

# AUSTRIA STRIKES BLOW

## NAVAL AND AIR FORCES BOMBARD ITALIAN CITIES

### Bombs are Dropped on Arsenal at Venice and Aeroplane Hangars at Jesi—According to Rome Announcement Slight Damage is Done—Destroyers and Torpedo Boats Take Part in Raid on Coast—Warships Move South After Shelling Towns for Two Hours.

**BULLETIN.**  
**ROME, May 24.**—The Austrian squadron which bombarded the Adriatic ports was engaged by the Italian fleet commanded by the Duke Abruze. Three small Austrian boats were sunk and two captured, according to unofficial reports. The Austrian warships fled northward before the Italian fleet.

**King Will Go to Front.**  
**ROME, May 24.**—King Victor Emmanuel is reported to be preparing to leave for the front at an early date. The king plans to establish his headquarters near the battle line, it was said, and will spend a large part of his time in the field. All the princes of the royal family have now joined their regiments.

**State of War With Germany.**  
**BERLIN, May 24.**—The German foreign office officially declared today that "a state of war now exists between this country and Italy."

**Ambassador von Buelow and German consuls throughout Italy have been instructed to leave Italy.**

## Turkish Torpedo Boat Destroyed

**CONSTANTINOPLE, May 24.**—The loss of a Turkish torpedo boat was admitted in an official statement today. An enemy submarine, the statement asserted, sank the torpedo boat Payonki-Deria. All the crew of 1100 were saved but two. It is presumed the craft was sunk in the Dardanelles.

## Frohman's Body is Brought Home

**NEW YORK, May 24.**—Bringing nine bodies of the Lusitania victims, including Charles Frohman, the American liner New York, arrived today. There were 29 survivors aboard.

## Austrian Ships Seized by Italy

**ROME, May 24.**—Eighty Austrian and German vessels, valued at twenty million dollars, which were interned in Italian ports, were seized by the government today.

## Russian Battleship Sunk

**BERLIN, May 24.**—The Russian man of war Winteleimon was sunk in the Black sea with a loss of 1400 lives, according to Bucharest dispatches. The latest naval lists give no record of the Winteleimon. The dispatches may possibly refer to the Panellmen of 1390 tons, with a normal complement of 731.

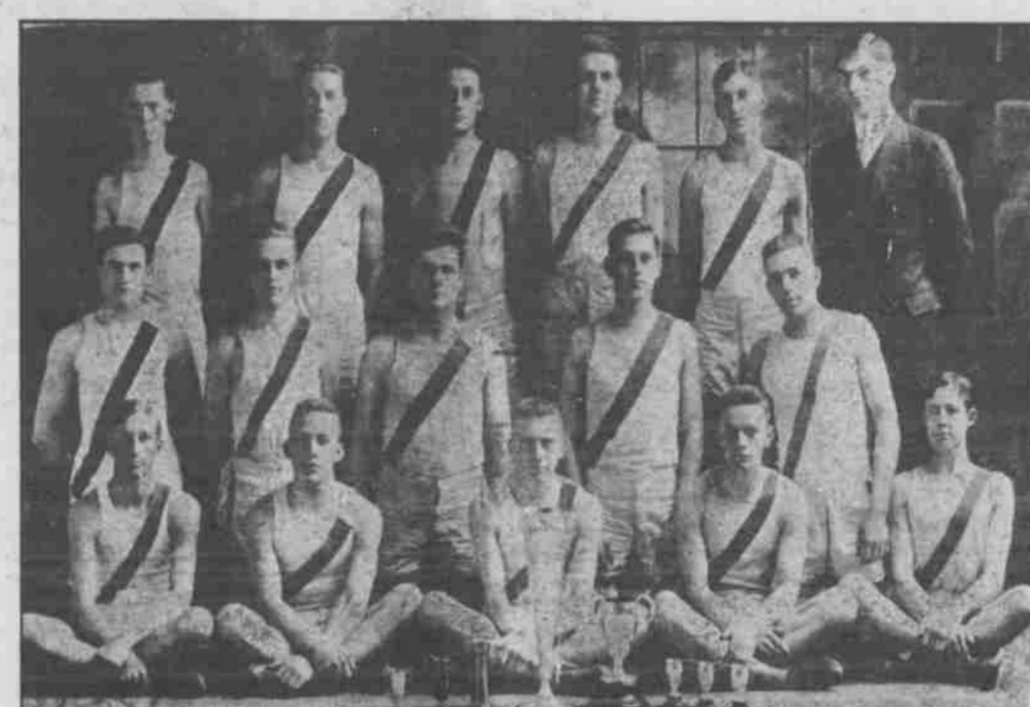
It takes no more time to be polite than otherwise.

## South American Financial Men Gather in Washington as Guests of United States

**WASHINGTON, May 24.**—In the Hall of the Americas of the beautiful Pan American Union building, one of the most important gatherings ever held on this continent opened today. Delegates representing practically every nation in the western hemisphere met to discuss their financial relations and ways and means of assisting one another while the present European war lasts and after it has come to an end. More than half a hundred of the leading financial men—governmental and commercial—from the South and Central American countries are ready to take part in the discussions which beginning today were expected to occupy the entire week, if not to continue into next.

A thorough and comprehensive discussion of existing financial conditions of all the countries represented is anticipated. Time will be taken to deliberate on all the phases of the financial and commercial needs and problems of the American republic. Suggestions probably will be adopted for the common advancement and closer relationship of the republics.

## Track Team, Champion of Eastern Oregon



Here are the boys of the local high school track team who won the championship of Eastern Oregon.

## Wool Buyers Gather Here for Sale Set for Echo Tomorrow

**SALE WILL BE FIRST OF SEASON IN EASTERN OREGON—WOOL AVAILABLE.**

At Echo tomorrow the first regular wool sale of the season in eastern Oregon will be held and the event is being looked forward to with considerable interest. A large quantity of wool is on hand for sale at Echo but whether the buyers and growers will be able to agree as to prices remains to be seen.

## NEWS SUMMARY

**General.**  
Austria strikes first blow in war with Italy. Italian fleet is reported to have put Austrian fleet to route. Formal declaration of war against Austria is in effect today and clashes in mountain passes reported.

## Between 500,000 and 600,000 Lbs. of Wool for Sale

**ECHO WILL HOLD BIG SALE TOMORROW—GOOD PRICES EXPECTED FOR CLIP.**

**ECHO, Ore., May 24.**—Echo's wool sale will be held here on Tuesday. Between 500,000 and 600,000 pounds of wool, comprising part of this year's clip, is stored with Thomas Rose and will be offered for sale tomorrow. The wool is of an unusually good growth and will no doubt bring a good price.

## Figures in Italy's War Program



The official declaration of war against Austria became effective today. Germany has announced a "state of war" to exist with Italy also and a declaration from Turkey is expected hourly. The accompanying photographs show the prime figures in the Italian crisis.

## Large Audience is in Attendance at Opening Exercises

**BACCALAUREATE SERVICES USHER IN COMMENCEMENT WEEK LAST EVENING.**

Commencement week at the high school was ushered in last evening by the baccalaureate services in the auditorium and, in spite of the rain, the big room was crowded. All churches suspended their regular Sunday evening services that their congregations might attend. The graduating class occupied a section of seats at the front, marching in in double file just before the services commenced.

## WAR DECLARATION AGAINST AUSTRIA IN EFFECT TODAY

**Thousands of Italian Volunteers Clamor to Enlist—Engagement in Mountain Pass is Reported.**

## RIGID CENSORSHIP IN FORCE

**Government Takes Over All Railroad and Telegraph Lines in Italy—Emperor Josef of Austria-Hungary, in Manifesto, Says Italy's Entrance Act of Perfidy.**

**ROME, May 24.**—Italy is formally at war with Austria. The declaration issued from the foreign office yesterday became effective today.

The government has issued a drastic decree forbidding all civil and religious public meetings throughout the kingdom. The entire country is virtually in the hands of the military. A rigid censorship of mails and telegraph is provided.

The railroads have been in the hands of the military for more than a week. Severe penalties are fixed for violations of the war regulations.

**Austrian Ambassador Macchio left early today for Vienna.**

Volunteers are enrolling by the thousands. Crowds of youths fought for the honor of being among the first to enlist.

It is considered certain that hostilities already begun at many points along the frontier where Austrian and Italian forces are in close contact. No official report of engagements has come from the war office, but it was confirmed that an engagement has taken place in the pass between Pont I Delegno and Pejo in which Alpine

## Will Petition School Board to Retain Supt. J. S. Landers

In an effort to have Superintendent J. S. Landers retained as head of the Pendleton school system, a meeting was held at the Methodist church Saturday evening and action was taken to have petitions circulated in behalf of Mr. Landers' retention. It is said that 16 of these petitions are now being circulated.

It is stated that the meeting Saturday evening was not a Methodist gathering but was made up of church people from the different local organizations. A chairman was selected and a committee named to attend to the circulation of the petitions to the school board. These petitions were drawn by a local attorney.

The move to retain Mr. Landers is based on current reports that his resignation was asked for by the board. At the Methodist church yesterday morning Rev. Hodshire took up the subject and made point criticisms of the school board. The following summary of his remarks was submitted to the East Oregonian for publication.

"The time sometimes comes when forbearance ceases to be a virtue, and that time has now come in Pendleton. When the school board will turn down a man whose only crime is that he has done his duty, and is known and acknowledged to be one of the very best school men of the state of Oregon, or any other state for that matter, and has brought the schools of Pendleton to the high standard they now occupy, it is time for the people to be heard."

"When a few men on Main street and a school board can turn down a man like Prof. Landers it is time for the people to speak out. Any judge of our courts that will enter into such a scheme as that which the school board of Pendleton has entered into is, in my judgment, an unsafe man and should not be entrusted with power."