

ITALY'S EXPECTS QUICK INVASION OF ITALIAN SOIL. Offensive on Trentino Front Only Prelude to Vigorous General Onslaught. ROVERETO NOW SAFE

VIENNA, May 18.—Alternating bombardments of the most violent character and sharp infantry attacks have pushed the Italian invaders back to the border of Italy at some points in southern Tyrol, which was confidently predicted here today that the fighting will soon be in progress along Italian soil.

As a result of the Austro-Hungarian offensive all along the front the menace to Rovereto has been removed. The Italian moves upon Rovereto have been compelled to fall back in three directions—from the sector of Lavis, in the Adige Valley and in the Asiatico Valley.

ITALIANS ADMIT RETIREMENT TO RECTIFY BATTLE LINE

ROME, May 18.—The following official communication was issued last night: From the Tonale Pass region to Chiodina there has been an artillery duel.

In the Lagarina Valley, after an intense artillery fire, the enemy yesterday launched five violent attacks against our positions on the slopes north of Lagna Tarta. The attacks were repulsed with enormous losses, which were inflicted on the enemy by the annihilating fire of our artillery and rifles. Numerous enemy bodies were swept away by the Adige River current.

In the zone between the Terragnolo Valley and the Upper Asiatico, a violent concentration of artillery fire of all calibres induced us yesterday to effect another rectification of our front and to abandon some advanced positions.

In the Asiago sector the night of May 15 the enemy made persistent attempts at attack, and having been repulsed with very heavy losses, remained inactive the remainder of the day.

In the Sugana Valley the night of May 15 and the following morning the enemy attacked with great vigor the sections of the front between the head of the Margio torrent and Monte Cello, but was repulsed by a counter-attack and left in our hands about 300 prisoners, including some officers.

Along the remainder of the front yesterday there was persistent activity by the enemy artillery and sporadic attacks which bore the character of diversions, in the San Pellegriino Valley, on the Upper Dol, on Monte Rosso, at Miral in the Toimino zone, on the slopes north of Monte San Michele, on Selz and on Montafalme. They were all repulsed with serious enemy losses. We took about one hundred prisoners.

Enemy airmen threw bombs on Castel Tesino, Ospedaletto, Monte Belluna, the station Della Carnia and Gemona. There were some casualties, but no material damage.

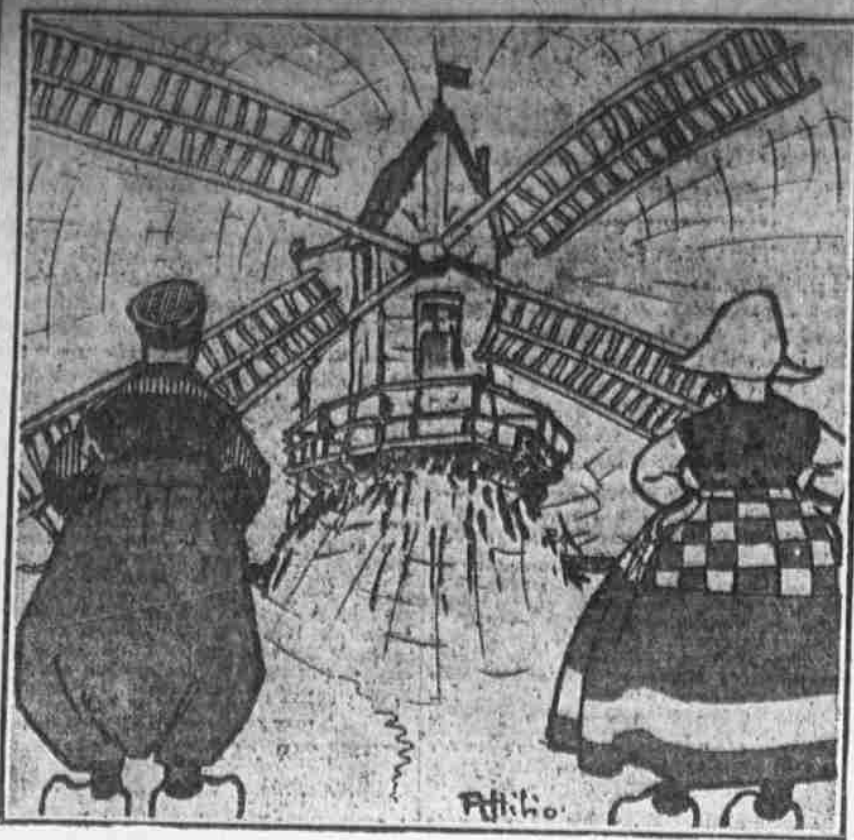
One of our air squadrons threw bombs on Drillich and Kotschach, in the Gail Valley, causing fires.

AUSTRIANS ON OFFENSIVE ALONG WHOLE ITALIAN FRONT

LONDON, May 18.—For the first time since the end of last November the Italian theatre is assuming large place in the news of the world war. The Italian offensive was languishing then, and the intervening months have been passed with little more activity than outpost fighting. On Monday, however, the Austrians began an attack along the whole line, but particularly in the southern Tyrol, where the Italians have been threatening Trent, which promises to speedily develop into an offensive of major proportions.

On the Trentino the Italian troops oc-

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"Our mills move!" "Yes—but for whom do they grind?"

cupied positions just over the Austrian border, from the Adige Valley, south of Rovereto, to the Asiatico Valley. The main Austrian attacks cover a front of 23 miles. The Italians admit their retirement on this front, and the latest official Austrian account mentions continued gains, the capture of several enemy positions and the penetration of the Terragnolo sector, the driving of the Italians from Moschero and the storming of Zugna Tarta during the night.

The total Austrian captures number more than 600 prisoners and many guns.

ITALIANS ATTACK AUSTRIANS POSITIONS ON CARSO FRONT

VIENNA, May 18.—Artillery duels are reported from the entire southwestern front. The War Office announced today that the Italians delivered strong attacks on Doboboda plateau, and in the sector of Dolomites, but were repulsed.

Austro-Hungarian land and sea aeroplanes have carried out a destructive bombardment of railway stations and military establishments behind the Italian front and heavy damage was done, particularly to the Italian base at Udine.

Following is the text of the official report:

Artillery combats are in progress on the whole front. On the Doboboda plateau our new positions have been extended by mining operations. The enemy directed drum fire upon our position and then attacked, but was repulsed by the 4th Regiment of Infantry after fighting with grenades.

The artillery fire has temporarily been very violent at the Gorizia bridge-

head, in the Monte Nero sector, near Plesco (Pitacco) and at several places on the Carinthian front. In the sector of Dolomites the enemy delivered night attacks against Hexengeis and the ridge north of Flenburg, but was repulsed. In the sector of Loppio Lake the enemy kept up his fire against our positions all night.

Strong squadrons of land and sea aeroplanes on Monday-Tuesday and on Tuesday emphatically bombed railway stations and other establishments at Venice, Mestre, Cormons, Cliviale, Udine, Portogruone and Erbesano. Good results were observed at all these places, especially at Udine, where about 20 high-angle guns maintained a useless fire.

Propose Pensions for Recruits

LONDON, May 18.—A scheme of war pensions has been announced in the House of Commons by William Hayes Fisher, Parliamentary Under Secretary for the Local Government Board. It provides for grants of \$520 yearly to married and unmarried men called to the colors, where financial hardships result. This is irrespective of the allowances already given to soldiers' wives. It was announced that the assistance would be extended to include rents, insurance premiums, taxes, loans and interest instalments.

FRENCH ADVANCE WEST OF MEUSE; GAIN AT HILL 304

Win Trench North of Hill 287 and Capture Redoubt

MAKE SURPRISE DASH

PARIS, May 18.—Important gains were made by the French on the west side of the Meuse last night. General Meunier's forces carrying the German trench north of Hill 287 and also capturing a redoubt on Hill 304.

The French assault, which took from the Germans the trench north of Hill 287, was a surprise attack.

Particular mention is made of the fierceness of the fighting at Hill 304, where the Germans fought stubbornly before they were swept from their redoubt by the French infantry.

The German attack in Avocourt wood, which lies northwest of Verdun, was launched after a bombardment of the utmost violence.

Aerial activity on a grand scale continues over the west side of Verdun. The War Office announced that German air craft have bombed Lunville, Epinal and Belfort, but that little damage was done.

Belfort is one of the strongest fortifications in Eastern France.

Between the Oise and the Aisne a strong reconnoitering party of the enemy which attempted to approach our lines on the outskirts of Quennewiers was counter attacked by us and was dispersed, leaving some dead on the ground.

On the west bank of the Meuse, after a sharp artillery preparation, the Germans made several attacks during the night in efforts to capture the redoubt at Avocourt wood. They were repulsed every time by our fire. The enemy suffered very serious losses.

For our part, we executed north of Hill 287, about 3 o'clock this morning, a surprise attack upon a German trench, the occupants of which were either killed or captured. At the same time our troops captured, after a fierce fight, a small fort which the enemy had

strongly fortified on the slope northwest of Hill 304. On the right bank of the Meuse and in the Wavre region both sides conducted a bombardment. On the night of May 16 our aviators carried out a number of operations on the front north of Verdun. In particular, 15 shells of large calibre were thrown upon an important depot between Hailcourt and Avocourt, ten kilometres (6.2 miles) south of Sedan. Five were thrown on the railway station at Sedan, where a fire broke out; 15 on a munition depot near Auzanoy. On the same night two of our machines threw 30 shells on the railway station at Metz-Sablons. Enemy aeroplanes during the night dropped many bombs in the region of Lunville, Epinal and Belfort, causing damage of no importance.

Italian Flier Makes Altitude Record. MILAN, Italy, May 18.—A new world's record for altitude with an aeroplane carrying a passenger has just been made at the Mirafiori aerodrome by Victor Luyet, who ascended 29,600 feet.

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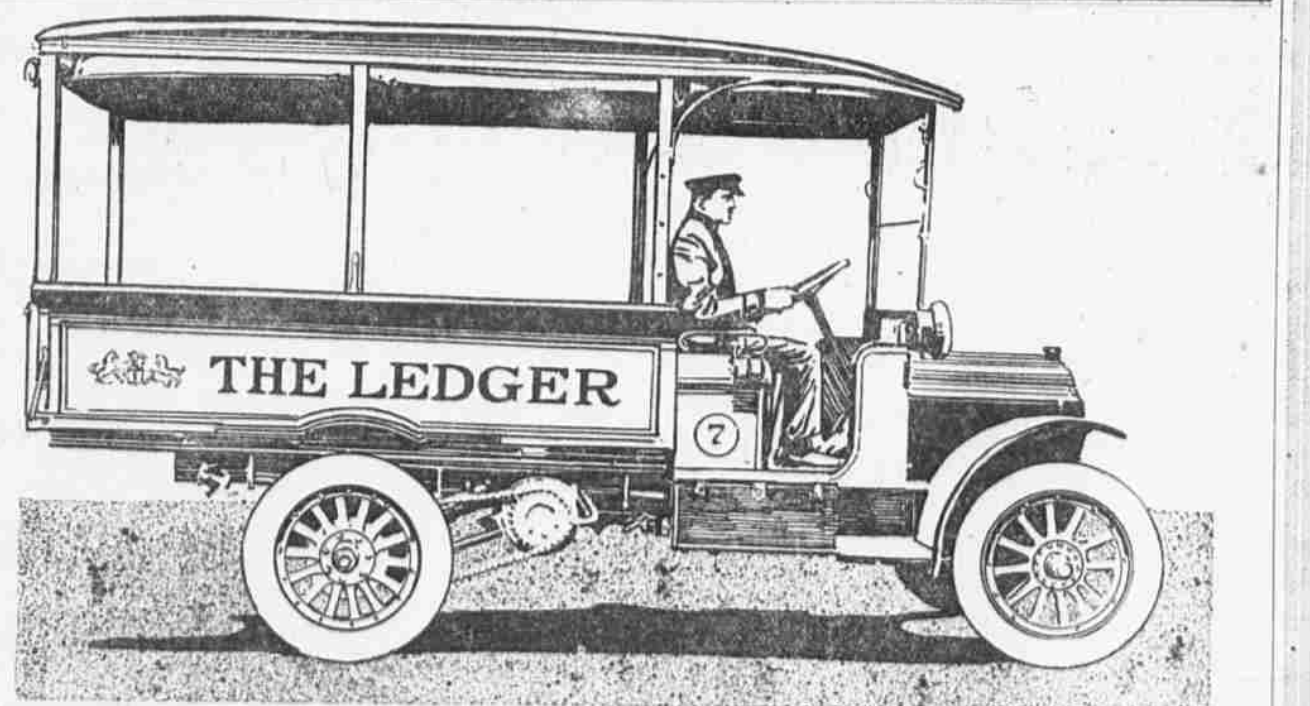
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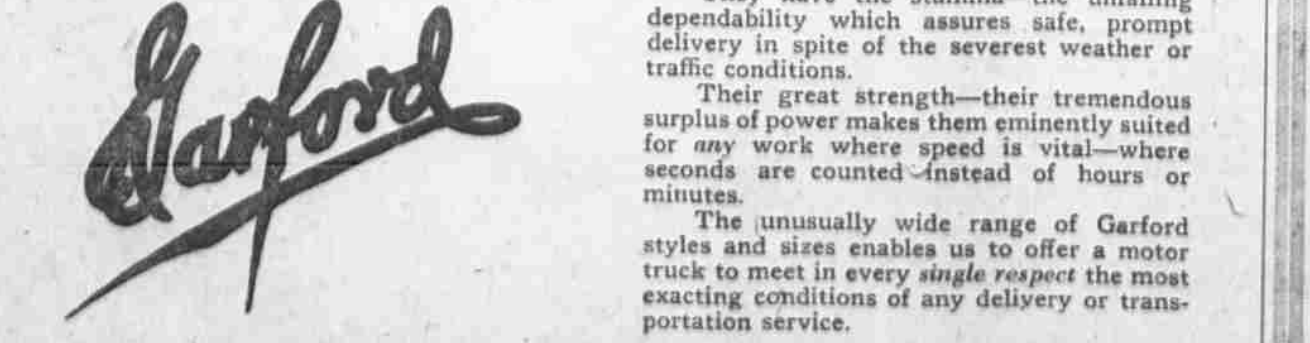
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