

ITALIANS MOVE SWIFTLY; OCCUPY AUSTRIAN TOWNS

FORESTALL GREAT CRUSHING MOVE PLANNED BY VON HINDENBERG

AUSTRIANS FORCES HAVE RETREATED

Movements Indicate Italy is Well Prepared for Campaign—Two Great Movements Start.

London, May 25.—Austria struck first with her navy and air craft along the Italian coast. Italy countered quickly by throwing troops across the northeastern frontier, occupying Austrian territory along the River Isonzo.

Thus Italy has apparently forestalled Gen. Von Hindenburg who is commanding the Austro-German troops on the new front. Rome officially announces that Italian troops have occupied a number of towns and compelled the Austrians to retreat.

The Italian army's rapid stroke apparently indicates long preparation. The first Italian bulletin indicates that two great movements have been inaugurated, one northward toward the Carnic Alps, the other through Triuli toward Trieste, on the Istrian Peninsula. Severe fighting is expected.

Austria calls the Italian military operations on the border skirmishes.

No Notice of Call.

Washington, May 25.—After a conference with the Italian consul general at New York, Italian Ambassador Count Colognola announced he had received no information relative to the calling to colors of Italians abroad.

London, May 25.—Italy has invaded Austria. The official announcement made today by the Italian war office in Rome is that the Italian forces penetrated Austrian territory along a forty mile front, occupying Casporetto, the heights between the Judno and Isoldo rivers, the towns of Cormons, Cervignano and Terzo. All the places are three miles from the Italian coast. The railroads, running both east and west, run through Cormons and Terzo.

The Italian destroyer raided the port of Buso, near the front, destroying the landings, rail stations and barricades. Two Austrians were killed, the first casualties reported in the new campaign.

It is regarded here as probable that the Austro-German army will make its first important move by striking at the Italian center in the direction of Verona.

It is generally understood that Italy has reached an agreement with her new allies under which she will sign the existing treaty between France, Russia and Great Britain not to make a separate peace with the common enemies.

ACTORS HONOR MEMORY

OF LATE CHAS. FROHMAN

New York, May 25.—The funeral services for the late Charles Frohman, the theatrical manager and producer, who was one of the victims on the Lusitania, were held here today.

Funeral services in his memory have also been arranged for in Tacoma, Washington, by Billie Burke, in Los Angeles by Maude Adams, in San Francisco by John Drew, in Providence, R. I., by Julia Sanderson, and others. All have starred under Frohman.

PRESBYTERIANS CONSIDER MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS AT MEETING YESTERDAY

Newport News, May 25.—The Southern Presbyterian general assembly today deferred final consideration of the committee recommendation that the assembly repudiate the action of the federal council of churches in America and advocating the vote by states on constitutional prohibition amendment, and also suggesting to President Wilson the formation of a world peace league, with an agreement to enforce its decisions by armed interventions.

The assembly voted to continue relations with the council another year, hoping the latter's attitude will be somewhat modified, and that assembly action would be unnecessary.

Newport News, Va., May 25.—Evangelism in the schools and colleges was discussed by the delegates

ITALY GIVES REASONS FOR ENTERING WAR

EXPLANATORY NOTES FORWARDED TO NEUTRAL NATIONS OF WORLD

CLAIMS AUSTRIA IGNORED RIGHTS

As an Ally She Should Have Been Consulted Before Austria Declared War on Serbia.

Washington, May 25.—Italy has addressed a long communication to the world's neutral governments explaining her reasons for declaring war on Austria. The Italian ambassador today presented the note to Bryan. It reviews negotiations between Italy and Austria, revealing that these began immediately after Austria sent Serbia an ultimatum. Italy then claimed Austria's action as a disturbance of the equilibrium of the Balkans and Europe's peace, vitally affecting Italy. As Austria's ally Italy claims the right to have been consulted before the ultimatum was sent. Failing to obtain satisfaction of her territorial and national aspirations through diplomacy, Italy asserts her declaration of war was necessary to safeguard her position. The Italian note was filed in the state department with other notes and messages received at the war's start, explaining the positions of other governments then. None have been published.

AGREEMENT SECURED ON MEAT PRODUCTS

By Packers and Representatives of British Government in Conference Yesterday.

Washington, May 25.—It is indicated here tonight that American packers are about to secure action by the British government on claims for detained meat products cargoes consigned to neutral countries. Packer's representatives, state department officials and the British ambassador conferred here this afternoon. The packers withdrew their request to the state department to help expedite the cases in British prize courts pending further conferences with the British Ambassador and Sir Richard Crawford, commercial representative, tomorrow.

U. S. May Increase Army.

Portland, Oregon, May 25.—Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military affairs committee, said tonight unless conditions changed materially before the next congress, the United States army would be increased.

The growth in all branches of the Sabbath schools of the church will be shown in the report of the executive committee on publications and Sabbath school work, to be submitted to the general assembly tonight. The increase will apply both to the enrollment and contributions.

Inspected Asylum.

Columbia, May 25.—Governor Manning and the state board of charities made an inspection of the state hospital for the insane today. They were accompanied by the legislative committee and Superintendent Williams. Tonight the board will elect an assistant secretary.

GERMANS CLAIM GAINS AT YPRES AND PRZEMYSL

BRITISH ADMIT INABILITY TO REFORM LINES DENTED BY GERMANS

BLOODY FIGHTING ON DARDANELLES

Nineteen Hundred Australians and Three Thousand Turks Reported Losses There.

London, May 25.—The Germans today claim successes in the east and west, notably around Ypres and north of Przemyśl. The British war office admits the English have been unable to reform the lines dented by the Germans east of Ypres. The British statement announced that German gas attacks can be met and defeated "with due precautions," but does not explain how.

Fighting on the Dardanelles has been sanguinary. Nine hundred and nineteen casualties among the Australians were reported tonight. The Turkish losses apparently are greater. Three thousand were buried Sunday.

London, May 25.—Heavy fighting is in progress once more in the west. The British, German and French forces are attacking at various points between Arras and the coast. There is as yet no sign, however, of a general assault by the allies, such as has been predicted.

On the eastern frontier, the signs of a check to what at one time seemed an overwhelming Austro-German offensive are becoming more and more apparent. Even the flying wedge which was driven into the Russian center along the river San, has been compelled to give some ground by the energetic counter attacks of the Russians.

Domestic politics continue to absorb the attention of England. The membership of the new cabinet has not yet been announced. The delay, according to the Manchester Guardian, is due to the insistence of the unionists on eight places in the cabinet. A clean sweep is looked for in the admiralty, where it is expected that Baron Fisher as well as Winston Spencer Churchill will go.

WILL BE NO CHANGE IN MEXICAN POLICY

As Result of Report Made by President's Personal Representative.

Washington, May 25.—President Wilson does not contemplate any change in the Mexican policy of the administration as a result of the report by Duval West who recently visited Mexico as a special representative of the state department. The president told his callers today that West had not suggested an embargo on the export of war munitions to Mexico.

West it is understood reported pessimistically as to the ability of any of the various factions to bring peace. As he impressed the Mexican leaders with the necessity for safeguarding the lives of foreigners and their interests, the disposition of the high officials now is to allow the military situation to develop further before putting into effect any possible change of policy.

C. A. NATES OF GREENWOOD ASST. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Greenville, May 25.—Calhoun A. Nates, a young lawyer of Greenwood, is expected in Greenville this afternoon to be sworn in as assistant United States District attorney. The oath of office will be administered to him by United States District Clerk of Court J. B. Knight. William J. Thurmond of Edgefield was sworn in as district attorney for the western district at the recent term of Federal court in this city.

Britishers in the Cabinet Crisis



TOP—ADMIRAL SIR JOHN FISHER CENTER—BONAR LAW. BOTTOM—A. J. BALFOUR

WALSH AND KING IN WAR OF WORDS

KING OBJECTED TO WALSH'S METHODS OF CONDUCTING INQUIRY

WALSH INSISTED UPON ANSWERS

Chairman of Industrial Relations Committee Refused to Explain Mode of Questioning.

Washington, May 25.—The Federal Industrial Relations Commission today finished its investigation of the Colorado coal strike. It will hear of Porto Rico labor conditions and examine same witnesses on miscellaneous matters tomorrow, then close its general hearings and inquiries. It will meet in Chicago on June 1st, to frame its report to congress.

Washington, May 25.—W. L. McKenzie King, a director of the industrial relations department of the Rockefeller foundation, clashed repeatedly with Chairman Walsh today during the latter's questioning him before the federal industrial relations commission. Walsh sought to make a record of what King had done in American labor. Both King and the commission wanted to know the object of that line of questioning, but the chairman refused to explain.

The chairman insisted: "The people must have the facts." King asked what Walsh meant by the people. "I mean the American people," said the chairman, "whose public opinion would be the greatest factor in improving the conditions in Colorado." Several verbal clashes immediately followed between King and Walsh.

Embargo Withdrawn.

Ottawa, Ont., May 25.—Canada has withdrawn the embargo against the exportation of wool to the United States, it was announced tonight.

BIG SUIT IN SUPREME COURT

CASE OF VERMILION AGAINST WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF DUE WEST

SUING COLLEGE FOR \$15,000.00

Result of Death of W. T. Vermillion Who Was Killed When Balcony Collapsed.

Columbia, May 25.—The appeal in the case of J. W. Vermillion, as administrator of the estate of W. F. Vermillion, deceased, against the Woman's College of Due West, was argued in the supreme court today. The case comes up from Abbeville county, where it was tried in October, 1914 before Judge Sease who granted a non suit. Damages in the sum of \$15,000 were asked for the death of W. F. Vermillion.

The complaint alleges that on April 17, 1914, the late W. F. Vermillion attended an entertainment given under the auspices of the Woman's College of Due West, which took place in the auditorium of the college. The complaint contends that Mr. Vermillion had a right to attend the entertainment because he had bought and paid for a ticket and gained admission on it.

The complaint further states that the late W. F. Vermillion was given a seat directly under the balcony. This superstructure was laid upon timber resting in the wall and supported by iron chains fastened in the roof. The balcony during the entertainment collapsed.

FLORIDA MEN NOT GUILTY

Were Accused of Conspiracy in Connection With Failure of Pensacola Bank.

Pensacola, May 25.—The trial of the four bankers here on the charge of conspiracy in connection with the failure of the First National Bank here a year ago, closed today in a victory for the defendants. The cases against Thomas W. Brent and William S. Knowles were nolle prossed in United States court. Judge Call ordered the jury to return a verdict of not guilty for William S. Keyser and W. S. Hyer.

ENGLISH FORM NEW CABINET

BECKER'S LAST HOPE LIES WITH GOV. WHITMAN

N. Y. COURT OF APPEALS AFFIRMS VERDICT OF SUPREME COURT

SMALL CHANCE FOR CLEMENCY

Petition Would be Acted on by Man Who Twice Prosecuted Ex-Police Lieutenant.

Albany, May 25.—Unless Governor Whitman or the United States Supreme Court intervenes, Charles Becker, the former New York police lieutenant, must be electrocuted at Sing Sing within the next week.

The New York court of appeals today affirmed the verdict of the supreme court jury convicting Becker at his second trial for the murder of the gambler, Herman Rosenthal, on July 16th, 1912, by four gunmen.

Executive clemency for Becker is believed to be remote. The present governor, as district attorney, prosecuted Becker both times. There is speculation whether Becker, facing death, won't try to save his life by revelations regarding the so-called police system to the governor. Aside from the Rosenthal murder, it is believed Becker has information which would be valuable to state and city officials.

Albany, N. Y., May 25.—The second conviction of Charles Becker for instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal was upheld by the court of appeals. Becker now must die unless he can obtain the executive clemency from Governor Whitman who as district attorney of New York prosecuted him or can obtain a reversal by the United States supreme court.

KING CONSTANTINE IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Viennese Specialist Summoned—Another Operation Being Considered.

Athens, May 25.—King Constantine's condition, according to Monday night's report, was less satisfactory than the people were led to believe, although the attending physicians now say he is in no immediate danger. They are considering another operation, and a Viennese specialist has been summoned. He is reported more restful. Prayers for the king's recovery are being said in all the churches here.

Flood in Arkansas: PEOPLE LEAVING HOMES

Tulsa, May 25.—Hundreds of people living along the Arkansas river are leaving their homes tonight before flood warnings. Flood conditions prevail at Fort Smith, Arkansas and Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

COLOMBIAN DELEGATE SAYS THIS HEMISPHERE SHOULD BE FOR AMERICANS

Washington, May 25.—Dr. S. P. Triana, a delegate from Colombia, made a dramatic speech to the Pan American Financial conference today. He waved an American flag and declared this hemisphere should be for Americans. At today's group conferences delegates explained to representatives of the United States commercial and financial interests their peculiar needs, and indicated how capital and credit could most advantageously be used to strengthen trade relations.

Hamilton Addresses Conference.

Washington, May 25.—Governor Hamilton, of the federal reserve board, today declared to delegates attending the Pan-American Financial conference here, that the United States has never been in the position it occupies today to extend its trade by granting credit to nations who wish to be its customers. The present conference was declared by Governor Hamilton to be of deep significance to the whole civilized world.

COALITION CABINET ANNOUNCED—HAS APPROVAL OF KING GEORGE

LORD KITCHEN RETAINS POST

Will Remain Secretary of War—Winston Churchill No Longer Heads Admiralty.

London, May 25.—It was announced tonight that Lord Kitchener retains his post as secretary of war in the new coalition cabinet which King George has approved. Arthur J. Balfour will be first lord of admiralty; Winston Spencer Churchill, the former head of the admiralty, becomes Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Herbert H. Asquith retains the premiership. Sir Edward Grey continues as minister of foreign affairs; David Lloyd George, former chancellor of exchequer will be minister of munitions; Pagnald McKenna will be chancellor of exchequer; Andrew Bonar Law will be secretary for the colonies. Lord Lansdowne is minister without portfolio, and Sir Stanley O. Buckmaster is Lord High Chancellor. These are the principal portfolios.

SUPREME COURT HEARS APPEAL

W. H. McCalla of Abbeville Appeals From Verdict of "Involuntary Manslaughter."

Columbia, May 25.—The appeal in the case of the State against William Henry McCalla, who was convicted in Abbeville in February of manslaughter and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary was argued before the supreme court this morning. The appeal is taken on two points, first, whether there is any such crime in South Carolina as "involuntary manslaughter," and secondly, if there is such crime, what does it take to constitute it.

Representative Graydon of Abbeville appeared for McCalla, and Assistant Attorney General Dominick for the State.

SAYS JAPAN AND U. S. ARE FRIENDS

Baron Kato Says Attitude of This Country Toward Japan Has Changed.

Tokio, May 25.—In an interpellation in the diet today, concerning the attitude of the State of California toward Japan, Baron Kato, the foreign minister, said that the attitude of the United States toward Japan had changed greatly and now was most friendly.

Baron Kato added that Japan believed in relying in the sincerity and good faith of America to find a solution for the California question.

MAYOR OF GREENVILLE NOT A CANDIDATE

Greenville, May 25.—Mayor John B. Marshall will not be a candidate for re-election. This was the meaning he intended to convey in his statement to the voters of Greenville last week, although it probably was misconstrued by some. He stated explicitly yesterday that he would not run again.