

ITALIANS BATTLING AUSTRIANS

FIFTY AUSTRIAN DIVISIONS THROWN INTO ATTACK ALONG PIAVE RIVER

LAST REPORTS SHOW THAT DEFENDERS ARE HOLDING

TERRIFIC ATTACK INTENDED TO BREAK THROUGH TO VENETIAN PLAINS BUT ALLIES ARE HOLDING AT ALL POINTS.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—(U. P.)—Cables from Rome today declare that the Germans offered the Italians an "honorable peace." Premier Orlando made this disclosure before the Italian chamber of deputies yesterday, and it is assumed that Italy promptly rejected the offer. It was probably an attempt to weaken the Italian morale before the present drive started, this being the system used in the previous offensive.

ROME, June 17.—(By United Press)—The Italian war office today announced that the Austrian forces had renewed their violent effort to break through the Italian, French and British forces in the Asiago and Grappa regions. Fighting of the most furious nature is progressing along the Piave river, where the enemy is endeavoring to establish a bridgehead. The allies are strongly resisting every attempt made by the German-Austrian force. "We are tenaciously holding the enemy," the report stated. The newspaper Corriere Della Sera declared today that the Austrian efforts were the greatest since the beginning of the war. Their principal aim is to break through to the Brenta Valley by throwing an overwhelming force into the narrow Frezual Valley.

ITALIAN ARMY, June 17.—Austrian pressure is being continually felt along the whole of the new battlefield between Asiago and the sea. The greatest force, however, is exerted on both sides of the Brenta river. The situation at present seems to be progressing favorably although it is still possible that the line will flow backward or forward as the battle line is not firmly established.

60 Divisions Used—The enemy, with 60 divisions, successfully passed the advanced area south of Antello, where they crossed the Piave river in considerable numbers. These troops, however, are being pushed backward toward the river by the allies. The Italian reaction on the lower Piave came quicker. The Austrians crossed the river at several places between Candela and Sandona di Piave, but were counter attacked and driven back almost immediately.

Austrians Lost Heavily LONDON, June 17.—The war office, in reporting on the Austrian drive against the Italian army, declared that the Austrians lost five men to the allies' one. Between the Asiago plateau and the Piave the enemy used 29 divisions, and over the whole battlefield 58 divisions were used in the attack.

PARIS, June 17.—The Petit Parisien today declared that 60 Austrian divisions, 600,000 men in all, were thrown against the Italians but that the Italians were ready and did not

ALBANY PEOPLE AIR TROUBLES IN COURT

Wife Charged With Assault on Husband With Big Butcher Knife

Suit for divorce was filed today by John Rorer of Albany versus Mathilda Rorer, and the custody of the four minor children, ranging from 14 to seven years of age, is asked of the court. The couple have lived in Albany for some years and their marital troubles first came to the attention of the authorities when Mrs. Rorer had her husband arrested a few days ago. The charge against him was dismissed, but is mentioned as a cause of action in the complaint filed today.

Mr. Rorer alleges that Mrs. Rorer had acted coldly toward him for the past three years, and at the same time had treated him and the children in a cruel manner, punishing the children excessively at times. She is charged with frequenting noodle joints with persons of questionable character and with staying out late at night.

It is alleged in the complaint that Mrs. Rorer attacked the plaintiff and threw a butcherknife at him, cutting him on the knee. Later she attempted to stab him with the knife, and after this episode was ended had him arrested and brought before the recorder.

O'LEARY STARTED EAST TODAY WITH FEDERAL AGENTS

PORTLAND, June 17.—(U. P.)—United States Attorney Haney issued a statement today declaring that Jeremiah O'Leary was captured by Local Agent Byron of the department of justice, after two attempts had been made here. O'Leary was brought to Portland and was questioned for four hours. He started East Thursday morning with three of Byron's men as guards.

CITY NEWS

Harmony Grange Picnic—A picnic will be given June 28 at Smith's Grove nine miles east of Albany on the Jefferson Road by the Harmony Grange. The principal speakers will be C. E. Spence, master of the state grange, and Dr. G. H. Young. The Hamner quartet will also give a few selections. A dinner will be served by the ladies for the benefit of the Red Cross. A large crowd is desired and everyone is invited.

Cuts Foot—Robert Young, son of Dr. G. H. Young, while playing with some neighbor children last week had the misfortune of getting his foot cut with an axe; but it was not serious and the wound is healing nicely.

Weather Report—Yesterday's temperature ranged from 71 to 42 degrees. The river fell to 2.3 feet.

Lee Hulbert in Virginia—A letter was received here this morning from Lee Hulbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hulbert. He is still at Camp Morrison, Virginia, and states that he cannot tell how long he will be there, but may be there until some time in July or August.

Here From Mill City—W. D. Triton of Mill City spent yesterday in Albany.

Montana People Here—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Shankland of Kalispell, Mont., are here visiting the latter's parents, R. B. Jordan. Mr. Shankland went to Corvallis this morning on business.

Visited Sister—Miss Genevieve Freerksen spent the week-end in Portland visiting her sister, Mrs. Seely.

Called Into Service—George and Grover Newman, formerly proprietors of the Hub Dye Works, have been called into the navy and will leave this evening. They enlisted when the naval recruiting party was through the city a few weeks ago. Kenneth Robson, who also joined, will go tomorrow. The other three men signed as second class seamen and were not called, but the three leaving today and tomorrow go as mechanics.

VIENNA, June 17.—The Austrians have taken 12,000 prisoners in the Italian offensive, it is announced by the war department. The capture of Capoeira on the west bank of the Sile river is also claimed.

RAIL CONNECTIONS ORDERED IN CITY

Administration Wants O. E. and S. P. Connection in Albany

SAVING LARGE TO VALLEY SHIPPERS

Necessity of Doubling Back From Portland Will Be Eliminated by Switch Now Ordered Built by Railroads in Albany

SALEM, June 17.—(By United Press)—The railroad administration today ordered a physical connection with the Oregon Electric railroad at Albany.

Local railroad men have no information in regard to the order, but understood that the matter was being pushed. Frank J. Miller, railroad commissioner, recently petitioned the administration to this effect.

The details of the proposed connection are not known, but it is supposed that a small switch will do the business. The connection here will be of value to local shippers but will probably be of great help to people living in places which have but the one railroad line.

In the past it has been necessary for a person on the Oregon Electric who wished to ship his goods to a station on the Southern Pacific south of Portland, to ship the goods to Portland and back. The rate, for this reason, has been exorbitant.

The connection at Albany will be a great saving locally in money, time, and, incidentally, will allow the railroads to handle the local freight in less time and with less cars. It was probably the last reason which brought the government order.

About three years ago a petition was circulated asking that the connection be made. The public service commission investigated the affair and the connection was ordered within 30 days. The Oregon Electric and the Southern Pacific both are said to have opposed the move and the Southern Pacific took the matter into the courts where it is still sleeping.

Transient Citizen Not Looking for Hard Work

But one arrest was made all day Sunday by the police and Saturday night. This was a citizen who claimed to be looking for work. He was first seen by Chief Catlin, who instructed him in the way to secure one of the several hundred farm jobs. The man, however, spent the day under the dock and was picked up by the night police last night. It developed that he was not looking for work very bad, but was walking through to the south, where he has an uncle. He was given 30 minutes to walk out of town and apparently did so.

German Women Are Registering Today

Registration for German women starts today, and every woman who is a citizen of Germany is required to appear at the postoffice and fill out the necessary papers. Registration of the German men was ordered some time ago and later it was decided that the women should register also. In addition to filling out the papers, three photographs of each alien are also required.

Five More Mechanics Wanted From County

The local exemption board has received notice that five more men are wanted from Linn county for training in mechanical lines. Grammar school graduates are to be accepted and, if the five are not volunteered by June 21st the draft will be backed to secure the necessary number. It is believed that the five enlistments will be easily secured as more than that number tried, too late, to join the last bunch of mechanics. The men will go to San Francisco for training, it is announced.

LEWES, Dela., June 17.—(U. P.)—A boatload of survivors from a submarine ship landed here this afternoon. Details are lacking as the officials have withheld the facts in the affair.

Lebanon-Linn Guards Are Ready for Celebration on July Fourth

LEBANON, June 17.—The Lebanon Home Guards are planning one of the largest celebrations in the history of the county for July 4th. This will be essentially a Home Guard affair, and several companies from other towns have been invited to attend. The Albany company is practically certain to be present, it is understood.

This is the first year the Lebanon Linn Guard has been in existence and, like the home guards in other communities they are taking an active part in the community affairs and replacing the militia companies in every way. The Red Cross is also actively interested in the coming celebration.

The program is scheduled to start at 9:30 a. m. with a "Grand Military and Civic Parade." Included in this will be the Lebanon Linn Guards and the visiting guardsmen. There are to be especially decorated floats and the Red Cross will have a section in the parade.

During the day various games, races and other sports will be staged, and at 4:30 in the afternoon there will be a free baseball game. Cash prizes will be offered for the winners in the various events.

A prominent man will be secured as the principal speaker but the final selection has not been announced. Several of the best patriotic speakers in the county are in line for the address.

LIMITED SERVICE MEN ARE CALLED FOR SPRUCE WORK

A list of 30 limited service men was prepared today by the local exemption board and if enough have not volunteered for work in the spruce production by June 30th, 15 will be drafted from the list, taking the men according to their order numbers. Following is the first 30 of the limited service men:

George Fitzwater, Berlin; Lloyd Wade Kimball, Seio; William Henry Kirk, Halsey; Fred H. Vaughn, Lyons; Wilbur R. Devine, Waterloo; Charles Dolzal, Portland; Sidney Bayard Altermatt, Tangent; Ray Realto Wallace, Canary; Frank Bishop, Lebanon; Alan Guy McQueen, Holley; Everett E. Payne, Lebanon; Ernest Edward Bodwell, Lebanon; Sanders A. Wilson, Centralia, Wash.; William Ede, Olympia, Wash.; Cleetus Ream Curry, Albany; Thomas Owen Windham, Klickitat, Wash.; Frank Willard Jones, Albany; Harry Roy Wiley, Portland; Carl August Wuestefeld, Lebanon; Frank Nochiou Strode, Harrisburg; Axel Harold Erickson, Albany; Harry Elmer Carter, Mill City; Charles Bowers, Shedd; George Marion Rowland, Shedd; David Davidson, Portland; Frank Nicholas Jungwirth, Seio; Louis Gray, Lebanon; Walter Simpson, Albany; George Martin Stone, Halsey; Thomas Francis Davis, Holley.

GEN. MARCH'S DAUGHTERS WED OFFICERS



When Josephine March was married the other day to Maj. Joseph M. Swing, the three daughters of Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff, had become war brides within six months. Josephine is shown below at the right. At the left is Mildred, who married Capt. John M. Blyden, and above is the general's second daughter, whose husband is Capt. Paul Russell Frank.

THRESHERMEN FIX SEASON'S PRICES

Ask Flour and Sugar Allowances for Their Crews

At the meeting of threshermen held at the courthouse last Saturday it was decided that the growers should be charged 23 cents a sack for wheat and 18 cents a sack for oats. This price will prevail over the county for the coming harvest season.

The price agreed on for common labor was \$3 per day with board. Sack sewers are to receive \$4 a day, and teamsters \$4.50 per day. It is believed that the labor situation is well in hand and that enough has been lined up to handle the crop.

The threshermen also asked for government action in regard to flour and sugar for threshing crews. They ask 100 pounds of flour per week for four people for pastry, and where they cook both bread and pastry, they ask 200 pounds of flour. They also ask ten pounds of sugar a day for a crew.

BRITISH CONSUL TO RUSSIA ENDS LIFE BY SUICIDE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—(U. P.)—Percy Baylis, until recently the British consul general to Russia, ended his life today in his apartments by inhaling gas. He was recently in a hospital here suffering from a nervous breakdown after his flight from Russia.

When the Baylis family fled from Moscow, wandering mobs robbed them of all their belongings. They were practically penniless when they arrived in San Francisco.

CITY NEWS

Fishing Is Good—W. P. Morris returned today from Breitenbush Hot Springs, and reports that about 35 people are now at the resort. The fishing is exceptionally good, Mr. Morris and a companion catching 87 in one afternoon.

Inventory Filed—The inventory and appraisal of the estate of Addie M. Engelman, deceased, was filed today, showing a valuation of \$2,500, all being real property.

Adoption Is Asked—A petition for the adoption of Charles Anderson, a four-month-old baby, was filed today by Peter McDonald of Seio. It is stated that the couple have had the baby since he was four days old and that the mother has no objection to the adoption.

Spent Week-End—Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Hofflich went to Halsey and spent the week-end with Mrs. Hofflich's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chance.

Here Over Sunday—Herman Starkey of Portland was an over-Sunday visitor in Albany.

Returned to Salem—Judge P. R. Kelly returned to Salem this morning where he is holding court.

Daughter to Graduate—Mrs. J. C. Dawson and daughter, Miss Esther Dawson of Fayetteville, came in this morning and left for Monmouth to attend the graduation exercises of the normal school. Miss Margaret Dawson will graduate.

Returned to Pendleton—Millard Sloan of Pendleton returned to his home this morning after a visit at the home of Mrs. E. D. Sloan and B. M. Sloan.

To Enlist—L. E. Hawkins went to Portland this morning to enlist in the army as a car inspector.

On Business—Mrs. E. D. Lloyd went to Salem this morning to spend the day on business.

Went to Independence—Miss Mary Irvine went to Independence this morning, where she has classes in music.

To See Mrs. Young—Dr. G. H. Young and daughter, Isabelle, went to Portland this morning to visit Mrs. Young.

Here From Portland—Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Parker of Portland spent the week-end here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker.

Left Yesterday—Kentner Tracey left yesterday for Halco, Oregon, on business.

GERMAN LOSS IS HEAVY IN ATTACK

Americans Destroyed More Than 300 Out of 800 Men

WOOD HELD BY THE MARINES ATTACKED

London Believes Shipment of American Troops Is One of Greatest Feats of War; Troops Are Arriving Fast Now Is Report.

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AMERICAN FRONT, France, June 17.—The Americans destroyed more than 300 out of the 800 Germans attacking Xicray yesterday morning, it is learned today. The American losses were light.

The American rifle fire and machine gun work was considered the best seen for some time and the marksmanship displayed by the American troops was remarkable, according to reports.

BL. LLOYD MELLET, U. P. STAFF CORRESPONDENT

AMERICAN FRONT, France, June 17.—The Americans holding the Belleau Wood yesterday defeated two strong German attacks in two hours, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

The Americans did not receive a scratch in the engagement and the American rifle fire and machinegun work was withering, the enemy losing heavily in the engagement.

French Report PARIS, June 17.—The French improved their positions on the western portions of the Marne front, it is announced today. Several German raids were repulsed by the French. These occurred in the Voges Mountains.

British Report LONDON, June 17.—Marshal Haig today reported that only raids and artillery fighting had occurred along the British front. A brief enemy bombardment occurred in the Albert sector, it was announced.

Suit Filed Against Brownsville People

Suit was filed today by the Valley Lumber company of Brownsville versus Charlie Satter et al, to collect a bill for building material alleged to be due from defendant. A tract of ground is said to be owned by the defendants and foreclosure of the lien is asked to satisfy the claim of \$49.88 with interest and \$25 attorney fees.

Dr. Davis Selected to Succeed Himself

Dr. W. H. Davis was unanimously elected a member of the school board for district No. 5, which means the city of Albany, at the election held Saturday afternoon. There were 28 votes cast in all, and all of these selected Dr. Davis as their choice. His name was the only one on the ballot, and no other names were written in.

Lebanon Boy May Have Joined Circus

Harry Carroll, son of Mrs. Charles Carroll of Lebanon, is missing and the circus is being blamed for his absence. The boy, who is 14 years of age, came in to see the circus and went in the afternoon. Later in the day he told a cousin that he intended to walk home, but did not show up. His mother believed that he might be staying with some of his relatives and did not inform the police until today, and Sheriff Bodine is taking steps to locate the boy.

Joe Frum, who used to be deputy sheriff for Linn county, is still keeping his hand in. He arrived in Albany today and announced that he had apprehended the runaway boy and induced him to go home. The boy had followed the circus and had a perfectly good job.

Went to Portland—Mrs. F. M. French went to Portland this morning to visit her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Williams.

Visiting Bennetts—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmarge of Belen, New Mexico, have been visiting Rev. and Mrs. Bennett at the Methodist parsonage for a few days.