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ITALY DECLARES WAR ON AUSTRIA

Formal Notification Is Delivered in Vienna.

FIRST SKIRMISH REPORTED

Italian Residents Are Being Hunted—Fate of 600 in Trieste Is Unknown.

PATROL IS DRIVEN BACK

Alpine Chasseurs Are First to Take Part in War on Side of Allies.

ROME, via Paris, May 23.—Contemporaneously with the issuance of a general mobilization order, the Italian Government tonight officially announced that it had declared war against Austria-Hungary.

The first skirmish of the Italo-Austrian war occurred between Italian and Austrian troops at Forcellini di Montozzo, in the pass between Pont di Legno and Pejo today.

Austrian Patrol Driven Back.
An Austrian patrol crossed the frontier, but was attacked by Italian Alpine Chasseurs and driven back over the border.

The Roma Tribuna says that the state of war begins tomorrow, May 24.

Baron von Macchio, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to Italy, received his passports at 3:30 o'clock, the report says, and will leave tonight or tomorrow morning.

The Italian Ambassador at Vienna, Baron Avarna, has been recalled.

30,000 Italians Reported Detained.
The report reaching Rome that the German and Austrian Governments have prevented 30,000 Italians from leaving the territory of those countries has created a profound impression here.

The Giornale d'Italia declines to believe the truth of this report, not only because this would be opposed to the rights of nations, but for the reason that the Italian Government not only permitted the departure of Austrian and German from Italian soil, but protected these nationals.

Fate of 600 Is Unknown.
From the Austrian side of the frontier, news reaches Udine that the Italian residents are actually being hunted, that the fate of 600 who left Trieste, hoping to reach Italy is unknown and that the greatest anxiety for their safety is felt.

At Rovigno, in Istria, 62 Italian citizens have been arrested. These include the Mayor, Signor d'Avanzo, and the secretary of the municipality. All Italian citizens residing near the fortifications of Pola have been taken into custody by the police and at Cormons, on the frontier, 1000 Italians, for the most part women and children, have been concentrated and prevented from leaving the territory.

Resident of Trieste Hanged.
A Verona dispatch says that Mario Weber, of Trieste, who, notwithstanding his German name, was an ardent Italian, enlisted in the French army when the war began. He was taken prisoner by the Germans and when it was learned that he had resided in Trieste he was handed over to the Austrian authorities and was hanged yesterday at Linz.

The population of the town of Trent, one of Austria's strongly fortified towns, has been reduced one-fifth. During the last two days the inhabitants have been terrified by the explosion of mines, with which the military authorities were destroying houses, bridges and everything within the fortified zone that might interfere with future artillery actions.

People Ready to Leave Trent.
The remainder of the residents of Trent have been notified to be in readiness to leave instantly.

LONDON, May 24.—The Italian Ambassador at Vienna on Sunday afternoon presented a formal declaration of war to Baron Burian von Rajecz, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister.

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RECORDER OF TALK BY WIRE INVENTED

EDISON PERFECTS TELESCOPE AFTER 38 YEARS' WORK.

Conversation at Distance of 3000 Miles May Be Left for One Intended, if Absent.

WEST ORANGE, N. J., May 23.—(Special.)—That he has finished his 35 years of labor on a new invention which he has styled the "telescribe," was the announcement today of Thomas A. Edison at his laboratory here. The device will record telephone conversations, even though the speakers are 3000 miles apart, and a simple, small box on a business man's desk will be his guarantee against misunderstanding the language used by him to others, as well as being an insurance that he got the messages to himself accurately.

The contrivance consists of a sensitive telephone, arranged for desk use, with controlling buttons to operate a special recording device conveniently placed near it. The telephone receiver is placed on a small amplifier and the sender's message can be given and studied when the recipient arrives in his office.

One of the economies of the new affair in long distance calls was explained as follows: If a party calls another on a business matter and is informed the one sought is not in the office, a button may be pushed by the party answering the telephone and the sender's message can be given and studied when the recipient arrives in his office.

WIRELESS CAUGHT BY KITE

Plan Used by German Raider to Get News Is Revealed.

LIVERPOOL, May 6.—Some interesting particulars as to how the captain of the German raider, Kronprinzin Mittel-Friedrich, is now being informed in the United States, intercepted wireless messages and avoided the attention of the British warships, is given by the captain of the British ship Inverce, one of the Kronprinzin Mittel's victims.

The British captain said: "They rigged up an eight-foot kite, used the thin wire of Lord Thompson's sounding machine, made this fast to the kite and attached to it the wireless receiver. Every night they would send up the kite and catch every bit of wireless news that was going. Their own wireless would only be used in case of use of the kite arrangement they could hear up to 2500 miles. The news that was picked up in this way was written out in German and put up on a bulletin board.

"These kites had to be flown against the wind, and on a calm day it was the course of the ship had to be altered so as to bring the wind ahead. They lost 16 kites during the time I was on the ship, but they had enough to make as many more as they wanted."

BUSINESS GOOD IN CHINA

Commerce Not Seriously Affected by War in Europe.

PEKIN, April 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Julian H. Arnold, the newly-appointed American Consul, has returned to Peik after a tour of the principal business centers of China. Contrary to his expectations, he found the war had not seriously affected Chinese commerce; in fact, many lines of business have been greatly benefited as a result of the war.

The price of antimony, of which China produces a fair quantity, has risen four-fold, and cow hides are now selling for more than twice as much as they brought prior to the war. Most of the purchases are being made by the Japanese, who are now manufacturing arms, ammunition, leather and general equipment for the Russian army.

Trade in the British colony of Hongkong has suffered severely owing to the fact that from 70 to 80 per cent of all business done at the port was through German firms. Canton, being the nearest Chinese port, has consequently suffered also. Nevertheless, there is great confidence among business men there.

In Hankow and Shanghai there has been a good business showing.

SWISS SEEKING SUPPLIES

Import Trust Proposed, Now That Nation Is Hemmed In.

BASEL, Switzerland, via Paris, May 23.—Swiss federal authorities are contemplating the formation of an import trust that will operate on the same lines as The Netherlands organization, which is now being organized. The trust shall control the importation of raw materials into the country, at the same time giving satisfactory guarantees that the materials sent will not be allowed to come to the hands of any belligerent power.

Already the Swiss government has begun negotiations with powers with the object of obtaining supplies of food and material for her manufacturers. It is proposed to appoint a board, which is hemmed in by Germany on the north, Austria on the east, Italy on the south and France on the west.

FIREMAN'S BURIAL TODAY

Engine No. 2 to Attend Services of Fred P. Klose, Who Killed Self.

Funeral services for Fred P. Klose, the fireman who died Saturday morning from the effects of a self-inflicted shot wound, will be held at 2:30 P. M. today in Finley's chapel. Interment will be in Rose City Cemetery. Engine Company No. 2, of which Mr. Klose was a member, will attend the service in a body. Delegations probably will be sent from other companies of the fire bureau.

Mr. Klose was 28 years old. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise Klose, one child and his father, M. J. Klose, of New York City. He shot himself following a quarrel with his wife over his alleged attentions to another woman.

ITALY READY FOR SHARP SWIFT BLOW

Army and Navy Are Keen for Action.

FOES MAY TRY TO INVADE

Germans Hope to Carry War Into Italy at Once.

BERLIN TO BE IN CHARGE

800,000 Bavarians and Hungarians, Provisioned by Austria, Concentrated for Attack; Austrian Fleet Hugs Its Port.

ROME, via Paris, May 23.—Italy is at war with Austria-Hungary. With the issuance of the general mobilization order, the Italian government issued a proclamation declaring war on Austria, which officially will begin tomorrow.

Prior to this, and after a lengthy consultation, the Ministers of War and Marine proclaimed all the provinces bordering on Austria and the islands and coast towns of the Adriatic in a state of war, which was equivalent to the establishment of martial law, the step usually preceding the formal declaration.

People Are Electrified.
Although drastic action has been looked for momentarily, Italians of all classes have been electrified by the swiftly-moving events. Great crowds gathered early today around the Quirinal to await the Ministers, who called on the King for the purpose of discussing the situation and signing decrees.

When Premier Salandra and Signor Sonnino, the Foreign Minister, left the palace the people cheered them enthusiastically. General Zupplé, Minister of War, and Vice-Admiral Viale, Minister of Marine, remained with the King for a considerable time after the others left and later they had a conference with Lieutenant-General Cadorna, chief of staff, and Vice-Admiral Pisoni di Revel, chief of the naval staff.

Army and Navy Ready.
When the first blow will be struck cannot be foretold, but after many months of preparation the army, which has been greatly strengthened, and the navy are ready for a quick blow. Exceedingly strong forces are in position all along the Austro-Italian frontier, on the Austrian side of which feverish preparations have been going on the last few days to make the fortifications as strong as possible and to clear the way for effective artillery action.

The German Ambassador, Prince von Buelow, and the Austrian Ambassador, Baron von Macchio, are still in Rome, so far as is known. They have waited to the last, doubtless in the hope that some way might be found to prevent a clash of arms. They will have safe conduct when they do leave.

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ROAD TO BE RE-FINANCED

Missouri Pacific Head Thinks Re-evaluation Will Be Avoided.

ST. LOUIS, May 23.—President Bush, of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, who returned here Saturday from New York, said he thought the \$25,000,000 note issue due June 1 would be cared for without a re-evaluation.

"The deposit of all the notes now seems assured," he said. "The managers of the Gould estate have agreed to deposit all the notes held by the estate."

"As soon as all the securities are deposited, the directors will form plans for the refinancing of the road that we may proceed with improvements."

GREEK KING'S FEVER HIGH

Temperature Rises After Undergoing Operation.

ATHENS, via London, May 23.—King Constantine of Greece, who is ill with pleurisy, became more feverish after undergoing an operation yesterday.

His temperature increased to 101.8 and later to 103.2.

NOTED GUEST FINDS SHOWER OF ROSES

Reception Delight to Maryland Governor.

CAR TRANSFORMED TO BOWER

Governor Goldsborough and Party Have Floral Tribute.

ROSES COME IN ALL DAY

Hedge of Caroline Testouts Turned Over to Visitors Who Take All They Can Carry, but Fail to Diminish Apparent Supply.

Phillips Lee Goldsborough, Governor of Maryland, and his whole party were literally smothered in roses yesterday when they stopped for 18 hours to visit Portland on their way back from the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

The first official tribute from the Rose City which greeted the Governor when he arrived was the bestowal of a beautiful bouquet of Caroline Testouts on him when he arrived with his party at the Benson Hotel, by Miss Mayo Melhot-Miss Methot was the guest of Governor Goldsborough two years ago, when she went to Baltimore as the mascot of the Ad Club delegation to the National Ad-men's convention.

Governor Recognizes Gift.
Governor Goldsborough recognized her instantly when he saw her yesterday, in spite of the change that two years make in a growing child, and greeted her with genuine delight.

"I hope that these roses will make up a little for the rain that we have today instead of the sunshine we would like to greet you with," said Mayo, as she proffered the flowers.

"The sight of your face again is sunshine enough, you may be sure," said the Governor gallantly, as he bowed and received the roses.

"That was the beginning of the floral shower."

All day long the roses kept coming at all times and places.

"We have simply lived in a dream of roses," said one of the women in the party as they returned to the hotel in the evening.

Hedge of Roses Proffered.
F. W. Farrington, of 460 East Twenty-first street, sent an invitation to the visitors to come out and make themselves at home with his 100-foot hedge of Caroline Testouts which is in full bloom, and a dozen of the men and women of the party accepted the invitation with enthusiasm.

When they reached his home and beheld the blazing hedge of pink blossoms they piled out of their automobile with the enthusiasm of school children in a strawberry patch. Mr. Farrington furnished them with knives and shears and bade them "Go as far as you like."

Amid delighted gasps and gurgles (Concluded on Page 14, Column 2.)

OFFICIAL TURKEY WARNED BY ALLIES

RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARMENIAN MASSACRES CHARGED.

Announcement Made That Members of Ottoman Government Will Be Held Personally for Outrages.

LONDON, May 23.—A joint official statement by Great Britain, France and Russia, issued tonight, says:

"For the past month Kurds and the Turkish population of Armenia have been engaged in the massacre of Armenians, with the connivance and help of the Ottoman authorities. Such massacres took place about the middle of April at Erzerum, Dertsehaw, Moush, Zeitun and in all Cilicia.

"The inhabitants of about a hundred villages near Van were all assassinated. In the town itself, the Armenian quarter is besieged by Kurds. At the same time the Ottoman government at Constantinople is raging against the inoffensive Armenian population."

"In the face of these fresh crimes committed by Turkey, the allies' governments announce publicly to the Sublime Porte that they will hold all members of the government, as well as such of their agents as are implicated, personally responsible for such massacres."

Sunday's War Moves

WITH the announcement of Italy's declaration of war against Austria, the world now awaits with deep interest the outbreak of hostilities between the two former allies. Communication across the Austro-Italian border has been brought to a standstill. Italian mobilization is being perfected and in Rome yesterday decrees were issued respecting measures of an economic nature, establishing a censorship and providing for public safety.

Greece, whose anxiety over the fitness of King Constantine has been increased by the bulletin issued yesterday, is closely following the situation as regards the relations between Austria and Italy, and dispatches say that the war party is now gaining in strength and that the recall of ex-Premier Eleutherios Venizelos is imminent.

Roumania, on the other hand, seems desirous of ascertaining the outcome of the great Galician battle before she makes her decision, while Bulgaria is waiting for more definite results of the attack on the Dardanelles.

Roumania may have some time to wait, as Russia has begun her counter offensive against the Austro-Germans, who drove her third and Carpathian armies back to the San and Dniester rivers, and an entirely new battle is now developing.

The Russians, with strong reinforcements, have crossed the San at its confluence with the Vistula, and are advancing southward in an effort to outflank the Germans, who crossed the San in the vicinity of Jaroslaw. They are also being hard at the Austrians in Bukowina, but apparently have made no more headway there with their offensive in the Opatow region. The latter offensive, however, was a movement to uncover the German flank in Galicia, which it partly succeeded in doing.

In the Baltic provinces the Germans say they have defeated the Russian northern wing in the region of Shauli, and also to have repulsed the Russian attacks from the Dubysa and Niemen rivers.

Fish Scaled to Death.
Before the stream suddenly ran dry its waters were chalky white with volcanic ash and scalding hot. All its fish were killed and cast up over the flooded area before the creek subsided.

Anguish eyes were bent all today toward the peak of the mountain. Hazy clouds hid its crest a great part of the day, though occasionally inky-black clouds rolled into view. Keen attention was centered on the peak around 4 o'clock, the hour at which most of the recent eruptions have exploded. Tension was relieved when daylight faded without a new outburst.

George Readman, of Sacramento, who saw yesterday's terrific eruption from a distance of 20 miles, arrived here tonight after a difficult automobile ride, and gave graphic details of the outburst.

Roaring Precedes Eruption.
"The eruption was preceded," he said, "by a rumbling and roaring that rose in a tremendous crescendo until the outburst reached its greatest height. It sounded like a thousand hailstorms rolled into one. The huge pall of smoke appeared to hang almost over me. Big boulders were thrown hundreds of feet into the air."

"When the eruption was at its height a sharp earthquake shook the earth and terrified the villagers at Burney. They realized the imminent danger and at once began preparations to rescue the people in the danger zone."

JITNEY PLUNGES, ONE DIES

Car on First Trip Gies Over Bank Near Wallace.

WALLACE, Idaho, May 23.—(Special.)—Thomas Gibbons, a veteran of the Spanish war, was killed and four other men had a narrow escape when a jitney on its first trip between Mullan and Wallace plunged over a 30-foot embankment and overturned tonight.

Gibbons was pinned beneath the car and the others were so paralyzed by fear that they were unable to give prompt assistance. The car was driven by George McKamey and was running slowly along the embankment when the steering gear refused to work.

In a moment the car swerved out over the edge and crumpled up below where the four men were found by Dominik Flynn in another machine.

Gibbons was a veteran miner of the Coeur d'Alenes and owned several properties near Wallace. He was 45 years of age and is survived by his family in Chicago.

PATROLMAN RAIDS HOTEL

Three Women and Five Men Arrested in Sixth-Street Place.

In a lone raid made early yesterday on the West Hotel at 514 Sixth street, north, Patrolman A. R. Fair arrested Elma Martin, Josephine Hill, Fred M. Vernon and Nicholas Hill on immorality charges; Lola Johnson and C. H. Brown for alleged vagrancy; Charles C. Young on a charge of disorderly conduct; and Frank Otteson, hotel clerk, on a charge of conducting a disorderly house. The cases will probably be tried in Moral Court this afternoon.

According to the patrolman's report, Elma Martin, one of the girls arrested, is only 19 years old and had been brought to Portland from Vancouver, Wash. He recommended Federal investigation under the Mann White Slave Act.

TERROR PREVAILS IN LASSEN REGION

Ink-Black Smoke Is Pouring From Crater.

FARMS WILL BE ABANDONED

Mud Stream on Cooling Hardens Like Cement.

CREEK IS SUDDENLY DRY

Flow From Crater Believed to Have Created Dam in Canyon Which on Breaking Will Imperil People of Valley.

REDDING, Cal., May 23.—Lassen Peak poured out another large eruption of ink-black smoke tonight, it was reported by returning automobile parties late today, who said that a rift in the rain clouds when they were at Viola had shown billows of smoke ascending to a considerable height.

The volcanic avalanche from the crater of the peak was diverted in its furious rush today into old lava fields and the lower part of the fertile Hat Creek Valley was temporarily saved from the threatening flood. In spite of the full in Lassen's activity, a feeling of terror prevailed throughout the danger zone and more than 100 refugees refused to return to their homes.

Ranchers Go to Save Stock.
Ranchers took advantage of the mountain's somnolence to return to their lands and drive their stock off to the high lands.

Fifty refugees were camped at Caswell, waiting for provisions before seeking a safer haven on higher ridges. Fear was general throughout the day, even among the most stolid of the mountaineers, and there was a general feeling that the landowners would abandon their fertile farms to the ravages of the volcanic flow.

Mud Hardens Like Cement.
Hope that the mud floods would fertilize their lands was abandoned today when the thick substance hardened almost to the solidity of cement. It lies over the farms and meadows from two to four feet deep, and it is feared that the land never can be recovered.

The latest new development in threatened danger arose from the drying up of Hat Creek. It was dry today for the first time in years. Reports came in that the volcanic mud had dammed the stream near its headwaters in a narrow canyon, impounding a great body of water. Fear of a break in this dam and a consequent flood that would inundate the whole valley under many feet of water added to the terrifying prospect of new destruction from the mountain's crater.

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GRAFT AROUSES HUNGARY

Clothing, Shoes and Cannied Meat for Army Sold Corruptly.

VENICE, May 8.—In the debates in the Hungarian Parliament, the army contract scandals had an extensive airing. There was a unanimous demand from the speakers for a complete public exposure of the culprits. The chief criticism was directed at the graft in clothing, shoes and canned meat. One of the meat contractors, who is alleged to have supplied bad meat at a profit to himself of more than \$100,000, has just been imprisoned.

It was also developed that peasant farmers who sold horses and grain to contractors on army requisitions have, in many cases, either not received pay at all, or received only a small part of the contract price.

One speaker charged that the army contractors were endeavoring to impose silence on the press by giving out extensive advertising.

