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ITALY REJECTS AUSTRIA'S LATEST OFFER AND MEANS WAR

LATEST CONCESSIONS MADE BY AUSTRIA ARE REJECTED BY THE ITALIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND WAR SEEMS ALMOST A CERTAINTY NOW.

Reports from Rome say that the Italian Chamber of Deputies by Virtually Unanimous Vote Granted Full Powers to the Italian Minister of War. —Italian Green Book Seeks to Justify Italy's War Measure by Declaring that Break with Austria Occurred Last December, when Austrians invaded Serbia in Violation of the Triple Alliance Treaty—During February, German Efforts to Force Austria to Make Concessions to Italy Became Evident, but the Concessions Proposed were Small in Comparison with Italy's Demands, Resulting in Italy Denouncing Her Treaty with Austria on May Fourth.

Rome, May 20.—The Italian council of ministers has rejected Austria's latest offers of concessions made early this week.

The Italian Green Book's content, which justifies Italy's warlike measures, were disclosed today. It says the break began last December, when Italy declared that the Austrian invasion of Serbia was violating the triple alliance treaty.

In the middle of February, German pressure to force Austria to make concessions became evident.

In March, came the Austrian offers of territorial concessions, which were very small compared with Italy's demands. On April second, Italian foreign minister Sonnino declared that Austria's demands on Italy in return for the concessions, were "contemptible." April 25, Italy learned that Austria believed Italy would fight. This caused Italy on May 4, to denounce her treaty with Austria, resulting in the present situation.

Power to War Minister

Paris, May 20.—Reports from Rome say that the Italian chamber of deputies has virtually by unanimous vote today granted full powers to the minister of war.

The Temps reports that Salandra introduced a bill in parliament "to meet eventual expenditures of war." Salandra was cheered for five minutes when he appeared before the deputies.

Authority Given Government

Rome, May 20.—Salandra this afternoon introduced a bill in parliament conferring on the government extraordinary powers in case of war. The deputies immediately took steps to rush its consideration.

All Expecting War.

Amsterdam, May 20 (Bulletin).—"No one in Italy doubts that war will begin today," is the text of a telegram from Chiasso, Switzerland, to the Berlin Tageblatt.

WILL DRILL NEAR ARDMORE TO THE EAST

JOHN S. OWENS IS SUCCESSFULLY RAISING FUNDS TO BE USED IN OIL TESTS NEAR TOWN OF McMILLAN.

The Awireo Oil company is making preparations to drill one or more tests east of Ardmore, near McMillan in Marshall county. The tests will be drilled from twelve to fifteen miles east of Ardmore and they are of much interest to local people, as well as to Madill and Marshall county. The company has approximately 3,000 acres under lease, and a number of persons who are interested in the progress of Ardmore are taking stock in the company and the money subscribed is to be used in sinking wells. That territory gives promise of oil, small producing sands having been found near there, and geological reports on the leases are very favorable.

90th Birthday of Noted Woman

Elizabeth, N. J., May 20.—Dr. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, pioneer woman suffragist, temperance advocate, and the first of her sex to be regularly ordained to the Christian ministry in the United States, celebrated her ninetieth birthday anniversary today. Dr. Blackwell makes her home in this city, with the exception of two months each summer, which she spends at Martha's Vineyard. Despite her great age she continues active in her chosen work. Within the past year she has written considerably, in addition to preaching a public sermon and delivering several addresses in behalf of the suffrage and temperance movements.

FRUIT GROWERS MEET AND ORGANIZE

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRISCO LINES WERE IN THE CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING IN THE ORGANIZATION.

The fruit growers of this city met at the chamber of commerce this morning and effected a temporary organization and selected temporary officers. The officers chosen were Felix King, president, and F. K. West, secretary. Next Tuesday a meeting has been called and an invitation extended to the fruit growers at Lone Grove Wilson and Ringling, to meet at the chamber of commerce and make arrangements to ship their fruit together. R. P. Elrod and W. W. Wooden of the Frisco lines were here this morning for the purpose of assisting in the organization and will be here next Tuesday at which time all further details will be finished. The organization wants to get the acreage in this vicinity so that they will have something tangible to offer the buyers who have agreed to come here this year and buy the crop if enough is pledged to make it worth while.

The Carter county peaches are recognized as the best flavored of any in the country and as soon as the growers will give the proper care to their orchards, it gives promise of becoming the big industry in this section.

VARNISH CO. PREPARES TO RESUME WORK

IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PLANT NOW COMPLETE AND EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS TO BEGIN ACTUAL OPERATIONS.

The Lebanon Varnish company's plant in this city that has been idle for several months, is preparing to resume operations and will soon be producing the best asphalt varnish in the world, according to a statement of the expert, J. F. Nolan, who will be in charge of the plant.

Mr. Nolan has had many years experience in making varnishes, is an expert chemist and he states that without doubt the local asphalt from which this varnish is produced, is the finest in the world and that the finished product far surpasses anything yet manufactured.

H. N. Morrison of Ohio, an expert mining engineer, who is heavily interested in the works, is in the city and is preparing with Mr. Nolan to begin the operation of the plant. The mines at Woodford where the raw material is produced, will be reopened at once and sufficient stock kept on hand to keep the plant here in constant operation.

Have you a house or a room you wish to rent? It will cost but thirty cents to rent it—try the want ads.

WORK STARTS ON THE NEW R. R. DEPOT

GRADING BEGAN YESTERDAY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY CHAS. FRALEY.

Immediately after the contract was awarded to Charles Fraley for the erection of the new Ringling depot on North Washington street, and he had affixed his signature to the same, the work of grading the ground was begun and before many weeks the city will have another very attractive building added to what it already possesses.

Mr. Fraley stated that he would prosecute the work as rapidly as possible and hoped to be able to finish before the time specified in the contract.

The building is to be of brick and stone and will cost not less than \$35,000 which is far more than the present union depot at the foot of Main street east. The building of this depot has already stimulated building north of Main street, and several new buildings will be erected along Broadway, among them the new store building of Wilkerson Brothers at the corner of Broadway and Caddo street. A petition is being circulated which will be presented to the city council asking them to open Broadway east of the railroad tracks, in order that traffic from the east may pass through this street and not be compelled to make a detour by the Fourth or Fifth ave. viaducts. This petition is being circulated by business men who have recently erected business houses on East Broadway. The question of permanently closing this section of Broadway was talked of at the time that a new union depot was talked of. The city council at the time was favorable to this as there was an understanding with the railroads that if they did build a new union station at the foot of Broadway adequate to the needs of the city, the city would close east Broadway permanently for their benefit, but as there seems little likelihood of a new union depot at this time, the merchants of lower Broadway feel that they should have the street opened in order that some of the eastern trade will come to them.

CONDITION OF CROPS IN CARTER CO.

COTTON WILL BE LATE, BUT WHEAT, OATS AND CORN ARE IN GOOD CONDITION — NEARLY NORMAL.

Crop conditions in Carter county have improved considerably within the past ten days of bright, hot weather, and are rapidly returning to their normal condition, although for a time the weather conditions were making things look dubious.

The continued rains and cool weather had retarded the growth of wheat, oats and corn, and had delayed the planting of cotton, but the cereal crops mentioned now promise a full harvest, and, while cotton will be from ten to fifteen days late, there is ample time to plant and have it catch up with lost time, as it rapidly grows in hot, dry weather.

Garden and truck crops in this county are nearly ideal, where properly worked out after each rain, and are already producing well and will soon supply every garden delicacy for the table.

There has been a tendency in the past few years among truck growers and some large farmers in this vicinity to experiment with commercial fertilizer in their various crops, with various degrees of success.

There is little question but what commercial fertilizer, judiciously applied, produces larger crops, but there is a great question as to whether it is profitable and in the end justifies the cost. The cost of this fertilizer is usually high and the lands throughout this section are rich and productive, as a rule, and with an intelligent rotation of crops, need no artificial stimulant, and in the opinion of the best farmers who have experimented with it, it is a stimulant and has the same effect on the soil as a narcotic has on the human system. It must be continued, when once practiced, to keep up this stimulation, or the reaction sets in with disastrous results to the soil. Very little fertilizer is used in this county, as the farmers have been warned that a rotation of crops will give them better results, without endangering their lands.

The cotton acreage in this county will be reduced from 15 to 25 per cent according to statements of close observers, and a correspondingly increased acreage of feedstuffs will be raised. Carter county, unless heavy droughts prevail and hot winds visit frequently, promises well at this time for a year of prosperity.

Methodist Building Opened

Philadelphia, Pa., May 20.—A \$200,000 building which is to serve as a center for the Methodist activities of the Philadelphia district was formally opened today with exercises in which four bishops and numerous other leaders of the church took part. The new building will house the mission, publication Sunday school and other boards of the church.

Opera House Sold

The Robison opera house was sold at sheriff's sale yesterday afternoon. The Deering investment company, which held a mortgage against the property, was the only bidder. This company's bid was \$14,000 and taxes, which amount to approximately three thousand dollars more.

Heavy Rains in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., May 19.—Practically every section of Kansas has received from two to five inches of rain in the last forty-eight hours with the result that all streams are rising rapidly.

Read the Want Ads.

STATE'S ATTORNEY OF IDAHO IS ON TRIAL

Boise, Idaho, May 20.—The case of Joseph H. Peterson, state attorney general of Idaho, under indictment charging the embezzlement of state funds, came up in court today for trial. The case is one of the series growing out of the defalcation of state treasurer C. V. Allen, for which Allen and several other former officials of the state are now serving prison sentences. The indictment against attorney general Peterson was returned by the grand jury on January 16, last and charges the attorney general with having obtained some \$600 from the state treasurer on his personal note.

FRENCH LANDED ON GALLIPOLI

FRENCH TROOPS MAKE SUCCESSFUL LANDING ON EUROPEAN SIDE OF DARDANELLES.

BRITISH OFFICER HURT

General Sir Birdwood, Commander-in-Chief of Australian Troops, Wounded in Dardanelles Attack — American Steamer Sinks Submarine.

Paris, May 20.—A Havas dispatch says the French troops have landed successfully at Soudji Bahir on the European side of the Dardanelles at the extreme southern tip of Gallipoli peninsula, where they are attacking Krithia.

The French fleet supported the landing party, while the British infantry were approaching Krithia from the other side, surrounding the Turks.

British General Wounded.

London, May 20.—General Sir Edward Birdwood, commander-in-chief of the Australian forces at Dardanelles, has been wounded.

Thinks Sank Submarine.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 20.—The American tank steamer Wico, arriving here yesterday from Stockholm, reports that it is believed to have run down and sank a submarine in the North sea, en route to Stockholm.

Another Trawler Sunk.

Peterhead, Scotland, May 20.—A German submarine sank the British trawler Chrysolite yesterday near here.

Many Submarines Lost.

London, May 20.—The Evening News says its Copenhagen correspondent says that seventeen German submarines have been lost since the German blockade was declared in February.

VISIT WAS UNEXPECTED.

President Wilson is Visitor to Birthplace of Robert E. Lee.

Washington, May 20.—President Wilson unexpectedly visited Robert E. Lee's birthplace at Wakefield, Va., while returning to Washington.

Mrs. Steward, now living at the Lee place, delightedly exclaimed: "My husband's ear itched this morning. I knew something would happen. Now the president of the United States has come."

TEXAS TO BUY SITE.

Site of First Capitol of Texas to Be Bought by the State.

Austin, Tex., May 20.—The governor today signed the bill to purchase the site of the first Texas capitol, in Washington county. He sent a message to the legislature today recommending the creation of a state board of horticulture.

ALLEGED SPY SUICIDED IN PRISON CELL

ANTON KUEPFERLE, HELD IN LONDON JAIL, ENDED HIS LIFE LAST NIGHT — CLAIMED TO BE AMERICAN.

London, May 20.—Anton Kuepferle, who claimed to be an American, on trial for espionage for sending invisible ink descriptions of British battleship positions to Germany, committed suicide in his cell last night. He left a confession that he was a soldier, but couldn't bear to mount the scaffold as a spy.