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AUSTRIANS IN COMPLETE RO LAURELS HUN ARMY UTTERLY CRUSHED; HUNS MAY

OFFICER ALLIES WORK ITALIANS' SUPERIOR STRATEGY ITALY AFIRE

Lieutenant Cather of Bladen, Neb. Since Killed in Action, Mentioned for Bravery in Battle.

Lt. G. P. Cather, son of Mr. and Mrs. G P. Cather of Bladen, Neb., who was reported in a recent United States list as killed in action in France May 28, has been cited by the general commanding the troops for courage and coolness displayed in action, previous to the engagement when he meet his

Progress Being Made to Reha-

bilitate Nation and Take

It Out of Control of Kaiser

and His Minions.

(By Associated Press.)

allies are now seeking a solution of

the Russian problem, one which wil

assist President Wilson in the execu-

Russia," Latest reports from Europe

indicate that progress is being made.

Difficulties which presented them-

selves at the outset of the negotia-

tions laid divergence of the aims of

well as between their ideals and the

declarations of the American chief

These differences are understood to

have touched the future of Russia,

bined efforts of the allies to rehabili-

tate the nation as an independent

state, absolutely free of German con-

trol. Then there was a lack of con

crete plans that seemed reasonably

certain to guarantee successful in-

tervention which would give immedi-

ate results by destroying German in-

Removing Differences.

been going on in Europe are remov

The frank exchanges which have

on these points. However, it can-

In fact, inquiry at the State de-

partment was met today with the re-

sponse that nothing has yet occurred

to warrant any change in the policy

which has been taken by the United

This means that America is not

yet ready to take part in joint in-

tervention in Siberia or elsewhere

in Russia, the single exception be-

ing in the case of the Mourmansk ter-

ritory on the Arctic ocean, which is

recognized by the United States gov-

ernment as within the field of Gen-

eral Foch's commanding generalship

and consequently as a place where

American troops, or marines, may in

the general's discretion, be landed to

reinforce the small British and French

contingents now at Kola and vicinity

Headway Being Made.

It is understood that headway is

being made toward a final agreement

and that this is likely to be based up

on the American ideas which seek no

profit from a renovated Russia, other

than military and moral assistance

Alexander Konowaloff, member of

the Kerensky cabinet, was introduced

to Secretary Lansing today by Boris

Bakhmeteff, the Russian ambassador

The general situation in Russia was

discussed, it was said, and an appoint-

M. Konowaloff was made prisoner

by the bolsheviki after the fall of

the Kerensky regime, but escaped and

made his way to this country by way of Siberia and Japan.

Opening of Dam Gates

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 24.-Ex-

traordinary high-water conditions,

caused in part by heavy rains and in

part by the rapid melting of snow

in the mountains, where creeks and

rivers head, have caused damage to

property in Wyoming estimated at

well above \$1,000,000, and there

have been 10 deaths, five from

drowning and five from lightning.

So serious has the situation be-

come that the emergency gates of

the three federal reclamation ser-

vice dams, the Pathfinder, near-Casper; the Shoshone, near Cody,

and the Jackson lake in Jackson

Hole, have been opened and vast

quantities of water are being re-

leased in order to lessen the pres-

Washington, June 24 .- (Special

Flood Conditions Cause

ment may be made for Mr. Konowa-

that would naturally follow.

loff to see the president.

not be said that any agreement has

been reached.

States.

Washington, June 24 .- The entente

Exposed to seven German machine guns, he directed a structive flanking fire from two automatic rifle teams. He was 28 years old and is survived by two brothers and two sisters.

Others Are Cited.

the American Army in June 24.—The following France, named United States soldiers who took part in the capture of and the subsequent defense of Cantigny have been cited for bravery and conspicuous gallantry

Lieut, G. P. Cather Bladen, Neb., (since killed in action). With courage and cooldess he the parapet of a trench and directed a destructive flanking fire from two automatic rifle teams exposed to seven German machine guns,

"Maj. Theodore Roosevelt: Although gassed in the lungs and of the Russian people. gashed in the eyes to blindness, refused to be removed and retained command of his battalion under heavy bombardment throughout the engage- ing most of the misunderstandings

Rejoined Company, but Died.

"Sergt. Edward Nester Owicz: Knocked unconscious by a shell and left behind, he staggered on and re-joined his company after which, mortally wounded, he died.

"Sergt. William L. Kouns: Seriously wounded, he helped to repel a counter attack, assisted the wounded and refused to quit.

"Sergt. Frank Kelly, machine gunner: He brought in two wounded and did valiant service with the accuracy of his machine gun.

"Corp. Joseph Samere: He wired an important position while under machine gun fire and assisted a wounded comrade.

"Priv. Brooks Bowles: He crept several hundred yards in daylight under a terrific machine gun and rifle fire to rescue a wounded comrade lying in the open.

Priv. George Purcell: Cited for a similar action to that of Bowles. Silences German Machine Gun.

"Priv. Willard Felty: Exposed to enemy machine guns, he silenced with his automatic a German machine gun and reduced the fire of others until his own weapon was useless. "Priv. Fred M. Meyer: He shield

ed an automatic rifie firer with his body, enabling the riflemen to silence German machine gun. Meyer was killed as the result of his action. "Private Shelton Armes: Wounded in two places by a shell, he regained consciousness and joined his platoon. "Private William L. Proup, ma-

chine gunner: Carried a wounded officer to safety through terrific shell Private Walter Stewart, machine (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

The Weather

For Nebraska and Iowa-Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

Temperatures in Omaha Yesterday.



Highest yesterday 81 88 81 7 Lowe & yesterday 71 68 58 6 Moan temperature 75 76 70 7 Precipitation 02 00 00 7 Temperature and precipitation depar tures from the normal: Reports From Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State Temp. High- Rain

of weather. 7 p. Cheyenne, part cloudy. 80 Davenport, cloudy. 14 Denver, part cloudy. 84 mana, part cloudy ..

Chiana, part cloudy, 20
Pueblo, tart cloudy, 20
Rapid City, clear, 25
Salt Lake City, clear, 22
Santa Fe, part cloudy, 34
Sheridan clear, 32
Sioux City, raining, 10
Valentine, clear, 54
"T" indicates trace of pr precipitation L. A. WELSH Meteorologist.

Has Big Task on His Hands "Most of them are from mother and contain such statements as 'tel him we are thinking of him all the

'tell him little sister prays for time, Telegram.)-Congressman Reavis, him every night, 'tell him mother who will leave for New York tomor- loves him. "One of the telegrams was evidentrow on his way to France, said today he had been swamped with tele- ly from a farm home for it asked me grams from those who had sons in to inform the boy that Flossic had he Expeditionary forces now in twin valves."

France, asking him to call on these I am honored by being privileged boys and report to the parents on to call a mothers' love to her soldier boy across the sea. I shall be glad "These telegrams," said the repre- to tell some homesick boy that little sentative from the first district, "are sister is praying for him and conthe most human documents I have vey to another the first news of Flossie's great adventure."

BLOCKS FOE'S RESERVE CORPS FOR RUSSIA Pursuers Wreak Terrible Vengeance Upon Crack Troops of Emperor Charles Who Flounder Back Through Mud With Big Guns

> Plays Big Part in Harassing Foe Ranks. London, June 24.—The view in military circles tonight is that the defeat of the Austrians is so crushing that it will be impossible for the enemy to repeat his offensive on a serious scale for several weeks. One of the causes for the Austrian disaster is said to have been faulty judgment in placing their reserves, by which they failed to be brought up at a critical moment to meet the clever strategy of the

Pouring High Explosives Into Ranks; Italian Navy

tion of his pledge to "stand behind Italians. So strongly is the Piave line now held by the Italians, say military critics, that Rome. it will be impossible for the disorganized enemy armies to retake it and there is not the slightest fear that they again will try to cross the river. It is said they staked everything on this offensive and threw all their forces in it. Thirty-seven divisions the separate entente governments as have been identified as being in the battle.

AUSTRIA ADMITS DEFEAT.

office that troops of Emperor Charles have been supposing success attended the comforced to evacuate the Montello plateau, over which they had hoped to press their way and gain the Venetian plains, and "some sectors" of the positions they attained last week on the bank of the river between the plateau and the fluence in Russia without exciting the point where the stream empties into the Adribitter resentment of the great mass atic.

Bad weather and the rising of the Piave under heavy rainfalls are assigned as the reasons for the withdrawal of the Austrians. But the Rome war office asserts that it was the imand differences which have existed petuous attacks of the Italians that brought about the failure of an operation which was started with the intention of crushing the armies of General Diaz and forcing the Italians

to accept a "Teutonic allied peace." AMERICAN AIRMEN HELP.

All along the river the Italians have pressed back the invaders of their territory until only small units remain on the western bank and across the stream King Victor Emanuel's men are keeping well on the heels of the retreating enemy, who is fleeing in disorder.

Again the cavalry has been thrown into the fighting and is harassing the enemy, while machine guns from the ground and from aircraft, some of the latter operated by American aviators, are working havoc among the fleeing Austrian columns.

The losses to the enemy are described as enormous, both in men killed, wounded or made prisoner. An official statement from Rome to the Italian embassy in Washington asserts that the Austrians have lost 45,000 men in prisoners alone. The Italian war office communication mentions only 4,000 Austrians as having been captured, but it is probable that this communication antedates that sent to the mbossy and that the captives in the hands of the Italians greatly exceed this figure.

The probability that this is true is enhanced by the fact that the river was swollen out of bounds and most of the few bridges that had not been carried away by the freshet had been shot to pieces by the Italian guns, com-

SUBMARINE GETS

RETURNING TROOP

ware Capes and Sixty-

seven Members of Crew

Reported Missing.

By Associated Press.

marines operating on this side of the

Atlantic ocean have sunk their first

troop ship. The Navy department an-

nounced today that a British trans-

port, chartered by the American gov-

ernment and bound to this country, had been destroyed June 18, some 700

miles east of the Delaware capes and

that 67 members of the crew are miss ing. There were no troops aboard.

The troop ship apparently was not

under convoy. The submarine was not seen until a torpedo had struck. After-wards it fired 19 shots into the sink-

ing vessel. When the steamer settled

the crew took to the boats. The oc-

cupants of four, 81 men, have been

landed. Three boats are missing and

Officials believe it either encour

tered a home-bound subsparine or else

one that was bound here for further

raids. The fact that the sea wolves, which first appeared off the coast late

last month, had not not been heard

from since June 14, caused most of

ficers to hold to the first theory. The last sinkings occurred some 90

miles east of the Virginia capes,

search is being made for them.

Washington, June 24 .- German sub-

Senators Predicting

Adoption of Suffrage

Washington, June 24.-After a con-

ference with President Wilson at the White House today, a delegation of

senators supporting the house resolu-

tion for submission to the states of a

federal suffrage constitutional amend-

ment, predicted that the resolution

would be adopted by the senate next

Thursday. They said the president was "very enthusiastic" in his support

Pass Two-Billion Dollar Bill.

Washington, June 24.-In an hour

and 20 minutes, the sundry civil ap-

propriation bill, carrying about \$2, 500,000,000 was passed today by the

senate. It now goes to conference.

of the amendment.

Reavis Leaving for France

Amendment Thursday

nelling the enemy either to surrender or take Admission is made by the Austrian war his chances of being able to swim the turbulent

Leave Guns and Stores Behind.

So hurried was the retrograde movement of the Austrians at some points that they did not take time even to attempt to save their guns talions operating along the lower and stores, great quantities of which now are Piave advanced and captured hunin Italian hands.

As yet there has been no sign that the en- cursion on Brindisj. Of nine planes emy purposes again to renew at an early date which took part in the expedition, two another offensive in the mountain region, notwithstanding the fact that reports emanating damage. In retaliation, Italian and from Switzerland have said that he was bring ing up large reinforcements and great quan- Durazzo. tities of supplies along the front behind the lines from the Swiss border to the upper reach-

es of the Piave. That another great offensive is expectedand at any moment—has been made known by David Lloyd George, the British premier, to the House of Commons. Where it is to come was not stated, but it was asserted that on the blow the issue of the campaign might depend. Hopefulness was expressed in the statement that the entente allies never felt better pre- Engineer Asleep at pared to meet it. "Enough Americans have arrived to satisfy the allies and to disappoint and ultimately defeat our foes," the premier said.

Quiet On French Front.

On the front in France and Flanders, the operations continue of a minor character.

The Italians again have defeated the Germans near Bligny in the Marne sector, inflicting heavy casualties on them and taking a number of prisoners. In the same region the Americans at last have succeeded in clearing the Belleau wood, northwest of Chateau Thierry, of the Germans who had been clinging stubbornly to positions which were regarded as almost impregnable. Prisoners were taken and five machine guns were captured by the Amer-

The German official communication asserts that trenches near Badonviller, occupied by French and American troops, nave been invaded by the Germans who inflicted heavy losses on the defenders. There is no confirm-

No Speculation in Wheat or Flour Is to Be Permitted This Year

Washington, June 24.-The 1918 wheat crop, the food administration announced today, will be handled on a SHIPIN ATLANTIC differential basis, effective July 1. One dollar and ten cents maximum dif ferential a barrel between the price of Transport Sunk East of Delawheat and the finished product will be allowed the millers. No speculation in wheat or flour will be permitted

Railroad Claims Settled.

against railroads, growing out of loss and personal injury, will be settled by the government directly with the claimants, without resort to the courts, wherever possible, it was an-nounced in instructions to claim agents, made public here tonight by ohn Barton Payne, general counsel in the division of law of the national railroad administration.

deep in the mire.

New York, June 24,-All claim

FOR DEAD INVADERS MEET BLOODY FATE CHANGE

Defeat of Austrians Regarded as Crushing Blow to Central Powers and Morale of Their People.

(By Associated Press) Entire Country Takes Part in Rejoicing Over Crushing Defeat Administered to Army of Austria.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 24.-Italy is ablaze with enthusiasm and joy as the result of the Italian victory along the Piave, the Italian embassy was advised today in a cablegram from

Beyond telling of the effective cooperation of the Italian sea forces with the army, the message added little to previous accounts of the Aus-

"The enemy," said the dispatch, has been beaten back across the Piave from Montello to the sea. Italy "The Italian navy has effectively co-operated to the defeat of the en-

emy by battering the positions along the Tagliamento river and north of Castellazzo, while the marine batdreds of prisoners.

"The Austrian aviators made an in-British aviators bombed Cattaro and

"A great demonstration of greeting to Italy and the oppressed nationalities of Austria was held this afternoon in the gardens of the British embassy by initiative of the British ambassador. Roumanian officers were present and were received with great applause. These officers and the Roumanian legion are about to leave for the Piave front to fight in the Italian army against the common en-

Throttle When Crash Came, Says Attorney

Hammond, Ind., June 24 .- The accusation that Alonzo Sargent, engineer of the empty troop train which crashed into the Hagenback-Wallace circus sleepers neary Gary, Ind., was asleep at his throttle, was made today by J. C. McFadden, attorney for the Michigan Central railroad.

The statement from the lawyer came as a curtain-raiser for the triple investigation which starts here tomorrow. Federal, state and county officials will all attempt to place the responsibility. "The engineer was asleep at the

time of the accident," McFadden said There is no doubt about it. He had been asleep for two or three miles. It was the result of some sickness from which he is suffering."

The loss of life is now estimated at 85 persons. Twenty-four bodies have been identified. The circus is scheduled to resume performances at Beloit, Wis., tomorrow.

Engineer Sargent was released on bonds today at his home in Kalamazoo, Mich., where he was arrested. He promised to appear at the inquest tomorrow.

Last Chance to Pay Over Income Tax to Uncle Sam

Washington, June 24 .- Last-minute payments of income and excess profits taxes, due tomorrow night at the latest, will amount to about \$500,000,000, internal revenue official today estimated.

Several thousand tentative assessments have been made for concerns whose returns are under examination by treasury reviewers, and additional collections are expected to trickle in for six months or more. The first block of \$750,000,000 treasury certificates of indebtedness

in preparation of the fourth Liberty loan will go on sale tomorrow.

Austrians Leave Their Food Supplies Behind in Flight

Italian Army Headquarters, June and equipment. They even left or 24.—Rain which had been falling for the Montello stacks of bread, canned eight days broke forth more violently aviators had succeeded in bringing to about daylight Sunday at a time them. when Italian artillery and machine The Austrians crossed the Piave or

guns began to open up on the retiring rafts and boats which they had Austrians who were struggling knee brought up or had prepared during the darkness on Saturday night. They The Italian cavalry took part in the left well built trenches, great quantipursuit, harrying the fugitives. As the of ammunition and blankets and statements to interfere with military the Austrians were pressed by the every variety of army equipment in and naval proceduse and obstruct-Italians they threw away their guns their retreat

Washington, June 24.-Germany's entire offensive program may have been upset in opinion of some officers here, by the crushing defeat of the Austrians along the Piave

Official reports reaching Washington bear out the picture of the Austrian disaster given in press accounts from Italy, although the full extent of the Italian success is not yet apparent. It is regarded as certain, however, that the central powers have been dealt a blow that will further shake the morale of their people and probably will compel the German high command to make a complete readjustment of its

Baker's Message. Secretary Baker showed the signi-ficance attached here to the defeat of the Austrians, when he dispatched a telegram today to the American am-

bassador at Rome for transmission to the Italian minister of war. Mr. Baker's message was sent be-fore the secretary had received additional reports from the Italian front, showing the increasing scope of the Austrian diaster. It was prompted by the fact that the enemy was across the Piave and before the new came that the Italians had smashed up the retreating foe, making the re-tirement a disorganized rout. Ther is no doubt here now that the victory will prove to be one of the most de-

cisive in character of the whole war. Army Men Agree With Baker, Army officers agreed with the view expressed by Mr. Baker that defeat could not help but influence greatly the course of events in France. It is regarded as vital from the German point of view that the Italian front be made secure before German de signs in France can be prosecuted to their fullest development.

While there is imminent danger that the Austro-Hungarian government may collapse, Germany cannot devote herself wholly to the task she has undertaken of forcing victory in the west before American manpower can swing the scales finally against

For this reason, both at the War department and in diplomatic circles, there was much speculation as to the moves to support Austria already taken by the German high command There is little doubt that reports of

large German troop movements to Italy are well founded as it is beieved the situation must be restored there at all costs unless the whole great offensive in France to fall of ts own weight. Rushing Troops Is Difficult.

The German problem in fushing roops to Italy is a difficult one. Not only will the withdrawal of men from rance weaken the whole offensive there at a time when American aid, the arrival of Italian divisions and (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Large Wooden Vessels To Be Turned Out in Big Quantities by U. S.

Washington, June 24.—The largest wooden ship ever built is soon to be turned out in quantity by the shipping board. It will be a new model \$5,000ton standard type, adapted from the 1,700-ton boat, now being built, which was originated at Orange, Tex.

Changes in the design have been nade by naval architects to avoid troubles encountered in previous ypes, especially the use of timbers so arge that they cannot be obtained anywhere except from the giant forests of the Pacific coast. All timbers needed for the new ships will be evailable in the pine forests of the

Great Western Fined for

Working Emloyes Overtime Fort Dodge, Ia., June 24.—(Special Telegram.—The Great Western Railroad company was fined the minimum, \$100 on each of 26 counts for violatng the law limiting hours of employes service. A plead of guilty was entered before Judge Reed in federal court. The company claimed shortage of help and extra hours necessary in order to maintain efficient

service. Against Fred A. Granzow Mason City, an indictment of violation of the espionage law and returned by the grand jury. The defense moved for a directed verdict. The court sustained the third court of indicting insubordination and disloyalty, but denied the other two charging false statements to interfere with military

ing recruiting and enlisting.