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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Enemy Piles Across Piave Under Italian Fire.

40,000 PRISONERS TAKEN

General Diaz Says Appalling Number of Austrian Soldiers Are Killed.

RIVER FILLED WITH DEAD

American Airmen Do Briliant Work in Developing Italian Victory.

VIENNA, via London, June 24 .-The War Office announces today the evacuation of Montello and the right bank of the Piave River by the Austrian troops.

WASHINGTON, June 24 .- Austrian miles of track, are affected by the losses in the retreat from the Piave included an "appalling number" of troops killed, more than 40,000 made prisoner and an enormous amount of war booty, said a report from General Diaz, the Italian commander, which was cabled from Rome tonight to the

Italian Embassy. Tenacious Hold Broken.

"Yesterday we obtained a great victory," said General Diaz' message. "Owing to the extreme pressure of our troops and the continuous fire of the artillery and airplanes, the enemy, eight days at the cost of appalling services of a policeman. losses to the right bank of the Piave, on the night of the 23d began to rerific fire.

entire day, protected by strong machine gun contingents and rearguard inits, which, after opposing obstinate resistance, were successfully overpowered by the impetus of our troops, which enveloped Montello and swept over on the entire Piave line with the exception of a short section at Musile where the fight continues.

"Thus far 40,000 prisoners have fortunate bravery and of the crushing defeat of the enemy."

(By the Associated Press.) on the western bank of the Piave Hungarian Premier, who was as re-River is complete. Admission is made sponsible as any man in Europe for the by the Austrian War Office that the troops of Emperor Charles have been plateau, over which they had hoped to press their way and gain the Venetian plains, and "some sectors" of the positions they attained last week

on the bank of the river between the plateau and the point where the stream empties into the Adriatic.

Crushing Attacks Failure. drawal of the Austrians. But the at Gibraltar except the captain. Rome War Office asserts that it was A dispatch from Paris May 22 said that brought about the failure of an abandoned. operation which was started with the intention of crushing the armies of TWO DISTRICTS OVER TOP General Diaz and forcing the Italians, like the Russians, to accept a Teutonic Clackamas Committees Open Drive

allied peace. All along the river the Italians have pressed back the invaders of their territory until only small units remain cial.)-J. E. Calavan, county chairman on the western bank, and across the of the War Savings Stamp drive, has stream King Victor Emmanuel's men received reports from several disare keeping well on the heels of the tricts of Clackamas County. The first district to report is Advance, a Ger-

Again the cavalry has been thrown \$2065. into the fighting and is harassing the . Another district heard from enemy, while machine guns from the Springwater. About \$1000 worth of ground and from aircraft, some of the stamps had been sold at noon, and the latter operated by American aviators. are working havoc among the fleeing Austrian columns.

40,000 Men Captured.

The losses to the enemy are described as enormous, both in men killed, wounded or made prisoner. An 40,000 men in prisoners alone. The system of martial law has been applied to Tralee as has been enforced in the County Clare. tions only 4000 Austrians, as having Permits will be necessary for persons (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.) to enter the prescribed district,

MANY RAILROADS SAID TO FACE RUIN

TEN THOUSAND MILES OF LINES NEAR BANKRUPTCY.

Railroad Administration's Attitude Blamed for Plight of Small-

er Companies.

WASHINGTON, June 24,-Because of the railroad administration's attitude toward the short-line railroads of the country, 10,000 miles of lines belonging to smaller companies are now on the verge of bankruptcy and threater to suspend operations, representatives of the short lines told the Senate in-

erstate commerce committee today. They urged an amendment to prewhile control of competing trunk lines s retained.

Ben B. King, of Dallas, Tex., mem per of the executive committee of the TEUTONS American Short Line Association, said the operating income of his road, the Bulf, Texas & Western Railroad, has ocen reduced about 50 per cent since the Government took control of railroads because much of the freight shipments which formerly passed over that line are now being routed over Government - controlled roads which

ompete with that one. He said the relinquishing of the Denver & Salt Lake Railroad, about 200 miles in length, by the Govern-

for the same reason.

verted to the latter road. Witnesses told the committee that practically 800 short-line railroads in the country, with a total of 30,000 resolution

WARDNER'S SINS WIPED OUT

City, Minus Saloons, Is Sans Police and Needs No Jail.

WARDNER, Idaho, June 24 .- (Special.)-Owing to falling off in business since the state went dry, Police Judge T. R. Jones of this city has asked the council to reduce his salary from \$35 a month to \$10 a month.

The judge also informed the Council city jail and that the city might as well of the whole war. quit paying rent on the place. The after having desperately clung for Council had already dispensed with the

In the palmy days of liquor the city rounded up the strays. Owing to its moonshine work was nipped by Federal their fullest development. agents, who confiscated the plant,

Burian's Remarks, Says Lord Robert Cecil, Damned by Tisza.

been counted and an enormous amount | Commons tonight lord | to a taken by the German high command. | ings stamp drive. of booty captured. An appalling num- question concerning the latest utter- There is little doubt that reports of ber of Austrian corpses litters the ances of Baron Burian, the Austroground bearing witness of the un- Hungarian Foreign Minister, said there

Baron Burian's remarks, he added contained no serious contribution to any peace discussion. He was the The defeat of the Austrian armies nominee of Count Tisza, the former

forced to evacuate the Montello SPANISH SHIP IS HELD UP

U-Boat Captain Refuses to See Papers and Sinks Craft.

MADRID, June 24 .- The captain of the Spanish sailing vessel Joaquima reports that his ship, which sailed from Cuba, was held up by a submarine, which declined to examine the ship's Bad weather and the rising of the papers. The vessel was sunk and the Piave under the heavy rainfalls are rescued off the coast of Africa. The assigned as the reasons for the with- vessel which picked them up landed all

the impetuous attacks of the Italians that the Josquima had been found

in Defense of Nation.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 24 .- (Speretreating enemy, who is fleeing in man settlement. This district has gone \$565 over the top. The quota was

committee was still at work.

TRALEE HAS MARTIAL LAW

Irish Scaport Put in Same Class as County Clare.

DUBLIN, June 24 .-- A proclamation official statement from Rome to the insued tonight declares the seaport of Italian Embassy in Washington as-Tralee, County Kerry, to be a special serts that the Austrians have lost military area. This means the same

Teuton Offensive Plans Believed Upset.

GERMAN TROOPS RUSH SOUTH

Makes Defeat Fatal.

Possibility That Austrian Government May Fall Hampers Berlin in the Prosecution of Struggle in France.

WASHINGTON, June 24 .- Germany's ment had destroyed that road's credit. entire offensive programme may have and that the Colorado & Midland Rail- been upset, in the opinion of some ofway, having a mileage of 344 miles, ficers here, by the crushing defeat of will have to suspend operations the Austrians along the Piave River. Official reports reaching Washington The Midland road, Mr. King said, bear out the picture of the Austrian parallels the Denver & Rio Grande disaster given in press accounts from Railroad, and all traffic has been di- Italy, although the full extent of the mania and Clarke counties in Wash-

Italian success is not yet apparent. Teuton Morale Hard Hit. It is regarded as certain, however, that the central powers have been dealt a blow that will further shake the morale of their people and probably will compel the German high ommand to make a complete readjust-

nent of its plans in France. Secretary Baker showed the signifcance attached here to the defeat of the Austrians when he dispatched of elegram today to the American Ambassador at Rome for transmission to the Italian Minister of War.

Mr. Baker's message was sent before the Secretary had received additional reports from the Italian front showthat there was no further need of a one of the most decisive in character

Italian Front Dangerous Army officers agreed with the view expressed by Mr. Baker that the dehad 18 saloons, employed four justices feat could not help but influence of the peace and a police judge to han- greatly the course of events in France. treat to the left bank under our ter- die the business, while three policemen It is regarded as vital from the German point of view that the Italian front be made secure before German location even the bootleggers now shun the town and the only attempt made at designs in France can be prosecuted to provision of the ordinance. The city stock have taken place."

> While there is imminent danger the Austro-Hungarian government may collapse, Germany cannot devote her-PEACE DOVE NOT IN SIGHT self wholly to the task she has undertaken of forcing victory in the west before American man-power can swing the scales finally against her.

For this reason, both at the War Department and in the diplomatic cir-LONDON, June 24 .- In the House of cles, there was much speculation as to is the first district in Oregon officially Commons tonight Lord Robert Cecil, the moves to support Austria already to report "over the top" in the war savlarge German troop movements to chairman, yesterday telegraphed State Italy are well founded, as it is believed Director C. S. Jackson that Cecil diswas no indication favorable for official the situation must be restored there at trict had more than doubled its quota, neace regotiations.

the situation must be restored there at trict had more than doubled its quota, all costs unless the whole German influence is to fail of its own weight.

ALL INDUSTRIES TO BE ORGANIZED

TRI-STATE ZONE COMMISSION

Sub-District Centers Are Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Walla Walla, Spokane and Boise.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 24.-Repreentatives of civic organizations of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, at a conference here today, adopted a plan of organization for a zone industrial mission of the War Industrie

Board. The purpose of the plan is to bring Temper of Austrian Public relationship with the needs of the Government in order that they may change over their production to Governent necessities as quickly as possible

when the need arises. The district is to have a representa-MUCH WORRIED tive attached to the War Industries Board at Washington, D. C., who will represent zone manufacturers in deal ing with all purchasing departments

ot the Government. Sub-district centers and their disricts are: Spokane-All of Idaho, and Asotin Whitman, Adams, Grant, Douglas, Lin-

coln, Chelan, Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, Pend O'Reille and Spokane counties in Washington Boise-All of Idaho south of Idaho Walla Walla-Pendleton, Franklin,

Benton, Walla Walla, Garfield and Columbia counties in Washington, and Morrow, Wallows, Umatilla, Union and Baker counties in Oregon. Portland-All of Oregon except the above-named counties; Klickitat, Ska-

ington. Tacoma-All countles except Clarke n Southwestern Washington, Seattle-Kittitas, Kitsap, Clallam, efferson, Island, San Juan, Whatcom, Snohomish and King counties, Wash-

STATE SUPERIOR TO CITY

ington

Authority of Utility Commission.

HELENA, Mont., June 24 .- The Supreme Court of Montana affirmed today the decision of the District Court of Yellowstone County in favor of the ing that the retirement was a disor- defendant in the suit of the city of ganized rout. There is no doubt here Billings against the Billings Gas Comgas in accordance with provisions of an ordinance enacted a year before the State Utilities Commission was created. The court laid down the rule that the right of a municipality to fix prices by an ordinance contract was subject to and that by the creation of the Utility Commission the state decided to exercise that authority, abrogating the can obtain relief, if rates are too high, stock have taken place." by complaint to the commission.

Cecil District "Over the Top" in War Stamp Drive.

Cecil school district, Morrow County

C. E. Woodson, of Heppner, county The German problem of rushing (Concluded on Page 4. Column 1.)

man, woman and child in the district. Sixty per cent of the sales were in cash and 40 per cent in pledges.

U.S. Takes Over Three Big Corporations.

Enemy Assets Masquerade as

Aggregate Capitalization of Teutor Owned Concerns Seized by Custodian Palmer Is Placed at \$3,500,000.

gregate capitalization of \$3,500,000

The companies were: Dieckerhoff, Raffloer & Co., importers and manufacturers of notions, 560 Broadway; Raffloer, Erbsich & Co., cordage manufac-

Lawyer Helps Out Plot. It is charged that on March 17, 1917,

entered the war against Germany Montana Supreme Court Upholds George Carlton Comstock, a New York lawyer, advised Ewald C. Dieckerhoff, one of the principal owners, to "safeguard" his property. Comstock, in a letter which was discovered by the De partment of Justice, is said to have written on that date:

"The best thing to safeguard your would be to transfer property . now that the victory will prove to be pany to compel that utility to furnish tion which could be organized for this purpose, or a corporation already in existence could be used.

> "We have corporations in this office which are not doing anything at this Army." time; they have been created for cerfor other uses after amendments to

never been naturalized, has a resi-MORROW SCHOOL IS FIRST dence in Greenwich, Conn., a town wife of Dr. Karl Muck, former conduc Some Owners Live Abroad.

Others involved are Rudolph Erbsloh, emy alien. of New York, a native of Germany, but H. Erhart, of New York, an American citizen, who has one sister married to Erbsloh and another sister, Clara Erhart von Truchsess, who lives in

UMATILLA COUNTY GETS HEAVY RAIN

GOOD SHOWERS REPORTED IN

Thunder Storms and Even Small Cloudbursts Seen-Maturing Grain Is Benefited.

PENDLETON, Or., June 24,-(Special.) -From many sections of the county have come reports of heavy showers thunder storms and even small cloudsursts yesterday afternoon. So far as can be learned, there was no serious lamage, though in some instances there was considerable danger.

From Stanley Creek, near Pilot Rock comes the report that hallstones as large as walnuts fell for several minyesterday afternoon, driving mer and horses working in the fields to shelter. In places the stones lay four ATTORNEY DEVISES PLAN inches deep on the ground. A cloudburst on Meacham Creek caught the end of freight train No. 255 on the D.-W. R. & N. betwen Duncan and Huron, washing rocks and logs onto the track and derailing the caboose Traffic was delayed for some time. Upper McKay Creek experienced

small cloudburst near the John Schmidt place on the south fork of the creek and warnings were telephoned to ranchers farther down in the Valley The water spread out before any dam NEW YORK, June 24.—German plots age was done. There were heavy rains by the rains, especially those having

ial.)-Reports today show that some light damage was done by the heavy downpous yesterday, which hit mountain and valley alike. Mountaineers suffered by hall somewhat. In the ship in going forward to supervise in turers, of the same address, with plants | Valley the rain, which yesterday to- person the action of one of the comtaled an inch and a half, so soaked panies of his battalion, which had been Union County that no more is needed attacked. to mature the grain.

SLACKER SUSPECTS TAKEN Seven Hundred of Draft Age Are

Rounded Up in Brownsville, N. Y. NEW YORK, June 24 .- More than 700 nen of draft age were rounded up by the police in the Brownsville district

of Brooklyn tonight and questioned

oncerning their registration cards. The raid was prompted by local draft officers, who were disappointed in the registration of June 4, and who had earned that circulars had been distributed urging all young men to resist being "illegally inducted into the

Wife of Interned Musician on Record as Enemy Alien.

BOSTON, June 24.-Mrs. Anita Muck, house in Park avenue and maintains a tor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, hind, he staggered on and rejoined his who has been interned as an enemy allen, registered here today as an en-

She gave her birthplace as Graz, now a naturalized American; William Styria, Austria, where her father was one time Mayor.

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Valor Wins Official Recognition.

MAJOR ROOSEVELT ON LIST

Young Officer, Badly Gassed. Sticks to His Command.

SANITARY SECTION PRAISED

Conduct of Many Americans Engaged in Fighting at Cantigny Referred To in Terms of Commendation

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, June 24 .- (By the Associated Press.) - Major Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has been cited by the General commanding the troops to which his unit is attached for "conspicuous gallantry in action during the operations con-LA GRANDE, Or., June 24 .- (Spe- nected with the capture and subsequent defense of Cantigny."

> "During an enemy raid he displayed high qualities of courage and leader-

Officer Retains Command.

antigny, although gassed in the lungs and gassed in the eyes to blindness, Major Roosevelt refused to be removed and retained the command of his battalion under a heavy bombardment throughout the engagement."

members of the First Division and two entire batteries of field artillery and Company D. First Engineers, are cited. Sanitary Section, U. S. 649, is thus ited: "The personnel of this section, with-

One hundred and thirty - two other

duty in assisting and evacuating the wounded. Cather's Behavior Splendid.

killed in action) :-- With splendid courage and coolness he mounted the paranet of a trench and directed a destructive flanking fire from two automatic ifie teams exposed to seven German

"Sergeant William L. Kouns-Seri-

ously wounded, he helped to repel a counter attack, assisted the wounded Kelly Accurate Gunner.

of his machine gun.

"Private Brooks C. Bowles-He crept several hundred yards in daylight under a terrific machine gun and rifle fire to rescue a wounded comrade ly-

a similar action to that of Bowles. Felty Good Fighter.

an automatic rifle firer with his body, enabling the rifleman to silence a Jerman machine gun. Meyer was killed as the result of his action. "Private Shelton Armes-Wounded in

two places by a shell, he regained consciousness and joined his plateon. Wounded Officers Saved. "Private William L. Proup, machine

"Private Walter Stewart, machine gunner-Wounded while helping to rescue a wounded officer who was lying on open ground swept by artillery and machine gun fire.

"Private Andrew Charles, machine gunner-His corporal and another comrade having been killed, he manned relief and constantly under artillery

front positions in daylight in plain a machine gun.

similar performance to that of Handley. "Private Victor Magoon-Remained

ice, although suffering from gas poisoning, for four hours.

"Colonel Lucius R. Hoibrook-Displayed conspicuous skill in handling an artillery group in attack and subsequent bombardments, preserving the mission of the guns, adjusting the barrage line and efficiently supporting

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'SAFEGUARD' SCHEME EXPOSED

American Holdings.

o hide enemy assets under the cloak of at Lehman Springs, at Thorn Hollow American corporations organized or east of here and between Milton and lent for the purpose were revealed to- Weston. The farmers profited greatly day when A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian, took over three Spring grain. German-owned concerns with an ag-

n Cuba, and the American Storage Company, of Havana.

three weeks before the United States

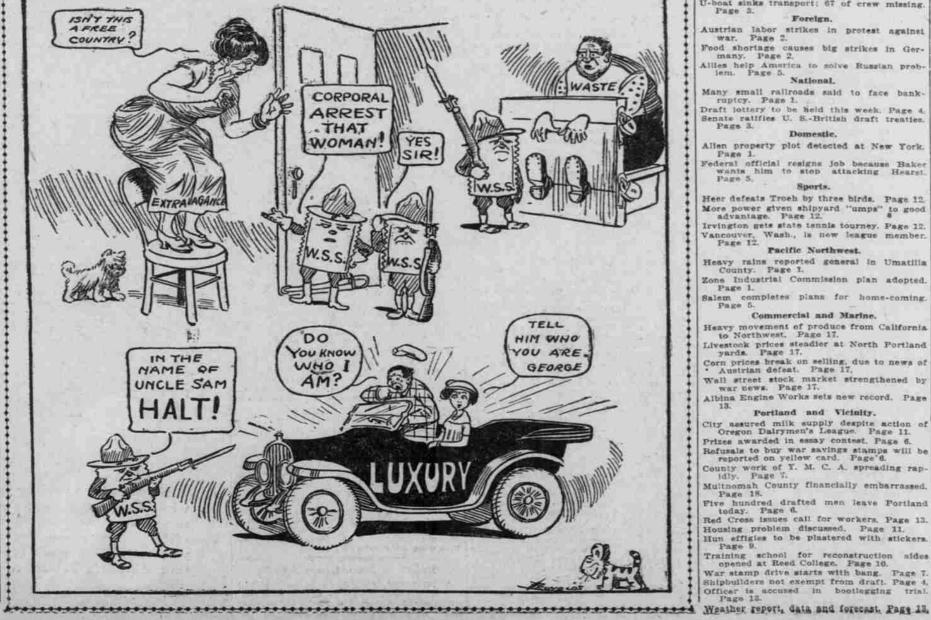
Corporations Out of Jobs.

tain purposes and those purposes have been accomplished, are now available MRS. MUCK IS REGISTERED Dieckerhoff, who is said to have

2000-acre estate in the Catskills.

Germany. Still other owners of the concerns taken over, who are living in Germany, are: Johann Herkmann, Johann C. W. Rumpe, Millie Raffloer, Emma (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

THE DRIVE IS ON.



The citation says:

"On the day of our attack upon

out regard to personal danger, displayed great courage and devotion to

The citations read as follows: "Lieutenant G. P. Cather (since

"Sergeant Edward Nester Owicz-Knocked out by a shell and left becompany, after which, mortally wound-

"Sergeant Frank Kelly, machine gunner-He brought in two wounded and did valiant service with the accuracy

"Corporal Joseph Samert-He wired an important position while under ma chine gun fire and assisted a wounded

ing in the open. "Private George Purcell-Cited for

"Private Willard Felty-Exposed to enemy machine guns, he silenced with his automatic a German machine gun and reduced the fire of others until his "Private Fred M. Meyer-He shielded

gunner-Carried a wounded officer to

machine gun for three days without and machine gun fire. "Private Russell Handley-Wiring

"Private William Phrar-Cited for a

at his post and did distinguished serv-"Lieutenant E. D. Orrell-With bray-Multnomah County financially embarrassed. ery and coolness in handling a platoon under heavy bombardment he defeated an enemy counter attack, inflicting

"Captain R. H. Oglesby, Engineers-

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