sincere pleasure and request you to convey to His Majesty my thanks for the gift and exalted manner of his transmission, together with the assurance of sentiments of attachment animating me towards his army, which continues to invincibly hurl back the utmost efforts of our enemies."

GRAND FALLS MAN WAS VICTIM OF DROWNING

Mrs. W. S. McCluskey Identifies Body Found in Penobscot.

Belfast, Me., June 25—Mrs. W. S. McCluskey, of Grand Falls, N. B., has been in correspondence with Medical Examiner Dr. O. S. Vickery regarding the identity of a man whose body was found in the Penobscot river near Prospect Ferry, May 12. Mrs. McCluskey says that the description published tallied with that of her brother, who had been missing since last December; that he was a painter and that this accounted for the paint-stained clothes. She also mentioned a V-shaped outlet which she had made in the trousers. The clothes taken from the dead man answered this description and there is no doubt of the identification. Mrs. McCluskey did not give her brother's name, but said he left a wife and five children.

MOONSHINE PLANT IN RESTIGOUCHE

Illicit Spirit Still Located Near Campbellton.

Fredericton, June 25—Chief Inspector W. D. Wilson has received information that the first illicit still found by the officials, working under the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1916, has been seized not far from Campbellton, for the manufacture of alcohol, which as far as known was sold locally. The inspector for Restigouche at the same time that the still was captured had three other cases. The provincial prohibition act does not concern the manufacture of liquor by the operation of stills, but the inland revenue department does and steps against the still in question were taken by officials of that department on the information of the prohibition officers.

NEW TREATY AT WASHINGTON TO AFFECT 314,000

Of Number 60,000 Canadians in United States and 36,000 Americans in Canada Can Be Drafted.

Washington, June 24.—Treaties between the United States and Britain for reciprocal operation for army draft laws to their citizens, including Canadians, were ratified late today by the senate without a dissenting vote.

British subjects in the United States between 20 and 44 years, the British draft age, and American citizens in the British Empire between the ages 21 and 31 would be subjected to the draft under the treaties, but they would be given the option of returning to their countries for service under their own flag.

It is estimated that some 54,000 American citizens in the British Empire, including 36,000 in Canada, and 316,000 British subjects in the United States, including 66,000 Canadians, will be affected by the treaties. A new clause inserted in the treaties provides that citizens of signatory nations exempt from the draft at home, such as the Irish and Australians, shall not be subject to draft in the country of their foreign residence.



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GIRL AND TWO BOYS DROWN THEMSELVES

Young Woman and Little Nephews Jump Into St. Lawrence.

Quebec, June 25.—That a triple suicide explains the sudden disappearance of Miss Emilia Pradette and her two little nephews, is the opinion of both the police and the family. Miss Pradette left Quebec on last Friday to go to the Island of Orleans and detectives say that some persons saw the young woman suddenly leap from the wharf into the St. Lawrence, dragging the two little children by the hand to their death. A child's straw hat has been recovered on the beach and every indication points to a triple suicide. Search has been begun for the recovery of the bodies.

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PERSONS ATTAINING AGE OF SIXTEEN

THE Registration Regulations provide that every resident of Canada, male or female, British or alien, who shall after June 22nd, 1918, attain his or her 16th birthday, shall within 30 days of said birthday attend at one of the post-offices and answer the questions upon the registration card. The postmaster will issue an interim receipt, which for 60 days will have the force of a registration certificate. The regular certificate will be issued from Ottawa and mailed to the registrant at the address given on the card.

THOSE DISCHARGED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE

While persons upon active service with any of His Majesty's naval or military forces (commissioned nurses included) are not required to register, they must do so within 30 days of the time they cease to be on active service. The procedure of registration in their cases is the same as above.

THOSE WHO FAIL TO REGISTER ON JUNE 22ND.

Any person who by reason of illness, accident, absence from the country, or other sufficient cause beyond his or her control, was prevented from registering on June 22nd, must register with a postmaster as soon as reasonably possible. Upon attending for registration, each such person must truthfully declare to the reason for failure to register upon the day appointed.

PENALTIES PROVIDED

Any person required to register as above, who without lawful excuse fails to do so, is liable to a fine not exceeding \$100, imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month, and a further penalty of \$10 for each day he or she continues to be unregistered after the day when he or she should have registered.

All registrants likely to be affected by above regulations are recommended to clip and file this announcement for future reference as it will not appear again.

NOTICE OF MARRIAGE

Any person registered, who afterwards marries, must within 14 days notify the Central Registrar, Ottawa, of the date of the marriage, and the name and place of residence of the party he or she has married. In sending this notice the serial number of each registrant should be quoted. The penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Any person registered who afterwards changes his or her place of residence or postal address must notify the Central Registrar, Ottawa, of the address to which he or she has removed, quoting at the same time his or her serial number. The penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding \$50.

LOST OR WORN-OUT CERTIFICATES

Any person whose registration certificate has been lost, destroyed, worn-out or defaced may, upon establishing that fact to the satisfaction of the Central Registrar, Ottawa, obtain a new certificate. Every application for a new certificate should state the registrant's serial number.

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