



## AUSTRIAN LEGIONS TRAPPED BY PIAVE

Swirling Flood Cuts Off Enemy From Succor.

## ITALIAN SMASH MAKES GAIN

Enemy Forced Back Near Fagare and Zenson by Plucky Latin Fighters.

## NERVES BATTLE INTENSE

Pisa Brigade Takes 400 Men Prisoner and Captures Much Artillery.

ROME, June 22.—The battle situation is unchanged and infantry engagements were not resumed during Friday, says the statement issued last night to the Italian Parliament by Premier Orlando. It is now permissible to say that the battle has been won, the Premier told the deputies Friday morning, according to the Tribuna.

PARIS, June 21.—The Austrian losses in their offensive on the Italian front exceeds 120,000 men, according to a dispatch to La Liberte from Rome, quoting the correspondent of the Corriere d'Italia.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, June 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Fresh rains have turned the Piave River into a swirling yellow flood which moves silently but swiftly, dealing a fearful blow to the Austrians on its western bank, tearing up the communicating lines and preventing succor being given the shattered divisions struggling under the steady pounding of the Italian guns of the Duke of Aosta's third army.

The satisfaction of the allies over the present situation is matched only by the anger of the Austrian command. According to prisoners the swollen river has been the culmination of a series of difficulties which prevented the Austrians from making headway either on the Montello plateau or that section of the country lying between the Treviso-Mestre and the San Dona Di Piave-Mestre railway lines, where the fighting has been hard and cruel all the week.

Enemy Hard Pressed. The Austrians are sorely pressed at every point and harassed on both sides of the river by the Italians' small guns and also huge pieces belonging to the Navy mounted on floats, which move about the waterway at will.

Austrian airplanes were compelled to carry provisions to the Austrian troops that succeeded in crossing the Piave river and were in danger of starving, owing to the flood which carried away their pontoon bridges between Zenson and Musile, according to a dispatch received here by the Giornale d'Italia. In spite of the difficulties that he is encountering, General Wurm, the enemy commander, is attempting to press on, but all his efforts are vain in the face of the resistance presented by the Italian soldiers.

A semi-official note issued tonight concerning the Austrian offensive says:

"The Italian counter-offensive is absolutely superior to the enemy offensive. Yesterday in the Montello region and on the Treviso-San Dona Di Piave road and toward the Zenson bend, the Italians reduced by a good half the ground won by the enemy in his grand attack on the preceding day.

Austrians Lose Heavily. "Statements of prisoners and the number of dead counted on the field show that the Austrians lost heavily in the day's fighting.

"The attack on Lossen was carried out by a fresh brigade, composed of the 15th and 32d Schuetzen corps and special detachments.

"At Cortellazzo the check was equally costly for the Austrians. Blue jackets and Bersaglieri succeeded by a surprise attack in breaking into the third line, sowing death and terror among the defenders and capturing 200 prisoners. The dash enabled the Italians to widen their positions.

"The Austrian plan becomes plainer and plainer. The plan is to obtain, no matter at what price, command of the

## FOUR ESCAPE FROM BERLIN IN AIRSHIPS

RESIDENTS FLEE BECAUSE OF CONDITIONS IN CITY.

Dr. Nicolai, Who Denounced Prussianism in Book, One of Party. Two Airplanes Are Used.

COPENHAGEN, June 21.—Four residents of Berlin escaped from Germany Thursday in two airplanes and succeeded in landing safely in Denmark. The occupants of the airplanes declared that they fled from Berlin because of conditions there.

The two machines, which are of the albatross type, left Berlin early Thursday morning. Their flight was observed and the guardships along the coast were warned. When the machines reached the Baltic the guardships opened fire and it was at first erroneously reported that one of the airplanes had been brought down.

One of the occupants of the first albatross was Dr. G. F. Nicolai, formerly a professor of psychology at the Berlin University. He is the author of a book that denounced Prussian militarism and had been punished with imprisonment because of its publication.

The second albatross landed in the neighborhood of Rudkoebing with its two German deserters. This machine had been delayed by making a landing on an island to repair a slight defect in the engine.

The Rudkoebing correspondent of the National Tidende quotes the crew of the second albatross as saying that they had been at the battle front and were expected to return there. They declared that they preferred death rather than to go back. The two men wore infantry uniforms and one of them had the iron cross.

## NEWSPAPER MEN INDICTED

Criminal Libel Against Mrs. William R. Hearst Charged.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Ogden Mills Reid, publisher of the New York Tribune; Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of the New York Times; Errol Hart, assistant night editor of the Tribune, and John H. Paine, night city editor of the Times, were indicted by a county grand jury today charged with having published in their papers a criminal libel against Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, wife of the publisher of the New York American and the New York Journal.

Mrs. Hearst, who is chairman of the social welfare committee of the Mayor's Committee of Women on National Defense, complaining of the publication by the papers of articles about her activities in that capacity, in which a woman was quoted as saying she was pro-German.

Bail for the defendants was fixed at \$1000 each.

## ONE-LEGGED MAN IN ARMY

Applicant Persists, Wins Point and Is Sent to Vancouver.

YONKERS, N. Y., June 21.—On his claim that he was an expert hoisting engineer and able to operate two hoisting machines at once, Augustine Cody, a one-legged man, today was accepted by the local draft board and inducted into the Army. Originally rejected by the local board, Cody appealed to the district board, which confirmed the rejection. He persisted in his determination to join the Army, however, and immediately left for Vancouver, Wash., to assist in getting out spruce timber for airplanes. Cody is thought to be the first one-legged man ever accepted for enlistment in the Army.

## CENSORSHIP ORDERED

Change in Army Publicity Office to Be Made Soon.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Army censorship is to be placed directly under the military intelligence section of the general staff, it was learned today, with Colonel Marlborough Churchill, head of the section, as chief censor. Major-General Frank W. McInture, who has acted as chief censor, will be relieved of that duty and continued in his post as chief of the bureau of insular affairs.

The duties of the chief censor include passing judgment on questions submitted to the department in connection with the voluntary censorship observed by the press.

## SENATOR AGAIN CANDIDATE

Norris of Nebraska Files Petition With Secretary of State.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 21.—United States Senator George W. Norris, Republican, today filed a petition with the Secretary of State as a candidate for renomination at the Nebraska primary election in August.

Similar action was taken by Congressman Dan V. Stephens, who seeks renomination as the Democratic candidate for Congress.

## WOMAN MAYOR QUITS JOB

Time to Be Devoted to Farm, Since Husband Is in Army.

MOORHAVEN, Fla., June 21.—Mrs. Marion Horwitz O'Brien, formerly of Philadelphia, who has been Mayor of this town for a year, resigned today in order to give her full time to the operation of her farm.

She explained this step was necessary because her husband is in the

## AMERICANS SCORE ADDITIONAL GAINS

Position North of Belleu Wood Improved.

## ARTILLERY 'STRAFES' HUNS

Avalanche of Shells Poured Into German Troops.

## FOE SEVERELY PUNISHED

Within Space of 10 Minutes 1200 Shells of All Calibers Are Sent Into Town of Brasles, Where Teutons Are Assembled.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, June 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—By means of a number of small but brilliantly-executed attacks early today northwest of Chateau Thierry, the Americans straightened their line still further on the north side of Belleu wood.

American artillery at midnight last night poured an avalanche of projectiles into the wood to the east of Chateau Thierry, where aerial photographs had shown there was a host of German troops and much enemy material. The enemy undoubtedly was severely punished.

## SHELLS HURLED EAST

The American fire reached the highest concentration in a 10-minute period when 1200 shells of all calibers fell on one small area. Later the American gunners concentrated their fire on the town of Brasles, where many of the enemy were assembled and which was the scene of recent captures of prisoners by our patrols. Aerial observations today show the extreme accuracy of our fire, but of course the exact effect is unknown.

BERLIN, via London, June 21.—Attacks by American troops northwest of Chateau Thierry and by French southwest of Meuse were repulsed by the Germans, according to the German official statement issued today.

Casualties Alleged Large. Both the French and the Americans suffered heavy casualties and some prisoners were taken by the Germans, says the communication.

LONDON, June 21.—The British official communication issued this evening says:

"In last night's raids north of the Scarpe, Scottish troops penetrated German trenches, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy's garrison and capturing a number of prisoners. A number of dugouts and several machine guns were blown up and destroyed.

"Nothing of special interest occurred today."

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## WHO IS THE PROFITEER?



## 229 ALIEN TROOPS NOW U. S. CITIZENS

34 SUBJECTS OF TEUTONIC EMPIRES PLEDGE FEALTY.

Naturalization Ceremony of Signal Corps Men Attended by Patriotic Music and Address.

Portland had a glimpse yesterday of the first wholesale swearing in of aliens as citizens, when 229 members of the Second Provisional regiment of the spruce-production division, Signal Corps, took the oath of allegiance at the Armory.

To the surprise of the uninitiated the naturalization mill carried through goodly groups of both German and Austrian youths. The nationalities were represented as follows: Great Britain, 56; Austria, 23; Spain, one; Holland, one; Greece, four; Germany, 12; Finland, five; Norway, 26; Russia, 22; Belgium, six; Denmark, 11; France, five; Turkey, four; Italy, 34; Sweden, 18; Switzerland, one.

Details of preparation for naturalization had been almost exclusively in the hands of Captain P. P. Robinson, of the military intelligence department. Examination of the applicants was conducted by Chief Examiner John Speed Smith and Examiners Tomlinson and Conn. Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton presided. Details of the court records were in charge of Frank L. Buck, assistant clerk of the United States Court.

There was patriotic ceremony in connection with the Americanization of the men. The band of the spruce-production division accompanied the men here and gave concerts during the day, but saved its best efforts until 5 o'clock, after all had taken the oath in the various nationality groups. Quite fittingly, "The Star-Spangled Banner" was played. Judge Wolverton gave a pithy address of ten minutes on the responsibilities of American citizenship.

## AUTO ACCIDENT IS FATAL

Montana Men Killed When Car Crashes Down Embankment.

BOZEMAN, Mont., June 21.—Lawrence Cashun and George Plum, both of Logan, Mont., received injuries from which they died several hours later when their automobile, in which they were riding home from Manhattan Thursday evening, went over a 15-foot embankment, turned turtle and pinned them beneath it. The men met a herd of cattle in the road, and while trying to pass the car slipped over the bank. Cashun, who had resided at Logan for five years, leaves a widow and two children, and a mother and two brothers in Missoula.

## MOTOR MAIL SERVICE PAYS

Surplus of \$200,000 Held Argument for Good Roads.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Motor mail service, showing a surplus of \$200,000 for the first six months of its operation, warrants immediate legislation for road construction that will extend the service throughout the United States, James I. Blakeley, Assistant Postmaster-General, today told the House post-office committee considering a resolution authorizing the Postoffice Department to build highways as a part of a National system.

## SKY ROUTE ACROSS OCEAN PROJECTED

Early Trip by Airship Held Probable.

## PLANS NOW WELL ADVANCED

Trans-Atlantic Proposition Is Taking Definite Form.

## TRIP TO REQUIRE 40 HOURS

British General Branker, Now in U. S., Discloses Plans for Blazing New Trail From America to Europe.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Establishment of an air route to Europe from the United States in order to bring the full force of American effort to the air to bear against Germany is a definite project by the British air council. This was disclosed today by Major-General William Branker, controller of equipment on the council, who is in Washington.

Plans for an initial flight across the Atlantic this fall are already well advanced. American co-operation is sought, and General Branker hopes that the first machine to make the crossing will carry both British and American pilots.

At least three British pilots, regarded as qualified for the trip, are here and several types of machines produced in England have ample fuel capacity for the 40 hours of flying it is estimated the trip would take.

The attitude of the American Government toward the project has not been disclosed, although General Branker laid stress on the fact that the sole purpose of the trip was to blaze a new trail to Europe, over which American aircraft can be delivered next year without taxing shipping.

Bombing Warfare to Expand. Presumably the plan arises from the purpose of the British Ministry to carry the bombing warfare into Germany on a steadily increasing scale.

After General Branker had made public his plans, Secretary Baker said that no Army aviation officers had yet been assigned to work in conjunction with the British on the project. Successful navigation of the air to Europe is to be hoped for, he said, but no definite plan to attempt it is now before Government officials.

There is little doubt that the strong advocacy of the air road plan by General Branker has already had effect. The General laid it before officers of the Army general staff today as an achievement that could be realized in the immediate future. Some officials connected with the air programme had previously given it serious consideration.

Rolls-Royce Engine Favored. General Branker favored the new

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## PETER AUTZEN IS ACCIDENT VICTIM

PENINSULA BANK HEAD KILLED ON BOULEVARD.

Auto Runs Away and Topples Over 20-Foot Embankment—Three Passengers Unharmed.

Peter Autzen, president of the Peninsula National Bank at St. Johns, was almost instantly killed at 11 o'clock last night when the automobile he was driving jumped off the Skyline boulevard near the Cornell road junction, and rolled 20 feet down a ravine.

In the car with Mr. Autzen, who was driving, was C. M. Rohr, 387 East Flanders street, and two of Mr. Rohr's friends, Mrs. Hattie J. Grimm, 306½ East Second street, deputy in the County Clerk's office, and Mrs. Linda Sturges, of Glen Court, 302 Park street. The three were thrown out, but all escaped serious injury. The Ambulance Service Company rendered assistance on a call from Henry Fries, of Wakefield, Fries & Co., who was approaching the scene and saw the auto take the plunge. Mr. Fries rendered first aid.

Coroner Smith and Deputy Sheriff Schirmer hurried to the scene and brought in Mr. Autzen's body.

There is a dangerous turn and steep embankment just where the accident occurred, according to Mr. Fries. Mr. Autzen came to Portland about 12 years ago. He was a timberman and had been president of the Peninsula Bank for the last four years. His home is at 710 Schuyler street, in Irvington. He is survived by a wife and a son, Thomas Autzen, manager of the Portland Manufacturing Company. Edwin Morris is a son-in-law.

## ITALY LOSES BEST FLYER

Signor Baracca's Machine Falls in Flames Inside Foe's Lines.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, IN NORTHERN ITALY, June 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Signor Baracca, considered Italy's premier aviator, is missing. His machine fell inside the hostile lines after it had caught fire during a fight.

## GREECE GETS \$15,790,000

United States Tries Out New Financial Agreement Between Countries.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—A credit of \$15,790,000 to Greece, the first under the new financial agreement between that country and the United States, was announced today by the Treasury Department. This brings the total of all credits to \$2,970,240,000.

## YANKEES RAID HINTERLAND

American Aviators Start Conflagration in Germany.

PARIS, June 21.—According to La Liberte, American aviators last Sunday night carried out an aerial raid into German territory.

Eight Americans bombed the Matz-Sablons Railway and started a large fire.

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## SEYDLER TO QUIT HELM IN AUSTRIA

Premier Will Submit Resignation.

## OFFICIAL TO MEET RULER

Food Situation Brings Cries of "Down With Germany."

## RIOTS START IN GALICIA

Disturbances Anti-Semitic in Their Character—Food Shops Looted and Windows Are Smashed. Russian Treaty Denounced.

LONDON, June 21.—Dr. Von Seydler, the Austrian Premier, left Vienna at midday today for Austrian headquarters to submit the resignation of his cabinet to Emperor Charles, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Zurich.

LONDON, June 21.—New bread riots started Thursday night in the Favoriten and Brigittenau districts of Vienna and there are now more than 150,000 munitions workers on strike in the Austrian capital, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich.

## "Down With Germany" Is Cry.

An attempt to attack the German embassy in Vienna, according to Vienna correspondents of Munich newspapers, was dispersed by the police. There were many arrests and some persons were injured. There were many cries of "Germany is starving us! Down with Germany!"

A statement issued by the Vienna police declares demonstrators held up tramways, broke windows and looted foodshops and bakers' carts. At the municipal council meeting Herr Neumann, representing the Socialists, denounced the Brest-Litovsk peace as a fraud, and said the situation was untenable.

AMSTERDAM, June 21.—The Frankfurter Zeitung's correspondent at Munich telegraphs that Bavaria is unable to supply Austria with potatoes. Frost has retarded the new crop and the old stocks must be used sparingly.

PARIS, June 21.—A dispatch to the Temps from Geneva says the Austrian government has decided to put Vienna and other large cities on half the present bread ration, in order to ameliorate the conditions in Galicia and Bohemia.

## Move Made to Halt Strikes.

These conditions are so bad, the Temps quotes the Vienna Neue Presse as saying, that railroad and other strikes can be averted only by such a measure.

The Vienna newspaper adds that the cities, though badly off, are still in better condition than the country, where there is virtually no bread.

AMSTERDAM, June 21.—The correspondent at Frankfurt of the Nieuwe Rotterdammer Courant says it is reported from Lemberg that the disturbances there are assuming an anti-Semitic character.

Rioting in Progress. There has been rioting in the last few days, the correspondent says, at Lember, Stryl, Vilehodka and elsewhere in Galicia, and it has led to great excesses.

A Jewish organization for self-defense has taken action, it is added, to end the disturbances.

LONDON, June 20.—Vienna newspapers are quoting a Socialist party manifesto which declares that workers and small officeholders in Austria are at their wits' end to maintain an existence because of the food situation in the monarchy, says a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam today.

In many Austrian towns, the manifesto declares, these classes are threatened with absolute famine, while similar conditions prevail in Prague, the Bohemian capital, and in towns of Galicia.

## Situation Declared Terrible.

The situation is declared to be terrible at these points, where the population has not seen bread or potatoes for weeks.

In many provinces of Hungary there is only one-third or one-quarter the food necessary to maintain the population in health, former Premier Tisza declared in a speech to the Hungarian Parliament yesterday, according to a Budapest telegram forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Amsterdam.

Germany must be convinced, added the former Premier, that Hungary's population was just as badly situated as regarded food supplies as the citizens of Vienna. It would tax Hungary's efforts to the utmost, he asserted, to hold out until the new harvest.

## Food Allowance Menager.

The weekly food ration in Austria, the Daily Mail correspondent at The Hague quotes the Arbeiter Zeitung of Vienna as reporting, is as follows: Twenty-two ounces of bread, one pound of potatoes, of which half cannot be eaten; one ounce of black bean mash, one ounce of another mill product, an ounce and a half of fat, six and a half ounces of sugar, one egg, seven ounces of meat and a little jam and coffee substitute.

The Vienna newspaper says that the

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