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GERMAN DRIVE DEFEATED.

NEW ATTACKS ON ALLIED POSITIONS COMPLETELY REPULSED.

Huns Suffered Severe Losses and Left Prisoners in Hands of Allies—Attack West of Oise Also Repulsed.

Paris, June 24.—The Germans launched new attacks against the French position at Bligny at eleven last night. After hard fighting the Germans were completely repulsed with serious losses, leaving prisoners in the hands of the allies, it is officially reported. The French also repulsed a German attack in the region of Anthuel, west of the Oise, the statement says.

FIGHTING ON LYS.

British Make Successful Raid, Taking Prisoners.

London, June 24.—British made a successful minor attack south of Meppen, in the Lys salient last night. Many Germans were killed and the British took fifty prisoners and some machine guns, it is officially announced.

SHORT COURSE INSTITUTE.

Home Demonstration Short Course for Club Boys and Girls.

The Sumter County Home Demonstration Department will hold a short course for the club girls and boys of the county on June 27th, 28th and 29th, at the Girls' High School. The girls will come to Sumter on the afternoon of the 26th and will go to the Girls' High School at 6 o'clock, where a committee of ladies and the Home Demonstration agents will assign them to the homes where they will be entertained.

On Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock the girls will be taken to Pocalla Springs in cars. The hostesses are requested to prepare a lunch for the girls. This will be served in picnic style on the grounds at Pocalla. The committee of Sumter ladies who have charge of the entertainment of the girls are asked to chaperon the crowd.

The poultry, corn and pig club boys will come to Sumter on Saturday, the 29th. At three o'clock the boys and girls will be taken to the picture show. Below is the program of the short course:

Visiting demonstrators and lecturers:

- Miss Harriett Plowden, Home Demonstration Agent, Lake City.
- Mrs. Theodosia Plowden, Home Demonstration Agent, Manning.
- Mr. C. C. Cleveland, State Poultry Agent, Winthrop College.
- Miss Laura Bailey, Assistant State Agent, Winthrop College.
- Mr. W. H. Barton, District Farm Agent, Simpsonville.
- Mr. L. L. Baker, State Agent Boys' Clubs, Bishopville.
- Miss Edith Parrott, State Home Demonstration Agent, Winthrop College.
- Miss Julia Obenschain, Lee County Home Demonstration Agent, Bishopville.

Program.

- Wednesday, June 26.**
- 6.00-7.00—Assigning Club members to homes—Misses Keels and Martin.
- Thursday, June 26th.**
- 9.00-9.15 A. M.—Devotional Exercises—Rev. J. B. Walker, Rector; Chuch Holy Comforter.
 - "America," directed by Mrs. Theodosia Plowden.
 - 9.15-9.25—Welcome—Mr. E. I. Reardon, Secretary Chamber of Commerce.
 - 9.25-9.35—Talk—Mrs. Nina Solomons, Chairman Woman's County Council of Defense.
 - 9.35-9.45—Talk—Mr. H. A. Moses, Chairman War Savings Committee Sumter County.
 - 9.45-10—Roll Call and Announcements—Miss Keels.
 - 10-10.30—Scope of Girls' Club Work and Meaning of 4-H Brands—Miss Edith Parrott.
 - 10.30-1.00—Practical Work, Canning Tomatoes, Beans, and Soup Mixtures—Miss Harriett Plowden, assisted by Mrs. Theodosia D. Plowden.
 - 1.00-3.00—Dinner.
 - 3.00-5.00—Sewing—Miss Laur Bailey, Winthrop College.
 - 5.00-6.00—Practicing of Club Songs directed by Mrs. Theodosia D. Plowden.
- Friday, June 26th.**
- 9.00-9.15—Chapel exercises—Rev. J. P. Marion, Pastor Presbyterian Church.
 - 9.15-9.30—Roll Call and Announcements—Miss Keels.
 - 9.30-10.30—Fall and Winter Gar-

ITALIANS CROSS PIAVE.

RETREAT OF AUSTRIANS QUICKLY FOLLOWED UP.

Victorious Italians Regain Old Positions West of River and Hammer Fleeing Enemy With Artillery.

Rome, Sunday, June 23.—The Italians have crossed the old channel of the Piave and occupied the west bank of the stream, recaptured several of their old positions, according to a semi-official announcement issued tonight.

From Capo Sile other detachments are advancing toward the main stream of the river.

The Italians have thrown a number of bombing detachments across the main stream, where the artillery and anti-aircraft guns are hammering the enemy.

FLED AT NIGHT.

Austrians Endeavor to Escape From Hard Fighting Italians.

Italian Army Headquarters, Sunday, June 24.—The great retreat of the Austrians along the Piave was begun under cover of darkness Saturday night, the enemy leaving many cannon behind them.

When the retrograde movement was observed the Italians began an attack virtually along the whole Piave line from Montello well towards the mouth of the river. The attack was quickly pressed and became more insistent, accompanied by violent artillery fire.

The work of American aviators contributed notably to the disorganization of the Austrian forces, according to the correspondent of the Milan newspapers.

ENDS IN RIOT.

Drive Against Italy Appears to Have Been Costly Failure for Austrians.

Paris, June 24.—The Austrian offensive appears to have ended in a complete rout according to the view taken by Paris press as summarized today by the Havas agency.

The Echo De Paris thinks in consequence of the Austrian disaster a new offensive will be begun shortly by the Germans against the Franco-British front.

CAVALRY PURSUES HUNS.

Victorious Italians Clearing Country of Enemy.

London, June 24.—After recapturing Montello, according to the news received here this afternoon, the Italians began making bridge heads at Falso Nervese. The Italians meet with little resistance between Montello and Zenson. The Italians are now on the river banks for the entire distance. They are sending over cavalry between the Conegliano and Odorso railroad to clear the country of the enemy.

WOULD SAVE REMNANT.

Austrians Fighting Rear Guard Battle Between Piave and Adriatic.

Italian Headquarters, Sunday, June 23.—South of Zenson bend the Austrians are fighting rear guard battles to cover the retreat of the main body over the two bridges they have left at Sandona-Grisola, three and a-half miles from the Adriatic. The Austrian retreat, which began in an orderly manner, soon became a wildly disorganized and confused flight. Many thousand of the enemy surrendered at the first opportunity.

Dens on 1-10 acre Plots—Mr. W. H. Barton.

10.30-12—Canning Fruits and Vegetables—Mrs. Theodosia D. Plowden.

12-1.00—Making of Tomato Purée and Dixie Relish—Miss Obenschain.

1.00-3.00—Dinner.

3-5-30—Sewing—Miss Bailey.

5-5.30—Club Songs—Mrs. Theodosia D. Plowden.

6-8—Automobile Ride and Supper at Pocalla Springs.

Saturday, June 28, for Boys and Girls.

10-10.15—Devotional Exercises—Dr. R. S. Truesdale, Pastor Trinity Methodist Church.

10.15-11—Poultry Work, Characteristics of Standard Breeds; Feeding and care of Chicks; Preparing Chickens and Coops for Exhibition—Mr. Cleveland.

11-11.30—Club Songs—Mrs. Plowden.

10.30-12—Pig Club Work—Mr. L. L. Baker, State Agent Boys' Clubs.

12-1—What Boys and Girls Can Do to Help Win the War—Mr. Barton.

1.00-3.00—Dinner.

3-5—Moving Pictures.

CAPTURED 45,000 AUSTRIANS.

BATTLE OF THE PIAVE A TERRIBLE DISASTER TO AUSTRIANS.

Thousands of Fleeing Huns Drowned in Flooded River and Italian Fire Accounts for Thousands More.

Washington, June 24.—The capture of 45,000 prisoners and enormous stores of war material by Italians in their counter offensive, which has driven the Austrians through the Piave river, was announced in an official cablegram received today by the Italian embassy.

The dispatch said that the flooded Piave contains thousand of enemy corpses, and that the Austrian divisions that passed the river were decimated by Italian fire.

BEST NEWS FOR MONTHS.

Italians Have Turned Tide and Threaten The Allies.

London, June 24.—The laconic bulletin from Gen. Diaz announcing that the defeated Austrians are retreating in disorder with the Italians in pursuit is the most heartening news received in allied countries in many months. This is the opinion of the morning press.

DEFENDING ON MACHINE GUNS.

Fleeing Austrians Try to Protect Rear

Italian Army Headquarters, June 24.—The Austrian troops left to cover the retreat of the main body used machine guns to set up a barrage fire. The number of guns left behind by the Austrians has not been computed, but is said to be very great.

AMERICANS STILL GAIN.

Improve Their Position at Chateau-Thierry.

Washington, June 24.—Further improvement in allied positions northeast of Chateau-Thierry is noted in Gen. Pershing's communique for yesterday. Artillery activity and the repulse of an enemy raid in the Vosges are also reported.

FLEE FROM BERLIN.

Four Escape in Two Airplanes

Copenhagen, June 21.—Four residents of Berlin, escaped from Germany Thursday in two airplanes and succeeded in landing safely in Denmark. The occupants of the airplanes declared that they fled from Berlin because of conditions there.

The two machines, which are of the Albatross type left Berlin early Thursday. Their flight was observed and guard ships along the coast were warned. When the machines reached the Baltic, the guardships opened fire and it was first erroneously reported that one of the airplanes had been brought down.

One of the two occupants of the first Albatross was Dr. G. F. Nicolai, formerly a professor of physiology at the Berlin university. He is the author of a book that denounced Prussia's militarism and had been punished with imprisonment.

The second Albatross landed in the neighborhood of Rudkoebing with its two German deserters.

The Rudkoebing correspondent of the National Tidebe quoted the crew of the second machine as saying they had been at the battle front and were expected to return there. They declared they preferred death rather than go back. The two men wore infantry uniforms.

DISREGARDS GERMANY.

Turkey and Bulgaria Begin Secret Negotiations.

London, June 24.—Preliminary negotiations, presumably regarding the disposition of Dobrudja, have begun by Bulgaria and Turkey, and that Germany only learned of them through the espionage service. The Daily Mail correspondent at the Hague has been informed.

COAL PRICE TO STAND.

Dealers Must Not Add Freight Advance to Supply.

Washington, June 23.—Coal dealers and distributors are prohibited in fuel administration order today from adding to the price of coal they now have on hand the freight rate increases on this commodity which become effective next Tuesday. The advanced freight tariff may be included in the price only when dealers actually have paid them or become obligated to pay.

AUSTRIANS IN FLIGHT.

ENEMY IN RETREAT FROM MONTELLO PLATEAU TO ADRIATIC.

With Pontoon Bridges Swept Away Escape Without Further Heavy Losses Seems Remote—Monster Preparations for Death Blow to Emmanuel's Men Come to Naught.

The first phase of the Austrian offensive has ended in failure—in defeat. The culmination of what was intended to be the crushing of Italy between the jaws of the Austrian pincers is the rout of the invaders themselves.

With their backs to the swollen Piave River the Austrians for several days past have been trying to ward off the vicious counterattacks of the Italians and save the situation. Now they are endeavoring and still under great pressure, to ford the stream and reach safety.

From the Montello plateau to the Adriatic the enemy is in retreat. Already his losses are estimated at 180,000 men and the chances of his escape without additional heavy casualties seem remote. Large numbers of the pontoon bridges that the Austrians threw across the Piave have been swept away by the torrential stream and on all the sectors of the 33 mile front where they gained edges of the Venetian plain they are being sorely harassed by the fire of the Italian guns.

Monster preparations have been made by the Austrians for what was to be the death blow to King Victor Emmanuel's men. Thousands upon thousands of men, many of them brought from the Russian and Rumanian fronts and guns and stores of tremendous quantities had been parceled among the various commanders for the drive over a battle arc of virtually 100 miles.

Undoubtedly the Austrian high command had built largely for success on the belief that the Italian morale had been shattered when last year their great pincers closed in upon the Italian front.

Such a belief, however, was entirely erroneous. From the first onslaught the enemy met a rejuvenated army which fought him with the greatest gallantry, never ceding an inch of ground unless it was dearly paid for. Aiding the Italians in the mountains were British and French armies who also fought nobly and everywhere defeated the enemy.

Along the Piave, especially on the Montello plateau, the gateway to the Venetian plains from the northeast and at several points farther south where the Austrians succeeded in crossing the river, the Italians everywhere imposed such strength against the enemy that he was unable to enlarge his gains and then, with redoubled efforts, forced him to commence the retrograde movement which has developed into disordered flight.

Large numbers of the enemy have been reported recently as coming up behind the northern army in the mountain region and it is not improbable that shortly the second phase of the battle will begin. Complete confidence is felt in the Italian and other allied commands, however.

On the battle fronts in France and Flanders the Germans are holding their men to the trenches except for small attacks here and there. There is no indication that for the present it is their intention to launch another big offensive. Both the British and French have carried out successfully several minor operations and repulsed all the enemy's maneuvers.

AMERICAN CASUALTY LIST.

Eight Americans Killed and a Number Wounded.

Washington, June 24.—The casualty list today has 62 names. Killed in action, 8; died of wounds, 4; died of disease, 2; wounded severely, 45; wounded, 3. Ernest H. Ross, of Milney, Ga., wounded severely.

DRAFT DATE FIXED.

Numbers Will Be Drawn for Young Men of Second Draft.

Washington, June 24.—Wednesday or Thursday may be fixed as the date for drawing the numbers for the young men who registered for the army draft on June 5th.

Remember to enroll for the primary election. The vote of every loyal citizen will be needed to make certain the complete defeat of all Progressives and enemies of the administration.

CANDIDATES AT RIDGELAND.

SMALL CROWD PRESENT FOR DAY OF SPEECHMAKING.

Meeting Yesterday, Like Others of Campaign, Demonstrated Little Interest in Politics.

Ridgeland, June 21.—The meeting of the State campaign party in Jasper county was a repetition of those at the other places in the itinerary. The speeches had little "pep" and the crowd was very small and undemonstrative, the 800 or more voters of Jasper being represented by approximately 50 voters and about ten women. There was little deviation from the talks made at the other meetings. The four meetings so far held show conclusively that the people are not thinking of politics, and it is doubtful if the speeches are changing any votes. The electors know who they will vote for and any amount of canvassing will have little effect in switching the votes.

John T. Duncan, the first of the gubernatorial speakers, dealt with his usual expose of "the system" and refrained from attacks on the other candidates.

Thomas H. Peoples, the next aspirant for the governorship, requested the voters to examine his record as attorney general and if they found that he had not done his duty they would compromise their conscience if they did not vote for one of his six opponents. He reiterated his assertion that at this time of national crisis no factional or partisan politics should be played, but every candidate should use his efforts to win the people in a solid mass behind the president in the prosecution of the war. Better wages for eachers and seven months' terms in the public schools were advocated by the attorney general. He was for a proper administration of the State warehouse system and promised if elected to send out even handed justice. He condemned "extravagant" disbursements of the taxpayers money.

In discussing an improved educational system, Maj. John G. Richards, in the race for governor, decried as undemocratic a system of compulsory education but would not oppose school districts voting on the question. He pointed out that South Carolina should have sufficient schools before any attempt was made to pass a compulsory school attendance law. He advocated larger salaries for teachers, free textbooks for the white school children of the State and more liberal appropriations for Confederate veterans. In dealing with the tax question he promised the pruning knife to extravagant appropriations and said regardless of assertions to the contrary he would reduce the burden of taxes laid on the people. He claimed that there was absolutely no excuse for the large increases in appropriations under the present State administration.

Andrew J. Bethea, who is seeking promotion from lieutenant governor, declared that he will "strive to steer clear of the shoals of partisanship and factionalism." His conception of an executive is to take the people into his confidence and work in harmony with the other State officers and governmental departments. The lieutenant governor reiterated his opposition to bossism and declared that he had made no man a promise, and for that reason he would be untrammelled if elected. "To say that the war is not an issue," declared Mr. Bethea, "is to say in effect that we will not support the boys over there."

Robert A. Cooper, the next speaker for the governorship, said that an effort was being made to attribute to him the assertion that he did not desire the taxes lowered. This is a mistake, he declared, and he has never used any such words; in fact, he stated he would be delighted if the levy could be reduced to two mills. But he did not see how less money could be appropriated and an efficient government maintained. Mr. Cooper said he had repeatedly stated from the stump.

The only remedy for lifting the burden, Mr. Cooper said, was a correct equalization of taxes and the apportionment among the counties of the share they are to contribute to the support of the State.

Major Richards stated he would reduce the taxes, said Mr. Cooper, and yet he advocates increased pensions for the Confederate veterans and increased pay for teachers and free text books to the white children of the State, both worthy objects, but these would call for increased taxation instead of decreased appropriations. In discussing an increasingly efficient educational system as a para-

NAVAL RECRUITING LARGE.

RESPONSE TO U-BOAT ACTIVITY GRATIFYING.

Immense Force Now Ready to Perform Sea Service Under American Flag.

Washington, June 23.—The appearance of German submarines off the Atlantic coast and the exploits of the marines in France have so stimulated recruiting that the enlisted personnel of the navy now totals 450,000—26,285 officers and 423,808 men.

Secretary Daniels announced tonight that enlistments in the naval reserve the first week of this month when it became known that the sea wolves were preying on shipping off the American coast totaled 14,406, a record for this branch of the service, while in the following week 12,303 men were added.

Enlistments in the marine corps have brought the total strength of the corps to approximately 50,000 men. Recruiting is proceeding so briskly at the stations throughout the country that officials anticipate no difficulty in speedily bringing the corps' strength to the 75,500 authorized in the naval appropriation bill.

The enlisted strength of the various naval branches now is:

| Branches | Officers | Men |
|-------------------------|----------|---------|
| Regular navy | 9,204 | 205,798 |
| Naval reserves | 14,704 | 148,505 |
| Marine corps | 1,364 | 48,505 |
| National naval reserves | 785 | 15,000 |
| Coast guards | 228 | 6,000 |

Since last March 1 the naval reserve force has been nearly doubled. The Middle West continues to furnish the largest percentage of recruits for this branch of the service.

NORMAN H. BOLIVER ON TRIAL.

Orangeburg Man, Accused of Attempted Criminal Assault on Child.

Orangeburg, June 23.—The special term of court of general sessions for Orangeburg county to try Norman H. Boliver, young white married man charged with attempt at criminal assault on a nine year old child of this city, will convene here tomorrow morning with Judge T. S. Sease of Spartanburg presiding. Yesterday afternoon Sheriff R. Fulton Dukes was notified that Judge Hayne F. Rice of Aiken, who was to preside at the special term, could not be present as he had an engagement to hold court at Barnwell. Both Sheriff Dukes and Solicitor Ed C. Mann were in a predicament, because with such short notice they could not stop the grand jurors and petit jurors from coming for the term. They got in touch with a member of the supreme court and as Judge Sease had no engagement for the week he was requested to hold the term and the chief justice so ordered.

The supply of nitrate of soda expected from the government has been reduced by the loss of one of the ships en route from Chile, and both cotton and corn will suffer for the lack of the accustomed top dressing.

mount necessity. Mr. Cooper said that the giving of free scholarships could not be defended. It was taxing the whole people for the benefit of the few, he declared. The better solution, in his opinion, would be the creation of loan funds for worthy students, which they could pay back after their graduation from their earnings. He reiterated his belief in universal compulsory school attendance, so that the child of indigent parents could be given an education.

"If I am to be the governor," said Mr. Cooper, "I shall hold up the standard that the law provides. Don't you do wrong and expect me to help you, for if a jury convicts you of taking the life of a fellow being, you must come to me with clean hands and show that the jury erred or you can't expect mercy from me."

J. M. DesChamps, the remaining candidate for governor, discussed unity, loyalty and cooperation as a trinity of governmental obligations.

Four candidates were missing today, George W. Wightman and Octavius Cohen for lieutenant governor; H. H. Arnold, for railroad commissioner, and John L. McLaurin for governor. Mr. McLaurin missed his train out of Beaufort this morning and Mr. Arnold was called to Spartanburg county on business. Mr. Wightman left on business after the Hampton meeting. Mr. Cohen has not attended any of the meetings yet. The meet Saturday will be at Walterboro.