DRIVE BY AUSTRIA SEEMS BIG FAILURE

Vashington Regards Offensive as Forced to Offset Internal Disturbances.

ITALIANS REFUSE PEACE

Emperor of Dual Monarchy Proposes to Cede Certain Territory to Latins if They Will Quit, but Suggestion Is Spurned.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—With practically all reports today indicating that the Austrian drive had been checked, officers here discussed the situation with an increasing air of optimisim.

In some quarters it is believed that these operations may have a decided effect upon the situation on the western front. There is a strong feeling that if the Austrian drive breaks down the Italians will launch a counter-offensive on a large scale.

In that event officals are certain that Germany would rush divisions of its troops to aid its ally because of the effect an Italian success would have upon the already turbulent internal situation in Austria.

Some officers are confident that the lack of success for the Austrians now disclosed already has resulted in a shifting of the German forces on the western front in preparation to rush divisions to the Italian front to prop up weak spots in case of a counter drive.

Huns May Aid in Italy.

While there is any doubt in the minds of the German leaders as to the progress of events in Italy a considerable force of German shock troops will be kept out of the western front fighting and held at points in Germany where they can be hastened to Italy if needed. Some officers say the lull in the west may be due in part at least to the fact that the Germans feel it necessary to await developments.

Secretary Baker stated today that no American fighting units are in that region. American medical detachments have been in Italy for some time and some American aviators have been in training there. The War Secretary recently stated, however, that American troops are to be sent to the Italian front, but for military reasons the plans for the expedition have not been disclosed.

Austria Fears Rebellion.

There are indications that the blow was struck more in an effort to offset internal disturbances in Austria-Hungary than because a prepared plan had been worked out.

Reports of American military observers with the Italian armies have been received recently, it was learned today, rating the Italian army as among the best equipped and prepared of the allied forces. The recuperation of the Italian forces after the disastrous withdrawal before Austro-German attack last year has been remarkable.

In the course of a statement to the Chamber of Deputies, reported here by radiograph from Rome, Premier Orlando referred to the announcement which was made by him about a fortnight ago that the central powers had made overtures to Italy for a separate peace. The Premier's comment that this proposal had been promptly rejected by the Italian government was greeted by an enthusiastic demonstration.

Strong Bait Offered.

Advices received here do not indicate the nature of the temptations held out to Italy, but reports from Rome current at the time first news was given of this attempt to break the solidarity of the entente alliance indicated that Emperor Charles was the prime mover in the attempt at peace negotiations, and that he had held out a promise of extension of the Italian border northward in recognition of Italy's predominating influence over the eastern shore of the Adriatic, besides some minor concessions relating to the status of the Italian subjects in Austria.

Harmonious enthusiasm marking Saturday's session of the Chamber of Deputies, at which the Socialist leader, Turati, declared all political lines must be obliterated until victory was achieved at the front, was reported in the radiogram.

Oppressed Nations Help.

Points of Premier Orlando's communication outlined in the dispatch said: That Italy's solidarity with the oppressed nationalities of Austria was evidenced by the Czecho-Slovak battalions now fighting side by side with the Italian soldiers. Also by the urgent appeal of the Jugo-Slavs of Roumania to be allowed to join Italy in fighting the common enemy.

Second, that the enemy's order of the day to the Austrian officers, which has fallen into the hands of the Italian command, says:

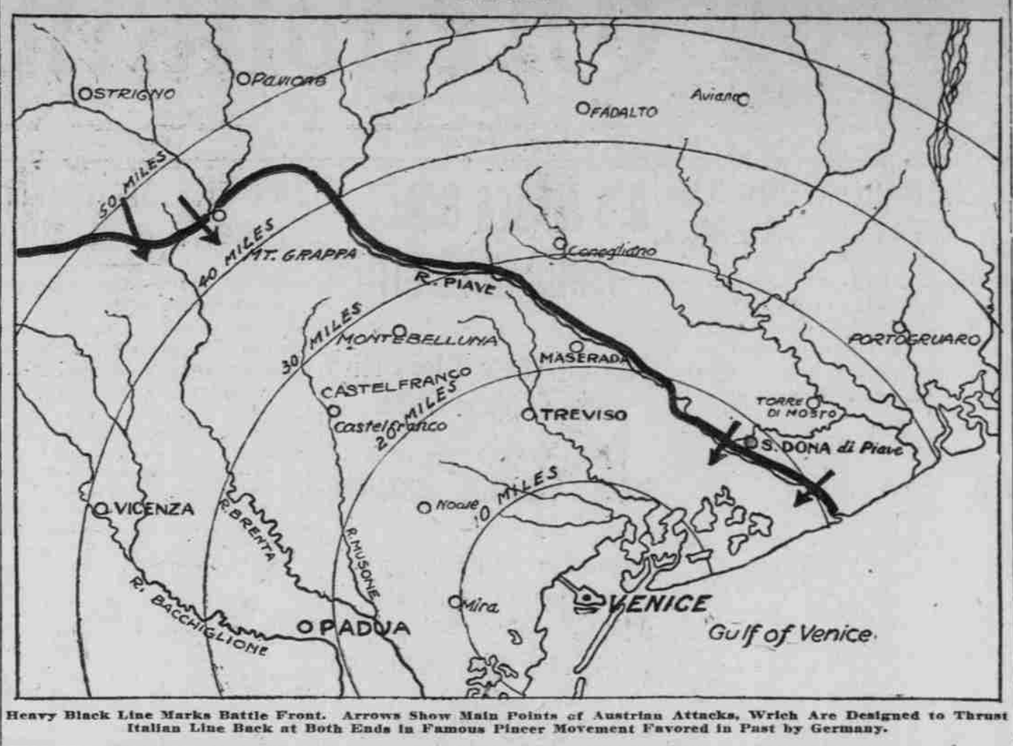
"All of the forces and resources of the Austrian monarch are now for the first time being employed entirely against one enemy; the entire Italian front is to be attacked. In France the war has developed into a movement which will lead to the occupation of a country rich in food and resources. For our part, therefore, let us advance to Verona."

LONDON, June 17.—London newspapers consider the Austrian offensive in Italy one of the most desperate chances yet taken by the enemy. Its failure, it is believed, will be fatal to Austria and a heavy blow to German prestige. Hence, the battle is considered by political observers as being even more critical for Austria than for Italy, as it is contended defeat will probably goad the various nationalities of the dual monarchy to desperation.

Stories continue to reach Holland from Austria telling of the seriousness of the political crisis owing to the refusal of the Polish party to support the government. They also mention rioting at many places in the dual monarchy as the result of an increase of anti-German feeling and a shortage of food.

Is man—the great white giant—king of the jungles.

MAP SHOWING BATTLEFRONT IN NORTHERN ITALY AND DIRECTION OF AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE THRUSTS.



Heavy Black Line Marks Battle Front. Arrows Show Main Points of Austrian Attacks, Wrich Are Designed to Thrust Italian Line Back at Both Ends in Famous Pincer Movement Favored in Past by Germany.

ITALY STRIKES BACK

Counter-Offensive Makes Successes, It Is Announced.

4500 CAPTURED BY ALLIES

Austrians Continue Efforts and Some Success Is Alleged, and Vienna Claims 12,000 Prisoners Since Battle Started.

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break through the Italian defenses along the Brenta and come down to Bassano, General Kuchbach is endeavoring to cross the Piave and cut the roads which are protecting the Italian lines along the river. The enemy hopes, through a great pincer movement of attack, to break the compact order of the Italian army. The battle will last several days before a decision will be reached on either side."

Italians Are Calm.

"The Italian people are calm and perfectly confident that no moral crisis will develop in the ranks of the army, whose resistance has stopped the enemy before the first line of defenses, and even obliged him to retreat beyond his starting point."

WITH THE ITALIAN ARMY, June 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Austrian troops which forced the Piave River have been driven back. The fighting along the river is most intense.

Nowhere else along the front of attack has the struggle been so severe as on the Piave line.

One of the most brilliant of the Italian actions was the defense of the Monte Moschin salient protecting the important Brenta positions. Here the Austrians suffered heavy losses. Many of their machine guns were captured.

The prisoners are ragged and ill-fed. Many of them are undersized youths. One of them remarked to the correspondent that he had no interest in the war.

The feeling of the Italians is buoyant. At Italian army headquarters satisfaction is felt over the situation on every part of the front.

GERMANS HELPING AUSTRIA

Large Forces of Troops Continue to Pour Into Italy.

GENEVA, June 17.—Reports received here from Buchs, and also from several points along the Swiss-Tyrolese frontier indicate that the Austrians are aided by some contingents of Germans and that the Austrians continue to pour considerable forces toward Italy. It is said that trains from Innsbruck, Botzen and Trent are crowded with troops going southward and that the ordinary traffic on the railroads has been suspended.

The new Austro-German headquarters, the reports add, is established just behind the Sette Comuni region. Following the example of the Germans with the Alsatians and Lorrainians, the Austrians are placing Slav irredentist regiments in the first and most dangerous lines with Tyrolese troops behind them in order to prevent wholesale desertions.

Vienna newspapers received here devote large head lines to alleged successes by the Austrians. They deny that the offensive was ordered by Berlin, but say that it is due entirely to the foresight and preparations of the Austrian headquarters staff.

ENEMY USES HUGE FORCES

Austrians Mass 60 Divisions on Italian Battle Front.

ROME, June 16.—A semi-official note issued tonight says that the situation on the Italian front in its entirety seems very reassuring. It is added that the great battle which broke out Saturday has but begun.

Although having a strength of 60 divisions, the enemy attacking forces have not succeeded in passing the Italian advanced area at any point.

Austrian pressure continues very strong along the entire front. The enemy is concentrating most powerful and fierce attacks astride the Brenta and across the Piave, and it is still possible that the fighting line may flow backward or forward.

The enemy based his enterprise on various factors to assure him a victory, says the semi-official note. There was a relatively brief but extremely violent artillery preparation with a large number of gas shells. Then, under cover of an artificial fog from bombs and smoke apparatus the enemy in open formation advanced to the attack. The enemy placed such faith in this preparation that he fixed his objectives for the first day's fighting more than 15 kilometers in advance and planned to descend from the mountain area and also reach the city of Treviso from the Piave River.

The enemy's bombardment was frustrated by the formidable fire from the Italian artillery, which destroyed lines and shelters and made hits on massed troops as well as drenched his battle emplacements with gas.

When the enemy infantry advanced into the front-line zones they found that resistance had been prepared for by the Italian machine guns and had to meet a counter attack from the Italian supporting troops. This resulted in the loss of a great part of the advantage he had gained and he left prisoners and machine guns in the hands of the Italians.

This is what happened to the Austrians along the whole front of the attack.

South of Montello the enemy crossed the Piave with considerable forces, but is being gradually pushed toward the river by the Italian reaction.

On the Lower Piave the enemy passed the river between Candelu and Zenson loop in the region of San Dona di Piave. The enemy was immediately checked and driven back by a counter attack to the bank of the river. One thousand, five hundred and forty-five prisoners, including one Colonel, two Majors and 42 other officers, were made prisoner by the third army.

LONDON PRESS IS HOPEFUL

Austrian Offensive Will Prove to Be Failure, It Is Predicted.

LONDON, June 17.—The outcome of the Austrian offensive is viewed hopefully, even confidently by newspapers here.

"Failure," says the Daily News, "on the first day of the attacks as conducted on the modern German plan, has hitherto been fatal as in the case of Vimy Ridge, and in the present case the fact of failure can hardly be doubted."

The opinion is expressed by several papers that there is a direct connection between the initiation of the offensive and internal conditions in Austria-Hungary. The Daily Express describes it as a "gambling throw, the most desperate that the war has seen," while the Times declares it is a desparate attempt to keep the "waning spirits up."

The Daily Mail and others predict an Austrian failure to gain a decision will have serious internal effects. Germany's hand generally is seen behind the move. The Daily News believes that it is an offensive "imposed by Germany on an ally which long ceased to have any part in the struggle and which is sinking to a condition of internal disintegration and despair."

FRIENDS FINISH TODAY

WORK OF OREGON QUAKER CONVENTION ABOUT CONCLUDED.

Many Addresses of Importance Delivered—Pacific College Reports Prosperous Year.

NEWBERG, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—the 26th annual meeting of the Oregon Friends (Quakers) probably will end late tomorrow.

The department of temperance, good literature and education presented their reports today. The report on education was of special interest. In spite of the fact that many young men are engaged in various war activities, especially Y. M. C. A. work and the Friends' reconstruction work in France, Pacific College has had a prosperous and successful year. The faculty for next year remains practically unchanged.

Dr. Charles E. Tebbetts, representing the Board of Education of the Five Years' Meeting of Friends in America, gave an educational address which was followed by an offering for the college that will amount to nearly $1000.

Three great messages were presented to the assemblage Sunday. In the morning Dr. Tebbetts preached. In the afternoon the sermon was delivered by Fred E. Carter, pastor of the church at Newberg, while in the evening Carl Miller, the pastor at Springbrook, gave the missionary address.

On Saturday evening the annual Christian Endeavor rally was held, the annual reports being presented.

Aaron M. Bray reviewed the history of the Friends in Oregon from before the establishment of Newberg, the first meeting over 40 years ago, down to the present time.

Messages of greeting were read from John Henry Douglas, one of the pioneer evangelists in this section; Dr. Thomas Newlin, first president of Pacific College, now in charge of Army Y. M. C. A. work in Camp Jackson; H. Edwin McGrew, second president of Pacific College, and others.

An address was also given by Dr. Robert E. Pretlow, clerk of the Five Years' Meeting on "The Yearly Meeting—Its Place in Quaker Policy."

Forest Groves Entertains Troops.

FOREST GROVE, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—Through the agency of the Forest Grove Commercial Club 25 soldiers from Vancouver were entertained in private homes here Saturday night and Sunday. On Sunday afternoon on the college campus the boys were entertained with a strawberry festival and a programme of speaking by local ministers and Army Y. M. C. A. men.

EARLY DAYS THEME

History of Methodist Church in Oregon Is Recalled.

BOOK WILL BE WRITTEN

Meeting of Ministers and Laymen Held, Rev. Alexander McLean Presiding, and Final Plans Made for Compiling Work.

Early days in Oregon and early days in the Methodist Church in this state, the one practically identical with the other, formed the theme of discussion yesterday at a meeting of ministers and laymen in the First Methodist Church, Rev. Alexander McLean, presiding. Final plans were made for compiling a history of Methodism in Oregon. Dr. John Parsons will be secretary and will write the book.

The meeting yesterday was one of happy memories and reunions of old-time friends. Many of the oldest men in the conference were present, men who could remember far back into the past.

Old Days Recalled.

Classmates of Willamette University of long years ago were there. T. T. Geer, C. B. Moores, J. K. Gill and others had interesting anecdotes to tell. Rev. Joseph Hoberg, of McMinnville, who when Oregon was young had been a circuit rider, going from mission to mission, 15 charges under his care, was there, and also Rev. Henry Moys, a preacher in 1857, now superannuated and living quietly in the Columbia conference.

Mrs. J. H. B. Royal exhibited an applewood cane brought to Oregon by Rev. J. H. Wilbur, who presented it to Rev. William Royal.

Many documents and heirlooms of historical significance to the Methodist Church in this state were promised to a collection that will be made as a center of interest in the Oregon conference.

Rev. Mr. Hoberg told of his experiences when he knew Rev. J. H. Wilbur, founder of the old Taylor-Street Church, and Rev. William Roberts, who had been presiding elder many years.

Interesting Features Brought Out.

Dr. John Parsons brought out interesting features of Methodism, with its early-day romance and adventure in the new land, of Jason Lee and his work, of Father Wilbur.

Dr. C. E. Cline, who with Dr. Parsons, J. K. Gill, C. B. Moores and E. S. Hammond, of Kimball Theological College, are members of the historical committee that will compile and publish the book on Methodism, gave a brief address in which he emphasized the importance of getting to work on the history immediately. Mr. Moores was elected to a place on the committee to fill the vacancy made by the death of the late Judge J. C. Moreland.

Oregon City Pair Divorced.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—Judge J. U. Campbell today granted Minnie E. Albright a divorce from Frank Albright and awarded her the custody of their 11-year-old son, Carl. The couple were married in Salem in 1895. Cruel and inhuman treatment was charged in the complaint.

American Gets War Cross.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Award of the French cross of war to Private W. J. Guyton as the first American soldier to be killed on German soil is announced by General Pershing in a continuation of yesterday's communique received today at the War Department. Guyton belonged to the American force operating in the Vosges.

BIG WATER MAIN REPAIRED

Ban on Irrigation at Hood River Is Now Lifted.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—Repairs to the big main supplying this city with a million gallons of water daily from Tucker Spring, located six miles southwest of the city, were completed this morning and the ban on irrigation has been lifted after a five-day lapse. The extensive damage made it necessary for City Water Superintendent Price to go to Portland for extra piping.

Since the break the heights section of the city has been without domestic water a part of each day.

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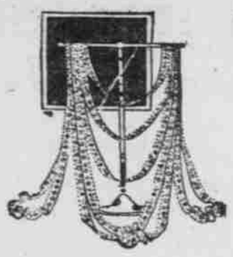

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