

## FLOODS FAVOR ITALIAN FORCES

Launch Heavy Counterdrive As Rising Piave River Cuts Off Enemy Hordes.

## CAPO SILE RECAPTURED

Austrian Forces on West Side of Piave Reported in Danger of Annihilation—Few Losses Estimated at 150,000.

London, June 21.—By all appearances the Austrian offensive in the Italian theater thus far has met with failure all along the front from the Venetian Alps to the Adriatic sea.

In the hill region additional ground has been recaptured from the invaders, while along the Piave river, where intensive fighting is in progress at some points with fluctuating results, the balance toward ultimate victory seems to sway in favor of the Italian arms.

London, June 21.—Cape Sile, a town on the lagoon to the west of the Piave river, has been recaptured by the Italian forces, a dispatch states, together with reports that the armies of General Diaz have taken the offensive on the whole line of the river from Montello to the Adriatic.

As a consequence of a sudden rise of the Piave river which has flooded a large area, the Italians have destroyed 12 out of 14 bridges constructed by the Austrians and cut off enemy detachments that crossed the Piave from communication with or help those on the east side.

Capo Sile is a short distance from the mouth of the Piave. It was taken by the Austrians at the beginning of their offensive. Vienna claimed further progress in the same section, including the crossing of the Fossalta canal. If the town has been recaptured by the Italians, it represents a disastrous defeat for the Austrians and the forfeiting of practically the only substantial gain made by them since the drive started.

Two thirds of Gains Lost. Austrian forces on the lower Piave it is reported, have been pushed back until they hold only one-third of the ground previously taken by them.

On the middle Piave river, the Italians are reported to have driven forward to its bank the Austrian forces north and south.

An Associated Press dispatch from Italian headquarters stated that the Italians have gained complete control of the air on the Piave line and that not a single Austrian airplane was seen in that section at the time it was sent.

The same dispatch carried reports that the Italians have regained all the territory between Zenson and the Fossalta canal, and that the Austro-Hungarian forces have been confined to the ground between the Fosetta canal and the Sile canal, on the west bank of the Piave.

### Danger of Annihilation.

If the flooding of the river is not exaggerated, Austrian forces on the west side are exposed to annihilation by the Italians, whose artillery is said to be pounding them heavily, while the Austrian guns are depleting their ammunition supplies without possibility of replenishment.

Austrian losses in four days are said to total 150,000. On the western front nothing but raids is reported by the British and French.

## ADMIRAL PAGET IS DEAD

Was Former British Naval Attaché in Washington

London, June 20.—Admiral Sir Alfred Paget died suddenly here.

Admiral Sir Alfred (Wynham) Paget was a son of the late General Lord Alfred Henry Paget and was born March 20, 1852. He entered the English navy in 1875, became a captain in 1896, rear admiral in 1906, and vice admiral in 1911. He served in the Egyptian and Sudan campaigns from 1882 until 1888, and was British naval attaché at Washington 1896-1899. He was knighted in 1911 and received the distinguished service order in 1917.

### Renewal of Treaty Approved

Washington, June 21.—Renewal for five years of the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain has been approved by the Senate foreign relations committee.

### Zeebrugge Remains Blocked

Amsterdam, June 21.—The entrance to the harbor of Zeebrugge is blocked, according to Lieutenants George Coward and John Read of the British royal air force, who landed in the province of Zeeland and are to be interned at The Hague. In an interview published in the Telegraph they say the Germans are working day and night to clear the passage, but each night British aviators demolish the German's progress. The cement ships sunk in the harbor are still there.

## AMERICAN POLISH LEGION MARCHES TO FRONT IN FRANCE



With their band playing martial airs the long line of Polish Legionaries is marching through Laval in France on the way to the front to fight for democracy and the independence of their country. The regiment is composed entirely of American Poles who were trained in the United States. Every man and every officer is a volunteer, and they are all citizens of the United States.

## UNDER U. S. CONTROL

Stock Yards of Country To Operate Under Federal License.

Presidential Proclamation Orders That Permits Must Be Obtained Before July 25.

Washington, June 21.—President Wilson has ordered that all stock yards in the United States be placed under federal license.

A presidential proclamation, was issued which requires that licenses must be obtained from the food administration on or before July 25. Licensing also is required of commission men, order buyers, traders, speculators and scalpers handling or dealing in live cattle, sheep, swine or goats "in, or in connection with such stock yards," except those exempted by the food and fuel law.

Regulatory Powers Provided. Regulatory powers under the proclamation are conferred on the Secretary of Agriculture, who, in turn, it was announced, has delegated the authority to the Bureau of Markets, of which Charles J. Brand is chief.

Licensing machinery developed by the food administration in connection with the licensing of firms engaged in handling of food will be used, it is explained.

Rules and regulations for the licenses are being formulated by the Bureau of Markets and will be given out within a few weeks. Conferences will be held with stockmen, stock yards operators and representatives of trade organizations.

Penalties for stock yard concerns and individuals who fail to obtain licenses by July 25 are provided in the President's proclamation.

## WILL CONFER ON BALKANS

Economic Problems to Be Considered by Central Powers.

Washington, June 21.—Announcement of a conference to be held at Sofia, Bulgaria, in September under the presidency of King Ferdinand at which the Central Powers will discuss economic questions of the Balkans, according to a Basal dispatch received in an official cablegram from Paris.

Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, Turkey and the Ukraine will be represented, it says, and "questions touching particularly on the junction of the Central powers with the Balkans by international lines of communication" will be discussed.

## ENORMOUS IMPORTS IN MAY

Foreign Goods Received Are Largest in Nation's History

Washington, June 21.—Imports in May were the largest in the nation's history and the total foreign commerce for the month, amounting to \$875,000,000, was second only to June, 1917, when the total was \$879,000,000. Imports in May amounted to \$323,000,000 an increase of \$44,000,000 over April, according to figures issued by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Exports were valued at \$552,000,000, which was \$52,000,000 more than April.

### Utah Sugar Crop to 1,000,000 Tons

Ogden, Utah, June 21.—Utah will produce this year sufficient sugar beets to fulfill the wants of its half million population, and then have enough to furnish the American army of 2,000,000 men with sugar for one year. This was the startling statement of J. W. Jones, sugar beet specialist of the Department of Agriculture for the intermountain district, at the convention of county farm agents in this city. Utah's production for 1918 will reach 1,000,000 tons of sugar beets, Mr. Jones said.

## ACTS OF TURKEY MAY CAUSE WAR

American Consulate at Tabriz, Persia, Is Said to Have Been Desecrated

## ALSO LOOT HOSPITAL

Deeds of Sultan's Troops May Force Long Expected Declaration of State of War Between Ottoman Empire and United States

Washington, June 21.—In some quarters here it is believed that the desecration by Turkish troops of the American consulate at Tabriz, Persia, and the looting of an American missionary hospital in that city, reported to the state department, may precipitate the long expected declaration of war between the Ottoman empire and the United States.

Diplomatic relations between the two governments have been suspended since April 20, 1917, when Turkey withdrew Abdul Hak Hussein Bey, who had been acting as charge of the Turkish embassy here since the compulsory retirement of the ambassador, which followed his open criticism of the United States government.

Countries on Verge of War. Necessarily American Ambassador Morgenthau was obliged to leave Constantinople and since that time relations between the two governments have been just short of actual enmity.

Recently there have been vigorous demands in Congress for a declaration of a state of war between the United States and Turkey and Bulgaria, but President Wilson and the State department have not regarded this step as necessary or desirable, since there has been no actual collision between American and Turkish and Bulgarian troops.

Minister Reports Incident. On the face of the reports from American Minister Caldwell at Téhéran officials were inclined to believe that the sacking of the American hospital, a Presbyterian institution, over the protest of the Spanish consul in charge as representative of American interests furnished the necessary provocation for open hostilities between America and Turkey.

The advices however, were meagre and the minister explained he was only transmitting reports of matters not of his own knowledge. In view of this situation it was realized that later reports might show that the offenses were not as grave as now represented.

### Two More Airmen Killed

Aberdeen, Miss., June 21.—Lieut. Leo M. Hines of Ellenwood, Kan., and Lieut. Francis M. Roberts of Watertown, N. Y., are dead and Lieut. Robert G. Moore, Elmwood place, Ohio, may die as the result of an airplane collision at an altitude of 1,700 feet, near Payne field. Lieutenants Hines and Moore occupied one machine, while Lieutenant Roberts was flying alone.

### Camp Dodge Leads in Health

Camp Dodge, Des Moines, June 21.—In less than two months the Eighty-eighth national army division here, where Minnesota soldiers are in training, has regained its standard as one of the healthiest in the national army. Just prior to April 1, a pneumonia epidemic struck the division, causing the death of nearly 100 soldiers. This scourge was curbed early in May, with the result that only 55 deaths from all causes were reported for the month as against 112 for April.

## STORM GERMAN LINES

Americans Capture Trenches and Machine Gun Nests.

Heavy Artillery Barrage Prevents enemy Escaping and His Losses Are Heavy

With the American Army in France, June 21.—In front of Contigny in the Montdidier sector, American troops stormed German trenches and machine gun nests.

Those of the German garrison who remained to fight and carry out the orders to hold the positions at any cost were killed by rifle and machine gun fire and bayonet. The American troops also took prisoners.

Barrage Cuts Off Germans. The American artillery put down a heavy box barrage on the rear of the enemy positions. A few minutes later the infantry swarmed over the top and rushed the trenches.

Some of the Germans had tried to escape through the barrage crawling to their rear, but few of them got through. Numerous German dead were found later.

Prisoners declare they had orders to hold on at all costs and this was apparent by the desperate manner in which they fought.

Battle Short and Deadly. The battle was short, but deadly, for the enemy positions were swept clean of Germans. The official report says that a great many Germans were killed.

One machine gun nest containing eight men, which had been sprinkling Contigny for some days was blown up by a direct hit from a trench mortar bomb.

## WILSON MAY TOUR FOR LOAN

President May Take McAdoo's Place in Next Drive.

Washington, June 21.—President Wilson may "substitute" for Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in personal appeals before the people in the next Liberty Loan campaign.

The loan will be the first great test of the country's willingness to sacrifice "until it hurts." With at least \$6,000,000,000 in treasury certificates to be absorbed by the loan, it was intimated by treasury officials that the subscription may run to \$7,000,000,000 or \$8,000,000,000.

It appears that Secretary McAdoo whose health was broken by the last drive, will be unable to speak for the loan.

## BRITISH SALVAGE 407 SHIPS

Admiralty Improves Methods of Raising Torpedoed Vessels

London, June 20.—From January, 1915, to the end of May, 1918, 407 ships sunk by the Germans in British waters have been salvaged, according to details of the work of the Admiralty salvage department made public in the press.

Up to December, 1917, 260 ships were recovered. In the present year to the end of May, 147 have been salvaged, the increase being due to improved methods and not to the greater activity of U-Boats.

### Austria's Grain Exhausted

London, June 21.—Austria's grain supplies have completely run out and such food of this nature as she is getting is coming from what Germany has allotted to her from the Ukrainian supplies, according to indications in a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. This message quotes an interview with Herr Paul, the Austrian food minister, by the Vienna correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt, in which the minister confirmed the news of the recent reduction in the Austrian bread ration.

## GREAT STRIKES OCCUR AT VIENNA

Over 100,000 Persons Quit Work in Arsenal and Airplane Factory.

## PEOPLE DEMAND FOOD

Agitation in Austria-Hungary is Spreading and the Authorities View Present Situation With Grave Concern

London, June 21.—According to the dispatch from Zurich more than 100,000 persons have gone on strike in the Vulcan arsenal and Warshalski airplane works in Vienna. The dispatch adds that riots have occurred at Farcritten, Margerethen, Ottakring and Brigittenay, suburbs of Vienna.

Amsterdam, June 21.—Messages arriving here from Germany and Austria make it clear that the latest troubles in the dual monarchy over the food situation have been unequalled since the beginning of the war.

The agitation throughout the country is growing enormously, according to these dispatches, and the authorities in Austria-Hungary regard the situation with the gravest apprehension.

Burgomaster Weiss-Kirchner of Vienna has informed the Austrian premier, Von Seydler, according to a dispatch from the Austrian capital, that in view of the reduction of the bread ration he declines to guarantee order in the capital. The burgomaster's demand for dried vegetables to make up for lack of bread has been refused.

Von Seydler Promises German Aid. Dr. von Seydler, in a statement to the press representatives at Vienna, has announced that, as a result of recent negotiations, the German government declared itself ready to advance to Austria a certain quantity of grain, and he added, some hundreds of wagon loads were already on the way. The supply in Austria, he continued, was still so scanty as to make it impossible for the present to remove the restrictions on the bread rations.

Mob Stones Hofburg Palace. London, June 21.—Serious rioting broke out in Vienna, says dispatch from Amsterdam. The mob broke into a number of bakeries, stoned the residence of the premier, and also one of the wings of the Hofburg palace the message adds.

Cavalry is being rushed to the capital to restore order. It is probable, it is stated, that martial law will be proclaimed.

The rioting was in protest against the bread rations.

## GERMANS LOSE 835 PLANES

Allies Have Destroyed That Number in Five Months.

London, June 21.—Eight hundred and thirty-five German airplanes have been destroyed since January 1, according to an official statement issued which tends to prove that the German communiques are not reliable when dealing with losses of airplanes.

The statement says that on June 2, the Germans lost 48, while on June 9 and 10 there were 49 of their machines brought down. The British were responsible for the destruction of 33 of those lost on the latter date.

## 17 AMERICANS DIE IN ACTION

Thirty-six Added to Wounded On West Front.

Washington, June 21.—The last army casualty list contained 75 names divided as follows: Killed in action, 17; died of wounds, 9; died of airplane accident, 2; died of disease, 7; died of accident and other causes, 1; wounded severely, 32; wounded, degree undetermined, 4; missing in action, 1.

The only names of Northwest soldiers appearing on the list are those of Mechanic R. A. Hanson of Shell Lake, Wis., and Private Patrick Barthlette, of Backoo, N. D., both of whom were killed in action.

## SIXTEEN BELGIANS TO DIE

Germans Sentence Men and Women for Alleged Espionage

Amsterdam, June 21.—Sixteen persons, including some women, have been condemned to death by the Germans following their arrest in East Flanders, Belgium, on a suspicion of being guilty of espionage, according to the frontier correspondent of the Telegraaf. It is rumored that the executions have already been carried out. More than 50 people had been placed under arrest.

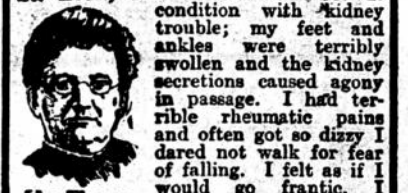
### Highway Council Created

Washington, June 21.—Creation of the United States Highway council in which all functions of government agencies having control over street and highway construction will be coordinated, was announced by the Department of Agriculture. The council was formed primarily to prevent delays, financial losses and uncertainty as to the method of taking up highway problems with a separate government agency and to that end will keep in constant touch with the various state highway commissions.

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## Nothing Doing.

Don't twist your tongue to say pretzel in Indianapolis dairy lunchrooms, as the girls working at the counters have put a ban on the word. Patrons of a dairy lunch in East Washington street, who have been accustomed to ordering coffee and a "pretzel," are being admonished by the counter "men" to say tea ring. "You're an American, aren't you?" the girls say. "You have seen on the movie screens what the Germans are and what they have been doing, haven't you? Then, don't say pretzel, because it's German and no German goes in here."—Indianapolis News.

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## Foggy in Camp.

It was an unusually foggy morning at Camp Grant. The soldiers were in line as usual ready for drilling, but the sergeant noticed that somebody was out of place, he being quite a distance away. He called to him to get in line, but no answer was received nor did the object stir. After calling and motioning to him several times he walked up to him, when to his dismay he found he had been talking to a post.

## Truth Recognized.

We have been told that food will win the war, munitions will win the war, ships will win the war, and are now prepared for the appearance of the startling theory that soldiers will win the war.—Toronto Mail.

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## Substitute for Lycopodium.

An interesting method is being employed to provide a substitute for lycopodium, the vegetable material formerly obtained from Russia for coating molds in foundries to prevent sand from clinging to the castings. The substitute is the dust obtained from the gas discharges of drying apparatus in works where coal or lignite is briquetted, a centrifugal process being employed to precipitate it.—Exchange.

## Bullets Never Touch Him.

England has one army man who appears to have a charmed life. He is Capt. George C. Foulds, who is now lecturing in this country. Foulds went to the Flanders front in 1915 and has gone through every battle of the war without a scratch.

Sixty men a thousand are now being killed in the war, and about 150 men out of each 1,000 are wounded.

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