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A BITTER STRUGGLE ON ITALIAN FRONT

Austrians Making Heavy Sacrifices to Hold Ground on West Bank of Piave but Attempt No Further Advance. Italians Made Important Gains Capturing Positions, Prisoners and Guns.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, June 22.—There is no abatement of the struggle along the Piave. The Austrians, who to the number of five or six divisions have secured a foothold on the west bank of the river are now for the most part trying to hold the ground they occupy rather than make any further advance. They find it extremely difficult to do so in the face of the Italian counter attack by which a good deal of territory has been regained, particularly in the all important Montello sector on the upper Piave. There the Austrians who have been hemmed in from the south on the edge of the plain made a strong attempt to break through near Nervesa, but the Italians, the official report says, advancing with admirable élan captured some 400 prisoners and a number of machine guns. They wrested intact from the enemy two of four Batteries of medium calibre which were promptly put into action against the enemy.

The guns here spoken of were doubtless a part of the Artillery captured in the first assault on Montello a week ago when the Austrians took seventy three guns. If they are pressed back against the river and have to evacuate their positions on the heights hurriedly most of these captured guns should be retained.

The hardest fighting at the moment appears to be taking place at Nervesa where the Austrian Bridge head was secured a week ago. That is the best evidence of how utterly the enemy's attempt to debouch into the Venetian Plain has failed. On the lower Piave.

The Italian troops operating along the Zeonon Bend continue to press the Austrians back toward the River bank as the space into which they are being driven becomes dangerously overcrowded. The Austrians fight desperately to prevent further retirement on the Zeonon Bend. They lost several hundred prisoners in these encounters, besides suffering heavy casualties while in the Meolo Sector, where an attempt was made to advance. The enemy renewed his attack four times in vain until exhausted by the exceptionally heavy losses suffered he was forced to yield. In these fierce struggles Piedmontese Sardinians and Bersaglieri with one another in heroic deeds. Near the mouth of the River sailors and Bersaglieri, a strange combination, broke into the enemy's lines captured two hundred prisoners and now firmly hold the ground won.

CANADIAN AVIATORS ENGAGED

Among the British fliers in Italy there are known to be not a few Canadians. The work of these aerial bombers may eventually prove so effective in preventing the Austrians from bringing up supplies that Piave operations may be abandoned. They are already a dismal failure. The only other road into the plains of Venetia is by the valley of the Brenta on the Alpine front and that has been closed by the valor of the British and French troops who hold the Asiago Plateau and by the Italians on Monte Grappa.

AUSTRIANS ADMIT HEAVY COUNTER ATTACKS

The Austrian official report while admitting that the Italians are hotly counter-attacking in the Montello region claims that all these attacks have broken down before the unflinching resistance of the Austrians who in their hastily constructed trenches destroyed waves of enemy storming troops. It is claimed that 3,200 prisoners were captured on the last fighting day but one on the Montello alone and that 2000 of these were taken by a single Hungarian infantry regiment. These are large claims but it will be noted that the Austrian reports no longer give a summary of prisoners taken. Since the beginning of the offensive the Italians have stated emphatically that the enemy's claims are exaggerated.

AUSTRIAN ARMY BECOMING DEMORALIZED AND UNTRUSTWORTHY

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, June 22.—The Times correspondent at the Hague is informed through a Dutch source that the re-

mnants of some severely tried Austrian regiments arrived in Vienna on the 15th, many of the men being slightly wounded. These troops were employed on the 18th to patrol the City but their bearing was such that they were withdrawn the following day.

All public buildings in Vienna are now guarded by cavalry, the police heretofore having been able to disperse such gatherings as occurred from the same source. It is learned that a Bulgarian commission has arrived in Vienna to negotiate with the Austrian Government concerning a change in relations with Germany.

The commission has proposed to Austria to send twelve German divisions to the Italian front to replace twelve Austrian divisions to be sent to France, says an unconfirmed report in circulation in Holland transmitted by the Daily Mail correspondent at the Hague.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE EMPEROR KARL

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, June 22.—An unconfirmed report on the Amsterdam Bourse declares that an attempt has been made to assassinate Emperor Karl, according to a central news despatch from Amsterdam today.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH ITALY

(By the Associated Press)—Cavalry men aiding the Italian artillery and airmen are giving effective aid to the Italian infantry in driving back the Austrians towards the Piave.

AUSTRIANS HAMPERED BY FOOD SCARCITY

One of the principal activities of allied aviators who have been joined by American fliers is to prevent Austrian airmen from delivering sacks of bread and other dry foodstuffs to the Austrians who still are fighting tenaciously.

Around Montello and in the region of the Lower Piave Italian cavalry is being used to help push the enemy back. They are aided by armored cars carrying machine guns. The rising of the Piave and the activity of the Italian Artillery are making it difficult for the Austrians to obtain food. While the water carries some bridges away and damages others the gunners are sinking boats and hammering the damaged bridges at different points.

THE BATTLE DEFINITELY WON BY ITALIANS

(Special to The Guardian)
ROME, June 22.—The battle situation is unchanged and infantry engagements were not resumed during Friday, says the statement issued last night to the Italian parliament by Premier Orlando. It is now permissible to say that the battle has been won. The Premier told the Deputies Friday morning. According to the Tribunal the Austrians, the Premier added, are now gathering all available men in certain sections of the mountain front. Only a small part of their services have been drawn on by the Italians.

THREE-FOURTHS OF FOE ARMIES IN BIG BATTLE

(Special to The Guardian)
PARIS, June 20.—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 today. 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 Borovik. (The number of men in each division is not exactly known, but the number of divisions engaged would indicate that approximately one million Austrian soldiers have been thrown into the battle.)

Papers found on officers show that, after forcing the passage of the Piave, the first day's objective was the Treviso-Montebellone line. In two days of fighting the enemy columns had succeeded only in realizing the minimum assigned for the first day, according to official note issued at Rome. But one single allied aviator has been lost during the Austrian offensive while 44 enemy machines have been brought down.

GERMANS PREPARING FOR NEXT OFFENSIVE

British Making Nightly Raids to Test Strength of Enemy and are Prepared for the Attack Wherever it May Take Place. All Their Positions Have Been Consolidated.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, June 22.—The British official report issued last night tells of raids north of the Scarpe by Scottish troops who penetrated German trenches and inflicted heavy casualties, bombed dugouts and machine gun positions and brought back a number of prisoners.

In the north near Merris the Germans tried several times to recapture the ground won on Wednesday by the British but failed.

BERLIN MAKES EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS

Berlin which is making mountains out of mole-hills these days solemnly announces that northeast of Merris and north of Albert British partial attacks broke down with sanguinary losses.

GERMAN RAIDS REPULSED

(Special to The Guardian)
PARIS, June 22.—German troops last night attempted raiding operations in the vicinity of Thello, southwest of Montdidier. They were repulsed, says today's war office report. Similar operations undertaken by the enemy in Upper Alsace were equally unsuccessful.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, June 22.—There is no doubt at all that the raids along the British front that occur nightly are not serious attacks but are made to

secure identifications and learn of the enemy's dispositions. It is believed that an enemy assault between Arras and Albert will not be long delayed. The raiders should be able to learn from the way in which the German lines are held and the number of trench mortars up at the front when the big push is about to begin.

FRENCH AND AMERICANS ARE BETTERING THEIR POSITIONS

On the Aisne Marne sector the French and Americans do not appear to regard their losses so seriously as Berlin does. Improvements of the allied front were secured yesterday morning by the Americans North of Belleau wood and by the French near the Ourcq, at Faverolles. The failure of the enemy to react on this sector proves his storm troops have been withdrawn from it for use elsewhere, probably with Prince Rupprecht's army in the north or on the Somme.

AMERICANS NOW HOLD 38 MILES FRONT

(Special to The Guardian)
WASHINGTON, June 22.—American soldiers are now holding the fighting line for a distance of 38 miles on the western front according to information given members of the House Military Committee today at the weekly conference with Secretary of War Baker, and Gen. March, chief of the staff.

AUSTRIANS FIGHT ON EMPTY STOMACHS

Have Received Official Order to Fight for Food for Themselves. Captured Officer Says Army Cannot Last Longer Than Two Months.

AMSTERDAM, June 20.—For at least six weeks, says the Vienna Neue Presse, the people of Austria will have to exist on little more than salads and certain vegetables.

Italian Army Headquarters, June 19.—That Austria's drive against Italy is "a pitifully a hunger offensive" has been proven by the new orders and addresses found upon the prisoners.

These were signed by officers ranging from Field Marshal Conrad Von Hotzendorf down to regimental commanders. One which was issued by the commander of the famous regiment bearing the name of Archduke Charles, says: "Soldiers, remember he spoils we got last fall from the tallans; the sheep, coats, steers, warehouses full of food clothes and grocery stores full of wine, and flour, flour and sugar. Think of your family. Think of the white bread you may win for all."

The correspondent has visited groups of hundreds of prisoners, all of whom are thin and weak. They said they had had little food for the past month and spoke with horror of the winter months they had passed. A sample of their black bread showed that it was made of rye, straw and potatoes.

Clothes Falling Apart

Many of the prisoners have strong, well-spiked shoes, but these they claim they made themselves or bought. Their clothes, however, are falling apart, clothes being patched frequently. Most of them have more rags for shirts. The majority of the prisoners have money, but is in either in paper bills or iron coin. The most of them wear medals for valor, some of them having two or three of them, but these decorations are of base metal and none of them are of silver. One is stamped with a crown and the name of Empress Zita and encircled with laurel wreaths, and is made of a zinc composition. The prisoners part readily with these medals, saying they have no pride in them, for few pennies of Italian money. Most of the captured men are young and light-haired and generally have had teeth.

The Italian soldiers tell humorous stories of captures effected by persuading the Austrians that they will be well fed. One Italian officer who had been wounded and picked up by a group of Austrians who intended to make him prisoner explained how foolish they were, he said: "Come with me and you will get meat, wine and real bread." Thereupon the whole party went over to the Italian lines.

It is said, also that at the beginning of the offensive the Austrians in the front line each received three rations of meat, one for each day of the attack until they reached the Italian stores. They were so hungry, however, that they ate all of them the first day. During his tour the correspondent talked with an Austrian prisoner, a member of a manufacturing firm, with offices in all the great centres, including New York.

Two Months Will See End

The armies cannot last more than a couple of months at the best. There are no good officers left. We have plenty of ammunition, but no one to use it properly."

The Italian losses were comparatively small, while to the known Austrian losses will have to be added the losses on the wooden mountainsides. It is still too early to predict that the Austrians will not come back with a further effort, but it is clear that in their so far futile push they underestimated the Italians, both as regards their morale and genius for fighting efficiency.

Along the Piave, the Austrian footholds on the western bank were today becoming difficult for them to hold, because of the floods set in motion by the recent rains. Their communications were thus rendered difficult and they were unable to bring up additional artillery.

A sample of the comparative despatch of the allied and Austrian lines was observed by the correspondent in the Asiago region, where the French troops had fired more than 100,000 shells, while the Austrians had discharged a larger number. The Austrian outposts were covered with dead bodies whereas the French had suffered hardly any damage.

PRINCE ARTHUR ARRIVES IN JAPAN

(Special to The Guardian)
YOKOHAMA, June 22.—Prince Arthur of Connaught arrived here today and was received by high British and Japanese officials. The Prince's welcome was not demonstrative as is customary on receiving a Royal Personage but markedly cordial. Prince Arthur's mission to Japan is a present to the Japanese Emperor the Battalion of a Field Marshal of the British army.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

(Special to The Guardian)
HALIFAX, N. S., June 21.—A cable from London announces that Lieut. Col. Joseph Hayes, who went overseas with the 85th Nova Scotia Battalion as medical officer has been given the D. S. O. The cable also states that Colonel Hayes is also mentioned in despatches for the second time, May 23 for distinguished and gallant service. Six months ago Colonel Hayes was transferred to the month ago was promoted senior medical officer, central group, Canadian forestry.

SUNDAY NIGHT BULLETINS

GERMANS PLACING ALLIED PRISONERS IN THREATENED TOWNS

(Special to The Guardian)
GENEVA, June 23.—The German are massing more and more allied prisoners, both officers and men, along the Rhine and in frontier towns says the Lusane Gazette. An Alsatian newspaper reports that five allied prisoners were killed and six officers during a recent air raid on Thionville, Germany.

Ten aeroplanes and three balloons were brought down on the Italian front.

At Cavazucce, Herina, an Italian naval brigade captured 150 prisoners with arms and materials.

Italian troops captured an enemy garrison on the Asiago Plateau. Austrian gas shells hit a United States Red Cross station.

A number of raids were made by the French between Montdidier and Novon resulting in prisoners taken. On the remainder of the front an intermittent artillery duel is in progress.

British troops last night successfully raided German lines near Morlan-court, capturing a number of prisoners. Strong German attacks on British positions west of Merris were repulsed.

The Germans attacked 8 miles south-west of Rheims and gained a footing in the allied trenches.

Germans used heavy gunfire on Wivre and in Lorraine to hide movement of troops.

Austrians claim 40,000 prisoners 42 aeroplanes with four battalions during the offensive.

For the first time in the history of the country snow fell in Buenos Aires enough to make the ground white.

RUSSELITES SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR ESPIONAGE

(Special to The Guardian)
NEW YORK, June 22.—Joseph Rutherford, successor of "pastor" Russell as head of the International Bible Students Association and six of his associates were today sentenced to twenty years imprisonment for conspiracy to violate the espionage law.

GREAT CARE OF SOLDIERS' EFFECTS

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, June 22.—Hon. N. W. Rowell, visited the Canadian Estates Branch and was particularly struck by the great care shown in handling effects sent to relations according to instructions in soldiers' wills. Two hundred and thirty thousand wills are on the files of the Branch.

900,000 AMERICANS NOW IN FRANCE

(Special to The Guardian)
WASHINGTON, June 22.—900,000 men have been shipped across the sea, Gen. March told newspaper correspondents today. The United States had six hundred and thirty thousand men in France, General March said.

BRITISH AVIATORS DO MUCH EXECUTION

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, June 22.—The Admiralty tonight issued the following official communication dealing with aviation by the naval branch of the air service: In the period from June 17 to June 18, naval airmen during the night and day, bombed the Bruges docks and the Ostend docks. The Zebrugge, St. Denis western and Marinaeuzer airdromes, Labrugoise works, the railway junction and railway sidings at Pierreceulle. Approximately 15 tons of bombs were dropped with good results.

U. S. TRANSPORT FIGHTS A SUBMARINE

(Special to The Guardian)
AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 21.—An American troop transport, formerly a German liner, which returned this week from a French port was subjected to a shell fire attack from a German submarine two days out from the port of departure. It became known here today. The transport escaped by superior speed although a running battle lasting more than an hour took place in which more than 100 shots were fired.

AUSTRIAN PREMIER SEES THE EMPEROR

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, June 22.—Dr. Von Seydler, the Austrian Premier, left Vienna at midday today for Austrian headquarters to submit the resignation of his cabinet to Emperor Charles, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Zurich.

SUPPER IN HONOUR OF DOMINION PREMIERS

Brilliant Address by Premier Lloyd George in Which Spirit of Overseas Dominions is Highly Eulogized. Premiers Borden and Hughes Replied for Dominions.

(Special to The Guardian)

LONDON, June 22.—The Parliamentary supper given by the Empire Parliamentary Association to welcome the Dominion Premiers was a brilliant affair. The Royal Galleries of the House of Lords in which the dinner was served was crowded by a most distinguished gathering including thirteen past and present Dominion Premiers, most of the Ministers of the Cabinet and a large number of Commoners and Lords, including both Government and opposition; the high Commissioners of all the Dominions, Premiers and other Ministers from Overseas now in this country, including Lieut. General Smuts, Hon. Messrs. Burton and Hull of South Africa, and the Maharajahs of Patiala and Sind. The gathering numbered over 200. The Lord Chancellor presided and proposed the toast to the King, Right Hon. David Lloyd George, Premier, proposed the toast to our cabinet colleagues from the Dominions to which Sir Robert Borden, the Canadian Premier and Hon. William Hughes, Australian Premier, replied. The British Premier in toasting the Cabinet Ministers of the Dominions said they were leaders of perhaps the most democratic communities in the world. "We value the shrewdness, sagacity and courage they bring to bear on problems of Empire," he said, "these statesmen of the Dominions are most helpful and stimulating to British Ministers. The conferences are the source of the greatest inspiration and support to us who have borne the stress and strain of war for years. He mentioned Sir Robert Borden, Premier of Canada, Sir William Hughes, Premier of Australia and Hon. Mr. Massey, Premier of New Zealand, and said their names were as well known and esteemed in the United Kingdom as in their own land.

BLACK ROD PRESENTED TO CANADIAN SENATE

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, June 22.—An interesting feature of the supper given last night by the Empire Parliamentary party to Premiers and representatives of the British dominions overseas, who are in London to amend the Imperial War Conference was the presentation of a "Black Rod" to the Canadian senate by Lord Chancellor Finlay, speaker of the House of Commons. This "black rod" will replace the one lost in the capital fire at Ottawa on February 4th, 1916.

CANADIAN PREMIERS VISIT THE FRONT

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, June 22.—Premiers Norris of Manitoba, Stewart of Alberta and Martin of Saskatchewan, have returned to London after spending several days at the Canadian lines in France, where they saw men of their own provinces both in the rear lines and nearer the front. All three Ministers were deeply impressed with the manner in which the whole Canadian organization in France is conducted.

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LONDON, June 22.—Premier Borden and his colleagues with the visiting Premiers attended last night a supper given in the royal gallery of the House of Lords by the Empire Parliamentary

FATAL COLLISION ON INDIANA RAILWAY

Over One Hundred Persons Killed When Locomotive Plowed Through Four Sleeping Coaches.

(Special to The Guardian)
MICHIGAN, June 22.—The personal of the Hagenbach Wallace Shows is believed to have been practically wiped out in a disastrous railway collision between Michigan City and Hammond, Ind., today. According to reports received at Michigan central offices, a hundred or more persons were killed or injured. Four coaches in which members of the circus were sleeping, were demolished by a rear end collision. The show was travelling in two sections of a Michigan Central train going from Michigan City to Hammond east.

FLOATING FUEL CASKS FOR THE GERMANS

(Special to The Guardian)
HAVANA, June 22.—The Cuban consul at Santa Cruz, Tenerife, reports officially that many Canary Islanders have been poisoned by drinking wines and liquors fortified with alcohol from drums found floating about the islands. It is believed that these drums were cast afloat by neutral ships to furnish U-boats with fuel. Blindness and death were caused by this stuff, symptoms which would result from the drinking of wood alcohol.

AN ALL AIR ROUTE U. S. TO EUROPE

(Special to The Guardian)
WASHINGTON, June 21.—Establishment of an air route to Europe from the United States, in order to bring the full force of American efforts in the air to bear against Germany, has been decided upon as a definite project by the British air council, the new organization into which all British air service has been merged.

Association. Premier Borden sat at the right hand of the Lord Chancellor, Premier Hughes, of Australia being on the left. Premier Lloyd George proposed "Our Cabinet Colleagues from the Dominions."

"When I was here a year ago," said Premier Borden in response, "we in Canada had enlisted something over 400,000 men; we have today enlisted something over 500,000. We have in France at least 35,000 more than a year ago. I should not be frank if I did not say I am proud of what Canada has done. Since I was here last year we have enforced the Military Service Act. I believe here as elsewhere the relatively trifling disturbances produced by the act have been greatly exaggerated. I am happy to tell you tonight that from one end of Canada to the other the Act is accepted as a matter of fact. When the Act was first proclaimed some ten or twelve thousand joined the colors without waiting for the call, (cheers)

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CONDENSED SPECIALS

- LOST, ON UNION ROAD, FRIDAY night, automobile lamp rim and glass. Finder return to Rev. Hotel, Charlottetown.
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