

Austrians Continue to Swarm,

But Allies Check Advance. Italians Capture More Prisoners. No Decision Can Yet be Made. Battle Assuming Gigantic Proportions.

WAR SUMMARY.

Not alone are the Italians, British and French comrades-in-arms holding in check the Austrian offensive along the greater part of a 100 mile front from the region southeast of Trent to the Adriatic, but they themselves have turned aggressors on some of the more important sectors in the mountain regions. Counter attacks in the hilly country on the north at several points have resulted in the occupation by the Allies of ground won from them in the initial onslaught and the rectification of their line, while a stiffening of the front along the Piave River has rendered impossible for the time being, at least, further fording of the stream by the enemy. Hard fighting still is in progress with the Austrians, who are bringing the strongest kind of pressure to bear against the Allied armies on both north and east parts of the front, in an endeavor to reach the lines and gain access in force to the plains. The strokes of the enemy are violent on the Montello Plateau, the highest bit of ground along the middle reaches of the Piave, the capture of which would give him command of the roads leading through Treviso to Venice and a fairway west through to the province of Treviso. The Italians are inflicting heavy casualties on the troops of Emperor Charles which crossed the river at this point. South from St. Andrea to Mossalata, the northern and southern flanks of the famous Zenson loop, where last year the Austrians effected a crossing of the Piave, only later to be driven back with sanguinary losses, and from Peshalata to San Donn Di Piave, the fighting is of a violent character, with the Italians holding the line. Between Candelo and Zenson loop, where the Austrians crossed the Piave on Saturday, the Italians have driven them back to the river bank, and are endeavoring to push them across the stream. This far the Italians, British and French troops have made prisoners of more than 4,500 Austrians, while the Austrian war office asserts that 12,000 prisoners have been taken by the Austrians. Although fighting has died down considerably in the mountain region, it is expected soon again to be resumed with increased violence. Emperor Charles is reported to be at the front with his army, and thousands of reinforcements for the armies are said to be moving southward. The Allied Commanders are anticipating vicious fighting, believing, owing to the turmoil and political unrest in the dual monarchy, that the Austrians must make a good showing in order to tempt them. There still has been no return to the heavy fighting of last week on the fronts in France. Several engagements of greater import than the usual raiding operations have taken place. Counter attacks against the French in newly won positions between the Oise and the Aisne were delivered by the enemy on Monday, but were repulsed. The French captured 370 men and 25 machine guns in the fighting northeast of Chateau Thierry. In the Belleau Wood the Germans are treating the Americans to large waves of gas and shells, but their efforts have gone unrewarded so far as breaking the line is concerned. American patrols to the left of Chateau Thierry again have crossed the Marne, attacked the Germans and returned to their base.

THE KAISER'S BOAST.

AMSTERDAM, June 17. Prussian militarism will bring vic-

tory 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 suffering.

ATTEMPTED AIR RAID.

LONDON, June 17. A German airplane crossed the Kentish coast of England soon after noon to-day. It was chased back to the sea by the British anti-aircraft guns.

DEVLIN AND SINN FEIN.

DUBLIN, June 17. Joseph Devlin, member of Parliament and Deputy leader of the Irish Nationalist party, addressing a meeting at the village of Virginia, Co. Wick, in support of the candidacy of Hanlan for Parliament for East Cavan, yesterday, said the Parliamentary policy was one of the principal factors in the upholding of Ireland's interests. He said the Irish party was not going to throw away the weapon. The Sinn Fein is not a new doctrine or a new policy. He said it had been before the country for twenty years, but the Irish people have paid no attention to it because it is too grotesque, and during this period of twenty years it has not reached a labourer's cottage or helped to brighten or beautify a single woman's home. The Irish party did not enter into this contest light-heartedly, and if the contest could have been avoided it would have been. When it was declared by the Sinn Fein 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.

AUSTRALIA'S POSITION.

LONDON, June 17. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Premier Hughes of Australia in a further interview here says Australia has paid and is paying the price of liberty. She will not falter, but is in the way to the end. "We have suffered in Australia as elsewhere from an insidious German propaganda," the Premier stated; it has manifested itself as pacifism and otherwise. We have men whose hatred of England blinds them to all else and who care nothing for Australia's liberty, so long as they can strike a blow at the heart of England. These are in the minority. As regards New Guinea and other islands in the vicinity, he continued, it was essential that Australia control them, or that they be in the hands of a friendly civilized nation as they stood in the same relation to Australia as Amiens to Paris or Calais to England. Although not wanting to extend her sphere of territorial authority Australia was determined that what she had she would hold and therefore she stood committed to the policy of the Munroe doctrine for the Pacific.

ENEMY STRONGLY HELD.

ROME, June 17. Vittorio Orlando, the Italian Premier, in an interview, said that the Italian troops were tenaciously resisting the Austro-Hungarian troops in

their new offensive in Northern Italy, and by repeated counter attacks were strongly holding the enemy. The struggle, he added, was most bitter on the eastern slopes of Montello and to the west of Andona di Piave.

AUSTRIANS DRIVEN BACK.

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 Italians' actions was the defence of Monte Moschin salient, protecting the important Eredia positions. Here the Austrians suffered heavy losses and many of their machine guns were captured. The prisoners are ragged and ill-fed, many of them are under-sized soldiers. One of them remarked to the correspondent that he had no interest in the war. The feeling of the Italians is buoyant.

WILL LAST SEVERAL DAYS.

WASHINGTON, June 17. 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 Italian defences by a great pincher movement. It adds that the battle will last several days before a decision is reached.

BIG NUMBER OF PRISONERS TAKEN.

ROME, June 17. The official statement says: The enemy disregarding their losses continued their endeavours to cross the Piave, but the Italians are bravely holding their positions. More than 4,500 Austrians have been captured by the Italians, British and French.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, June 17. (Official.)—There is little change on the British front in Italy. The artillery battle has died down and the enemy is reorganizing after his severe defeat. Captured maps show his objectives were very ambitious, they include the capture of Hau and Cima di Ponte. The number of prisoners has increased in 716 including 12 officers. The total amount of captured material actually brought in was four mountain guns, 45 machine guns and 7 flammen werfers. Considering the severity of the bombardment and intensity of fighting, our casualties were light. On June 15 and 16 the royal air forces dropped over 300 bombs and fired over 25,000 rounds of machine gun ammunition on troops and transports attempting to cross the Piave.

LONDON, June 17. (Official.)—We carried out a successful raid last night east of Arras and captured a few prisoners. A raid attempted yesterday morning by the enemy in the neighborhood of Givency was repulsed. For a short period during the night the enemy's artillery heavily bombarded positions northwest of Albert. Elsewhere only normal activity was reported.

DESPERATE FOOD CONDITIONS IN AUSTRIA.

LONDON, June 17. Red Cross nurses attached to the hospital at Kirchendoff 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 and forwarded from Amsterdam by the Exchange Telegraph Co. The nurses, it is added, have been obliged to steal the rations intended for their patients in order to live. Some of them were caught and imprisoned for these thefts. The military authorities have promised relief.

A HAIG REPORT.

LONDON, June 17. Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France tonight says: The enemy raided east of Hebuterne. One man is missing. Another hostile raiding party attacked our line north of the Somme early today, but was repulsed. Beyond the usual artillery activity on both sides there is nothing to report.

EX-SECRETARY ARRESTED.

NEW YORK, June 17. Arrested in Bethlehem, Penna., last Saturday on a charge of violating the Trading with the Enemy Act by conspiring to smuggle a mysterious message into Denmark, Chas. Emil

Shangoland, widely known political economist and until recently second secretary of the American embassy in London, was held here to-day on \$10,000 bail by the Federal authorities.

TURKS CAPTURE TABRIZ.

LONDON, June 17. Turkish troops have occupied Tabriz next to Teheran, the largest city in Persia, according to a Turkish official statement dated June 14th. The text reads: We have occupied both shores of Lake Urumiah and the town of Tabriz (in northwestern Persia), in order to protect the wing of our army on the Caucasian front.

SHIPWRECKED MEN ARRIVE.

LOWES, June 17. Twenty of the crew of the Norwegian bark Kringsjaa were picked up at sea and landed here this afternoon. The men left on a late afternoon train presumably for New York. No details could be obtained from the survivors who were hurriedly placed on a train. The Kringsjaa was sunk by a German U-boat about 90 miles off the Virginia coast.

HELPING POOR FAMILIES.

PARIS, June 17. Measures have been taken by the Ministry of Public Works to facilitate the departure of poor families from Paris. This step is not taken because it is considered imminent danger is threatening Paris, but from the wish to aid the people of modest means to avoid the difficulties due to the crowded condition at the railway stations recently.

A Sad Case.

A Newfoundland who was a petty officer in the Canadian Patrol Service, recently became insane while on duty, and subsequently was discharged from service, reached the city by yesterday's express. During the run across country the unfortunate man acted so strangely that the train officials found it necessary to confine him to the baggage coach, but on reaching the station he broke loose, with the result that he had to be taken in charge by the police and later taken to the Asylum. The poor fellow was an inmate of the same institution some years ago, but was released from there apparently recovered.

Information About Victory Bonds.

Under the Victory Loan two distinct kinds of Bonds will be issued, and subscribers will have their choice as to which one to choose. The Bearer Bond is by far the simpler Bond, and is that selected by the majority of buyers. The Bond itself, together with the attached interest coupons, is payable to the holder of the Bond when the interest or principal comes due. It is similar to a Bank Note as the money is payable to the bearer or holder of the Bond. In other words, should the holder of the Bond desire to sell, this form of Bond may be transferred without any formality by simply handing it to the purchaser.

The Registered Bond. This Bond is similar in form to the "Bearer Bond," but has the owner's name on it, and a corresponding record is kept in the Treasury Department. Such Bonds are not transferable without the written consent of the party whose name appears on the Bonds, and the transfer is made on a form supplied by the department. The coupons are, however, payable to the bearer, and may be cashed in the usual way by presenting at a Bank when due.

A Minister's Evidence.

That Piles or Hemorrhoids, Can be Quickly Cured—A Justice of the Peace Cured Many Years Ago.

There has come to us recently these two letters from prominent men who bear unquestionable testimony in regard to Dr. Chase's Ointment as a prompt and lasting cure for piles.

These men give their evidence freely because they know what it means to suffer from the tortures of piles and then be cured. They feel it a duty and a pleasure to let others know how they, too, may be cured. Rev. Frank N. Bowes, Methodist Minister, Pricville, Ont., writes: "In the winter of 1912 I was stationed in Cobalt. I went for a snowshoe tramp one day, and sat for only a few minutes on a cold stump waiting for some comrades to catch up to me. From sitting on the damp stump I contracted piles, and suffered so severely that it caused me great pain to walk. A friend recommended Dr. Chase's Ointment, and I immediately purchased a small box, which very rapidly effected a cure. I always keep a box on hand and find it excellent for any kind of wound or sore."

Mr. W. B. Thorne, J.P., Alderside, Alta., writes: "I was twenty-eight years ago that I became acquainted with the merits of Dr. Chase's Ointment and would not be without it on any account, as it never fails to do its work. I was first induced to try it for piles. Less than one box cured me, and I have never been troubled since. That was twenty-eight years ago, so I think the cure is permanent. It is good for sore lips and hands, chafing and, in fact, all sorts of sores. You are at liberty to use this statement for the benefit of others."

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Checked velour is promised for summer suits.

Pleated skirts are liked with sweaters.

There are a great many frocks of white wool.

There are some very smart silk sweaters worn.

Dark blue taffeta coats have fringed collars.

Some taffeta frocks have full gathered skirts.

Taffeta is always practical for between season wear.

Pink nainsook is much used for summer underwear.

Chantilly lace forms the brim of a pretty black hat.

Cotton Jersey is used in making the smartest frocks.

A knee-length suit jacket is promised from Paris.

Georgette crepe is frequently combined with foulard.

Checked materials are used in fashioning chic blouses.

Georgette crepe frocks are trimmed with rows of ribbon.

Lingerie blouses have quite given themselves over to frilling.

Shell-pink organdie and taffeta make a pretty combination.

Satin underslips and tunics of wool jersey are very smart.

Anglo-Saxon Unity.

(Buffalo Commercial.)

"To command you is an honor, to work with you is a pleasure, to know you is to know the best traits of the Anglo-Saxon race," says Admiral Bayly, Commander-in-Chief of naval forces on the Irish coast. His message is addressed to American naval officers and men, who for a year have been engaged in the waters where the U-boats operate. We are glad to feel that there is more than courteous friendship behind the graceful acknowledgment.

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