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## Russian Force Closing In on Buckowina's Capital

### Detachment of Cavalry Reported to Have Reached a Point Twenty Miles From Czernowitz---Fighting at Verdun Dies Down From Sheer Exhaustion.

LONDON, June 14.—Reports from the eastern front indicate that the Russians are making substantial progress in their efforts to capture Czernowitz, the capital of Bukowina. A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says the Russians have interrupted the Austrian communications by cutting the railway running north from Czernowitz. Heavy fighting is in progress in the eastern, southern and northern sections of the city.

A wireless despatch from Rome quotes the Russian ambassador to Italy to the effect that Russian cavalry have reached a point 20 miles beyond Czernowitz, capital of Bukowina.

PARIS, June 14.—The fighting around the great fortress of Verdun has once more died down from sheer exhaustion of the combatants. An entire division, half of whom were Bavarians and half Pomeranians, was used up by the Germans in twelve separate attempts on Monday to storm the French position north of Thiaumont. From their position the French flanking fire prevents the enemy from advancing on the Vaux plateau. No result having been attained by nightfall, fresh troops were brought up and an attempt made to turn the position from the southwest. After a desperate struggle, a footing was obtained in some of the trenches on Hill No. 321, half mile west of Thiaumont and a mile east of Bras. No effort was made to increase this advantage yesterday, owing probably to the losses on Monday, which were exceptionally heavy.

### Official News of the Fall of Czernowitz is Now Momentarily Expected

PETROGRAD, June 13 (via London, June 14).—The reports of the occupation of Czernowitz, capital of Bukowina, by the Russians are still without confirmation, but after the recent defeat of the Austrian General Pflanzer's army, and the unsuccessful Russian operations in the immediate vicinity of Czernowitz, official news of the fall of the city is momentarily expected here.

The Zaleszczyky point of support, and one of the most important positions on the Dniester line of fortifications, also comes within the zone now threatened by the extreme southern flank of the Russian forces, and as it now is by the advancing Russians, it is in an equally critical situation.

### Austrians Were Compelled to Relinquish

#### Positions of Great Strategic Value

The two other most important sectors of the front extending from the Pripiet river to Roumania are the regions south of Lutsk and north of Tarnopol. From the reports of the precipitate Austrian retreat from the former region, it is inferred here that the Austrians were compelled to relinquish their most important position on the Ikwa front, the Torgovitsa fortification, which is located at the junction of the Ikwa and Stry rivers. The occupied position is of the greatest strategic value. Here the same fate overtook the Austrians as at Mlynoff, on the Ikwa front, east of Torgovitsa. Finding themselves the target for an intense artillery bombardment from three sides, the garrison fled in disorder.

### Furious and Sustained Fighting Re-

#### ported in Sector Around Tarnopol

In the sector around Tarnopol there has been the most furious and sustained fighting of all. Upon the outcome of this engagement the safety of Lemberg depends, and the Austrians are straining their utmost to prevent further Russian advances. Taking the initiative in the region of Gladaki Voronevka, they are launching a continuous series of attacks and making considerable gains, but only to have the newly carried positions wrested from them by the Russians in counter attacks.

North of Lutsk the Austrians are known to be massing considerable reinforcements, but there seemingly is a temporary lull in the fighting in this region.

The only point on the entire front where the Austrians succeeded in pressing back Russians is north of Buczacz, but the outcome of the struggle there has not yet been decided, and the Austrian gains have been offset by Russian progress south of Buczacz.

The Germans, as had been anticipated, have begun a diversion on the northern front in the region of Jacobstadt and south of Krevo, but all their attempts to distract the Russian attention in the south or to cause a transfer of troops from the southern front have thus far failed.

### ITALIAN OFFICIAL REPORT.

ROME, June 14, via London.—Austrian attacks along the line of the Posina, in the southern Tyrol, made after intensive artillery preparations on Monday night, were repulsed by the Italians, the War Office announced today.

## MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, June 14.—Eleven more officers figured in this morning's officers casualty list from the Hooze battle. All are reported wounded.

In the list of wounded is Lieut. G. C. Farish, Halifax; under the head of wounded and shell shock is Lieut. G. M. Mosher, Halifax. Others are from Montreal land points west.

The department has received as yet no details of the "gallant and successful assault" reported in the British official report last night, but great satisfaction is expressed over the magnificent work and stability of the Canadian forces, especially coming so soon after the heavy losses inflicted at the battle of Hooze. It is presumed, however, that the successful advance has not been made without a big list of casualties.

Ottawa, June 14.—The following additional casualties are listed:

### Infantry.

Wounded—Roy Murray, St. John; James Pothier, Wedgeport, N. S.; David Wesley Robinson, Jeffreys, Corner, N. B.; Lance Corp. Henry T. Shepard, Stewerton, N. B.; George Walker, Little Bras d'Or, C. B.; Harry Ferdinand, Pugwash, N. S.; Chas. L. Fisher, Rolling Dam, N. B.; Wm. H. Hunt, Amherst, N. S.; Samuel R. Stewart, Westville, N. S.; Merrill Evan Whynott, Bridgetown, N. S.; Clifford R. Mosher, Dartmouth, N. S.

### Mounted Rifles.

Wounded—Edmund Cook, Joggins Mines, N. S.; John Hill, Sydney Mines, C. B.; Elisha Mills, Truro, N. S.; Corp. (Continued on page 5.)

## RETREAT OF AUSTRIANS RAPIDLY BECOMING A COMPLETE ROUT

### Enemy Troops Have Suffered an Irreparable Disaster on Three Hundred Miles of Front---Russians Maintained Great Secrecy Re Big Offensive.

LONDON, June 14.—A Petrograd despatch to the Daily News says:

"The preparations for launching Brussiloff's great offensive will be remembered as one of the best kept secrets in military history. Here were two armies at close grips, from 20 to 30 yards apart in some places, and never separated for more than two miles, and yet one of these armies was in complete ignorance of the death blow which the other spent months in preparing."

### NUMBER OF PRISONERS TAKEN BY THE

#### RUSSIANS EQUAL TO THREE ARMY CORPS

LONDON, June 14.—A Petrograd despatch to the Morning Post says:

What makes it worse for the enemy is that the prisoners, though not actually three army corps which suffered disaster, were the equivalent in number of three corps, captured in large batches over three hundred miles of front. Therefore it may be taken that from nine to a dozen army corps of the enemy have suffered losses perilously near the limit of loss which experience has shown the best armies are capable of bearing without losing all their military value.

When the killed and wounded are also reckoned, it is plain the entire Austro-German army on this three hundred mile front has suffered an almost irreparable disaster.

On the extreme south, on the borders of Roumania, the Austrian retreat is rapidly becoming a rout. In this region the retreating enemy seems to be in a very tight corner, for he must either proceed northwestward into Galicia, which offers small chances under the circumstances of recovery, and none of ultimate safety, or else make his way back across the eastern chain of the Carpathians, which with the Russian cavalry at his heels means the abandonment of everything.

### THE GERMAN FORCES NORTH OF PINSK ARE

#### BEING KEPT FULLY OCCUPIED BY THE RUSSIANS

Though public attention latterly has very naturally been concentrated upon General Brusiloff's push on the southwestern section of the Russian front, it must not be supposed that the remaining four hundred miles of front is quiescent. The Germans holding everything north of Pinsk are being kept fully occupied. They can evidently withdraw but very inadequate forces to make good their own flank, laid bare by the Austrian retreat, and already there are signs that the general engagement is now spreading northwards.

It must be remembered that the 300 mile section which has been the scene of a magnificent week's work by General Brusiloff's armies is only part of the strategic scheme in process of execution by Russia. Indeed, the Russian public is hoping that the Russian entire European front is only part of the strategic scheme which involves simultaneously every yard of all the Allied fronts, wherever situated or by whom held.

### LARGE PERCENTAGE OF GERMAN OFFICERS AND

#### MEN AMONG THE AUSTRIAN PRISONERS TAKEN

LONDON, June 14.—The London Daily Mail correspondent at Petrograd says:

The number of German officers in the Austrian army is proved in a curious way by the examination of prisoners. Among the men ten per cent. are German, and among the officers twenty per cent. According to the best information available, it does not appear that the Germans are sending large numbers of troops to the assistance of their allies.

The estimate of four divisions said to have been despatched from the region south of the Lida is considered exaggerated. If true, it shows that the Germans regard the positions of the Austrians as desperate. Only once before have they sent them direct assistance, when they sent troops to the Carpathians at a moment when the Austrians were very hard pressed.

### GENERAL BRUSILOFF'S CONFIDENCE.

How hopeful General Brusiloff feels about developing his initial victory to a great triumph is shown by a telegram he sent thanking the Union of Zemstvos for its congratulations. He said: "Trusting in the help of God and relying on the strong and unwavering spirit of the troops, and the support of the nation behind them, I firmly and confidently hope to gain such success as will utterly crush the enemy."

## OPPOSITION CONVENTIONS IN ALL COUNTIES WITHIN MONTH

### Committees in Session Here Today—Reports from All Sections Most Encouraging—Excellent Class of Candidates Assured Everywhere—Gathering is Most Representative.

To place candidates in the field in every constituency in the Opposition interest within thirty days, was decided upon this morning at the meeting of the Opposition committees held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, York street, this morning.

This decision was reached by unanimous resolution. Conventions will be held in all counties within the time mentioned.

Questions relating to the position of the party in this province were discussed at length this morning, and the most encouraging reports were presented from all sections of the province.

The election of the Opposition candidate, Dr. E. A. Smith, M. P. P., in the recent Westmorland by-election, has caused business men in all parts of the province to come out for the Opposition, and there is no doubt of candidates of the first class being placed in nominations in all constituencies.

### Representative Gathering.

The members of the committees and others identified with the Opposition party who were in session this morning represented every constituency in New Brunswick with the exception of Albert. The convenor in Albert, Hon. C. J. Osman, was away from home on business, and for that reason the county committee did not meet. A telegram from Albert, however, stated that everything was ready for the calling of an Opposition convention at once.

### Dr. Smith Congratulated.

Dr. E. A. Smith, M. P. P., president of the Provincial Opposition Association, was in the chair. Dr. Smith was heartily congratulated upon the magnificent victory won by him and the Opposition in Westmorland county, and while walking through the streets was an object of general public interest on the same account.

Mr. E. S. Carter, Provincial Organizer, was secretary.

Among others present were F. B. Carvell, M. P., of Woodstock; A. B.

## German Capture a Danish Steamer

London, June 14.—An Exchange Telegraph Co. despatch from Copenhagen says that the Danish steamer Askoe has been captured by a German warship in the North Sea and taken to Hamburg. The Askoe was recently built by a Dutch company for Danish shipowners and was on her way to Denmark under the Danish flag and with a Danish crew aboard, when captured. She carried no cargo.

The Swedish schooner Svea, on her way to England with pit props, has been captured in the Sound by a British warship and taken to Swinemunde.

## Money Stolen From Woodstock Hotel

(Special to the Mail.)

Woodstock, June 14.—The Aberdeen Hotel was broken into last night, and \$130 in cash stolen from the office till and cigar case. The police are working on the case with strong suspicions that may soon lead to an arrest.