

THE ITALIANS HOLD GROUND AGAINST A STRONG OFFENSIVE

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The question now is whether the enemy planned this attack with limited objectives, the chief of which was crossing the Piave river and establishing bridgeheads so as to have good jumping off places for his next effort. If that be the enemy's intention his second effort must come immediately, for he could not afford politically—and neither could the German military—to abandon his drive.

General Diaz speaks of the results with greatest confidence, and Italian military circles here reflect the optimism shown in Rome. The few miles of advance gained on the south side of the river seems to cause no uneasiness to the Italians, who evidently believe the enemy has paid a heavy price for the gains.

Later reports corroborate first impressions that the attack in the mountains was merely a diversion, something akin to the Kemmel attack which synchronized with the Aisne drive.

British Scared Him

A prompt British reaction south of the Asiago seems to have thrown the enemy into a state of demoralization and the British found that in many places their own wire was uncut.

It is a curious emphasis the Vienna communiqué places upon the fighting quality of the Czech-Slovaks, and it may perhaps belie the real situation in the Austrian army, for Italian reports some enemy troops have mutilated. It is difficult to discover the causes of the enemy's failure, unless they were due to low morale and unwillingness of the troops to put their weight into fighting.

Success attends every main effort where the artillery concentration is large and certainly the Austrians are not short of guns. Here where it is the notable habit to paint things in gloomy colors, the critics caution against too early an optimism but slowly they are admitting that the enemy has fallen down in his programme. I think we shall hear soon that Germany has rushed help to her war weary ally.

Italian Statement

Rome, June 19.—The Italians have captured since the beginning of the Austro-Hungarian offensive on the Italian front prisoners to the number of 9,011, and taken many guns and several hundred machine guns, the Italian war office announced today.

The battle on the Piave River broke out again furiously yesterday afternoon, the statement adds fresh efforts

of the invaders to cross to the right bank from San Andrea to Candela were repulsed.

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The text of the Italian statement follows:

"On the night of June 17-18 and in the course of yesterday the enemy did not renew his attack from the Asiago Plateau to the Montello. His partial actions were completely repulsed in the Grappa and Montello region.

On Asiago Plateau

"We carried out thrusts in the Asiago Plateau, the allied detachments capturing many score of prisoners and two guns.

"With unceasing pressure we shortened the front opened by the enemy south of the Monte-Belluno railway. Our artillery with deadly concentration of fire did not give truce to the enemy masses waiting along the front of the battle or in movement in the back areas.

"Yesterday morning was calmer on the Piave River, but in the afternoon the battle again broke out furiously. New attempts made by the enemy to cross to the right bank from San Andrea to Candela were repulsed. On the embankments of the river between Candela and Fossalta and the strenuous defense of our troops tried the enemy sorely and his impetus was broken by our infantry.

Intense Struggle

"Equally intense was the struggle which raged in the sector of Fossalta, southwest of Meolo and north of Capo Sile.

"Every yard of ground was the theatre of epic struggles, in which our own and allied airplanes took part, bombarding with 15,000 kilograms of bombs and firing tens of thousands of machine gun rounds into the vulnerable targets offered by the enemy troops forced into the narrow spaces on the right bank of the river.

"The battle is continuing bitterly. The enemy in order to preserve some of the initial advantages gained by him takes no heed of the immense losses which our rifle fire and the guns of our airmen have been inflicting the past five days.

"Prisoners taken since the beginning of the battle amount to 9,011. Many guns and several hundred Austrian machine guns remain in our hands.

"The number of enemy airplanes brought down now amounts to fifty. Two of our own or allied machines are missing."

MONCTON GIRL NOW HEAD OF HOSPITAL

Miss Sarah E. Morrison Wins Distinct Success and High Marks.

Miss Sarah E. Morrison, R. N., who a few months ago graduated from Newport Hospital, Rhode Island, when she was immediately appointed Superintendent of the hospital, has just received an honor seal, having made an average marking of over 90 per cent. the highest ever made in Rhode Island.

Miss Morrison was graduated in Newport after a three years' course and stood the highest in her class, since which time she had been filling the position of assistant superintendent. She was one of the youngest members of her class, standing the highest in a class of forty-eight and is therefore to be congratulated.

Miss Morrison's many friends are pleased to learn of her splendid success. She is a daughter of Mr. A. W. Morrison of the Passenger Agent's Office, C. G. R., and a niece of Mrs. J. J. McKenzie of Moncton.

ATTACK FAILS

With the French Army in France, June 19, (By The Associated Press)—Large units of German shock troops which had been concentrated on the western side of Rheims between Virgny and Ornes and which went over to assault last night were met with such an awful fire from the French defence that they were unable to make the slightest progress. They suffered such losses after trying time after time to reach the French positions that only a few of the attackers were able to return to their own lines.

IRISHMEN ARRESTED

Melbourne, June 19.—It is announced that the government has caused the arrest of seven ringleaders in the Irish republican brotherhood. It is said the organization planned to enroll volunteers and send to Ireland to aid in an armed revolt with the object of establishing an Irish republic.

SHIPPING CONTROL

London, June 19.—The Board of Trade Committee, in its report on the position of shipping and shipbuilding in the reconstruction period, unanimously recommends the early removal of government control.

LEMON JUICE TAKES OFF TAN

Girls! Make bleaching lotion if skin is sunburned, tanned or freckled.

Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of Orchard White, shake well, and you have a quart of the best freckle, sunburn and tan lotion and complexion beautifier, at very, very small cost.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store has the counter will supply three ounces of Orchard White for a few cents. Massage this sweetly fragrant lotion into the face, neck, arms and hands each day and see how freckles, sunburn, windburn and tan disappear and how clear, soft and white the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmful.

ANOTHER GERMAN THRUST EXPECTED

Teutons Likely To Strike Again in France in Short Time.

(By Wilbur Forrest)

Special Cable to N. Y. Tribune and St. John Standard.

With the French Armies, Wednesday, June 19.—With the battle flame momentarily burning the brightest on the Italian front there are myriads of indications that the comparative peace of the past few days on the western front will be short lived.

The Germans are expected to strike again in the shortest time. No matter on what part of the front the attack comes it can be stated with all confidence that the Allies are ready and waiting. Ludendorff's future blows now begin to more than ever play the Allied game. Germany's only chance for a victory is in a series of rapid thrusts of which the German inspired Austrian offensive against Italy is but one.

ANOTHER ENGLISH SENSATION ON

Mrs. Villiers-Stewart Charged With Bigamy.

London, June 19.—Mrs. Villiers-Stewart, one of the chief witnesses at the trial of Noel Pemberton-Billing, member of parliament and publisher of the newspaper *Vigilante*, for having libelled Miss Maud Allen, was charged in the Mary Lebone Police Court today with bigamy. It is alleged that she married Stewart, her present husband, who is an army officer, while her first husband, Percival Bray, formerly a motor bus driver, was still alive.

Mrs. Stewart caused a sensation at the Pemberton-Billing trial by testifying that Neil Primrose, who was killed while with the British forces in Palestine, had shown her the German "Black Book" which was said to have contained the names of 47,000 people in England, including those of ex-prisoners and Mrs. Asquith and Viscount Haldane. She was remanded for one week.

REXTON

Rexton, June 19.—On Wednesday evening the ladies of the Red Cross society in the public hall were at home to Mrs. C. Filmore and her sister, Miss Nellie Clark, who are going to Vancouver to make their home. Mrs. Filmore and Mrs. Clark have been faithful members of the society and will be much missed.

Mrs. Filmore and little son, Donald, left on Saturday for Vancouver. They will visit several places en route. Miss Clark and her father, Mr. G. N. Clark, will join them shortly.

Miss Flo Girvan, of Springfield, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Girvan. Her brother Douglas Girvan of Ontario is also spending some time at their home before joining the army.

P. M. Schurman of Summerside, P. E. I., spent part of last week here.

Miss Francine Langman who has been attending Normal School, has returned from Fredericton.

Bruce Atkinson has gone to Buctouche, where he has accepted a position in the store of J. D. Irving Company.

The death occurred at her home at South Branch, Kent Co., a few days ago, of Mrs. Curran, relict of Charles Curran. Mrs. Curran was 78 years of age. She was formerly Miss Jane Murray. She leaves three sons, John and Terence of South Branch and Charles in the States. Burial was at Chapel Point.

Alexander Cochrane of South Branch died at the home of Charles McDonald at that place Sunday night. He was 72 years of age. William and David Cochrane of South Branch are brothers of the deceased.

COAL SITUATION VERY BAD SAYS MAGRATH

Fuel Controller Has Been Inspecting Nova Scotia Situation.

Halifax, June 19.—Fuel Controller Magrath, who has just finished a visit to the Nova Scotia Collieries, left on his return to Ottawa this afternoon. Before leaving he said: "I have completed a trip through the mining districts of the province and while every effort appears to be put forth by the operators still the fact remains that the output is very low indeed. In fact it is getting down to a point where there is no margin of supply over demand." Mr. Magrath added that "the coal situation is serious, even in these maritime provinces. I fear that the public do not realize the necessity of getting in supplies during the summer."

JONAS CASE DEFERRED

London, June 19.—Sir Joseph Jonas, former Lord Mayor of Sheffield, and Charles Alfred Vernon, who is said to have been employed in an important capacity in the ministry of munitions, were arraigned together today in the Bow Street Police Court, on the charge of having communicated useful information to the enemy.

The case was adjourned until June 29. Bail was allowed.

MGR. ROY VERY ILL

Montreal, June 19.—Monsignor Roy, vicar general of the Archdiocese of Montreal and chairman of the Central Catholic School Committee, suffered a stroke of paralysis at the Archbishop's Palace here today.

Through it was stated at the hospital that he was in no immediate danger, information from the palace was to the effect that he was very ill.

LOGGIEVILLE

Mr. William Savoy's many friends are sorry to learn that he still suffers much as the result of a broken leg.

Mrs. F. F. Loggie recently entertained the Missionary Society of Knox church. At the June meeting of the W. M. S. Mrs. Loggie was made a life-member in recognition of her 13 years as secretary to the society.

Mrs. S. J. Simpson entertained the Ladies' Aid Society on Thursday evening.

Miss Lela Loggie, R. N., of Providence, R. I., visited friends here last week.

A few from here attended the concert at Douglastown on Friday evening, and report a splendid entertainment.

WILL IT RAIN.

Birds are excellent barometers. A number of our birds—swans, wild duck, coots, moorhens and others—build their nests either on the banks of a river, or floating on its surface attached to the reeds or water grasses. These birds, it is said, never by any chance get caught by floods and, if you see a swan's nest, say, a foot above the river level, you may be sure that during the next few weeks there will not be rain enough to raise the river above that height.

The common robin, says Roy Life, knows a great deal about forthcoming weather, which he will tell any one who takes the trouble to consult him. If he sings in the morning, it is a certain sign of bad weather. The common cricket is a good rain prophet. If he chirps loudly and constantly, you may expect rain. Another insect, the gossamer spider, is equally so.

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On Thursday morning we begin a War Benefit Sale for our customers—a big bargain sale that will help every man to conquer the increased price of pure wool cloth.

Every garment sold in this store was designed and tailored in the semi-ready shops from imported British woollens.



50 Suits for small men and youths, sizes 32 to 36 inch breast only, worth up to \$20 for

\$14.75

Irish Serges, Scotch Homespuns, British Tweeds and Worsteds, plain and belted models.

Fifty Suits for men in all sizes from 35 to 44 inch breast, labelled \$22.50, for

\$18.00

This lot is chiefly imported British Tweeds and a few Donagals and other weaves.

100 Suits for men in sizes from 36 to 46 inch breast, label price, \$25, for

\$20.00

All the latest and smartest business models and styles, perfect fitting.

50 Suits for men in sizes from 35 to 45 inch breast, label price \$30, for

\$24.00

Beautifully tailored garments in Worsteds, Tweeds and Homespuns.

60 Suits for men in sizes from 36 to 46 inch breast, label price \$35, for

\$28.00

Designs for stout men and for men of all types, rare cloth value.

30 Suits for men in all sizes from 36 to 44 inch breast, label price \$40, for

\$32.00

They are suits which a custom tailor would pay \$28 for the cloth alone.

A special lot of Fine Worsteds Suits, Bond street cloth value, worth 10 guineas in London, label price \$50, for

\$40.00

100 pairs of odd Trousers, sizes 32 waist to 44; shades to harmonize with any coat and vest.

20 per cent. off the label price.

Suits for big men, for men who think that they cannot be fitted in a clothes shop; extra large and roomy. We can show these at summer bargain price.

Sale begins at 8 o'clock on Thursday morning, and store will be open until late on Saturday night.

The Semi-ready Store King and Germain Corner

A DOG WON THE VICTORIA CROSS

One of the most famous regimental pets that ever lived was Jack, who was found when a poor little puppy by a sentry outside St. James Palace. Snow was on the ground at the time, and the dog had evidently been ill-treated, so the kind-hearted sentry picked it up and fed it.

The dog, says the Young Soldier, eventually became very much attached to the sentry, whose regiment, the Scots Guards, adopted the animal as a pet.

TO THE SENTRY, WHOSE REGIMENT, THE SCOTS GUARDS, ADOPTED THE ANIMAL AS A PET.

Jack went all through the Crimean War, fighting tooth and nail by the side of his master, and once got so far as to save his life. One of the enemy came at the soldier with his gun clubbed, but Jack went for him. Sad to relate, however, Jack's master was killed at Inkermann. When the regiment came home

Queen Victoria was so touched by the story that she had a miniature-Victoria Cross made, which she presented to the gallant little animal, together with the Crimean medals.

During a brief visit to the editorial rooms Jones remarked: "Do you know, I fancy I have quite a literary bent!" "That's all right," replied the editor.

DISCIPLINE.

"Did your wife scold when you came home so late last night?" "Yes, but I don't know what it is to have a wife who was once a school teacher." "She sharply made me write a hundred lines, a a a a a. I was at home by ten o'clock." "From the New York Globe."