ITALY IS EXERTING ITS UTMOST EFFOR

Should Gain Currency.

Page, American Ambassador to Italy, sailed on the steamship St. Paul yester-day to return to his post. He said, on

representative:

"In reply to your question, which indicates what I have so often remerked, the want of general information in America as to the part which Italy has alles, I would say that nothing has surprised me more than the idea to which you refer that Italy has taken a less active part than the other members of this alliance in the serious operations of the war.

"In gstubborn resistance from his fortified positions between Monte Spil and Cosmagnon.

"Along the Posina-Astico lines we are completing the conquest of Monte Majo and have occupied the southern side of Monte Zlugglo.

"In the trenches north of Pedescals we attacked and drove out the enemy work were the French this strat captured.

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"It is not for me to discuss either the policies or the parts that different members of the alliance on either side have played in this terrible contest, but certainly I can correct an impression as erroneous as that which I find quite general in this country as to the point you mention, for the facts are no secret among those who have had opportunities for knowing them.

The Asiago Plateau we had skirmishes with detachments of the four others also were shot down. The British admit that three of their machines are missing.

"In the sector between Seiz and Monfalcone we brilliantly carried some more trenches and took 196 prisoners. A counter attack was repulsed with great enemy losses.

"Enemy aircraft dropped bombs on Marestica, and on various places in lower isonzo region. No one was killed.

Effects Proportionate to Strength.

Efforts Proportionate to Strength.

policies, but it is certain that the Italian statesmen felt that the vital interest of Italy demanded that she should at whatever cost of blood and treasure, take her stand with the allies, and that on this depended not only her present but her future. It is also the conviction of all who have had the opportunity of all who have had the opportunity for observation that no country has put forth greater efforts in proportion to her strength than Italy, or has met the losses and borne the sufferings which the war has caused with greater fortitude.

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"A glance at the map and even a little knowledge of the history of the relations between Italy and her chief opponent will show the extraordinary difficulties which Italy has to surmount to make even the least advance in the mountain region in which Austria fixed the boundaries between them when she turned Venice over to France after the battle of Sadowa. No more difficult region to penetrate exists along any front.

The strength to continue the Verdun battle tie or to rush troops to the aid of his tie or to rush troops to the her thoroughly aware of what they are thoroughly aware of what th

war, feels her vital interest—one might say her very life—to be at stake, and is putting forth every effort that she is capable of in the fight. Of her courage and her endurance and fortitude there can be no question if one considers the history of Resorginmento, than which there is no more glorious than the courage of the crown prince.

been glad to render what aid they could in assisting in this work of mercy and we have an excellent organization in Rome known as the American Relief Clearing House for Italy, a branch of the international organization which receives and distributes any and all supplies which may be sent."

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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

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zacchio. day to return to his post. He said, on his departure, to an Associated Press ing stubborn resistance from his fortified positions between Monte Spil and

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Nation Doing Its Utmost.

"Of one thing you may be certain. Italy, like every other country in the war, feels her vital interest. One mind the brite last line of the Verdun defenses, while Paris waited anxiously for each fresh communique, the French turned in the communique in the French turned in the communique in the French turned in the last line of the Verdun defenses, while the last line of the Verdun defenses in the last line of the Verdun defense in the last line communique, the French turned loose a great drive in the north and at the

Naturally, the American ladies have MILLION DOLLAR FUND ADVOCATED BEFORE CONFERENCE.

> Religious Week-Day Instruction Church Schools Advocated by

In their advance the French are taking the deep curves of the Somme River and the low-lying marshy ground along the river. The greatest obstacle, they met was the marshes of Frise, which they overcame by pushing around on both sides and taking the position in the rear.

The advance so far achieved puts the whole German line south to Soissons in danger, as the French are now well behind that part of the German line, and the low-lying marshy ground along schools during the week," the report said, "the last excuse has been removed for attempting to drag religion into our public schools. Religious Divisions Declared Withdrawn to week-day instruction in church schools is the most effective way of bringing about an absolute divorcement between church and state in the public great Anglo-French offensive began yesterday along a front of 25 miles to the north and south of the River and the low-lying marshy ground along the week," the report said, "the last excuse has been removed for attempting to drag religion into our public schools. Religious between church and state in the public points."

WAGE DEMAND REFUSED

MISSOURI PACIFIC WILL NOT ARBITRATE WITH EMPLOYES.

Ten Per Cent Addition to Pay Asked by 12,000 Men on Maintenance of Way Department.

ST. LOUIS, July 2.-The Missouri Pa- Furious Attacks Inspired by Prescific Railway yesterday refused tagrant any of the demands submitted by the

Sunday's War Moves.

sive, which began Saturday morning, continued with intensity and there was lay in the area between the Ancre and no diminution in the battle on Sunday

Ambassador Page Says No
Nation Is Doing More in
Proportion to Strength.

That Any Other Impression

day in the area between the Ancre and the Homme, especially about Fricourt and La Boiselle, "Fricourt was captured by our troops about 2 P. M., and remains in our hands, and some progress has been made east of the village.

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ceedingly high.

Nowithstanding the terrific offensive against them in the Somme River re-gion, the Germans have not ceased in their efforts around Verdun. They have bombarded several of the Verdun sec-tors and have launched infantry at-tacks against the French trenches. While Berlin declares that the French attacks against the famous Thiaumont work were repulsed by curtains of fire, the French War Office announces that this strategic position has been re-

In connection with the operation now going on, aerial activity was marked. Berlin reports that three British and three French machines were brought down within the German lines and that four others also were shot down. The British admit that three of their machines are missing.

Villages and 50 square miles of territory held until now by the Germans.

The theater of operations for the British forces runs between Gommecourt, north of the River Ancre, to a point just north of the Somme, while the French attacked on both sides of the Somme and southward toward

STUBBORN DEFENSE MADE

Destruction by Artillery of German First-Line Trenches Complete. The Struggle Is Intense

and Complicated.

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BERLIN, via London, July 2.—In the great Anglo-French offensive began yesterday along a front of 25 miles to the north and south of the River Somme, the German official statement issued today says the entente allied troops were successful in penetrating the Geran first line trenches at several points.

points.

The German division defending these trenches, it is added, had to be with-drawn to other prepared positions.

From Gommecourt to La Boiselle, the communication says, the British and French sustained heavy losses and ob-tained no advantage worth mentioning.

GERMANS EAGER AT VERDUN

clific Railway yesterday refused to grant any of the demands submitted by the brotherhood of maintenance of way employes, or to arbitrate the matter. Secretary of Labor Wilson was asked by union officials to send two Commissioners to St Louis to mediate.

J. A. Petree, of Winston-Salem, N. C., representative of the brotherhood, said the men asked a 10 per cent wage increase for practically all the 12,000 employes of the maintenance of way department.

J. F. Murphy, general manager of the railroad, said that the brotherhood represented but 10 per cent of the maintenance of way employes. He said that four other unions of maintenance of way employes had demanded new contracts.

The Missouri Pacific employes who belong to the brotherhood do not work for the Missouri Pacific proper, but for the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern, which is a part of the Missouri Pacific system. sure Elsewhere on Line.

to the pressure on the entire front from Ypres to the Argonne, which is con-stantly growing stronger.

50 SQUARE MILES TAKEN BY ALLIES

Region of War's Supreme Contest Is Favorable for Military Movements.

NINE VILLAGES CAPTURED

Speed of Advance Shows Perfection of Artillery Preparations Exceeding Anything Yet Done Against Field Works.

PARIS, July 2.—The battle of the Somme, now in full progress, marks the opening of the Franco-British ofthe opening of the Franco-British of-fensive, long expected as a critical, if not the decisive, stage of the war. Early reports today show that the entente allied forces are sweeping for-ward along a 25-mile front. The French already have taken more than 5000 prisoners, while the allied lines have enveloped within the last 24 hours nine villages and 50 source miles of French villages and 50 square miles of French territory held until now by the Ger-

Battlefield Is Level Plateau.

entente allies' artillery then lengthened the range so as to shut off all commu-nication between the first German line and the German reserve in the rear.

Allies' Plans Misinterpreted.

This made it impossible for the Teutons to utilize their perfect organization for the shifting of troops and for the bringing up of reinforcements. It is thought by French military observers that the Germans miscalculated the intentions of the entente allies and expected the attracks farther to the xpected the attacks farther to the

The villages which the French captured in the first sweep include Dom-pierre, Becquincourt, Bussus and Fay, and these and the towns taken by the British—Montauban and Mametz—were

say her very life—to be at stake, and is putting forth every effort that six are time, starting from a toe-hold at age and her endurance and fortitude age and her endurance and fortitude there can be no question if one considers the history of Resorginmento, than which there is no more glorious page in the history of the world.

"It is not only the men, but the women of Italy, also, who are doing their utmost. There is not a woman in Italy, so far as I know, of high or low degree, who is not doing her part for Italy. I do not believe that there is not awomen way in this work of mercy, and as the King of Italy is at the head of his armieg in the field, so his gracious Queen leads in every good work of relief and mercy, and with her, engaged in the same work, is the Queen Mother.

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The destruction of six German sausages-shaped observation balloons by British airmen early in the week evidently was a serious loss, as none has been replaced. It was noticeable that British aeroplanes greatly outnum-groups south of the Somme beturing the village of Curlu, part of learning the village of Curlu, part of groups and as the King of Italy is at the head of his armies in the field, so his gracious development and these and the event all faund to have been strongly fertited and there each the form and these with that some British mounded may

The German official report generally confirms the success of the first day's British operations, admitting the withdrawal of the Germans from their first-line trenches.

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The British public still displays the same quiet, enthuslasm, determination and confidence, fully understanding that no great drive like that carried and confidence, fully understanding that no great drive like that carried and confidence, fully understanding that no great drive like that carried and confidence, fully understanding that no great drive like that carried and confidence, fully understanding that no great drive like that carried and confidence, fully understanding that no great drive like that carried each, strength and formidably organized german from twithout great sac and possible setbacks which must be prepared for.

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Thus entente allied armies present a front of 25 miles, with the British on the left for 15 miles and the French on the right for 10 miles.

The region of this supreme contest is one favorable for military operations. It virtually is all within the Department of the Somme, which is a level plateau of chalky formation.

The fighting lines extend between a great number of small villages which are usually devoted to textile industries, while the outlying agricultural sections are level fields, chiefly devoted to beet culture for the extensive sugar production of France.

The intense bombardment of the last four days was the signal for an advance over these level fields, beginning at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The entente allies' artillery then lengthened the production of all community to the production of the last four days was the signal for an advance over these level fields, beginning at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The entente allies' artillery then lengthened

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Verdun Part of Vast Plan.

Desperate fighting continues around Verdun, and although this field of action is separated by nearly 100 miles from the fighting in the north, Verdun is considered part of the vast military plan now unfolding.

The French now have taken the aggresive at Verdun, today's report showing an attack on Dead Man Hill, with heavy German losses and the taking of prisoners by the French. The French are thus keeping the Germans fully occupied at Verdun, and are preventing them from sending reinforcements to relieve their weakened line in the north.

On the other hand, the Germans pride themselves on being able finally

A correspondent at the front, in describing the capture of Dompierre, says the soldiers of one corps, taking example from their commander, went into battle covered with flowers.

"That," said a General polarity of the statement issued tonight. The statement adds that up to the present this sector.

VIENNA, via Berlin to London, July 2.—A statement adds that up to the present this sector.

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Russians Storm Austrian Posi- Reports Out That Warships Soon tions in Galicia.

ISSUES DENIALS

Petrograd's Estimates of Prisoners Declared Gross Exaggerations. Total Loss Is Placed at 12 to 20 Per Cent.

PETROGRAD, via London, July 2ieneral Letchitsky's army, after inense fighting, has taken by storm the of that country would furnish arms to Austrian positions in the region west pride themselves on being able finally of Kolomea in Galicia, says the Russian to take Verdun, and are concentrating their chief effort in the south.

A correspondent at the front, in de-

battle covered with flowers.

"That," said a General, pointing to a carnation in his buttonhole, "will fade yonder where the Germans are prisoners taken, etc., and deals espe-Regiment Covered With Glory.

The correspondent continues: "Two 194.000 men had been captured, to-

The correspondent continues: "Two 194,000 men had been captured, toregiments covered, themselves with glary in the fight for Dompierre, which had been transformed by the Germans into a veritable fortress. In the face of a fire from the machine guns that had survived the hombardment intact, they rushed the positions with such impetuosity that the gunners were cap-

trian troops in substitution for guns lost on used up, it is asserted, was not one-sixth of the number which the Russians have reported taking.

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From confidential sources it is learned that the Administration contemplates a blockade of every Mexican port on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts within the real few days.

within the next few days.

This step will be taken to prevent arms, ammunition and other war supplies from reaching Mexican forces in the event that Carranza fails to yield completely to the United States and continues making threats and warlike demonstrations. demonstrations. border closed tightly With the

with the border closed tightly against all shipments of war material into Mexico and the ports blockaded, the de facto government would be completely shut off from every source of supply, except thorugh Guatemala, and it is not believed that the government of that country would furnish arms to

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