

ROGUE RIVER COURIER SCENE OF CONFLAGRATION

AMERICANS MAKE FURTHER ADVANCES

Washington, June 25—General Pershing reported today further American advances and the capture of live machine guns and other material in the region of Chateau Thierry. The German counter attack at Toccy was repulsed. Several Americans were missing after the raid in Lorraine.

2,265 ENTER NATIONAL ARMY TODAY AT CAMP LEWIS

*Camp Lewis, June 25.—Today is the big day in the movement of draft men of the June contingent, when 2,265 men are scheduled for introduction into the national army. Three hundred and twenty from Washington and Oregon came yesterday and last night and by next Saturday night 12,000 new men will have begun their military training in the depot brigades. More than a thousand a day will come in for the remainder of the week.

Rome, June 25.—The Italians forced the last rear guard of the retreating Austrians to surrender today thus completely reoccupying the west bank of the river. On the mountain front in the Monte Grappa sector, the Italians vigorously attacked the Austrians inflicting heavy losses, and gaining considerable ground.

AMMUNITION SEIZED IN IRELAND BY THE POLICE

Dublin, June 25.—The police today seized 40,000 rounds of ammunition found in a consignment of grain in the Smithfield market. It is believed the consignment formed a part of a cargo of arms and ammunition landed on the northern coast some time ago.

Paris, June 25—Havas Agency—The Austrian losses total 200,000 men according to a Milan newspaper. Some divisions lost two thirds of their effective. The Italian cavalry advanced beyond the eastern bend of the Piave.

With the Italian Army on the Piave, June 25.—An Italian staff officer arriving from the fighting zone on the Piave river, exclaimed: "Victory is ours! We have put the enemy across the Piave all the way."

The present victory of the Italian army is considered by military officers to be considered greater than that of the Austrians last fall. The Austrian retreat was made in the midst of a violent thunderstorm.

Vienna, June 25, via London—The war office announces today the execution of Montello and the right bank of the Piave river by the Austrian troops.

INTERIOR OF OFFICE A MASS OF CHARRED RUINS, TYPE AND MACHINERY IN CHAOTIC CONDITION

The Courier was today visited by a destructive fire which has left the interior of the building and the entire mechanical department a mass of charred, blackened, smoked and water soaked ruins.

The fire originated in the back yard where the melting of metal for the Linotype had been in progress. The melting pot had been placed out of doors to avoid heating the work room. A zinc covered board was placed back of and a short distance from the melting furnace. The zinc became so heated that the board was ignited and the fire spread to the wood shed which was a mass of flames before the fire was discovered. Within a couple of minutes the flames had spread to the rear walls, which were of wood construction, and in another minute the interior of the building was a roaring furnace.

The fire department responded immediately and did valiant work, saving the building with the exception of the rear, and putting out the fire before the front office had been reached by the flames.

Dense volumes of smoke filled the rooms and rolled forth from every opening, hampering the work of the fire men, but Chief Cass, wearing a smoke mask, entered the building and directed the streams of water.

The smoke penetrated every crevice of the machinery, including the Linotype, which will have to be taken apart and thoroughly cleaned. Books and records were smoked but fortunately not burned.

The office furniture and library show the effects of smoke and water. More than a hundred sheets of glass in the partitions are broken, and seven of the nine sheets of plate glass in the front of the building are cracked.

The loss will amount to several thousand dollars, fully covered by insurance, except for the stock of paper which has increased in price to such an amount that the loss will be considerable. Five tons of newspaper, a commodity which is now hard to secure, is scorched and ruined.

The Courier will be issued daily in abbreviated form until necessary repairs to the building, electric wiring and machinery, can be made. The issue today and for several days is made possible through the courtesy of the Observer, by the use of their job press. The Courier cylinder press having been the only cylinder press in commission in the city, it will be several days before the paper will be resumed in usual size.

HUNS REPULSED IN ATTACK ON FRENCH

Paris, June 25—The Germans last night attacked new France positions in the region of LePorte, north of Aisne but made no gains. In surprise attacks near Woevre and Lorraine, the French captured 20 prisoners.

GERMAN OFFICIAL STATES WAR AIMS

London, June 25—Dr. Richard Von Kuelman, German Foreign secretary declared in the German reichstag yesterday that Germany could not bind herself to any pledges regarding Belgium, according to an Amsterdam dispatch referring to the war aims, he said. "Germany wishes for herself and her allies a strong, free independent existence, within boundaries drawn for us by history, overseas possessions corresponding to our greatness and wealth, freedom of the seas, carrying our trade to all parts of the world."

Von Kuelmann laid the chief blame for the instigating of the war at Russia's front door. He said that France, then England were next in culpability.

The adjutant general at Portland sent word to James Martin today that the quota for Josephine county for the next draft had been changed from 37 to 20. This has been done as Josephine county has but 20 left in class 1.

78 DEAD IS TOTAL OF WRECK

Beloit, Wis., June 25.—The Hagenbeck Wallace circus today had completed a list of its dead and missing in the Gary, Ind., wreck, which totals 78. Of that number 61 were laborers.

Washington, June 25—A dispatch to the Italian embassy from Rome confirmed the announcement that prisoners had been taken by the Italians numbering 45,000, however, 12,000 or 15,000 of them had been captured during fighting of the past week.

Washington, June 25.—Official Rome dispatches say that the Austrians are in full retreat.

SPANISH SHIP SUNK—CREW LANDED IN AFRICA

Madrid, June 25.—The captain of the Spanish sailing vessel Joaquina reports his ship which sailed from Cuba, was held up by a submarine which declined to examine the ship's papers. The vessel was sunk and the crew was afloat for five days, being rescued off the coast of Africa. The vessel which picked them up landed them all at Gibraltar except the captain.