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FIGHTS OFF SEVEN ITALIANS UNDAUNTED **BATTLE IN ITALY GERMAN PLANES** AS FIGHT GAINS FURY AUSTRIAN GAMBLE

One British Machine Victor Feats of Alpini Almost Superhuman - Battle Covers Internal Consequences Seriin Thrilling Air

Battle

American Lieutenant Tells of Seven-Hour Struggle Over North Sea

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Compright, 1918, by Nete York Times Co. London, June 19. The story of the air fight which re-

culted in the internment of Lieutenant J. A. Eaton in Holland, of which some details have been given from The Hague, has been received from Lieutenant K. B. Keyes, the only other Amer-ican engaged in it. He was first gun layer in the machine in which Lleutengion ant G____, an Englishman, was one of the pilots. Five British machines :ere flying off the Dutch coast, but near Terchelling the one Eaton was in had to descend to the water. Fifteen minutes later five German planes were seen ap-proaching. Then Keyes says:

"Lieutenant G---- was seated near the wheel. His duty was to kneel, with his eyes above the cowl, and direct the pilot. I was in the front cockpit with one gun and 400 rounds of ammu-nition. In the stern cockpit the enneer and wireless ratings were to handie three guns.

We took battle formation and went forward to meet the enemy machines, and when almost within range they turned and ran away from us. We had these planes to keep away from the disabled machine."

Attacked by Fifteen Planes Keyes then described how the Brit-ish squadron drove off the Germans twice and goes on: Suddenly we discovered that a large Despite the rain the work accom

number of hostile planes were starting plished by the English and Italian toward us, not high in the air, but very aviators is above praise. Flying low close to the water. Ten machines were in this group, but they were joined in a few minutes by five more. The scouts were painted black and the two-seaters Austrians in aerial combats and bring. were painted black and the two-seaters green, and seemed very hard to pick up. We swung into battle formation and almed for the middle of the fleet. When we were nearly in range four planes on the port side and five on the starboard aide were close to our level. Two planes passed directly beneath us, shoot'ng up-ward. The firing was incessant from Austrians in aerial combats and bring-

ward. The firing was incessant from picked troops are ranged on the Ital-the beginning and the air seemed blue ian front. General Borovic, command-with tracer smoke. The Germans used ing the Austrian operations has made the most minute selection of the units

"Once I looked around and noticed that Lieutenant G— was in a stoop-ing position, with his head and one arm hanging down as if reaching for some-year of preparations, who are ready thing. I had seen him in this posture undergo any sacrifice to bar the earlier in the day, and so thought noth-ing of it. All this I noticed in the

ing of it. All this I noticed in the fraction of a second, for I had to con-tinue firing. A few minutes later I turned around once more and found, with a shock, that Lieutenant G

was in the same position. It was then that the first inkling of the truth dawned on me. By bending lower I found his ALLIES KEEP THE INITIATIVE head was lying in a pool of blood.

Fought Seven Germans "From this time on I have no clear

idea of just what our maneuvering was. Evidently we put up a running fight, steering east and then circling. Sud-Continued from Page One withdrawn from the struggle because they were reduced to a few thousand. "The failure of the enemy to reach denly I found our machine had been cut off from the formation and we were

we fought for ten miles or so until we have had a profound effect upon the morale of the attacking soldiers. "Captured officers were unanimous in the verdict that the offensive had and made a very poor landing. An-other was badly hit, sideslipped and The official statement from Down bad

The official statement from Rome last crashed in flames from a height of 2000 night reports that the Itslians made feet. All were severely punished. "During the last few minutes of the to ure notice bad beam parallel to the monthern edge of the The part our engine had been popping too frequently, and soon the engineer came forward to say that the port engine petrol pipe had broken. By this time I had laid out Lieutenant G— in the Wireless cockpit, cleaned up the second reflection as far as Casaserena, on the river. An intense struggle is in progress all the way from Fossalta to Cape Sile. The number of prisoners taken by the Italians was 1550, making 5000 in all. The Vienna makes few claims of definite river.

Terrific Bombardment FIFTEEN ATTACKED FIVE Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger enables them to accompilsh miraculous Convergent; 1918, by New York Flace Co. Italian Army Headquarters, June 19. University of the flace in the flace i The battle is raging along the whole length of the front, from the high

Ninety-three-Mile Line-Foe Continues

plateau of Asiago to the lower Piave. fixed and with such determination in As had long been expected, the ene-their eyes that the enemy slowly re-Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger my's greatest pressure is occurring in the mountains, for if he succeeded in breaking through the chain of Alps it would mean a withdrawal of the army fighting on the Plave to prevent their being caught in the rear. The Australna, who in a few points

being caught in the rear. The Austrians are employing such of deadly machine.gun free suffering frightful losses a large amount of gases that the whole battleline is enveloped in dense. Impenetrable clouds. Fortunately, a heavy rain is still falling in that rewhich lessens to some extent the

The Austrians continu to rain down upon the Italian lines a most terrific fire, mercilessly bombarding all the The Italians are fighting fiercely and with great dash, glad to get at the enemy after so many months of forced inactivity and with an intense declar fire, mercilessly bombarding all the small villages behind the Piave line, estown of pecially Trevisco, the leading the province of the same name, which desire to regain the country dese-crated by the enemy's invasion. has been almost reduced to ruins. In its center square is still standing as hreat the monument erected to recall the "freedom from the Austrian yoke" The Austrians are keeping the Italafter the war of 1866.

Ninety-three-Mile Battleline

ians under deadly fire, especially afm-ing at their second lines, to prevent the arrival of re-enforcements. This The fight is assuming the character of a gigantic battle, owing to the extenbombardment has small effect in the mountains, as owing to the limited number of men one can employ at sion of the battlefront, which reaches pinety-three miles, from the mountains one time these are able to protect o the Adriatic, a greater distance than themselves in dugouts excavated in the solid rock. Snow, which is still lying on the any front line in France, where the German offensive against Anilens was on a front of forty miles; the Champaign a front of forty miles; the Champaign in a great salient. offensive, where the front was thirty-one flanked on the north by the Alps and mountains, is heaned in into immense mounds by the bombardment. Italian troops, clothed in white overalls to miles, and the later one at Noyon, twen-

tense at the two extremities of the curve-shaped front, with the evident in-tention of the Austrian command to ap-ply pincer tactice to try to force the whole Italian army to retire. So far the enemy's aim seems, like that of along the valleys of the rivers Brenta and Astico. During these first days it and Asico. During these first days it is difficult to ascertain whether the near Tolmino was so disastrous to

their aim being to reach the plains wherein are Brescia and Milan. The Italian supreme command, how ever, has taken all possible measures

Padua to the enemy. The news which comes in of com-

plete failure of the attack in the moun-tains is, therefore, of the very highest importance, and we may rejoice that the British army in Italy has played

"The battle is following its course, The army of General Freiherr von Wurm has gained ground at numerous points. Its south wing, fighting stub-bornly, has reached the Fossetta Canal.

ALLIES IMPROVE

We have, as yet, no indication of the strength in which the Austrians at-tacks have been delivered, and it will be of great interest to learn whether any considerable number of divisions have been brought across from Rumania and Russia. From the length of front attacked and the fact that divisions. ous if Offensive Fails. Says, Maurice

apparently in considerable numbers, were brought up at the last moment on the German model, it looks as if this might have happened, and if it proves to be the case, it will have a direct bear-ing upon the situation in France, as it will make it less likely that Austrian troops can be used to free more Gettoan divisions in the cast for operations on the main western front.

Former Director General of the British

EACH HAS 7,000,000 Copyright. 1918, by New York Times Co. London, June 19. Unable to withstand any longer the MEN ON WEST FRONT expected for some weeks past. It is

Totals About Equal, but Concentration for Attack Gives Local Superiority

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger "opuright, 1918, by New York Times Co. ng the strain of

ng the strain or war more than iny other and is acked with indus-really suffering from numerical infetrial troubles riority on the French front continues nust be most seri- riority on the French front continues nust. The battle to engage a good deal of attention Gli Sforzi Teutonici Resi Vani just begun in Maly here, especially in parliamentary cirtherefore. cles, where the matter is being dishave far-reaching cussed with exceptional interest. The The Italian posi- subject was brought into special promtion has throughinence owing to the emphasis apparently laid on this aspect of the strug strategically very difficult, for it lies

gle by Premier Clemenceau in his re-cent statement to the chamber. It is evident from the interpretation offensive, where the front was thirty-one miles, and the later one at Noyon, twen-ty miles. Although the bombardment is con-tinuing all along the line, it is most in-tense at the two extremities of the curve-shaped front, with the evident in-tention of the Austrian command to ap-

Roma, 19 giugno Poco prima della mezzanotte l'onorevole Orlando, trovandosi alla Camera dei Deputati, ha dichiarato: "Il nemico continua la sua pressione lungo il

sforzi sul Piave, ma furono vani. La nostra artiglieria e' stata particolar-mente efficace contro le forze ostili sulla riva destra del corso del flume. Mediante contrattacchi noi abbiamo is difficult to ascertain whether the positions attacked are the real objec-tives of the enemy or only diversiona to mask their true intention, which might be an offensive along Lake Garda. prised by the enemy-notably at the Chemin-des-Dames-at parts of the di prigionieri."

infe front where they were notably It is, therefore, to the mountain front that we look first and most anxiously when news of an Austrian say that the French were outnum-ior sforzi suf fronte del Piave, senza

ure to see with what coggedness of spirit the Italian troops are fighting. The situation is most hopeful. The enemy's being kept in check all along the line, while both at the front and at the line, while both at the front and at that, conda fase della battaglia e cecezional-says mente violenta. Una testa di ponte e Inferior in number to the enemy, basso corso del Piave. Gli Italiani con-Taken altogether, we have about tinuano a resistere eroicamente all'as-7,000,000 troops against the enemy's salto di dodici divisioni, che costante-7,000,000. Where the enemy was superior in

at the points he selected for attack. Plave comprende venticinque fifty miles across the Brenta, to a Seven million soldiers stretched out longer and less secure line behind the along a front of 1200 or 1400 miles Astico and to abandon Venice, and will always be inferior to 7,000,000 secretly concentrated on decisive sec-

tors of attack. "Let us have confidence," he con-cluded. "Our high command will adapt our equality of numbers to defi nite superiority of maneuver.



tutti i calibri.

shows that our Italian allies are fighting splendidly and that the reports which have been received of the complete re-covery from the disaster of last autumn are fully justified. AMERICAN PATROL TAKES 5 GERMANS IN DARI GERMAN PAPER R AT U.S. "HUMANN **5 GERMANS IN DARING RAID**

Marines in Boat Cross Marne and Find Teutons Asleep in Scores American Treatme Cellar-Unit Faces Well-Known Tenth Prisoners as Told by Cap

Landwehr Regiment

With the Americans on the Marne, June 19. One France-American unit on this Special Cable to Evening Public I Copyright, 1918, by New York Time The Hagne, June The Cologne Gazette, after One Franco-American unit on this boches were rowed across.

front 'under an American commander In the meantime the alarm bad spread faces the well-known Tenth Landwehr regiment, it was established in a daring number of Germans fired at the boat and it was pulled for the American side. patrol raid by American marines. Despite this fire, which increased as . A captain and seven men crept down more Germans rushed down to the shore, to the water's edge near the town of the boat put back for the two remaining Charteves (seven miles cast of Chateau-guarding them. oners and the two American

Thierry on the south bank of the Marne. After the prisoners and their captors and directly opposite Jaulgonne). In had jumped, the boat started for the the darkness they crossed to the op- American side again. As it neared the posite side in a boat. As they plied out shore it struck some submerged object n the bank they encountered a couple and cap f sentries who fled without offering rescued. and capsized. All of the occupants were resistance, although the patrol's only

weapons were the captain's pistol and this venture. Those who were chosen swore solemnly that they would not be There were dozens of volunteers for The Americans rushed into the town captured.

dea of humanity." The paper quotes a letter from a German officer, which says that the pris-oners are getting ho money and the of-ficers only the same food as the man; that it is not even possible for them to get a fifter or construct that terreno nello sperone di Costalunga e atturarono alcuni prigionieri. to get a cigar or cigarette; that leave is granted, even on parole, a that walks are not permitted. This h ter was written last winter.

"Formidabili attacchi nemici si alter-DEI SOLDATI D'ITALIA AL con i nostri contrattacchi. principlo della vigorosa avanzata furo schiacciati dalla nostra resistenza prestati da azioni controffensive.

S. OF V. AUXILIARIES MEET fu sospesa soltanto durante scorsa notte. Le valorose truppe delle State Bodies Spent \$1200 Toward nostre armate furono strenuamente pro vate, ma il nemico non fu ab aumentare la esigua profondita' abil Equipment of Ambulance Unit della stricia di terreno entro la quale svolsero i combattimenti per quattro

gierni "Il numero del prigionieri rimasti nelle stre mani e' di 1550. "I nostri aviatori instancabili continuano a partecipare efficacemente 11124

Washington, D. C., 18 glugno. Truppe combattenti americane saranno inviate quanto prima al fronte itali

ano, ma il Dipartimento della Guerra non e' ancora pranto, per ragioni milifronte delle montagne e nella regione tari, ad indicare i dettagli del

del Montello. Egli ha fatto ripetuti mento e quanda avverra'. Che le truppe americane saranno Che le truppe americane saranno in-viate in Italia divenne certezza nel pomeriggio di oggi quando l'Ambasci-atore Italiano, Conte Macchi di Cel-lere, visito' il Dipartimento della Guerra per conferire col Sogretario baker. Questi non ha voluto drie nulla riguardo le cose considerate nella con-ferenza o dire se l'uso delle truppe ame-ricane di discusso con l'Ambasciatore. nericane sarebbero state inviate



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that America declares herself

not only a democratic country, be land of humanity, asserts that, it tunately, Germans are learning to

this humanity, and that even America was intrusted with the c German war prisoners in Russia

neglect was shown besides a lack

nowledge of conditions. It conth "At present the treatment of Ge

prisoners, who are almost entirely

men, besides the lack of knowle onditions shown, is another 'mission a numanity.' But the way in which R

accomplished again shows the Am

humanity."

Scranton, Pa., June 43.—In welcoming delegates of the auxiliaries of the Song of Veterans at the opening of the thirty-eighth rinnual State Encampuent here, Arthur Davis, Director of Police, referred to the work the women of Penin-sylvania are doing in the war and of the work they performed in other wars. Mrs. Laura Bullock, of Dunmore Mrs. Laura Bullock, of Dun State president, reported that the bership was increased during the and more than \$1200 was spent to outfitting an ambulance unit for s in France. "Numerosi prigionieri furono cattùrati dagli inglesi."

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ricane fu discusso con l'Ambasciatore, ma quando fu domandato se le truppe Italia egli rispose che l'unita di scope degli Alleati porta di conseguenza che su tutte le fronti vi siano elementi di tutta le armi alleate. Egli soggiunse de al fronte italiano vi sono elementi francesi ed inglesi e quindi un certo numero di soldati americani, anche esiguo, servira' a dimostrare l'unita' degli scopi delle nazioni Alleate.



Mountain Front Most Important ure to see with what doggedness of an Austrian say that the French were attack comes in. In the mountains the bered as much as five to one. enemy's main attack has been made on

the line, while both at the front and at home the people realize the gravity of the hour and that sacrifices must be made, also the possibility of having, for Valleys. Had it been successful it

Alpini Still Undaunted Especially, the Alpini are as un-daunted as ever. In fact, they seem but every one is facing events calmly, but every events eve

IN MOUNTAIN ZONE FIGHTING

increased to 30.000. We have captured 120 guns.' The booty in mine throwers and machine guns, as well as other war material, has not yet been counted.

"Colonel General Archduke Joseph has consolidated his forces in the Montello region. Italian counter-attacks broke down. In the three days of fighting sev-enty-three guns, including many of heavy caliber, were captured in this re-gion."

for her a desperate gamble, as if it ails to obtain an eal +measure of access the conseuences in the interior of the coun-try, which is feel

By MAJ, GEN. MAURICE

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pilot's seat and taken it myself. advances, but asserts that the The engagement had lasted about an hour. We descended to the

which I was sure was beating feebly. Then we rose and sighted two of our own planes. We picked them up, swung into formation and laid our course for Z. At 7:10 we sighted land, and twenty minutes after we were resting in front of the slipway. We at once summoned medical aid, but found that nothing could be done for Lieutenant G_____

Dead Austrians Choke Defiles

Continued from Page One and complete the march of invasion from

the north. Austria's hopes and aims are reflected

Austria's hopes and alma are reflected very strikingly in an order of the day dated June 14, compiled from Field Mar-shal Boreovic's proclamation and circu-lated among the troops of the third regi-ment over Commander Mitteregger's sig-nature. A copy has just fallen in Italian hands. It runs as follows: "From the Adigo to the Adriatic the Austrian army descende into the fall

Austrian army descends into the field against Italy. All the forces and all the material of the monarcy are for the first time massed against one single enemy, as the outcome of preparations begun many months ago. Tomorrow the Ital-ian command will learn this tremendous news from the mouths of our guns. The entire Italian front will be atacked, and to free himself from our iron grip, which will encircle his whole front, the enemy

will encircle his whole front, the enemy would be obliged to engage reserves far vaster than those at his disposal. "From trench warfare we shall pass to country abounding in victuals and stores of every kind. Let us therefore press forward resolutely toward the city of Verona, where a century ago the august founder of our regiment stood victor against the combined armies of France and Italy." "New theses, after forty-eight hours of fighting the enemy still is held upon his first lines. The battle is rarking as flercely as

The battle is raging as flercely as ever along a 100-mile front. Reports yesterday from various sectors denote that the enemy is opposing stout re-actions to Allied counter-attacks on the Aslago table and around Monte Grapps, ut that Alpine barviers semain sub-

The British forces have regained all the positions they held on the eve of the battle. The French contingents south-mast o Aslarco on Turcio road have re-captus pnar in a bayonet charge and h even the Austrians back far beyon of ratarting point. Counter-attacking at Cornone our Allies stopped effectually the enemy's dash toward Valstagra and fook 500 prisoners Feni-And the transmission of the second data of the s

The engagement has lasted about of prisoners taken has risen to solve. an hour. We descended to the w at 4:45 p. m. ten miles north-of Vineland. There I locsened Lis scenant G—'s cliphing, made his position easier and fet for his heart, MUSTRIAN GAINS COLDLY

By GEORGE RENWICK Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

Maintains Deadly Fire

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Copyright, 1918, bu New York Times Co. Amsterdam, June 19. The Austrian offensive leaves the Ger-man press cold and largely unconcerned. Only one solitary German newspaper of all those to hand, including today's Rhineland journals, has any comment on it. As news, the offensive is treated as a matter. of third or fourth rate im-portance, and so far only one German war correspondent has provided a story of the fighting.

portance, and so far only one German war correspondent has provided a story of the fighting. It is the Cologne Gazette, which dis-tinguished itself by having the only war correspondent's message. The corre-spondent paraphrases the official Aus-trian communique and leaves out all reference to the ground which had to be given up. He waxes enthusiastic about "all nationalities of the Austro-Hungarian people's army rejoicing in the battle and, on the command of the young Kaiser, who always remains in the midst of his fighting troops, achiev-ing great succasses and giving of their best in the struggle against a mortal enemy."

The Volkszeitung's comment has none of that purple-patched enthusiasm and does not wonder "that some of the ground gained in the offensive had to e given up.

BERLIN REPORTS HEAVY ALLIED ARTILLERYING

Berlin, June 19.-Tuesday's German War Office commu unication follows:

The enemy's artillery fire has in-creased to great intensity on isolated sectors in Flanders, on both by U-boats. isolated sectors in Flanders, on bosh sides of the Lys and between Arras and Albert. Toward midnight, ofter violent outbursts of firing, the enemy attacked southwest of Albert. He was repulsed and left prisoners in our hands. pouring into France has reached a figure which as few months ago would have been thought impos sible.

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Southwest of Noyon and south of the Aisne the artillery activity was revived during the evening. Parrevived during the evening. Par-tial advances of the enemy north of the Aisne and northwest of Chateau were repulsed.

VIENNA CLAIMS 30,000 PRISONERS IN ITALY



ship construction for the first time since the submarine warfare began is exceeding the destruction of ships Austrian Progress Insignificant The number of American troops

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Austrian Progress insignificant recossing the Piave at the foot of Mon-tello and near both railway lines, but their progress so far on the right bank of the river is insignificant and threat-ens no serious danger. Altogether the first news from the battlefield, which is most encouraging.



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peraltro fare alcun progresso. La se-

stata stabilita dagli austriaci lungo il

mente ricolmano i vuoti con le riserve

in prima linea ed otto divisioni in riserva. Risulta che le forze implegate dal-

l'Austria in questa offensiva consistono di 92 divisioni.-80 di fanteria e 12 di cavalleria-approximativamente di un milione di unomini e di 7500 cannoni di

Ecco il testo del comunicato ufficiale pubblicato, ieri, dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma:

concentrate tra Susegana e Conegliano La massa di attacco tra Montello ed l

Roma, 19 giugno.

ad est della Valle Frenzela i colpi nemici furono prontamente arrestati. Sul margine oriemale dell-Altiplano di Asiago le nostro truppe spazzarono nemico presso Razzea Pizzo e dalle alture a sud di Sasso catturando circa

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