

THE DOBERDO PLATEAU HELD BY ITALIANS

First Stage of Bitterly Contested Action on Isonzo Drawing to Close.

NEW ARTILLERY IS FACTOR

Hand-to-Hand Fighting, However, Unprecedented—Austrians Not Demoralized, but Resist Every Step of Way.

ROME, via London, Aug. 11.—The Italians have occupied the entire Doberdo plateau, the War Office announced today.

The Italians also have captured Rubbia and San Martino del Carso. They have reached the line of the Vallone River. The Austrians have retired to the east of the town of Vallone.

By their new victories the Italians appear to have taken an important step toward clearing the salient formed by the bend of the Isonzo below Gorizia. The Doberdo plateau was the scene of heavy fighting early in the war, but the Austrians obstinately withstood efforts of the Italians to win this important position.

Armies Approach Trieste. This fighting took place on a front some distance below Gorizia, the capture of which enabled the Italians to push forward in the direction of Trieste in this region. San Martino del Carso is 20 miles from Trieste. It is about 20 miles from Trieste.

Reports show that the lower Isonzo is drawing the Austrians to the first stage, with the list of Austrian prisoners growing. The number of men killed or wounded is large. Neither side has made an accurate estimate of the casualties, though those of both sides will probably reach 30,000. From evidence arriving here the belief prevails that the victory of the Italians was not due to the demoralization of the Austrians, as the fighting was the fiercest seen on this front.

Austrians contested every foot of the ground about Gorizia, even after the loss of strategic points of Monte Sabotino and Monte Michel.

Fighting Appalling in Feroocity. While the success of the Italians undoubtedly was due largely to the new heavy artillery, which reached the front after a year of waiting for their manufacture, the heavy 305-millimeter guns, yet the hand-to-hand fighting was appalling in feroocity.

Knives, bombs, cavalry swords, pistols and arms of every description being used.

Personal deeds of heroism were plentiful, especially in connection with the Italian use of a new method for detecting the smoke from the muzzles of the almost certain death of the soldier who plants the bomb for this purpose.

The victory of the Italians is considered all the more creditable, since the Austrians on the lower Isonzo had long prepared for an attack on a large scale, having successfully resisted many previous ones at similar points.

The staking of Monte Sabotino, the key to Gorizia and that vast section is regarded as the biggest feat in all the fighting in the lower Isonzo region.

GROUND STREWN WITH BODIES Battle Continues to Gorizia Suburbs, Then Aspect Changes.

PARIS, Aug. 11.—"Entering Gorizia by the Via Leonia, the sight that meets the eye is most striking," telegraphs the Petit Parisien from the Isonzo front. "It is here that a furious battle was fought for possession of the town. The houses are half destroyed by shells or riddled with bullets.

"The ground is strewn with bodies, uniforms, helmets and rifles. The Austrians continued above our heads and enemy aeroplanes whirled across the sky, shot at by our gunners, while in the distance could be heard the furious clacking of machine guns.

"The spectacle before us was superb. Over the bridge, the Austrians passed at a trot. The Austrian artillery sent towards them whirlwinds of shells, the smoke from which completely blotted out our view from time to time. When the smoke blew away one could see the batteries still proceeding on their triumphant way. The men of the line regiments yelled, wept and clapped their hands in their enthusiasm. Some of the gunners fell wounded, but the bridge was passed and our guns began to get near the enemy.

"As soon as one passed the first houses and got into the city, the aspect of things changed completely. Normal life was resuming its course, and if it had not been for the occasional struggle one would not have known that a battle was in progress nearby. In the Carso, one of the principal streets, a big case was open, filled with officers and civilians, the troops and citizens fraternizing freely in their joy over the Italian entry into the city. Our flags floated from the windows of all the houses.

"The population has almost all returned to their homes. The Austrians forced the inhabitants to leave the city itself, but they remained scattered throughout the environs of the place awaiting the retreat of the enemy to make their way back."

POLISH STATUS IN DOUBT

Germany and Austria Said to Be Deadlocked Over Policy.

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 11.—An official communication today says that the Imperial Chancellor, Baron von Bethmann-Hollweg, accompanied by Gottlieb Jacow, the German foreign minister, has gone to Vienna to visit Baron Burián, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, to continue the conference concerning territory occupied by the central powers.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Aug. 11.—German newspapers received here say negotiations between Germany and Austria-Hungary on the future political status of Poland have been broken off, but will be resumed shortly on a new basis. The newspapers explain that the negotiations are of a difficult nature, as both parties seek complete control over an autonomous Poland.

Moose Ticket Held Useless. DENVER, Aug. 11.—Clarence F. Dodge, of Colorado Springs, presented his resignation as state chairman to the state Progressive assembly here today. Mr. Dodge recommended that no state ticket be put in the field, as he felt it would be useless without a National ticket.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

Russian. PETROGRAD, Aug. 11.—The text of today's official report is: "Fierce fighting is continuing on the River Stokhod, in the region of Mikhlachabey, the village of Vuiski Lubachevska, the town of Stobyyv and the village of Zarochy.

"On the River Sereth our troops are advancing as a result of fierce fighting. The enemy is making a desperate resistance, alternating between defensive actions and counter attacks. Notwithstanding the enemy's efforts to stem our advance, our gallant troops under General Scharshov by series of repeated attacks, pushed the enemy out of villages and woods on the right bank of the river and have reached the village of Remanovskoye. They are fighting before the village of Troianesegrovoe. We took here 2000 men and the commander of an Austrian regiment with the entire Austrian staff and chaplain.

"In a westerly direction our troops reached the left bank of the Zlota Lipa, capturing during the engagement the village of Lazaruvka and taking more than 1000 Austro-German prisoners. One of our Grenadier Cossack regiments launched here a cavalry attack, taking more than 200 prisoners and capturing three machine guns.

A German regiment, having crossed the River Zlota Lipa near the village of Zedaruw, attempted a counter attack on the position we occupied, but was repelled with enormous losses. Our brave cavalry detachments, having forded the mouth of the River Zlota Lipa, attacked the enemy and, pursuing him, reached the left bank of the Dniester in the bend to the villa south of Uscielone (southwest of Monasterzyka).

"The total number of prisoners taken during the battles of August 8 and 9 amount to 6000.

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French. PARIS, Aug. 11.—The text of today's official report of the War Office is: "North of the Somme our artillery directed a destructive fire against the defenses of the enemy. In the course of our operations we took prisoners and captured two machine guns in the small wood north of Hardecourt.

"On the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) we made a surprise attack on German trenches east of Tilly and brought back prisoners. On the right bank of the river there was the usual artillery fighting, as well as skirmishing with grenades and throwing of Thaumont works. On the remainder of the front intermittent artillery fighting occurred.

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Friday's War Moves. A FURTHER series of surprising successes by the armies of General Scharshov and Letchitzky were announced yesterday by the Russians. The most important of these successes were the capture of the important railway junction town of Stanislaw, the definite occupation of Monasterzyka and the capture of important positions of the Zlota Lipa line.

Coupled with these victories was the capture of many thousands of prisoners, especially on the right bank of the Zrath, where the prisoners taken numbered 5000. The Germans appeared to regard the Kovel-Lemberg sector as the most critical on the eastern front, and the appointment of Field Marshal Paul von Bothmer as their chief undoubtedly had the effect of stemming temporarily the Russian advance on the northern section of the line. But Field Marshal von Hindenburg does not hold the controlling command over the troops guarding the southern approaches to Lemberg, where General Letchitzky, having taken Stanislaw and being within striking distance of Halich, is rapidly completing his encirclement of the army of General von Bothmer.

Possession of Stanislaw and Kolomea makes secure the Russian possession of Bukovina and gives them a base for an invasion of Hungary. The German official statement yesterday admitted that a regrouping of the Teutonic forces was taking place in order to meet the new positions of the Russian army.

Nothing sensational is happening on the western front, where the entente allies maintain a steady pressure. Although the British forces have had little activity north of the Somme, the French report the capture of additional German trenches near Maurepas and fortified quarry north of the Hem wood.

The Wilson River route which will make it a 65-mile trip. They carried a pack average of 40 pounds, one made up entirely of bedding and the others containing blankets, cooking kit and other supplies. They expected to reach the beach under two and a half days. Baggage suits and fishing gear were included in their packs for use along the way and they plan to put in about a week or ten days altogether on the coasting. Miss Schneider has been engaged to teach in the Gaston School the coming year.

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UNFIT OFFICERS TO GO. WAR DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR GUARDSMEN'S REPORTS. Captain Williams Directed to Furnish Data for Record of Each Commissioned Militiaman. CAMP WITHYCOMBE, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Captain Kenneth P. Williams, United States Army, chief mustering officer for the state of Oregon, now in command at Camp Withycombe, has been ordered by the War Department to render individual reports on all officers of the Third Infantry, Troop A, Cavalry, Battery A, Field Artillery, and medical officers, Oregon Militia, mustered in the Federal service by him at Camp Withycombe during the months of June and July. These data are to form the individual efficiency reports of all officers, and a recommendation as to their physical, moral and professional qualifications to perform efficiently all the duties of the grade or rank which they now hold in the militia in Oregon troops at the front. The data are to be used under the provisions of section 7, of the National defense act, which is applicable to the organized militia in the service of the United States. The department has in view to eliminating officers of the militia who have demonstrated their incapacity to command troops.

SCHOOL PROGRESS SHOWN. Most of Klamath Districts Have Nine-Month Terms. SALEM, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Progress of the schools in Klamath County during the last year shows well, according to the annual report of County Superintendent Peterson, filed today with the State Department of Education of the 44 districts embraced in the report, 33 had school terms of nine months. Nearly 90 per cent of the teachers in the county are graduates of normal school and about 20 per cent are university graduates. The average salary of teachers in county schools average \$71.90 a month, the highest of any county in Oregon. Men instructors received an average of \$103.20 a month, and women \$77.54 a month, making an average salary for the entire county of \$82.87. Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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VEDA The VAMPIRE. The Portland Society Film will open its engagement tomorrow at the Majestic. CLAIMS ARE ADJUSTED. Members of Automobile Insurance Concern Receive Funds. SALEM, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Final disbursement of \$4060 to members having claims against the Oregon Automobile Mutual Life Association, of Eugene, was made today by Harvey Wells, State Insurance Commissioner. This mutual organization, formed in 1912 by residents of Eugene to insure automobiles against fire, suffered heavily in 1913 when a garage burned at The Dalles. An assessment was levied on the members to pay the claims. When the insurance department took over the records of the association it found claims for losses amounting to \$476. The department has collected about 90 per cent of this amount. RAZOR IS USED 65 YEARS. Weston Man, 85, Still Shaves Self With Old Blade. FENDLETON, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Amos P. Phillips, 85-year-old resident of Weston, who visited Pendleton today, has a razor which he has used for 65 years, and the blade yet is so good that the old gentleman can shave himself without a glass. He is a proficient with one hand as the other. Mr. Phillips bought the razor in Toronto, Canada, in 1851, and he has used it continuously since. He has never used tobacco or liquor in any form, and is in good physical condition. 314 ACCIDENTS IN WEEK. Report for August 10 Is Free From Industrial Fatalities. SALEM, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—For the week ending August 10 a total of 314 accidents were reported to the State Industrial Accident Insurance Commission. The company today reported that it had orders on file for 79 open cars. Dispatches from mills all over this section of Oregon to the Commission for aid in securing more cars are being received daily, and unless substantial relief is obtained in a short time, many mills will be forced to close.

Family Washing—Family Style. 25 Pieces 50c. ASTORIA RATE DEFERRED. Effective Date Changed From September 15 to November 1. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 11.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today again postponed the date when its order in the Astoria rate case will become effective. It was set to become operative September 1, but the date has been changed to November 1.

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