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## AUSTRIANS LAUNCH HEAVY ATTACKS ON THE ITALIAN FRONT

### Russians Keeping up Their Splendid Work in Galicia

**Official Statement Says the Great Sweep Continues Unchecked---French Troops Capture More Trenches---The Italians Pressing Austrians on Carso Plateau.**

PETROGRAD, Aug. 14 (via London).—Along the Galician front the Russian sweep continues unchecked, the official announcement of today reports. Further gains have been made on the Upper Sereth. In the region of the middle Stripa and the Koropice the Austrians are being pursued by the Russians, who reached the Dniester river before Mariampol.

PARIS, Aug. 14.—The French troops captured some trenches on the left of the Fay-Denicourt road in the Somme sector last night, says the War Office announcement today. There was brisk cannonading in the region of Maurepas. German attacks in vicinity of Hill 304 and at Fleury, in the Verdun sector, were all repulsed successfully.

ROME, Aug. 14 (via London).—Italian troops continued yesterday, pressing the Austrians back on the Carso Plateau, and east of Hill 212 they pierced another strong line of hostile entrenchments. About 800 prisoners were captured by the Italians, says today's official statement.

Although public attention is centred on the fighting along the low Isonzo, important encounters are in progress elsewhere along the front.

The Italians are meeting with fierce resistance, and in several sectors the Austrians are launching heavy attacks, presumably in an attempt to divert the efforts of the Italians from the Monfalcone and Gorizia fronts.

In the vicinity of Tolmino, north of Gorizia, the fighting is particularly severe. According to reports reaching Rome, the number of Austrian dead and wounded is said to be very large. The Italians also have taken quite a number of prisoners in this area.

**Austrian Army Reported to be in Full**

**Retreat Along the Whole Stripa Front**

PETROGRAD, via London, Aug. 14.—The Austrian lines along the Stripa, which they have held since early in September, have crumbled, and General Von Bothmer's army is in full retreat along the whole front, according to the latest information by the Russian general staff. General Von Bothmer's position has been regarded as unfeasible for days, and the only wonder in military circles here is that he has had the courage to stand fast for so long.

General Letchitsky is advancing far in the rear of Von Bothmer's right flank, while General Scherbachoff is closing in on his left. The Austrian commander is apparently making an attempt to escape the Russian trap by taking up a position on a line running through Zlochoff, Ponorzany, Beizany, to Halez, roughly 20 miles, to the west of his lines between Tarnopol and Buczacz.

**German Military Critic Comments With**

**Frankness on Recent Russian Victories**

LONDON, Aug. 14.—The Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily News quotes from the latest article by Major Morant, the famous military critic, who, he says, comments with particular frankness on the latest Russian victories, as follows:

Brusiloff's attack in the region of the Dniester is of strategic significance. His idea seems to be that as he cannot push directly through the armies in front of Lemberg, he can force them into retreat by pushing back the neighboring armies.

North of Lemberg this plan so far has not been successful, while to the south of the Dniester we are told that the regrouping of the armies had not been completed when the Russians obtained their successes.

**Says It is Wrong to Ignore the Russian**

**Attacks, But Says They Will Be Beaten Off**

It is quite wrong to ignore the Russian attacks and to say as to every new event, in a tone of superiority, that this attack will of course be beaten off also. It has an injurious effect on our prospects, when people assume they can perceive the plans of the most silent of all army leaders, and assure each other that these obstinate Russian attacks will not have the slightest influence on Hindenburg's operations.

That we shall be able finally to bring this Russian offensive to a standstill and perhaps even throw it back, we all hope; but we have a very difficult task to meet the clever leadership of Brusiloff, with his stupendous material in men and the help of artillery from Japan and America.

### OFFENSIVE AT SALONIKI HAS BEGUN

New York, Aug. 14.—The Journal has the following from Saloniki today:

The offensive of the Entente Allies in the Balkans, begun three edays ago against the Bulgarian positions at Lake Doiran, in Greek Macedonia, was extended today along the whole Bulgarian-German front, from Monastor, in Serbia, to the Vardar river.

This is a distance of 65 miles. Semi-official reports emanating from Entente headquarters here state that the Allied forces had opened fire with their new heavy artillery on the enemy positions and fortified works.

**City Council Tonight.**

A special session of the City Council is to be held tonight for the purpose of considering the cancellation of the license of a merry-go-round which has been in operation on the property of Mrs. Annie Bishop, near the corner of York and Brunswick streets for some days. Residents of the locality object to the presence of the merry-go-round and by some an injunction has been threatened. The license was issued by the city treasurer in the regular way.

**Police Court.**

In the police court this afternoon an old offender was sent to jail for twenty days. Two men belonging to St. John who had a fight with police last Friday night were remanded until the 23rd inst. The charge against Mrs. Gabe Saccie of keeping a disorderly house at the St. Mary's Indian Reserve was withdrawn.

**To Join Highlanders.**

Mr. Paul Kohring, of St. John, is registered at the Barker House. He is here to enlist in the 236th Highlanders. It is expected that he will be given the rank of sergeant.

### AUSTRIANS RETREATING WITH SOME SPEED BEFORE THE ITALIANS

**Italians Are Making Steady Progress, Says Lord Northcliffe---Inhuman Treatment of Prisoners---The Offensive Becoming Marked Along Whole Front.**

(By Lord Northcliffe.)

On the Isonzo Front, Aug. 13.—The Austrians are not running, but they are clearly retreating with some speed. The Italian advance is steady; steady also is the inflow of prisoners. Two thousand were brought in yesterday. Opinions differ as to where the retreat will end, but the matter emphatically is not one for public discussion.

The Austrian bitterness of soul may be judged by their behaviour. At Doboerto Russian prisoners of war who had been brought in to make roads for the Austrians, were found hanged, possibly as a revenge for the escape of other Russian prisoners, who swam the Isonzo the other day and reached the Italian lines after hiding four days and nights among the rocks.

**Terrible Spiked Maces Used by Austrians**

**To Break the Skulls of Wounded Prisoners**

Italian wounded have been found mutilated. I've seen terrible spiked maces that are habitually used by the Austrians to break the skulls of the wounded; also thongs with leaden balls attached to sticks, which the Austrians use to coerce any laggards.

Owing to the fact that so many Italian and Austrian soldiers have worked in the United States and Canada, it often happens that English is the only language in which they can converse mutually. Yesterday I saw a small band of prisoners being brought in by the Bersagliers, who answered my remarks upon the stout physical appearance of the prisoners, by saying in good American: "They can holler all right, mister," at which the prisoners grinned with evident understanding.

**The Austrian Lines on the Isonzo Have**

**Been Broken and Thrust Back by Italians**

LONDON, Aug. 14.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Rome says: "The Italian offensive is becoming more marked on the whole front, from Tolmino to the sea. Everywhere the Austrian line has been broken and thrust back. The Austrians now hold no point on the Isonzo and the Goritz railway is cut to the Sava river. Thus Monte Santo, the most important Austrian position north of Goritz, can no longer receive support and must fall."

"With the taking of Opachiosella, the Italians have broken into the second line of the Austrian rear guards and did some brilliant work. The Italians made a big haul of booty."

"Furious attacks on Monte San Gabriele and Monte San Marco are being made and possibly these heights are already taken. Prisoners confirm that the Austrian army is demoralized. Food has been lacking for days and men die of thirst."

**Looks as if the Long-Awaited Balkan**

**Offensive of the Allies Was Soon to Begin**

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—The correspondent of the Tribune, cabling from London last night, says:

Fresh indications that the long-awaited Balkan offensive of the Allies is about to begin comes in the news today from Vienna that the Italians have started active operations there.

No mention is made of this in the official statements from any Allied source, but the Vienna communique says that there was skirmishing along the lower Volusa in Albania.

Military experts here attach the greatest importance to this news. The Italians had an army of about 100,000 men on the Voyusa at last accounts. This is the extreme left of the Allied line across northern Greece and Albania.

All previous activity along this front has been at the eastern end, near Saloniki, where unofficial reports on Aug. 11th said the Allied forces had gained important positions near Lake Doiran. The important fact in today's news is the extension of activity all along the line.

While there is nothing to indicate that a general offensive has begun, it is apparent that the entire Allied force in the Balkans is feeling out the enemy's position.

### TRYING TO AVERT A BIG RAILWAY STRIKE IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The railroad managers and the heads of the four great brotherhoods brought their wage dispute to Washington today to be laid before President Wilson.

The managers went to on hotel and the brotherhood leaders went to another, to await the call from the White House, while the Federal mediators set about arranging the conference. It was decided that the President should see the contestants not together, but one side at a time, to get a clearer idea of their respective positions.

**Men Would Not Arbitrate Under Newlands Act.**

The first development of the day was a declaration by A. B. Garrelson, speaking for the brotherhoods, that the men were through with the proposition of arbitrating under the Newlands Act. Previous arbitrations under that law, he reiterated, had demonstrated that the neutral arbitrators held the balance of power. He declared that any special arbitration into which the men might agree to enter would have to make provision for an extension of these arbitrators, to give the men what they consider a fair chance.

**President Wilson Takes Action.**

Washington, Aug. 14.—President Wilson called the representatives of the brotherhoods to the White House at 10 o'clock and arranged to see the committee of managers immediately afterwards.

**ITALIANS WIN VICTORY.**

LONDON, Aug. 14.—A Central News despatch from Rome quotes the Idea Nazionale to the effect that the Italians have occupied the outermost suburbs of Tolmino.

**HUNS GAIN A FOOTHOLD.**

LONDON, Aug. 14.—Attacking British positions near Pozieres, on the Somme front, the Germans last night gained a foothold temporarily in a portion of the trenches taken from them yesterday.

**TO EXTEND PARLIAMENT.**

LONDON, Aug. 14.—Premier Asquith introduced in the House of Commons today a bill to extend the life of the present parliament.