

AMERICA ACTS FOR ITALY AT VIENNA

Germany and Austria Entrust Affairs at Rome to Spanish Embassy.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES MANY

President Wilson to Sign Proclamation of Neutrality of United States Between Nations Which Have Lately Entered War.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Italy's entrance into the war set in motion today various branches of official and diplomatic activity.

Count V. Macchi de Cellere, the Italian Ambassador, formally notified the United States of the declaration of war by his government on Austria and explained informally to Secretary Bryan and Counselor Lansing the contents of a note to be delivered late tomorrow giving Italy's reasons for taking over the care of Italian interests there.

Dr. Constantino T. Dumba, the Austrian Ambassador, conferred with Secretary Bryan, also advising him of the existence of a state of war between his country and Italy.

A neutrality proclamation, similar to those made early in the war, was prepared for President Wilson's signature and will be formally issued tomorrow.

Secretary Bryan announced that the American Embassy in Vienna had taken over the care of Italian interests there. Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page advised the State Department from Rome that Spain had been entrusted with Austria's diplomatic interests. It developed that while preparations had been made by the American Embassy at Rome to take over Austria's affairs, the final decision of Austria was to place her interests in the same hands as those of Germany, which had called on Spain.

Added Duties Forseen.

Notice of formal declarations of war by Germany and Turkey on Italy will mean additional interests for the United States to take care of in Constantinople and, possibly, Berlin, although it is believed Switzerland may have for Italian affairs in Germany, because of geographical proximity and the ease of maintaining communication over exchanges of prisoners and other questions usually handled by the neutral in whose hands the diplomatic interests of a belligerent are placed.

The possible attitude of Greece, Rumania and Bulgaria continued a topic of absorbing interest in official and diplomatic circles. In Italian quarters it was confidently asserted that if Rumania entered the war, Bulgaria either would remain neutral or join her, and that there was little possibility of an attack by Bulgaria. Among Austrian and German diplomats the belief prevailed that Rumania would remain neutral.

Balkan Diplomats Not Informed.

Negotiations and conversations, it is understood, are in progress among the Balkan countries, but the three legations of the interested nations are not closely informed because of the difficulty of communicating in the changes in the day-by-day parleys.

Besides the interest in the Balkan situation, officials and diplomats manifested much interest in the movements and contentions of Austria and Italy over negotiations just concluded between the two nations. Ambassadors let it be known that the note he would make public tomorrow would explain and justify Italy's position. At the Austrian Embassy, while no formal statement was issued, the attitude outlined was similar to that of Emperor Francis Joseph in his proclamation to the army and the Austrian people, that he had deserted her ally to gain territorial possessions to which she had no legitimate aspiration.

ITALIAN TOWNS RAIDED

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outbreak of war has been made the occasion for demonstrations of patriotism and loyalty. It apparently has been greeted in both countries as a desirable ending to the negotiations which had been going on for months past.

Absent Italians Joyful.

In Paris and Petrograd, as well as here, the Italian residents have held processions with banners flying and many of them are preparing to join the colors.

Announcement was made here today that Italy has engaged not to conclude a separate peace with Austria. The Austrian War Office also announced today that fighting had begun along the Italian border, where a number of small battles are under way. Italian cavalry has appeared on the coast near the frontier.

Land Forces Clash.

The statement follows: "In the southeastern theater of war, after the declaration of war, small battles were begun at some places in the Tyrol on the frontier. In the frontier area on the coast Italian cavalry appeared near the frontier town of Strassoldo."

AUSTRIANS AWAITING ATTACK

Italians to Begin Forward Movement Immediately.

GENEVA, via Paris, May 24.—A number of armored trains and aeroplanes arrived at Trent today from Innsbruck. The Austrians seem to fear an attack from the Valltellina region and they are, therefore, making all preparations for that eventuality. Skirmishes occurred today on the banks of the Isone, River, which flows into the Gulf of Trieste.

An Austrian submarine, probably from Pola, was seen off Venice this morning. Two German spies have been taken to Verona.

The German Emperor's proclamation to his people recalling the victories over Italy has further inflamed Italian feeling.

Prince von Buelow, the German Ambassador, is expected to reach Chiasso at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. The Swiss Government has informed the authorities of the canton of Ticino that the Prussian and Bavarian diplomatic representatives at the Vatican will reside at the episcopal palace at Lugano during the war.

Advices from Innsbruck say that a furious crowd at Vienna broke through the lines of troops around the Italian Embassy and insulted the Italian Ambassador and the members of his staff, but the soldiers prevented the mob from entering the embassy building.

It is reported here that more than 50 Italians living in the Trentino were shot yesterday as spies because the railroad bridge at Meran was blown up.

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BARON BURIAN REPORTED OUT

Austrian Minister Said to Be Blamed for Italian Entry.

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THE HAGUE, via London, May 24.—From information reaching The Hague, it is understood that the Germans and Austrians are now facing a total of 680,000 men on the Italian frontier. They have occupied strategic positions in order to meet an attack or to attempt to strike the heavy blow in an endeavor to dishearten the new combatants at the beginning of the campaign.

The Germans constitute the larger part of this force, which is made up of 34 divisions of approximately 20,000 men each. Only ten of these divisions are Austrian.

German and Austrian diplomats here apparently are not perturbed by the entry into the war of a new antagonist. It is pointed out in other quarters, however, that Italy's decision may have the effect of curtailing Germany's supplies, large quantities of which hitherto have reached Germany by way of Italy and Switzerland.

There is much interest among diplomats here in regard to the attitude of Rumania and the other Balkan states. The general opinion of these men is that Rumania will not join the war for some time, but that she will take up arms with the allies together with Bulgaria. This view is strengthened by the understanding that Austria and Germany are not inclined to satisfy the territorial aspirations of these nations.

ITALIANS IN TRENTO FLEE

Austrians Are Reported Drafting All Classes for Service.

VIENNA, via London, May 24.—The Italian population of the Trentino, according to dispatches from Verona, is fleeing into the country from towns and villages. They are compelled to walk along the railway tracks because all highways have been barricaded with planks, tree trunks and piles of stones.

Generals are reported to be using force to compel compliance with the proclamations calling to the colors all classes of reservists between the ages of 15 and 50. Troops are being chiefly at night, it is said, carrying force all the men within the prescribed ages. The Austrian authorities are reported to be making an effort to direct public wrath against Italy by posting manifestos affirming that the levy has been made necessary only by the treachery of Italy.

DESIGNS ON TRIPOLI CHARGED

Turks and Germans Said to Be Offering Money to Chiefs.

ON THE ITALIAN FRONTIER, via Chiasso, via Paris, May 24.—The Messaggero in Rome today prints a story that German and Turkish officers already have gone to Tripoli and Cyrenaica, taking with them money and gifts of the chiefs of the tribes in the interior of those provinces.

It is hoped by these officers, the newspaper adds, to bring about a great Italian advance. Italian rule and force the Italian troops and the loyal population to retire to the coast, where they will be under the protection of the warships.

It is also asserted that the Messaggero has been making an effort to send submarines to make torpedo attacks against the Italian coast defenses.

Embassador Leaves Vienna.

VIENNA, via Amsterdam to London, May 24.—The Italian Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, the Duke of Avarna, and the members of the embassy staff, left here this evening on board a special train by way of Switzerland for Italy. Their departure was without incident.

SEAS STOP ONE CRAFT

BREAKERS AGAIN DELAY WEDDINGS BEYOND NEWPORT BAR.

Disheartened Bridal Party Quits Effort to Reach Ocean TH Waves Once More Quiet.

NEWPORT, Or., May 24.—(Special.)—Rough weather on the Yaquina bar today prevented the efforts of Dr. Roy W. Donohoe and Mrs. Creasy Warnock Hughes to be married on the high seas and the disappointed bridal party returned to Toledo tonight, leaving instructions for telephone calls when the bar is safe for the launch. Mrs. Hughes is a divorcee of a few days and the marine marriage was planned to evade the six-month limit required in the Oregon law.

Breaking surf again stopped Captain Carner on the gasoline launch, Ollie S. as he attempted to make through to the sea at 5 o'clock this morning. A similar effort failed tonight, and with a heavy sea running and the barometer falling, the marine marriage seems to have been postponed for several days.

The bride-elect tonight met suggestions that they might be married aboard the Japanese steamer on which they expect to sail for Shanghai with doubts as to the legality of the marriage in the eyes of American or Chinese law. The sailing date of the vessel from Seattle is but three days away and the sea now running probably will prevent the effort to reach beyond the three-mile limit for some time.

Efforts to obtain someone to perform the ceremony have failed in several places in the state. Unless the weather moderates soon, it is likely that the Japanese vessel will leave for Shanghai, May 28, without the bride and bridegroom.

Cold and rain, snow and wind have no great terrors for a boy, washing is his idea of hardship.

FRENCH WIN GREAT TACTICAL VICTORY

Germans Routed From Heights at Blanche Voie After Stubborn Stand.

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PARIS, May 24.—The capture by French troops of the German works at Blanche Voie (the White Way) the evening of May 21, marks the victorious conclusion of our offensive on the "Massif de Lorette," says the report of the French semi-official eyewitness of conditions at the front, as given out in Paris today.

The Imperial German staff attached great importance to the possession of these heights," the eyewitness continues. "To conquer, defend and retake them, the German soldiers have received a formal order which was so expressed as to make it operative until the last man was killed.

"In spite of the unusual difficulties of the ground and the desperate resistance of the enemy we triumphed. The battle of Lorette was a great battle and ended in complete victory. In this part of the front fighting has been going on uninterruptedly since October, 1914."

Thousands Die in Conflict.

Continuing, the eyewitness refers, among other things to the French withdrawal March 2, 1915, after a heroic defense. "Finally, on March 13, the French began to get the upper hand in their offensive movement.

"Thousands of dead testified to the desperate nature of the contest," the eyewitness says.

The division charged with the attack on Lorette comprised three regiments of infantry and three battalions of machine guns.

"At 10 o'clock in the morning of May 9, along the entire attacking front, detachments of the first line moved from the trenches. Two hours later three of the enemy's lines were in our hands, but we found ourselves face to face with a small German force and this checked our attack. Our losses were serious. Our progress was by leaps and bounds from one shell hole to another. Thus we took our position. Some detachments pushed further forward, but the main attack stopped at the fourth German line. Night set in without any decisive result.

Mastery of Plateau Gained.

"On May 12 a decisive effort was made at night. The Germans resisted obstinately behind their defenses, but a breakthrough we had captured the small fort.

"Complete success had not yet been gained, but the continuous fighting from May 12 to May 20 had resulted in our mastery of the plateau of Notre Dame de Lorette.

"May 21 we attacked the trenches of Blanche Voie from three sides simultaneously. Thirteen days of uninterrupted fighting resulted, at 2 o'clock in the morning of May 22, in a splendid tactical victory. The enemy attacked the greatest importance to the holding of the Lorette heights. On the plateau alone over 3000 German corpses were counted. One thousand prisoners were taken, as well as a great quantity of material, including machine guns, bomb throwers and rifles. The French losses were heavy.

"By this capture of the Massif de Lorette, one of the principal objects of the operations north of Arras was attained and a severe check was inflicted on the enemy.

"This is one of the most important tactical victories," the eyewitness states in conclusion, "won by French arms in Northern France."

GERMANY TO AID AUSTRIA

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in favor of war with Italy have taken place. The observations of a correspondent of the Associated Press who spent the greater part of the last two months traveling in Austria-Hungary were that a war against Italy would be highly popular. The feeling against the Russians in comparison seemingly was not particularly bitter.

The victory of the Austro-Germans in Galicia was received with satisfaction.

Important to Business Women

Most women engaged in or employed in business are restricted to sedentary habits and get little active outdoor exercise. This brings on constipation, which is the forerunner of numerous other ills. When possible, business women should take regular outdoor exercise every day and drink an abundance of water, especially half an hour before meals, also eat liberally of apples and bananas. This will help to prevent constipation. When a laxative is needed take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are mild and gentle and their action is not followed by constipation.

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tion mixed with little personal hatred by the Austro-Germans, but it was evident from the actions of the people that a successful campaign against Italy would arouse unbounded exultation. The indications were that the average Austro-Hungarian would be almost willing to forego a victory over Russia for the pleasure of punishing their country's former ally for breaking with her.

Germany is wholeheartedly on the side of her ally. The Italian military attaché recently was summoned to the German headquarters and shown on a map the location and strength of the Austro-German armies on the Italian front, so that his government should have no reason to doubt that Germany would assist Austria-Hungary with every available man in case of war.

RUSSIAN WARSHIP IS SUNK

Armored Man-of-War With 1400 on Board Destroyed in Black Sea.

BERLIN, May 24, by wireless to Sayville.—The Overseas News Agency today reported that the Russian armored man-of-war Winteleimon had been sunk with 1400 men in the Black Sea.

The foregoing evidently refers to the Russian battleship Panteleimon, built in 1887. Her displacement was 12,532 tons. She carried four 12-inch guns, 16 six-inch, four three-inch, six three-pounders and five torpedo tubes.

SALEM MERGER ASSURED

PORTLAND COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION TO BE COPIED.

Many at Great Meeting of Businessmen Volunteer to Aid — Mr. Griffith and Other Portlanders Talk.

SALEM, Or., May 24.—(Special.)—The consolidation of various civic and social organizations of the city into one body, known as the Salem Commercial Club, was assured at a banquet tonight at the Marion Hotel, which was attended by more than 100 business and professional men. At least two-thirds of those present agreed to become members of the proposed organization.

Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company and E. L. Thompson, of Portland, told of the good results that had been obtained in Portland through the consolidation of various organizations and urged that the same action be taken here. Charles W. McNamee, justice of the Supreme Court, who was chairman of the committee, declared that the combined action of the business and professional men of the city, such as was contemplated by the promoters of the club, would be of inestimable advantage to the city.

George F. Rodden, ex-Mayor of Salem, chairman of the organization committee, urged united action and said that all persons interested in the welfare of the city should aid in the work.

H. V. Chase, who had charge of the work of consolidating the Portland organizations, and is engaged now in similar capacity here, said everything was proceeding satisfactorily, and that he was confident Salem would soon have one of the leading commercial organizations of the Northwest.

Members of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Griffith and Thompson, were C. C. Chapman, J. D. Abbot, H. H. Rodden, John H. Burgard, A. G. Labbe, C. C. Colt, Frank E. Smith and Fred Larson.

FRENCH REPORT NEW GAINS

British Also Make Advance, Says Paris Communication.

PARIS, May 24.—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"Between Nieuport and Ypres a spirited artillery engagement has taken place, caused by the efficacious fire of our heavy artillery on the shipsyard of Raveryde, southeast of Ostend.

"To the north of La Basse, the British attacks have resulted in new progress.

"To the north of Neuville St. Vaast, the Germans attempted an attack with important forces. Caught under the fire of our artillery they were at once checked and suffered large losses.

"Supplementary reports received today emphasize the importance of the success attained by us yesterday to the northwest of the chapel of Notre Dame de Lorette. In a sanguinary engagement with the bayonet we annihilated those forces which had opposed us and captured several machine guns.

"On the rest of the front there is nothing new."

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NEW YORK, May 24.—A vivid description of the sinking of the Lusitania, torpedoed May 7 off the Irish coast, was given here by Dr. Carl E. Foss, of Harlem, Mont., a survivor who reached New York today aboard the steamer New York from Liverpool.

"I saw a submarine about a half a mile away at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon," Foss said. "I borrowed a pair of glasses and through them saw the submarine plainly, although I could not make out its nationality or number. It was traveling at the same speed as the Lusitania—we were going slowly and left a white wake of foam.

"The Lusitania's officers must have seen the submarine at the same time for the course of the steamer was changed. The submarine was submerged after staying on the surface about five minutes. Forty minutes later the torpedo struck.

"There was some little excitement on deck, but no panic. The steamer tipped to one side. I was about to jump overboard when I saw stewards taking life belts from a box on the deck. I went back and passed out the life belts to passengers as long as they lasted, taking one myself. Then I dropped off the railing into the water.

"Soon afterward I saw a lifeboat break from the davits and fall into the sea almost under the propeller blades. The blades ripped through the little boat and battered it to bits. One of the men was cut to pieces before my eyes; the water was red where the boat went down.

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