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ITALIAN LINE IS BENT

Austrians Advance Three Miles On Fifteen Mile Front—Full Force of Drive Heads Toward Venice, and Flanking Move Is Latest Attempt—Italians Still Confident Line Will Hold Against Onslaught

London, June 18.—The Austrians have driven forward again at the extreme ends of the Piave line and menace both Italian flanks in the river region, it was learned authoritatively this afternoon.

At Montello the enemy has advanced four miles and occupied two-thirds of the high ground. If the occupation of the crest is completed, it is feared the Austrians might turn the whole Piave line, but the Italians are confident they can avoid this danger.

In the marsh land on the lower Piave the Austrians have advanced on the fifteen mile front between Zenson and the sea to the depth of three miles at several points. This thrust is a direct move upon Venice.

Austrians Tell of Success
Vienna, via London, June 18.—Thirty thousand prisoners have been taken in the Austrian offensive against Italy, the war office announced today.

The Austrian south wing has reached the Fossetta canal.

The Fossetta canal runs from the Piave river, near Posatta, southwestward to the Sile river, joining the latter at a point about ten miles northeast of Venice.

The statement failed to reveal which portion of the canal had been reached. An earlier dispatch from London declared it had been learned from an authoritative source that the Austrians had advanced three miles in this region, penetrating the Italians' second lines. Such an advance would enable the enemy to arrive at the canal half way between the Piave and the Sile, about fifteen miles from Venice.

BRITISH TROOPS RAID IN ALBERT SECTOR

British Cruiser Torpedoed and Sunk With Loss of Life

London, June 18.—British troops conducted successful raids southwest of Albert and in the neighborhood of Mouvauxville. Field Marshal Haig reported today.

Patrol encounters east of the Nieper forest resulted in capture of prisoners and machine guns.

Hostile artillery was active in the Ancre, south of Albert and west of Serre.

Southeast of Villeris Bretonneux a hostile raiding party was reported last night. A few prisoners were taken.

Cruiser Torpedoed

London, June 18.—The armed mercantile cruiser Patria was torpedoed and sunk June 15, the admiralty announced today. One officer and 15 men were drowned.

There are five steamers named Patria listed in Lloyd's—a French vessel of 11,580 tons, a Dutch vessel of 9,700 tons, a Swedish vessel of 1,220 tons and smaller Russian and Portuguese ships.

Naval Aviators Busy

London, June 18.—British naval aviators dropped 24 tons of bombs on Zeebrugge, Ostend and Bruges, with good results, between June 13 and 16, the admiralty announced today. One British plane failed to return.

Died With Canadians

Ottawa, Ont., June 18.—Today's Canadian casualty list contains the name of A. C. McKinley, Alameda, Cal., died of wounds.

GERMAN RAIDER SUNK OFF VIRGINIA IS LATEST REPORT

Department, However, Uses to Confirm Report Brought to New York

Department Has Not Heard

Washington, June 18.—The navy department declared today it had no confirmation of reports brought in by passengers aboard a Cuban liner that an

GREAT WAR LOBBY IS UNCOVERED AT NATION'S CAPITAL

Effort to Control Government Contracts Will Be Sternly Prosecuted

PAPERS ARE SEIZED AND ARRESTS MADE

Department of Justice Strikes Swift Blow at Profiteering Firms

Washington, June 18.—A sensational blow by the department of justice has disclosed the presence here of a great war orders lobby, with connection through the nation and controlled by a "brokers' trust."

Army and navy departments, the war industries board and the national defense council today are turning the searchlight on their departments to determine whether any officer may have been interested.

Reports in many big cities returned a mass of evidence, officials say show existence of a conspiracy between manufacturers and the "percentage brokers" here.

John Fleming, John P. Cavanaugh, Eugene Sullivan and Joseph Kohu, all of Boston, who officials say are the brains of the "brokers' trust," are under indictment here.

At the war industries board today following a conference of all the department chiefs, it was stated that the new one-buying system now instituted to insure direct purchasing between the government and manufacturers, will sound the death knell of broker lobbies in Washington.

Seized documents revealed in some cases contingent fee extortion as high as 20 per cent.

A special "graft proof" clause to be inserted in all future government contracts was sent by the justice department.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO CAMPAIGN FOR STAMPS IN MARION COUNTY

Superintendent Smith Is Organizing Campaign As County Chairman

The chairman of every school district in Marion county will receive a letter today with the information that he is to organize his committee to make a personal canvass of a selected list of residents in his district on June 24 and 25, for the War Savings Stamps campaign.

The letter will come from W. M. Smith, chairman of the Marion county executive committee for the War Savings Stamp campaign to be put on in the county for the week beginning June 24, and closing with a rally at the district school house on the evening of Friday, June 28.

It is the intention of the treasury department that every citizen not only in Marion county, but in the entire United States be given an opportunity to subscribe for the War Savings Stamps. In the cities, special committees will be appointed, but to care for the rural districts, the board of school directors of each district has been called on to do its duty and organize the district and to see that every person in the district has been solicited.

On the evening of Friday June 28 a mass meeting of the people of each rural district will be called at the district school house, where will be presented the names of those who have subscribed by means of the pledge cards.

There will be no canvass for Thrift Stamps. It is War Savings Stamps of \$5 each that will be sold and the pledge card will show the cost of the \$5 stamp for each month and the amount subscribed.

In June, the \$5 War Savings Stamp can be bought for \$4.17 and the cost advances one cent each month until in December, it will cost \$4.23.

At the meetings to be held during the week beginning June 24, the committees do not ask for money. They present the pledge card whereon is named the place where the War Savings Stamp will be purchased.

Subscribers will not only be provided with the pledge cards, but also with a yellow card on which to report those who have failed to purchase even one

Abe Martin



War Summary of United Press

1416th Day of the War; 90th Day of the Big Offensive

Italian front—The Austrian drive, already apparently stopped in quicker time than any major offensive of the war, is beginning to take the aspect of a crushing enemy defeat.

Hurled back by a combined British, French and Italian counter offensive in the mountain region, on the north, the Austrians have quit there, at least for the present. They have also failed to press their initial advantage at Montello, the important crest at the juncture of the mountain and river lines.

After crossing the Piave at several places, the Austrians have not succeeded in pushing more than a mile or two westward. And the Rome official report issued at midnight showed that the Italians already have inaugurated a successful counter offensive on the southern portion of the river region.

Empor Karl, who is at Austrian headquarters, just back of the Asiago plateau, has thrown the entire offensive strength of his armies into this drive.

An Amsterdam dispatch said the

WAR COMES HOME TO SALEM EVERYBODY MUST ENLIST

Fruit Crop Can Only Be Taken Care of If Volunteers Tender Services

The war is carried home to Salem. Devastation threatens the entire valley. Unless the present crisis is met and at once by the united effort of the entire citizenry, millions of dollars worth of valuable property will be destroyed, and the equivalent of a German victory will be celebrated in the streets of Bealin.

Half the business interests in the immediate vicinity of Salem producing, manufacturing and merchandise are facing bankruptcy because of conditions imposed on them by the war.

What it all means is that the valley is feeling the most critical and terrible labor shortage in its history. Bumper crops of fruit, 75 per cent of which is destined for the stomach of the soldier boys will rot on the vines unless rescue comes from the voluntary enlistment of large bodies of citizens in the work of harvesting the same. In spite of efforts made for the last month by various agencies in and about the city and county, there remains today an appalling situation in regard to the labor necessary to bring in the crops.

There is no solution in sight except the willingness of the citizens generally to take on the burden. This fact was brought out into clear relief at a meeting held at the Commercial Club yesterday afternoon, of the growers and manufacturers of fruit products. Only a meager percentage of the labor demanded is found to be available. Man power is exhausted and it is smash up

JEREMIAH O'LEARY PLEADED NOT GUILTY IN NEW YORK TODAY

Traitor Appeals to Court to Aid Him in Securing Counsel for His Defense

New York, June 18.—Jeremiah O'Leary, charged with treason, was arraigned before Judge Hand today shortly after his arrival from Portland, Or., in the custody of agents of the department of justice.

He pleaded not guilty and was committed to the Tombs to await trial. The reading of the indictment charging him with treason took 25 minutes.

When asked by Judge Hand if he had any request to make, O'Leary replied that he might wish the court to aid him in securing counsel. He said he realized that attorneys were reluctant now to defend men charged with so serious an offense.

O'Leary was anxious and ill at ease while the indictment was being read and his voice broke several times while he was addressing the court.

When the reading of the indictment was finished, Gertrude O'Leary, a sister, who was attending the trial of John J. O'Leary in the adjoining court on a charge of aiding Jeremiah to escape from federal authorities, came into the room. Crying "Jerry, oh Jerry," she pushed her way through the crowd to his side. Throwing her arms around his neck, sobbing, she clung to him until they were separated by court attendants.

When O'Leary emerged from the court room he was met by his father and brother, Alexis. None of the members of O'Leary's family knew of Jeremiah's arrival in the city until he was pleading in the adjoining room.

WESTERN UNION DECLINES SURRENDER TO UNION

President of Company Sees Bold Plan of Unionism to Gain Control

New York, June 18.—President Newcomb Carlton of the Western Union Telegraph company, in a letter to President Wilson, made public today, virtually declined to accept the ruling of the war labor board in the dispute between the company and the Commercial Telegraphers Union of America, as requested by the president, unless forced to do so by the war government.

He said the war labor board's decision was not binding, as it was not unanimous, as provided in the presidential proclamation creating the board. Declaring there is no danger of a telegraphers strike and that the company feels it would not be doing justice to the public if it permitted an outside union to interfere, with its work, Carlton added: "The board of directors and the executives concerned in the management of the property, with primary responsibility to the public and the government, would deeply deplore being forced to lay aside the safeguards that experience has shown to be requisite, and which are believed essential to the preservation of effective telegraph service."

The letter is in part follows: "Dear Mr. President: "Permit me to thank you for your letter of June 11, which I acknowledged."

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AUSTRIA'S DRIVE CONTINUES WITH LITTLE PROGRESS

Along Piave River Enemy Centers Full Force of Latest Offensive

CITY OF VENICE IS DIRECT OBJECT

Italians Make Strong Resistance and Express Entire Confidence

London, June 18.—Blocked in the northern mountain area, the Austrians have shifted their heaviest attacks to the Piave river line, on the eastern portion of the new 100 mile Italian offensive front.

The night official statements indicated that the enemy is trying to complete the occupation of Il Montello, the crest that protects the junction of the river and the mountain line. A strong effort also is being made to debouch from the crossings already effected on the middle and lower Piave.

All these efforts are being effectively opposed, according to the Italian war office, just as the British, French and Italians are preventing the Austrians from descending the slopes of the Asiago plateau and Mount Grappa onto the Venetian plains.

The Italians claim 4620 prisoners, while the Austrians claim 12,000.

In the mountain region the Italian and Anglo-French forces gained partial successes at several points in a counter offensive.

Along the Piave the Austrians continue to exert powerful pressure to complete their occupation of Montello and advance onto the plains, thus turning the northern wing of the river line.

The British war office announced there was little change on the British portion of the Italian front.

"The enemy is reorganizing after his severe defeat," the statement said. "Raiding and artillery activity was

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AMBUSHED BY A BIG GERMAN FORCE YANKEES FIGHT OUT

Every American In Patrol Wounded During Desperate Encounter

MANY GERMAN PLANES DESTROYED BY FLYERS

National Guardsmen Are Now Fighting On German Soil, Official Report

Washington, June 18.—Ambushed by a German force over three times their strength, 13 American troops on a patrol venture the night of June 13-14, battled their way through the enemy and returned safely, General Pershing cabled the war department today.

The fierceness of the fighting is indicated by the fact that every one of the American troops was wounded. "On the night of June 13 and 14, an

49 ARMY CASUALTIES 103 AMONG MARINES TWO FROM PORTLAND

Marine Casualties, Heaviest Yet Reported, Show They Are Fighting

Washington, June 18.—The war department today announced a casualty list from the west front war zone including 49 army, divided as follows: Killed in action 10; dead from wounds 2; dead as a result of an airplane accident one; dead from disease one; dead from accident or other cause, one; severely wounded 33; slightly wounded, one.

The list follows:

Killed in Action
Lieutenants Leslie H. Grover, Brooklyn, N. Y.
William G. Herrington, Nueces, Ga.
William Campbell Johnson, Eau Claire, Wis.
John D. Mathis, Americus, Ga.
Sergeants Edward T. Maginske, Chicago.
James Mareum, LaPortette, Tenn.
Privates Ray Brent, Helena, Mont.
Michael Joy, New Haven, Conn.
Thomas V. Larson, Berkeley, Cal.
Michael Makerevich, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Died of Wounds
Musician Julius S. Johnson, Laray, Kan.

Died of Airplane Accident
Lieutenant Harry Walter Prince, West Philadelphia.

Died of Disease
Private Hubert F. Ward, McKeesport, Pa.

Died of Accident or Other Cause
Private Luther H. Chorn, Council Bluffs, Ia.

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MINNESOTA REBUKES DISLOYAL POLITICIANS

Burnquist and Nelson Re-Nominated by Large Majorities Yesterday

St. Paul, Minn., June 18.—With more than one third of yesterday's primary vote counted, Governor J. A. A. Burnquist was maintaining a substantial lead early today over C. A. Lindbergh, Non-Partisan League, candidate for the republican gubernatorial nomination.

The vote stood 68,328 to 40,804. The unreported precincts were in country districts.

W. L. Comstock has been nominated for governor by the democrats.

Senator Knut Nelson, republican, has been renominated by a large majority over James A. Peterson, who recently was convicted of violating the espionage act. The democrats did not name a senatorial candidate following President Wilson's advice.

Representative Ernest Lundeen, republican, who voted against America entering the war, apparently had been defeated for re-nomination by Walter H. Newton.