

# SECOND AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE IS ABOUT DUE

## THE SITUATION IN ITALY IS STILL CONSIDERED SERIOUS

All Preparations Have Been Made By Entente Allies For New Forward Movement By Emperor Karl's Forces—Austrian Efforts Thus Far a Failure—British Take 1,100 Prisoners in Italy.

Italian Army Headquarters, June 21.—(By The Associated Press).—The second phase of the Austrian offensive, featured by attacks to the right and left of Valstagna, along the Brenta river, and in the mountains should logically begin soon, now that the effort on the Piave has failed. It is felt that if the Austrians do not renew their efforts to penetrate to the plains through the Brenta region and take Montebelluna it would be an acknowledgement of defeat and their inability to carry out the ambitious plans launched a week ago.

The situation, however, is still regarded as most serious and all preparations have been made to meet any new offensive.

Along the Piave, the Italian positions are virtually unchanged. The Austrians are fighting well, according to the Italians, but the latter are outclassing them.

Failure, Says Premier.

Rome, June 20.—The efforts of the Austrians to widen the northeastern salient on the Montello, the keystone of the Piave front, toward the west have failed, said Premier Orlando in parliament tonight. The enemy's losses during the day were enormous. The Italians took several hundred prisoners. Toward the south, he said, the enemy again succeeded in crossing the Monte Belluna railway at several points near the Nivense station, but was promptly stopped. On the lower Piave the Italians gained more ground.

Sends Congratulations.

London, June 21.—Premier Lloyd George has sent a message of congratulation to the Italian premier on the showing Italian troops have made against the Austrians in the present offensive. "This great success," he says, "has been a deep source of encouragement to the Allies. Coming as it has at the most fateful hour of the whole war, it is a good augury that the alliance of free nations will ere long free the world once for all of the military domination which has threatened it so long."

The American Aviators.

Italian Army Headquarters, June 20.—The first American aviators to fly on the Italian front went today on a bombing expedition and blew two holes in a new Austrian bridge across the Piave.

British Prisoners.

London, June 20.—Nearly 1,100 prisoners were captured by the British troops in Italy on June 15-16. There was no activity on the British front there yesterday. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed Wednesday, and 1,400 pounds of bombs were dropped on various targets by British airmen.

PARIS BOURSE

Paris, June 21.—Trading was calm on the Bourse today. Three per cent. rentes 50 francs 55 centimes, for cash. Exchange on London 3 francs, 16 centimes.

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## New Trial Ordered In A Noted Divorce Case

Case of Charles Fitz-Randolph vs. Elizabeth Fitz-Randolph Reviewed — Scenes in St. John and Fredericton — Other Appeal Division Decisions.

Fredericton, June 21.—A new trial, with costs, was ordered by the Appeal Division, Supreme Court, today, in the divorce case of Charles Fitz-Randolph vs. Elizabeth Fitz-Randolph, which was tried last February before Justice Crockett. The judgment was given by Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen, Chief Justice McKeown and Justice Grimmer concurring.

In giving judgment, Sir Douglas briefly reviewed the case. The learned trial judge had based his judgment upon inferences which he had drawn from the evidence, there being no direct evidence of the statutory offence alleged. The Chief Justice quoted authorities to the effect that such inferences must usually be drawn, as direct evidence seldom can be secured.

The evidence concerned three principal incidents, which Sir Douglas classified as the golf club incident, the Prince William Apartments incident, and the Waterloo Row incident. He also referred to evidence of improper conduct on the part of the defendant at the Queen Hotel, in Fredericton.

Unable to Agree.

The Chief Justice said that he had been unable to agree with Justice Crockett in coming to the conclusion that the circumstances at the Golf Club house in Fredericton were such that no other inference but that of the statutory offence could be drawn. He also expressed the opinion that Mr. Worrell, who was connected with that incident, should have returned from Ontario to give evidence on a matter for which he was to a considerable extent responsible. The conduct of the defendant in this particular case had been most improper, and it was not correct that no other inference but that the statutory offence had been committed could be drawn.

The learned trial judge had seen fit to base his judgment entirely upon the Golf Club incident, not considering it necessary to take into consideration the incidents at the Prince William Apartments, St. John, and at the residence of the defendant, Waterloo Row, Fredericton. It was a matter of regret that the judgment had not taken in the other incidents as the evidence in them was much stronger and reference to them would be valuable in case appeal was taken. Sir Douglas said it was true that the Appeal Court had been given the

Of Much Interest.

The Fitz-Randolph case attracted much public attention. A. J. Gregory, K. C., Fredericton, was counsel for the plaintiff, and J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., St. John, for the defendant. At the time the appeal was heard counsel for the defendant attempted to place before the court a letter alleged to have been found in the street in Fredericton, and which purported to be written in England to the plaintiff. Counsel attempted to argue that the letter showed the motive for the bringing of divorce proceedings, but the court refused to consider the matter and the appeal was taken on other grounds.

Other Decisions.

Several other judgments of interest were delivered by the Appeal Division. The court adjourned until July 5, when judgment will be given in the case of the King vs. Kierstead, the Queens Co. murder case, in which a jury brought in a verdict of guilty at Gagetown. Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen explained that the court had not had sufficient time in which to consider the case.

Members of the Court present were, Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen, Chief Justice McKeown, Judge White and Judge Grimmer. In the King vs. Levesque, conviction was quashed. In O'Brien, claimant vs. Fraser, own, ed, and Gallagher, contractor, appeal was allowed with costs.

In re estate of J. M. McNail, deceased, the military will is excluded from probate and appeal is dismissed with costs to be paid out of the estate. In this case a soldier overseas wrote a letter altering the terms of a will previously made.

Argument was heard in the case of Boudreau et al vs. Ellsworth, J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., moved to set aside a verdict for the plaintiff and enter a verdict for the defendant of for a new trial. A. T. LeBlanc contra Court considers.

## CANADIAN SENATE DENOUNCED AGAIN

Rev. Dr. Shearer Thinks Age of Consent Bill To Protect Young Girls Should Have Been Passed.

Ottawa, June 21.—The action of the senate in their throwing out the amendments to the criminal code, which has been the subject of more severe criticism at various gatherings throughout Canada of late, was again denounced by Rev. Dr. Shearer, general secretary of the Social Service Council of Canada, who addressed the Dominion W. C. T. U. here yesterday.

Dr. Shearer set forth the text of these amendments, regarding the raising of the age of consent from fourteen to sixteen years; the age for protection of seduction from sixteen to eighteen years; and in the same regard the protection of all female employees to the age of eighteen, and lastly the question of imposing penalties in cases of prostitution of men and women as married.

## CASUALTIES

Ottawa, June 21.—(Casualties).—Today's list of casualties includes eight killed in action, three died of wounds, four died, four prisoners repatriated, one prisoner of war, forty-one wounded, five gassed and five ill. The maritime provinces names are:

**INFANTRY**  
Killed in Action—Lieut. L. S. Spur, M. C., Torbrook West, Annapolis County, N. S. Prisoner Repatriated—Lieut. J. W. Gunn, Halifax.  
Wounded—Captain R. A. Livingstone, M. C., Big Bras d'Or, N. S.; J. A. Murray, Campbellton, N. B.; G. Graham, Murray Harbor, P. E. I.

**RAILWAY TROOPS**

Gassed—T. Whitehead, St. Mary's N. B.

**ARTILLERY**

Wounded—R. R. Crockett, Newcastle, N. B.; A. M. Eason, Millerton, N. B.

**MOUNTED RIFLES**

Wounded—L. Smith, Sydney, N. S.

**FORESTRY CORPS**

Prisoner of War—Lieut. W. A. Scott, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

## ATTACK KAISER

Geneva, June 21.—Several German newspapers openly attack the speech made by Emperor William at German great headquarters on his anniversary. The Post of Munich, says that the feast could have been celebrated by a measure of clemency and humanity instead of with a speech of warlike tenor against England, without containing words of thanks to his own people. The paper concludes that the Anglo-Saxon races are powerful enough to accept the emperor's challenge.

## TREMENDOUS FROST DAMAGE IN WEST CO.

Another Frigid Blast Lights on Moncton and Districts Near Shediac.

Moncton, June 21.—The cold wave which has proven very destructive in other parts of the province and points west, hit Moncton and vicinity early this morning. Widespread damage was caused. In Sunny Brae and near Shediac the frost is reported to have been especially destructive. Many Moncton gardens escaped but heavy loss is reported in the suburbs. Heavy frost last night did enormous damage throughout the entire district for thirty or forty miles, so far as can be learned. The early crops at present appear to be totally destroyed. The monetary loss is reported serious.

## MACHINISTS STRIKE

Buffalo, June 21.—The strike of machinists and tool makers at the Three plants of the Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor Corporation was called off this afternoon and the men were ordered back to work by Andrew T. McNamara, representing the International Machinists' Union. A truce was arranged by Archer A. Landon, chief of production of the aircraft board, to adjust the difficulties that have arisen between the workmen and the corporation.



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## PRINCESS PAT MAN INJURED IN WRECK

Particulars of Collision on Fredericton and Grand Lake Railway.

Fredericton, June 21.—Members of the train crews who were in the smash on the Fredericton and Grand Lake Railway, Wednesday afternoon, have reached here. They report that in the head-on collision all the men on the two trains jumped, but in so doing all received minor injuries more or less severe. The collision took place through a

mistake in orders between an extra in charge of Conductor Arthur Benson and a train operated by the Reid Construction Company and the Sheffield Coal Company to strip the surface soil from their mining areas to facilitate the mining of the coal. John Cooman was in charge. Among those who sustained injuries was John Markey, of Fredericton, a former member of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, who was invalided home, after being wounded in the leg. He sustained a severely sprained leg. The line is cleared and the train service restored.

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