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## AUSTRIAN DEFEAT IS A SERIOUS BLOW

### Austrian Government Cautiously Breaking the News to the Starving and Mutinous People, but the Prestige of the Army is Shaken and its Morale Undermined. Germans Sending Troops to Assist and to Harken the Austrians

PARIS, June 25.—Vienna tries to break the news to a starving and mutinous people. It is announced that "a position has arisen, by reason of the height of the water and bad weather, which has caused us to evacuate Montello and some sectors of the other positions which we had won on the right bank of the Piave."

It is asserted that the order for evacuation was given on Friday, and that it was carried out so skillfully that the Austrian movements remained wholly unobserved by the enemy. The Italian artillery was directed on Sunday against many lines already evacuated and Italian infantry advanced to attack abandoned trenches. The undeniable truth is that the Austrian army has sustained a grave defeat and suffered a serious loss of prestige. German troops are already on the move to strengthen the Austrians in the Alpine region and restore their morale. It is possible that the enemy offensive in the mountains may be renewed almost immediately as a diversion to prevent the Italians from pushing forward across the Piave and completing the route of the Austrian army on the Venetian plain. The Austrians, it is believed, have still a powerful reserve, estimated at twenty divisions, in the region between the Piave and the Isone. It is scarcely likely that General Foch will authorize an Italian advance in force on the Venetian plain until the menace of a fresh Austro-German attack on the Alpine front is removed.

### THE AVIATORS DID IT

The victory on the Piave is a great triumph for the fighting aviator. The services of the bombers who, cruising above the Piave, destroyed the majority of bridges and when the floods coming to their aid had completed that vital work, showing high explosives upon the Austrians as they crowded around the few remaining pontoon crossings, were of the utmost value. The artillery fire of the Italians was good but there seems to be no doubt that the Allied aviators were in a greater degree than the gunners responsible for the victory. The bombing of the river crossings is likely to be carried out hereafter on a great scale wherever the enemy in an advance is under the necessity of depending for his supplies upon temporary pontoon structures easily destroyed by aerial attack.

Apart from the destruction of means of communication there is no reason to doubt that no inconsiderable portion of what the Italian commander-in-chief speaks of as the appalling enemy losses was the result of the bombs showered upon them from the air.

### AUSTRIAN RETREAT CONTINUES IN DISORDER

(Special to the Guardian)  
GENOVA, June 25.—The Austrian retreat across the Piave continues in the greatest disorder under the moderate 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.

### RUSHING UP NEW RESERVES

In the meantime, the Austrians are rushing up new reserves to fill the breach between the Montello Plateau and the Adriatic in order to avert a disaster. It is officially announced from Vienna that the retreat was due entirely to the flood in the river. The report states that the Italian armies caused the breaking up of the offensive by their continuous pressure against the enemy.

### GREAT DEMONSTRATION IN ITALY

(Special to the Guardian)  
ROME, June 25.—A great demonstration of greeting to Italy and to the oppressed nationalities of Italy was held this afternoon in the gardens of the British Embassy, by the initiative of the British Ambassador.

### THE WEATHER

TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.  
TORONTO, June 25.—Northwesterly winds, fair and cool. The tide will be high this afternoon at 12:19 and tomorrow at 1:04; it will be high tomorrow morning at 2 and Friday at 3:17. The sun sets this evening and tomorrow at 9:03; it rises tomorrow morning at 5:37, and Friday at 5:58. The moon rises this evening at 10:06. There was a new moon on Monday June 24, at 6:35 a.m. The length of today will be fifteen hours and twenty-eight minutes.

### ITALIANS START COUNTER OFFENSIVE

(Special to the Guardian)  
LONDON, June 25.—The Italians have started a counter offensive on the mountain region. It was learned from an authoritative source this afternoon. The Austrians are making a strong resistance, but the Italians have gained ground.

### AUSTRIAN LOSSES 200,000

(Special to the Guardian)  
PARIS, June 25.—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 Austrians, dead. Austrian cavalry, it is added, have advanced beyond the eastern bank of the river.

### BOMBS EXPLODED ON TANK IN DETROIT

DETROIT, June 24.—Seven men were burned and cut, one seriously, when three bombs exploded on the British war tank Britannia at Griswold Street and Michigan Avenue today.

Sergt. Maxwell Adams, a member of the tank crew was badly burned and cut when a bomb exploded between his legs. Two other bombs were ignited by sparks and fell into the crowd of spectators.

With the first explosion there was a mad scattering of thousands who had gathered around the war monster. Sergt. Adams and the other six injured men were rushed to the Receiving Hospital. All will recover. The cause of the explosion has not been made known.

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AUCTION, FURNITURE AT THE Residence of Miss Ayer, 240 Queen Street on Thursday 27 June, commencing at 1:30 o'clock. Organ, Parlor, Diningroom, Hall, Bedroom and Kitchen furniture. Stoves. R. Bearstar, Auctioneer. 9104.

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## CONTINUOUS RAIDS ON WESTERN FRONT

### British Made Successful Raid Capturing Prisoners and Guns. Preparations in Progress to Meet Next Drive which is Momentarily Expected. Americans Captured Belleau Wood Taking Prisoners and Guns.

### (Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, June 25.—Sir Douglas Haig reports that in a minor operation undertaken for the improvement of the British line, all the objectives were gained, many Germans were killed and fifty prisoners and ten machine guns were taken.

A similar action took place at Meris, a little to the south a few days ago. It would appear that Sir Douglas Haig is seeking to strengthen his line in this part of the front between the forest of Nieppe and Bailleul so that an enemy advance toward Hazebrouck shall encounter greater obstacles even than it did in April. The Germans cannot hope to reach Hazebrouck by a frontal attack through the forest. The side door by way of Metereen and Meris is now being made ready for an attack. It is possible that those minor operations at various points along the British front are carried out in the light of knowledge of the enemy's plans.

### GREAT BLOW COMING

Mr. Lloyd George, in the House of Commons, seemed to suggest definite information as to those plans when he said that there might be a great blow coming in the next few hours, and certainly in the next few days, and on this blow the issue of the campaign might depend.

### BERLIN REPORT

The Berlin report tells of the fight in Lorraine. In the Baden-Villers sector it is reported "shock troops penetrated the Franco-American trenches, inflicting heavy losses, and brought back forty prisoners." Paris does not mention this encounter, the infantry fighting recorded being a local operation on the plateau north of Lepout Toul sector, in which the French took 170 prisoners and repulsed an enemy counter-attack delivered immediately, and a German attack on the Italians holding the line on the heights of Bligny, southwest of Rheims. It is stated that after shrapnel lighting the Germans were driven off with serious losses, leaving some prisoners in the hands of the Italians.

### AMERICANS CAPTURE POSITION AND GUNS

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON THE MARNE, June 25.—American troops on the Marne front last night captured the northwestern part of Belleau wood. They cleared this strategic position of all Germans, captured some prisoners and took five machine guns.

The Americans now are in complete possession of the wood. The attack was begun with a heavy barrage after which the Americans went over almost immediately and smoked out the Germans, whose positions

### (Special to The Guardian)

One machine gun found in the trees was operated by a pulley, the operation lasting only half an hour.

### CANADIANS AND AUSTRALIANS LAYING RAILWAYS

LONDON, June 25.—Canadian troops, working under machine gun fire within six hundred feet of the Hun line, have removed nearly twenty miles of standard rail track which is now being relaid for a new strategic spur in the fresh zone. Australians and Canadians worked together in accomplishing this.

### CANADIANS CAPTURE PRISONERS AND GUNS

(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, June 25.—Canadian troops raided the enemy's trenches last night at Neuvilleville, and brought back 22 prisoners and six machine guns. A few prisoners and a gun were captured by us in a successful raid south of the Scarpe.

### HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVE

"The Hostile Artillery has been active during the night between Villers-Bretonneux and Morlancourt, south of Avion" (Lens Region) and west of Merville (Flanders Region). Gas shells being freely employed."

### CANADIAN AIRMAN WORLD'S CHAMPION

Canada's Champion airman has become the world's champion, since returning to the front, as a commander of a "Circus," little more than a month ago. Major W. A. Bishop—V. C., D. S. O., (with Bar) M. C., has brought down his 72nd airplane, and won the highest title as an air fighter. He has been sent back to England and will probably be forced to rest on his laurels, having been appointed to administrative duties on the air board. He will be stationed permanently in England.

### GERMAN ATTACK REPULSED

(Special to The Guardian)  
PARIS, June 25.—The Germans last night, attacked the New French positions in the region of Lepout north of the Aisne, but were able to make no gains, says the official statement from the war office today.

In surprise attacks in the Woivre and in Lorraine, the French captured twenty prisoners.

## GERMAN SUBMARINE SANK U.S. TRANSPORT

700 Miles Off Delaware Capes. 67 of Crew Missing. No Troops on Board.

(Special to The Guardian)  
WASHINGTON, June 25.—German submarines operating on this side of the Atlantic, have sunk their first troop ship. The Navy Department announced today that a British transport under charter by the American government had been destroyed on June 18, some 700 miles east of the Delaware Capes and that 67 members of the crew are missing. There were no troops on board.

## JAPANESE EMPEROR BRITISH FIELD MARSHALL

Ceremony Performed by Prince Arthur of Connaught at Instance of British Government

(Special to The Guardian)  
TOKYO, June 25.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, son of the Duke of Connaught, formerly 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:

"Sirs,—I have been in receipt of a communication 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 this 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."

### ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE REAFFIRMED

LONDON, June 25.—The Daily Telegraph, in an editorial dealing with the presentation of the Field Marshal's baton to Emperor Yoshihito by Prince Arthur of Connaught, says that the stately ceremony reaffirmed the Anglo-Japanese alliance, "which already has borne such considerable fruit, and is likely to produce still greater results hereafter."

## CANADA'S SHIP BUILDING PROGRAMME

46 Vessels of 3,100 Tons Each Ready for Launching by End of Year.

(Special to The Guardian)  
OTTAWA, June 25.—Before the close of the year it is anticipated that the greater number of the forty-six vessels now being built by the Imperial Munitions Board on the Pacific and Atlantic will be ready for launching. The first will have her trial trip at Vancouver, and the whole fleet will be practically completed by September. On the Pacific twenty-seven are being built, and on the Atlantic nine. They are 3,100 tons each. The manufacture of machinery for the vessels is being speeded up, and it is expected that the greater part of it will be completed by the year end. At the completion of these contracts, the Imperial Munitions Board will go out of the shipbuilding business and the government will thereafter carry on the industry as a national enterprise.

### R. B. BENNETT LEAD ATTACK ON M.S. ORDER

CALGARY, June 24.—R. F. Bennett, former Director General of National Service and Member of Parliament for Calgary, introduced a sensation in the appellate division of the Supreme Court here yesterday when he applied with the necessary court documents for the release from military service of Earl Lewis, a farmer contending that as this young man previously had been exempted by a military tribunal the authorities had no further right to force him into service.

### AMMUNITION SEIZURE IN DUBLIN

(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, June 25.—The seizure of 40,000 rounds of ammunition in the Smithfield market, in Dublin, yesterday is expected to have developments according to the Dublin correspondent of the Daily Mail, who says that the seizure was an incident in an attempt to smuggle arms and ammunition into Ireland on a large scale.

### BELGIAN STATUES MELTED INTO GUNS

LONDON, June 24.—It is reported from Belgium that the German government has requisitioned all bronze statues in Belgian occupied territory, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam today. The reputed intention of the German authorities is to send the statues to Germany for use in the manufacture of guns.

### BULGARIA NOW REGARDS GREECE AS PRINCIPAL ENEMY

PARIS, June 24.—A despatch to the Journal Desbats from Geneva says that Germany has guaranteed Bulgaria not only Daren, Seres and Kavala, but all the territory gained by Greece in 1913 by the treaty of Bucharest in order to satisfy the growing dissatisfaction in Bulgaria over the treaty concluded with Roumania. Anger at Greece, the correspondent says, is increasing. Greece is now called Bulgaria's principal enemy by the Bulgarian press.

### COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

\*\*A Public Missionary Meeting will be held in the Hazelbrook Baptist Church Thursday evening, June 27th. Special programme is provided. Address by Miss Shipp St. John, N. B. 9093pd.

## JUNE TERM OF SUPREME COURT

No Criminal Cases on Docket. Report of Grand Jury.

The June term of Supreme Court of Queen's County opened in Charlottetown yesterday morning. His Lordship Chief Justice Mathieson, Mr. Justice Fitzgerald and Mr. Justice Hazard on the Bench. The following gentlemen comprised the Grand Jury: Messrs. Charles Lyons (Foreman), Donald McMillan, Wm. Owen, Alexander McMillan, George DeBlois, Edward Harrington, Patrick McKinnon, Peter McMahon, George Brown, Ivan Reddin, Benjamin Miller, Michael McManus, James Finley, John Crabbe, Boyd Livingston, Daniel C. McKinley, Joseph Hayley, Alfred Grant, Russell McLean, Philip Bagnall.

There were no criminal cases on docket and the Chief Justice, in accordance with the custom, was presented with the emblematic pair of white gloves.

His Lordship the Chief Justice in his charge to the Grand Jury referred to the pleasing fact that there were no criminal matters to receive their attention. The same remark applied to Summerside, where there was only one criminal case tried at the last session, which case had been held over from the previous session. This was a very satisfactory state of affairs.

The more so in view of the fact that men were needed for other purposes than being put into jail, and the steady decline in criminal offences since the war broke out might be taken as an indication that the people were answering the call to a higher duty. It was, but right, he said, to allow a due measure of approval to the Department of Justice under whose administration the criminal laws were carried out.

His Lordship instructed the Jury on their duties in regard to visiting the jail and other public institutions. According to the record, two prisoners had escaped from the jail. It would be the duty of the Jury to enquire into this matter and report upon it. The prisoners were military prisoners, and in regard to the escape of deserters His Lordship stated that it was the duty of every loyal citizen, especially of that class of citizens from whom grand juries were drawn, to exercise vigilance in discovering cases where the law was broken and giving information immediately to the officers of the law.

Judgment was given by the Chief Justice in the fox case of J. C. Milford. Mr. A. B. Reid in this case tried before Mr. Justice Hazard and a jury last year a verdict was found for the plaintiff for \$500, which he paid in to the defendant when a fox company was being organized. The defendant applied for a new trial but the Chief Justice in his judgment confirmed the verdict in favor of the plaintiff. Mr. Justice Fitzgerald delivered judgment disallowing with the Chief Justice and stating that in his opinion there should be a new trial. The verdict for the plaintiff, however, stands.

Donald McKinnon for plaintiff, J. J. Johnston, K.C., for defendant. The grand jury's report follows: To the Honorable Chief Justice and Associate Judges of the Supreme Court.

The grand jury of June term beg to report as follows: It is with pleasure that we concur with His Lordship in congratulating the Province on the absence of crime from this large and populous county, which is a strong indication of the advancement and intelligence of the community. Visitation, were made to the Hospital for the Insane, the Infirmary and the T. B. C. Hospital in connection with these two institutions. In the Insane Hospital we found everything to be in a very satisfactory condition, the rooms spotlessly clean and well ventilated, the kitchen department was also found to be in good shape and the food pure, wholesome and everything to be desired.

The condition of the Infirmary was highly satisfactory and the patients appeared to be contented in every respect. The T. B. C. Hospital is bright, well ventilated and most satisfactory to the patients confined in this branch of the Falkenwood institutions. The Jail was next visited, where cleanliness was very noticeable. At the present time there are only two prisoners, one confined for breach of the Prohibition Act, and the other being a military deserter. We looked carefully into the matter regarding the escape made of two prisoners on the 19th day of June, and from information submitted by the Jail—we are advised that the escape was effected through one of the ventilating shafts there being only a wooden grating, whereas we strongly recommend that this be replaced with heavy iron bars, thus ensuring safety hereafter. We further recommend that iron grating be placed on all windows in connection with the jail building.

## WORK OF THE INVALIDED SOLDIERS COMMISSION AND WHAT IT MEANS

Lieutenant-Colonel McKelvey Bell, Director of Medical Service, Ottawa, Here on Organization Tour.

Lieut. Colonel F. McKelvey Bell, Ottawa, Director of Medical Services for Canada for the Invalided Soldiers Commission, accompanied by Dr. Reginald Stuart of Halifax, Medical Director for the Maritime Provinces, arrived in the city yesterday morning. Col. Bell is here on an inspection trip to further organize the medical service of the Invalided Soldiers Commission.

It is interesting to note that Dr. Alex. Ross, of Charlottetown, who has been service overseas has been appointed Deputy Medical Director for the Province of Prince Edward Island. All cases of recurrence of war disabilities in discharged soldiers in P. E. Island should make application through him for treatment.

The care of the invalided soldier is divided into two stages: (1) Before discharge by the Army Medical Corps Department of Militia and Defence; (2) After discharge by the Invalided Soldiers Commission, Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment.

The Medical Department of the I. S. C. has seven functions or duties: 1. Care of all cases of pulmonary tuberculosis. These cases are discharged from the Army for treatment under the I. S. C. as soon as diagnosed.

2. The care of the permanently injured, epileptics and feeble-minded. 3. The care of incurables or cases likely to be of long duration and requiring institutional treatment.

4. The manufacture and supply of orthopaedic appliances, such as artificial legs and arms, boots for injured feet, splints, etc. These are manufactured in a factory in Toronto controlled by the I. S. C. and a small branch will likely be established in each military centre that for the Maritime Provinces likely to be in Halifax.

5. The care of cases of recurrence of war disabilities. 6. Medical care of men undergoing industrial re-education.

7. Dental care of: (a) ex-soldiers undergoing industrial re-education. (b) Cases of incurables or cases likely to be of long duration and requiring institutional treatment.

At the present time there are nearly three thousand men in classes under going industrial re-education by the Invalided Soldiers Commission. The Dalton Sanatorium which now is under the charge of the Invalided Soldiers Commission with Dr. Garrison as Medical Superintendent is being trebled in size. The work on the new pavilions is well under way and it is expected will be completed about August 1st. The total accommodation will be for 75 patients. New laboratory equipment and an X-ray plant will be installed and this already excellent institution for the treatment of tuberculosis will be made one of the most up-to-date and efficient in Canada.

Lieut. Col. Bell and Dr. Stuart leave this morning for the mainland, the former proceeding to Ottawa and Dr. Stuart to Halifax.

### THREE MEN MEET INSTANT DEATH

MONTREAL, June 24.—Three men were instantly killed at the Longue Point shops of the Canadian Steel and Foundries early this morning, when a bucket of boiling metal fell on them and burned them to death. The victims were foreigners.