ENEMY WEAKENS ON PIAVE FRONT

Austrian Forces Decimated by Italian Gunfire and Counter Blows

CORPSES HIDE RAILWAY

By AUSTIN WEST

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Italian Zone of War, June 20. Baffled in his larger hope of a vast encircling movement around Treviso and by way of the Brenta valley, with his first halt at Bassano, the enemy, while maintaining his pressure on the mountain front and Montelle district, without, however, risking fresh infantry attacks, is redoubling his efforts along the Plave, more especially west of San Dona.

The latest dispatch announces that the Austrian hold of the last-named vicinity, also in the Zenson Bend and at St. Andrea, southeast of Montello, is being considerably weakened by the Italian artillery fire and constant counter-attacks.

St. Andrea itself, with the adjacent villages of Vlavera, Bavaria and Soville, has changed hands ten times over. The railroad running thence toward Monte Belluna is hidden under a Continued from Page One fitter of dead bodies for a length of other things not written in the book several kilometers. The haul of pris-of nature. oners has risen from 6000 to 9000, General Diaz announced last night-an almost unique fact in an offensive of this nature and undoubtedly the fruit of Italy's immediate readiness for an energetic reaction.

Stupendous acts of heroism are re-Stupendous acts of heroism are re-corded. Gunners of an Alpine regi-ment stationed at the foot of Montello Hill, after being twice driven from in the tall grass or taking a rest on their batteries, united themselves to some storm troops, fought the foe in a hand-to-hand encounter with daggers.

Reitish French and American nd, recovering the cannon, readjusted

were annihilated amid the ruins of houses where they had taken refuge. At Candelu an enemy machine-gun corps, which had transformed the village into a fort, was killed by Italian mountain artillery, and in the neighboring sector of Satettuol the Third Austrian division lost 60 per cent of its effectives. effectives.

postcard maps -marking out their asks the way from one of their traffic printed in Italian, for spending in the

NEW AUSTRIAN DRIVE "HUNGER OFFENSIVE"

said a dispatch from Rome today quot-

been issued there.

The prisoners call the new drive a "hunger offensive."

"The enemy in hungching his great attack responded to two strong impulses," said the semiofficial statement. "First the worst of all can never happen now, said the semiofficial statement. "First the worst of all can never happen now, said the semiofficial statement. "First the middle of the moving tide of the taining a military success, due to the internal situation in Austria-Hungary; second, the necessity of obtaining supplies and raw materials to meet the wants of the population and the army."

The Austrians' hope of overrunning a "1914, and in them is 'ne hope that what tricks the British can teach them by old experience. The split of the latest divisions arriving is as good as that which has been proved already on the battle-fields, and that is wonderful. They are a little homesick, I am told, because of the strangeness of everything in France, and I may gaid of that, because the more they battshoo or company headquarters. It was good to hear the tramp of all these.

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FRONT TO DEFENDERS before the next stage of the march.

Washington, June 20.

The Austrians have lost most of the advantages gained at Montello, according to an efficial dispatch from Rome, received today rt the Italian embassy.

While further details are lacking Italian officials in Washington expressed confidence that the tide on the Italian front has turned in favor of the Allied cause.

GERMAN MASS ATTACKS ACME OF STOLIDITY

Not Even Fix Bayonets

Liverpool, April 11.—A Liverpool of-

of the German mass attack.
"I have watched several of these attacks through my field glasses and have been filled with horror each time. They ploughed forward in serried ranks. The ploughed forward in serried ranks. The majority did no; even trouble to fix bayonets. Many had their rifles slung over their shoulders and they advanced apparently with profound indifference over the bodies of their comrades.

"My first thought was that they must be drawed they advanced with sure."

be drugged, they advanced with sum callousness and utter unconcern. The simile of the locust has often been applied to the German bosts, and it would seem to be well justified, for in all the recent attacks there is the suggestion of the insensate soldier being absolutely indifferent to what happens to himself or his comrade and obeying only one

overmastering force and impulse, "The whole object of British and French military training is to develop the initiative and intelligence of the individual soldler, and perhaps this ex-plains why, in many cases, a British or French division has been able to hold up six or seven times its number."

YOUTHS DROWN IN LAKE

Drags Would-Be Rescuer to

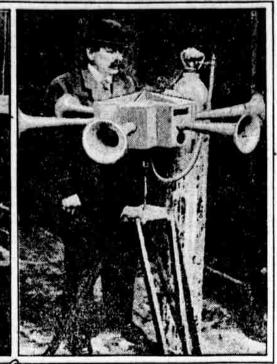
Death at Browns Mills Burlington, N. J., June 20. — Davis Booy, fifteen years old, and Millen Eck-man, seventeen, both of Browns Mills, were drowned yesterday in Browns Mills Lake after Eckman had gone to the res-tue of Sooy, who had fallen overboard from a boat. Sooy was unable to swim and pulled his would-by rescuer under

HOW PARIS WARNS ITS CITIZENS OF IMPENDING AIR RAIDS





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A SIX-HORN SIREN ...

Rain May Hinder Blow at British

Meanwhile, it is fair and pleasant in France during this time between battles, and one forgets some of the grimmer side of the business when one sees the British in the camps behind the lines under the full foliage

march in the forests, where the sun-British, French and American solthe breach locks, which they had taken away with them, and then fired point-blank into the adversary's ranks.

At Fagare two Hungarian battallons

this arena where the battles of the Many of the prisoners at the moment of capture present the appearance of Bedouins, being clad merely in tattered shirts, with their rifles slung over their shoulders and a dagger in their hand. Nearly all carried posteard mans marking out their world's destiny are being fought. The posteard maps marking out their lasks the way from one of their traffic journey, with a program inscribed:

"June 15, halt at Treviso, June 16, occupation of Venice." They also carried little packets of money coupons with long packs down the middle of their traffic journey.

backs and a ragtime tune on their lips. They are coming now in a steady flow which laps over wide tracts of the country, where for three years the new British try, where for three years the new British armies were billeted and encamped on their way to the fighting lines. This armies were billeted and encamped on visible proof of big numbers, these Austria's offensive against Italy, crowds of tall lads who come camping which began last Saturday morning, was through France, the vanguard of greater launched for internal and political rea- armies, make one feel so or from the norrible menace that has always sprawled over France since August of 1914, and in them is 'ae hope that whatever may happen ip danger or in tragedy the worst of all (an all the gritish of the later tricks the British can teach them by old experience. The spirit of the later that ions, according to captured documents, horrible menace that has always ing a semioficial statemin which had sprawled over France since August of

The Austrians hope of overrunning a way good to hear the tramp of all these, wide area of Italy and then looting the feet, to see these passing waves of country has been smashed. lean, bronzed faces; to crawl carefully TIDE TURNS ON ITALIAN in one's car through an avenue of American boys lying on each side of the torest track sleeping or smoking a little

Big Adventure to American's

Romance has gone from our army a long time age. These scenes of war have become too familiar to the British for any sense of romance, and most of the British are realists, to whom the adventure of war has become routine and boredom between hours of abominable danger, but to American soldiers it in

cause.

In fact it is not too early now to brand "Austria's supreme effort" as a total failure.

American airmen will soon be fighting alongside their Italian, French and British brethren is arms on the Italian front. A contingent (the first) has already left for that zone of battle.

The battle for Rheims, which opened on the western front in France Tuesday night, died out as suddenly as it began le proved another costly failure for the German Crown Prince.

Nothing of especial importance has taken place on any of the four great hattle fields in France although increasing raiding and artillery activity on the Picardy and Flanders fronts indicates that the Germans may soon renew their efforts to break through to either Amiens or the Channel port.

danger, but to American soldiers it in all a new and wonderful adventure, and those who are stale to this aspect of things find a new interest in these fa-indiar surroundings because of the nov-eity of it all to the newcomers.

So I was somewhat thrilled yesterday when I found American soldiers fixing up the headquarters of a regiment in a little old chateau of France. It was quest to see them there, and the véry shape of their packs and their baggage dumped down below the steps, their unconventional method of shaking down into new quarters, the staff officers, who collected in a group and discussed the problem of transport, which limits their baggage to a third of their desires—it was all refreshing, as though one had grown a little younger, for all these men are four years younger in war than the limits their bagging to a stream of the problem of transport, which limits their baggage to a third of their desires—it was all refreshing, as though one had grown a little younger, for all these men are four years younger in war than the are four years younger in war than the British, and it seems a wonderful youth

to them.
The look of the French village, the Liverpool Officer Says Most of Men Do broken English of the French peasants and the broken English of the French children are noval and amusing, and they find huge entertainment in every incident of

is so poor as that!

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can go back to your wife and support her," said Judge Backus.

Denker was arrested after he had obtained \$15 from Polly Mazalewshi. 727 Park street, after teiling her that her friend, John Baraczak, 719 Ninth avenue, was under arrest for speeding in Waukesaa. Baraczak had not been arrested. At the time of his sentence backets organized as seen in Municipal. the day, as the British armies did in the ican citizenship and an order of sequessummer of 1914. tration against his property was lifted. tration against his property was lifted.

Mr. Stern is a very wealthy resident of the fashiomable Passy district, where he was a fine home, which was transformed into a military hospital at the beginning of the war.

Denker created a scene in Municipal Court by attempting to batter his way out and at the same time his wife, becoming hysterical, caused clerks in the offices in the building to rush from their work at the sound of her screams.

ITALIANS STRONGLY HOLD FOE ON LOWER PIAVE RIVER FRONT

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about eight miles behind the lines. Bassand is on the Brenta River, south of Mount Grapps, and about the same dis-tance behind the lines. Treviso is on the Sile River, about nine miles west of the Pinve.)

TREACHEROUS TACTICS USED BY AUSTRIANS AGAINST ALLIED LINE

By WARD PRICE

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Some of the heaviert fighting has been ound the Austrian bridgehead on the lower Place, from which they are trying to strike out to reach Mestre, five les perth of Venice. What the Austrians now hold here is a shelf of the west bank, which stretches southward from Maserda to Fassalta and then nakes a three-mile bulge westward and Sandona. The ground they ocupy is shaped like a tobacco pipe, with he bowl turned into the Italian army's

breadth of the stem of this pine The breadth of the stem of this plue as reduced by a counter-attrck devered by troops which had been fighting me the offensive began. These troops, nough dead beat, wanted to improve a position before they left and under-ook it on their own initiative. The enemy's object was to enlarge the now of the pipe and particularly to capture or drive back it strong group of allan artillery in the angle between the lowl and the stem.

The Austrians are not by any means.

CRIMINAL TENDENCY

the lowl and the stem.
The Austrians are not by any means fighting cleanly in this officisive. The Martin general commanding on the Montello sector told me that the event had been trying to push forward detached with the Italian uniforms to mix with the Italian troops. The same thing with the Italian troops. The same thing with the Italian troops. The same thing cocurred on the lower Place, where a number of Austrian spies in civilian clothes, trying to pass themselves off and the prisoners taken since the beginning of the battle amount to 9011.

The battle is continuing bitterly. The enemy in order to preserve some the description of the initial advantages gained by him, takes no heed of the immense losses which our rifle fire and the control of Capo

Milwaukee, June 17.—Judge Backus has placed Charies Denker, twenty, on probation for one year, after he had been brought from the House of Correction, where he was serving an eighteen months' sentence imposed by Judge Backus May 4, after benker had been brought from the House of Correction, where he was serving an eighteen months' sentence imposed by Judge Backus May 4, after benker had been convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Thomas Leahy, who represented Denker, offered in evidence pieces of Leahy, were removed by Doctor Hervey on May 29.

"After the operation the doctors found that Denker had changed completely in his actions and the physicians tell me that the skuil bone pressing on his brain was responsible for his criminal inclinations," raid Mr. Leahy.

Asked by Judge Backus how he now felt, Denker replied that the headaches which he formerly suffered from were entirely gone since the operation.

"Very well, I am going to place you on probation for one year, and you can go back to your wife and supporting." raid Judge Backus.

Denker was arrested after he had obtained \$15 from Polly Mazalewshi, 737 Parik street, after telling her that 757 Parik street, after telling her had been brought in could be due to no other cause, One wounded tailan even had a graphy in juries to inands and legs which I saw bouch in the ghatily injuries to inands and legs which I saw brought in could be due to no other cause, One wounded tailan even had a lory of Austrians screening their machine guns by seading unarmed men alway for Austrians screening their machine guns by seading unarmed men alway for Austrians screening their machine guns by seading unarmed men alway for Austrians screening their machine guns by seading unarmed men alway for Austrians screening their machine guns by seading unarmed the loy of Austrians screening their machine guns by seading unarmed men alway for Austrians

weight of numbers.

It was the Warwicks who restored the situation here, counter-attrcking from the left and clearing the enemy out of the woods. The Sherwood Forerfers are praised for their initiative in counter-attacking

on the extreme right when a small gap had been made there.

ITALIANS REPEL FOE IN BITTER STRUGGLE

Rome, June 20. The latest Italian War Office stateent follows
"On the night of June 17-18 and in the course of Tuesday the enemy did not renew his attack from the Asiago plateau to the Montello height. His partial actions were completely re-pulsed in the Grappe and Montello

"We carried out thrusts on the Asiago plateau, the Allied detachment conturing many score of prisoners and

two guns.
"With unceasing pressure we short ened the front opened by the enemy south of the Montebelluna railway. Our artillery with deadly concentraemy masses waiting along the front the battle or in movement in the back areas:

Tuesday morning was calm on the Place River, but in the afternoon the battle again broke out furiously. New attempts made by the enemy cross to the right bank from San idea to Candelu to six-mile front ast of Trevis) were repulsed. On the embankments of the river between Candelu and Fossalta the strenuous lefeuse of our troops tried the enemy orely and by orely and his impetus was broken by

our infantry.

"Equally intense was the struggle which raged in the sector of Fossalta, southeast of Meolo and north of Capo

VIENNA CLAIMS GAIN ON MONTELLO HEIG

Vienna, June 20.—Austro-Huroops have crossed the Fosse al (ten to eighteen miles no of Venice) at some points, accord
the War Office. Further north,
stated, the Austrians broke th
several Italian lines at the sot
foot of the Montello height. Th
of the official statement follows
The southern wing of the
group of Field Marshal von B
vic has made a steady advance has obtained fresh advantages.
Fossetta Canal has been crossesome points. The Italians staking everything in order to the advance. In narrow stre prisoners have been taken from numerous units which have

Violent enemy attacks delive with the greatest stubbornness, pecially on both sides of the Ode Treviso Railway, broke down whenvy losses. thrown together.

Divisions under Colonel General Archduke Joseph broke through several Italian lines near Sovilla at the southern foot of the Montel

The number of prisoners increase.

On the mountain front the cutures between the Piave and Brenta, southeast of Asiago, where took on the 15th, again were objectives of bitter assault, spite of great sacrifices the energy many markle anywhere to obtain was unable anywhere to obtain

advantage.
On Dossalatta the Italians agree tried fruitlessly to advance.
On the Tyrolese western from there were artillery duels.

London, June 20.—No progress been made by the Austrians again the British forces holding an imp-tant section of the line on Italian front, according to a British Edst. communication.

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word which the child read and he re peated. He was taking his first French

Spirit is Wonderful

Well, they are coming over fast, these

Jacob J. Stern Accused of Com-

merce With the Enemy Parls, June 29.—Charged with hav ing engaged in commerce with the enemy, Jacob Julius Stern, a silk mer-chant of New York, has been arrested He was born in Germany in 1852 and hirty years ago went to the United Cates, where he founded the business irm of Stern & Stern, with his brother mil, who is now in the United States. lis two tons are serving in the United

tates army. Stern's American naturalization was juestioned by the French authorities in 1915. He took the matter into the court and obtained recognition of his Amer-



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