

ITALIAN SUCCESS ON AUSTRIAN FRONT OFFICIALLY CLAIMED

ROME, June 17.—Italian successes at various points on the battle line are claimed in an official statement issued tonight at the war office which says:

"Fighting to our advantage is reported from all along the front, notably at Seugnatoria and Brentonico in the Adige valley; at Fedaja pass and Montepiano in Cadore along the line of crests from Valle Piccolo to Valle Grande in Carnia where the enemy has redoubled his efforts in the last few days, and at certain points along the Isonzo, where our troops are making secure positions already obtained.

"Special importance attaches to the action developed in the Monte Nero zone by our Alpine troops to whom had been entrusted the task of dislodging the enemy from ambushes among the rocks which buttress the summit on the northern side. It was begun at night by a daring and difficult escalade of the crags. The action was continued at dawn by impetuous attacks which were crowned with complete success. Up to the present the capture of 375 prisoners including fourteen officers, has been announced, but this is only the first installment."

CROWNED QUEEN OF JOSEPHINE CAVES

GRANTS PASS, Or., June 17.—Tuesday the first queen of the Josephine county caves was crowned at high noon in the cavern depths. June 15 had been set aside by the county as annual cave day. The queen, who in the common walks of life is Elvora Tarvey, but Queen Josephine of the Caves, with her retinue of courtiers left early yesterday for the long trip to the caves and the ceremony of crowning. Miss Rose Wickman was known yesterday as Princess Rogue; Miss Reba Smith, Princess Applegate; Miss Minnie Reymers, Princess Illinois, while John Denison, Ralph Davis, Ivan Howell and George Smith answered to roll call as Prince de Grayback, Baldy, Bluey and Takilma. It was a merry crowd of about 300 people who started out on the trip and many had camped at the caves all the week. The camp will be established at the caves all summer so as to take care of sightseers.

FORCE ALONE NOT NATION'S PROTECTION

ITHACA, N. Y., June 17.—That stronger military forces alone cannot secure the rights of the United States in a national crisis was the opinion expressed here at the opening of the conference of international relations, by Norman Angell, noted English peace advocate and author. He said: "American rights can only be protected by, among other things, a radical form of sea law that implies an international law and some means of enforcing it more effectively than taking sides in a war in which both sides may be violating it. Unless America means really to defend her own rights, safety and interests, to say nothing of her dignity, she must prepare for taking her part in the better organization of the world."

GERMANY ADMITS LOSS OF SUBMARINE

BERLIN, June 17.—The Overseas News agency today gave out the following: "The admiralty publicly announces the loss of the submarine U-14. Her crew was captured by the British."

In the house of commons last week A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, announced that a German submarine had been sunk and that six of her officers and 21 members of her crew had been captured.

GOETHALS AWARDED GRAND MEDAL AT EXPOSITION

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—Major General George W. Goethals, chief engineer in charge of the construction of the Panama canal, has been awarded the grand medal of award by the international jury at the Panama-Pacific exposition, it became known today.

AMERICA'S NEW PREMIER IS OLD HAND AT TAKING UNCLE SAM'S SIDE IN FOREIGN CONTROVERSIES

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17.—

For 23 years fighting Great Britain has been the job of Robert Lansing, acting secretary of state, and the man who will now sign our notes to Germany. He has been Uncle Sam's lawyer in almost every piece of arbitration required between England and the United States since 1892. Since that time, when he was appointed associate counsel for the United States in the fur seal controversy he has been almost constantly in the service of the United States government.

More than that, he is generally acknowledged to have a longer and broader experience in international tribunals than any other living lawyer.

Lansing was born at Watertown, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1864, entered Amherst college in 1882 and graduated in 1886. He studied law in Watertown for three years and then organized, with a cousin, the law firm of Lansing & Lansing, with which he was connected until 1907.

In 1890 he married Eleanor Foster, only daughter of John W. Foster, who succeeded James G. Blaine as Benjamin Harrison's secretary of state. In 1892 Foster appointed Lansing as associate counsel for the United States in the Behring Sea arbitration, the difference arising with England over the rights of seal hunting.

He was counsel for the United States before the Behring claims commission in 1896 and in 1897 and later in 1903 was associated with Elihu Root, then secretary of war, as counsel before the Alaskan boundary commission in London.

He attended the session of the international tribunal in Paris in 1893; in 1894 served as counsel for the Mexican and Chinese legations at Washington. During the years of 1898-99 he represented private parties before the Canadian joint high commission and in 1900-01 again served as counsel for the Mexicans and Chinese.

He acted for private parties in the Venezuelan asphalt disputes of 1905 and as counsel for the United States in the Atlantic fisheries arbitration at the Hague in 1908.

He continued to serve as agent of the United States before the American and British claims commission until his appointment as counselor for the state department in March, 1914.



Robert Lansing, Counselor of the State Department and Acting Secretary of State.

Lansing now is in his fifty-first year, hale and vigorous. As a state department official he has developed a direct, decisive manner of dealing with public questions. Known as a hard student of international law, his impress has been felt on all questions that have come up in the stressful period since he became counselor for the state department.

His first duties were connected with the shaping of diplomatic policies arising from the successive events in the revolution in Mexico. With the outbreak of war in Europe the position which Lansing had taken became one of the highest importance in the conduct of our foreign policies. With his aid a complete reorganization of the state department was promptly undertaken and every resource available was offered for the consideration and disposal of many trying problems that arose.

The use of submarines, aeroplanes, wireless telegraph, the many novel problems in regard to neutrality, communication and transportation, and all the manifold developments in a world catastrophe with nearly a dozen nations involved made the tasks devolving on the chief law and diplomatic officer of the state department gigantic in scope and responsibility.

Through all the vicissitudes of the war Lansing has been a most dependable quantity in the state department. President Wilson has looked to him officially and privately for help continually. Night and day he has been at the president's call.

RUSSIANS ADMIT GERMAN SUCCESS EXCEPT ON DNEISTER

PETROGRAD, June 17.—Occupation by the German of additional villages in the Shavil district and further south in the region east of Mariampol was admitted by the Russians in a statement issued last night at the war office. The statement follows:

"German attacks for the past three days around the village of Litzjeff near the Windau river, have been unsuccessful and the fighting Tuesday ended in our favor. In the region of Popeliary our troops crossed the Venta. In pursuing the enemy our cavalry sabred hundreds of Germans and made some dozens of prisoners. "The fighting near Shavil continues with varying fortunes. Some villages fell into the enemy's hands. There have been artillery duels on the Dubysa.

"On the western front beyond the Mid-Niemen the enemy has sustained heavy losses in the past two days in fruitless offensive at times. "In counter attacks in the region of Mariampol some villages were occupied by the enemy and Tuesday night the enemy began a bombardment of Osowetz, but about 2 o'clock in the morning the fortress got the upper-hand.

"Along the Narew-Omulew valley frontier there have been unimportant encounters. "In the Orzye valley Tuesday night the enemy opened an intense artillery fire against Jednorozetz village, throwing tons of thousands of shells within a short space. The enemy several times tried to attack our positions, but his efforts ended with the occupation of only part of trenches of our regiment.

"North of Przasnysz, by energetic counter efforts we occupied all the advanced trenches which the enemy had held since his attack on June 12. "In West Galicia the battle on the San continues with increasing fierceness, the enemy continually sending fresh forces into the fight.

"On the Dneister the fighting along the Tsimenitza and the Stry continued Monday and Tuesday to our advantage. South of Jidateheff near Bereznitza and Kroulevska we captured another 500 German prisoners, including 14 officers and also four guns."

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