



AUSTRIANS HURLED BACK BY ITALIANS

Wedge Driven Into Enemy and Ground Regained.

FOE'S LOSSES ON INCREASE

More Than 1200 Additional Prisoners and Numerous Guns Are Captured.

BATTLE SHOWS NO LULL

Invaders Forced to Withdraw Entire Line North of Monte Belluno Railway.

ROME, June 20.—From the Montello to the sea, the battle of the Piave River is continuing bitterly and without pause, the Italian War Office announced today. Last night, the Italians forced the invaders to withdraw their whole front north of the Monte Belluno Railway.

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LONDON, June 20.—By counter attacking all along the Piave the Italians have gained further ground on the Montello in the northern sector of the river front, and also have made headway southeast of this ridge, says the Evening Standard today.

Austrian Forces Split.

The Austrians here had been occupying a narrow strip along the river bank. The Italians drove in the Austrian line and established themselves on the bank of the Piave below Salleto (about 18 miles from the Adriatic). Through the reaching of the river here, the positions occupied by the Austrians have been divided.

News reached London this afternoon that the Italians have regained Capo Sile, the town on the lagoon to the west of the Piave River, near its mouth, which was captured by the Austro-Hungarians.

It is also reported that the Italians have regained all the territory between Zenson and the Fossetta Canal. The Austro-Hungarians, it is declared, have been confined to the ground between the Fossetta Canal and the Sile Canal, on the west bank of the Piave River.

Enemy Forced to Retire.

The Austrians yesterday afternoon launched a fresh attack on the Piave with strong force and succeeded at first in gaining some ground in front of Zenson. Later, Italian reserves were brought up and forced the Austrians to retire.

French forces on the Asiago plateau stormed the Austrian positions at Bertigo and Pennar.

Italian troops succeeded in capturing Costalunga.

Italian military officials learned before the Austrian offensive began that the Austrians had dressed Italian-speaking Austrian soldiers in Italian uniforms in order to throw them at a suitable moment into the entente allied lines so as to provoke panic and disorder.

Captured Men Executed.

Captured Austrians so garbed were executed after a drumhead court-martial in accordance with the laws of war.

VIENNA, June 20, via London.—The Austrian troops under Field Marshal von Boroewic have held all the ground they gained from the Italians on the west bank of the Piave, today's official War Office report states, and in addition have driven the Italians back westward, south of the railway that leads to Treviso.

The battle in the Montello region increased in violence yesterday, equaling that of the great battles on the Carso front. The official statement says the Italians drove forward six times and employed reserves indiscriminately, but all their efforts were in vain.

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, June 19—(By The Associated Press).

The Italians have won complete control of the air along the Piave line, where the most determined fighting of the present Austrian offensive is in progress. This afternoon not a single Austrian machine was aloft on this front.

In general, the situation of the Austrians is as follows:

PHILIPPINE BERTH GEN. GREENE'S LOT

DEMOTION AND TRANSFER DUE TO INSPECTORS, IS REPORT.

Rumor at Camp Lewis Says Officials Displeased After Making Tour of Cantonment.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(Special.)—Major-General Henry A. Greene, recently relieved of command of the 91st National Army division at Camp Lewis, Wash., has been assigned to command the Philippine department of the Army, with the rank of Brigadier-General, it was learned tonight at the War Department.

The War Department declined to give reasons for ordering General Greene to Washington. Indications are, however, that this means that he is not going across with the 91st division. In previous cases where officers were detached from command of divisions, notably the cases of Generals Wood, Barry, Bell and Scott, junior officers received command and they were held here.

TACOMA, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—Camp Lewis inspections which did not suit the Army officers who made them are said to have been the cause of the removal of Major-General H. A. Greene from command of the 91st Division. That is the unofficial advice which seeped through from the War Department today. What it was that the inspectors frowned upon was not explained.

Rumor had it about the camp also that the granting of concessions at Greene Park, the amusement center of the cantonment, might have something to do with the unseating of the commander and reduction in rank to Brigadier-General in the regular Army with command of Philippine forces. It is said that it has not been all harmony in Camp Lewis business circles.

MEDFORD CITIZENS SWEAT

Day Reported Hottest to Date, Mercury Going to 102.

MEDFORD, Or., June 20.—(Special.)—With the mercury at 102 and an exceptionally high humidity for this section of the country Medford stizzed through the hottest day of the year today.

Although the atmosphere was stifling, no prostrations were reported and with gathering clouds toward evening the weather bureau held out a faint hope for much needed rain.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—Little relief from the high temperatures which have prevailed this past week are offered by Observer Garrett who says the only hope for immediate relief is a chance thunder storm. The temperature today was 100. Farmers assert that another week of such high temperatures will greatly damage Spring wheat and barley.

SLACKER DEAD; SIX TAKEN

"Work or Fight" Raid in Sioux Falls Brings Results.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., June 20.—One man is dead and at least six men who failed to register are in the hands of the police as a result of a "work or fight" raid begun by the home guards here today. In addition, an enemy alien who had not registered was taken in charge.

The dead man is Melvin Lundy, of Sioux Falls. When asked to show his registration card, Lundy said it was in his room a few blocks away. He came staggering in a few minutes later and said he "never had a card and never would." With that he fell over a desk and died ten minutes later. He had taken a mixture of several kinds of poison.

BANK FORCE PITCHES HAY

Moxee Valley Crop Saved by Prompt Action of Yakima Clerks.

YAKIMA, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—When E. Stott, of the Moxee Valley, a customer of the First National Bank of this city, complained to President W. L. Steinweg, of the bank, on Monday that he could not get help to put up his hay and would suffer a serious loss, Mr. Steinweg offered to undertake to put the crop in the cock, with the aid of his bank force.

Stott accepted the offer and, headed by President Steinweg, and including women employees as well as the men, the entire force of the bank went to the Stott farm in automobiles after bank hours and before dark had the entire crop out of danger.

ALL BRONZE REQUISITIONED

Status in Belgium to Be Sent to Germany to Make Guns.

LONDON, June 20.—It is reported from Belgium that the German Governor-General has requisitioned all bronze statues in Belgian occupied territory, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam today.

The reputed intention of the German authorities is to send the statues to Germany for use in the manufacture of guns.

UNIONS PLEDGE SUPPORT

Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers of Texas Not to Strike.

EL PASO, Texas, June 20.—Union bricklayers, masons and plasterers of Texas, in convention here, today pledged themselves not to participate in any strikes that would hamper the successful prosecution of the war.

SANT' ANNA SUNK; HUNDREDS PERISH

Troop Transport Sent Down by Torpedo.

2150 PASSENGERS ON BOARD

Soldiers and Natives on Way From Bizerta to Malta.

THOSE SAVED NUMBER 1512

Berlin Paper Gives Credit for Sinking of Troopship President Lincoln to Submarine Commanded by Captain Roney.

PARIS, June 20.—The transport Sant' Anna, proceeding from Bizerta for Malta, was torpedoed and sunk on the night of May 10-11, according to the Havas Agency. There were on board 2150 soldiers and native workmen, of whom 1512 were saved.

Available shipping records give the Sant'Anna as a French steamer, 2350 tons gross. She was built in France in 1910 and was owned by the Fabre line.

Ship Once Afire at Sea.

When she left New York on September 8, last, she carried many Italian reservists. While in mid-ocean the vessel sent a wireless message, saying she was on fire. This belief was expressed in some quarters that the fire on board the Sant' Anna was the result of a plot to prevent the reservists reaching their destination.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—A dispatch from The Hague to the State Department says the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger announced that a submarine commanded by Captain Romy torpedoed the American transport President Lincoln May 21.

The paper's account sought to convey the impression that there was large loss of life.

LONDON, June 20.—A new and flagrant example of German submarine barbarity is reported.

U-Boat Outrage Reported.

A U-boat first torpedoed without warning and then shelled a British steamer. The officers and crew of the damaged vessel were ordered aboard the submarine, the captain being taken below as a prisoner. The British crew was then ordered to row one of the boats back to the steamer with a German prize crew, which rifled the steamer systematically and then sank her.

Only Five Survive.

The British were then given some provisions and cast adrift. Of 28 men on one boat only five survived. The occupants of another boat were picked up in a critical condition on the fifth day by an American steamer.

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SIBERIA AND MEXICO TWO DANGER ZONES

SENATORS WARNED AGAINST WATCHFUL WAITING.

Sentiment Expressed in Favor of Letting Japan Intervene—Huns Busy in Southern Republic.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Japanese intervention in Russia and activity of German agents in Mexico in trying to foment disturbances in this country so as to retard prosecution of the war were discussed in the Senate today during a debate precipitated by Senator Sherman, of Illinois, Republican. Senator Sherman said Japan is anxious to enter Siberia because of the menace that a Germanized Russia would be to her, and desires American and allied aid because she cannot undertake the expedition.

"It is well understood," the Senator declared, "that the United States opposes action by Japan. Great Britain and France favor it. We must trust Japan and ask her to attack the government that menaces her by making a drive through Asia. The administration and the Senate must take the responsibility for further delay."

Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, in reply, said, "It is a great mistake to give out the impression that Japan wishes to intervene." He declared that Japan is no more anxious to invade Russia than is the United States, or any of the allied governments, and added that he doubted that Japan would want to go in even with America and allied aid.

Discussing German agents in Mexico, Senator Sherman said vigorous steps should be taken against disturbing elements in this country who, co-operating with like groups in Mexico, are planning violence in America at the instigation of German agents. German officials and military officers, he said, enjoy close relations with Carranza officials.

Warning against what he termed more "watchful waiting" in Russia and Mexico, Senator Sherman said he desired to awaken public opinion to the necessity of opposing the effort of the Russian Bolshevik government to secure recognition by the United States. The American Government, he added, may be asked within 48 hours to recognize a Bolshevik ambassador from Russia.

HOLLWEG SERIOUSLY ILL

Former German Chancellor Recently Stricken With Paralysis.

AMSTERDAM, June 20.—Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the former imperial German chancellor, is gravely ill, according to the Cologne Volks Zeitung. He recently suffered a stroke of paralysis.

GERMAN AIRMAN WOUNDED

Famous Flyer Credited With 33 Victorious Encounters.

AMSTERDAM, June 20.—First Lieutenant Loerzer, one of Germany's most famous air squadron leaders, has been wounded, the Cologne Gazette reports. Lieutenant Loerzer is credited with having won 33 air encounters, for which he received the order pour le merite.

"I WAS SICK MAN," DECLARES O'LEARY

Sinn-Feiner Explains Why He Fleed.

U. S. CONSPIRACY FEARED

Irish Agitator Says Brother Not Accessory to Flight.

LYONS COMES IN FOR BLAME

Prosecutor Brings Out Fact That Prisoner Had Access to Copy of Hearst Newspaper While in Tombs.

NEW YORK, June 20.—While shielding his brother, John J. O'Leary, from charges of criminally aiding his escape from trial last month for alleged violation of the espionage act, Jeremiah A. O'Leary, the Sinn Fein leader pictured himself as on the verge of nervous collapse when he fled to the West May 7. He was laboring under the obsession, he indicated, that Government agents had entered into a conspiracy to have him sent to prison.

Lack of Lawyers Feared.

Deserted by his counsel, Henry A. Wise, who had been advised by Government agents, the Sinn Fein asserted, not to connect himself with the case as it might endanger his professional reputation, Jeremiah O'Leary said he became convinced he could not obtain other advisers who could defend him properly and that this so preyed on his mind that he became "thoroughly disorganized."

Against the advice of his brother, the witness said, he left New York with Arthur L. Lyons, an employe of his law office, for St. Louis and there decided that he would not return "to be persecuted."

Shaft Aimed at Press.

The public mind had been so "poisoned" through "prejudiced" newspapers, he declared, that his trial, had he returned, would have been "a political hippodrome for the newspaper fiends."

Throughout a long cross-examination O'Leary reiterated his statement that there had been no collusion between himself, his brother and Lyons relative to his flight. He declared John was given the impression that his brother had gone to Newburgh, N. Y., to fish, rest and recuperate and that he intended returning for trial.

Blame on Lyons.

An hour or so before train time, O'Leary declared, he was persuaded by Lyons not to go to Newburgh, but to accompany Lyons to Reno, Nev., instead. He had arranged, O'Leary testified, that Lyons should represent him in the trial.

WOMEN TRAINING TO OPERATE CARS

MOTORWOMEN AND FEMININE CONDUCTORS COMING.

Vancouver Company Is Preparing to Fill Places When Men Quit or Go to War.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 20.—(Special.)—Women have already invaded the Vancouver streetcar system and two are now being trained as motorwomen and conductors. The motorwomen are liable to be called to the war at any time and the women are preparing to take their places. The cars will be turned over to the women as soon as they are able to handle them.

After dusk two operators will be on each car. They will wear uniform bloomers, loose coats and caps.

The North Coast Power Company already has five women working in the car barns and they are making good, according to L. C. Clarke, manager. They can wind armatures and do most of the car repairing.

Since the company cannot get men to do the work, it resorts to the next best plan. When a man quits or enters war service a woman will be given his place, and his wages, when she does an equal amount of work. Already many applications have been filed by women eager to do their part in winning the war.

Women also are working in the roundhouse of the North Bank Road and spinning oakum in the G. M. Standifer shipyard. Many women as well are going into groceries to replace men as clerks.

FIGHT OVER LOOT STARTS

Turkey and Bulgaria Both Want Russian Black Sea Fleet.

ATHENS, June 20.—A dispute has arisen between Turkey and Germany over possession of the Russian Black Sea fleet.

Replying to deputations from the Turkish Navy League, which pointed out that Turkey had an incontestable claim to the fleet, Talaat Pasha, the Grand Vizier, said that negotiations were proceeding between Germany and Turkey for the handing of the fleet over to Germany, but that the Turkish government had taken energetic action with a view to acquiring the fleet.

REPUBLICANS TO HAVE SAY

Michigan Leaders Will Not Rally to Ford for U. S. Senator.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Henry Ford will not receive the support of the Republican State Committee of Michigan in his candidacy for the United States Senate, as suggested by President Wilson, according to a statement made here tonight by John D. Mangum, chairman of the committee.

Mr. Mangum added that the "interference of the real head of the Democratic political organization of the country, in an effort to control the Republican party's affairs in a state 100,000 Republican, will not affect us."

Hun Seaplanes Attack Ships.

LONDON, June 20.—German airplanes attacked a British naval squadron north of Heligoland Eight Ju.-5 19, the British Admiralty announced today. The German machines made no hits and one seaplane was destroyed.

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- OFFICERS OF OREGON PIONEER ASSOCIATION ELECTED LAST NIGHT.
- President—E. E. McFarland.
- Vice-president—Nathan H. Bird.
- Secretary—George H. Himes.
- Treasurer—William M. Ladd.
- Directors—William Galloway, of McMinnville; C. H. Caulfield, of Oregon City; Bruce Wolverton, of Portland.
- BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.
- Forgotten is the dream of wistful Ponce de Leon and his Spanish men-at-arms, and vanished are the dreamers, long centuries since. Where was it that they sought the crystal of that spring which was to lend them youth? Surely, not in the Oregon country.
- Youth is but a relative matter, say the boys and girls of older Oregon, who gathered yesterday at their 46th annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer Association, in session at the Auditorium, and they retain it who hold fast the laughter and the spirit of other days, no matter what the years may be. And as for the fountain of youth, no doubt but that its waters mingle with the hill streams of the state they founded and builded.
- Days of Yore Lived Again.
- There was a deal of Oregon history gossiped yesterday at the reunion—bits that have not found their page in the archives of the state—when friends of old long yore shook hands again. Back to them all, as though the years were yesterday, came the crossing of the plains on the storms of Cape Horn, and their first glimpse of the rough and wonderful land they were to possess.
- Could one have closed the eyes, and wished remembrance of the present away to that listener would have risen the ruddy flame of campfire with the ox-carts drawn in corral, the flash of keen axes as the astonished forest gave way to the clearing of new homes, and all the romance and picture of times that were commonplace ever so long ago.
- Within the year something has happened to the muster of the pioneers. This one said that it was undoubtedly the train fares, and another contended that "the boys" were busy at home. But the fact that those who registered were not more than 800, and that last year they numbered more than 900, was inescapable. Nobody among the pioneers cared particularly about that—for it was their day, and they laughed as they took its hours.
- Some Journey From Afar.
- Some of them came far to the gathering. There was Mrs. N. J. McCoy, whose folk were pioneers of Illinois, who came to Oregon over the plains in 1852. And Thomas Beall, who journeyed from Lewiston, Idaho, to gain membership in the association, as one who halted in the Oregon country in 1850.
- And they were of all ages beyond the middle span of life, for many of them pioneered when the creaking ox-carts were their cradles, and literally grew up with Oregon. Eldest of all was Timothy O'Sullivan, of Portland, who lacks but one year until the century mark is his. Timothy's beard is white and long, and his hair likewise, but there is no admission of age in the Celtic heart and legs of him.
- The events of yesterday afternoon and evening were in quartet order—with the programme opening at 2 o'clock, with a fleet of loaded tables offering dinner an hour or so later, with the business session and election of officers over the evening and with the never-to-be-discarded "campfire" kindled in reminiscence an hour later.
- When Acting Mayor Bigelow stood up to deliver the address of welcome yesterday afternoon, at the introduction of W. H. H. Duffur, 1853, president of the association, the reaches of the hall held more of Oregon's past than ever will come to it again—a very attentive, clear-eyed past, though here or there it cupped a hand the better to hear him.
- Pioneers' Spirit Imbues Sons.
- Mr. Bigelow said that it was a high privilege for Portland to give welcome to them—inasmuch as the city, and all the state, are in no small part the creation of those who sat before him. He spoke of Portland's impetuous industrial growth. It was a little matter to take advantage of those resources which the pioneers had found for their successors. Another matter was the quality of the state's citizenship, that had leaped to the fore at the first call of war—imbued with the very spirit

THE ELEPHANT—DON'T GET MAD, IT'S ONLY TOM MARSHALL.

