

## BATTLE ALONG ITALY'S FRONT FAVORS ALLIES

Austrian Attacks Losing in Frequency and Spirit While Italians Put Renewed Vigor Into Continued Offensive.

## HINDENBERG IS A VISITOR AT ENEMY HEADQUARTERS

Flood Swollen Streams Still Hinder the Invaders—Heavy Losses Compel Retirement of 30 Enemy Divisions.

ROME, June 21.—The Austrians lost 120,000 men up to Wednesday, the Corriere d'Italia declared today.

Rome, June 21.—Continued Italian successes on all parts of the battlefield were detailed in an official report received from Italian general headquarters today.

"Repeated enemy attempts to take Mount Corno were broken up," the statement said.

"We succeeded in eliminating the western San Dona salient.

"Several enemy divisions attacked Tessen, but were checked."

Premier Orlando informed the chamber of deputies last night that the Austrians' efforts to extend their positions in the Montello region had been frustrated.

The premier admitted that the enemy had succeeded in crossing the Montebelluna-Susegana railway at several points south of Montello, but had been prevented from advancing any distance beyond.

Italian forces gained more ground on the lower Piave, the premier said.

London, June 21.—The Italians have smashed forward and re-entered Nervessa, it was learned authoritatively today.

Violent fighting is under way in the streets. The Italians are striving desperately to consolidate their successes and reach the river.

As the lower Piave the Austrians have been swept back again. The Italians have now regained more than half the ground lost in this region.

The Austrian drive so far is a complete failure, but they may make a great effort to retrieve their reverses. They are reported to have considerable forces in reserve, the greater part of these being in the mountains.

London, June 21.—The Italians have gained a big victory at Nervessa, on the west bank of the Piave, and are fighting to complete their success, it was learned from an authoritative source this afternoon.

(Nervessa, an important railway crossing, guards the southeastern approach to Montello crest, the keystone connecting the river and mountain lines.)

It was at this point that Premier Orlando admitted a considerable enemy gain in the Italian parliament last night, the Austrians having crossed the Montebelluna-Susegana railway at several points.

The Italians have hurled the Austrians back at this point, re-entering Nervessa. They are now battling to push onto the river, thus splitting the enemy forces again, and beginning the first phase of a flanking movement northward to cut off the Austrians on Montello. An Italian force already has divided the enemy forces a few miles to the south.

Washington, June 21.—A large part of the Austrian army has been cornered between the flooded Piave and the advancing Italian troops in the Montello. British war office reports today stated.

The Italians have established their former lines at virtually all points from the Montello to the sea, and are making gains in the mountains above the Montello.

Destruction of the bridge, either by artillery or the floods, has blocked all chance of the Austrians to extricate themselves, it is believed here, and surrender of large numbers is expected momentarily.

The Italians reported the re-capture of a large number of guns abandoned early in the drive.

The British war office report refers to the Italian advance at Nervessa, which was described in a London dispatch from an authoritative source, as "a big victory." The London cable said the Italians were trying to flank the Austrians in the Montello region, on the west.

With the Italian armies in the field, June 20.—Fighting rages incessantly along the whole Piave line, from Montebelluna to the Adriatic.

The Italians appear to have the advantage everywhere on this front, particularly above Zenova. Their attacks were carried out with vim and dash, while the less frequent Austrian counter-attacks lack spirit.

Open fighting has permitted the Ital-

## CONGRESS WILL ASK FOR NATION'S STAND ON RUSS QUESTION

President's Policy Not Criticized, but House and Senate Members Want Information Before Vote on Pending Bill

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Washington, June 21.—Congress is about to demand a new statement of policy from the administration with regard to Russia.

Backed by a growing sentiment for a Siberian offensive to save Russia even against her will from German penetration, members favoring American-Japanese co-operation in Siberia will introduce a senate resolution aiming to force from the president some definite explanation of this government's stand.

Aggression Sentiment Strong.

This amendment, added with President Wilson's approval, is held a strong offensive move against Austria.

The Russian, Jugo-Slav and Turkish-Bulgarian questions are all engrossing to congress. A careful canvass of both houses today disclosed that if congress were acting right now on its own information and according to its own inclination, it would act once:

Declare war on Turkey and Bulgaria. Declare for giving Japan a free hand in Siberia for purposes of an offensive against Germany. Put all Jugo-Slavs, Czechs-Slovaks and Poles in this country in the friendly alien class, to make them available as American soldiers, and increase Austria's troubles.

The sole purpose of this measure would be to get from the president answers to these questions:

Is the United States keeping Japan out of Siberia?

What do France, Italy and England think of Japanese intervention?

Has this government any good reason for further "watchful waiting" on the Russian question?

There is no general criticism of the government's present policy, but there is a great desire for information. Congress would be satisfied to get this information privately, if publicity at this time would be inadvisable.

Hearty approval probably will be given to the Hitchcock amendment to the army bill removing the alien enemy taint from Jugo-Slav subjects of Austria in this country by allowing them to enlist in the American army.

## FUGITIVE FIGHTING GERMAN IN FRANCE

Daniel Michael, Wanted for Crime in Lane County, Serving With Canadian Forces.

Daniel Michael, fugitive from Lane county, is now among "the shell holes of France," according to a letter received here and turned over to Sheriff D. A. Elkins. Michael in writing enclosed his photograph in the uniform of the Canadian engineers. After flight from Lane county about one year ago, he was arrested at Crescent, Cal., where he broke jail by prying off bars from the jail window a few hours before the arrival of an officer from Lane county, who expected to bring the prisoner back to Oregon.

The letter is the first word regarding his whereabouts since his disappearance from the California city. Michael is wanted here on a statutory charge. His offense is alleged to have been against his own daughter.

By J. W. T. MASON,  
United Press War Expert.

New York, June 21.—The full seriousness of the domestic situation within Austria-Hungary is revealed by the decision of the German government to send food into the dual monarchy, drawn from Germany's own scanty supplies.

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## FOOD PROBLEM GROWS SERIOUS FOR GERMANY

Rioting and Demonstrations Continue in Vienna and Other Cities—Berlin Forced to Share Scant Supplies.

## WASHINGTON CAUTIONS AGAINST OVER OPTIMISM

State Department Has No Official News and Points Out Same Rumors Have Preceded All Teuton Drives.

Amsterdam, June 21.—Premier von Seydler, addressing Austrian newspapers, said Germany had agreed to send grain into Austria and that some was already en route, according to advices received here today. Hungary is sending potatoes, he said.

Zurich, June 21.—Strikes following the recent bread riots are spreading throughout the Vienna district, according to dispatches received here today.

More than 100,000 workers are reported on strike in the Warschawsky airplane factory and the Vulcan arsenal. Riots are said to have occurred in Favoriten, Margarethen, Ottakring and Brigittenau, all suburbs of Vienna.

Paris, June 21.—Fifty thousand demonstrators who marched through the streets of Vienna Thursday night, shouting, "Peace! Bread!" and pillaging shops, were charged by the police with drawn sabers, according to a Zurich dispatch to the Journal today. Many of the civilians were injured.

By CARL D. GROAT,  
United Press Staff Correspondent.

Washington, June 21.—Government authorities cautioned today against over optimism as a result of reports of Austrian strikes, peace demonstrations and food riots. Though the state department and other agencies had reports showing unsatisfactory food conditions and a considerable unrest, it is pointed out these reports have preceded every Teuton offensive thus far.

The state department declared today it had no accurate information about the Austrian situation and that in the absence of official news, considered it advisable not to attach too much consequence to the threat of a blow-up in that country.

The holding of the Austrian drive against Italy has had a strong reaction within Austria, according to information here. The Austrians are dissatisfied with the slow progress and it is said nothing short of a success there will prevent serious internal troubles.

The attitude of officials is based on these things:

Past experience shows the Teutons manufacture "revolution" stories to make their opponents believe extraordinary effort is unnecessary and that the end of the war is near.

Austria is bound to Germany by debts and a new alliance so strongly that she cannot escape now short of the wildest upheaval imaginable—and Germany is now sending her more food.

Announcement soon as to American participation against Austria on the Italian front, however, is expected to further disturb the Austrians.

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## IRISH HOME RULE AND CONSCRIPTION IDEAS ARE DROPPED

Lord Curzon's Speech Interpreted to Mean That Issues Will be Abandoned for Duration of War.

By WEBB MILLER  
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London, June 21.—That conscription has been abandoned in Ireland and that Irish home rule is dead for the duration of the war, is the general view resulting from Lord Curzon's speech.

The president of the privy council said that the discovery of the Sinn Fein plot, together with Catholic hierarchy's advice to the people to resist conscription under penalty of eternal damnation, had altered the situation since the government endorsed home rule and conscription.

The opposition press brands the government's action as "abject surrender." The government press declares the Sinn Feiners and Catholic priests are responsible for killing both home rule and conscription.

A severe policy toward the disorders occurring throughout Ireland is expected to follow the new course. It is predicted that most of the island will be placed under martial law if the disorders continue.

The Post says that surrender of its policies will hardly make the government's position in Ireland easier.

## WAR SAVING DRIVE FORCES ARE READY

Chairman and Secretary of County Committee Make Visit to Towns of County.

The organization of Lane county forces for the War Savings campaign which will open next Monday, are virtually complete, according to an announcement made today by Jerome Workman, chairman of the county committee, who, with George Quayle, secretary of the committee, is visiting some of the more important towns in the county for the purpose of talking over some of the details of the campaign plans with local workers.

Mr. Workman and Mr. Quayle were at Junction City last night and while there made arrangements with Miss Nellie Flosom, recently elected clerk of the Junction City school district, to act as chairman of the War Savings campaign in that district. They planned to visit Cottage Grove, Springfield and Creswell this afternoon.

In carrying out the program suggested by the government, canvasses for pledges for the purchase of War Savings Stamps will be made on Monday and Tuesday, and meetings will be held in all school districts on Friday night at 8 o'clock. In the event that any district has failed to subscribe its full quota before that time, it will be expected to meet the required total by pledges obtained at its district meeting.

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## TWO MILLION MILES OF TRAVEL, IS RECORD

J. R. Bean, express messenger for the Northern Express company with a run between Portland and Spokane, will be merging of the express companies authorized by the government will have completed more than 21 years of continuous service for the same company in the northwest, during which he traveled more than 2,170,000 miles without a serious accident or a holiday.

Mr. Bean, who is a brother of Judge Robert S. Bean, of Portland, is visiting his brother, Attorney L. E. Bean, in Eugene today. He estimates that during his 21 years of service he has traveled between 4000 and 6500 miles each month. Mr. Bean makes his home at the Campbell hotel in Portland.

## Lane County Quota in Next Draft Set at 63

Portland, June 21.—The following quotas for Oregon counties under the draft to be made July 5 were announced today as follows:

- Marion county, class one 43, class two 25; Lane county, 63; Polk county, 28.
- Oregon is to furnish 1350 men in all.

## Name of Portland Boy in Today's List of Wounded

Washington, June 21.—General Pershing today reported 38 casualties among his forces, divided as follows:

Killed in action 6, died of wounds 1, died of disease 3, wounded severely 27, wounded (degree undetermined) 1.

The list includes the name of S. C. Cadman, 284 Twenty-fourth street, Portland, Ore., among the severely wounded. He is one of the marines.

## CROWDER LISTS LEGITIMATE OCCUPATIONS

Domestic Servants, Elevators, Bellboys and Waiters Among Those Who Must Seek Other Work.

## SALES CLERKS INCLUDED AS NON-PRODUCING MEN

Final Decision Regarding Status of Baseball Players and Actors Awaits Occurrence of Specific Case.

Washington, June 21.—Provost Marshal General Crowder today ruled that men of draft age engaged in games of all kinds, working as domestic servants, elevator men, bellboys, waiters and like occupations shall seek other employment by July 1.

It was stated that nothing whatever would be done in regard to professional baseball players, however, until a specific case is presented.

Public and private chauffeurs will not be considered as engaged in non-essential work, according to the regulations, but footmen and others will have to go.

Hotel cooks, clerks and managers are not included, but bar boys, bus boys and waiters will have to seek other employment, as well as porters, unless it can be shown that the work is too heavy to be performed by women.

The United States employment service is designated to co-operate with local and district boards in the placing of the large number of workers who will be shifted to essential employments.

The provisions of the order are very elastic and boards are instructed to consider all cases "with sympathy and common sense."

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## SLAVS ENLISTMENT TO ADD 500,000 MEN

Majority of Aliens Made Eligible for Army Have Had Some Training in Austria.

Washington, June 21.—More than 500,000 Slavs, until now considered enemy aliens, will be fighting against the central empires within a year as a result of the president's recognition of Jugo-Slav legion.

At present there are at least 750,000 Jugo-Slavs, 1,250,000 Czechs-Slavs, and 2,000,000 Poles in this country, according to Captain Gordon Smith, recruiting officer of the Serbian army.

"The majority have had military training in the Austrian army," he said. "Many are non-commissioned and reserve officers. Fully two-thirds are unmarried and within the military age. All are willing and anxious to fight."

## Police are Seeking Companion of Unknown Woman

Chicago, June 21.—Chicago police were enlisted today in a search for the male companion of an unidentified young woman whose half-clad body was found on the Burlington right of way, near Shelburne, Mo., early this week. The woman occupied a drawing room on a Burlington train out of Kansas City Friday night. At Quincy, Ill., the man left the train alone. The woman's body was found by a track walker Monday. There was no evidence of violence.

## GET QUALITY IN NEW MEMBERS ADVICE TO OREGON LODGEMEN

Judge Morrow, of Portland, is Principal Speaker at First Annual Moose Field Meeting

The procuring of at least one member who is a minister of the gospel by every lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose in the state of Oregon, was urged in an address by Circuit Judge Robert F. Morrow, the principal speaker at the first annual meeting of the Oregon Field Day association of the order, held in Eugene yesterday. Judge Morrow urged the lodges of the state to seek quality instead of quantity in building up their membership, asserting that the order should strive for intellectual, as well as social development.

An invitation from the Portland lodge of Moose to hold the next annual field day meeting in that city was unanimously accepted, the date of the meeting to be determined by the Portland lodge. The field day association elected Rev. Owen F. Jones, of Baker, as resident. Other officers chosen are as follows: George M. Orton, of Portland, vice-president; A. K. Meek, of Eugene, secretary; Allen R. Joy, of Portland, treasurer.

A resolution was passed urging the appointment of Rev. Owen F. Jones, of Baker, by the national war commission of the order, as one of the moral workers of the Moose with the war forces in France.

At the opening of the session a communication from John W. Ford, supreme dictator of the order, in which he extended felicitations to the organization, was read and a reply was forwarded by telegraph.

The Women of Mooseheart served dinner at 5:20 p. m. The evening was spent in dancing and speech-making.

## INVESTIGATIONS GO DEEPER IN W. U. CASE

Postal Authorities Follow Up Seizure of Messages Transmitted by Train.

Washington, June 21.—An investigation by the department of justice is being made today to determine whether government messages were transmitted by the Western Union Telegraph company by messenger instead of wire.

If this were done, it was stated, it would constitute a fraud against the United States, punishable by heavy fine or imprisonment.

Following the seizure yesterday of great masses of messages sent by messenger, but camouflaged to appear as having been sent by wire, the government today is determining upon its next step. Postmaster General Burleson will confer with President Wilson late today.

Further investigation by postal inspectors and the district attorneys, which may bare a nation-wide practice on the part of the Western Union in delivering inter-city telegrams by train, is continuing, it was stated at the postoffice department.

## Books and Records Seized

New York, June 21.—Books and records of the Western Union Telegraph company will be turned over to the federal grand jury, which today started its investigation of charges that the company has operated in competition with the postoffice department. The announcement followed a conference between Assistant United States District Attorney Harper and representatives of the company.

## CASE OF MEASLES IN BOY SCOUTS' CAMP

Willie Schultz, Aged 10, Taken Ill After Arrival of Party in Mountains Near Oakridge.

Willie Schultz, aged 10 years, son of Mrs. Marcellus Bonnett, is camping out in a camp all his own near Oakridge as a result of illness from measles, which he developed soon after the arrival in the mountains of a party of 42 boy scout campers from Eugene, 10 days ago. An isolation camp was established at once and the boy has been spending his outing by himself, although it is stated that his illness is not serious.

The boys were scheduled to break camp today and the return of Schultz to Eugene presented a problem. It is impossible for him to travel with the other boys, owing to the danger from contagion, and, after reaching the railroad, the law would not permit him to travel on the train. D. E. Yoran, of the Eugene Boy Scouts' council, volunteered to take his car and go to Oakridge for the purpose of bringing the boy home.

The camp has been under the direction of A. R. Bagley, boys' secretary of the Y. M. C. A. The members of the party left Eugene June 10. They report a splendid outing.

## LULL CONTINUES ALONG ENTIRE WESTERN FRONT

Germans Bombard American Positions, Throwing Over 6000 Shells and a Large Quantity of Gas.

## COLOSSAL HUN OFFENSIVE SHOWS STEADY DECLINE

British and French Report Slight Gains in Flanders and Chateau-Thierry Sectors — Prisoners and Guns Taken.

By FRANK J. TAYLOR  
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With the American Army in Lorraine, June 21.—There was unusually heavy artillery fighting north of Toul last night, the Germans throwing over 6,000 shells. Boche artillery was also busy in other Lorraine sectors, using large quantities of gas.

The German official report of a successful attack on Seicheprey is a lie. There was no raid. The only one the Huns even attempted died a-borning.

Washington, June 21.—German patrols suffered considerable losses from American machine gun fire in the region of Chateau-Thierry and the Woerps yesterday. General Pershing's communiqué said today.

"Patrolling has again been especially active. Northwest of Chateau-Thierry and in the Woerps hostile patrols suffered considerable losses in patrol counters and our machine gun fire. Artillery fire continues in this region and in Lorraine.

London, June 21.—Successful British raids on the Peadary front and repulse of German local attempts in Flanders were reported by Field Marshal Haig today.

"During the night we captured a few prisoners and machine guns and inflicted many casualties on the enemy in raids and patrol encounters at Avelup wood, in the neighborhood of Hebutern and Boyelles and on both banks of the Scarpe," the statement said. "Several hostile attempts to re-capture the ground gained by us yesterday morning northwest of Merris were repulsed with loss to the enemy.

"There is nothing further to report."

Paris, June 21.—The French advanced slightly northwest of Chateau-Thierry, the war office announced today.

"North of Faverolles and at Mautevesnes, the French improved their positions and took 20 prisoners," the communiqué said.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS  
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With the British Armies in France, June 21.—Today, three months from the

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## PACIFIC COAST FOOD DIRECTORS MEETING

Discussion of Important Questions and Policies Come Up at San Francisco Conference.

San Francisco, Cal., June 21.—State food administrators from Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Nevada and Utah, together with their assistants and food administrators of various California counties, met in conference today with Ralph P. Perritt, to discuss important food questions and policies. The meetings will be held throughout today and tomorrow. Tonight Merritt and members of his staff will entertain the visitors at a Hoovered dinner at the University club.

George H. Warrington, representing the state's administration division of the national food administration at Washington, came out especially to attend the conference.

It was expected that a definite policy of handling many food problems of these states would be decided upon.

The state administrators who arrived today included the following: Charles Heberd, Washington; R. F. Bicknell, Idaho; T. A. Bliard, Arizona; H. A. Lemmon, Nevada; W. B. Ayer, Oregon. Others included John K. Hardy, L. M. Bailey and Mrs. W. C. Schramm, all of Utah; Herbert F. Tremp, of Boise City, Idaho; George H. Smalley, Arizona.

## DROUGHT RECORDS BROKEN

Portland, Ore., June 21.—All Oregon drought records for the period from April 1 to June 20 have been broken. The records of the United States weather bureau show that only 2.96 inches of rain fell since April 1, and only 1.12 inch since June 1.

Meteorologist Wells predicted a generous rain before the end of the week. Crops have stopped growing and are suffering heavily.