

AUSTRIA STRIKES WITH AEROPLANES, FOLLOWING ITALY'S DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST THE DUAL MONARCHY

Governmental Arsenal at Venice Is Attacked in First Blow Struck in the War Between Italy and Austro-Hungary—Aircraft Make Violent Raids on Many Other Places

SWEEP ENTIRE EASTERN COAST

Unofficially Reported in London, by Way of Paris, That Germany Has Declared War on Italy and Has Recalled Prince Von Buelow, Her Ambassador at Rome

Rome, May 24. Via Paris.—Official announcement was made here to-day that Austrian aeroplanes have attacked the governmental arsenal at Venice. The aeroplane was driven off. Porto Corsini, Ancona, Barletta and Gessi also were attacked.

It is apparent from the foregoing dispatch that Austrian aeroplanes have swept virtually the entire eastern coast of Italy. From Venice, at the head of the Adriatic, they have made their way as far south as Barletta, a distance of 350 miles, committing acts of hostility during their progress. Barletta is 125 miles north of the Strait of Otranto, at the entrance to the Adriatic.

Granted that the aeroplanes started from Trieste or Pola, they did not have more than 80 or 90 miles to travel to reach Venice. Driven away here, they would appear to have turned south. Porto Corsini is the seaport of Ravenna and about 68 miles south of Venice. Ancona is another seaport on the Adriatic, 185 miles northeast of Rome and about 140 miles south of Venice in an air line.

Rome, May 23, Via Paris, May 24.—Lieutenant General Cadorn, chief of the Italian general staff, left for the front at 9.15 o'clock to-night.

Rome, May 24.—The value of Austrian and German ships now in Italian ports, which have been completely destroyed, is estimated at more than \$20,000,000.

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London, May 24, 10.42 A. M.—A dispatch from Paris to the Exchange Telegraph Company says a telegram from Basel stated that the Wolf agency announces Germany has declared war against Italy and recalled Prince Von Buelow, her Ambassador at Rome.

Italy's Declaration of War

Rome, via Paris, May 24.—Details concerning Italy's declaration of war against Austria-Hungary were given by Foreign Minister Sonnino this afternoon at a cabinet council which lasted three hours. He told also of communications sent to the allies and to neutral nations. Diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the belligerents also were discussed.

Baron Sonnino referred particularly to the relations between Italy and Germany expressing the belief that the latter would declare war as soon as official information was received regarding Italy's action against her ally. The council did not discuss military questions as they have been entrusted entirely to the general staff which will work in harmony with the commanders of the allies' forces.

A royal decree has been published providing for a rigid censorship. Authority is given to censor letters,

RULERS OF LATEST NATIONS AT WAR WITH EACH OTHER



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KING EMMANUEL, OF ITALY

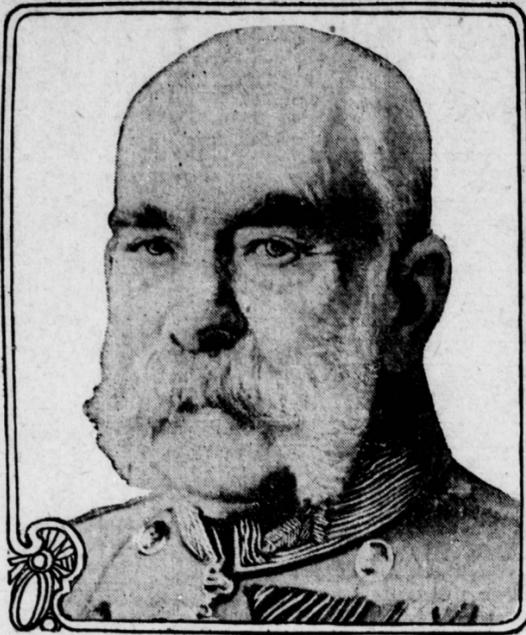


Photo by American Press Association.
EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH, OF AUSTRIA

SONS OF ITALY TO HOLD NEXT CONVENTION HERE

Salerno Wires From Pittsburgh That Tentative Plans Are Made to Celebrate "When Italy Takes Trieste and Trieste From Austria"

The Pennsylvania State Branch, Sons of Italy, in convention in the Fort Pitt hotel, Pittsburgh, this morning enthusiastically decided to hold the next State convention in Harrisburg in May, 1916, according to word received here this morning from V. F. Salerno, president of the Harrisburg lodge. Mr. Salerno is a delegate to the convention and is empowered by the Harrisburg and Steelton branches to invite the selection of a committee to hold the convention to come here next year. The selection of Harrisburg was also recommended by Grand Master A. Joseph Disilvestro, of Philadelphia.

The convention to-day took action supporting the stand of King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, in declaring war on Austria-Hungary. In this connection Mr. Salerno wired to the Star-Independent as follows:

"Have decided to have in Pennsylvania a great manifestation of the day that Italy will take away from Austria Trieste and Trieste."

WARSHIPS OF AUSTRIA ATTACK ITALY'S COAST

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AUSTRIANS RAZE TRACKS AND DYNAMITE BRIDGES

Paris, May 24, 4.05 A. M.—Austrian troops have torn up a section of the track of the railroad running between Voisno and Mailborghetto dynamiting one bridge and destroying another by shell fire according to a special dispatch from Verona.

The Austrians have retired behind their fortifications on the frontier of Trent. Forty thousand Tyrolean, Ruthenian and Bohemian troops have arrived at Trent. The police of that city are said to have arrested forty persons of pro-Italian sympathies. Twenty others, including two priests, have been taken into custody at Roverto. Signor De Biasi, an Italian, who formerly was a member of the Austrian parliament and his brother were arrested at Ala and sent to Bohemia as hostages. The bishop of Trent has declared he will remain in the city as long as a single building remains standing.

The mountains along the frontier from Val Adige to Val Sugana are swarming with Austrian soldiers. The frontier line has been outlined with an elaborate system of barbed wire entanglements through which electric currents can be passed.

The City Hall at Avio has been destroyed. The family of the Mayor escaped across the Italian frontier.

No Local Italians Called to Arms
No excitement was occasioned by the news of the declaration of war on Austria by King Victor Emmanuel of Italy last evening by local Italians. Those who are liable to be called to arms are anxiously reading the news dispatches of the war, but so far none of them have received the call.

RUSS SHIP IS SUNK; 1,400 MEN PERISH

Armored Man-of-War Panteleimon Meets With Disaster in the Black Sea

FATALITIES MAY BE INCREASED

Czar's War Vessel of More Than 12,000 Tons Displacement is Reported to Have Gone Down in the Black Sea—Was Built in 1897

Berlin, May 24, by Wireless to Sayville.—The Overseas News Agency to-day gave out the following: "According to a Bucharest dispatch the Russian armored man of war Winteileimon has been sunk, with 1,400 men in the Black Sea."

The foregoing evidently refers to the Russian battleship Panteleimon. This warship, whose destruction is said to have caused the loss of 1,400 lives, is put down in naval reference books as having a complement of about 740 men. In times of war, however, this number might be increased considerably.

The Panteleimon was built in 1897. She was 378 feet long. Her displacement was 12,582 tons. She carried four 12-inch guns, sixteen 6-inch, four 3-inch, six 3-pounders and five torpedo tubes.

WOMAN IS SERIOUSLY BURNED

Kerosene Can Exploded as Engineer's Wife Kindles Fire
Hagerstown, Md., May 24.—Mrs. G. H. Friend, wife of G. H. Friend, division engineer of the Western Maryland railroad, this city, was seriously and perhaps fatally burned at her home here to-day when a can of kerosene exploded in her hands.

Flames shooting out of the kitchen stove into which she had poured a quantity of the oil while kindling the fire caused the explosion. Mr. Friend ran to his wife's assistance and beat out the fire that ignited her clothing but not before she had been badly burned about the arms and legs.

A. R. Kip Victim of Epidemic
A. R. Kip, since 1899 a railway postal clerk running between New York and Pittsburgh, with headquarters in Harrisburg, died yesterday at his home in Newport, Perry county, a victim of the typhoid epidemic that has swept that town. Mr. Kip was stricken on April 29 and left the office here to go to his home. He was married and is survived by his family.

MILLAR, DOHONEY AND WOOD TO BE RETAINED

Public Service Commission, When It Reorganizes To-morrow, Will Probably Select Pennypacker as Chairman—Will Confer With Governor

The commissions for all of the members of the new Public Service Commission were sent to them on Saturday, having been made out in the State Department, and the new Commission will meet with Governor Brumbaugh at the Executive Department to-morrow morning for organization.

It is expected that Commissioner Pennypacker will again be made the chairman of the Commission, to which place he succeeded the late Judge Ewing, and the fact that he will be the longest in commission leads to the impression that he will have no opposition for first place in the body.

The Commission will also elect a secretary, inspector of accidents and marshal, and it is said that there will be no changes in these offices as at present filled. Archibald B. Millar, of Philadelphia, is the present secretary; John P. Dohoney, of Harrisburg, investigator of accidents, and George A. Wood, of Philadelphia, marshal.

After its organization to-morrow the Commission will go to its office and take up its work. The argument in the telephone rate case, scheduled for to-morrow, has been postponed until a future time in order that the new Commissioners may get acquainted with the facts in the case.

BUG STING PUTS YOUTH IN PERIL

Nelson Snavelly, of Royaltown, Is Delirious and in Great Danger of Death

LEG IS BLACK UP TO THE KNEE

Amputation May Be Performed in Hope of Saving Life of Youth Who Was Bitten on Ankle During Fishing Trip in Lancaster County

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Royaltown, May 24.—Nelson Snavelly, 12 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snavelly, of Allen street, is suffering from blood poisoning and fears are entertained by the family that the lad may die or that his right foot may have to be amputated, because of infection that is thought to have been caused by an insect's bite.

The youngster's condition is now alarming, he having been delirious for the last three days. Frequently he has been semi-conscious. The limb is black as far up as the knee.

Snavelly is a bright, energetic boy

5 ROBBERIES ATTEMPTED IN SUBURBS

Jewelry Valued at \$200 is Taken From Two Residences in Penbrook

PAXTANG HOMES ARE ENTERED

Evidence Indicates That Men Familiar With the Surroundings Were Responsible For An Alarming Number of Burglaries

Burglars gained entrance to two houses in Penbrook Saturday evening, during the absence of the families and made away with money and jewelry valued at \$200. In another instance, early Sunday morning, two men were frightened away from another Penbrook home after stealing two pairs of trousers. Two attempts were made to enter Paxtang homes early this morning, making a total of five attempted burglaries in the suburbs. Men familiar with the scenes of their operations are believed to have committed the crimes.

While the families were away Saturday evening, thieves gained entrance to the homes of H. K. Goodman, 2307 Hoffer street, and Ray L. Bolton, 2305 Hoffer street, Penbrook, just outside the eastern city limits.

They broke into the Goodman house by prying open a rear window in the dining room on the first floor with a jimmy. The house was ransacked and jewelry valued at almost a hundred dollars was taken. A woman's watch,

KILLED BY PITCHED BALL

Guy W. Ommert Succumbs to Injuries Received in Game at Palmyra

Guy W. Ommert, 17 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ommert, 1114 Green street, died in the Harrisburg Hospital Saturday night from a brain hemorrhage, the injury resulting from being struck by a thrown ball in a game Saturday afternoon at Palmyra. Ommert, catcher on the Harris Park nine, was struck on the head by a pitched ball in the third inning of the game.

He was not believed to be seriously hurt but after resting a while on the players' bench lapsed into unconsciousness and was brought to the Harrisburg Hospital. Autopsy at the Harrisburg Hospital showed that his skull was about one-third as thick as an ordinary skull.

Funeral services will be held at his home this evening at 7 o'clock. The Rev. Harry Nelson Bassler, pastor of the Second Reformed church, will officiate.

COUNTY GETS \$8,557 IN FEES FROM 3 OFFICIALS

Auditor Gives High Praise to Prothonotary Holler, Register Danner and Recorder Wickersham for Efficient Work in the Last Year

William B. Boyd, auditor appointed by the Dauphin county court to examine the financial statements of Dauphin county's Prothonotary, Recorder of Deeds Oscar G. Wickersham and Register of Wills Roy C. Danner, their several clerks and deputies, for the high state of efficiency existing in each of the several offices; for the manner in which the work of the offices is expedited; for the careful and accurate systems of accounting existing in each of the offices, and to thank each of the said officers for the valued assistance rendered your auditor by them.

According to the report of the auditor, the total of receipts in the office of the Prothonotary during 1914 was \$13,164.31. From that is to be deducted the \$2,000 salary of the Prothonotary, \$1,898.48 for office expenses, \$400 for solicitor's salary and \$228.90 for advertising, making a total of \$4,227.38. The excess fees, therefore, total \$8,936.93, fifty per cent, of which is to be paid to the county and the rest to the Prothonotary.

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MOTHER SUES FOR CHILD

Mrs. Leroy Colgate Asks Court to Compel Mother-in-law to Turn Over Baby to Her

Habeas corpus proceedings to obtain the custody of her infant son, Richard O. Colgate, were begun this morning by Mrs. Esther Colgate, 1622 Penn street, against her mother-in-law, Mrs. Catherine Colgate, of 1539 North Fifth street.

The mother-in-law is directed to show cause on June 7, at 10 o'clock, why she should not deliver the baby over to his mother. The proceeding is an outgrowth of a suit for maintenance filed by young Mrs. Colgate against her husband, Leroy Colgate.

Young Mrs. Colgate alleges that after she and her husband separated she left the baby at the home of her husband's parents, her idea being to leave the child there until she could obtain money to support the youngster. Since then she has asked for the child and declares the mother-in-law refused to give him up. The court a week ago ordered the young woman's husband to pay her \$4 a week maintenance money.

TRAINMEN'S BILL VANISHED

Measure Limiting Length of Trains Lost in "Pickling Vat"

Railroad trainmen who fought so vigorously against the repeal of the full crew law and were defeated in the Legislature are asking what became of the bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Burke, of Allegheny, himself a railroad conductor and a fighter against the repeal, limiting the length of railroad trains.

On the day the repealer was reported from committee Senator Burke introduced his bill which provided that no freight trains should be more than one-half mile long, and no passenger trains should consist of more than ten cars. It was expected that this bill would, in a manner, modify the trainmen for the loss of the full crew bill, but, if that was the intention, the plans went astray, as the bill never saw the light of day after it was sent to the Judiciary Special Committee, of which Senator Snyder, of Schuylkill, was chairman. In fact, it died in the Snyder "pickling vat" and was never heard of.

The full crew repealer is yet in the hands of the Governor for him to sign or reject.

KILLED IN 32-FOOT FALL

Charles Deardorf Crashes Through Skylight in Shimmell Building

Charles Deardorf, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Deardorf, 1509 Naudain street, died at 7 o'clock last evening from injuries received in a fall in the new Shimmell school building at Seventeenth and Catherine streets. The boy fell through the skylight over the auditorium to concrete floor thirty-two feet below.

To get to the roof of the auditorium young Deardorf and his companions had to mount from the second floor through a door about eight feet high by means of a carpenter's ladder. The lad fell through the first glass on the inside of the door. His companions ran for aid as soon as the accident happened but the boy died while being taken to the hospital. The building was broken into according to the school authorities.

PENITENTIARY FOR BANKER

Amos Hasler Sentenced to Serve Term of Two to Three Years

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Lebanon, Pa., May 24.—Amos Hasler, for some time the treasurer of the Farmers' Trust Company, of Myers-town, this county, who pleaded guilty to having embezzled funds amounting to between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and also to falsifying the records of the bank, was sentenced to-day to a term of not less than two years and not more than three years in the Eastern penitentiary, Philadelphia, by Judge C. V. Henry. He will be taken to Philadelphia this week.

2,000 ALLIES LEFT DEAD ON THE FIELD

Awful Slaughter Is Reported From Constantinople in the Gallipoli Campaign

THE FRENCH AND BRITISH SUFFER

Combined Attack of the Allied Forces on the Turkish Positions Near Seddul Bakr is Repulsed With Disaster to Armies of France and England

Constantinople, May 24, Via Amsterdam and London, 2.45 P. M.—Official announcement was made here to-day that an attack by the French and British forces yesterday on the Turkish positions near Seddul Bakr, on the southern end of Gallipoli peninsula, had been repulsed. It is stated the allies left 2,000 dead on the field.

The statement follows:

"The enemy on Sunday attacked near Seddul-Bahr, under the protection of his batteries and fleet, but notwithstanding the fact that he had reinforcements, we repulsed the attack. The enemy left 2,000 dead on the field, and we captured a machine gun.

"During the fight our fire caused a hostile aeroplane to fall into the sea.

Turkish Gun-boat Sunk
Constantinople, by Wireless to Berlin, May 24, 7.24 A. M.—An official statement issued last night by the Turkish general staff said:

"The twenty-five-year-old gunboat Pelenki-1-Deria was sunk this afternoon by a hostile submarine. Two members of the crew were killed but all the others escaped without injury."

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Hostilities between Italy and Austria opened early this morning with an Austrian sea raid on the Adriatic coast of Italy. An official statement from Rome says Austrian destroyers and torpedo boats fired on several points along the coast simultaneously with an attack by aeroplanes. It is asserted the attackers were driven off after a brief cannonade.

Attacks were made at Venice, Porto Corsini, Barletta and Gessi, showing that the raid extended over the greater part of the eastern shore. The only damage inflicted, so far as the Italian communication shows was at Ancona, where an attempt of aviators to blow up the railroad caused small injury.

An unofficial report from Berlin says the Russian Panteleimon has been sunk in the Black Sea, with the loss

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BODY IS FOUND IN GRAVE

Inquiry, Invited by Cemetery Officials, Shows It Wasn't Tampered With

The grave of a Middletown man who was buried in the Hillsdale cemetery, near Middletown, in December, last, was opened on Saturday evening and, as predicted by the directors of the cemetery association, who had publicly invited investigation of rumors that graves had been tampered with, it was found that the body had not been disturbed.

Several graves in which burials were made a number of years ago were to have been opened this morning, according to the relatives of the dead persons, but up until a late hour this afternoon nothing had been done in those cases. Weather conditions made it inadvisable to go on with the work to-day, it was said.

WORK RUSHED ON CAR PLANT

Extra Gangs Employed to Hurry Extensions in Middletown

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Middletown, Pa., May 24.—The Middletown Car Company to-day put several gangs of men on double turn so as to rush the work on the new buildings that now are being erected in accordance with the plant extension plan. These gangs will be employed chiefly with the concrete construction work.

One force went on the job at 6.30 o'clock this morning and the second went on duty at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon.

WALL STREET CLOSING

By Associated Press.
New York, May 24 (Wall Street).—Crucible Steel recovered some of its early prominence in the later dealings and obscure specialties, notably Colorado Fuel, became suddenly active at substantial advances. The closing was firm. The war and its latest developments engrossed speculative attention to-day, trading being largely limited to specialties.