

BEAT BACK ASSAULTS BY 200,000 GERMANS

French Repulse Every Attack Of Enormous Hordes And, Confusing Enemy, Make Some Good Gains

Paris Cable.—The heaviest fighting of many weeks is reported by the French War Office to-night.

In the north between Souchez and Neuville, the fighting has been furious. On this front the Germans have strayed an army of 200,000 men, with heavy reserves in the rear, and last night and to-day drove forward against the French in a desperate effort to regain the ground lost there during the last few days.

Repeated attacks were hurled back by the French forces, which, striking quickly while the Germans were in confusion, pressed forward, making important gains on three sides of Souchez, and advancing in three directions during the fierce battle of the last 24 hours have fired nearly 300,000 shells, while the Germans have used probably no fewer.

DEATH TOLL HEAVY.

The death toll in the face of such artillery work has of necessity been very large. The War Office to-night admits that the French losses have been serious. It asserts, however, that the German casualties have been even greater. In spite of this fact the spirit and morale of the French troops is said to be excellent.

More than 1,000 German prisoners have been made during last night's and to-day's struggle—500 on the Souchez-Neuville front and 500 in the Vosges.

SET TOWN ON FIRE.

In the Vosges, Aitzenhof, a suburb of Metz, on the River Fecht, has been captured. Metz, itself is on fire, set by the Germans, and is burning. Steinbeck, a little to the north of Metz, has fallen into French hands after a furious assault. It would appear that Souchez,

north of Arras, and Metzeral, in the Vosges, are doomed to fall into French hands. The new positions won about Souchez to-day and last night will give the French batteries clean sweep toward the German positions in the town and the same is true respecting Metzeral.

During the fighting on the Souchez-Neuville line French aviators were continuously in the air. Squadrons of aeroplanes soared over Givency and the Bois de la Folie, where the German reserves were held in concentration, and dropped bombs, which are reported to have caused great damage.

The War Office says to-night that yesterday's bombardment of Rheims by the Germans caused considerable property damage, especially to the cathedral on which many bombs fell.

ADMISSIONS BY GERMANY.

The German official report admits the success of the French at several points, including the loss of trenches on the Lovette hills, and the penetration of the German position a distance of 500 metres south of Souchez. Loss of territory in the Vosges is also admitted.

Jean Hugo, a grandson of Victor Hugo, and son of George Victor Hugo, has had a remarkably lucky escape at the front. He carried a small pocket mirror with a steel back in a pocket over his heart. A bullet struck the mirror, was deflected, and grazed his ribs, wounding him slightly. At the same moment he was struck by three other bullets, none of which caused a serious wound. He is in the military hospital at St. Almo-Walo.

ZEBRUGGE BATTERIES DAMAGED.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Rotterdam telegraphs that the German batteries at Zebrugge were badly damaged by the allied aviators on the night of June 16. The aeroplanes were located by searchlights and subjected to a severe fire. All of them, however, escaped.

ITALIANS NOW AT HEAD OF LAKE GARDA

Occupy Mori, Five Miles From Rovereto, Which Will Be Hard Task.

NEAR TRIESTE

Outposts Are in Sight of Austrian City—Italian Submarine Sunk.

Rome Cable.—Italian troops have occupied Mori on the railroad from Rovereto to Arco and Riva, important towns at the head of Lake Garda. As there is only one railroad in this section the fall of Arco and Riva before the Italians invading the Trentino from the western side is believed to be only a question of a few days. Mori is about five miles south of Rovereto, the objective of a strong Italian movement, but the road to that place is fortified to such an extent that it will be a hard task for the Italians to force the Austrian defences.

Fierce fighting in the Monte Nero zone, north of Tolmino, on the Isonzo front, is reported in an official report from Gen. Cadorna, the chief of staff, issued to-day by the War Department. The Alpine troops are giving a good account of themselves in this region, using mountain paths unknown to the enemy, and falling upon the strongly fortified Austrian trenches. Almost all of this region is now in the hands of the Italians.

RAID BY ITALIAN DIRIGIBLE.

A daring raid by an Italian airship on a railroad station eight miles into the interior from Trieste is reported in an official announcement, which says: "An Italian dirigible passing over the enemy's entrenched camps threw high explosive bombs on Divazza railway centre. Notwithstanding the enemy's intense fire the dirigible returned undamaged."

Divazza is on the railway from Ljubljana, the Austrian headquarters, to Trieste. It is 70 miles from the coast of the Adriatic.

NO SECRET AGREEMENT.

Your correspondent is authorized to deny that a secret agreement has been made between Italy and Germany whereby the latter would not declare war on Italy and would refrain from helping Austria provided Italy was satisfied with the occupation of the territories demanded in the negotiations with the dual monarchy, and which Austria refused to cede.

As a matter of fact, although war has not been declared between Italy and Germany, Italy is openly with the allies and is free to aid them at the opportune time against the common enemy. The present operations were arranged by the allies, which is proved by the presence of military missions of the allied nations at the Italian army headquarters, while neutral missions are not allowed to proceed to the front.

The crossing of the Isonzo, and especially the occupation of the town of Montebelluna by the Italians has had a tremendous effect on the defences of Gorizia and Trieste. Besides utilizing the waters of the Isonzo for irrigation the Austrians depended on the river for the 2,800 horse-power electric energy used in lighting Trieste and nearby cities, and also to furnish electric power for military purposes, especially for the working of the guns in the Gorizia batteries.

BATTILING IN THE ALPS.

A despatch from Udine says: "The artillery duel between Austrians and Italians in the Carnic Alps is continuing day and night. When darkness falls searchlights and rockets are brought into play to make fighting possible. The Austrians have been lery against bringing powerful artillery against the positions in these mountains held by the Italians. Up to the present time the Italians would appear to have been able to maintain their superiority. Italian troops, Customs guards and the Alpine men have made many successful surprise attacks upon the enemy, compelling them in several cases to surrender without fighting. It is their custom to advance upon the enemy in trenches considered impregnable over little-known smugglers' trails and win their fight by the suddenness of their appearance. In this manner the mountains to the west and to the south of Malborghet have been occupied, as have also certain heights dominating the plateau of Gall."

Italian forces operating along the Gall River in Carinthia, are said to have captured in the environs of Kellerwald a major and five other officers of an Austrian Alpine regiment, which had been shelled out of strongly-fortified positions of high strategic importance with heavy losses.

BRIGANDS ACTIVE.

Information has been brought in to Brescia of alleged Austrian ways of procedure in the Codino district. In this locality the Austrians decided they would make no resistance. Consequently they expelled all the people who were favorable to Italy; leaving behind only those who sided with Austria. They were instructed to act as spies and to organize brigandage on the Italian rear. In order to deceive the invaders they were to pretend to be enthusiastic supporters of Italy. The Italian authorities discovered this alleged plot. In some cases they even caught and convicted offenders who had been found in possession of underground telephones and other means of signaling. But as the Italians found it impossible to watch all the people in this district, the complete evacuation of the village was ordered.

SUBMARINE SUNK.

It is officially announced that the Italian submarine Medusa has been torpedoed and sunk by an Austrian submarine. The Medusa was a vessel of 241 tons and was built in 1911. She had a speed of 13 knots above water and eight knots submerged. Her ordinary complement was four-twenties men.

OFFENSIVE AGAINST TRIESTE.

London Cable.—The Home correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs: "The Italians now occupy the Monte Nero heights, and are solidly in possession of Pleso, north of the mountains."

The destruction of the railway at Divazza by an Italian steady marks the beginning of the offensive against Trieste.

WARNEFORD, HERO OF AIR, WAS KILLED

Canadian Who Destroyed Zeppelin Fell From Height While Testing New Plane.

PASSENGER, TOO

U. S. Writer, Who Had Made the Trip With Him, Also a Victim.

Paris, Cable.—Lieut. Reginald J. Warneford, the young Canadian aviator who recently won the Victoria Cross and the Legion of Honor for destroying in mid-air a Zeppelin airship, lost control of a new aeroplane he was testing near Paris this afternoon, and the machine tumbled to earth from a great height. Lieut. Warneford was killed instantly.

Henry B. Needham, the American writer in Europe to get impressions from the war, was a passenger with Warneford. He, too, was killed.

The exact cause of the accident is unknown, and will remain so, as the aeroplane and its engine are a mass of tangled wires and kage. But the cause may be found in part, at least, by the fact that Lieut. Warneford remarked before leaving the Hotel Ritz for the testing ground this morning that he felt sick and dizzy, and would not fly, although he had been asked to experiment with some new machines.

By the time he reached the aviation grounds, however, he had recovered his usual buoyancy of health, and immediately set about to ascend in one of the aeroplanes to be tested. He took the machine up alone, put it through some of the customary manoeuvres and alighted without mishap.

CAME PLUNGING DOWN.

Then he got into the second machine, which was of the same type as the first, and taking Needham as a passenger soared into the air. There were a few spectators on the grounds, and some of the men connected with the aerial corps. The machine glided from earth, but there was no hint of anything wrong, and the young lieutenant and his American passenger had soon become but a speck in the sky. It was a perfect day for testing work. The sky was clear and there was no wind. There is no telling the exact height the aeroplane had attained when the mishap, whatever it was, occurred. But it was so high that nothing out of the ordinary could be detected by the spectators on the ground until the machine came plunging downward.

Lieut. Reginald J. A. Warneford joined the British flying corps in Great Britain only a few months ago. Previous to that time he had never operated an aeroplane. He proved so adaptable, however, that he had soon been granted a military license and was sent to Northern France.

On June 7, at 3 o'clock in the morning, while reconnoitering above German ground in Belgium, he sighted a Zeppelin airship and immediately went into battle with it. By flying above the Zeppelin he was able to drop bombs on it. One of these struck it squarely in the centre. The resultant explosion tore the gas bag to pieces, and the airship with its crew of 25 officers and men fell to the ground from a great height. The commander from the explosion was so great that it bounced Warneford's aeroplane up into the air and turned it completely over. He was able, however, to regain control and to make a safe landing behind the British lines.

Two days later King George bestowed the Victoria Cross on the young aviator in recognition of his distinguished gallantry. On the following day Lieut. Warneford was decorated with the Legion of Honor.

On Tuesday of this week he was recognized in the Ambassadeurs Restaurant in the Champs Elysees, and was widely cheered as the hero of the hour by a throng of enthusiastic French.

NEW WAR LOAN

Britain announces that she has 2,500 aeroplanes and 50 dirigibles.

TEUTON LOSSES NEAR ONE HALF

Almost 4,000,000 Enemies Permanently Out of War.

London Cable.—Rilaire Belloc, the military expert, estimates that the German and Austrian losses up to the present total nearer four million men than three million men. He bases his calculation on a careful analysis of the figures of the British casualties given by Premier Asquith in the Commons last week. Those figures, he points out, show one-fifth of a total of 25,000 are dead. The total British casualties, therefore, work out five to one for each life lost. The total enemy losses he estimates at six to one per man killed. Basing this multiple of calculation on those of the allies, Mr. Belloc believes this multiple is low, for the German lists of killed are belated and the Austrians lost enormously more in proportion to prisoners than the British. To the Prussian lists of killed must be added rather less than one-fifth for non-Prussian lists of the German Empire and further 80 per cent. for Austria and Hungary. Multiplying these by six, Mr. Belloc arrives at 3,250,000 enemy casualties according to his estimate, cannot count for less than half a million. This makes a grand total of three and three-quarter millions permanently out of the field. "The enemy's potential manhood for actual fighting within the first year," Mr. Belloc concludes, "has probably been diminished by nearly one-half from all causes."

MANY SHIRKERS

Among War Munitions Workers in France, Says Gen. Pedoya.

Paris Cable.—General Pedoya, president of the Armee Committee, raised a storm in the Chamber of Deputies to-night, when the debate was resumed on the bill providing for methods to facilitate the production of war munitions by declaring that shirkers are still numerous. General Pedoya said that, while he was confident of a final victory, the fact could not be concealed that the war would be a very long one. The nation, he added, had a need for all its resources, and the passage of the bill was an urgent necessity.

Further debate on the measure was adjourned for a week.

KEEP MONEY HOME

Lloyd-George Urged to Place Contracts in Britain.

London Cable.—David Lloyd-George, Minister of Munitions, is urged by the Post, in an editorial, to make every effort to place the munitions industry on a basis whereby England can supply all her own needs in war material.

"If the profits of our manufacturers are too high in some cases," says the Post, that can be rectified, but at the worst it is not so grave an evil as the sending of orders to neutral countries when by so doing we send none out of our own country and reap none of the benefits. Profits which King-Edwards would spend among Englishmen, while profits Americans make are altogether lost to this country. We should encourage our manufacturers by offering them long contracts on reasonable terms. As to the length of the war, it is unsafe to estimate the cost as less than two or three years from now."

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