

EUROPEAN INTEREST NOTES  
FOCUS IN THE LATEST WAR BULLETINS

"Evidences" Fluids Newest Invention  
London, May 24.—The British official "Evidences" at the front in his last report, records that an officer declared he had noticed that the British dead or wounded, whom it had been impossible to bring in, were set on fire by incendiary bullets fired from the German trenches.

Class of 1917 Begin Training  
Paris, May 24.—Eight hundred recruits of the contingent of 1917 left Paris this morning for Fontenay-lez-Compiègne, where they will be given instructions in warfare in the trenches and in the construction of field fortifications.

Mayor of Rome to Fight  
Rome, May 24.—Prince Colonna, Mayor of Rome, has resumed his post in the army as Major of cavalry and started for the front, where his three sons have preceded him.

About Half of Aldermen of Rome have re-entered the army and two-thirds of the members of the Municipal Council have volunteered.

Italy Bans War Correspondents  
Turin, Italy, May 24.—Commander-in-Chief Cadorna, Premier Salandra and Foreign Minister Sonnino have agreed, says the Stampa, that no war correspondents shall be allowed within the Italian army. It is also stated that the Italian Press Bureau is to operate in the same manner as do those in France and Great Britain.

Heard of Italy, Voice in Vienna  
Amsterdam, May 24.—The Frankfurter Zeitung, to-day prints a telegram received from Vienna, saying: "The exasperation and contempt which Italy's treacherous attack and her hypocritical justification arouse here (Vienna) are quite indescribable."

Neither Serbia nor Russia, despite a long and costly war, in which Italy is so unutterably hated with the most profound honesty that this war can be profitable.

Revolvers Labeled Food  
On the Italian Front, May 24.—Two hundred large packing cases from Sicily, Spain, bound for Germany recently were disassembled at Genoa. Labels on the boxes indicated they contained foodstuffs. The German Consul made great efforts to facilitate the despatch of the cases to Germany.

Porters, in moving the cases, broke one of them open, and from a heavy sack of powder was found cases contained two thousand revolvers.

War Costs Negro Boxer Too  
Paris, May 24.—The Sun's correspondent in London, writing under date of May 21, says that Bob Scanlon, the negro prize-

fighter, had his big toe shot off Friday.

"Our section," runs his message, "was in the reserve trenches. At the outbreak post things had been very quiet, so some of the boys began to play the cards outside of the dugouts when a shell burst over the doorway. An American named Faponi fell, struck in the groin. Other shells quickly followed, and I, another member of the Foreign Legion belonging to our section, was hit in the shoulder.

"There was much excitement and Scanlon dashed off to bring a Red Cross surgeon. After he had reached the Red Cross quarters and had carried a bucket of water back to the dugout he felt that his foot was injured. Taking off his boot he found that the big toe had been severed by a shell splinter, though he had not felt it at the time."

Envoys to Vatican Remain  
London, May 24.—A despatch to the Central News from its Rome correspondent says an official announcement has been made by the Italian Government permitting the Austrian and German ambassadors to the Holy See and the Bavarian Minister to the Vatican to remain in Rome during the war.

It had been taken for granted that these envoys would have to leave when war was declared.

Paris Lifts Lid a Bit  
Paris, May 24.—The restaurants, cafes and wineries will be allowed to remain open until 10:30 P. M. hereafter. Up to the present time during the war restaurants have been compelled to close at 10 o'clock and the cafes at 8 o'clock.

The regulations made necessary because of possible Zappala raids, requiring great care with regard to light, must be still carefully observed.

Americans Offer Aid  
Genoa, May 24.—The American section of the Red Cross, which arrived here aboard the steamship Canopic, may see service with the Italian Army. This section was on its way to Budapest, but learning of the state of war in Italy, the American telegraphed to the Italian Government, placing themselves at the disposal of Italy.

Slave American Freed  
London, May 24.—Kenneth Weeks, a young American from Cambridge, Mass., has been commended in army orders for distinguished conduct at the taking of La Targuette and Neuville-Vaux.

The corps to which Mr. Weeks belongs, the Fourth Foreign Regiment, in which several other American volunteers are serving, covered itself with glory. It went into action 4,000 strong and came back with only 1,800 men.

AUSTRIAN PREMIER RESIGNS

Paris, May 24.—A Havas despatch from Rome says the Corriere Della Sera announces the resignation of Baron Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, and says that he will be succeeded by Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier.

Rome, May 24.—Reports which have been received here that Baron Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, has resigned, are generally accepted as true and have caused wide comment. His reported fall is attributed to the failure of the Austro-Italian negotiations and the declaration of war by Italy. The newspapers in Rome say that Count Von Berchtold, his predecessor, refused to accept German suggestions regarding the necessity of concessions to Italy.

TURKISH GUNBOAT SUNK BY TORPEDO

Constantinople, May 24.—An official statement issued tonight by the Turkish general staff said: "The 25 year old gunboat Felenk-I-Deria was sunk this afternoon by a hostile submarine. Two members of the crew were killed but all the others escaped without injury."

The Felenk-I-Deria was built at Kiel in 1890. Her displacement was 885 tons. She was used as a sea-going depot ship for the torpedo boat flotilla.

ITALIANS FLEEING BORDER PROVINCES

Venice, May 24.—The Italian population of the Venetian, according to despatches from Verona, is fleeing to the country from towns and villages. They are compelled to walk along the railway tracks because all highways have been barricaded with planks, tree trunks and piles of stones.

Gendarmes are reported to be using force to compel compliance with the proclamation calling to the colors all classes of reservists between the ages of 17 and 50. Troops visit houses, chiefly at night, it is said, and carry off by force all the men within the prescribed ages. The Austrian authorities are reported to be making an effort to direct public wrath against Italy by posting manifestos warning that the levy has been made necessary only by the treachery of Italy.

The order from the Italian government calling for a general mobilization was greeted with intense enthusiasm in Venice. It was greeted with special ardor in the capital, where crowds gathered through the streets for many hours.

"DOWN WITH ITALY" SHOUTS VIENNA MOB.

Amsterdam, May 24.—Patriotic manifestations reached a climax in Vienna last night, according to a telegram received here from the Austrian capital. The Italian declaration of war and the manifesto of Emperor Francis Joseph, calling upon the army, navy and his people for patriotic devotion, had been published in special editions about the capital. Crowds gathered spontaneously in the city. Citizens paraded the streets singing patriotic songs and cheering the Emperor, the army and the navy.

No attacks on Italians were made, although there were cries of "Down with Italy." The Council of Triest has been dissolved by the Emperor as that city is subject only to the imperial government. The governor of Triest has in turn dissolved the council of Goritz.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE VAN RELIEVING BELEAGUERED

Tiflis, May 24.—A detachment of Russian soldiers has captured the town of Van, in Asiatic Turkey, thus bringing relief to the Armenians who were being besieged there by the Turks. Upon the advent of the Russians the Turks retreated in the direction of Bitlis.

Van in Turkish Armenia and Urmiah in Persia have been the scenes of persecution of and attacks upon Armenians by the Turks for several months. The situation became so serious that several powers of Europe protested.

TELEGRAMS FOR ITALY MUST PASS CENSORS

New York, May 24.—Announcement was made today that telegrams to and from Italy, or for transmission through Italy are no longer admitted. Full rate telegrams, written in plain language, English or French, are admitted but they will be subject to censorship and sender's risk.

JEWISH SOCIETIES UNITE IN BENEFIT CONCERT FOR FELLOWS IN WAR ZONE

Fourteen Jewish societies of Bridgeport united last night in a sacred concert at the Park Avenue Temple orchestra. The concert was for the benefit of the war sufferers in Europe. Dr. L. M. Smilnow was chairman of the meeting which preceded the concert. Rev. Chvi Hirsch Mastinsky made an address. The Park Avenue Temple orchestra played.

ITALIAN BAKERS GET BIG BUSINESS INCREASE

Increased business is reported among the Italian bakers of Bridgeport. With an influx into this city of many laborers and mechanics with their families it is said that some of the East side bakers have been compelled to substitute motor-driven delivery wagons for the horse kind.

LYFORD BROTHERS BUY TRY SPRING CUSTOM SUITS BUY

East Side and West End

PRESIDENT OPENS BIG MEETING OF FINANCE LEADERS

Washington, May 24.—The Pan-American Financial Conference, the outgrowth of the new problems that have arisen to confront the western hemisphere as a consequence of the war in Europe, was formally opened here today. For six days delegates from eighteen South and Central American countries will represent to representatives of the Washington government and of the principal banking, commercial and industrial enterprises of the United States their needs and their plans for a closer union of interests.

The opening session was given over to speeches of welcome by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan and responses from the delegations of each invited country. Next came a reception to the delegates and their families in the east room of the White House. Addresses by Secretaries McAdoo and Redfield, Postmaster General Barleson, remarks by invited guests and the announcement of "group committees" by Mr. McAdoo were the features of the program arranged for the afternoon session.

McLOUGHLIN TAKES CHARGE OF LOCAL UNDERWOOD BRANCH

Mr. T. F. McLaughlin, who for the past 15 years, has been connected with the Underwood Typewriter Co., having had charge of their office at Houston, Texas, is now located in Bridgeport in charge of the Underwood branch office in the First National Bank building. Mr. McLaughlin is particularly impressed with the hustling spirit of Bridgeport as compared with the south and

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CLEAR THE TRACK; THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN TOMORROW

Ringling Bros. Make Elaborate Preparations For Their Visit to P. T. Barnum's Old Home Town—Young America Will Be Up Before Sunrise Tomorrow.



Circus Simian Takes a Daily Nip.

Hoorsy! Likewise—Hold your horses! For they'll be in Bridgeport tomorrow.

The elephants, the beautiful ladies dressed in fluffy pink tarletons a-flutter with spangles and, most essential of all else, the rumbling wagons of red and gold without which a circus wouldn't be a circus at all. Most anywhere between 2 and 4 a. m. is the time; and Ringling Brothers' "world's greatest shows," the piece de resistance which, in so far as the learned diagnosticians of red wagon fever instruct us, no small boy and few lads and lassies grown tall have ever been able to resist.

Clowns and calliope (for joy of joys, there are to be two steam pianos) baboons and ballets, zoo poles and pigmies, giants and giantesses, tents and tumbler, chimpanzees and chariots, cow-boys and cow-girls, spectacles and spiclers, riders and rhinoceroses, peanuts and parachutes, acrobats and airships, pink lights and pinker lemonade, trapeze and trappings, bag and baggage, gold and glitter, and the thousand other wonders of dear old Spangletown will begin one whole joyous day's sojourn when the four long yellow trains bearing the Ringling name roll into the freight yards tomorrow morning.

And, unless all alarm clocks fail, it is a safe wager that young Bridgeporters will be down at the tracks long before the sun to greet the habitants of this traveling municipality and to greet their undivided assistance in leading the spotted ponies and their comrades of the menagerie from the railroad yards to the circus grounds.

For it is in this direction that the youngster's chiefest interest lies. What cares he for statistics? The fact that the big show which he well-sometimes carries, 89 cars upon which are transported almost 1400 people, including a ballet of 200 dancing girls who will later in the day dance before the throne of Solomon in the magnificent spectacle of "Solomon and the Queen of Sheba," is a mere detail which interests him (the youngster and not King Solomon) not at all.

Neither is your small boy concerned with the fact that this spectacle is followed in the course of the Ringling program by a carnival of Arcadian wonders enlisting more than 400 performers, the majority of whom are foreigners, making their first visit to America.

No, with the youngster it's usually a question of: "How many elephants?" A train load of the great grey mountains will answer the lad's query in person tomorrow morning and will reiterate the reply in the parade, and again, in the three rings at the matinee and night performances.

The first "official" appearance of the circus will occur with the street parade which, leaving the show grounds at 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning, will pass over the usual routes. The pageant has been described as "three miles of stretched-out rainbow." It is the finest ever exhibited by the five famous brother showmen. There will be six bands, the calliope, gongs, tubular organs, organs filled with richly powdered women, scores of open dens, more than 700 horses and clown wagons of course.

Those who witness the performances at the circus grounds will see the most talented array of artists ever presented by the Ringling Brothers. The spectacle of "Solomon and the Queen of Sheba," with its 1250 characters, mammoth ballet and amazing electrical effects, is a complete production in itself. Yet this is but an added feature to the artistic program which, for two hours will occupy the three rings, the rigging, the interstages, and the hippodrome roofed by a main tent capable of seating 12,000 people and which measures 560 feet in length by 250 feet in width. This season has been termed "novelty and innovation year" with the Ringling show and unusual foreign acts are to the fore.

New to this country are the Andersons and Milano Brothers, a perch upon the Ringling name roll into the freight yards tomorrow morning. The entire program will be whole troupes of trained elephants, horses, statue dogs and the antics of half a hundred clowns who do everything foolish from shooting toy rabbits with cannons to riding around the tent-top in an airship. There will be but two Ringling performances here at 2 o'clock and 8 o'clock tomorrow, the doors opening one hour earlier to permit a visit to the menagerie.

Admission and reserved tickets will be sold tomorrow at the Jackson book store, 385 Main street, at the same price charged on the show grounds.

DECLARES HE WAS BEATEN ON SKULL WITH BIG HAMMER

Gang Foreman Tells Police He Was Assaulted While Prostrate.

Not only was he felled by a blow from a shovel when he was attacked last week by a water carrier at the plant of the Bridgeport Arms Works, but he was beaten upon the head with a large hammer, according to a statement procured today from Thomas Done of 706 East Washington avenue, who is in the Bridgeport hospital in a critical condition.

Done gave a statement to the police this morning in which he declared he was pounded upon the head with a hammer after he was knocked prostrate.

According to Done's assertions, a water carrier known as Pasquale was carrying water to workmen at the plant and he passed the gang of which Done is foreman. Done declares he recognized with him and as a result was knocked down by a blow from a shovel. The assault with a hammer followed, he said.

Done's skull was trephined Saturday and an improvement in his condition is noted today. He may recover. The police haven't found the man accused of the assault. He disappeared after the occurrence.

The Duke and the Duchess of Accedri, placed at the disposal of the Red Cross Society their palace at Turin, as a hospital for wounded soldiers.

BRIDE'S BROTHER IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER QUIET WEDDING

(Special to The Farmer.) Westport, May 24.—William Mattia, brother of Amelia Mattia, who was wedded yesterday to James Maratto with a quiet ceremony at the home of the bride, is in a critical condition as a result of an aftermath of the marriage celebration. In a cutting affray that broke out during a game of cards, Joseph Solder, a guest at the wedding, stabbed Mattia under his heart.

Solder hid in the cellar of the house while a physician was called for his victim. Constable Sturges was also called, but he wouldn't enter the house to get Solder. He said he had no right in there, meaning himself.

Dr. Hyde treated the wound of the bride's brother, who had received an ugly slash in a vital spot. In the meantime Solder disappeared and the police are searching for him today.

SKULL OF LODGING HOUSE FREQUENTER BELIEVED FRACTURED

Frank Deal, a lodging house occupant of Water street, fell down stairs Saturday evening in his boarding place and he is believed to be suffering from a fracture of his skull. He was taken to the Bridgeport Hospital where his condition to-day is reported improved.

PHILLIPIAN LOSSES CASH

Phillip Phillipian, lodging house keeper of 615 Water street, reported to the police this morning that \$50 has disappeared from his place. He wants the police to find it.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The annual exhibition of classic dancing of the Quilty school of dancing will be held on Friday evening at the Colonial ball room. The exhibition will include not only aesthetic, interpretive, classic, stage, dramatic, dramatic and step dancing, but ball room dancing as well. Bro. Quilty at a recognized authority on dancing in this part of the country and the exhibition of his classes are always looked forward to with much interest. The program:

Part I  
Ball Room Dances by class in waltzing costume, (a) Fox trot; (b) Lullu Pade; (c) Highland Schottische.

Part II  
The following numbers include Aesthetic, Interpretive, Classic, Stage, Folk, National, Deisarte, and Step Dancing:

Pavelva Gavotte—Charles Bowers, Florintine Burns, Ella Tingard, Edna Orvis, Katherine Quilty, Dorothy Wolfe, Catherine Hanley, Grace Crowley, Catherine Murphy, Dorothy Phelan, Gertrude Albertson, Ruth Simonsen, Priscilla Trumbull, Elvira Schoenfeldt.

Little Fairy Dance—Soloist, Katharine Hanley, Ballet, Margaret Grotz, Helen O'Reilly, Magda Johnson, Alice and Theresa Halpin, Georgia Mills, Dorothy Phelan, Ruth Simonsen, Lillian Powers, Huma Bennett, Dorothy Dewey.

Chinese, Donald Bennett, Kenneth Cassidy, Edwin and Cornelius Schultze, Kenneth Lund, Charles Bowers.

Ballet from Faust, Soloist, Catherine Hanley; Ballet, Anna Halpin, Emily Thorne and advanced class.

News Boys' Trio (by request) Schultze, McCutcheon and Schultze, Godeliers, Spanish Tambourine and Castnet (by request), advanced class.

Folk dancers, (a) I See You; (b) Dance Little Partner; (c) Merry-go-round, Beginners.

Military, Captain, Dorothy Wolfe, advanced class.

Snow Flakes, soloist, Dorothy Phelan; Beginners' class.

Irish Washerwoman, leaders, Glad Bowers, Florintine Burns.

Irish Jig, Schultze, McCutcheon and Schultze.

Dutch Ballet, advanced class.

Waltz, Cecile, Miss Jennie Hanley, Mr. Charles Roth.

Psyche, (classic barefoot) leaders, Edna Orvis with advanced pupils.

The annual meeting of the Georges Junior Republic association of Littlefield will be held at the Stratfield on Wednesday, May 26 at 8 o'clock, in the sun parlor. Election of officers will be held and annual reports read. The superintendent of the institution will present a number of boys who will tell of life at the institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Wood of 132 Renell street are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter on Saturday at noon.

OBITUARY

LOUIS F. JOHNSON  
The body of Louis F. Johnson, an iron worker who died at the Bridgeport hospital, was sent to Racine, Wis., on Saturday night by Cullinan & Mullins. Mr. Johnson is survived by a sister in that city.

NELLIE H. WEEKS  
Nellie H. wife of Albert H. Weeks, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Surving of 80 Highland avenue, after a long illness. Mrs. Weeks was 33 years and 7 months of age. Surviving her are her husband, a son, Albert, her mother and a sister, Mrs. Hilda Cowles of Hartford.

MARTHA A. HAWLEY  
Martha A. Drew, wife of Deacon Burr Hawley, died yesterday at her home in Stepany at the age of 79 years. She was born in Stepany, Huntington and was the daughter of Deacon Wright and Mary Tomlinson Drew. Surviving her are her husband and two sons, Elmer J. Hawley of this city and N. Hawley of Stepany, a member of the firm of J. Hawley and son, also a grandson, Clayton B. Hawley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton B. Hawley.

FERDINAND WENDT  
Death came last night at the Bridgeport hospital to Ferdinand Wendt of 587 Broad street. Mr. Wendt's death was the result of a complication of diseases. He was about 33 years of age and since coming to this city some two years ago had had charge of a boarding house here. His widow and a son, Benjamin Wendt, survive him. The body may be viewed at the undertaking parlors of J. H. Carroll on Elm street until 12 o'clock tomorrow. The funeral will be held at the home of the widow at 5:30 train where the funeral will be held.

EVERETT L. ROGERS  
Everett L. Rogers, a native of Bridgeport, died this morning after an illness of several months. Stricken with pneumonia in January, he experienced a series of illnesses that rendered him unable to rally. For many years he was a sub-contractor with the needle department of the Wheeler & Wilson Mfg. Co., now the Singer Mfg. Co., and of late years he was connected with the Standard Mfg. Co. Mr. Rogers was 61 years of age. He spent his entire life in Bridgeport. Surviving him are a widow, a son, Edmond, of the firm of J. Hawley and son, also a grandson, Clayton B. Hawley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton B. Hawley.

MARY HALLORAN  
Death came yesterday morning at the Bridgeport hospital to Mary Burke, wife of James Halloran of 111 Barnum avenue. Death followed several weeks of illness with spinal trouble, which resulted from a fall received in the winter. She had been married less than a year and her death followed closely that of her niece, Mrs. Johanna Kelley, also a bride of a few months, who died in March. Mrs. Halloran, who was well liked and respected by all who knew her, she had resided on the East Side for some years and was a faithful member of St. Charles church. Besides her husband she is survived by one brother, John Burke, of this city and by a sister in Ireland.

Two hundred Italian reservists left New York for Italy on the steamer Stumpala.