

RUSSIANS APPROACH PASSES TO HUNGARY

New Position in Bukovina Is
Captured—Austrians Also
Retire Before Italians.

GERMAN FORCES ADVANCE

Successes at Sokul, Where Enemy Is
Trying to Break Through to Ko-
vel, Reported—11,000 Cap-
tured Since June 16.

PETROGRAD, via London, June 26.—Russian cavalry after a battle with Austro-Hungarian troops, has occupied a position near Pessoritz, about 5 1/2 miles west of Kimpoling in Bukovina. The foregoing was announced in the official statement issued by the Russian War Office.

Regarding the operations in Bukovina, the War Office announced that Russian forces also were advancing southward, approaching the passes leading into Transylvania.

VIENNA, via London, June 26.—The German troops west of Sokul in Volynia have stormed Russian positions over a front of about 2000 metres and repulsed all counter attacks, according to the Austrian official communication issued today.

The communication admits that the Austrians have shortened their fighting front in the Italian theater between the rivers Brenta and Etsch. The retirement here was unhindered by the Italians.

BERLIN, via London, June 26.—Heavy fighting continues in the district west of Sokul on the eastern front, where the Russians are attempting to strike northwest to Kovel. The War Office today reports successes for the Germans near Zaturze. It was announced, more than 11,000 Russian prisoners, two cannon and 54 machine guns have been taken.

EAST FRONT EQUALS VERDUN

Tentative Sacrifice Heavily to Keep
Lines Intact.

LONDON, June 26.—Officers who have arrived at Kiev, says Reuter's Petrograd correspondent, "describe the breaking of all German attacks on the Russian front along the Stokhod River. German reserves launched by the Germans were hurled back by the Russians, who now are on the offensive. German prisoners who were recently on the French front compare the Russian gunfire on the Stokhod as an inferno similar to that at Verdun.

"Further south in the Vladimir-Volynsk and Sokul regions combined enemy onslaughts are proving equally ineffective and costly. The enemy evidently is shrinking at no sacrifice to retain communications with Kovel and Lemberg.

Kuty, which has been taken by the Russians, is on the left bank of the Chereches River, a tributary of the Pruth, and the Russians had to force the river in the face of gunfire from the hills behind. The Russians now are in possession of the entire Czernowitz-Kuty Railway.

The Beresina River, on which fighting was reported yesterday, is a northern tributary of the Niemen. Bogdanoff is on the Lida-Molodchyn River, a dozen miles south of Kovel. In the region between Vilna and Molodchyn the Germans lately have been extending their field operations north and south of Smorgon. They now are attacking the Molodchyn salient, not only from the northwest, but from the southwest and west."

Pacific Survey Ship Rejected.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 26.—The Senate appropriations committee today added amendments to the sundry civil bill making appropriation for printing charts of Pacific Coast and Alaska waters and for wire drag work in Alaska, but declined to add an amendment authorizing the construction of another coast survey steamer for use in Alaska and on the Pacific Coast.

China has now 28 foreign advisers to the government, of whom Germany has the largest number, five representatives.

Time to Take Counsel

Presidential year, widespread prosperity, rising prices, war talk—all these things sound a note of warning to the business man and urge most cautious procedure.

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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

Russian.
Petrograd, via London, June 26.—The Russian official statement today follows:

"Western front—There has been intense artillery fire in many sectors in regions of Jacobstadt and Dvinsk. "In the region east of Hordyschob north of Baranovich, after a violent bombardment of our trenches near the Scroboff farm on Sunday night, the enemy took the offensive but was repulsed. At the same time, on the road to the Alutsk, the enemy made to approach our trenches on the Shara River, but was repulsed by our fire.

"In the regions northeast of Lake Volskoye yesterday at noon the Germans attacked the farm situated five versts southwest of Lipsk. They were repulsed. The enemy renewed his attack at noon on a greatly extended front under cover of heavy and light artillery.

"Yesterday morning our aviators, Sub-lieutenants Kvasakoff and Vladimiroff, perished, meeting a heroic death.

"On the Styr, from Kolki to Sokul, the Germans are bombarding our trenches with heavy artillery and have attacked locally, but everywhere were repulsed.

"On the reaches of the Danube south of Buczacz, our Cossacks having crossed the river, fighting and overrunning the enemy's advanced guard.

"Occupied the villages of Silekergine and Petruve, capturing five officers and 350 prisoners.

"Russian cavalry, after a fight, occupied the enemy position near Pessoritz, nine versts west of Kimpoling (Bukovina).

"According to later reports we captured large deposits of wood and 31 abandoned wagons at Mollit and Prunosa on the Gurumora-Rasaka railway."

The War Office statement today on operations in the Caucasus and Mesopotamia is as follows:

"Caucasus front—We repulsed night attacks in the Trebizond sector in the regions of Platana and Dilvizlyk.

"On the right bank of the Euphrates, the Turks assumed the offensive and seized a height in the region of Nourik early in the morning, but toward noon dislodged them.

"Mesopotamian front—The enemy, after artillery preparation, took the offensive on the Tigris near Mosul, and captured sectors of our position but was driven out.

"In the direction of Bagdad a Turkish offensive was frustrated."

French.

PARIS, June 26.—The official communication issued by the War Office tonight reads:

"In Champagne our artillery shattered enemy organizations north of Ville-Sur-Tourbe.

"On the front north of Verdun there was an infantry attack during the night, but it was repulsed.

"In the Vosges the fire of our batteries on the German positions east of Chapelette caused the explosion of two munition depots."

Belgian communication: "A somewhat intense artillery action occurred in the sector southeast of Neupont and also in the direction of Dixmude and Steenstraete."

Italian.

ROME, June 26.—The text of the Italian official statement today follows:

"The enemy, incapable of overcoming our defense and under the energetic pressure which we have been conducting for several days, has been forced to begin a retreat north of the Mamillie road. We have captured the positions of Castellamerto, Meletto, Monte Longera, Gallo, Asolo, Cesura and Mount Cengio. Our advance continues."

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"Please notify all organization commanders without delay."

"KENNETH F. WILLIAMS, Major, Field Artillery."

Major Field Artillery has been notified by the War Department that the situation is grave and the need for troops immediate.

Preparations for the departure of the Third Battalion began at once and continued all night. Captain Williams and his staff gave up all thought of sleep.

Camp Examinations Stopped.

The War Department's desire that all possible speed be made was further evidenced today when Major Peter H. Field, United States Army, who has been conducting the physical examinations of the troops, received orders to depart for the border at once. Major Field was the only captain of the Third Battalion to leave the camp.

Supplies Are Received.

In the meantime, however, he directed Major M. B. Marcellus, chief medical officer of the Third Infantry, to vaccinate and administer the antityphoid serum to all the troops not already treated.

The arrival today from San Francisco and the arsenal at Benicia, Cal., of four express cars with 55,000 pounds of miscellaneous quartermaster supplies and 1150 rifles, bayonets and other equipment, will facilitate the immediate equipment of the troops.

The quartermaster's supplies received in this shipment included plenty of warm underwear, sweaters, blankets and other clothing. There were 1100 suits of wool underwear, about the same quantity of summer underwear, such as t-shirts, and 2500 pairs of wool socks, 1400 pairs of shoes and 150 cases of tents, among other items.

Railroad Has Trains Ready.

Assistant Superintendent Hansen, of the Southern Pacific, who is staying at camp to facilitate the troop movement, said tonight that the railroad was fully prepared to furnish the equipment and handle the trains as outlined in Captain Williams' tentative schedule.

Troop trains will have the right of way over all trains, including the Shasta Limited, and will make the fastest run consistent with safety.

The train containing the Third Battalion will stop at Captain Williams' headquarters at the home town of Company I, and all trains will stop 10 minutes at Salem to give Governor Withycombe opportunity to deliver a parting address to the troops.

The Third Battalion and Battery A will leave in two trains, consisting of 33 cars.

The Second Battalion will leave in one train, consisting of 15 cars.

The First Battalion, Troop A and the headquarters company will leave in two trains consisting of 22 cars.

Washington at War Basis.

TACOMA, June 26.—With Washington the first state in the West to be

mobilized to war strength, a number of men were turned away today by recruiting officers at Camp E. M. Brown at American Lake. Here the Second Battalion of the National Guard, Troop B of the Cavalry and Company of the Signal Corps are camped to await orders.

All the men in camp were being vaccinated for smallpox and typhoid today.

Camp supplies, blankets, tents and other camp equipment were distributed today and ordnance supplies will be given out tomorrow.

Men from North Yakima, Centralia and Aberdeen were jubilant over the camp luxury funds which had been raised by their home people for them. North Yakima last night telegraphed 1000 raised for this purpose by popular subscription. Spokane, Walla Walla and other towns over the state are today raising similar funds.

NAVY WANTS ENGINEERS

Enlistment of High Salaried Men
Begun at Mare Island.

VALLEJO, Cal., June 26.—An office was opened today at Mare Island Navy yard for recruiting high-salaried engineers who would be willing to volunteer their services in the management of the various plants at the Navy yard in the event that the officers now stationed there should be called to sea duty. This step is in line with similar preparedness measures being taken at other United States Navy yards, as, according to officials here, there is a general shortage of officers.

A telegram received here today from Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, urged administration of typhoid prophylaxis to all men in the Naval yards. Secretary Daniels pointed out that each man's patriotic duty was as great at a Navy yard as in the field, and that the crippling of the various yards by the scarcity of men would be an unpatriotic act.

BAKER WANTS MEETING

Convention of Christian Churches in
1917 Is Assured.

BAKER, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—That a strong effort will be made to have the 1917 convention of the Christian churches of Eastern Oregon held in Baker, was the statement today by Rev. W. G. Scates, pastor of the Baker Christian church, on his return from the convention at Pendleton.

The effort will be made at the state convention, which will be held at Turner on July 8, and Rev. Scates believes there will be little difficulty in bringing the meeting here, as Baker is the largest contender for the honor.

MEXICANS SHOT BY PATROL

Patrol Near Brownsville Kills One
and Wounds Another.

BROWNVILLE, Tex., June 26.—An armed Mexican was shot and killed and another was believed to have been wounded by a detachment of the Cavalry on patrol duty tonight near Brownsville, Tex., 41 miles west of Brownsville. The two Mexicans failed

to halt when called upon to do so by the patrol.

The wounded man escaped into Mexico.

Army Dentists Ordered South.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., June 26.—(Special.)—Dr. Raymond E. Ingalls and Dr. Louis Irwin, both dental surgeons of this post, have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to leave at once for "some place on the Mexican border," where they will look after the teeth of the fighting men.

Vancouver Range Recommended.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—An appropriation of \$100,000 for the acquisition of 504 acres for a target range at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., was recommended to Congress today by the War Department.

ASHLAND RECALL FAILS

Bert R. Greer Sustained in Dual
Vote by Average of 102.

ASHLAND, Or., June 26.—(Special.)—At a special election today in recall proceedings directed against Bert R. Greer, chairman of the Springs Water Commission, the vote stood 593 for the recall and 557 against.

This result was supplemented by a vote of 637 for Bert R. Greer for Springs Water Commissioner as against 584 for M. C. Reed, an average major-

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