

UNDEICANNONI E 1200 UOMINI PRESI SABATO

Gli Italiani Circondano e Catturano un'intera Batteria Nemico sul Carso

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Attaccano e Conquistano Nuove Posizioni ad Est di Piava e Vi Fagno Numerosi Prigionieri

ROMA, 28 Maggio. Il generale Cadorna ha fatto un nuovo passo innanzi nella sua marcia attraverso il settore meridionale del Carso, e un gran piano anche. Le truppe della Terza Armata hanno catturato nuove trincee austriache, parecchi cannoni ed inoltre 1200 prigionieri. Ecco il testo del rapporto del generale Cadorna pubblicato ieri sera dal Ministero della Guerra:

Nel quarto giorno della furiosa battaglia del Carso le nostre intaccabili truppe hanno esteso le posizioni già da loro occupate nella parte meridionale dell'altopiano. Le posizioni già prese negli altri settori sono state fermamente mantenute.

Dall'alba alla sera di ieri sabato si ebbe una violenta azione d'artiglieria lungo tutta la linea di battaglia. Nel pomeriggio tra la costa e Jamiano la nostra fanteria con un brillante assalto riuscì a raggiungere un punto al di là della ferrovia Monfalcone-Duino, a nord-est di San Giovanni, conquistando la forte-mente organizzata Quota 145, a sud-ovest di Medezana. Le nostre truppe si stabilirono a poche centinaia di metri dal villaggio che è sulle falde occidentali dell'Herhada.

Durante questa azione alcuni reparti della nostra fanteria raggiunsero le posizioni su cui erano piazzati i cannoni nemici e catturarono una batteria da campagna di dieci pezzi con tutta la dotazione di munizioni e fecero 312 prigionieri compresi 34 ufficiali.

A nord di Jamiano, che dista dalla costa circa due miglia e mezzo, violenti attacchi e contrattacchi si succedettero durante tutta la giornata, appoggiati da un vigoroso fuoco di artiglieria.

Anche Castagnevizza fu raggiunta ed oltrepassata dalle nostre truppe, ma il persistente e concentrato fuoco di numerose artiglierie nemiche in questo settore ci obbligò ad evacuare terreno. Noi però mantenemmo le nostre posizioni sui limiti occidentali di Castagnevizza.

Nella zona ad est ed a nord di Giurizza l'azione d'artiglieria è stata intensa. Noi abbiamo bombardato il bacino di Gargaro e di Britovo da cui il nemico ritirava Centes.

Nel settore di Piava la fanteria della brigata Udine, formata dai reggimenti 56mo e 56mo, con un brillante attacco conquistava le alture alla testata della valle del Pallava, collegando così le nostre linee del Monte Carso con quelle della Quota 362. Queste truppe fecero anche 438 prigionieri, compresi dieci ufficiali, e catturarono un cannone, due mortai da trincea e sette mitragliatrici.

I nostri velivoli continuarono con successo il bombardamento delle linee di comunicazione del nemico. In una di queste incursioni, in stazione ferroviaria di Santa Lucia (Tolmino) è rimasta gravemente danneggiata.

Durante una battaglia aerea sopra Britovo i nostri aerei abbatterono una macchina nemica. L'altra cadde in fiamme nelle vicinanze di Vertolba.

L'avanzata vittoriosa degli Italiani attraverso il labirinto di trincee del Carso è stata così rapida nella giornata di sabato, che una intera batteria di artiglieria, come annuncia il generale Cadorna, è stata circondata e costretta ad arrendersi coi pezzi e con tutto il personale di parecchie centinaia di uomini.

Il corrispondente del Times di Londra così telegrafa al suo giornale dalla fronte italiana:

"Gli austriaci sono stati sopraffatti completamente dagli Italiani sul Carso. La parte meridionale di questo altopiano è intersecata di caveveri e di ridotte per mitragliatrici ed artiglieria, e sarebbe difficile immaginare una più formidabile posizione da attaccare. Il nemico però è stato sopraffatto dal principio e non ha più potuto riaversi.

"Gli austriaci si aspettavano un attacco nel nord, e mentre Conrad, che ha comando supremo sulla fronte italiana, si preparava per parare questo attacco al nord, gli Italiani sfondarono il suo fianco con una meravigliosa e brillante manovra. Ne' sorpresa finì a questo punto. Nelle successive azioni dello stesso giorno le truppe dell'estrema ala destra italiana dalla Quota 144 al mare aveva combattuto una battaglia dopo l'altra, mentre a nord le altre truppe di Cadorna guardavano terreno. Ora era il loro turno, e furono mandate innanzi nella speranza che il nemico sarebbe stato ingannato. Lo speranza era giustificata perché queste truppe incontrarono minore resistenza di quello che prevedevano e poterono spostarsi fino alla base dell'Herhada.

"Gli austriaci si erano ingannati circa la direzione che Cadorna dava alla sua offensiva. Il violento bombardamento di pochi giorni fa finì di ingannarli e di confonderli, e Conrad non riuscì a comprendere se Cadorna intendeva attaccare sul Monte Isonzo o sul Carso. Mercoledì mattina gli austriaci ritirarono truppe che erano state apposte al violento bombardamento per circa dieci giorni e vi inviarono truppe fresche, le migliori che potessero trovare, per fronteggiare l'atteso attacco. Le alture del Fatti Herb erano tenute dai cacciatori tirolesi e dagli ungheresi tutti dal Carso meridionale. Queste truppe erano pronte per la battaglia del Carso, ma il loro comandante non indovino la direzione dell'attacco e la sorpresa fu così completa che il generale ed il suo Stato Maggiore furono circondati e fatti prigionieri.

CAVALRY OF GUARD TO BE DISMOUNTED

State Troopers to Serve as Infantry When Called Into Federal Service

WASHINGTON, May 28.

Cavalry organizations now included in the National Guard of the States will be ordered into the Federal service dismounted, the War Department definitely decided today. No new units will be authorized.

The fact that there are twenty-five regiments of cavalry in the regular army at the present time, and because no request for mounted units has been received from France, in the reason for the decision of the War Department to dismount the organization of new units among the State troops.

The men now taking cavalry instruction in the officers' reserve corps training camps will receive assignments in field artillery units or in infantry organizations, the department indicated today. The cavalry units now in the National Guard will be called out with the guardsmen on July 12, July 25 and August 8, but the cavalrymen will go to the concentration camps without mounts and will undergo intensive training either with the field artillery units or infantry brigades.

The twenty-five regiments of cavalry now in the regular army will not be disbanded, but may be held in reserve for use on the Mexican border or for other uses. The Militia Bureau today received reports from all the States showing the condition of the cavalry units now in State service. The mounted troops in the guard now total four regiments, fourteen separate squadrons, forty-seven separate troops, two headquarters troops, seven machine-gun troops and two supply troops.

Instructions previously had been sent to the adjutant general of States that the new units of cavalry were not desired although the Militia Bureau indicated that the present organizations could be recruited up to war strength.

Japan to Send Army to Russian Front

Continued from Page One Italian front fighting, claiming capture of 13,000 prisoners from the enemy since beginning of the tenth Isonzo battle. Various fighting was reported.

The text of the official statement follows: On Saturday our counter-thrusts on the heights near Volice drove off an attack. Near Kostanjevica the enemy advance was brought to a standstill in front of our foremost trenches.

Between Jamiano and the sea several rights changed hands repeatedly, but our defenders' lines remained unbroken and firm.

The War Office glowingly praised the bravery and tenacity of the Austro-Hungarian troops, mentioning several contingents.

ANGLO-FRENCH BEAT BACK TEUTON ATTACKS

PARIS, May 28. Repulse of a German raid, made with blating fire sprays around Mont Blond, was announced by the War Office today as one of a number of desperate German attempts to force the French to relinquish some of their recently gained territory. The statement continued:

In the Champagne at nightfall there were two attacks around Mont Blond, which were everywhere repulsed. West of the Meuse, in the region of Hill 264 and Dead Man's Hill, artillery fire was very active.

In the region of Effholtz, in Alsace, French detachments penetrated the second enemy line, finding many dead and bringing back many prisoners.

LONDON, May 28. German night attacks northwest of Chersey and south of Lens were repulsed and a number of prisoners taken, Field Marshal Haig reported today. His report follows: The enemy suffered severe losses. Successful raids by the English on German support lines north of Arras were also reported, between twenty and thirty prisoners being taken.

FRENCH PRESS BATTLE TO DRIVE FOE TO MEUSE

By HENRY WOOD WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES NEAR CHATELAIN, May 28.

Already through one entire week a battle has been raging around Chateau which may ultimately force Germany's retirement to the Meuse. The French, communications have not mentioned the fighting except incidentally—but it has continued incessantly, bitterly and victoriously for the French.

Already the French troops have descended from Laon plateau into the Valley of the Meuse. Today they were already driving a wedge and fatal wedge into the German lines.

Once this wedge is sufficiently plugged into the enemy's front, the French can turn either north or south, or in both directions simultaneously.

A successful movement in either direction will be sufficient to force a German retirement to the Meuse line, to save Hindenburg's front northward through Laon, St. Quentin, Cambrai and Douai.

Already the battle has advanced sufficiently to insure this result if it continues favorably to the French. But several weeks' continuous operations are likely before the decisive moment in this stroke is reached.

That the Germans appreciate the exact degree of the menace was indicated today in the number and fierceness of the enemy counter-attacks launched against the French.

The Craonne battle has had no spectacular mention in the daily official statements because the French, instead of launching immense assaults on an extended front, have temporarily adopted the strategy of capturing small bits of the line at a time by small and almost daily attacks around each position.

The last week has witnessed steady advance of the wedge toward Corbeny. Meanwhile, the French have completely captured all observatories dominating the Ailette Valley by a battle fought with tactics similar to those being pursued in the Craonne sector.

Further successes reported today north of the Moronvillers crest is one other instance to the German line which may force their retirement. Another wedge is being driven here into the big bend in the German front. This is far behind the present German line against which the British are battering to the north.

WHEAT AND FLOUR PRICES FALL

Downward Trend Due to Encouraging Crop Reports From Northwest

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 28.—Under

pressure of the optimistic crop news of the year, coming from practically every section of the northwest, wheat and flour prices continued their downward trend today.

Wheat fell at 14 1/2 a barrel, wholemeal flour has dropped \$2.35 in two weeks. May wheat has gone down 74 cents and July 75 cents.

Receiver Authorized to Sell

Judge Thompson, in the United States District Court, today authorized Robert Wetherill, receiver for the Standard Cattle and Foundry Company, to sell the assets and realty of the company, exclusive of merchandise, to T. Woodward Trainer, a Chester real estate broker, for \$1,200,000. The merchandise and material will bring about \$200,000, or enough to pay the receiver, expenses and all creditors.

KNOX URGES GERMAN PATENTS BE RESCINDED

Senator Asks for Report of Bill Authorizing Army and Navy to Use Enemy's Inventions

WASHINGTON, May 28.

Rescinding of all Germany's patents by this Government was advocated by Senator Knox today when he asked that a bill authorizing the army and navy to use the German patents in making a blood medicine be reported back to the Committee on Patents for enlargement.

Senator Knox said that inasmuch as we are at war with Germany it is a necessary conclusion that we should use everything rightfully in our power to aid this country industrially and in a military way. For that reason, Mr. Knox said, he desired that the bill be sent to committee for further consideration and expansion.

"There are hundreds of German patents in this country for the making of dyes, medicines and mechanical appliances which should be rescinded during the war and used by us," added Mr. Knox. "I understand that this matter is now under consideration by the Patent Bureau and the department of Justice."

England has rescinded German patents held in Great Britain, and it is understood that Germany is not protecting our patents. If this course should be taken in the United States it would be a great boon to humanity and stimulate the upbuilding of the dye industry.

HEAVILY CAPITALIZED CORPORATIONS CHARTERED

DOVEN, Del., May 28.—The United Arms and Ordnance Company, to manufacture and sell torpedoes, cannons, guns and other war munitions, was incorporated here today with a capital stock of \$10,000,000. Incorporators, M. L. Rogers, L. A. Irwin, Harry W. Davis, Wilmington, Del., The Ralph E. Weeks Corporation, to deal

in securities, was incorporated with a capital stock of \$3,000,000. Incorporators, Herbert E. Latta, Henry M. Robinson, Wilmington, Del.; Clement M. Egner, Elkton, Md.

Certificates of corporate amendments were filed today to increase the capital stock of the Booth Fisheries Company, of Chicago, Ill., from \$20,000,000 to \$60,000,000, and to increase the capital stock of the Mark Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

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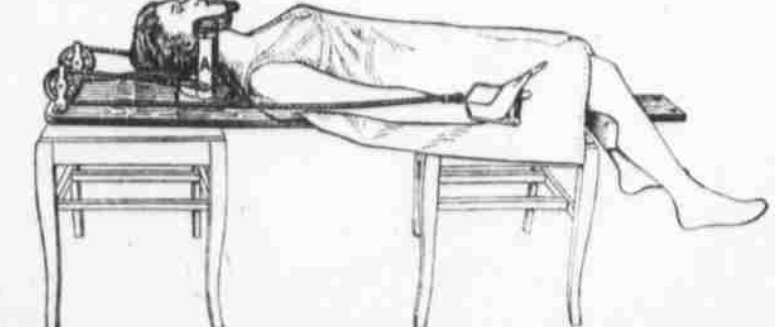
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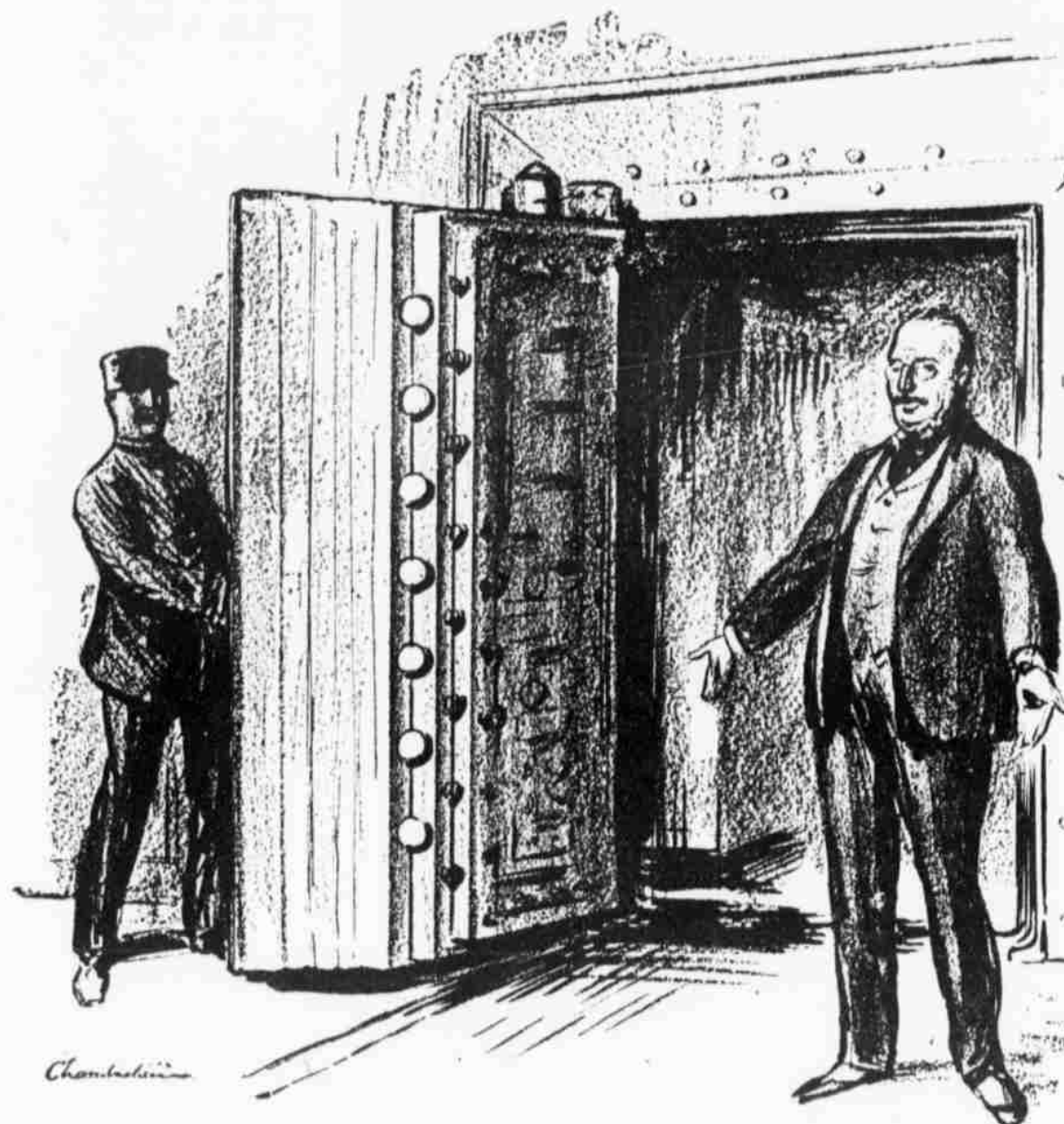
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