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ITALY READY TO ENTER WAR

Preparations Being Made Indicate That War is Inevitable Within the Next Week.

ONE HOPE OF PEACE

Diplomats Think That Trouble May Be Settled at the Very Last Minute

ROME MESSAGES DELAYED

The German and Austrian Ambassadors to the Vatican Are Granted Diplomatic Immunity by the King and Leave Tomorrow

ARMY HELD READY

ON THE ITALIAN FRONTIER, May 21.—The Italian military authorities are guarding with the strictest secrecy the movement of troops. It is known, nevertheless that some 350,000 soldiers are concentrated on the coast of Italy, across the Adriatic from Albania.

PARIS, May 21.—The Havas Agency publishes a dispatch from Rome, which says: "The Messaggero declares that a council of three ministers will meet after the session of the senate and ministers and probably will draft a form of declaration of war against Austria-Hungary."

LEAVES THE VATICAN

LONDON, May 21.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Rome says: "Premier Salandra this morning obtained the royal signature to a decree supplying diplomatic immunity of the Austrian and German ambassadors to the Vatican, who leave tomorrow."

TAKES OVER INTERESTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—German Ambassador Bernstorff was advised today by the Berlin Foreign Office that German diplomatic interests in Italy would be taken over by Switzerland in the event of a rupture.

WAR BILL IN SENATE

PARIS, May 21.—The Rome correspondent of the Havas Agency has telegraphed that Premier Salandra introduced in the Senate today a bill passed by the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, conferring upon the government plenary powers in regard to the conduct of war. "It is predicted the Senate will vote unanimously for the bill," the message said.

CHANCE OF PEACE

LONDON, May 21.—As far as the dispatches reaching this country from Rome indicate, Italy has not yet taken the final step to plunge into war with Austria-Hungary. It would appear that the censorship is tightening and it is a fact that dispatches from Rome are delayed. While war seems inevitable within a week there is still a possibility for a peaceful settlement at the last moment.

HUNGARY DEMONSTRATES

BUDA PEST, Hungary, May 21.—On receipt of the war-like news from Italy, great crowds paraded in patriotic demonstrations. An attempt to reach the Italian Consulate was made, but was held back by the police.

ASKS SWITZERLAND

BASEL, Switzerland, May 21.—Italy has asked Switzerland to take charge of the Italian interests in Germany. The Federal Council has accepted the charge.

County track meet, Wednesday, May 26 at race track. 50 cents.

Attend track meet Wednesday.

SLEUTH GETS PAY

VERDICT FOR \$2,620.25 FOR W. J. MITCHELL

Jury Works Until Late At Night. Both Simpson Girls Testify For Joe Coach

A verdict for \$2,620.25 was returned for W. J. Mitchell by the jury at 10:45 last night in his suit against Joe Coach for detective services, according to C. F. McKnight who returned this noon from the county seat where he represented the plaintiff. The case began on Monday and ran for three days and evening sessions were held as well. Evidence brought in was some of the most surprising that has been in the circuit court this term.

J. W. Mitchell contended that he had a contract with Coach for \$12 a day. He claimed that he worked for Coach some 150 days and was also entitled to expenses.

Coach, according to the attorney, admitted in his brief there was a contract for 90 days at \$6 a day. He refused to make any further settlement, claiming he already had payed \$2,200.

Lolita Simpson and her sister, Mrs. Ruby Simpson Nosler, were both on the stand. They testified that Mitchell told them he had no contract with Coach and that he didn't want one, he could get more without. They also said that he told them when they were put under arrest in Salem last November that he tore up an account book.

This morning the court took up the case of Barros versus Erhart, a suit brought by the Coquille attorney for services.

BICYCLE IS RECOVERED

YOUTH CLAIMS THAT MAN GAVE HIM WHEEL, MARVIN DIERS AGAIN HAS LOST MOUNT

Claiming that a man in front of the Blanco Hotel had given him the wheel, Will Moffett, a youth of about 12 years, was severely questioned when he was found with a wheel in his possession belonging to Marvin Diers. The boy willingly gave up the bicycle.

In the last few weeks five wheels have been reported to the police as lost. For a time it was believed that a gang was at work here, shipping the machines out of the city. The police say they now have a different idea. It is also stated that they are on the track of another lost bicycle.

TO SUPREME COURT

EIGHT COOS COUNTY ACTIONS GO TO HIGHER TRIBUNAL

First of Series Will be Argued Next Week. Fannie O'Donnell Up Again On Appeal

Eight Coos county cases are set for hearing at this term of the state supreme court, Harry G. Hoy leaves on Sunday for Salem where the first of the cases is set for next week.

This is the appeal of Fannie O'Donnell from the decision of the circuit court which last fall sentenced her to 60 days in the county jail and to pay a fine for the selling of liquor in English without a license and on a Sunday. Mrs. O'Donnell is now out on bonds.

GASES WERE FATAL

LONDON, May 21.—Two soldiers are reported dead in the military camp at Colchester a few miles from London, as a result of inhaling poisonous gases while engaged in mimic trench warfare. It is said that experiments were being conducted for the purpose of developing means to counteract the gases alleged to have been used by the German troops in Flanders.

A sapper who had gone into a gas-filled trench was overcome and several other who went in search of him also succumbed. The sapper, a private named Williams, and the commander of the squad, Lieutenant Darton, died before fresh men succeeded in getting the party into the open air.

FLOOD OF MUD BURIES VALLEY

Crater of Mt. Lassen Erupts and Mass Sweeps Over the Hat Creek Valley

HARDENS LIKE LAVA

Farms Ruined, Houses Swept Away, Cattle Killed and People Driven to Hills

RANGER SAVES MANY LIVES

Fred Seaborn Mounts Horse and Rides Through Valley Warning the People of Coming Danger—Credit With Preventing Many Deaths

REDDING, Cal., May 21.—A flood of mud from the crater of Mt. Lassen Peak is reported today to have swept over Hat Creek Valley in Eastern Shasta County, sweeping houses before it, killing cattle and driving the people from their homes to the hill. The mud in many places is six feet deep.

The mud, which, it is reported, was turning to lava-like consistency as it cooled, reached for two miles above Cassel and 15 miles north along Hat Creek river. Bridges were swept away, roads were made impassable and homes were destroyed. Farms are completely buried.

Saved Many Lives. Fred Seaborn, the government forest ranger at Hat Creek, mounted a horse and rode at midnight through the valley, warning the farmers. To him ranchers give credit of saving many lives by his night ride.

Receding Now. The flood, which began at midnight, slowly spent its force during the morning until shortly before noon it was reported on the point of receding.

THREATEN LIVES

MEXICAN OUTLAWS SAY THEY WILL ATTACK FOREIGNERS

German Charge d'Affaires at Mexico City is Assaulted and More Trouble Expected

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—Outlaws in Mexico City who assaulted the German Charge d'Affaires Tuesday are now threatening the lives of other foreigners, according to diplomatic dispatches.

JEWIS WILL ENLIST

To Speak One Language in British Camp When Serving

LONDON, May 21.—The Alexandria correspondent of the Jewish Chronicle sends to that journal an interesting account of the formation in that city of the Zion Mule Transport Corps, a Jewish legion composed almost entirely of refugees from Palestine. Those refugees who were of Russian nationality expressed the desire to serve under the British flag, and the British military authorities immediately took steps with a view to forming a Jewish regiment under command of Colonel J. H. Patterson.

Officers and men wear on their military caps the Jewish token, the "Shield of David," in addition to the British Ensign, and in camp the words of command are spoken in Hebrew.

COST BIG MONEY

Torpedoes Used by British Navy are Very Expensive.

LONDON, May 21.—The torpedoes now being used in the British navy cost from \$3500 to \$5000 to construct, according to a naval expert. Even the newest British torpedoes are less expensive than those used by the latest German submarines, which have a diameter of 21 inches, and travel at a speed of 48 knots an hour having an effective range of seven miles. The internal mechanism includes a high speed rotating motor, shafts, and gears, and 250 pounds of high explosive.

ELEVEN JURORS FOR ROOSEVELT

Twelfth Man at Last Minute Declares That He is for the Plaintiff

VERDICT IS ILLEGAL

And Jury Sent Back to Deliberate Three Hours More Without Any Result

ACTION WAS A SURPRISE

Foreman at First Reports That Decision Has Been Reached and One Rebels Contrary to Expectation of His Colleagues

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 21.—After once reporting an illegal verdict to the court in favor of Theodore Roosevelt, the jury trying the William Barnes suit for libel failed today in more than three hours of additional deliberation to arrive at a verdict that was legal. When the jury first reported that it had reached a verdict that was legal. When the decision, a pole of the vote in open court was taken and one juror surprised his colleagues by announcing that he favored a verdict for the plaintiff.

The jury came in shortly before 11 o'clock today and the foreman announced that the jury had agreed upon a verdict for the defendant. When the roll was called eleven jurors said they were in favor of a verdict for the defendant, but the twelfth, Edward Burns, a Syracuse motorman, arose in his seat and said "I am for the plaintiff."

Another Plan Illegal. After further consideration the jury foreman informed the court that the jury was unanimous in favor of a verdict for the defendant in the case if the costs were split between the plaintiff and the defendant. The Court ruled this illegal. The jury then was locked up again and the Justice left the court.

APPOINT LABOR MAN

ARTHUR HENDERSON NAMED FOR HIGH ENGLISH OFFICE

Is Labor Leader and Succeeds H. Samuel as President of Local Government Board.

LONDON, May 21.—The first authoritative announcement as to appointments in the British National Cabinet, outside of Premier Asquith and Foreign Secretary Gray, is that of Arthur Henderson, a labor leader, who succeeds Herbert Lewis Samuel as President of the local government board.

WANT EXPLANATION

SWITZERLAND WILL ASK MANY ABOUT LUSITANIA

BERNE, May 21.—The Swiss federal authorities have decided to make representations to Germany on the sinking of the Lusitania, as the result of which three Swiss citizens lost their lives. The government is awaiting knowledge of the German reply to the Washington note on this subject so as to be better able to choose a wise course of procedure.

REVIVE MARTIAL SPIRIT

PEKING, May 21.—In order to revive the martial spirit and to promote loyalty to the authority of the President, Yuan Shi-Kai has issued a mandate which is in keeping with those recently calling for the worship of Confucius and worship at the Temple of Heaven.

The third mandate revives the worship of the General Yo Fei and Kuai Yu, who in former days were great heroes and gave up their lives in loyalty to former emperors. The ceremony was performed during the month of March by the Minister of War, and many other military men.

Similar ceremonies were conducted throughout the country. Old temples dedicated to Yo Fei and Kuai Yu, which had fallen to decay and disrepair, have been reconstructed everywhere.

PLAT NEW TOWN

GARDINER, Ore., May 21.—The new town of Winchester Bay has been platted below Gardiner at the Umpqua River. L. S. Weeks is laying out the town and is also interesting himself in the opening of a public highway from Seaside to the ocean. The new town will be a resort place.

Track meet Wednesday. 50 cents.

VESSELS HELP LAND FORCES

Fierce Fighting Reported Near Neck of the Gallipoli Peninsula, Dispatch Says

BIG VESSEL AIDING

Fire of Big Guns From Gulf of Saros Assists the Attack of Land Forces

TURKISH SHIP ALSO USED

Resisting Army is Being Supported by the Sultan Selim—Was Formerly German Cruiser Goeben, Firing From Sea of Marmora

LONDON, May 21.—An Athens dispatch says fierce fighting is reported near the neck of the Gallipoli peninsula. The big guns of the British battleship Queen Elizabeth are being fired from the Gulf of Saros, thus assisting the allies' attack. The Turks are being supported by the guns of the Sultan Selim, formerly the German cruiser Goeben, which are being fired from the Sea of Marmora.

FAVOR PREPARATION

BIG CONFERENCE SAYS U. S. SHOULD TAKE STEPS Ought to Be Able to Defend Herself Although War is Not Sanctioned

MOHONK LAKE, May 21.—Delegates to the Lake Mohonk conference of International Arbitration, who represent the chambers of commerce and similar business organizations in most of the large cities, aligned themselves today with the advocates of a greater military preparation for the national defense. The report of the business men's committee declared that disputes between nations "ought to be justly settled through international tribunals instead of war." Nevertheless the committee asserted the belief that "it is a part of wisdom for the United States to be fully prepared to defend herself."

SHIPMENTS ARE BIG

Draft Animals Sent Abroad in March Exceed \$9,000,000 in Value Exports, \$292,250,231

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—Because of the great demand for American horses and mules by the fighting forces in Europe, miscellaneous exports last March reached a total of \$9,763,190, as against \$861,188 in March of the preceding year. The statement of foreign commerce for March issued today by the commerce department shows that horses valued at \$8,988,974 and mules worth \$1,255,759 went abroad during that month.

Total domestic exports for the month amounted to \$292,250,231, as against \$183,934,691 in 1914, the largest individual increase being in crude foodstuffs, which rose from \$79,168,732 last year to \$52,129,999 in March, 1915. Of the total exports the United Kingdom took \$93,384,652, as compared to \$43,848,656 last year, while Germany received \$283,816, as against \$28,213,120 in March 1914.

PREPARING A REPLY

GERMANY TO ANSWER ABOUT WILLIAM P. FRYE

U. S. Wants to Know if Referring It to Prize Court is an Answer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21.—Ambassador Gerard at Berlin cabled today that the German government was preparing a reply to the enquiry as to whether the reference of the case of the American ship William P. Frye to the prize court was to be considered an answer to the suggestion of the United States that the case be settled by direct negotiations.

GERMANS HOLD MANY RUSSIANS

Over One Hundred Thousand Men Have Been Captured by the Teutonic Forces

Official Report Says Victories Have Been Won in East By Kaiser's Men

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SAYS HE DID NOT HAVE INFLUENCE ON COURT

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Think Him too Severe. Just before John D. Rockefeller, Jr. resumed his testimony before the Industrial Relations Committee today, all Commissioners met in executive session to consider the "round robin" sent to Chairman Walsh last night, calling for more moderate treatment of the witnesses. Some Commissioners did not conceal that they thought Chairman Walsh's questionings of Rockefeller yesterday should have been modified. After an executive session, the Commissioners did not make public their letter to Walsh, which was understood they would do, should the suggestion go unheeded. As the examination proceeded, Walsh, despite the protests, led by Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, evidently was not inclined to reduce the vigorous attitude and repeatedly plied Rockefeller with questions which the latter declared improper.

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HAVE WARM DEBATE

MOHONK LAKE, May 20.—The conference arbitration furnished the forum today for a warm debate on the armament question between Secretary of War Garrison and General Leonard Wood on one side and Norman Angell of New York on the other. Angell, who is one of the foremost advocates of disarmament and who recently returned from hospital service in the war zone, declared that the words of Garrison and Wood, urging the United States to make greater military preparations were "precisely the speeches he heard so many times in Germany." He declared that increased armaments offered no solution of the peace problem.

WANT MORE NEWS

LONDON, May 21.—A desire to hear more about the Irish regiments and what they are doing at the front has been expressed in parliament.

WANT MORE NEWS

"We have all heard about the London Scottish; why have we not heard of the London Irish?" was the question put to the government, and the inquiring member added emphatically, "It even appears that some people are not aware that there is a London Irish. There is, however, such a body, which forms one of the battalions of the London regiment, and it is now at the front. Why is it then, that whenever casualties occur in the London Scottish, which is part of the same regiment, the designation 'London Scottish' is appended and the 'London Irish' is left out?"

The government spokesman hazarded the explanation that perhaps it was because the London Scottish was an old Territorial battalion and the Irish Rifles a new body.

"Oh! dear, no!" replied the Irish member, "Long before the present war there was a reference to this battalion in the Official Army List."

The Under-secretary could only assure the honorable member that the distinction made must be fortuitous and not intentional.

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