

FRENCH TROOPS ARE WINNING VICTORIES IN VICINITY OF CRAONNE

German Retirement to Meuse Will Be Forced if Battle Continues Favorable.

RESULT MAY TAKE WEEKS

German Counter Attacks Indicate by Number and Ferocity That Enemy Appreciates Danger of Situation.

By Henry Wood.

With the French Army near Craonne, May 28.—(U. P.)—Steadily through one entire week a battle has been raging around Craonne, which may ultimately force Germany's retirement to the Meuse.

Once this wedge is sufficiently plunged into the enemy's front the French can turn either north or south in both directions simultaneously.

Many Small Attacks Made. Already the Meuse has advanced sufficiently to insure this result if it continues favorable to the French.

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AUSTRIA IS MASSING EVERY RESERVE FOR DEFENSE OF TRIESTE

Prisoners Say Russian Front Has Been Drained of All Possible Men.

CIVILIANS QUIT TRIESTE

Austrians Also Reported to Be in Fear of Renewed Drive on East Front by Russians.

By John H. Hearley.

Rome, May 28.—(U. P.)—The village of the Carso, which is the Austro-Hungarian stronghold to fall before the great Italian offensive.

Estimates from the front today put the total Austrian losses in dead, wounded and missing since May 14, when the Italian offensive started, at 60,000 men.

Prisoners were quoted today as declaring that the Austrian defense should be greatly handicapped because of lack of adequate reserves.

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Passengers Report U-Boat Sunk by Ship

French Steamer Kaiti, They Say, Also Sunk Second Submarine Shortly After Leaving Bordeaux.

Passengers on the French steamer Kaiti, which has arrived at a Latin American port, reported that the ship sank a German submarine shortly after leaving Bordeaux.

A running battle with a submarine during which the U-boat fired one torpedo and more than a dozen shells, some of the latter striking the vessel, was reported by an Italian steamship arriving from a Mediterranean port.

The submarine came up to attack on May 3 near the island of Sardinia and despite a return fire from its deck the victim longer than an hour.

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PEACE MEETING ENDS IN RIOT IN CHICAGO, AND ARRESTS FOLLOW

Pacifists and Socialists at Another Demonstration Ask for U. S. War Demands.

Chicago, May 28.—(U. P.)—A riot broke out in a peace meeting in Grant park Sunday afternoon, resulting in the arrest of eight speakers who had denounced President Wilson.

The crowd was composed of persons unable to gain admittance to a meeting in the Auditorium theatre, where 3000 persons demanded that the government get forth in simple language the terms upon which it would make peace with Germany.

The Grant park peace meeting was peaceful enough until George Roop, a speaker, abused President Wilson.

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KNOWN DEAD NUMBER 241, INJURED 1445, IN WAKE OF TORNADES

Property Damage in Central States Swept by Storms Will Reach Millions.

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The dead and injured are listed as follows: Illinois—128 dead, 850 injured.

Kansas—24 dead, 60 injured.

Alabama—12 dead, 234 injured.

Arkansas—9 dead, 14 injured.

Indiana—7 dead, 175 injured.

Missouri—1 dead, 12 injured.

Kentucky and Tennessee—60 dead, 100 injured.

Mattoon Heaviest Sufferer. The heaviest loss of life was in Mattoon, Ill., a city of 10,000 population, where Saturday afternoon's storm exacted a toll of 63 known dead and injured estimated from 300 to 500.

The property loss in that city and the surrounding country is estimated at \$2,000,000.

Charleston, Ill., 13 miles east of Mattoon, also was partly wrecked, with a loss of 50 lives. The injured are estimated at 250. The damage there is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The loss of life elsewhere in Illinois is estimated at 15, with 100 injured.

The storm began Friday in Kansas, where Andale was wiped out with 28 dead and 80 injured.

Late Saturday a series of tornadoes originated in the vicinity of St. Louis and swept northward and eastward extending northward nearly to Chicago and crossing the state line into Indiana, where Bloomington and other cities were hard hit.

Relief Work Starts at Once. Alabama, Tennessee, Kansas and Kentucky were visited yesterday afternoon and last night, while a tornado struck Murphysboro and Willisville, in southern Illinois.

Recoveries of bodies of the dead, succor of the injured and provision for the homeless and suffering, were proceeding rapidly today.

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"Money is needed," he concluded. "It must be had."

Morgue Contains 63 Bodies. Mattoon, Ill., May 28.—(U. P.)—Early today 63 bodies were lying in temporary morgues here as the mute testimonial of the fury of the tornado which tore through this city late Saturday afternoon.

More than 500 were injured and physicians estimate many of these will die and that the total dead will reach 100 in this city alone.

Weather Bureau Issues Report

Washington, May 28.—(U. P.)—Report of the United States weather bureau today indicated that yesterday's death-dealing cyclone over the Mississippi valley has spent its force and is now breaking up into separate thunderstorms.

The cyclone today centers over Indiana, according to the weather bureau reports.

It is moving eastward with greatly diminished power. Heavy thunderstorms are reported over Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, the south Atlantic and the gulf states.

The weather bureau looks for no further devastation on a great scale, although the thunderstorms themselves are likely to do some damage.

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Coquille to Have Memorial Program

Coquille, Or., May 28.—Mayor E. E. Johnson has issued a proclamation making Wednesday, May 30, Memorial day, a holiday.

The memorial services were held at the Presbyterian church last Sunday, Rev. F. S. Shilman preaching the sermon.

The program has been arranged for Wednesday, as follows: Song, "Star Spangled Banner," by audience and band; prayer, Rev. T. H. Downs; Gettysburg address, Julian Leslie; oration, Professor C. A. Howard; reading, Ruby McDonald; flag drill by children. In addition there will be special music by a male quartet. A parade will be formed in the morning to march to the cemetery, where the soldiers' graves will be decorated. The march will be participated in by the band, G. A. R., W. R. C. Coquille military reserve, Coquille Honor Guard and school children.

Cardinal Gibbons to Assist Liberty Loan

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Bayer Tablets of Aspirin advertisement with logo and text: 'There is and has been Only One True Aspirin'

PEOPLES now Playing MARY PICKFORD 'A Romance of the Redwoods' advertisement with image of Mary Pickford

COLUMBIA Presenting J. WARREN KERRIGAN in Person advertisement with image of J. Warren Kerrigan