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# ITALY MAKES WAR ON TURKS

## ITALIAN TROOPS LAND IN TRIPOLI

### Turkish Transports Are Driven Ashore With Great Loss.

Italian Squadron Blockades Port of Tripoli, Which Refuses to Surrender on Demand.

London—A state of war exists between Italy and Turkey, and hostilities have begun. No sooner had the time limit fixed by the ultimatum expired than, ignoring the Turkish conciliatory request for delay, Italy declared war. The Turkish representatives in Italy received their passports. The Turkish commander at Tripoli was asked to surrender the town, but



King Victor Emmanuel of Italy.

declined, and the Italian forces immediately occupied Tripoli and Benghazi. Apparently the Turks offered no resistance, but this is only an assumption, as immediately on landing the Italians evidently seized the telegraph lines. A Constantinople dispatch makes no

fleet has blockaded the Tripolitan coast.

There are unconfirmed reports that Turkey intends to send an ultimatum to Greece to abandon her claims on Crete and is massing troops on the Thessalonian frontier.

The greatest activity ensued on the receipt of news that war had been declared and notification of a blockade was sent out. It is understood the various governments will receive the customary neutrality notices and will devote their diplomatic efforts to bring hostilities to an end and especially to avoiding complications in the Balkans.



Duke of Abruzzi.

According to Italian advices, the government plans to land 40,000 men in Tripoli by October 7. No bombardment will be attempted unless the property of Italians or other foreigners is endangered. It is understood the Italian ministers have elaborated a scheme for the administration of Tripoli with the Duke of Abruzzi as first governor. Among the first acts of the new government will be the abolition of many taxes now imposed on the Tripolitans.

Prevesa—When Italian gunboats encountered two Turkish transports with 2,000 troops aboard, the transports determined not to be captured. They steamed bravely on the rocks off Prevesa and hundreds of soldiers were drowned.



mention of resistance and a mere protest by the governor would be in line with Turkey's announced policy.

The Turkish cabinet resigned when war was declared, and a new ministry was formed under Said Pasha, but retaining the former able war minister, Mahmoud Shekret Pasha.



Mahmoud Shekret Pasha, Turkish War Minister

Turkey continues efforts to secure intervention by the powers. In the meantime Italy is actively pursuing hostilities. Italian battleships are reported to have appeared off Smyrna and Salonika.

An Italian cruiser landed troops at Prevesa, after destroying a Turkish torpedo boat destroyer, and the Italian

"Turkey Will Do Her Duty." Belleport, L. I.—The Turkish ambassador, Zia Pasha, expressed astonishment when informed at his summer home Saturday that Italy had declared a state of war between Italy and Turkey. Zia Pasha said: "I am deeply pained to learn that Italy has declared war upon my country. Turkey has done everything to avoid war, but now that war has come, you may rest assured that Turkey will not hesitate to do her duty."

Salonika—An Italian cruiser has destroyed a Turkish destroyer in the harbor of Prevesa in Epirus and landed troops. The Turkish authorities are sending a battalion of troops to Prevesa.

Constantinople—News reached here from the city of Tripoli to the effect that a large Italian cruiser had gone ashore there.

Paris—The Matin's Athens correspondent says that the telegraph officials at Vonitza, Greece, telegraphs to the government that a naval battle occurred off Prevesa at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Tripoli—The Italian squadron which has been standing in the offing came close to shore this morning and the destroyer Garibaldi steamed into the harbor flying a white flag. After reconnoitering, the destroyer demanded the surrender of the entire garrison. The Turkish commander replied that he was unable to comply with the demand and emphatically refused to surrender. The destroyer then retired and rejoined the fleet.

Italians Enthused By War. Chiasso, Switzerland—Dispatches from larger Italian cities tell of much enthusiasm over the expedition to Tripoli, the regiments composing which are now centered at various ports. All the officers have volunteered for service, but those who will take part in the expedition are to be chosen by lot. Larger contingents of troops and carabinieri are occupying the more riotous districts. The Italian fleet is expected to have occupied the whole coast from Tripoli through Benghazi to Derna by Sunday.

Fleet on Secret Mission. San Diego, Cal.—For the next week, at least, the battleships California and West Virginia and the cruiser Colorado will engage in maneuver work off Coronado islands. The squadron raised anchor and left for the outside Thursday. The move came as a surprise to most of the officers as well as the marines and bluejackets. Shore leave had been granted the sailors but this privilege was cut off and all sailors were summoned aboard ship.

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