

# RUSSIAN RETREAT MOST COSTLY TO GERMAN FORCES

Great Losses Sustained in Thirty Days' Battle in Galicia—In One Section Losses Placed at From 150 to 150,000—Petrograd Official Report Admits Russian Retreat.

PETROGRAD, June 18.—An official review of some recent occurrences along the Austrian battle front which among other things calls attention to the fact that the progress of the Austrian forces in Galicia has been dearly bought, was given out in Petrograd today. It reads:

"The development of the battle along the Tisminitza-Svika front, along which one of the six armies attacking our forces in Galicia is operating, will serve to give some idea of the magnitude of the actions in this region.

**Eight Days Battle**  
"The significance of the operations in the vicinity of Stry is found in the fact that they were an endeavor to turn our front opposed to the phalanx under General von Mackensen. The eventual success of the enemy in the direction of Stry and Lemberg would have been of great help to the offensive of General Mackensen. Failure on the other hand, would have meant that General Mackensen's operations were merely a series of fruitless frontal attacks.

"The above referred to sector on the Dneister river, however, was not the scene of the principal fighting, even with regard to the numbers of troops engaged. On May 15 the enemy, closely following our troops, retiring from the Carpathians, met our opposition in the region to the east of Dröhobycz, northwest of Stry, and in the vicinity of Belachow. On the 19th the enemy brought all his forces into action, but at the end of two days he was compelled to quit this offensive, having lost tens of thousands of men.

**Right Wing Turned**  
"His only success in eight days' fighting was the turning of our right wing near Stronsko, with the threat of a possible out-flanking movement. During this week we remained passive, confining our operations to exterminating the enemy as he approached our trenches. The next four days were devoted by the enemy to bringing together heavy artillery and supporting detachments.

"May 25 saw the beginning of the decisive attack and the crisis came on the fifth day of the fighting. A powerful force composed of three German divisions succeeded at the price of incredible sacrifices, in carrying Stry. Perceiving the exhaustion of the Austrians attacking us—they constituted the right wing of the opposing army—we took the offensive and drove them back.

**Fall Back to Dneister**  
"For three days, May 30, 31, June 1, we were undecided whether to attempt to turn the Germans, who had broken through our front near Stry, or to fall back on the Dneister river. The general situation in Galicia finally caused us to adopt the latter course. The night of June 2 the enemy demonstrated against our bridgeheads on the direction of Mikalajow, losing several thousand men.

"The principal attack was delivered by the army under General Von Bothmer at a point more to the east. The attack against Zidaczow was repulsed, but on the night of June 6 General Von Bothmer crossed the river Dneister near Juravno and on June 8 occupied the left bank of the river for fifteen miles.

**40,000 Are Captured**  
"June 8 and 9 the bulk of the German forces were decisively defeated and thrown back across the Dneister. Nevertheless, on June 13 the German commander beginning a general offensive, delivered a new attack with the remains of his regiments. The principal German force moved along the right bank of the river Stry and attacked our bridge ahead near Zidaczow.

"Toward the 15th of June the time came for another reverse of the enemy. At Bereznica and Krivlevska alone we killed with the bayonet and buried 1900 Germans who had abused the white flag. Between May 29 and June 15 we captured in this sector 40,000 prisoners, including 860 officers, over 100 machine guns and two dozen cannon. The total losses of the enemy on a front of 25 miles were between 120,000 and 150,000 men.

**Enemy Lose 120,000**  
"Dense additional columns descended the slopes of the Carpathians daily and reinforced the enemy. Many supplementary detachments, originally destined for eastern Prus-

sa, met their final fate in the valley of the Stry. Other supplementary detachments joined the fighting on their own initiative before they were able to attach themselves to the units to which they had been assigned. The addition of considerable reinforcements brought into the scene of operation the German army under the command of General von Boehm-Ermelli.

"We have noted serious symptoms of demoralization which are beginning to show themselves in the ranks of the enemy in the vicinity of Mikalajow.

**Results Distorted**  
"It has been interesting to trace the reflection of events on the Dneister in the official announcements of the enemy. Every step, before it has been completed by the Germans, has been reported in their announcements as a German victory and a disorderly flight on the part of the Russians. The following day the announcements would say that the German army was successfully resisting the pressure of the Russians, and on the third day the declaration would be made that the Russians had great forces at their disposal in the region in question. Such a sequence and method of reporting has been noticed in the German announcements on three different occasions during the thirty days' fighting on the river Dneister."

## CASINO PLANNED FOR LOWER CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18.—Plans for a racetrack, casino and pleasure resort at Tijuana, Lower California, to cost \$750,000 are being discussed here today by promoters, capitalists, architects and persons allied with opposing Mexican factions. It is planned to open the track by Thanksgiving day, it was announced. Capital has been raised, it was said, and all necessary arrangements made. It was agreed the Mexican military faction in possession of the city should control the resort.

## FOURTEEN DEAD

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Guy, and John Gunther, a druggist, were drowned near Westmoreland when a bridge gave way under a gasoline car which is operated on the railroad.

Gene Nichols, a farmer living near Wamego, was killed by lightning. Paris, Sedalia, Lamonte and Nevada, Mo., reported several persons injured.

Five members of the family of John Burges, a farmer near Onaga, in Pottawatomie county, were killed and two seriously injured in a tornado which swept the county early today, according to reports received at the Topeka offices of the Union Pacific railroad. The same report asserted that houses were wrecked and stock killed and much other property damage done.

NEVADA, Mo., June 18.—Mrs. Gertrude Kuan, 80 years old, was killed; Frank Hunter, probably fatally injured, and three others, Mrs. Hunter and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Froshery, seriously injured in a tornado which swept a section half a mile wide and ten miles long near here early today. Deerfield, Walker and Harwood, villages in the storm's path, are reported to have suffered heavily. Stock was killed in large numbers. The damage in this vicinity is estimated at more than \$50,000.

## BRYAN OFFERS MEDIATION

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Bryan urges that his plan of investigating treaties be adopted by the warring nations.

"A treaty such as those which now protect the peace of the United States would give a year's time for investigation," he says, "and report and who doubts that a year's time would be sufficient to reach an amicable solution of almost every difficulty. Does any one suppose that the present war would have been begun if a year's time had been taken to investigate the dispute between Austria and Serbia?"

## EXPERTS EXPLAIN HOW TO COMBAT ALFALFA WEEVIL

With the hope of assisting farmers throughout this state and generally in the west in their campaign against the alfalfa weevil, George I. Reeves of the United States bureau of entomology has prepared information for publication regarding the most successful methods along which to combat the pest, as well as giving valuable pointers to alfalfa growers concerning the disposition of their crops that already are affected with weevil. The article, which is self-explanatory, follows in full:

The alfalfa weevil, introduced into this country at a single spot near Salt Lake City about ten years ago, has spread throughout the northern half of Utah, including three of the most productive counties, and taken a foothold in the adjacent parts of Idaho and Wyoming. It destroys about one-half of the annual yield, unless measures are taken to prevent it, and causes such widespread apprehension among the officials of other states as to result in quarantines which are only about 50 per cent less damaging to the infested district than are the insects themselves.

The weevils, after spending the winter in the fields about the roots of the plants, deposit enormous numbers of pale yellow eggs in cavities made in the stems with their beaks. The little green "worms" which hatch from these during spring and early summer cluster upon the fresh shoots of alfalfa plants and feed, becoming numerous about June 1. They destroy much of the first crop, injure the quality of what remains and compel early cutting to prevent total loss. The actual damage to the first crop is not far from 50 per cent of its value. Upon the cutting of the first crop the larvae gather upon the bit of food which is afforded by the new shoots and destroy them as fast as they appear. This condition lasts until the normal harvest time of the second crop, so that it is a total loss. The damage to the first two crops amounts to one-half the annual yield.

**Brush Dragging Remedy**  
A valuable method for preventing the injury to the second crop consists in brush dragging the stubble after removal of the first cutting. This was devised by the Utah experiment station in co-operation with farmers and has been improved by the latter in actual practice by the adoption of a weighted spiketooth harrow with several layers of woven-wire stock fencing underneath, instead of the old-fashioned brush drag. This treatment was widely adopted as a means of crushing the insects, and also as a means of exposing them to the rays of the sun and to the choking action of the dust. The bureau of entomology has proved that neither the mechanical crushing nor the direct rays of the sun contribute much to the effectiveness of the dust-mulch treatment and that most of the insects in all stages die long before they are smothered by the dust. The essential factor is the heat of the earth imparted by the sun's rays. The following conditions are necessary to make the treatment successful.

The surface of the field must be dry. It must be free from clods, cracks and vegetation. The sun must be clear and the weather warm. Under these conditions the soil reaches the necessary temperature of 120 degrees Fahrenheit any day in the summer and will kill all stages of the insect in less than two minutes. The second crop is then free to grow. The effectiveness of this treatment is directly proportional to

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the thoroughness with which the conditions outlined above are complied with. If the soil is not in good condition it must be cultivated before dragging.

#### Spraying Method

The great objection to it is that it requires laborious and tedious cultivation at the busy haying season. For that reason several farmers have adopted the method of spraying the stubble with arsenate of lead instead of creating a dust mulch. The best results were obtained by applying the poison at the rate of 12 pounds in four barrels of water per acre with a gasoline engine, using two lines of hose and Bordenox nozzles held by two men at a distance of one and one-half feet from the ground. Equally good work would probably be done with a smaller quantity of arsenate by a better method of distribution. This method is better adapted to larger fields where cultivation is not desirable. Analyses and feeding tests show that there is not the slightest danger of poisoning

animals which eat the hay. If cultivation is needed by the field, it can be combined with spraying as well as with brush-dragging. The latter has of itself no cultivation value when followed by irrigation, as it must be in this case.

#### First Crop Protection

The only method which can be recommended at the present time for protection of the first crop is pasturing with hogs until after the eggs of the weevil are laid. The field to be pastured must be divided into two or more equal lots, each provided with water, shelter and facilities for feeding, and the hogs should have rings in their noses if the owner wishes to preserve his stand of alfalfa. The hogs should be moved from one enclosure to another as fast as they are able to clean up the growth of alfalfa. Experts recommend that a small grain ration should be fed to growing and fattening pigs, but not to brood sows. Under these conditions the first crop of alfalfa is secured with no labor cost, pork is produced

in the most economical way and the weevil eggs and larvae are destroyed before they can do any harm, leaving the field clean for the growth of a second crop which can be cut for hay.

The occurrence of weevils in farm products which are being shipped by

freight and express, stored in warehouses and sold in markets has been exhaustively studied, with a view to learning how the spread of the insect into new territory may be prevented. Fruit, vegetables, alfalfa seed and nursery stock contain no more weevils than do any other commodities.

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