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## OFFENSIVE IS STARTED ON ITALIAN FRONT

### OFFENSIVE CHECKED IN WEST --- AUSTRIANS ATTACK ON HUNDRED MILE FRONT

#### VERY SERIOUS SITUATION IN AUSTRIA NOW

People of Dual Monarchy Said to Be on the Verge of Revolt —Exchange Troubles.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, June 17.—Reports of a very serious situation in Austria are current today. They come from various sources outside of Austria, but there is no direct confirmation of the news.

The news today from the semi-official Fabra Agency of Madrid says private information has come from reliable sources that grave events are about to occur in Austria, where the population is demanding peace at any price. A report that a revolution had broken out in Austria, with serious rioting in Vienna, was contained in a despatch to the Central News today from Amsterdam. The despatch declared the information was received from the German frontier.

Amsterdam, June 17.—On the Amsterdam Bourse, the journey of Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, to Berlin, is connected with the tension in Austro-German affairs. It is believed that the tension now has become more critical. Austrian exchange receded a full point on the Bourse on Friday.

#### BRIEF DISPATCHES

Rome, June 17.—There were scenes of great enthusiasm in the Chamber of Deputies today when the minister of war announced the success of Italian troops and the repulse of the enemy despite his numerical superiority on a greater part of the front.

Washington.—The Norwegian barque Samoa from Buenos Aires was sunk by a submarine off the Virginia coast on June 14th.

Berlin.—There is nothing new from the battle fronts.

#### SIXTY PRISONERS TAKEN BY BRITISH

London, June 17.—A successful local operation was carried out last night by English and Scottish troops north of Bethune on the Flanders front and more than sixty prisoners were taken, according to the war office statement today. The text of the statement reads:

"A successful local operation was carried out last night by English and Scottish battalions north of Bethune. More than sixty prisoners were taken. A few prisoners and three machine guns were captured by us during the night as the result of the successful raids in the Villers-Bretonneux sector.

"A raid attempted by the enemy upon one of our positions in Aveluy Wood was repulsed. Local fighting took place during the night about certain of our posts about Nieppe Forest."

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#### WESTHOLME

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PAULINE FREDERICK IN "THE HUNGRY HEART" Five-part Paramount Feature.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

Remember Wednesday is the day Everybody gathers Moss.

#### TO START ON PRINCE RUPERT SHIPS SOON

(Vancouver Province, June 14.)

Mr. W. P. Hinton, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, upon his arrival in Vancouver yesterday confirmed a previous announcement that steel ships are to be built at Prince Rupert. Negotiations are practically completed for the construction of at least eight 8,500-ton freight carriers at the northern drydock and work will be commenced there in two or three weeks, he said. The new ships are to be built by a foreign company.

Unprecedented growth in population and business is being recorded at the northern city, the housing of several thousand new residents during the past few months being a problem not yet settled satisfactorily to those wishing to locate permanently. There is not a vacant house to be obtained at present. Wholesalers and retailers reported to Mr. Hinton that business has never been better or prospects brighter.

The official of the G. T. P. said the road is doing remarkably well. Revenues have been better than could have been expected under wartime conditions while development, especially along the line in British Columbia, is steady and gratifying. Fifty settlers with thirty-seven cars of freight effects came west to British Columbia points upon the same train with Mr. Hinton. Mining development along the line also is thriving, and there is more investment in this regard than would ordinarily be expected.

The railroad is active in lumber shipments from the western provinces at the present time, an especially large amount of spruce shipments going east continually and briskly. Passenger business is good, tourist travel arriving in large quantities from the southern Pacific coast states, taking advantage of attractive rates which are beneficial to British Columbia.

Mr. Hinton, with his wife and daughter, will remain in Vancouver until Saturday.

#### BUILD STEEL SHIPS IN NORTHERN DOCK

(Vancouver Province, June 12.)

Largely due to the efforts of Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, and W. P. Hinton, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the drydock at Prince Rupert, which because it has been idle practically since it was built, has become known as "the biggest slacker in the country," is to be utilized for shipbuilding purposes. This is a report from a government official now here.

The drydock has been leased to a strong American concern which is reported to have contracts to build from five to ten ships.

#### FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOSS GATHERING

In order to perfect arrangements a meeting of those interested in moss gathering will be held at the court house Monday evening, June 17th.

It is particularly requested that all Captains entrusted with the raising of teams and all others interested in work pertaining to the gathering of moss, be on hand tonight, in order to complete arrangements.

#### FISH ARRIVALS

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#### ITALIAN FRONT NOW ATTACKED BY AUSTRIANS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Rome, June 17.—The Austrians began a great offensive on the front from Asiago plateau to the sea. This announcement was made in the Chamber of Deputies by the Premier Orlando who added: "Our troops are everywhere resisting magnificently."

London, June 17.—The Italian and Allied army are bravely sustaining the weight of the Austrian forces which are attacking along the Italian front of the Italian theatre northwest of Asiago plateau eastward to the Piave river and thence along that stream to where it joins headquarters on the Adriatic Sea, a front of one hundred miles.

#### NO MORE CALLS UNTIL AFTER HARVEST

Ottawa, June 15.—Judging by the letters which are being received at Ottawa, there is still much uneasiness in rural districts due to the widespread belief that the 19-year-old boys who recently registered are to be called up at once and exemptions cancelled of men 23, 24, 25 and 26-years of age.

It can be stated officially that there is no intention of calling out any of these classes for the present and official announcement to this effect will be made in the course of the next week.

#### Not Before Harvest.

The present plan is to call no further classes to the colors until the fall, when harvesting is over. What will be done then will depend entirely on the state of the war and the need for reinforcements. If the situation is still as urgent and as critical as it has been during the past few weeks, the government will undoubtedly have to call up the 19-year-olds and cancel exemptions of some other ages. The order cancelling exemptions between the ages of 20 and 22 has been highly successful and has resulted in securing speedy reinforcements. There is now being called to the colors nearly 75,000 men under the Military Service Act. The next couple of months will increase the quota to one hundred thousand.

#### Fall Session Likely.

This was all that was provided for by the act and if the number is to be increased, Parliament will have to be summoned early in the fall or on the return of Sir Robert Borden.

It would not be surprising if there was a fall session. In addition to this question the negotiations in England for the purchase of the Grand Trunk and the Grand Pacific may require early parliamentary sanction. In addition there was considerable legislation last session which was held over.

#### RETAIL CLERKS

Meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in Carpenters' Hall.

#### IRISH EXEMPT IN THE UNITED STATES

Washington, June 17.—Irish and Australians in this country are exempted and only Americans between the ages of 21 and 31 are subjected to draft in Great Britain and Canada, under the British-American military convention now awaiting ratification by the United States Senate.

Details of the treaty which became known today disclosed that it required a formal exchange of notes between the United States and Great Britain to settle questions relating to application of American draft age limits to the Americans in Great Britain and Canada.

The British and Canadian Military Service Acts, which govern the operation of the treaty, would make all Americans in Great Britain or Canada between 20 and 45 liable to draft in the British army. But in the notes exchanged by Lord Reading and Secretary Lansing it is agreed that the United States may claim exemption for its citizens under 21 and over 31. The agreement provides that in event of future extension of the draft laws in either country its new provisions shall be respected by both nations.

#### THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR PLEASES AUDIENCES

At the Baptist church yesterday the children's choir sang at all three services, and rendered very beautifully the selections that they had practised so long.

At the afternoon service the Rev. Dr. Grant spoke very nicely to the children on the subject of "Service," and emphasized that there was only one kind of service which in the end made life worth while. Special selections were rendered at this service and the large congregation was delighted with the splendid rendition of the pieces.

At the morning and evening services the pastor spoke to the children on subjects appropriate to the young. The evening service was augmented by the fact that the Methodist church closed for the occasion and large numbers of the congregation were present at the Baptist service. Mr. Young who was supplying at the Methodist church assisted at the Baptist church in conducting the service.

The day was one altogether satisfactory from every point of view and the children and their leader, Mr. W. V. Davies, are receiving congratulations on their performance.

It is hoped that Children's Day may be as fittingly observed in the future as it was on this occasion.

#### WANT CONSCRIPTS AUSTRIAN WOMEN

Geneva, June 15.—Thirty-six thousand Austrian women and girls of all ages and classes have been forced by hunger to join the women's battalions working close to the front lines, according to reports from the Austrian Tyrol today.

#### VICTORIA BY-ELECTION FIXED FOR JUNE 28TH

Victoria, June 15.—At a special meeting of the provincial executive this morning it was decided to hold the by-election occasioned by the death of Hon. H. C. Brewster at once. The polling day is announced for June 28 next and nominations will close two days prior.

It is understood that the Victoria Liberal Association will hold a convention early next week for the purpose of selecting a candidate. Mrs. Spofford is mentioned as an Independent candidate and Major W. H. Langley will likely run as the Liberal contestant.

#### SUB OPERATIONS MUCH LESSENED IN RECENT WEEKS

Paris, June 15.—Enemy submarine operations have lessened greatly in the western and central English channel since the blockading of Zeebrugge and Ostend. The number of submarines operating has also appreciably diminished owing to the severe losses in recent months.

#### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

FOR SALE.—Slightly used, six-hole Monarch range; also furniture, 337 8th Ave., East, or phone Black 257.

Mr. W. G. Barrie sailed last Saturday evening for the south. While away Mr. Barrie will attend a convention of the Eastern Star.

Carpenters Local Union will meet in their hall on Wednesday night at eight o'clock. Full attendance requested. Special business.

Constable Bailey placed behind the bars last evening a young fisherman whose actions were causing some little concern to his associates.

Lee Bow, an Oriental, died at Swanson Bay on Saturday and the remains were brought into the city this morning. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock from the B. C. Undertakers' parlors.

Constable Shields brought into the city from Granby Bay last evening an Austrian whose actions were anything but satisfactory to the authorities. He is at present in the city police station and will be taken to New Westminster at the first opportunity.

Quite a number of the American boys who registered under the recent requirements of the American Government have received notices to report promptly for the draft which Uncle Sam is now calling to the colors. Among these are Mr. G. Morrissey, formerly of this city, and Mr. Chester Poole, of Martin O'Reilly's staff.

Mr. Jarvis McLeod, collector of customs at this port, has received the intelligence that his brother Keith McLeod, who was so well known in this city and on this coast as an athlete, has been reported as missing. Keith McLeod went overseas at the same time as Lieut. Donald R. McDonald, who was a son of Mr. B. R. McDonald, formerly of this city. Lieut. McDonald is reported missing too, which probably means that both soldiers were in the same engagement.

#### NOTICE

To all moss picking citizens—we have thrown open 150 pairs of long rubber boots for your convenience at actual cost for two days only, see HOFFMAN'S.

#### LATEST DRIVE OF GERMANS IS A FAILURE

Large Numbers of the Enemy Used up in the Last Three Weeks.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, June 17.—The latest drive of the enemy on the Mont-Didier front has been definitely checked, it was authoritatively learned today.

The enemy failed to attain his objective and the situation has been stabilized with little difficulty as in this instance plenty of reserves were available and there was no element of surprise.

The Germans have made no gain in the Compeigne battle for three days. Their greatest gain is in the centre, south of Roye, where they are just north of Antheuil representing an advance of about five miles.

The Germans have employed over sixty divisions on the Marne and the Oise since May 27.

#### SUBMARINES ARE AGAIN ACTIVE OFF VIRGINIA CAPES

An Atlantic Port, June 15.—A British steamship arriving here today reported that she received wireless messages from the British steamer Keemun last night that she was being attacked by a German submarine. Two hours later word was received from the vessel that she was sinking.

The Keemun, a vessel of 5,871 tons, said she was off the Virginia capes. She was last reported as leaving Manila.

#### JUNE 30 SET ASIDE AS DAY OF PRAYER

Victoria, June 15.—Sir George Foster has wired Hon. John Oliver announcing that a proclamation has been issued intimating that Sunday, June 30, is to be set apart as a day of public humiliation and prayer.

The federal minister asks that the Government of British Columbia co-operate with the Dominion in common with the other provinces, to see that fitting arrangements are made at all points dispensing the information at the earliest moment.

#### AT THE WESTHOLME THEATRE

The Westholme is again fortunate in securing for their theatre the wonderful Pauline Frederick in "The Hungry Heart." As Courtney Vaughn she scores a dramatic triumph to which her personal charm contributes no less than her emotional talents. Add to this unbroken continuity, splendid lighting effects and rapid action, and there seems little room for doubt as to the value of the production for the exhibitor. And this suggests that the audience are privileged to be able to have the advantage thus offered to them in this triumph of the screen. The funny Charlie Chaplin is also to be seen at the same time and patrons are assured of their money's worth in visiting the theatre this evening.

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