

AUSTRIA AND ITALY ASK UNITED STATES TO ACT FOR THEM

Governments Request Uncle Sam to Take Charge of Interests in Case of Outbreak of Hostilities. INSTRUCTIONS SENT EMBASSIES Germany Will Ask Switzerland to Act for It in Case it Becomes Involved.

PASSPORTS NOT YET DEMANDED

BULLETIN. BERLIN (Via London), May 19.—The Rome Correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt today sends a pessimistic dispatch from the Italian capital declaring: "The short parliamentary interlude is ended. The street has won."

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Both Austria and Italy have asked the United States to care for their diplomatic interests in Rome and Vienna, respectively, in the event of a severance of diplomatic relations. The Washington government has instructed its embassies at the two capitals to be in readiness to do so.

It is regarded here as assured that if Italy and Austria declare a state of war, it will be extended also as between Italy and Germany and Turkey. As yet there has been no request from Germany to have the United States act for it in Rome. Germany is reported to have asked Switzerland to take its interests.

It is known that the American embassies abroad have been instructed to employ such additional clerical help as may be necessary and to prepare for the extra work.

Austria Offers Concessions. ROME, May 19.—(Via Paris, May 19.)—At the Austrian and German embassies tonight denial was made of the reports that Prince von Buelow, the German ambassador, and Baron von Macchio, the Austrian ambassador, had demanded their passports, or that their departure is imminent.

Foreign Minister Sonnino is reported to have informed the council of ministers at its session this evening that offers of additional territorial concessions have been received from Austria.

Alliance Treaty Denounced. The green book containing diplomatic documents designed to show the attitude of Italy since the beginning of the war and the efforts made to reconcile the obligations of the triple alliance with Italian national aspiration was "set up" in one night by the typewriters employed by the Chamber of Deputies.

Every precaution was taken to prevent the printers from communicating with persons outside their office, and they were reminded that any betrayal of the secrets contained in the green book would make them punishable by several years imprisonment under the law recently enacted for the defense of the state.

The green book is said to show that Italy fights it will be because of necessity, and that during the negotiations with Austria the representatives of the dual monarchy apparently have failed to realize that Italy was firmly determined to enter the war if it were unable to obtain satisfactory territorial concessions by diplomatic action.

The documents indicate that Austria failed from the first to understand that one of Italy's chief purposes was to have it recognize the justice of the demands made by this country. For Italy it was a question of maintaining its dignity before the world and gaining its object at any cost.

Italy Prepares Green Book. The green book contains also the note of May 4 in which Italy after summarizing Austria's course had been contrary to the letter and spirit of the triple alliance treaty, denounced that treaty.

In explanation of the manner in which the treaty was denounced it may be (Continued on Page Two—Column One.)

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Thursday. For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity. Rain; not much change in temperature. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Comparative Local Record. Highest yesterday 44, lowest yesterday 42, mean temperature 42.5, precipitation .4, wind velocity 11.6.

LAST PICTURE OF PATED LUSITANIA on the high seas. Photo shows an armed English man holding up the Lusitania to give instructions as to escape.



Cushing Captain Says Airman Flew Over Ship in Effort to Wreck It

PHILADELPHIA, May 19.—Captain Lars Larsen Heland of the American oil tanker Cushing arrived here today with his ship and submitted to its crew a report dealing with the attack made on the Cushing on April 23 by a German aeroplane, which dropped three bombs, one of which struck the hull of the vessel.

In this report the captain refers to the bomb dropping as a "dastardly act, a deliberate attempt to sink an unarmed vessel and murder the members of the crew." A copy of this report will be forwarded to the State department at Washington.

The German airman swept in narrow circles over the tanker, trying to get directly over the funnel, with the idea, apparently, of dropping a bomb down it and wrecking its engine room. The crew, at first swarming on deck quickly beat a retreat to the forecastle, and no one was hurt by the explosion of the bomb which did strike the Cushing.

The attack occurred while the Cushing was about twenty-five miles from Newport and eight miles from the North Blinder lightship. It was near 7 o'clock in the evening, but the sun had barely touched the horizon and there was ample light for the officers and crew to see the attack.

ANNEXATION GOES INTO THE COURTS

Selby Plaintiff in a Suit to Enjoin Holding of Election to Vote on Merger. DATE FOR HEARING NOT SET

The threatened attack by South Omaha and Dundee interests on annexation was started late yesterday in district court. It took the form of an injunction suit against the election commissioner, to prevent the holding of the election called by Governor Morehead for June 1, at which the voters are to pass upon the law passed by the last legislature.

Plan to Work for A Greater Omaha

The committee organized at the Commercial club some days ago to get out a large vote for the Greater Omaha election, June 1, has pretty definitely outlined its campaign. Many speakers to deliver street speeches and speeches at improvement club meetings are to be engaged. The committee is to appoint a corps of captains, two for each ward in the city. These captains are to appoint lieutenants for each precinct. These men are to work all day at the polls getting out the vote. Besides these, all the retail and wholesale establishments are to have at least one lieutenant each to work among the employees of each plant to see that they go to the polls and cast their votes.

ITALY SOON IN MARKET FOR HORSES AND MULES

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., May 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Information received by horse buyers and agents of several governments here today indicated that Italy will be a heavy buyer. Orders are said to have been received today for tested and inspected animals for such consignment. In the meantime the recent reported order of \$600,000 to be bought through the central west assembling here and consigned to European points, is apparently being filled as shipments are made out as soon as a carload or several carloads are on hand.

CHIEF OF ITALY STAFF ARRIVES NEAR FRONTIER

Lieutenant Count Cardorna, Commander of Victor Emmanuel's Armies, Now at Vicenza, Close to Border.

FLAGS OF THE ALLIES CHEERED

Enthusiastic Crowds Carry French and British Colors Through Milan Streets.

BUELOW'S BAGGAGE IS ON WAY

AMSTERDAM, May 19.—(Via London.)—The Cologne Gazette says it learns from Berné that the Austrian and German consul general left Rome yesterday with their staffs.

PARIS, May 19.—Lieutenant General Count Cardorna, Italian chief of staff, has arrived with his staff at Vicenza, near the Austrian frontier.

Freight Traffic Stopped. GENEVA, Switzerland, May 19.—(Via Paris.)—Several servants, having in charge heavy baggage bearing the monogram of Prince von Buelow, German ambassador at Rome, arrived at Chiasso, Switzerland, yesterday. Freight traffic between Italy and Germany by way of Switzerland has been stopped.

Cheering crowds carried British and French flags through the streets of Milan yesterday.

New Russ Army Appears. A telegram from Innsbruck states that a strong new Russian army, coming from Besarabia, is flinging back the Austro-Hungarian forces in Bukovina and is marching toward Central Galicia, with the object of joining the principal Russian army.

A telegram from Salonki says the Germans have lost forty-three officers and 68 sailors in fighting at the Dardanelles during the last six days. In the vicinity of Constantinople trains have been stopped, owing to shortage of coal. No food supplies are reaching the city and distress is increasing.

Rate Cracks Confer On New Division of Rail Wear and Tear

(From a Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON, May 19.—(Special Telegram.)—U. G. Powell of Lincoln, rate expert of the Nebraska Railroad commission, arrived in the city this morning, to attend a conference of commissioners from the west, who will present to the Interstate Commerce commission their views on division of expenses between freight and passenger rates.

The Interstate commission will on July 1 require the railroads to re-adjust their charges on the two principal sources of revenue and the commission will depend largely upon the showing as to the relative wear and tear on rolling stock and trackwork of two classes of traffic.

Mr. Powell is also deeply interested in the so-called western Iowa case, which was argued before the Interstate Commerce commission today. The commission acquiesced in certain rates fixed by the railroads from Iowa into Nebraska and Kansas upon a distance basis. But the Rock Island asked for a re-hearing, claiming that the Nebraska rates were confiscatory. Judge J. H. Henderson of Des Moines, who also arrived this morning, appears for the state of Iowa.

The whole question revolves itself into whether the shippers from Iowa shall be required to pay greater rates to Nebraska and Kansas than they now do and Mr. Powell is on hand to see that Omaha shippers are not compelled to pay increased rates into interior Nebraska and Kansas points.

RESISTLESS TEUTON SWEEP CONTINUING

Allies Repulse Strong Russian Forces Holding Way North-east of Jaroslau. 7,000 SLAVS MADE CAPTIVES

VIENNA (Via London), May 19.—9:05 p. m.—The following Austrian official war statement was given out here tonight: "The Teutonic allied troops who advanced to the east bank of the San river (Galicia) yesterday repulsed strong Russian forces which offered resistance northeast of Jaroslau."

Counter Attacks Repulsed. "We captured Sienawa and forced a crossing of the San, taking 7,000 prisoners and eight guns. Early morning counter attacks were repulsed in stubborn fighting."

"On the upper Dniester river and in the district of Stry the fighting is proceeding. Our attacking columns stormed several Russian positions on the heights north of Sambor and captured places which had been defended obstinately by the enemy."

"On the Pruth line there is nothing important to report. In Russian Poland fighting is proceeding in the hilly district of Rieloc."

Fighting is Continuous. PETROGRAD, May 19.—(Via London.)—Fighting is proceeding continuously along a 200-mile battle front in Galicia from the mouth of the San river to Kolomea. The Russians are sending in troops as rapidly as possible to meet the ten German and twenty-four Austrian corps (about 1,200,000 men) said to be operating on this front.

Operations along the San may be considered as in three sections: The first from Przemysl south to the Carpathian foothills; the second from Przemysl north to the mouth of the Wisloka; the third from the Wisloka to Sandomir in Russian territory.

A date for hearing prior to June 1 will be fixed by the court. The plaintiff asks a temporary, and later, a permanent injunction forbidding the holding of the election, making no request for a temporary restraining order.

ANOTHER HIS REASON. Mr. Selby describes himself in the petition as a freeholder and taxpayer and assigns as his reason for attempting to prevent the election that it will cause an illegal expense to be charged against the treasury of Dundee. The holding of the election would cause him and other taxpayers irreparable injury, he declares to the court.

The petition sets forth that the annexation law is unconstitutional in the following particulars: "The law is unconstitutional because it will cause an illegal expense to be charged against the treasury of Dundee. The holding of the election would cause him and other taxpayers irreparable injury, he declares to the court."

POLICY UNCHANGED BY CABINET MOVE

New Ministry to Be Formed, with Prosecution of War as the Sole Object.

NOTHING IS ARRANGED AS YET

LONDON, May 19.—Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons today that steps were in contemplation which involved a reconstruction of the government upon a broader personal and political basis.

"Nothing has been definitely arranged as yet," the premier said, "but in order to avoid any possible misapprehension, I wish to make clear here and now three things."

Policy the Same. "First, any changes will not affect the position of the prime minister or of the foreign secretary; second, there will be no change of any kind in the policy of the country as regards the continued prosecution of the war with all possible energy and by means of every available resource, and third and last, and of great importance to the honorable friends behind me, and I have no doubt, to the opposition, is this: Any reconstruction of the cabinet that may be made will be for the purposes of the war alone and will be taken in any quarter or for any reason as indicating anything in the nature of a surrender or compromise on the part of any person or body of persons of their several political ideals."

"This is as far as I can go. Nothing definite yet has taken place, but if any arrangement is made the house will have the fullest opportunity of expressing its views."

Greeted with Cheering. The reference of the premier to the prosecution of the war was greeted with loud and prolonged cheering.

The prime minister was followed by Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, who said: "I think it only necessary to say on behalf of my friends and myself that at this stage, our only consideration in regard to the further step to be taken is the sole idea of what is the best method of finishing the war successfully and we leave out of our minds absolutely all considerations, political and otherwise, beyond that."

"Of course, if such an arrangement should take place, it is obvious our convictions on other subjects will remain unchanged, and will be settled when the war is over."

Labor Party Accepts. The labor party decided at a meeting this afternoon to accept Premier Asquith's invitation to be represented in the new coalition government. Arthur Henderson will join the cabinet, William Bruce and another labor member will be appointed to minor posts.

In the course of an address in the Guild Hall today Andrew Bonar Law said concerning the rumored cabinet coalition, "Such a combination would be useless and perhaps worse than useless, except as a means to a combination of the nation—a nation organized from top to bottom for the purpose of ending this war."

Low Temperatures Delay Growth of Corn and Spring Wheat

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Unusually cool weather has hindered rapid growth of spring wheat and corn in the heavy producing regions during the last week, but the weather was very favorable, in the more important yielding sections of the winter wheat belt, the weather bureau announced today in its national weather and crop bulletin. Cotton had the most favorable week of the season.

Winter wheat has been damaged by the Hessian fly or chinch bugs in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, but the extent is still uncertain, although indications point to a considerable loss in Kansas and western Missouri.

Oats, hay and grass made satisfactory progress and the outlook for fruit continues favorable except in the northern districts, where the severe cold has doubtless caused considerable damage. Truck crops in the south have greatly improved.

Allies Silence Fort at Narrows of Dardanelles

LONDON, May 19.—A message from MYLON, forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph company, says the allies have silenced the Turkish fortifications at Kild Bahr, on the European side of the Dardanelles, at the end of the narrowest Constantinople. The fall of Nagara, on the Asiatic side, across from Kild Bahr, is said to be imminent. The Turks are sending reinforcements to their positions along the Gulf of Smyrna.

Allege Fraud in Army Hat Contract

NEW YORK, May 19.—The United States of North America in convenient form, have passed a resolution demanding an investigation by the War department or by congress into government contracts in the manufacture of hats for the United States army. The resolutions charged that the government was being defrauded and that while the government paid only \$1.19 for the army hat it should cost \$1.25 to manufacture it, according to specifications.

Snowstorm Unabated Out at Ellsworth

ELLSWORTH, Neb., May 19.—The snow storm that began yesterday has continued unabated with a depth now of one foot on the ground and no sign of abatement. The snow is wet and heavy, causing considerable inconvenience to stock. The storm is the longest in duration known here for the month of May.

DEFEAT OF RUSS CAUSES GLOOM IN GREAT BRITAIN

Official Dispatches from Petrograd Admit Retirement Along the River San is Still Under Way.

SOME GAINS FURTHER EAST

Rain and Thick Mists Cause Practical Suspension of Operations in the West

CABINET CHANGE IS INEVITABLE

LONDON, May 19.—England, distracted by the political upheaval which is expected to end in a coalition government, finds little time to interest itself in war news, but nevertheless the Russian situation is causing a feeling of pessimism.

The official Russian announcements do not wholly confirm the pessimistic special dispatches from Petrograd, but they admit that the Russian retirement along the river San is still under way. At the same time they claim that the Russians have been able to resume the offensive on the left bank of the Vistula, a movement which may result, it is explained, in outflanking the Germans attacking Przemysl.

Rout Not Complete. The Austrian rout in east Galicia is not yet complete, according to London's information, but the impression is growing here that the defeat of the Teutonic allies in this section has been severe enough to prevent the complete success of the wholesale offensive movement which they initiated along the eastern front.

Military experts in London today are characterizing the retreat of the Russian Third army as a masterly feat which must have cost the victors dearly.

Offensive is Really Defensive. The Russian offensive in east Galicia stands out today as in reality a defensive movement made necessary by the fact that the Austrians constituted a serious menace to the left flank of the Russian armies in Galicia.

In France and Belgium bad weather again is impeding operations, continuous rain and thick mists making vigorous action impossible. The British north of La Bassée, and the French north of Arras, had light their recent gains, but they have not been able to move forward.

Italy seems no nearer war today than it did yesterday, but persistent reports are reaching London that the Teutonic ambassadors in Rome have been handed their passports and will leave today.

Several of the London morning newspapers make definite announcement of the resignation of Baron Fisher, first sea lord. The different party organs agree that the formation of a coalition government is inevitable.

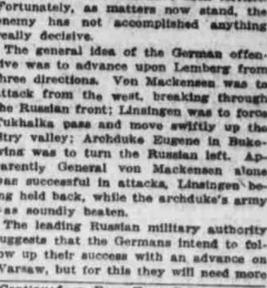
Russians Lose All Ground Gained. As the result of the latest German tactics, says a dispatch to the Mail from Petrograd, all that had been accomplished by the Russians in the Carpathians has been undone and months have been added to the duration of the war.

"If the German plans had succeeded completely, if General Linsingen's army had been as fortunate as General Von Mackensen's, if the Austrians in Bukovina had been triumphant, if the Baltic invasion had resulted in the capture of Riga, the blow would have been terrific. Fortunately, as matters now stand, the enemy has not accomplished anything really decisive."

The general idea of the German offensive was to advance upon Lemberg from three directions. Von Mackensen was to attack from the west, breaking through the Russian front; Linsingen was to force Tulkhina pass and move swiftly up the Stry valley; Archduke Eugene in Bukovina was to turn the Russian left. Apparently General von Mackensen alone was successful in attacks, Linsingen being held back, while the archduke's army was soundly beaten.

The leading Russian military authority suggests that the Germans intend to follow up their success with an advance on Warsaw, but for this they will need more (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

THE WANT-AD WAY



Little Jack Horner sat in the corner reading the Want Ad pages. An ad he spied, he read with pride. "Boy Wanted"—just his age.

Now, the tale they tell is exceedingly swell. Of the riches he made, oh, my! His money is such, if he wanted to, He could always eat Christmas pie.

Many a man now in a responsible position first got his start through The Omaha Bee. Help Wanted ads. If you want work or a chance to better your present position, read the Help Wanted ads each day. On the other hand, if you are an employer and in need of intelligent help, telephone Trier 1000. PUT IT IN THE OMAHA BEE.