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# ITALY IS AT LAST ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN CONFLICT

## ITALY FORMALLY DECLARES WAR ON THE AUSTRIANS

JOINS ALLIES IN EFFORTS TO ADMINISTER CRUSHING DEFEAT ON AUSTRIANS

CENSORSHIP WILL BE MOST RIGID

And Will Be Strictly Enforced Even to Point of Restricting Personal Liberties.

Rome, May 24.—Details concerning Italy's formal declaration of war against Austria late yesterday have been given out by Foreign Minister Sonnino at a three hour cabinet council.

Diplomatic relations between the Italian and the belligerents were also discussed. Sonnino expressed the belief that Germany will declare war as soon as officially informed of Italy's action. Council did not consider military questions. They have been entrusted entirely to the military staff which will work in harmony with the commanders of the allied forces. Financial measures were discussed. It is believed a war loan will be floated either here or abroad.

Rigid censorship decrees have been published and gives authority to censor letters, newspapers, telegrams, telephone messages and parcel post packages. The decree also restricts personal liberties, especially regarding public meetings. The measure resembles those adopted by other belligerent countries.

Germany Declares War on Italy. London, May 24.—The Exchange Telegraph company says the Wolff agency has announced that Germany has declared war against Italy and recalled Prince Von Buelow, German ambassador to Rome.

Austrian Ships Confiscated. London, May 24.—The Exchange Telegraph's Rome correspondent says that Austro-German ships in Italian ports, confiscated by an Italian decree are of enormous value.

The correspondent adds that King Victor Emmanuel has signed a patriotic appeal to the people extolling the glories of his ancestors and explaining the necessity of liberating their brethren who are "groaning under Austrian slavery."

Austrian Minister Deposed. Paris, May 24.—A Havas dispatch from Rome says the Press there announces the resignation of Baron Burián as Austrian foreign minister, and adds that he will be succeeded by Count Tisza, now Hungarian premier.

Germany to Aid Austria. The Hague, May 24.—Information reaching The Hague indicates that Germany and Austria have concentrated 650,000 men on the Italian frontier. All but ten of these thirty-four divisions are German.

## SWISS SENT NO NOTE TO GERMANY

Legation at Washington Says no Swiss Citizens Were Aboard Lusitania.

Washington, May 24.—The Swiss legation here tonight issued a statement denying that Switzerland has made representations to Germany regarding the reported loss of Swiss lives on the Lusitania. They said no Swiss citizens were aboard the vessel.

## THE MAYOR OF ROME TAKES PLACE IN ARMY

Rome (via Paris), May 24.—Prince Colonna, mayor of Rome, has resumed his post in the army as a major of cavalry and has started for the front, his three sons having preceded him.

About half of the aldermen of Rome, it is estimated, have reentered the army, and two-thirds of the members of the municipal council have volunteered for military duty.

## STATEMENT ON COTTON SEIZURES

BRITISH AMBASSADOR MAKES EXPLANATIONS TO STATE DEPARTMENT

ARRANGEMENTS WERE UNOFFICIAL

Were Made Between England and Owners of Cotton and Do Not Involve U. S.

Washington, May 24.—A formal statement intended to remove misunderstandings over the participation by the state department's foreign trade advisers in unofficial arrangements regarding cotton cargoes, was made to the state department today by Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British ambassador. He says Great Britain fully realizes that the unofficial arrangement in no way involved the United States government. He declares the arrangement regarding shipments of cotton and other articles of commerce were agreed on between representatives of Great Britain and those of the American interests involved. The United States was not a party to the agreements and did not participate in the conferences.

The arrangements don't and can't commit either Great Britain or the United States to a departure from the views they have expressed officially regarding the declaration of March first of the blockade policy adopted to make this effective.

## NOTE ON WM. P. FRYE CASE TO BE IN FRIENDLY TONE

Washington, May 24.—Ambassador Gerard in a cablegram received at the state department today, said the German foreign office shortly would send a formal reply to the American note, making reparation without reference to prize court proceedings, for owners of the American ship, William P. Frye, which was sunk by the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

## POSTMASTER TRAXLER IN CHARGE AT GREENVILLE

Greenville, May 24.—D. B. Traxler today assumed the postmastership of Greenville after former Postmaster J. F. Richardson had transferred to him all records and property for which, in turn, he accepted a receipt from the incoming postmaster. This formality was required by law.

Mr. Traxler had already stated that he had no changes in view as to the force of employees now at work in the postoffice.

## NINE PERSONS KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

Johnstown, Penn., May 24.—Nine persons died today from an explosion in mine number one of the Valley Smokeless Coal Company, near here.

## WILL DISCUSS STATE MILITIA

Gov. Manning, Gen. Moore and Senators Smith and Tillman to Meet in Washington.

Columbia, May 24.—Governor Manning, Senator E. D. Smith, Senator B. F. Tillman and Adjutant General Moore will go to Washington June 4 for a conference with A. L. Mills, chief of staff, when militia affairs in South Carolina will be discussed.

The governor will attend the Confederate reunion at Richmond and will go from there to the national capital. The south Carolina party will also hold a conference with Lindley M. Garrison, secretary of war. No announcement has been made as to the matters to be discussed.

## U. S. NOTIFIED OF ITALIAN DECLARATION

AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR ALSO NOTIFIES BRYAN THAT WAR IS ON

WILSON TO ISSUE NEUTRALITY NOTE

United States Will Take Over Italian Interests in Austria During War.

Washington, May 24.—Count Celerio formally notified the United States today of Italy's declaration of war upon Austria and explained informally to Bryan the contents of the note to be delivered tomorrow giving reason for Italy's action. Austrian Ambassador Dumba also saw Bryan and advised him of the existence of war between Austria and Italy.

The president has prepared a neutrality proclamation which will be issued tomorrow. It is similar to those issued earlier in the war. Bryan announced that the United States has taken over the Italian interests in Austria. Spain is entrusted with the Austrian interests in Italy.

Washington, May 24.—The first move, following the declaration of war on Austria, is awaited with intense interest by the United States officials. Italy's action did not surprise the United States officials. The president is awaiting Ambassador Page's official notification of Italy's declaration before he issues a neutrality proclamation. He is preparing it.

## 12 YEAR OLD BOY SHOT AND KILLED ANOTHER

AFFAIR OCCURRED ON FARM ROBT. KEATON 10 MILES BELOW ANDERSON

## LAD IS IN JAIL AGAINST WHISKEY

Dead Boy Had Gone With His Brother to Spend Day With Slayer.

Sheriff Ashley received notice yesterday morning that a negro had been killed near Ebenezer church. Coroner Hardin was notified and with Deputy Sanders went to the scene, which was on the place of Mr. Robert Keaton, ten miles below the city.

According to the evidence brought out at the inquest, Left L. Bigby and K. S. Bigby, brothers aged eleven and thirteen years respectively, went to the home of Joe Beatty, another negro boy, aged twelve years, to spend the day. There was no one else at home and about one o'clock Beatty invited the boys in the house to see his gun. All went in and in a short time Beatty took the weapon, a single barrel shot gun, and stepped to the corner of the room. Pointing it at Left L. Bigby, he told him not to come toward him. But the boy, apparently not understanding took a step forward. The gun was fired and the boy fell.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Left L. Bigby came to his death from gunshot wounds inflicted from gun in hands of Joe Beatty. Beatty was brought to Anderson yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sanders and placed in the county jail. He denies being guilty.

## Want Electric Headlights.

Cleveland, May 24.—The Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers today unanimously adopted a resolution for the enactment of a law requiring the use of power headlights.

## Russian Boat Sunk

Berlin, May 24.—The Overseas newspaper agency today announces that it had received a Bucharest dispatch, saying that the armored Russian man-of-war Winterleimen had been sunk with 1,400 men in the Black sea.

## Duke D'Abruzzi



In the war between Italy and Austria, the brother of the king, the Duke D'Abruzzi, is expected to lead the fleet. The Duke is well known to Americans because of his attempt to wed the daughter of a millionaire member of the United States senate.

F-4 Near Surface. Honolulu, May 24.—The submarine F-4 today is within 87 feet of the surface. Officials are confident she will be brought to the surface this week.

## PRESBYTERY UPHOLDS VIRGINIA PROTEST

WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY ONE POLITICAL PARTY IN FIGHT ON WHISKEY

## AGAINST WHISKEY

And Use all Means to Suppress Traffic Except Affiliation With Political Organizations.

Newport News, May 24.—The Southern Presbyterian General Assembly today re-affirmed its opposition to the liquor traffic but declined to support any political organization in the fight for prohibition, further than to "humbly petition or advise." As each assembly is a distinct body and is powerless to rescind the actions of a previous assembly, this does not repeal the resolution adopted at the Kansas City assembly last year advocating national prohibition.

The assembly's position on liquor was embodied in a report of the oversight committee, which was adopted. It resulted from the Virginia synod's protest against last year's actions. The protest of Transylvania Presbytery, Kentucky, on the same questions is pending in the committee. The assembly today approved entertainments in church buildings for raising church funds, and heard reports on Christian education and ministerial relief.

Newport News, May 24.—The general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church today adopted a partial report of the committee on bills and resolutions which sustained the protest of the synod of Virginia against the action of the general assembly last year in declaring in favor of national prohibition.

It was emphasized, however, in the committee report, that the action of the assembly is no retraction of the stand, taken by the church against the liquor traffic, but merely a declaration against the action of the general assembly any political organization further than to petition or advance. Anything further than this, it was said, would be in violation of the purpose of the church.

## PRES. WILSON AT MEETING OF PAN AMERICANS

SAYS AMERICANS SHOULD SHOW WORLD PATH OF PEACE

DEPLORES LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS

Between North and South America—Advocates Larger Pan-American Commerce.

Washington, May 24.—Obstacles to industrial and commercial prosperity and trade in the western hemisphere because of the European war were outlined today at the Pan-American financial congress at its opening session here today.

The need of improved transportation, the readjustment of methods of financial exchange, and uniformity of commerce laws were the chief points developed. Committees were appointed from participating nations to work for uniform statutes. President Wilson welcomed the delegates and spoke of the need for transportation development. Bryan, Redfield, McCoo and Burleson advocated steamship lines independent of Europe between ports of the two Americas. The day was devoted to speeches.

Washington, May 24.—President Wilson, speaking at the opening of the Pan-American financial conference here today, expressed his hope that the Americans might show the world the path of peace. He was loudly applauded by the delegates, who represented eighteen South and Central American countries.

The president declared that the people of the Americas were not trying to make use of one another, but were trying to be of use to one another. He spoke of "the handsome rivalry" which was good for nations. A lack of physical means of communication between the Americas, he said, stood somewhat in the way of a development of commerce and friendship. In advocating more ships in the Pan-American trade and the opening of new trade routes, the president said that if private capital can not soon establish such means of communication the government must undertake to do so.

## ALL ITALIANS CALLED TO AID OF COUNTRY

New York Paper, Printed in Italian Language Publishes Call.

New York, May 24.—A call to Italian citizens and American citizens of Italian birth to enroll for service in the Italian army was published in the newspapers in that language here today. It was signed by G. Fara Forno, the Italian consul general, and was an address to men between the ages of nineteen and twenty-nine inclusive.

The Italian military law holds that all men of Italian birth in the United States are subject to the call of military service, regardless of whether they have taken out their citizenship papers in the United States. It was estimated that there are 125,000 Italians of military age in this city.

## WEST REPORTS TO PRESIDENT

Report Won't Cause Change in Mexican Policy of United States.

Washington, May 24.—The president tonight received first hand information about Mexico from his special commissioner, Duval West, who recently returned from that Republic. It is understood West's report won't cause any change in the United States' Mexican Policy. The state department today received claims of victory from the Carranza and Villa factions.

## AUSTRIA LOSES NO TIME IN MAKING ATTACK ON ITALY

## FIERCE BATTLE NEAR PRZEMYSL

HEAVY FIGHTING ALSO REPORTED ALONG PRUSSIAN FRONTIER

## BOTH SIDES LOSE HEAVILY

Russians Express Satisfaction With Situation Along Front—Allies Still Active in West.

London, May 24.—Important battles are raging southeast of Przemysl. The outcome is still doubtful. There is also fighting along the east Prussian frontier, in central Poland, where the Germans have attempted an offensive along the Hwita river. The battle is undecided. Both sides lost heavily.

Russian expresses satisfaction with the situation along her front. Heavy fighting is resumed in the west from Arras to the sea. Both sides claim the advantage. The allies evidently don't intend relaxing their efforts there, although they have not undertaken a general movement. The allies have landed the Turkish opposition soon.

Petrograd, May 24.—The Russian official statement declares that the Austro-German forces in Galicia are on the defensive and that their active operations are chiefly counter attacks. The Russians claim slight progress on the left bank of the lower San. It is said that all the Austro-German assaults in the south-east have been repulsed.

Constantinople, May 24.—Number of British and French troops landed along the Dardanelles has been increased to 90,000 by additional debarkation. About 40,000 troops ashore are reported incapacitated by illness. Original landing force is estimated at 60,000.

## Van Relieved by Russians.

Tiflis, Trans Caucasia, May 24.—Russians occupied Van, Asiatic Turkey, relieving the besieged Armenians. The Turks retreated toward Bitlis.

Van has been the scene of persecution of Armenians by Turks and Kurds for months.

## Typhus Rages in Uramiah.

London, May 24.—Delayed despatches from Tiflis tell of an epidemic of typhus which is raging in the town of Uramiah, in Azerbaijan province, Persia, and the district surrounding the town. The staff of the American Presbyterian mission at Uramiah are combating the disease, which has practically filled the town with sick, and several hundred patients are housed in the mission quarters. A number of the members of the mission staff, including Dr. Harry P. Paolard of Denver, Colo., are ill with the disease.

The Armenians who fortified themselves on the outskirts of the city of Van, are still holding out against the Kurds, according to the despatches. Large forces of Turkish troops are menacing Tabriz, capital of the province of Azerbaijan, apparently with the object of intimidating the Persians.

Berlin, May 24.—Naval observers believe that the Bucharest dispatch refers to the Russian battleship Pantellimon and that the name in the Bucharest dispatch is erroneous.

The Pantellimon is put down in the naval reference books as having a complement of 40 men; but in war the number might be increased considerably. The Pantellimon was built in 1907. She displaced 12,532 tons and carried four 12-inch guns, 16 six-inch guns besides smaller armament.

## AEROPLANES, DESTROYERS AND TORPEDO BOATS MAKE ATTACKS

## ADVANCE GUARDS MEET ON BORDER

Germans Moving Troops, Heavy Artillery and Aircraft to Strike Crushing Blow.

London, May 24.—Little time has elapsed between the declaration of war between Austria and Italy, and the opening of actual hostilities. Austrian aeroplanes, destroyers and torpedo boats have attacked the Adriatic coast at Italian points and have bombarded Venice and other cities. The Italian and Austrian advance guards have exchanged shots in Tyrol, on the eastern frontier.

The campaign plan has not been disclosed, but it is generally believed it will be attempted to discourage Italy by inflicting a quick, decisive defeat, largely by Germans under von Hindenburg.

German troops, heavy artillery, aeroplanes and Zeppelins are already moving toward Verona to deliver fierce, rapid blows at the Italian center. The Germans probably believe this would check the Italian advance from Venice province, where the flat country would give the Italians a better chance for success.

Italy in bitterly denounced throughout Germany and Austria. She is placed with England as a most hated enemy. Italy's interventions in the allied with delight in allied countries. Rumania, Bulgaria and Greece have not moved. Bulgaria's retreaters who will remain neutral unless directly affected. The Turkish seizure of Bulgarian railway cars loaded with Bulgarian goods may draw Bulgaria into the war. Sofia has protested.

## Ambassador to Austria Leaves.

Vienna, May 24.—The Duke of Avarna, the Italian ambassador to Austria, with his staff, left for Italy tonight.

## Von Buelow Leaves.

London, May 24.—A Rome news dispatch says Prince Von Buelow, German ambassador to Italy, accompanied by the Princess Von Buelow, and all German representatives to the quirinal vatican left Rome by train tonight.

## Italian Consul Killed.

London, May 24.—An Odessa news dispatch says the Italian consul at Constantinople has been killed.

## Petrograd Celebrates.

Petrograd, May 24.—Italy's declaration of war on Austria was celebrated by a big demonstration here. Vast crowds of men and women marched through the streets and stopped traffic until midnight.

## NORWEGIAN SHIP SUNK BY GERMANS

Submarine Attempted to Sink Boat Which Rescued Crew of Sinking Steamer.

New Castle, Eng., May 24.—The Norwegian steamer Minerva was sunk by a German submarine Saturday night. The steamer Iris landed the crew here tonight. The captain of the Iris reported that after he rescued the Minerva's crew the submarine tried to sink his vessel, the torpedo narrowly missing the Iris. The Minerva was bound from South Shields to Norway.

## ITALY IN AGREEMENT NOT TO MAKE SEPARATE PEACE

London, May 24.—Italy has given her adhesion to the agreement already signed by Great Britain, France and Russia, not to conclude separate peace. The signature of a formal document to this effect is imminent.