



ITALY'S DECLARATION OF WAR MAY BE ON WAY TO VIENNA

Rome Expects Formal Declaration of Hostilities Will Be Served on Austria Before Night—Victor Emmanuel Appeals to People to Support National Honor at Any Cost.

Austrian Submarines Active in Adriatic—Troops of Both Nations Drawn Up Behind Border Intrenchments—Vienna Orders Bridges at Frontier Destroyed—King Signs War Measure and Cabinet Is Supreme.

Italy's war declaration is being personally prepared by King Victor Emmanuel and will be sent flashing on its way to Vienna before night, according to dispatches from Rome today.

The King today signed the war measure passed by Parliament and the bill became a law, going into effect at once.

Acts of war have been openly committed by both sides, and a formal proclamation that a state of war exists or a direct declaration of war upon Austria will be issued by the Italian Government.

Austrian submarines are active in the Adriatic, and captains of Italian ships report that they have been stopped on the high seas.

Italy's declaration of war is still with- held, but a royal decree signed by King Victor Emmanuel and giving notice to the world of this nation's entrance into the European conflict on the side of England, France and Russia is expected before night.

The "war bill" is a law and Italy is one day nearer hostilities. King Victor Emmanuel today signed the measure con- ferring upon the Cabinet the full power to act. It went into effect immediately.

Announcement that the King had signed the "war bill" was greeted with cheers from a crowd of 100,000 persons gathered in the public square.

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"I WIN!"

10,000 BOYS AND GIRLS OF SCHOOLS DANCE IN UNISON ON FIELD DAY

Children of Institutions in City Compete in Sports on Belmont Plateau, After Many Weeks of Preparation.

Ten thousand children of the city schools assembled on Belmont Plateau this morning for Field Day exercises.

The boys and girls competed in running, jumping, volley ball, captain ball and other field sports, but the greatest spectacle of the day was the dancing, in which the entire body of 10,000 took part in unison.

Many hundreds of spectators had an opportunity to learn at first hand just what the municipality and the State, through the Board of Education, are doing to promote the health of the community through organized play and physical training for its young members.

The folk dances, which in the last few years have become so important a feature of the physical training in American schools, were excellently performed by the children.

The Normal School marzuka and the Venus Reigen received the most applause.

For weeks the children have been preparing for the field day. In order to avoid confusion and to keep the number down to manageable proportions, the number of representatives from each school had been restricted to 32, and the competition was

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OSTENDORFF ON SICK BED; WIFE SUES HIM

Doesn't Care Whether He Survives Operation, Says Son of Cafe Proprietor.

A man awaiting the surgeon's knife in the Hahnemann Hospital today was served with notice that his wife had started suit for divorce.

The woman is Mrs. Mathilde Ostendorff, who is now living with her parents at 212 Nicholas street.

"I don't care whether I die or not," Ostendorff said when he learned of the divorce action. "If I die my troubles will be ended. There is nothing to be said about my wife. She was always good and true to me, but the charges against me are without foundation."

The couple once before had a misunderstanding. They were reconciled through a letter written by the husband, David R. Griffith, Jr., Mrs. Ostendorff's attorney, said that Ostendorff's treatment of his wife has made her position intolerable. She left their cottage at Beach Haven three weeks ago with their baby.

Ostendorff is to be operated upon for appendicitis and abscess of the stomach. He also is suffering with lung trouble.

Runaway Horse Badly Hurts Boy

A runaway horse attached to a heavy wagon ran over and badly injured Joseph Bradley, 6 years old, of 142 North Robinson street, at Robinson street and Haverford avenue, today.

The boy was playing in the street when he was knocked down by the horse. He was taken to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital, in the patrol of the 51st and Thompson streets station, with a contused hip. The police are looking for the driver, who left the wagon standing at 51st and Master streets.

BAND CONCERT

The Municipal Band, under the direction of Benjamin Koschman, will play this afternoon at Belmont plateau, Fairmount Park, at 3 o'clock.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT WINS GREAT VICTORY AGAINST BARNES

Former President Triumphs in Legal Combat When Jury Exonerates Him in Attack on Republican Leader.

ROOSEVELT TO RETIRE INTO SECLUSION OF OYSTER BAY

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 22.—Colonel Roosevelt left Syracuse at 12:45 o'clock for Oyster Bay. He said: "I am going home. I shall do my best to keep out of the limelight for some time to come. I do not expect to be interviewed or make any public statement on any subject for some time to come."

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 22.—William Barnes is a "boss." A jury so decided today in awarding a verdict for Colonel Roosevelt in the \$50,000 libel suit brought against the former president by Barnes, because Roosevelt branded him a "boss" and linked him politically with crooked business and corruption.

The verdict was brought in shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. The jury had been deliberating since 3:45 o'clock Thursday, a period of about 42 hours.

The 12 men finally arrived at an unanimous decision, after a legal mix-up almost unprecedented in the history of New York State.

The verdict was a blow to Barnes and a complete surprise to Colonel Roosevelt. It was the common belief around the courtroom that the jury would report its utter failure to agree and be discharged by Justice Andrews, today. It was believed that Edward Burns, the Syracuse motorman, who first voted for Roosevelt, yesterday, and then reversed his vote because the court would not permit the jury to divide the costs, would hold out for the plaintiff until the end.

Burns' demeanor when the jury left the courthouse early today confirmed this belief. He strode along unaccompanied by his fellow-jurors, his jaws firmly set and with an appearance of defiance.

Immediately after the verdict was announced the jurors exchanged glances and there was an audible sigh of relief from every person in the court room. The poll being completed, Justice Andrews accepted the verdict for Colonel Roosevelt and thanked the jurors for their five weeks of service.

Colonel Roosevelt shook hands with John Bowers, his chief counsel, and with

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IL CONSIGLIO DI MINISTRI RIUNTO A ROMA PER LE ULTIME FORMALITA

La Rumania Ha Ordinato Segretamente la Mobilitazione Generale dell'Esercito—Oggi Sara Forse Pubblicato il Proclama di Guerra e la Ostilita Cominceranno.

Quest'oggi subito dopo che il re ha firmato la legge che da al governo pieni poteri, si e riunito il Consiglio dei Ministri, si crede per decidere circa l'ordine di cominciare le ostilita.

Da Roma giunge notizia che si attende che per oggi sia inviata all'Austria la dichiarazione di guerra o si dia senz'altro l'ordine di iniziare le ostilita. Il re ha preparato questa mattina il suo proclama al popolo d'Italia, e nella notte aveva avuto luogo un consiglio di guerra nel quale erano stati presi gli ultimi provvedimenti per l'inizio delle ostilita.

Un telegramma privato da Bucarest a Roma dice che la Rumania sta segretamente mobilitando il suo esercito.

Sul confine italiano orientale, cioe verso Trieste, sono concentrati ora circa mezzo milione di soldati, e si dice che 300,000 siano concentrati nei dintorni di Bari, Brindisi e Foggia. A Roma ormai si considera come gia esistente lo stato di guerra tra l'Italia e l'Austria.

Il re ha firmato oggi la legge con la quale vengono dati pieni poteri al governo per quanto riguarda la guerra e le spese e per quanto si riferisce al mantenimento dell'ordine pubblico durante la guerra. Il governo ha cosi potera di pubblicare decreti che hanno piena e completa forza di leggi.

Anche gli austro-tedeschi hanno ammassato grandi forze verso i confini dell'Italia, e si crede non impossibile che essi cerchino di invadere il territorio italiano. Il generale Cadorna ha pero tutte preparato per far fronte a questa eventualita.

(Leggete in 2a pagina altre e complete notizie della situazione in Italia.)

LORETTE HILLS FIRM IN GRIP OF THE ALLIES

Germans Forced From Last of Five Spurs After Six Months' Fighting.

British Troops Make Progress on Neuve Chapelle Front. Kaiser's Base in Alsace Threatened by Enemy's Heavy Artillery Fire.

Slav Counter Attacks Force Teutons to Give Ground on East Bank of San — Przemysl Bombardment Slackens—Invaders of South Poland Forced Back.

After six months of desperate battling the French have succeeded in clearing the last spurs of the Notre Dame de Lorette heights, north of Arras, of the Germans.

The German works on La Blanche Vie ("The Great White Way") were carried by storm yesterday, great losses being inflicted upon the defenders.

The Germans made desperate efforts to retake the height of Lorette, reports Paris this afternoon, but the French hurled their foes back with terrific losses.

Berlin reports the Allies are using poisonous gases and that attacks by French and English troops near Neuve Chapelle were repulsed.

The British, in the meantime, have made further progress east and south of La Quinke road, near Neuve Chapelle, while in Champagne, at Villa-sur-Turbe, German attacks have been repulsed with a loss to the enemy of 1000 dead and 400 captured.

Heavy French guns are bombarding Cernay, one of the most important German bases in Alsace, and dispatches from Swiss points declare that evacuation of the town is imminent.

Russian counter-attacks have forced the Austro-Germans to yield ground at their recently gained positions on the far (east) bank of the San, in Galicia. The shelling of Przemysl has lessened in violence.

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BARNES INSISTS CHARGES OF COLONEL ARE FALSE

New York, May 22.—"The knowledge of the complete rectitude of my conduct must content me—which, after all, is the only important thing in life."

So declared a formal statement from William Barnes, issued here today through his counsel, William M. Ivins, in commenting on the failure of his libel suit in Syracuse against Colonel Roosevelt.

"There is nothing I can say regarding the verdict of the jury in this matter, except that when I brought the action I knew that the accusation made by Mr. Roosevelt of collusion, combination or even dicker, between me and Tammany Hall, or Mr. Murphy, or any other Democratic agency, not only for any corrupt purpose, but for any purpose, was absolutely false."

The cost of the trial, amounting to \$29,000, will have to be paid by Barnes. \$25,000 of this comprises counsel fees and \$4,000 court expenses.

Mr. Ivins later asserted that the case would be appealed.

Geibel Tells of Arrest as Spy

Casimir I. Geibel, the well-known artist of this city, has written from Canada telling of his arrest and imprisonment there as a German spy.

Downey is alleged to have been treasurer of the United States Steel Railroad Tie Company.

Robert E. Moxey, president of the Pittsburg, was arrested yesterday in Pittsburgh.

The company claimed a paid-up capital stock of \$17,000,000, but the postal authorities say it is largely a paper concern, so far as they can learn.

The Federal authorities here assert that Downey is also wanted by the Federal Court in Oklahoma on some charge preferred there.

QUICK NEWS

BOY DROWNS IN Y. M. C. A. POOL

Houston E. DeCray, 13 years old, of 2337 West Hagert street, was drowned today in the swimming pool of the North Branch of the Y. M. C. A., Germantown and Lehigh avenues.

TWO DEAD, TWELVE KILLED BY DYNAMITE

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 22.—Two persons were killed and 12 injured in a dynamite explosion here this afternoon.

ITALIAN SEAL PUT ON WAR BILL

ROME, May 22.—King Victor Emmanuel this afternoon attached his seal to the bill passed by both Chambers of Parliament giving the Government full power to act.

TURK OFFENSIVE HALTED ON BLACK SEA

PETROGRAD, May 22.—Attempts of the Turks to assume the offensive against the Russians on the Black Sea have broken down, according to an official statement.

MOVE TO DISSOLVE U. S. COPPER SELLING COMPANY

TRENTON, N. J., May 22.—Papers dissolving the United Copper Selling Company, a subsidiary of the Amalgamated Copper Company, a \$5,000,000 corporation, were filed with the Secretary of State today.

POPE TO DEFINE VATICAN'S ATTITUDE

ROME, May 22.—Pope Benedict XV will soon issue an encyclical defining the Holy See's attitude as to Italy's participation in the war.

SUBMARINE F-4 RAISED 150 FEET

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The submarine F-4 has been raised 150 feet from Honolulu Harbor bottom, leaving it at a 125-foot depth.

VISITOR FALLS DEAD WHILE INSPECTING LEAGUE ISLAND

A visitor at League Island, S. Morris, 76 years old, 920 South Front street, fell dead from heart disease in front of building No. 121 today.

KAISER GIVES UP HOPE OF ITALY'S NEUTRALITY

BERLIN, May 22.—From the headquarters of General Mackensen's army before Przemysl, Emperor William today sent word that he has abandoned hope that Italy will remain neutral.

VON BUELOW TO LEAVE ROME ONLY ON ORDERS

PARIS, May 22.—A dispatch from Rome quotes Prince von Buelow, German Ambassador to Italy, as saying: "I shall leave Rome only when I am ordered to do so. Never again will I set foot on the soil of treacherous Italy."

RUMANIAN ARMY SECRETLY MOBILIZED

ROME, May 22.—Rumania is secretly mobilizing almost her entire army, according to private dispatches from Bucharest received here today.

HUNGRY MOBS FIGHT FOR FOOD IN STREETS OF MEXICO

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Hungry mobs have invaded the Chamber of Deputies and thousands have fought for the food distributed in the streets of Mexico City, the Brazilian Minister today reported to the State Department in dispatches outlining the situation in the Mexican capital.

ALABAMA'S TALLEST MOUNTAIN MEASURED

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Cheehaw mountain's peak, with an altitude of 2413 feet above sea level, is the highest point in Alabama, the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey today announced in a report on elevations in the State.

COURT UPHOLDS CHICAGO MOVIE CENSORSHIP

CHICAGO, May 22.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals today entered a decree upholding the lower court's ruling that Chicago has the legal right to censor all moving pictures that seek exhibition here.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE IN ATLANTIC

QUEENSTOWN, May 22.—The British sailing ship Glenholm, a vessel of 1968 tons, has been torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic 16 miles off Berehaven, Ireland, by a German submarine.

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF VIOLATING POSTAL LAWS

Treasurer of U. S. Railroad Tie Company Held in Jail.

WILMINGTON, Del., May 22.—Thomas E. Downey, who has had deskroom here for some time, today was held under \$500 bail to await the action of the United States District Attorney of Pittsburgh, on a charge of violating the postal laws.

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LOST AND FOUND

How horrible, boys, to think that Handsome Harry Pfeiff should have gotten his collar wet and his hands soiled at the fire last Tuesday!

LOST—Thursday, 20th inst., small tan velvet wrist bag, containing about \$18 between 24th and Lehigh ave., and 19th and Rittenhouse st. Reward if returned to 622 Chestnut st.

LOST—Somewhere between Darby and Logan, gold watch fob, 4-1/2 inch, woven chain, many key clinking chains, \$5 reward if returned to J. M. Huns, 5412 Woodland ave., Phila.

LOST—On the 11th or 12th, 1915, my monogrammed gold watch in leather wrist strap. Reward if returned to H. B. M., 133 W. 34th St., Newark, N. J., N. J.

LOST—Saturday, May 22, between 4th and Chester ave. and Market St. Pezzy, another gold watch fob, 4-1/2 inch, woven chain, many key clinking chains. Reward \$10.00. Return to 1117 W. 34th St., Phila.

THE WEATHER TODAY



What we have to say today is "exclusive" for bromides. If you never say, or think the obvious; if you are of a highly original disposition and have been persecuted ever since you left the house by the boys who reply to your diverting "hot isn't it?" with the remark, "Sure, it's the humidity," do not read this. Because you might find fault with our argument, and we simply cannot brook opposition. Speaking of a brook, it would be a fine day for a swim, wouldn't it? However, if you have persevered so far, thus proving you are not one of those dupes described above, we'll let you in on something: It is the humidity!

On the Pacific Coast

Lamps to Be Lighted

FORECAST. For Philadelphia and vicinity—Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; slightly cooler tonight; moderate westerly winds.

Observations at Philadelphia 8 A. M.

Almanac of the Day

The Tides

REEDY ISLAND