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EXCITEMENT IN CITY OF MILAN

Mobs Storm and Ransack Metropole Hotel Dur- ing the Night

FLASHING SIGNALS?

Great Battle of Austro-Italian War Believed to be Drawing Near—In- vadars Near Trieste.

Milan, May 28—A violent anti-German demonstration broke out here during the night. Mobs stormed and ransacked the Metropole Hotel because of a rumor that signals had been flashed to the Austrians from the roof.

Rome, May 28—The first great battle of the Austro-Italian war is not many hours away.

Italian forces of invasion in the Trentino and along the Isonzo river are pressing forward to within a few miles of where large Austrian armies lie entrenched.

In both districts the clash of arms is imminent.

The war office emphasized this fact today in an official statement.

General Cardona reported the Italian army that captured Goroms and Cervignana is pressing upon Goritz and Trieste, where large Austrian forces are known to be awaiting battle.

The Austrian seaport town of Grado, lying but eighteen miles from Trieste, has been occupied by Italian troops.

In the Trentino, a great artillery battle is developing. It signals the beginning of the first engagement between large bodies of Italian and Austrian troops in the Tyrolean Alps.

The Italians continue to press forward in the Adige river valley and in the region of Lake di Garda.

Along the Carnis Alps fierce fighting has occurred in several mountain defiles between small bodies of opposing forces. The number of Austrian prisoners is reported to be growing hourly as the Austrians continue to fall back upon their entrenchments.

Italian aviators have been active all along the front. They have executed daring reconnoitering movements in treacherous currents high above the Alps. Several air-men have dropped bombs near Trieste itself.

PRAYS FOR NATIONS AT WAR.

Pope Benedict's Heart Bleeds at Sight of Much Misery.

Rome, May 28.—"The hour which we are traversing is painful, but our prayers will go out more frequently and more fervently than ever to those who have in their hands the acts of nations," is a declaration made by Pope Benedict in a letter to Cardinal Yannuttelli, published in the Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ. The Pontiff recalls his first encyclical, in which he urged the belligerent nations to make peace, but points out that his voice was unheeded and the war continued until "the terrible conflagration has extended to our beloved Italy."

The Pope exhorts all Catholics to practice with him for three days a strict ecclesiastical fast, and he records a plenary indulgence applicable also to souls in purgatory.

Continuing, the Pope writes: "I wish that the echo of our voice might reach to all our children affected by the great scourge of war and persuade all of them of our participation in their troubles and sorrows. There is little of the grief of the child that is not reflected in the soul of the father."

EXECUTRIX NOTICE.

Having qualified as executrix of ALONZO H. TRAVERS, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt settlement with the undersigned, and all persons to whom said estate is indebted are requested to present their accounts properly certified for payment. ANNIE V. NUGENT, Executrix, 218 North St. Asaph street.

WHITMAN GRANTS STAY

New York Governor Prolongs Beck- ers Execution one Week.

New York, May 27—The New York American says: "A stay of one week in the execution of Charles Becker, the former police lieutenant, for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, has been granted by Gov. Whitman. He announced this last night in Chicago, where he stopped over on his way to the Pan-American Exposition in California. "There is no doubt that Becker can talk he said. It is impossible for me to discuss the matter any further. I have granted Becker a reprieve until July 18. I will return to Albany July 12. Whatever official action I may take in the case will be at that time."

"This indicates that the friends of the former police lieutenant are ready to adopt the last resort to save his life, although it was announced from a source that cannot be disputed that all hope had been abandoned by his family.

"It was intimated that when Gov. Whitman returns he will be asked to commute Becker's sentence to life imprisonment, in return for which the latter may tell all he knows concerning the gambling graft in police circles, with which he was connected. No possible disclosures of police corruption or revelations of the identity of the man or men higher up in the division of money paid for police protection—no plea Charles Becker can make—will save him from the electric chair if District Attorney Perkins can prevent it, according to announcement made by Mr. Perkins.

In making his announcement Mr. Perkins took official cognizance of a current rumor that Becker, facing death for causing the murder of Herman Rosenthal, was willing to confess all he knows if his life should be spared. Becker's second conviction was affirmed by the court of appeals and his execution set for the week of July 12, or, if custom is followed, July 16, the third anniversary of the Rosenthal murder.

ON 10,000 MILE HIKE.

Thomas B. Turner Trying to Reach Boston From San Francisco.

Thomas B. Turner, a long distance walker, visited the Gazette office late yesterday afternoon. He is walking from San Francisco to Boston on a wager made in San Francisco, of which city Mr. Turner, though a native Georgian, is a resident. He will receive \$5,000 if he completes the ten-thousand mile hike in 18 months. His route covers Mexico and Cuba, between which he traveled on a steamer, but had to pace the deck for 180 miles, the equivalent of the distance between the two ports of the ship.

So far Mr. Turner has covered in rough numbers, 9,500 miles, the distance between Frisco and Washington along the course laid out by the other parties to the wager. He expects to walk the remaining 500 miles to Boston within the next two months so that he may reach Boston and taking a train get back to San Francisco before the eighteen-months is up, he having already walked for about 15 months. The exact time limit placed on him is before November 26th of this year.

Other conditions of the wager specify that the walker cannot sleep in a bed and must earn his meals by his own work or the fluency of his tongue. He is very sociable and in dead earnest about his undertaking. He bears a number of credentials from newspaper men in the cities he has visited to show where he has walked, looks the picture of health, and appears to be benefited by his long walk.

MOONLIGHT SAIL

On steamer

CHARLES MACALESTER

Tomorrow night May 29th. Benefit Junior League of the National Junior Republics.

Boat will stop in Alexandria at wharf, foot of King St. leaving here at 7 p. m. Round trip ticket . . . \$1.00 Buffet supper served by Rauschers \$1.00 extra.

MILLIONS SING MARSEILLAISE

News of Italy's Entrance In- to War Arouses En- thusiasm.

SPREAD AMONG ALLIES

Operations in the Three War Zones— German General von Sanders Re- ceives a Wound.

With the French army at the front May 28—A mighty chorus from 2,000,000 throats sweeping down the 500 miles from the North Sea to the Swiss border in thunderous refrain of "La Marseillaise" greeted the welcome news that Italy had entered the war against Austria.

The story of how that message went flashing along the trenches at dusk of a brilliant Whitsuntide, how it spread to every remote outpost a long the world's greatest battlefield is without parallel in history.

Salonika, May 28—Gen. Liman von Sanders German commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces at the Dardanelles, has been wounded in the fighting on Gallipoli peninsula. Dispatches received here today said that the German Admiral von Sudom has succeeded von Sanders.

For several days the Turks have been rushing re-enforcements toward Kithia along the railway leading through the peninsula. It is now estimated that Turkish land forces at the Dardanelles number 210,000. Opposed to these are allied troops numbering less than 100,000.

Constantinople (via Berlin), May 28—A Turkish night attack resulted in the capture of two English positions, near Kurna, in Mesopotamia. It was officially announced today.

The English are counter-attacking but the Turks have repulsed several charges.

London, May 28—Startled by the destruction of the Princess Irene, a mine layer, at the Sheerness navy yard, at the very gates of London, with its loss of 400 lives investigation of persistent rumors that a German spy is at work within the government service is already under way.

It is pointed out today that only six months ago the battleship Bulwark was blown up at the same spot and similar rumors went out to the world while the admiralty ridiculed the idea and refused an investigation. But no report of the mystery was ever made public except the laconic announcement that the warship was the victim of "an internal explosion"

Petrograd, May 28—Russian troops have occupied Urumiah, the mission center in Persia Armenia where wholesale sacrifices of Armenians by Turks and Kurds recently occurred it is announced today.

Urumiah lies sixty four miles southwest of Tabriz, and is one of the chief missionary centers in Persia. The Fiske Seminary for Girls, under foreign direction and Urumiah College are located there.

The war office also announces the defeat of a band of Kurds in the Caucasus and another victory over the Turks near Bashkulu.

EXPLOSION ON A SHIP

London, May 28—Ally the crew of 250 men of the British steamer Princess Irene, except one man, and in addition 78 dockers who were at work on board the steamer, 327 men in all lost their lives yesterday when the vessel was blown up by explosion on board in Sheerness harbor.

The steamer was in government service, and was undergoing repairs. Sheerness is a naval arsenal of Great Britain on the Thames. The admiralty, in confirming the explosion on board the Princess Irene, says:

"The princess Irene was accidentally blown up in Sheerness harbor yesterday morning. So far as is yet known, only one survivor to the ship were not on board at the time of the disaster.

"Several men belonging to vessels lying close to the Princess Irene were wounded by falling splinters."

REMARKABLE STORY

Alter Boys Declare They Saw Vision of Christ

Paterson, N. J., May 28.—Parishioners of St. John's R. C. Church are excitedly discussing the statements by five altar boys that during the benediction at the close of vespers service Sunday night they saw a vision of Christ upon the Altar.

According to the boys the vision was first seen by John Brennan, twelve. He is of a deeply religious disposition and says that he has often prayed that Christ would appear on the altar to him. He says that the face and shoulders appeared as a mist or cloud. The other boys agree with his description.

Rev. Edward Hilloch, senior curate, says the boys appear to be perfectly sincere. He has been conducting a series of experiments to see if any combination of lights in the church could have misled the boys or caused a momentary reflection. He declines to discuss the matter beyond this.

TRIM VIRGINIAN

Hawley Loses Ten-Spot to Stranger In New York

New York, May 28—Arthur W. Hawley, of Richmond, Va., met two pleasant strangers yesterday and now he is \$10 lighter in the bank roll and that much heavier in experience.

Hawley, who is stopping at the MeAlpine, was asked by a polite stranger for directions as to how to reach Madison Square. Detectives Mugge and Cassassa, standing in front of the Imperial, saw the meeting and recognized the party of the second part as one "Providence" Burns who had been "up the river" for grand larceny. So when they saw Hawley and the other walk away, they trailed along.

By and by Burns met a friend who joined the two, and the stage being all set, the first thing Hawley knew he was matching coin in Fifth avenue. He was \$10 out and still going when the two sleuths hove up alongside. The second man escaped, but "Burns" who gave the name of John Heyward, was arrested.

GERMAN SAILORS GO CRAZY

Several on Interned Merchant Steam- ers Placed in Jail

New York, May 28—Several of the German sailors on board the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American steamships which have been docked at Hoboken since the beginning of the war have become mentally unbalanced and have been placed in the Hudson county jail in that city.

Three of the sailors became so violent that it was necessary to take them from the German steamships and place them under observation. One of the men from the Barbarossa of the North German Lloyd Line, on returning from a trip ashore, asserted that he was Emperor William and issued orders directing a battle in France. Afterward a blacksmith on board the Vaterland threatened to sink that steamship because she would not carry him back to Germany. On Wednesday a steward of the Barbarossa was sent to jail after becoming too vehement.

Dr. George King, the county physician attributed their strained mental condition in part to enforced idleness melancholia and homesickness.

Miss Louis T. Davis, of Leesburg, Va., is spending several days in this city.

Dr. Robert Mitchell, of Southside, Va., has returned home after visiting relatives in this city.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Special offer to school children: 6 post cards and 1 folder photo for 75c Have your picture made in your May day costume. THE JAMESON STUDIO. 425 King Street

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Ticket No. 2832 was the winner at the drawing for the Moose Pony Outfit. The holder is notified to present same on or before Saturday, May 29th. If not presented by that time another drawing will take place, notice of which will be given later.

ALLEGED ATTACK ON NEBRASKAN

United States Embassy Be- gins Rigid Inquiry at Liverpool

WAS IT A SUBMARINE?

Captain of Steamer Cannot Say Posi- tively That Vessel Was Struck by a Torpedo.

Liverpool May 28—Under direct orders from Washington, the naval attache of the American embassy at London began a rigid inquiry into the reported torpedoing of the American steamer Nebraskan by a German submarine.

Captain J. S. Green and officers of the Nebraskan were quizzed at a secret session while preparations were being made to put the steamer in drydock for a careful examination of her hull.

What statement her master made to the American attache is not known but to newspapermen Captain Green frankly admitted he could not swear positively that the Nebraskan was torpedoed or that she hit a mine.

"The best I can say is that something struck us at about 8:25 Tuesday night while we were about forty miles west of South Cliff," said Capt. Green. "It is my belief, however, that we were hit by a torpedo. The chief engineer said he thought he saw something resembling the wake of a torpedo on the starboard side just before the explosion. He is not certain about it.

Liverpool, May 28—The American steamer Nebraskan, which was disabled Tuesday night by an explosion off the coast of Ireland, arrived here last night. The captain said:

"I saw no submarine, but am certain it was a torpedo which hit us. "Moreover, a submarine could not have failed to see our name and nationality, which was outlined in huge letters on our sides."

The members of the crew of the Nebraskan were agreed that the explosion was undoubtedly caused by a torpedo.

The forward part of the ship is completely wrecked.

Capt. Green told this story of the damage to his ship. "We left Liverpool Monday. The next night, 48 miles off Fastnet, at 8:24 o'clock we were torpedoed. Only ten minutes before we had hauled down the American flag, but it was quite light and the submarine must have seen the big white lettering on our sides, which read 'Nebraskan of New York'."

"I was below at the time. There was a terrible shock, which threw everybody aboard off their feet. Immediately afterwards came a tremendous explosion, which slightly injured two quartermasters and the boat swain, hurled the derricks 30 feet and blew up the hatches."

The ship was saved from sinking by the strength of her No 2 bulkhead which held back the flood and buoyed up the ship. Considerable damage was done to the deck and fittings.

BAR ASSOCIATION.

Members Will Meet on the 16th Proxi- mo at Judge Thornton's Home.

Invitations have been issued by Judge J. E. T. Thornton, of Manassas, to the members of the Bar Association of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of Virginia, to meet with him on Wednesday, June 16th. The lawyers will hold their business meeting in the court house in the morning and adjourn to Judge Thornton's residence for lunch. In the afternoon they will visit the Bull Run field.

Windows in farmhouses in the Ringgold neighborhood near Lynchburg, were broken, wheat leveled and tobacco injured by a twenty-minute hailstorm which broke over that section Wednesday night. A high wind tore up trees, and a deluge fell after the hail, which brought the temperature down to an uncomfortable chilliness.

LOCAL BREVITIES

John W. Spencer has sold to Frederick and William Schuler house and lot No. 1503 King street.

Virginia Lodge, No. 176, Loyal Order of Moose, will meet tonight. A number of important matters will come up for discussion.

Officers will be elected tonight by Randolph Chapter, No. 3, of the Rose Croix, Scottish Rite Masons. Lafayette Council, of Knights Kadosh, will meet at the same time.

A May day festival for the children attending the primary department of the public schools is being held this afternoon on the new high school grounds at Cameron and West street. Nine hundred children will participate.

Members of Post F, Travelers' Protective Association, will attend services at the Second Presbyterian Church tomorrow night when the pastor, the Rev. John L. Allison, D. D., chaplain of the post, will preach a special sermon to the traveling men.

In the Circuit Court in vacation today, Harvey W. Summers qualified as administrator of the late John W. Summers. Mrs. Annie V. Nugent qualified as administrator of the late Alonzo H. Travers, not Mrs. Murphy, as was published.

Mr. Lewis Hoof, of this city, an attache of the Department of Commerce and Labor in Washington, was paralyzed in his right side a few days ago while at Blackstone, Va. His son, Mr. Charles Hoof, has gone to that place. Mr. Hoof's condition is said to be critical.

X-RAY REVEALS RUBBER

Alleged Conspiracy to Ship Contra- band Abroad

New York, May 28—A conspiracy to defraud the United State through the filing of a false manifest on exports of rubber, in order to conceal its contraband character, is alleged in indictments found by the federal grand jury against Harry R. Salomon, his cousin, Albert Salomon, of the importing and exporting firm of Saloman Brothers, of this city; Albert B. Newman, a commission merchant; Franz Rorenberg, of Hanover Germany, representative here of an Austrian rubber company and Sigmond Karman, of Budapest, Hungary a rubber expert, who also is said to be in this city.

Shipments of a line grade of rubber, valued at \$50,000 are alleged to have been falsely manifested for export probably to Germany by way of Italy. One lot, it is stated was found concealed in 300 barrels of rosin and the latter in 178 barrels of cotton waste. The shipments were detected as the result of an X-ray examination and were seized.

The defendants are alleged through the filing of the false manifest, to have caused the collector of the port to transmit untrue and inaccurate reports to Washington in violation of the federal criminal code.

While classed as technical violation of the customs laws, the acts charged also are considered by federal officials to be violations of American neutrality.

BRITISH NAVAL LOSSES

The Triumph is the ninth battleship unit to be lost so far in the war. With the exception of the Turkish old style battleship Messudiyeh (December 13) the loss of these units, ranging from 11,800 tons each, has been borne by the Allies as follows: Eighth British—Audacious (October 27), Bulwark (November 26), Formidable (January 1), Irresistible (March 18) Ocean (March 18), Goliath, (May 13) Triumph (May 26), Majestic (May 27). French-Bouvet (March 18). The five last named have been lost in the Dardanelles operations.

The Triumph, sunk on Wednesday, which was commanded by Capt. H. S. Fitzmaurice, was a vessel of 11,800 tons and of 12,250 horse power. Her complement of officers and men in time of peace numbered about 700. The vessel carried four 10 inch, 14 7.5 inch guns and 14 14 pounders and four six pounders. In addition, she carried two 18 inch torpedo tubes she was 436 feet long and had speed of about 20 knots

FINAL SERIES OF CONFERENCES

Congress Awaits Report on Transportation Pro- posals

PAN-AMERICAN LINE

Delegates From Chili Again Make Plea for Better Shipping Service on the West Coast.

Washington, May 28—The final series of "group conferences" from which will come recommendations to the general conference this afternoon and tomorrow, began today among the visiting delegates to the Pan-American Financial Congress which is rounding out an epochal meeting here.

With the close of the financial conference scheduled tomorrow the financiers of the Americas swept aside practically all social duties today and devoted themselves strictly to the business of making suggestions for the betterment of trade relations among the principal countries of the Western Hemisphere.

Special interest centered in the second meeting of the joint committee on transportation, which is seeking to bring about a fast line of steamers between the American countries. That this committee will analyze the possibilities of both private and Government steamship lines is probable. Its final report is not expected until tomorrow.

Following the many "group conferences" of the morning, the general conference will convene again at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the Pan-American building for the receipt of such reports as are ready.

Legislative action by several of the American republics is deemed necessary before decisive progress can be made to induce private capital to engage in extending shipping facilities. This was stated to the transportation committee today by several of the United States and Latin American delegates. Sentiment also appeared in favor of granting subsidies both direct and indirect, by the governments interested.

Chilean delegates today called attention to the fact that the west coast of the two continents is in more serious need of new shipping lines than the east coast.

TRAIN KILLS TWO IN AUTO.

Kane, Pa., May 28.—In a grade crossing accident at Leeper, 30 miles south of this city, yesterday afternoon, Forest K. Little and O. H. Berger, of Leeper, were killed. They were riding in a runabout and as they were driving over the crossing near the Baltimore and Ohio passenger station they were struck by passenger train No. 151, due in this city at 3:45.

Both men were thrown high in the air, and Little was killed instantly. Berger was alive when assistance reached him and arrangements were being made to bring him to the Kane Summit Hospital; but he died as he was being placed aboard the train that struck him. His wife reached the scene a few minutes before he died.

Mrs. James L. Kelly, Mrs. Lucy Made Hudson, Mr. Richard Henry and Mr. J. Strother Dennis, all of this city, were called to Charlottesville, Va., today to the bedside of their father, R. H. Dennis, Sr. of Culpeper, Va., who is critically ill at the Charlottesville University Hospital.

SURPRISE THEATRE.

Everybody's favorites tonight—Grace Cunard and Francis Ford, "The Phantom of the Violin," a powerful dramatic feature, always a treat to the public.

The Surprise has perfect ventilation, and it is a pleasure to spend an evening there seeing only the highest class productions. Read advertisement in Gazette daily for list of productions.