

AUSTRIANS AIM TO DRIVE BACK ITALIAN LINES

General Offensive to Force Out Invaders From Captured Positions Now Under Way—Smashing a Way to Vicenza Plain—French Think Plan Doomed to Failure.

PARIS, May 18.—The attack launched by the Austrians against the Italian front in the southern Tyrol, which has gradually extended to the entire Austro-Italian front, is being followed here with close attention. It is believed in military circles that the great Austrian offensive which has long been expected has at last begun.

No importance is attached to the falling back of the Italian advance lines, which is considered an obvious move, as they were not sufficiently strong to resist an attack on a large scale. Although the Italian central position on the Lavarone plateau is not yet involved, it is thought probable the principal effort of the Austrians will be made in that direction. It seems evident that the Austrian generals intend to try to carry out their former plan of smashing a way through to the Vicenza plain. The fact that heavy reinforcements have been moved up under cover of the formidable series of forts stretching from Folgaria and Lavarone favors the belief that Vicenza is the real objective of the offensive.

Doomed to Failure.

French military authorities are satisfied that the Austrians are doomed to failure. It is pointed out that the Italians have made every possible preparation for just such an attack as the present, and that the most powerful defenses that engineering skill could devise have been prepared on the Asiago plateau and in the mountains northwest of Arsiero. It is on this line that the Italians are expected to make their real stand in event the Austrians continue to push their offensive.

Progress Reported.

BERLIN, May 18. (By wireless to Sayville).—Artillery engagements are in progress all along the Austro-Italian front on which the Austrians began an offensive movement several days ago. The official Austrian statement of May 17 reports the capture of new positions on the Dobersdo plateau. Several Italian cities, in addition to Venice, were attacked in the recent air raids, which, the statement says, were very effective. The announcement follows: "Artillery combats are in progress along the whole front. On Dobersdo plateau our new position was extended by the explosion of mines. The enemy directed a drum fire on the position and then attacked. He was repulsed by infantry regiment No. 43 in a fight with hand grenades. "The artillery fire became violent at times at the Gorizia bridgehead in the Km sector, near Fiesch, and at several places on the Carnian front. "Night attacks of the enemy in the Dolomites, against Hovegels and the ridge north of Fimberg were repulsed. "In the sector of Loppio lake the enemy maintained a strong fire against our lines."

FRENCH TAKE GERMAN FORT

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Three further attacks by the French against our positions on Hill 294 were repulsed this morning. During a retreat through Fines the enemy suffered very heavy losses. This refers to attempts to attack made by an African division, consisting of colored French troops. "An advance by weak enemy forces southwest of Resech failed completely. "Eastern front: An enemy aeroplane was brought down east of Kracchin."

WRITE IN NAME FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To Democratic Voters.

J. T. Hodges of Ashland, desires that democrats write his name on the primary ticket for a candidate for county school superintendent. Mr. Hodges will accept the nomination if tendered him by the voters.—(Paid Adv.)

MAN VS. MACHINE ISSUE SEEN AT STATE CAPITAL

(From the Salem Capital Journal.)

The Capital Journal has not taken any interest in the republican primary election for the very good reason that it is little concerned over the result. The candidates have made many pledges of economy and reform in their bids for votes, but we presume if nominated, and a republican nomination is in most instances equivalent to election, most of them will follow serenely in the footsteps of those who have gone before. The candidate and office-holder generally view the job of serving the public from radically different angles. If we took seriously the anti-election pledges of the candidates, or believed that they do themselves, we might be more interested in the primary election and its results.

Outshadows All.

There is one contest, however, which seems to overshadow all others this year—that of secretary of state. It is a case of one man pitted against a political organization, because the powers that be have decreed that the one man must be punished for having an occasional independent thought and acting sometimes on his own best judgment. Ben Oleott seems to be one of the few men in the state house who considers himself answerable to the people who elected him and not to the little ring which now they are in office feel that they own the state house and all that appertains to it.

Between Oleott and Moores as individuals we have no choice, but we do like to see fair play, and Oleott as a competent official is as much entitled to it as anybody else. He is not getting it in this case. Moores has been chairman of the state republican committee for several years, and might be said to own that organization. Most of the committeemen and regular strikers are out for him. A majority of the republican newspapers is for him because many of the publishers have received office at the hands of the state administration, among them the morning Statesman of this city, which has come out strongly for Moores. Many of these papers have to do what they are doing—some of them are party organs of the old school from choice.

Horrible Example.

So, on the face of it, Oleott does not appear to have a show. He is to be made a horrible example of as a man who refused to bow to the powers that control his party organization. No hint is made that he is dishonest, that he is incompetent, that he has neglected his official duty—but he hasn't been "good" in the party sense. He has at various times formed himself into a minority party and voted yes or no at board meetings when the governor and the other members of the board were anxious to have unanimous action. In Oregon party politics it is to be made a crime, or more properly, a felony, to think or act independently, and Ben Oleott is the first victim to be burned at the stake, figuratively speaking, of course.

The plan to sacrifice Oleott may work out just as its promoters confidently expect it to—unless the rank and file of the republican party objects to the proceedings. Republican voters are on the whole pretty honest, intelligent people who turned their own party out of power in Oregon for several years because they had become disgusted with the way the men who were elected by them conducted the business and legislation of the state. There is no reason to believe that they like ring rule any better now than they have in the past—and well, don't begin celebrating Moores' nomination until the returns are in.

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are all in. You might have occasion to feel foolish if you do.

Honesty Is Best.

We have always found that it is best in the long run to be honest and frank and square with the public. The editor of the Capital Journal is not a republican; he is not a partisan and thinks that a paper may be independent in a partisan sense, although it stands for certain principles of government that are made issues by political parties. We have no particular interest in the success of any party organization, standing rather for principles and for candidates who seem best qualified for public service, regardless of their party affiliations. Lincoln is credited with saying that "God must have loved the plain people, because he made so many of them," and we have come to think a good deal that way in respect to the republican voters. They are so numerous always that it is safe to say their mission in the scheme of government is for good and that a large majority of them are politically interested first of all in their own welfare, which is human nature, and after that in government that will redound to the greatest good to the greatest number, which is true patriotism. That is why we believe Ben Oleott will win next Friday. The organization arrayed against him is too perfect; its objects are too apparent and its motives and self-interest cannot be misconstrued. Republican voters will place the man above the machine; freedom of thought and speech above a patronage-purchased party press.

Seeking Fat Jobs.

Of course, this is none of the Capital Journal's business—the Oregonian will certainly say so; that we are a non-partisan democratic newspaper which should not butt into republican quarrels. Still we are inclined to think that a great many republicans and good, straight ones, too, will appreciate our saying a word for the man who is fighting with his back to the wall against the machine, and whose nomination would be equivalent to serving notice on certain occupants of fat jobs in the state house that more attention paid to business and less to political wire-pulling would be appreciated. That notice should be given by republican voters next Friday by the renomination of Ben Oleott—for the good of the republican party, the people of Oregon of all parties.

FEW IRISH DISLOYAL

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different parts of the country, he said.

Steps had been taken, continued Sir Matthew, to deal with the movement before the insurrection by volunteers, preventing civil servants from belonging to the Irish Volunteers.

Until three days before the outbreak of the rebellion, Sir Matthew testified, there had been no proof of connection of any anti-British party in Ireland with a foreign enemy.

Baron Hardinge asked Sir Matthew why no action had been taken to prevent drilling under arms.

Ruled by Politics.

"We were deterred because we were afraid to enforce the act," said Sir Matthew. "We were deterred practically for political purposes."

When asked what action had been

taken to report this to the then chief secretary for Ireland, Augustine Birrell, Sir Matthew declared the chief secretary was fully aware of it.

The witness also admitted that he knew women were being trained to look after wounded men and that sham fights for the taking of Dublin

calls were being held. These facts, he said, were also known to the chief secretary.

"It was thought," Sir Matthew said, "that forcible interference would certainly lead to bloodshed and that affairs were left alone they might blow over without bloodshed."

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