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KARL USES MILLION TROOPS, 7,500 GUNS AGAINST ITALIANS BUT MEETS CHECK Staggering Casualties For the

Stupendous Host Involving Three-Fourths of Whole Austrian Armies and Entire Artillery Resources Checked By Rock-Like Lines of Allies.

London, June 18.—The Austrians, according to the Evening Standard, now occupy the west bank of the Piave, from the Conegliano Railway to the Zenson bend, a distance of a mile and a half. They have thrown fourteen bridges across the river. These, however, are under the Italian fire.

Paris, June 18.—Ninety-two Austrian divisions, consisting of 80 divisions of infantry and 12 of cavalry, have been hurled into the greatest battle that Italy has yet fought, according to an official announcement at Rome received here through the Havas Agency. Seventy-one of these divisions have already been identified.

The forces engaged comprise three-fourths of the whole Austrian army and the choicest troops under the command of Field Marshal army and the choicest troops under the command of Field Marshal Boroevic. The number of men in an Austrian division is not exactly known, but the number of divisions engaged would indicate that approximately one million Austrian soldiers has been thrown into the battle.

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"In artillery and airplanes Austria is using all her available resources," says the official note. Not less than 7,500 cannon of all calibres have been brought into action. Three Austro-Hungarian armies, bres have been brought into action. Three Austro-Hungarian in the command of Field Marshal Boroevic, are engaged in fighting under the command of Field Marshal Boroevic, are engaged in dighting desperately, with enormous military means. Ordered to advance at any cost, without thought of blood sacrifices, the Austro-Hungarian regions, without thought of blood sacrifices, the Austro-Hungarian regions without thought of blood sacrifices, the Austro-Hungarian regions the mountainous Italian sector and accumulate along the Plave, looking the mountainous Italian sector and accumulate along the Plave, but the objectives which the enemy was to reach are yet far away."

Washington, June 18 .- Several thous-

CZECHO-SLAVS CUT OFF GRAIN FROM BOLSHEVIKI

HUNGER OFFENSIVE

COSTLY FOR ENEMY. London, June 18.—The bread ration for the city of Vienna has been lowered from 1.260 to 630 grams (less that 1½ pounds) weekly, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. This decision, it was added, was delayed by the cabinet council as long as possible for political reasons, but it has become necessary because of the Ukraine fiasco.

When the flour ration was lowered last January, strikes occurred in Vienna, and the authorities are said to be prepared for similar results now.

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copies of a speech delivered by Emperor Charles shortly before the offensive was begun.

"Before you is the enemy," said the emperor. "There glory awaits you and also honor, good food, abundant spoils, final peace. With the help of God, final peace with the supreme sacrifice for your beautiful king, for liberty and for your beautiful fatherland."

One of the prisoners, an officer, said he always had maintained it was a mistake to press the Italians too hard. "They fight like demons for their own soil." he remarked.

The civilian population in the area under shellfire shows perfect confidence. The people are attending to their daily took. Soldiers graine to the front line.

80,000 LOSS FOR GERMANS IN BIG PUSH

Noyon Offensive.

Paris, June 18.—Eighty thousand Germans were killed, wounded or made prisoner during the offensive between Mondidier and Noyon, Capt. Andre Tardieu, who accompanied Premier Clemenceau to the front on Sunday, told Marcel Hutin, editor of the Echo de Paris, upon his return to Paris.

"This is a figure which should make even Ludendorff reflect," he said.

"One cannot insist enough upon the exceptional importance of the counter-attack of divisions under Gen. Mangin against the right flank of Gen. von Hutiner's armies," he continued. "This magnificent operation has nailed the enemy to the spot and completely checked the advance toward Compiegne. German officers who were made prisoner do not attempt to hide their chagrin at their inability to reach Complegne, which they admit was their objective."

Premier Clemenceau contented himself by remarking: "I am com-Premier Clemenceau contented himself by remarking: "I am com-pletely satisfied."

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Fee Basis.

Windsor, June 18.—Coming to Windsor this morning from Ford to make a demonstration in favor of John Perehuda, on the charge of inciting foreign residents of the border cities to rebel against registration, more than four hundred registration, and aliens, a majority of them Russians and Austrians, were searched at police head Austrians, were searched at police head Austrians, were searched at police head Austrians, one than four hundred registration, more than four hundred registration, more than four hundred registration, more than four hundred registration, one hundred at police head Austrians, were searched at police head Austrians, were searched at police head Austrians, or a favor of the searched at police head Austrians, were searched at police head Austrians, dere searc Windsor, June 18.—Coming to Windsor

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Paris, June 18.—In a local operation south of the Aisne last night the French took 100 prisoners, it is announced officially. Between the Ourcq and the Marne, prisoners were taken in patrol encounters.

DUBLIN CROWD CHEERS IRISH NAVY RECRUITS London.

JURTEEN-YEAR-OLD

BAGGED MANY BOCHES

London, June 5.—Obelayed).—How a boy of 14 impersonated his elder brother in the great battle in France in April was find with wear large a military uniform without authority.

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Dejection Reigns In Fatherland

Geneva, June 18.—The enthusiasm created by the first German offensive has passed, and a feeling of profound dejection reggns among the German people, according to an interview with a neutral diplomat, who has just arrived in Geneva from Berlin in La Suisse. The people at home expected a quick victory from the early reports in official bulletins, and above all, a quick peace. The principal question asked in Berlin last week was: "Have we entered Paris?"

The economic situation in .the interior of Germany, the diplomat declared, is becoming more and more serious. Germans, both military and civilian, now realize and virtually admit, that the constant arrivals of fresh American troops will turn the tide

The diplomat concluded his interview with a statement that during a recent secret sitting of the Reichstag the question of autonomy for Alsace-Lorraine was discussed officially for the first time since the beginning of the war.

10,000 HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED IN CITY; 3,000 SIGNED MONDAY

Rush To Avoid Congestion On Saturday Continues Through London - Pre-Registration Booths Are Wanted in East and South London.

Over 3,000 persons were registered in London Monday under the pre-registration plan put into effect a few days ago by Registrar R. A. Bayly. It is esti-IN LOCAL OPERATION the purpose, is being carried out daily

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Ope London, June 18.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—Sixty recruits for the naval reserve, mostly fishermen from the Irish coast, paraded through Dubtin en route to Devonport, accompanied by a naval guard of honor and a millaby a naval guard of honor and a millaby a naval guard of honor and a millaby a naval grand of honor in the city has volunteered to act, and it would certainly be an adaptive of the city has volunteered to act, and it would certainly be an adaptive of the city has volunteered to act, and it would certainly be an adaptive of the city has volunteered to act, and it would certainly be an adaptive of the city has volunteered to act, and it would certainly be an adaptive of the city has volunteered to act, and it would certainly be an adaptive of the city has volunteered to act, and it would certainly be an adaptive of the city has volunteered to act, and it would certainly be an adaptive of the city has volunteered to act, and it would certainly be an adaptive of the city has volunteered to act, and it would certainly be an adaptive of the city has volunteered to act, and it would certainly be an adaptive of the city has volunteered to act, and it would certainly be an adaptive of the city, said Registrar Bay-parts of the c

THIS SPLASH WILL SWAMP SUBS

Philadelphia, June 18.— According to reports made to the Emergency Fleet Corporation, at least 63 ships will be launched on the fourth of July, in response to the appeal made by Chas. M. Schwab, director-general of the corporation that Independence Day be celebrated by such a big splash of ships that it will reach the ears of the German emperor. It will be the largest number of ships ever sent to the water in any country in one day. Shipyards on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, the Gulf and Great Lakes, are in the race to get ships ready for their initial plunge.

BITTER FIGHTING ALONG PIAVE MAKES HEAVY LOSSES FOR FOE; 'STOPPED EVERYWHERE'---ROME

THE WAR SITUATION

Austria's offensive against the Italian front has been checked for the moment, if not brought to complete failure. Fighting has ceased in the mountains from Lake Garda to the Plave, where the Allies broke up the first enemy blows. Along the Plave the Austrians have been unable to advance from the western bank of the river.

Balked at Start.

Despite months of preparation and a stupendous preliminary bombardment, the Austrian attack in the north Aslago Plateau and between the Brenta and the Plave, collapsed almost at its inception before the stout resistance of the French and Italians. Although their offensive began Saturday, the Austrians on Monday had given up, at least momentarily, their efforts to reach the Venetian Plain to the south. In counterthrusts, the Italians Monday regained positions in the mountains. Around Montello, just below where the battle-line reaches the Plave, the Italians still hold their positions awaiting further efforts, but the enemy made no attack there Monday. The enemy command is reorganizing the units shattered in the effort to overcome the important height. Unable to Debouch.

Between Zenson and Fossalta, a distance of less than three miles, the Austrians succeeded in crossing the river after having been defeated in efforts to debouch north and south of these points. Zenson is east of Treviso, and if the Plave line should break while the northern line holds, the Venetian Plains would be opened to the invaders.

Rome, however, in its latest statement, reports that all the Austrian efforts to enlarge the gains on the west-offorts of the Plave, south of Fossalta.

The number of prisoners is now reported as 12,000.

Emperor Charles is reported to be in the Southe

Quiet on West Front.

Activity on the front in France con Activity on the front in France continues of a minor character. German efforts to drive the French from their new gains around Hautebray, northwest of Solssons, were repulsed by the French, who increased their captures to 370 prisoners. Small raids have been carried out by the Germans against and the sold of the sold

Concentrated Fire of Italian Artillery and Repeated Counter-Attacks Inflicting Great Casualties On Teutons -No Important Success For Enemy After Three Days Furious Fighting.

Italian Army Headquarters, June 18 .- (By the Associated ess).—Bitter fighting is in progress along the Piave River. The Austrians are sustaining large losses from the concentrated fire of Italian batteries. Repeated counter-attacks are being made by Italian infantry, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

Paris, June 18.—Havas Agency.—That the Austrians, after three days of furious fighting, have not gained any really important success, confirms the newspapers in their opinion that the offensive has falled.

L'Homme Libre says that the Italian resistance to every attack encourages the best hopes, and is convinced that an Italian victory is assured owing to the excellent spirits of the Italian troops. Rome, June 17.—In their attacks between Zenson and Fossalta, along the Piave, the Austrians have been stopped everywhere, says an official statement issued tonight by the Italian war office. In the mountain region and around Montello there have been no infantry attacks by the enemy.

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The Allied troops have taken several hundred additional prisoners and some machine guns.

The statement reads: "On the mountainous front and around Montello the enemy did not renew his infantry attacks. During the day a successful thrust was carried out by our troops. We occupied several positions, capturing machine guns and some hundreds of prisoners.

"Important actions developed south of Montello and along the Plave in the zone between Zenson and Fossalta, but the enemy everywhere was stopped by our counter-attacks. Several hundred prisoners were left in stopped by our counter-attacks. Several hundred prisoners were left in the zone between the counter of development resulted advantageously for us."

FRENCH IN THICK OF IT.

Paris, June 18.—French troops have played a magnificent part in stemming the Austrian offensive, according to the Italian supreme command, says a Havas dispatch from Rome.

Despite heavy attacks the French lost but four men, while they accomplished some unusual feats, including capture of 163 Austrians by Compadiers.

That the French are holding new positions is indicated, the dispatch adds, by the statement that their artillery on the Asiago plateau was master of the Austrian batteries, and decimated the Austrian infantry when it attacked.

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KAISER CALLS WAR STRUGGLE BETWEEN TWO WORLD VIEWS

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Amsterdam, June 18.—The war is not, the enemy himself admits that, and in matter of strategic campaign, but a consequence we shall gain victory—the struggle of two world views wrestling victory of the German standpoint. That The emperor referred to the period of

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