

## ITALY READY TO STRIKE OUT IN WAR—TROOPS MASSED

Rome — Italy today was ready to strike. Her troops were massed along the Austrian frontier. Crowds surrounding the chamber of deputies building where government is to make its declaration today. Unless the debate is long drawn out, parliament, before midnight, will pass a bill entrusting the nation's fate to the Salandra cabinet.

Pope Benedict has cast the weight of his influence on the side of his native country. His Holiness has approved the text of a prayer to be recited by Italian soldiers on the battlefield and has added his hope for a victory for Italian arms.

The Italian foreign office today issued a summary of the Green Book, explaining Italy's position to the world. The summary confirms the report that Italy on May 4 denounced her treaty with Austria, thus paving the way for war. The summary declared the concessions Austria was willing to make were entirely inadequate.

Constantinople. — Hidden Turkish batteries along shore inside the Dardanelles bombarded English battleships effectively in Monday engagement. Warships withdrew. Following day French ships bombarded the forts on Asiatic side, but were driven off.

Rome.—The socialist deputies De Felice and Labriola enlisted in the Italian army. The announcement created a sensation, because of active opposition of many socialists to Italy's entrance into the war.

## BALK ON WAKE EXPENSES

Out of regard for Jim McGinnis' long service as golf starter in Jackson park, the park commission decided to pay the funeral expenses. But the commission balked on the items of \$12 for cigars, \$10 for groceries and \$10 for a mass.



"Soy Bean, our village cut-up, has received a circular from a firm that makes aeroplane stabilizers. Evidently it has leaked out that Soy is flighty."

## BE THANKFUL

By Jim Manee

We kick because it's cold in Chi.  
We want some summer bad.  
If all the chill would move along,  
Why, we would all be glad.  
We're sore because of chizzly winds,  
We care not one iota.  
But let's be glad that we don't live  
Way out in North Dakota.

P. S.—It snowed out there on Wednesday. Nuf ced!

## SIDESTEPPING



"I don't see how young Bentley can sidestep all his bills."

"He doesn't; he sidesteps the collector."

## WEATHER FORECAST

Rain Thursday and probably Friday; not much change in temperature; fresh easterly winds.