

19 WARSHIPS SECRETLY IN VALLEY OF RHINE

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VICTOR EMMANUEL AT FRONT DIRECTING ARMY

Italian King Takes Command of Invading Forces and First Clash With German Troops Is Now Imminent.

PARIS, May 27.—A fleet of 19 aeroplanes raided the Rhine valley of Germany today, carrying their attack 100 miles inside of the German border, says an official communique given out by the war office.

This is the second great air raid by the allies within 48 hours, aerial attacks having been delivered all along the line on Tuesday when more than 200 bombs and projectiles were hurled upon German supply depots.

The communique states that all German counter attacks along the northern end of the battle front have been repulsed.

At Ludwigshafen, in Bavaria, on the Rhine river, the great plant of the Salsche Aniline Chemical works were destroyed by French aviators. Ludwigshafen is 90 miles east of Metz.

CLASH IS IMMINENT. BERLIN, Via Amsterdam, May 27.—The first clash between German and Italian troops is imminent, it has not already occurred. A German army corps is concentrated on the Trentino frontier, and is strongly entrenched. A dispatch to the Vossische Zeitung states that the main Italian army is approaching the Germans, being only two miles from their trenches when the message was sent.

Tomorrow's session of the Reichstag is awaited with great interest as an official declaration of war against Italy is expected at the session.

KING ARRIVES AT FRONT. ROME, May 27.—King Victor Emmanuel arrived at the front today and assumed supreme command of the Italian armies that are pressing into Austrian territory along the entire frontier from Switzerland to the Adriatic sea.

The king announced his assumption of the command with the following decree issued as an order of the day: "Soldiers! On land and sea the solemn hour of vindication of our national claims has sounded. Your indomitable dash will certainly defeat him."

"Following the example of my great ancestors I assume today the supreme command of the land and sea forces with your confidence of victory which your valor, self-sacrifice and discipline will bring."

"The enemy whom you prepare to fight is seasoned and worthy of you. He is favored by the ground and by scientific preparation. He will offer obstinate resistance but your indomitable dash will certainly defeat him."

"Soldiers, yours is the glory of availing the tri-color of Italy upon the sacred bounds which nature places as the confines of our country. Yours is the glory of accomplishing the work undertaken with so much heroism by our fathers."

Offensive Opens Auspiciously. The offensive campaign of the Italian armies has opened auspiciously, but the Austrians, withdrawing slowly to their first line of organized trenches are yet to strike their first blow. Their preparations are known to be complete, and even those most confident of the ultimate victory of the Italian forces admit that they will win only after desperate fighting.

It is, of course, impossible to see the strength of the Italian armies, but it is understood that the Italian war office that the Austrian and German forces concentrated along the line where they will oppose the Italian campaign number about 300,000. Most of them are seasoned veterans from the western and eastern theaters of war.

JOBLESS TO RIDE FREE? Chicago Commissioner of Welfare Would Have Fares Paid by City.

CHICAGO, May 27.—Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, newly appointed city commissioner of public welfare, today recommended to Mayor Thompson that the city pay the street car fare of jobless men who go about the city seeking employment. Her plan is to issue cards entitling the holder to free transportation, the city to settle for their fares with the transportation companies.

GIRL SCARED TO DEATH Mouse Runs from Under Furniture and Frightens Young Lady.

KENOSHA, Wis., May 27.—A coroner today decided that Miss Edna Engel, 17 years old, was literally scared to death by the sight of a mouse. The girl entered a room in her home when the little animal ran from under a piece of furniture. She became hysterical and died without regaining consciousness.

PREPARE DECISIVE ATTACK. ATHENS, May 27.—A dispatch from Mitylene states that the allies are preparing for a decisive general attack on the Dardanelles. Bombardment of all the Turkish positions on the European shores was read. Tuesday.

Latest Bulletins From War Zone

LONDON, May 27.—An Athens dispatch to the Star says that a submarine of the allies entered the Sea of Marmora yesterday, proceeded almost to Constantinople and sank a Turkish destroyer before the Ottoman capital.

BERLIN, May 27.—Hard fighting is going on all along the northern end of the battle line, but attempts of the French troops to break the German lines have all been repulsed, according to an official statement issued by the German war office this afternoon.

BERLIN, May 27.—An extraordinary demonstration of patriotism on the part of the women of Berlin was given when Emperor William arrived from the east on Wednesday. Breaking past the guards of soldiers many women rushed into the streets cheering and waving handkerchiefs as the motor car bearing the kaiser rushed by.

LONDON, May 27.—The steamship Morwenna of Montreal has been torpedoed off St. Anne's Head by a German submarine. The members of the Morwenna's crew were landed at Milford Haven, Wales, today.

The Morwenna was a ship of 1,414 tons, and was owned by the St. Lawrence Shipping Co. She flew the British flag.

PETROGRAD, May 27.—Seven generals of the Russian army have been removed from their commands as a result of the recent Austro-German successes in Galicia. They have been retired. Five others have been relieved of field service and attached to the commissary and transportation departments.

The change in the personnel of the commanding officers had been expected ever since Emperor Nicholas left for the front, and it therefore caused no surprise here.

VIENNA (via Berlin and Amsterdam), May 27.—Dispatches from Budapest report that the Austro-German troops in Galicia have reached and cut the railroad line between Przemysl and Lemberg, practically completing the investment of Przemysl.

WARSHIPS DAMAGED BY HEAVY GALE ON BAY. NEWPORT, R. I., May 27.—The battleships Georgia and Nebraska were damaged during a gale on Narragansett bay last night when they were driven into collision by the wind. Both ships lost some of their side gear. A portion of the Nebraska's bridge was carried away and some of her guns were slightly damaged.

Five United States naval vessels were more or less damaged in the northwest gale. The battleship Nebraska and the collier Orion and Cyclops were damaged. The Cyclops had several plates loosened when she dragged her moorings 20 fathoms and came up across the bow of the battleship. The ship was slightly damaged.

The battleship Georgia had been coaling and the collier Orion was tied up to her. Their anchors failed to hold and they collided with the battleship Nebraska.

CABINET GETS TOGETHER. Sterner Ideas of Warfare Expected from New British Government.

LONDON, May 27.—The first meeting of the new "national cabinet" was held today with Premier Asquith presiding. The meeting was for the purpose of organizing the duties of the new government department, the "ministry of munitions" were thoroughly discussed.

Sterner ideas of warfare may be expected to emanate from the coalition cabinet. The growing need of such ideas was among the fundamental causes of the reorganization of the government. German methods of warfare will be more closely followed.

YOUTHFUL KALAMAZOO ELOPERS THOUGHT TO HAVE STARTED SOUTH

A Kalamazoo couple, frustrated by parents and the law in their desire to become wedded, are thought to have fled on the way to South Bend or are already here. They are Luther Schaefer, 18 years old, and Theo Johnson, 16 years old. Both are well known in Kalamazoo, and it is said, were encouraged by friends to elope.

Their parents notified the Kalamazoo police, but too late to stop the flight. The sheriff in that city is certain that they have come to South Bend, and in a wire to the local department stated that he would come here to search for them.

The local police department has as yet failed to find any trace of them. The detectives have been stationed at the railroad station but have failed to report their arrival in the city.

DETROIT MOTOR CLUB TO PASS THROUGH CITY

The Wolverine Motor club of Detroit is due to pass through the city Friday enroute to Indianapolis to attend the races Saturday. Between 75 and 100 cars are expected. A short stop will be made here.

The scheduled endurance run of the Chicago Motor club for Thursday to Fort Wayne and which was to have passed through here, was postponed from Chicago headquarters.

BELIEVE GIRL MURDERED. Chicago Police Seek to Unravel Death Mystery.

CHICAGO, May 27.—The police today were working on the murder theory in investigating the death of Miss Annie Johnson, a Ludington, Mich., girl, who was found shot to death in a rooming house last night. The girl's hand held a revolver, but detectives asserted she could not have fired the shots that caused her death.

CUNARD ARRIVES SAFELY. LIVERPOOL, May 27.—The Cunard liner Orduna arrived safely this afternoon bringing war supplies from the United States.

PROCLAIM NEUTRALITY. COPENHAGEN, May 27.—All the Scandinavian countries, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, have proclaimed their neutrality in the war between Italy and Austria.

THREE WILDS SWEEP OVER SOUTHWEST

Tornado and Floods Cause of Property Damage of More Than \$1,000,000—Arkansas River Rises 25 Feet.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 27.—Thirty persons were reported dead and 50 injured as the result of a series of storms and floods in the territory to the west and north of Kansas City last night and today.

Six were reported drowned and 50 injured in the vicinity of Tahleah and Checotah, Okla., five were drowned in Nebraska, and two were killed by a tornado near Limon, Colo. Wire communication with the affected territory is seriously hampered.

Property damage throughout Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma is heavy and will reach more than \$1,000,000.

Fears of serious floods throughout that section are increasing. The Arkansas river at Fort Smith has risen to 25 feet, three feet above flood stage, and the Poteau river, a tributary, was a raging torrent. A cloud burst was reported at Poteau, Okla., but the extent of the damage has not been learned. All danger of floods in Kansas City is believed to have passed. Residents living along Turkey Creek, who left their homes last night when an overflow was feared, were moving back today. Reports from a number of points in Kansas and Missouri continued to tell of high water and unprecedented rains.

GERMANS SENT TO AID AUSTRIA AGAINST ITALY. Twenty Thousand Troops Rushed to Frontier in 24 Hours—Terror in Trentino.

ON THE ITALIAN FRONTIER, Via Paris, May 27.—Twenty thousand German troops have passed through Salzburg toward the Italian frontier during the last 24 hours. These forces come from the western war theater.

Other German troops from the eastern theater are rushing to the southern front through Innsbruck. An entire Austrian corps is enroute from Silesia, whence 30 batteries have been transferred to Trentino.

German machine guns have been placed in position near Gradisca and the surrounding district mined. Terror prevails in Trentino, where the Austrians are reported to have executed many Italians as spies. Five hundred have been imprisoned since Sunday.

PEACE SENTIMENT STRONG. Grand Army Head Says Nation Wants to Avoid War.

CHICAGO, May 27.—"This is a peace anniversary year. Just half a century ago the most terrible struggle this country ever had seen ended with peace declared between the north and south. The peace cry is ringing today. In my travels over the country I have found a strong peace sentiment everywhere. People deplore war and the thought of war. The sentiments are such that the United States avoid war now, if such a course can be honorably pursued."

This was the sentiment voiced today by Gen. David J. Palmer, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who with Mrs. Sarah E. Fulton, national commander of the woman's relief corps stopped for a few hours in this city enroute from Minneapolis to Marion, Ind.

FAMILY DISAPPEARS. Leave in Automobile from Union City, Mich., and Drop Out of Sight.

ROCHESTER, Ind., May 27.—After leaving Union City, Mich., last Thursday for Rochester, Ind., in an automobile, W. E. Grey, his wife and two granddaughters have completely disappeared. The police authorities in Indiana and Michigan towns have been unable to trace or find any sign of the party. Today George Grey of Union City, Ind., and W. H. Grey of Rochester started out in search of their party.

ZEPPELINS IN NEW RAID 35 MILES FROM LONDON

One Killed and Two Hurt When Airmen Drop Bombs at Southend.

LONDON, May 27.—A fleet of Zeppelin airships delivered an attack against the British coast today, the mouth of the Thames river today, but were driven off by high angle guns and British aeroplanes before they could do any extensive destruction.

The attack centered about Southend-On-Sea, in Essex on the northern side of the Thames estuary, about 35 miles from the center of London.

Twenty incendiary bombs were dropped at Southend, causing several fires and killing a girl. Another girl and a woman were wounded and several other persons were less seriously hurt.

There were reported to be four Zeppelins in the fleet which was first sighted at 11:15 last night. The great dirigibles maneuvered, keeping high in the air, but eventually they descended until they were within range of the anti-aircraft guns. One was reported to be seen speeding toward London.

This was the 16th air raid of the Germans over the east coast. The balloons are believed to have crossed the North sea from Zebrugg. Two of the Zeppelins flew over Burnham-On-Crouch, seven miles north of Southend, but no bombs were dropped there.

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RALSTON ON RECORD FAVORING WILSON POLICIES ON WAR

INDIANAPOLIS, May 27.—Gov. Ralston today unqualifiedly endorsed the war leadership of President Wilson, when he refused to participate in a movement for a larger army and navy, engineered by the National Security League of New York, which seeks to call a peace and preparation congress in New York June 14 and 15, and asked the governor to attend or send representatives. The governor replied, by telegraph, as follows: "I am averse to taking any steps toward making preparation for international war that does not have the sanction of President Wilson. Movements of this character might become more embarrassing than helpful to the president and the country. "Samuel M. Ralston, Governor."

DOG AND MONKEY FIRST TO SOUND CRY ON RYNDAM

Passengers on Liner Rammed by Fruit Steamer Warned of Danger by Frenzied Barking and Screeching.

MAN BREAKS WOODEN LEG IN RUSH FOR BOATS

Cheer's Greet Vessel as It Is Towed Up Harbor by Tug—Captain Reports That Crew Worked Admirably.

NEW YORK, May 27.—Still terrified, bedraggled and incoherent, 78 women, children and men passengers of the Holland-American liner Ryndam at Hoboken, N. J., by the tug Robert C. Millard. Awakened at 3:55 a. m. yesterday by the frantic barking of a dog and the frenzied screeching of a monkey, when the Ryndam was rammed by the fruit steamer Joseph J. Cuneo, the passengers were in terror of their lives until taken aboard the United States battleship South Carolina, which brought them into New York harbor early this morning.

Awakened by Barking. "I was sound asleep," said Miss George, "when my dog and monkey woke me up with a tremendous racket. I hurried into the companion way and was told we were in collision. Awful women, children and men, awakened by my pets, were pouring out of their cabins and I screamed repeatedly to arouse those who had not been awakened in collision. Awful women, children and men, awakened by my pets, were pouring out of their cabins and I screamed repeatedly to arouse those who had not been awakened in collision. Awful women, children and men, awakened by my pets, were pouring out of their cabins and I screamed repeatedly to arouse those who had not been awakened in collision."

"It was somewhere near 4 o'clock in the morning when I was awakened by a bumping noise on the side of the ship. It sounded like we had hit some small object, driftwood or something, and I did not get up. In a few minutes I heard a loud noise outside, and a steward knocked at my door and told me I had better dress and get out, as the ship had been hit by another steamer."

No Panic on Deck. "I dressed quickly and ran upon deck. Many passengers were before me, but there was no panic. It was very clear and I could see what was going on."

"We even could see the name of the vessel that struck us, the Cuneo. She was backing away slowly. Her bows were stove in."

"In a moment the stewards told us to get into the boats. There was no hurry. We had plenty of time to get our baggage."

"We were transferred without accident to the Cuneo and later to the South Carolina."

While the passengers of the Ryndam were telling their stories early today, the Joseph J. Cuneo, with her bows badly damaged, passed Sandy Hook at 6:40 a. m., bound in for repairs.

An amusing experience of the collision was that of Aaron Yount, an officer of New York, bound for Rotterdam. In the excitement of taking to the boats, Yount slipped on the deck and broke his leg.

"Shall I call the surgeon, sir?" asked a soldier in uniform. "No, call the carpenter," laughed Yount.

Wooden Leg Broken. It was a wooden leg that was broken, and the first passenger taken aboard the tug and after him came the wooden leg, carefully wrapped.

Dr. Grete Eerer of Baltimore was one of the first cabin passengers. He said: "Naturally when we were struck everybody thought it was either a torpedo or a mine."

The passengers were awakened from sound sleep and as they had been reading and hearing nothing but war, they immediately concluded, without stopping to think out a calculation, that the Ryndam had blown up.

"It was the frightful noise and the excited dog and monkey that first awakened me, but before I could dress a steward knocked on the door and told me to hurry on deck, that we had been rammed."

"Nobody was injured but the man with the wooden leg. Only one passenger appeared on deck with only her night gown on. Somebody loaned her a rain coat after we reached the Cuneo."

It was ghostly sight when finally the Ryndam limped up the bay not long before midnight.

Cheer's Greet Liner. Cheer after cheer went up from the watchers as the liner passed quarantine, her name showing clearly on her side. A big hole in her side, covered with tarpaulin was the only sign of the accident.

Her passengers, quartered at the Meyer hotel, Brooklyn, and elsewhere, will resume their interrupted voyage on the Ryndam when she is again seaworthy.

The upper bay was very thick early today and the transfer of the Ryndam's passengers to the Millard was extremely difficult because of lowering tide and the rough choppy sea.

SENT TO PENAL FARM. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 27.—William Boyer, driver of a jitney auto, addressed obscene language to a street car motorman in the hearing of a car filled with passengers. Today he began serving a 45-day fine and 180 days on the penal farm near here.

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