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WAR FRONT TO HAVE AIR RAID FORCE

Frame Mission of Independent Division Is Attack on Germany

WARNING BY MAURICE Bombing Raids Will Not Turn Defeat to Victory on Battlefields

By MAJ. GEN. MAURICE Former Director of Military Operations of the British Army

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. London, July 2. After a period of thundery weather with low, heavy clouds, followed by high winds, a spell of summer calm has set in and has brought with it a great increase of activity in the air.

Moral Effect of Bombing Tons There has long been agitation in certain circles, both in England and in France, for a great and energetic development of the aerial attack upon Germany, which in the eyes of its most enthusiastic supporters will go to decide the war.

At present the prime duty of the air forces in France is to cooperate with the ground forces in the task of defeating the enemy. They have to act as the eyes of our generals and to blind the enemy.

Until we are absolutely and unquestionably supreme in all these various departments of aerial warfare we cannot afford to divert our aerial strength from them in order to carry the war into Germany.

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CUBAN HOUSE PASSES SPY BILL

Would Put Restrictions on Enemy Aliens During the War

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DI VAL BELLA RETAKEN IN DESPERATE BATTLE

Prisoners From Four Austrian Divisions Show How Foe Valued Height

By WARD PRICE Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. Milan, July 2.

The Italians kept on steadily plucking back what isolated fragments of their line still remain in Austrian hands since the great attack which began on June 15. These are entirely in the mountain sector, and the principal one of them—Monte di Valbella, west of the Brenta gorge—after heavy fighting has been retaken, with twenty-three Austrian officers and about 800 men as prisoners.

The enemy struggled hard to keep his gains, and the prisoners in Italian hands belong to four separate Austrian divisions. The French and British, on the left, helped in the work with demonstrations by artillery and by infantry patrols.

There is a general feeling that only one act of the new drama has been played. The course of the next one is not uncertain, and depends to some extent on the German plans in France. If they continue to hold back their long-expected renewal of the offensive there, they will spare a few German divisions to come down here and put a little gas powder on the tails of the discouraged Austrians.

It would be easy, of course, to let the imagination indulge too far in regarding the Austrians as discouraged. Though their offensive has failed utterly, their army is still in full being. It takes a great deal, in fact, to demoralize thoroughly an old-established army.

FORMER CZAR TRUE TO ALLIES, NOT TRAITOR, SAYS ACADEMICIAN

Frederic Masson Publishes Copies of Documents Showing That Nicholas Was Faithful—Refused to Communicate With Germany, Though Tempted

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It was the ex-Czar of Russia a traitor to the Entente? The correspondence which was published several months ago, based on letters and telegrams which passed between "Willy" and "Nicky" which were discovered in the archives of the Foreign Office in Petrograd, appeared to prove indisputably that the Russian monarch had played a double game.

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COLLIDING AIRPLANES WRECKED IN TREETOPS



One of the most remarkable airplane accidents on record was the collision of two machines above Hyde Park, London. Both planes landed in the same treetop, badly twisted, but by some lucky freak of fortune nobody was hurt.

ORGANIZED PILLAGE CHARGED TO GERMANS

Escaped French Soldiers Also Tell of Prisoners Worked in Battle Zone

By G. H. FERRIS Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. Milan, July 2.

After the Poles it is the turn of the oppressed nationalities of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the Czechs of Bohemia and the Slavs of southern lands, to be represented by an autonomous army, fighting besides the Allies in the west. The Italian Government had already organized a force of Czechoslovaks, consisting of volunteers of these races from prison camps or from America, which is now of the strength of several regiments, and now a similar force has been formally inducted into the trials and tasks of the great war at a certain place behind the French front.

Thus, in strange accents but to the same purpose, the west cries to the east and to far Siberia. This brave voice will certainly be heard. Two further branches of the rules of the war by the German army are registered. The first consists of the persistent employment of prisoners of war within the forbidden distance of twenty miles from the battle line.

Before sunrise on Saturday, however, the Italians, with British and French guides, determined to leave to Austria nothing whatever to boast about, were rumpeling all enemy positions in this sector. At 2 o'clock British tanks, starting from Costa Lunga, (eighth-mile surprise attack against Sismol) mounted their engines and clambered up the gullies of Val Bella, working from the east.

Three valiant but vain endeavors were made by the enemy during the afternoon to recover their lost footing. Photographs taken by the Italian command show the crest and mountainside densely sown by the bodies of dead and wounded beyond any previous experience in this zone.

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BOURTSEFF SEES RUSSIAN FREEDOM

Former Nihilist Welcomes Grand Duke's Provisional Government Plan

RALLYING RIGHT FORCES Alexieff, Korniloff and Kaledines Co-operate to Restore Real Democracy

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The real movement which will free Russia from Bolshevism is coming from Siberia, according to a cable dispatch which Vladimir Bourtsseff, the famous revolutionist, has sent the Martin from Stockholm, where he has taken refuge. An organization which is being created there, he says, is rallying around the whole of anti-Bolshevist Russia, and has at its head representatives of all the other parties. The object of this movement is not only to conquer the Bolsheviks, but to rout Bolshevism out of Russia.

ITALIANS WIPE OUT ALL AUSTRIAN GAINS

Di Val Bella Mountain. Last Important Point. Recaptured

By AUSTIN WEST Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. Milan, July 2.

The capture of Di Val Bella mountain, with over 800 prisoners, finally wrests from the Austrians the only position of importance that remains to them as a reward for their June offensive. Toward 4000 feet as a sentinel over the French valley on its eastern side, this peak constituted a point of union between the Italian forces there and the French defenses along Costa Lunga.

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GERMANS HOLD 700,000 POLES

Swiss Opinion Turning Against Boches Because of Slavery

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. Lugano, July 2.—One of the things which is slowly but surely turning Swiss opinion against Germany is the latter's treatment of the population of the occupied territories. A few days ago the Swiss press was moved to anger by the news that 20,000 captured Polish Red Guards had been shipped to Germany. This figure is enormous, considering the number of the Polish population.

Advertisement for 'EL PRODUCTO' cigars, featuring a large illustration of a cigar and the text 'The "Blunt" is the shape four-fifths actual size' and 'For real enjoyment'.

Advertisement for 'Hartford Tires' featuring a large illustration of a tire and the text 'Have you a Cord Tire on your car?' and 'Hartford Cord'.

Advertisement for 'Tire Insurance' featuring a large illustration of a tire and the text 'The best kind of insurance is demonstrated quality.' and 'Hartford Tires'.

Advertisement for 'Palm Beach Suit' featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and the text 'Why not a Palm Beach Suit?' and 'Palm Beach'.

Advertisement for 'Jacob Reed's Sons' featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and the text 'Why not a Palm Beach Suit?' and 'Jacob Reed's Sons'.