

### ELEVENTH HOUR MOVE BY AUSTRO-GERMANS FAILS TO STOP ITALY

German and Austrian Ambassadors Made Frantic Effort to Stay Hand of Fate.

### VATICAN TO BE NEUTRAL

Pope Will Issue Encyclical Letter Defining His Attitude—Will Open Hospitals to Wounded.

Rome, May 22.—(I. N. S.)—Mobilization of Italy's army and navy was begun tonight. This followed the issuance during the afternoon of a general mobilization decree and an imperial manifesto recalling all classes of reservists of whatever category under the colors and the signing by King Victor Emmanuel of the bill conferring extraordinary powers on the government in the event of a declaration of war. The mobilization decree was issued at 4 o'clock. It makes mobilization effective tomorrow. The short hour just preceding the publication of the decree was one of great activity about the foreign office. Short and decisive conferences were held in which it was decided that the German and Austrian ambassadors made eleventh hour advances to forestall the one act which, aside from a formal declaration of war, means war.

At 3:15 p. m. Foreign Minister Sonnino entered the foreign office. The statesman had been at the duration of a short time when at 3:35, to be exact, Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, arrived and immediately was ushered in.

His visit was short. Just 10 minutes later, Von Buelow apparently much discomfited, emerged from the foreign office and trudged, heavily footed, to his automobile. Fifteen minutes later the fateful decree was issued. At 4:25, while there were still ringing with the news that mobilization had been ordered, Baron Von Macchio hurried to the publication of a conference with Baron Sonnino. The Austrian ambassador appeared greatly distressed. He remained only 15 minutes and came out of the conference in a highly nervous state. Meanwhile Minister of War Zupelli at 3:30 had visited the king to submit for his signature a number of important documents. The decree of mobilization, it is believed, was not the least important of these.

The king's decision for the assembling of the nation's armed forces came as a reply to the Austro-Hungarian government's statements regarding the Italian renunciation of the triple alliance treaty. The Vienna note was handed down to the Italian ambassador at the Austrian capital on Friday and by him was transmitted here today.

The note states that the Austro-Hungarian government cannot accept the Italian renunciation of the triple alliance which "contradicts the obligation solemnly adopted by Italy on December 8, 1913, which fixed the duration of the triple alliance until June 13, 1920, permitting renunciation only on a year's notice and making no provision for the declaration of war now in effect prior to the expiration of such a period."

The note concludes as follows: "The Italian government has capriciously renounced all its obligations and the Austro-Hungarian government declines to accept responsibility for the consequences which may result from this action."

Early in the day King Victor issued a manifesto to the nation explaining why Italy was forced to resort to arms and appealing to the nation to do its duty and "win victory for just causes." Another proclamation will be addressed to the army and navy.

Pope to Remain Neutral. That the Vatican looks upon Italy's entrance into the war as inevitable is evidenced by the official announcement that the pope will shortly issue an encyclical letter defining the attitude of the holy see regarding the Italian-Austrian war and the statement that a papal bulletin will follow embodying the new rules for governing the Vatican's international relations. The pope announced today that in the encyclical letter he would affirm the Vatican's neutrality.

Despite the pontiff's aversion to war, he announced that he will place St. Mark's hospital and the convents and monasteries at the disposal of the wounded.

New concentrations of large forces of Austrians along the upper Adige river which flows through the Tyrolean Alps into Lombardy and enters the Gulf of Venice, are reported. It is believed that the final blow will be struck here. Troops of both countries line the frontier, where bridges and railroads have been destroyed by the Austrians.

The Giornale d'Italia states that an Austrian patrol has crossed the frontier, violating Italian territory.

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### WAR MINISTER UNDER FIRE



—Photograph by International News Service Earl Kitchener, British War Minister.

### YOUNG ROCKEFELLER GIVES HIS VIEWS ON OPEN SHOP QUESTION

To Him It Means "Where Men Are Employed on Basis of Their Fitness."

Washington, May 22.—(U. P.)—After three days' grilling examination, John D. Rockefeller Jr. was permanently excused from the industrial relations commission this afternoon. The examination's principal development was that the Rockefeller's disavowal of the New York hearing of certain knowledge concerning the Colorado trouble did not agree with various letters he had signed and received.

Chairman Walsh of the committee made an effort to learn from Rockefeller and from Ivy Lee, Rockefeller's publicist agent, whether Rockefeller really wrote certain letters and interviews bearing his name. Rockefeller would only say: "I assume the responsibility and Lee that the matter was personal and confidential."

Fireworks are anticipated Monday when L. M. Bowers, who directed the operators' end of the Colorado strike, will go on the stand. Ivy Lee will be recalled Tuesday or Wednesday.

Rockefeller's view on the open shop were obtained during the afternoon. "My idea of an open shop," he said, "is where men are employed on the basis of their fitness. A man has the right to join a union."

Later, in response to a question, he said: "I think I have always recognized fully the responsibility that rests upon me."

"Do you not believe," said Walsh, "that the fact that you did not put an arresting hand on the Colorado situation might be taken by the gentlemen in charge there to indicate that it was your desire it should go on and that therefore, it did go on?"

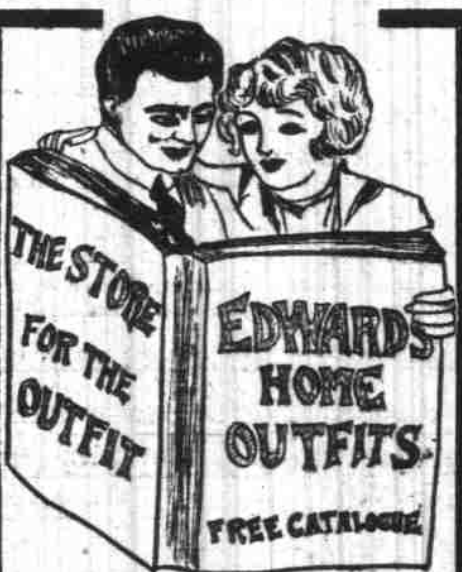
"These gentlemen were operating as they thought wise," Rockefeller replied, "and did what their judgment prompted. I knew I was free to express my opinion."

Relief for Poles Committee's Aim Elihu Root, Honorary President of Committee of Mercy, to Raise Funds to Aid People of Poland. New York, May 22.—The committee of mercy, of which Elihu Root is honorary president, and whose vice president includes President Emeritus Charles W. Elliot of Harvard, John Purroy Mitchell, mayor of New York; Miss Katharine B. Davier, group of commissioner of corrections, and Mrs. J. Borden Harriman of the federal industrial relations commission, has been working quietly raising sums to be applied to the relief of the stricken people of Poland. This has been done by the appealing to those who had already come to the aid of other groups of war sufferers, and without newspaper publicity, since it was felt that the force of a general, country-wide appeal would be strengthened after the establishment of a neutral commission for relief in Belgium. Until such a commission is in active running order, the bringing of relief to the destitute populations in the Poland—of which 3,000,000 people were actually starving at the end of January, a number which, according to the reports of Robert Cro-

sier, must have since increased, unless from starvation—such relief must necessarily be fragmentary, however efficient in specific instances. State and local committees of mercy throughout the country are being advised to devote their energy for the most part to the relief of Poland, without forgetting the necessity of helping to meet the epidemics of typhus and cholera in Serbia, and the conditions of suffering which exist no less grievously in other countries. Local committees which have been established to collect money in behalf of Poland are urged to cooperate with the national committee of mercy, in order that Polish relief throughout the country may be welded into one concerted effort, and the committees which have responded so vigorously to make America's relief of Belgium such a notable achievement are urged, while still taking cognizance of Belgium's remaining need, to turn a considerable part of their energy to the relief of this thrice and more than thrice fought-over kingdom which is not a kingdom, thrice divided against itself against its will. Contributions for Polish relief are received by August Belmont, treasurer of the committee of mercy, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York. Local committees throughout the country desirous of joining in Polish relief are requested to send their advices to the same address.

Amos Speaks on Single Tax. A. I. Amos, a prohibitionist, addressed the Single Tax league at the Central library last night. He asked questions and doubted the efficacy of the single tax as a remedy to cure unemployment, hard times or land monopoly, but thought it would be a good thing to see it fully tried out somewhere, as he thought there might be some good result.

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### EXPERT REVIEW OF THE WAR BY J.W. T. MASON

New York, May 22.—(U. P.)—Italy's final preparations for war have been made during the week and concentration of troops along the Austrian frontier is now proceeding. If Italy strikes, it is probable her principal offensive will be in the direction of Trieste and then southward through the Istrian province. This is the only entrance way into Austrian territory not protected by mountains. It provides an admirable terrain for a quiet advance and for that reason has been heavily guarded by Austrian troops since the negotiations at Rome reached a delicate stage.

The military consequences of Italy's entrance into the war will depend very largely on the ammunition the Italian army has accumulated. If an immense supply is available, the Italians should be able to make progress, and to retain what their initial rush may gain. There is much room to doubt, however, whether the Italian government foresaw the need of an unlimited quantity of high explosive shells sufficiently far in advance to have them ready at the present time.

Germany and Austria, therefore, may be able to hold the Italians in check, and even invade the territory of the southern enemy, while maintaining the Teutonic battleline in the east and the west. The most damaging effect of Italy's belligerency may not be in territorial losses to the Austro-Germans, but in the extermination of so many of their allies. Fighting against four great powers, the Germanic nations will probably suffer twice the losses in killed and wounded of any one of their enemies. The effect of this depletion of men must be a handicap to Germany in the recuperative struggle after the war.

That Roumania intends entering the war in company with Italy is dis-

counted by the success of the Austro-Germans in Galicia. There is very real danger that the Russian troops may soon be permanently expelled from Galicia. In such an event, the Roumanians would have to operate as an independent force or they would be compelled to make a wide detour from their home base through Russian territory to join the Slavs. This detour might allow the Austrians to carry the war into Roumania and the fate of Belgium might fall to the Roumanians. At least, therefore, as the Roumanians are on the defensive in Galicia Roumania probably will remain neutral.

During the week the Austro-Germans have forced a passage of the San river north of Przemysl and are threatening at the same time Przemysl and Lemberg. The Russians are fighting desperately, and have held the enemy better this week than at any time since the drive across Galicia began. But, a sudden collapse and a disorganized retreat are still prime dangers to the Slav lines.

A ministerial crisis in England during the week has developed into a newspaper campaign against the Kitchener dictatorship. The minister for war is being accused of trying to exercise omnipotent powers, and of endangering the success of Great Britain's military operations. He is charged with directing the war in accordance with principles he learned while fighting against Africans and East Indians. This is the probable reason why he failed to realize the importance of high explosive shells for uprooting the enemy's barbed wire fences and devastating the trenches. The result of the exposure of Kitchener's methods and limitations will be a division of responsibility at the British war office. Kitchener hereafter will have nothing to do with the production of ammunition, but if he remains in the cabinet his principal activities will be limited to training the new British armies.

The coalition ministry in England which is being formed to replace the present Liberal cabinet, is not the result of military necessity but more than anything else it is a shrewd political strategy. The Liberals could have remained in power alone had they desired, but they would have had to bear alone whatever political ignominy may result from the war. By inviting all of the parties to help govern the nation, the Liberals will avoid being held responsible if the war does not end in accordance with the predictions made by Englishmen last August.

### Declares Kitchener Is Premier Leader

Colonel Edward Davidson Resents Criticism Aimed at War Minister in England.

San Francisco, May 22.—(I. N. S.)—Lord Kitchener is the premier military leader of the world, and the man best able to lead England's military forces, according to Colonel Edward Davidson, of the British reserve forces, who arrived here today from New Zealand on the steamer Malak. Colonel Davidson is a personal friend of Lord Kitchener, and was with him in South Africa as a member of the Eleventh Hussars.

"No man can replace Kitchener," said Colonel Davidson today, "in this hour of England's need." Colonel Davidson was indignant when told of the criticism that had been leveled at Kitchener in England during the last few days. Colonel Davidson was retired in 1906. He declares that he is returning to join the British army, but says he is subject to call at any time.

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