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TROOPS RUSHED TO QUELL FOOD RIOTS IN VIENNA

Mobs Stone Premier's House and Plunder Bakeries
MARTIAL LAW LIKELY
Bread Ration Halved as Hungry Nation Clamors Against Famine

Amsterdam, June 20. Cavalry regiments have been rushed to Vienna where extremely serious bread riots have broken out, according to advices from German sources today. The mobs are reported to have stoned Premier von Seydler's residence and to have plundered bakeries. Establishment of martial law is declared likely. The burgomaster has declined to guarantee a return to order his demand for dried vegetables to make up for the lack of bread having been refused by Government officials.

(For some time there have been well-defined reports of unrest, not only in Vienna but elsewhere throughout Austria, over the famine conditions and the general misery entailed by the war. The present outbreak, however, seems to be the most serious that has yet occurred.)

By GEORGE RENWICK
Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger
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Amsterdam, June 20.—The subject of economic conditions is one that is attracting good deal of attention in the enemy press from Berlin to Sofia, and the composite picture presented is one of unmitigated gloom.

In Germany the increase in the prices of cereals comes into force at an early date. By it, as the Vorwaerts points out, the people's bread will cost them roughly one and one-half cents more a pound and the greedy agrarians of the empire will benefit to the extent of \$25,000,000, and that at a time when, it says scornfully, "the insufficient food and high prices of all the necessities of life are breeding unrest and discontent in profusion throughout the country."

Belgium is suffering from a total lack of fruit and vegetables and that scarcity prevails in many other cities and towns. The Germans, it is being reported, are being warned that it will be well to obtain their winter supply of coal now, for a great scarcity of fuel is expected later on.

It should always be remembered that conditions in Germany vary greatly with local conditions. While Berlin lacks fruit and vegetables, other cities are being warned that it will be well to obtain their winter supply of coal now, for a great scarcity of fuel is expected later on.

All Austria Suffering
If we turn to Austria the state of affairs is quite different. The whole country is suffering and organization can do nothing simply because supplies are nonexistent. For instance, the authorities in the northern Bohemian town of Schuckemau, in a region populated mainly by Germans, took the extraordinary step of sending a message to the German government asking that the town had been for a whole week without bread and flour, and in the name of the German population begged his Majesty to secure the food conditions in order to make good the deficiency, "because in that way can a catastrophe be averted."

The Austrian authorities held up the message by saying that the Schuckemau authorities to look for this "inadmissible proceeding." It shows, however, how hopeless the food conditions in the dual monarchy. The council in question knew from bitter experience that it was useless to appeal to their own national authorities.

ONLY PERIL TO ITALY NOW IS AT MONTELEONE

Austrian Offensive at Other Points Has Failed Signally. Maurice Shows—Diaz Must Watch Archduke Joseph

By MAJ. GEN. MAURICE
Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger
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London, June 20. It is now possible to appreciate with some accuracy the extent of the Austrian effort and what it has achieved. The attack on June 15 was made by three armies—one under Von Wurmb, on the lower Piave; another under Archduke Joseph, on the Montello front; and the third under Von Scheuchzenauer, in the mountains.

Up to Archduke Joseph
The enemy's gains on Montello, on the other hand, hold out to him some prospect of development, for this ridge dominates the Italian lines along the railway to Montebelluna. The enemy's hands might be able to gain possession of the whole line of the river to the south and open up a fresh front of attack upon Treviso and Venice. This, therefore, is at present a most interesting and important part of the battle.

General Diaz, being relieved from anxiety as to the flank, is now fully warned of the enemy's plans, should have had time and opportunity to dispose of his reserves so as to defeat the Austrian offensive and to extend his hold upon Montebelluna. The success of the Italian higher command in divining accurately the enemy's intention has already contributed greatly to the reverse check which he has suffered, and it is reasonable to expect that it will continue to do so under the easier conditions which now prevail.

The Austrian claims in prisoners and guns are high, but in the past these have proved to be exaggerated, and are probably so in this case. The guns taken no doubt include light trench guns and the Italian army, and considerable numbers of them would naturally be placed on the forward slopes of Montebelluna, which have fallen into the enemy's hands.

Altogether, Major Lawrence's statement in the House of Commons that no offensive on this scale throughout the war has at its initiation secured so little success as this is amply justified.

Can't Aid Germany
The information which we have obtained from the Italian press as to the strength of the Austrian forces in Italy, together with our knowledge of the extent of their commitments in Albania and the Balkans, leaves no doubt that Austria has no resources in manpower to justify the conclusion that Germany will get no help from her allies in Russia.

Home Guard May Do Police Duty
Likely to Patrol Beats Unless Pay Rise Halts Resignations
UP TO COUNCILS TODAY

By PHILIP GIBBS
Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger
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War Correspondents' Headquarters, June 20.
It is raining out here in short showers and there are low clouds which seem to promise a steady rain. That has military importance apart from the need of moisture for the crops that are becoming parched after many weeks of dry and brilliant weather.

Proposes Tax on Weapons
Sisson Wants \$5 Levy Placed on Every Revolver
Washington, June 20.—Prohibitive taxes on deadly weapons "for private use" are being proposed by the House of Representatives by Representative Sisson, of Mississippi, today, not as a means of raising revenue, but as a means of checking the spread of crime in the United States.

CLOSE IRON RING ABOUT GERMANY, DEMAND ON U. S. SENATORS URGE DUTY OF AMERICA TO SEND ARMY TO EAST FRONT

Need Japan as an Ally
Necessary to Use Every Resource to Beat the Kaiser, Is Argument

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger
Washington, June 20. Congress has opened up the subject of Russia. Senator Lewis and Senator Fall have made speeches urging that something be done to aid Russia and combat Germany in the East.

His Army Is Needed
The opinion is expressed that there is no use entering Russia in a military way except with a large force and with the intent of fighting Germany as hard upon the eastern front as upon the western front. A big army must be sent or none at all.

Japan Must Be An Ally
Japan's part in the enterprise must be that of an ally and associate, a thoroughly trusted ally, but not the sole medium for the defeat of Germany's ambitions in the East.

Denies Mrs. Busch Aided Foe
Attorney Refutes Story of Million to German Red Cross

Key West, Fla., June 20.—Reports that Mrs. Adolphus Busch had given \$1,000,000 to the German Red Cross, through not announced, are emphatically denied by the attorney for the estate of Mrs. Busch.

Draw New Registrants Soon
Youth of 21 Will Get Draft Numbers About July 1

Washington, June 20.—Drawing for the twenty-one-year-old registrants' numbers will be held at an early date, it was announced at the Provost Marshal General's office today.

Attack Americans with Gas
German Deluge Luneville Sector. Also Use Shrapnel

With the American Army in France, June 20.—The German deluge of the American in the Luneville sector with the heaviest gas attack of the week yesterday.

RAIDS AND GUNFIRE HINT DRIVE ON HAIG

German Infantry and Artillery Activities Same as Preceded Last Big Picardy-Flanders Offensive

London, June 20. Raiding activities, such as presented the last German drive (of March 21) were reported all along the Flanders front and the northern portion of the Picardy area by Field Marshal Haig today.

Paris, June 20. "Between Montdidier and the Oise, and in the Bois le Clereux region French detachments penetrated the German lines and took twenty prisoners," the French War Office announced today.

London, June 20.—Italian forces are now counter-attacking at various points along the whole Piave River line, it was authoritatively learned today.

Disorder Grows in Kiev District
Intercepted Dispatch From Moscow Tells of Spread of Revolution

London, June 20. The revolution which broke in Kiev has spread to the districts of Chernoff and Potava in the eastward, according to an intercepted wireless dispatch received in Moscow and relayed here.

Eastern Russia Asks Allied Intervention
Special Cable Dispatch
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Tokio, June 20.—An appeal through Japan for immediate Entente Allied intervention in Siberia has been decided on by the Far Eastern Russian Committee for the Salvation of the Motherland.

Brotherhood Heads Condemn "Slacking"
Industrial slacking in any of its forms is as great a menace to the safety of our country as any pro-German propaganda can possibly be.

Foed Trapped on West Bank
British airmen report that two of the fourteen bridge spans of the Piave by the enemy have been carried away. Trapped on the bank Austrian detachments are subjected to almost constant sniping from the Italian artillery and dropped by Allied airmen.

Agent Makes 31 Dope Arrests in Week
Colonel Will Gray Beach, head of the narcotic division of the Internal Revenue Office, made thirty-one arrests in raids in any one office of this particular division in the Revenue Office.

DIAG WINS GROUND IN MOUNTAINS

Italians Holding the Enemy on Lower Piave Line
MORALE LOW AMONG FOES

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