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NEW ITALIAN DRIVE ROUTS AUSTRIANS

Diaz' Surprise Attack Is Glorious Success.

MANY HUNS TAKEN PRISONER

Monte Di Valbella Captured by Allied Forces.

VIENNA ADMITS DEFEAT

Entire Austrian Line Imperiled by New Smash, Which Covers Railroad—Efforts to Retake Lost Ground Fail.

(By the Associated Press.) Attacking the Austro-Hungarian lines on the Asiago plateau, the Italians have taken Monte Di Valbella, captured more than 500 prisoners and have held it against repeated counter-attacks. This turn to the offensive came as a surprise to the laymen of the allied world, for it was believed that General Diaz would be content to hold his lines in the mountains against a new offensive intended by the Austrians and Germans.

New Attack Extensive. The Italian attack was not limited to Monte Di Valbella. On the left bank of the Brenta they captured the heights of Sasso Rosso, just north of the village of Valtagna.

These actions may explain the failure of the Austrians to pursue the Austrians across the Piave when, on June 23, the enemy fled from the west bank with a haste that indicated something of demoralization.

Fight Carried to Foe. General Diaz probably has expected the heaviest enemy blow along the mountain front, which is the key to the Italian situation. In attacking he has carried the fight to the foe, gained strong positions at vital points and broken up some of the preparations made by the enemy for an offensive.

It is not believed General Diaz plans to go further than local objectives, but if he should make much progress on the Asiago plateau he could be able to take under his artillery fire the railroad paralleling the battle line and running along the Brenta River east of Lake Caldazazzo.

Austrian Line in Peril. This line is the connecting link between the Piave and Adige fronts, and if the Austrians could dominate it, the Austrian system of communications would be seriously impaired.

ROME, June 30.—Italian forces supported by allies' troops attacked Austro-Hungarian positions on the Italian mountain front Saturday and captured Monte Di Valbella after a bitter struggle. The Italian War Office announces that more than 500 Austro-Hungarians were taken prisoner.

Strong enemy counter attacks throughout the day and night were repulsed by the fire of the Italian infantry, artillery and machine guns.

The text of the official statement reads: "On the Asiago plateau, where our heroic resistance on June 14 crushed the impetus of preponderant enemy forces and where in daily acts of bravery Italian troops have become united in action and in glory with the British and French allies, fighting yesterday began again.

Attack Made at Dawn. "At dawn our troops sustained by an intense artillery fire and supported by sorties resolutely carried out by their allies, attacked Monte Di Valbella and succeeded, after a bitter struggle, in wresting it from the enemy. During the day and night large enemy masses were launched to counter attack and to slaughter, but were repulsed by our infantry and decimated by concentrations of artillery and machine gun fire from airplanes.

Twenty-one enemy officers and 788 soldiers of other ranks, belonging to four different divisions, were made prisoner. Cannon, trench mortars and (Concluded on Page 3, Column 2.)

TO THIRD LIBERTY LOAN OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF FLYING SQUADRON.

All third liberty loan officers of Portland are commissioned as colonels in the war savings stamp campaign, with assistance pledged to the obtaining of the city's full quota.

By order of General Guy W. Talbot, commander of the squadron, all members are asked to lay aside all other appointments, and to meet this morning at 11 o'clock at 467 Gasco building, for a war savings stamp conference.

But a few hours of your time will be required during the remainder of the campaign. We urge and appeal to you, on behalf of the Government, to rally to this cause. Let none fail to be promptly present at the meeting.

By order of GENERAL GUY W. TALBOT, LIEUT.-GEN. J. A. CRANSTON, LIEUT.-GEN. JULIUS L. MEIER.

HIGH CHINESE PASS DAY IN PORTLAND

TANG LUI HING AND PARTY SEE WONDERS OF HIGHWAY.

Minister of Interior of Chinese Republic Here to Study Affairs of U. S. Government.

Tang Lui Hing, Minister of the Interior of the Chinese Republic, traveling incognito as H. L. Tang, left Portland last night for Yellowstone Park.

His party, including his two private secretaries, T. H. Ho and L. Foo, accompanied him.

The party came to this country to enable Mr. Hing to study the administration of the U. S. Interior Department. Before the visitors return they will visit many cities of the United States in quest of information to help in the administration of public affairs in China.

They were in Seattle last week and will go to San Francisco, after visiting Yellowstone Park. Yesterday afternoon they were driven over the Columbia River Highway and were greatly impressed with the beauties of this scenic boulevard, the fame of which had spread to China.

—W. S. S.—BUY THE LIMIT—

ST. HELENS HERMIT INSANE

Michael Pieter, Who Lived on Scow, Had Hoard of Nearly \$4000.

ST. HELENS, Or., June 30.—(Special.)—Michael Pieter, for many years a resident of St. Helens, was recently adjudged insane. It was known that Pieter's who lived a hermit's life, had accumulated some money and officers of the court searched the premises with the result that almost \$4000 in gold and currency was located hidden under the scow floor. Valuable papers running into the thousands of dollars were also found.

Von A. Gray was appointed guardian of the estate and upon permission of Judge Morrow invested \$1000 of Pieter's hoarded gold in war savings stamps, so that some of Pieter's idle money is now working for Uncle Sam.

—W. S. S.—BUY THE LIMIT—

PLANES HOVER OVER PARIS

Germans Succeeded in Dropping Some Bombs on Suburbs of City.

PARIS, July 1.—German airplanes made two attempts to raid Paris between 11:50 o'clock Sunday night and 2:10 o'clock this morning. The first attempt was unsuccessful.

On the second occasion the raiders dropped several bombs on the outer suburbs.

An alarm was sounded at 11:50 o'clock Sunday night and 40 minutes later the "all clear" signal was given. The second alarm came at 12:48 o'clock this morning. The French artillery posts opened fire and other defensive measures were taken. The "all clear" was sounded for the second time at 2:10 o'clock this morning.

—W. S. S.—BUY THE LIMIT—

FOREST BURNS NEARS CITY

Small Blaze Eight Miles From Portland Causes Smoke Pall.

A small forest fire broke out yesterday afternoon near Russellville, eight miles from Portland, on the Base Line road, and as a result the city was enshrouded with a slight haze yesterday afternoon and last night.

Captain Beach of the military police left yesterday afternoon with a squad of men to help fight the fire, if necessary. It is believed the fire has been brought under control.

—W. S. S.—BUY THE LIMIT—

PETROGRAD GETS NO FOOD

Russian Capital Receives No Supplies for Four Days.

AMSTERDAM, June 30.—Petrograd has received no supplies whatever for four days, according to a statement by the food commissar, reported from Moscow by way of Berlin.

Of 26 carloads of grain from Ufa, which the Czechs allowed to pass, only 11 have reached Petrograd, the others being detached at various stations by the railway officials.

—W. S. S.—BUY THE LIMIT—

HAYFEVER GRIPS SAN JUAN

Two Thousand Cases of Puzzling Epidemic Exist in Porto Rico.

SAN JUAN, P. R., June 30.—There is an epidemic here of a disease known locally as hayfever but which bears a resemblance to the epidemic of influenza in several Spanish cities.

It is estimated that there are 2000 cases in San Juan.

—W. S. S.—BUY THE LIMIT—

SUNDAY PAPERS 8 CENTS

Detroit News and Free Press Meet Increase in Expense.

DETROIT, June 30.—Announcement was made last night by the Detroit Sunday News and the Detroit Sunday Free Press of a rise in price from 5 to 8 cents.

The rise is effective July 7.

—W. S. S.—BUY THE LIMIT—

POOL HALLS ARE DOOMED

Employees Declared Non-Essential by Council of Defense.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., June 30.—The State Council of Defense at a meeting Saturday closed pool hall employes as non-essential and at a meeting to be held July 5, all pool halls in the state will be ordered closed.

CAMP LEWIS READY FOR NEW RECRUITS

Drafted Men Quickly Assigned to Units.

NO CONFUSION IS APPARENT

Initial Training Is Received in 166th Depot Brigade.

MEN'S ABILITIES NOTED

As Drafted Men Arrive in Cantonment, They Are Classified as to Trades and Occupations and Called On When Needed.

By JOHN CONDON.

CAMP LEWIS, June 30.—(Special.)—

Oregon recruits now coming to camp in the present draft are finding a cantonment awaiting them for training far different from that which the first arrivals saw when last Fall they poured into a city of partially constructed buildings to form the nucleus of the 91st, or as it has been named, the "Wild West" Division.

The cantonment today is a city in fact, with 100 lighted streets, most of them paved, an efficiently organized fire department and a police force systematized in a way far beyond the average civilian department.

Change Quickly Made.

The first arrivals paved the way and the men checking in today at the receiving station found, as they went through the intricate process of becoming soldiers of the first class, that they were part of a well oiled and smoothly running machine that accomplished the transformation with so little confusion that it was done almost before the recruit realized it.

Almost a city within a city, the 166th Depot Brigade, to which go all new arrivals, has upon its hands the burden of initial training of the men as individuals as well as eventually it will be given the problem of performing the first steps of organizing a new division, should the order come for the 91st to start overseas and another similar fighting unit formed.

Companies Are Numbered.

All extra commissioned officers are assigned to this brigade and prior to the arrival of draft recruits are given phantom commands, which await the arrival of the men before becoming realities.

These companies are numbered instead of lettered and so many companies combined to form the battalions.

Thus Oregonians arriving today passed into one end of the receiving tent and on emerging at the other found awaiting them the officers who will for the time being act as their commanders in the initial process of training. As they arrived the allotted number of men were called forth from the tent and in column of fours fell into the first company formation in (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

TELEGRAPH STRIKE CALLED FOR JULY 8

WESTERN UNION OPERATORS ORDERED TO QUIT WORK.

Walkout Edict Is Issued by S. J. Koenekamp, President of Commercial Telegraphers' Union.

CHICAGO, June 30.—S. J. Koenekamp, president of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, today announced that he had issued a call for a strike for the members of the union employed by the Western Union Company, effective at 7 A. M. Eastern time Monday, July 8.

The announcement in part follows: "The grievance to be adjusted are those set forth in President Wilson's letter to the Western Union Telegraph Company as (1) the reinstatement of over 800 Western Union employes locked out, contrary to the terms of his proclamation of April 8, 1918, and (2) to enforce the decision of the National War Labor Board, dated June 1, 1918.

"In this letter to the Western Union, President Wilson asked officials of that company to co-operate with him by accepting the labor board's decision. This the company declined to do. Similar letters addressed to the Postal Telegraph Company and to your union brought forth an expression of their willingness to comply with his request.

"The strike against the Western Union alone is necessary because of that company's determination to destroy our organization. As Americans we have no desire to be subjects of tyranny and this strike will be justified to the boys at the front because of its purpose. It is the last resort to preserve our organization from annihilation."

President Koenekamp said that he expected 5000 of the 20,000 commercial telegraphers to quit. E. J. Thomas, chairman of the railroad telegraphers' committee, said that 33,000 of his men would be affected. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, President Koenekamp said, had pledged its assistance.

—W. S. S.—BUY THE LIMIT—

FORMER CROWN PRINCE ILL

Alexis of Russia Unable to Make Trip to Join Parents.

LONDON, June 30.—The former Crown Prince Alexis of Russia, according to German papers, is in Tobolsk, severely ill, and unable to undertake his journey to Yekaterinburg, where he planned to join his parents.

His sister, Tatiana, is caring for him.

—W. S. S.—BUY THE LIMIT—

"GARABED" RECEIVES TEST

Result of Free Energy Invention Trypton Is Kept Secret.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Secret tests were made at Buxton yesterday of "garabed," the mysterious engine, claimed by its inventor, T. K. Giragosian, to derive its energy from the air, the Interior Department announced.

The results of the tests which were authorized by Congress, were not made public.

CAR COMPANY MAY RAISE FARE AGAIN

Lift to 7 or 8 Cents Is Forecast.

GARMEN ASK FOR INCREASE

Problem Goes to War Labor Board for Decision.

NEW CONTRACT RATIFIED

Company and Employees Agree on All Matters Save Wage Scale, and Decide to Leave That to Federal Body.

Further increase of street railway fares in Portland, to 7 or 8 cents, may be forecast by an agreement reached yesterday by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, and its employees. Local No. 757, Amalgamated Association of Street & Electric Railway Employees of America, to submit the issue of increased wage, demanded by the carmen, to the National War Labor Board.

At their meeting early yesterday morning, the carmen ratified the proposed new contract with the company, which the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company had previously ratified in all of its provisions, save those respecting the increased wage scale. With this exception the new contract becomes operative today. It was mutually agreed between the carmen and company that the wage issue be referred to the War Labor Board for decision, both parties assenting their willingness to abide by the ruling.

Higher Wage Held Necessary.

Touching both working conditions and wages, the contract differs but little from that previously in effect as respects the former, but calls for a marked increase in the wage scale, demanded by the carmen in view of advanced cost of living.

Regarding the wage proposal President Griffith, of the car company, informed the carmen that the increase could not be granted under the revenues derived from the existing 5-cent fare, and signified the company's willingness to submit the wage controversy to the War Labor Board.

The present and proposed wage scales are as follows for platform men: Existing scale, first year, 28 cents; second year, 40 cents; thereafter, 45 cents. Proposed scale, first year, 53 cents; second year, 55 cents; thereafter, 60 cents.

All Around Lift Proposed.

The scale for employes other than platform men proposed the following increases: Blacksmiths, now paid 61 cents, new scale 72 cents; blacksmiths helpers, now paid 45 cents, new scale 56 cents; electric welders, now paid 57 cents, new scale 70 cents; machine operators, now paid 61 cents, new scale 72 cents; laborers, now paid 37 1/2 cents, new scale 50 cents.

Hearing of the wage issue will be before the National War Labor Board, (Concluded on Page 31, Column 3.)

EUGENE V. DEBS IS UNDER ARREST

SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY HELD ENEMY.

Warrant Issued Based on Speech Made at Convention in Canton, Ohio, June 16.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 30.—Eugene V. Debs, four times Socialist candidate for the presidency of the United States, was arrested here today by United States Marshal Charles W. Lapp and Deputy Marshal Charles Boehme as he was about to deliver a speech.

The arrest was made on a warrant in connection with his speech at the Socialist state convention in Canton, O., June 16 last.

The arrest was made on a secret indictment returned yesterday. It is understood the indictment contains 10 counts under the espionage act, which provides a penalty of 20 years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$10,000 and costs for each violation.

Debs was arrested as he was about to enter the garden where the meeting was held. No commotion was caused, as few persons were aware of what was transpiring until after Mr. Debs was taken to the Federal building.

Following the announcement of Mr. Debs' arrest, a defense fund of more than \$1000 was raised by popular subscription before the meeting ended.

—W. S. S.—BUY THE LIMIT—

MERCURY NEARS TOP MARK

Thermometer Registers 88 Degrees; Fair, Weather Is Forecast.

Yesterday's breeze was lively, but it brought no relief in its curvettings, being as ardent as the sultry day itself. With the mercury at 88 degrees above, the record of the season thus far was closely approached. On only two days this season has it been warmer—on June 5 and 12, when the thermometer reached 91 degrees. The forecast for today is fair, with moderate winds from the west.

Hourly temperatures yesterday were as follows:

7 A. M., 61 degrees; 8 A. M., 63 degrees; 9 A. M., 66 degrees; 10 A. M., 69 degrees; 11 A. M., 72 degrees; 12 noon, 77 degrees; 1 P. M., 80 degrees; 2 P. M., 83 degrees; 3 P. M., 85 degrees; 4 P. M., 87 degrees; 5 P. M., 88 degrees; 6 P. M., 88 degrees; 7 P. M., 88 degrees.

The average temperature for the month of June was 61.3 degrees. The lowest temperature was 44 degrees, on June 22. But .33 of an inch was the month's rainfall, with .04 on June 12, and .08 on June 13.

—W. S. S.—BUY THE LIMIT—

AVIATORS FALL TO DEATH

Airplane Crashes to Earth When Enveloped in Flames.

PORT WORTH, Texas, June 30.—Lieutenant William DeC. Ravenall, Jr., of Washington, D. C., and Corporal Ray L. Banning, of Crockett, Ia., stationed at Hicks aviation field here, were killed today when the airplane in which they were flying fell in flames.

Both aviators were well known in Army circles here.

—W. S. S.—BUY THE LIMIT—

DR. GLADDEN IS STRICKEN

Prominent Congregational Clergyman in Critical Condition.

COLUMBUS, O., June 30.—Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden, prominent Congregational clergyman of this city, was reported to have suffered a second stroke of paralysis at his home here today and to be in a critical condition. It was reported from his bedside that he could live only a few hours.

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PORTLAND SEES NO SUCH WORD AS FAIL

Patriotism of Citizens Relied Upon.

\$1,000,000 MORE TO RAISE

Public Must Respond Loyal to Solicitations of Workers.

STATE SETS SWIFT PACE

Whirlwind Recanvass of Downtown District for Increased Sales and Pledges Will Be Made by Civic Club Members.

CIVIC CLUBS CALLED TO AID OF WAR STAMP DRIVE.

Officers and members of all civic clubs and organizations, the Portland Ad Club, Rotary Club, Progressive Business Men's Club, Realty Board, Salesmen's Club, City Club, East Side Business Men's Club, and others, are requested to come to Liberty Temple at 8:30 this morning for the furtherance of the war savings stamp campaign in Portland.

GENERAL FRANK MCCRILLIS, Manager of City Campaign.

With a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull all together, Portland is confidently expected to raise herself from the slough of failure to the high ground of success before dusk comes today, fully achieving her quota of \$6,000,000 in war savings stamp investment.

"We can make it," declared General Frank McCrillis, manager of the city campaign, "but the public must meet our workers with the same spirit that sends these loyalists forth."

Counties All Reporting Success.

Of Oregon at large there isn't a vestige of a doubt, announces C. N. Wootcott, assistant state director of the war savings drive. All counties are reporting success in the rush toward quota goals, with only here and there a district or sub-district hasten to keep the pace set by others.

For the speedy conclusion of the city campaign, which has already been hastened by the dash of the flying squadron, commanded by General Guy Talbot, the entire membership of all civic organizations are to be called to the war stamp colors this morning by General McCrillis.

Meeting Called at 8:30 A. M.

Officers and members of the civic organizations and clubs, who are to recanvass the down-town district for increased subscriptions and wider sales, are called by General McCrillis to meet this morning at 8:30 at Liberty Temple for instructions regarding the work they are asked to undertake.

"Officers and members of the Portland Ad Club," requests General McCrillis, "Rotary Club, Progressive Business Men's Club, Realty Board, Salesmen's Club, City Club, or other clubs interested in the good name of Portland, are urged to attend this morning's meeting.

City to Be Recanvassed. "The down-town districts have not been thoroughly worked and we are determined to recanvass the entire section today. It is our firm conviction that if the patriotic business men of these clubs will turn out and give us their support until evening Portland will easily attain its full quota."

Meantime, at 11 o'clock this morning, a meeting of the flying squadron, which comprises the local staff of the third liberty loan, is called to meet at the offices of Guy W. Talbot in the Gasco building for the consideration of their share in completing the hard-fought campaign. The order is issued by General Talbot and his assistant, Lieutenant-General Julius L. Meier and Lieutenant-General J. A. Cranston.

City's Shortage \$1,000,000. Computations by General McCrillis and his headquarters staff, necessarily largely in the nature of an estimate, place the city's shortage in its \$6,000,000 allotment at \$1,000,000. Though but a fraction of the entire quota, the deficit represents hard work in the most concrete form, for the field has been covered already and only the most determined effort and loyal response can avail to raise it quickly.

"We have set our hearts on completing the city's quota at once," declared General McCrillis, "so that the large staff of field workers who have served voluntarily and at the sacrifice of their personal interests may return to their own affairs, while the city may be free to pursue its business undisturbed. But it must be borne in mind that we have no thought of quitting until success is attained."

County Manager Optimistic. Henry E. Reed, district manager for Multnomah County, borrowed a cigarette and relaxed into optimism, when asked how he fared with the territory under his supervision. Though nominally a district commander, Mr. Reed is chief aide at headquarters and has the war stamp data called to the mast.

"Multnomah County is coming over with a whoop," asserted Mr. Reed, "just as all Oregon is coming over."

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