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Retrograde Movement is Begun by the Austrians and the Italians Are Pursuing.

MANY GUNS LEFT BY FLEEING AUSTRIANS

American Airmen Perform Heroic Work in Aiding the Italians.

(By Associated Press.) Rome, June 23.—The Italian troops have crossed the old channel of the Piave west of the main stream and recaptured several of their old positions, according to semi-official statements issued tonight.

From Capo-Seile other detachments are advancing towards the main stream of the river.

The Italians have thrown over bombing detachments across the main stream where artillery and aircraft machines are hammering the enemy.

AUSTRIANS IN RETREAT PURSUED BY ITALIANS

Italian Headquarters, June 23.—(Sunday night).—The retreat of the Austrians along the Piave river begun under cover of darkness on Saturday night. The retreating troops left their cannon behind them. The Italians are pursuing the enemy east of the Piave river.

East of the Piave the Austrian troops left to cover the retreating army used their machine guns to set up a barrage fire. When it was observed that the Austrians had begun a retrograde movement, the Italians began attacking virtually along the whole line of the Piave from Montello on the north to the mouth of the river. The attack was quickly pressed and became more and more active with violent artillery fire.

The number of guns left by the retreating Austrians have not been computed, but it is said that the number is undoubtedly great.

The work of American aviators who first appeared on the Italian front on Saturday contributed notably to the disorganization of the Austrian forces that had crossed the Piave river, according to the Milan Echo.

A FORMER SALISBURIAN DEAD.

Mr. A. W. Watson, Native of This City and Former Merchant Here, Dies in Wilmington.

Word has been received here of the death in Wilmington of Mr. A. W. (Bert) Watson, at his home in that city. Mr. Watson was 73 years old and was a Confederate veteran. He was a native of Salisbury and resided here many years, at one time being engaged in the mercantile business with the late D. R. Julian. He was related to the Watsons and Julians and had numerous other relatives in this section. Quite a number of years ago he moved to Wilmington and had made his home there since. He was an occasional visitor to Salisbury, however, and had many friends here. These will learn with sorrow of his death.

(By Associated Press.) A German attack on the French at Antheuil, west of the Oise, was beaten off Sunday night.

AUSTRIAN MINISTER OPPOSED OFFENSIVE

One of the Principal Objects of the Austrian Minister to Berlin Was Opposed.

WANTED AUSTRIA TO STAY ON DEFENSIVE FOR TIME

Strikers in Vienna Demand That There Be Peace With the Enemies of Dual Monarchy.

(By the Associated Press.) London, June 24.—One of the principal objects of the visit of Baron Burian, Austrian Foreign Minister, to Berlin, was to plead for an indefinite postponement of the Austrian offensive, according to the correspondent of the Daily Mail on the Swiss border, this information being learned on unimpeachable authority. Von Burian pointed out that the failure of the drive in conjunction with the threatened food problem and race question might lead to the gravest disorders, even a revolution. He urged that if Austria were permitted to remain inactively on the defensive the desperate situation might be tidied over.

Berlin, it is stated, insisted on an immediate offensive being necessary to relieve the pressure on the western front and also to appease the German people toward Austria.

STRIKERS DEMAND IMMEDIATE PEACE

London, June 24.—Strikers in the various factories in Vienna on Saturday formulated a demand on the government that it will show itself ready for immediate peace and invite the enemy nations to enter into peace negotiations. A dispatch from the Hague to the Times says that the workers subscribed to the peace terms of Baron Burian, foreign minister for Austria-Hungary.

EMPEROR CHARLES WILL NOT ACCEPT.

Amsterdam, June 24.—Emperor Charles will not accept the resignation of his Austrian cabinet, according to a dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin. The dispatch says that he undoubtedly will refuse to accept the resignation of the Von Seydler cabinet and that it will remain as it was with perhaps an exception of Police Minister Twardowski who will retire. It is problematical if differences between Minister Weiser of the Agricultural Department and Tronca can be reconciled.

Optimism Runs High in Rome.

Washington, June 24.—Confidence at Rome that the war may be brought to a victorious close this year if the allies give the Italians full measure of support in the offensive launched against the Austrians was reflected in wireless dispatches today from the Italian capital. The message says the Austrian retreat across the Piave and in which the Italians have already captured 45,000 prisoners has become a veritable rout and information from secret sources show that many divisions of German troops have been detached from the front in France and are being rushed to the aid of the Austrian army.

American Improve Positions. Washington, June 24.—Further improvement of the American position northeast of Chateau Thierry is noted in General Pershing's communique for yesterday, received today at the war department. Artillery activity and the repulse of enemy raids on the Vosges also were reported.

Only One Bridge Left. London, June 24.—All but one of the bridges left for the Austrian retreat across the Piave have been destroyed



MILITIA TO DEAL WITH ASHE COUNTY DRAFT OBSTRUCTORS

Winston-Salem Company Ordered to Hold Itself in Readiness to Go to Mountain Section Where Trouble is Brewing

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, June 24.—The State Reserve Militia company of Winston-Salem has been ordered to hold itself in readiness for a week's campaign against forty drafted men who are defying the authorities in Ashe county, Adjutant General Young announced today.

The adjutant general said reports to his office from Ashe county draft board were that one man, a civilian, had been killed in an attempt to arrest some of the resisters. The men refused to be inducted into service and legally are deserters from the army.

Secretary Lansing's literary style is not admirable as the President's, but the Kaiser will have no difficulty in understanding what the Secretary means.—(Charleston News and Courier)

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is at work fourteen hours a day in a Y. M. C. A. canteen at Aix, France.

Another Salisbury boy to arrive safely "over there" is Earl B. Putman of the 7th Anti-Aircraft, A. E. F. The many friends of "Pete" Shaver will be glad to learn that he is safe on the other side of the Atlantic. Mr. Shaver is with the Aviation Signal Corps.

Buret Haynes, another Salisburian and former member of the 4th Co., has landed on French soil and joined the million or more Americans "over there."

STRIKES BREAK OUT IN SEVERAL RHINE CITIES

Reduction of Bread Ration Cause Trouble Among Workmen and Twenty Thousand Quit

London, June 24.—Extensive strikes broke out Thursday in Cologne and Mulheim, on the Rhine, owing to a reduction in the bread rations. Twenty thousand persons quit work in munition factories, according to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from The Hague.

OVER THE SEAS READY FOR DUTY

Number of Boys From the City and County Reported Across Safely and Ready for Service.

A card received here announces the arrival overseas of W. A. Fleming, another Salisbury boy who went from here with the 4th Co. He is with the 7th Anti Aircraft Battery, and this would indicate that a number of the boys who left Fort Caswell, having been attached to other units, have also arrived safely overseas.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR., COMMENDED FOR GALLANTRY

Although Gassed in the Lungs and Blinded By Gassed Eyes He Leads His Men in the Fight at Cantigny.

(By the Associated Press.) With the American Army in France, June 24.—Major Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., has been sighted by the general commanding the troops to which his unit is attached for "conspicuous gallantry" in action during the operations connected with the capture of subsequent defenses of Cantigny.

THOMASVILLE ORPHANAGE MEETING TOMORROW.

Will Be Held at the Orphanage Tomorrow and Wednesday and Local Folks Will Attend.

A number of Salisbury people will attend the annual meeting of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, which will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, at the orphanage at Thomasville.

The sermon will be preached Tuesday night by Rev. Lee McBride White of Chester, S. C., and the address will be delivered Wednesday morning by Dr. Luther Little, pastor of the First Baptist church of Charlotte. The trustees will hold their meeting as usual Tuesday morning and afternoon. Monday night class day exercises will be held in the chapel hall.

ORDER NUMBERS NEW REGISTRANTS

Drawing for Those Registering on June 5th Will Probably Be Held Some Time This Week.

WILL LIKELY BE PLACED AT THE BOTTOM OF CLASS ONE

Final Announcement of Arrangements Awaiting Receipt of Some Delayed Reports.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 24.—Wednesday or Thursday of this week may be fixed as the date for drawing the order numbers of young men who registered for the army draft June 5. Announcement of arrangements for the drawing await reports from a half dozen local boards whose records were incomplete.

Classification Will Be Made Later. Raleigh, June 22.—Local exemption boards have been notified that the second edition of questionnaires for registrants of June 5, will be mailed out beginning June 25. No classification of the registrants will be made until after the order numbers have been determined. Just what method will be pursued in giving the new registrants order numbers has not been settled upon in Washington yet but it is thought here that the men who registered June 5 will not be given a serial number. It is supposed they will be given order numbers only and placed at the bottom of class one.

TO ENLARGE LANDIS MILL.

Addition Costing \$30,000 and Machinery Costing \$75,000 Are to Be Added to Textile Plant.

In the list of industrial activities for the South appearing in the last issue of the Manufacturer's Record, of Baltimore, it is stated that an additional building is to be built to the cotton mill at Landis at a cost of \$30,000 and that the machinery to be installed in this addition will cost \$75,000. This is the Linn Mills Company's plant.

A CLEVER DESIGN.

Peeler Printery Reproduces the Liberty Bell, With the Old Crack Through the Famous Emblem of Liberty.

The Peeler Printery has a War Saving Stamp advertisement in the Post this evening, a reproduction of the Old Liberty Bell. This advertisement was set up in the Peeler shop and shows the old bell with the crack plainly to be seen. The Old Liberty bell is ringing anew the call to freedom in America and the Peeler Printery has hit on a very clever way of boosting War Stamps.

TO MEET IN STATESVILLE.

District Luther League Will Hold the Next Convention There—Date to Be Chosen by Executive Committee.

AUSTRIAN DEFEAT GROWS LARGER

Enemy in Precipitate Retreat and in His Great Haste Many Cannon Are Left Behind Them.

RETREATING COLUMNS PRESSED BY ITALIANS

Coincident With the Italian Victory on the Piave Comes News of German Repulse.

(By Associated Press.) Disaster seems to be written large in the news of the Austrian defeat along the Piave. Unable to force his way further than the immediate vicinity of the river and with the bridges thrown across the stream swept away by the swirling waters of the floods pouring down from the mountains the enemy began a precipitate retreat Saturday night. So great was his withdrawal that he left behind him a great many cannon of the bank of the Piave, while retreating infantry columns, according to news dispatches, are being pressed by Italian detachments thrown over to the easterly side of the stream.

From the Montello plateau southward to the Adriatic comes the same story of Austrian retreat. The Piave river formerly emptied into the sea quite near Venice but in recent years the course has changed to the present location.

In the first rush of the Austrian offensive the enemy succeeded in crossing the old river bed. From their position there the foe has been driven and the Italians are relentlessly pressing the pursuit.

The latest news dispatches from the Piave river front, sent out Sunday, tell of Italian bombing units being thrown across the main stream of the Piave, which seems to indicate that the Austrian retreat was not stayed at the eastern bank of the river.

There is every indication that the Austrian "hunger offensive" has been a forlorn hope for several days. The effect of the defeat on internal conditions in Austria-Hungary, once the news is made public, can only be conjectured, but it may be the Italians have dealt the enemy a harder blow than that merely involved in the military feat of pushing him back across the Piave.

There have been no further reports foreshadowing a new attack in the mountain sectors of the Italian front. Thrilled by their signal victory in the lower reaches of the battlefield, however, the Italians and the allied troops fighting in that theatre of war way be expected to meet any new move with the stubborn resistance which so far has nullified the efforts of the Austrian emperor to carry the war into the plains of Italy, and still the murmurs of his soldiers with the loot from captured cities.

Coincident with the Italian victory on the Piave comes the news of Italian units on the Marne-Rheims sector repulsing a second heavy German attack on the heights of Bligny, just to the west of the city of Rheims. The German failure was complete, as was the original blow on Saturday night.

British troops have taken prisoners and inflicted casualties in local operations along their sectors of the front in France.