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ALL ALONG THE LINE AND PURSUIT OF RETREATING
ENEMY IS IN PROGRESS--AUSTRIAN
OFFENSIVE NOW A DEFEAT

(Special to The Daily News)

At the Italian Army Headquarters, June 24.—From Montello to the sea, the enemy has been defeated and forced by the Italians to cross the Piave river in disorder. The Italian official statement says that the defeated Austro-Hungarians are recrossing the river in droves, having been defeated from Montello to the Adriatic, and their forces are being closely pursued by the Italian troops.

British in Enemy Lines.

Rome, June 24.—The Italian infantry is everywhere maintaining a powerful pressure upon the Austrians, says today's official statement. South of the Asiago, British troops penetrated the enemy lines, killing one hundred Austrians and bringing back prisoners. The statement adds that ninety-five enemy aeroplanes and six captive balloons have been destroyed since June 15.

A Failure.

"The enemy's offensive pressure has been held and broken since Thursday evening," the war office here announced today. "Yesterday in the direction of Lissone, a strong enemy local attack was repulsed. In the Montello and Grappa regions, successive enemy advances have been crushed." In the Senate, Premier Orlando declared that the Austrian offensive was more than a failure; it was a defeat for those who at several points were many times stronger than the defenders.

WEDDING BELLS

On Saturday evening at the home of the bride's parents on the waterfront, the ceremony of marriage was performed by the Rev. W. W. Wright, uniting Mr. Percy Smith and Miss Olive Collier in matrimony. The bridegroom is one of the officers on the Prince George, and the newly married couple will make their home in Prince Rupert.

The bride who looked charming in a dress of light blue crepe de chine, was given away by her father, Mr. J. W. Collier, and was supported by Miss Margaret Owens, while the best man was Mr. Robert Smales. The immediate friends and relatives of the bride and groom were present at the ceremony, after which supper was served, and a very happy time was spent by all present. Many valuable and pretty presents were received by the bride and groom to mark the occasion, and they will take with them in their new venture the best wishes and the hearty congratulations of all their friends.

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MANY TONS SPHAGNUM MOSS GOT FOR RED CROSS YESTERDAY

The Fairview Cemetery yesterday afternoon was the liveliest place in the city, when it was thronged with busy groups picking sphagnum moss, with which this part of the city abounds. There was a good turnout in response to the appeal for help, but not too many either, and good work was done. Many different teams had been organized for this duty before the event came off, and they were assisted by many other unofficial teamsters. Sacks of the moss came piling up at the end of the sidewalk, and the transfer department was kept hustling.

The automobiles belonging to many of the merchants were engaged in hauling full loads from the cemetery to the Exhibition Building, where it will be dried and hand picked, before being despatched to the Toronto University laboratories.

So far as can be judged without weighing the quantities which were gathered yesterday, there would appear to be close upon ten tons of moss, which, when dried and baled up, might about half fill a car. This is, of course, only half the quantity required, and the balance it is hoped to secure on Wednesday afternoon.

Glad suitable for the occasion, in clothes that wouldn't spoil, in boots that would not let in, and collars that don't starch, the men composing the various teams enjoyed the change in occupation, and as well enjoyed the friendly rivalry between the teams. Whole families as well turned out to make a day of it, and the event, as an example of community team work, is of interest in showing what can be done by voluntary effort, when properly organized.

If the weather is suitable, Wednesday afternoon will see the teams out again to secure the remainder of the quantity of moss required. The change in the weather today is sufficient to show that no opportunity should be missed to secure this necessary material, when the conditions are favorable.

The importance of this moss as a dressing for the wounds of our soldiers should be sufficient cause for everybody available being set to secure it.

AT THE WESTHOLME THEATRE

Jack Pickford appearing in the title role will be the great attraction at the screening of the great photoplay "Tom Sawyer" which will be put on at the Westholme Theatre this evening. This play is founded upon one of Mark Twain's stories, and to see pictured what one has already read is always something which most people like. They always like to prefer their own imagination. However, this is a play which ought to please the greatest of critics, and it is well worth seeing. There will also be a fine comedy.

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CZECHO-SLOVAK PRISONERS MURDERED BY AUSTRIANS

(Special to The Daily News)

London, June 24.—The admission that a number of prisoners taken by the Austrians in the recent fighting on the Italian front, have been murdered in cold blood simply because they were Czechoslovaks is made in a report issued by the Austrian War Office at Vienna today.

Summarily Executed.

Vienna, via London, June 24.—A total of 40,000 prisoners on the Italian front were claimed by the Austrian War Office today. These prisoners included some Czechoslovaks, who, the War Office intimated, were summarily executed as traitors. These Czechoslovaks formed the Bohemian regiments who in the Russian advance on Lemburg in 1915 surrendered to

the Russians without fighting for Austria. Thousands of them have made their way out of Russia since the revolution and have joined as Czech units in the Italian army, wearing their distinctive uniform.

Yesterday the fighting died down, and the Italians were reported to have lost heavily in attacks upon Montello and west of San Dona de Piave. "On the Piave fighting diminished yesterday," the War Office statement continued, "in the sectors of Montello and west of San Dona de Piave, the Italian attacks were repulsed with heavy losses. Our prisoners increased to 40,000, including a few Czechoslovaks, who were immediately subjected to martial law."

MANY ARE KILLED IN RAILROAD ACCIDENT

(Special to The Daily News.)

Chicago, June 22.—The officials of the Michigan Central Railroad here report a very bad accident which happened near Gary, Indiana, this morning, when a circus train ran into the rear of a passenger train. Six cars of the two trains were utterly demolished, killing and injuring scores of passengers. The circus coaches were telescoped by the heavy steel Pullman cars and crumpled up like so much paper, and were completely wrecked. The owner of the circus has estimated that the dead will number around fifty persons, while other seventy-five people have been injured.

To make the matter worse the wreckage caught fire, destroying many bodies of the killed and killing many of the injured who were pinned underneath the debris. Four of the circus sleeping coaches were entirely demolished. This accident is regarded as one of the worst which has happened on this road.

Death List Increased.

Garry, Ind., June 24.—In the collision between the equipment train and a Wallace Haggenback Circus train, the known death list is 61. There are also eighty injured. A Michigan Central army equipment train running at tremendous speed hurtled into the rear of the gaudily painted circus train. The equipment train was unoccupied except for its crew. The engineer is missing and the officials believe that he is killed. The cause of the wreck has not been authoritatively determined. The circus train had been halted because of a hot-box, and the flag man had gone to the rear to take the usual safety precautions. Agent W. L. Landman, of the Michigan Central declared that the equipment train had run by block signals and fuses, and the only explanation he could conceive was that the engineer was dead at his throttle.

GERMANY LENDS FOOD TO AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

(Special to The Daily News.)

Copenhagen, June 24.—Germany has decided to send five thousand tons of grain from her military stores to Austria to relieve in some slight way the utter famine that is prevailing in that country. Germany demands, however, that a similar amount of grain must be returned before July 16th.

RESIGNATION OF THE AUSTRIAN CABINET

(Special to The Daily News.)

Paris, June 24.—After a meeting with the Emperor Charles of Austria on Friday, says a dispatch from Zurich, Switzerland, Premier Seydler presented the resignation of the entire Austrian Cabinet.

BOLSHEVIKI OVER- THROWN AT SAMARA

(Special to The Daily News.)

Amsterdam, June 24.—A telegram received here today from Berlin via Switzerland and Moscow says that the Bolsheviki rule has been overthrown in Samara, in Old Russia, and that the flag of the Empire has reappeared on many buildings in the capital of that government.

FISHING ARRIVALS

With prices around 14c per lb., over 100,000 pounds of halibut were disposed of at the Fish Exchange this morning, which had arrived in port over the weekend. The Carruthers, with 60,000 lbs. flat fish also came in last evening for the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. The Alameda brought 7,000 lbs.; Tye, 12,000; Lincoln, 9,000; Nidaross, 17,000; Elfin, 9,000; Rennel, 17,000; T. H. L., 4,000; Nautilus, 2,000; Gilford, 9,000; Ed., 3,500; Niagara, 10,000, and Nuba, 4,000 lbs.

Final Moss Drive

In addition to the quantity of Sphagnum moss collected on Sunday, 700 sacks more are required to complete the shipment. The citizens must realize the urgent need and rally once more in a determined final effort. No tools are needed; the best results being got by picking with the bare hands.

Display your practical patriotism Wednesday at one o'clock and be at the end of the Park Avenue roadway at the Cemetery.

GERMANS TAKE A BREATHING SPELL ON THE WESTERN FRONT

"NOTHING NEW TO REPORT," SAYS HAIG—EXPECTED ATTACK
ON BRITISH FRONT WILL BE RESUMED AND VIMY
RIDGE THE LATEST GERMAN OBJECTIVE
—ENEMY AIRMEN CAUTIOUS

I. W. W. AGITATORS ARE HELD DOWN IN B.C.

That little success has attended the efforts of the I. W. W. agitators to stir up trouble in British Columbia in connection with the logging for aeroplane spruce was the statement made by Sub-Inspector McLean, of the Dominion Police Department. It appears that there have been a few isolated instances where these agents endeavored to sow the seeds of discontent and to spread their unpatriotic doctrines, but the firm manner in which they have been dealt with, not only by the police, but by the majority of the loggers themselves has discouraged their endeavors.

Only recently, says Inspector McLean, parcels of their publications printed in the Eastern States, have been discovered in the mails, addressed to certain persons engaged in logging on the coast. These propaganda sheets have been banned from entry into Canada, and in every instance are confiscated when found. Often printed in a foreign language, these articles are such as are calculated to stir up trouble. The recipients for whom these parcels of seditious literature are intended are known, and steps taken accordingly.

While there has been considerable damage done to spruce logs in the lumber camps of Washington and Oregon, by spiking the logs, thus ruining both logs and the saws when they go to the mills, very little of this kind of thing has occurred in British Columbia, and the authorities, assisted by the voluntary aid of the great majority of the loggers, are confident that very little trouble of this nature may be looked for.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

The Misses Wallace, of Claxton, are paying a visit to Prince Rupert over the weekend.

Don't make any other arrangements for Dominion Day than attending the sports events which the committee have got up. You will enjoy the proceedings.

The Prince Albert arrived back in the harbor this morning at 11 o'clock from a trip to Masset Inlet. After taking on more cargo she will leave for the southern part of Graham Island on her way to Vancouver.

"Yes," said the Prince Rupert optimist to the visitor this morning, "it's a fine rain. I bet it's the finest you ever saw—finer than you get on the prairie, anyway. Why, you're wet before you know it's coming down."

Mr. F. H. Mobley, M. P. P., arrived back in the city on Saturday from a visit to his constituency. He was right in to the Atlin country, where business is good for this time of the year. There is still a great deal of snow on the mountains, although the valleys are now clear, with the rivers running very high.

Loggers wanted for the Kelley Logging Co. Fare advanced, to leave on the Prince Albert tonight. Apply H. E. Ross, Empress Hotel.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, June 24.—"There was nothing new to report on the western front yesterday," was the announcement made by Field Marshal Haig today. "During artillery co-operation and photograph reconnaissances our air patrol destroyed one hostile machine. Two of our machines are missing."

Vimy Ridge Next.

British Headquarters in France, June 24.—The enemy has paused in his onslaught on the western front to breathe, but there is every indication that a continuation of the drive is imminent, although up to date he has made no bid for aerial supremacy, which is practically always the precursor to his attacks. It is believed that his next move will be against the British, although the lure of Paris may still attract him to make further heavy sacrifices near the scene of his recent drive. Prisoners taken reiterate that the Germans' plans are for the outflanking of Vimy Ridge.

Pershing's Report.

Washington, June 24.—There was virtually no activity yesterday at the points held by the American troops, General Pershing reported in a communication made public last night by the War Department.

WHY ROUMANIANS CONCLUDED PEACE

Amsterdam, June 22.—Roumania concluded peace because to resist further would have exhausted the country to the point of destruction, said King Ferdinand in his speech from the throne at the reopening of the Roumanian Parliament at Jassy on Monday. The peace treaty was then submitted to the Legislature for approval.

The king said Roumania had accepted the peace forced upon her as a necessary condition to her existence. The treaty manifestly imposes painful sacrifices but the Roumanian people would examine it with the manliness which an exact comprehension of the interests of the state demanded.

He alluded with satisfaction to the fact that war had brought back the Moldavian land, throwing the Bessarabian people into their arms and restoring friendship with the Central Powers. Good relations with the other powers were maintained and plans were now on foot to resume diplomatic interchanges.

Queen Marie, who had opposed the peace treaty, did not appear at the opening of Parliament, and the diplomatic corps was not invited to attend.

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