

ITALY AWAITING GENERAL ATTACK TO JOIN CONFLICT

Agreement Reached With Allies— Concerted Movement Against Teutonic Nations to Be Launched Before Italy Declares War—Territorial Reward Agreed Upon.

ROME, April 29.—From persons in close touch with the war situation, as it affects Italy, there was obtained today information which indicates that the government has arrived at an understanding with Great Britain and France concerning the terms upon which Italy will enter the war, if she eventually decides to do so. This information, while unofficial, is gathered from men who have made a close and careful study of the situation. The agreement is described as follows:

Terms of Agreement

First, a provision for concerted military action. Italy will refrain from hostilities during the present stage of desultory trench warfare, which would enable Germany and Austria to concentrate a large part of their forces against her. She will time her blow contemporaneously with a general effort by all the opponents of the central empires now in the field.

Second, an understanding concerning the territory to be awarded to Italy in the event of victory.

Third, a provision that after the war an alliance shall be formed between Italy and present triple entente of Great Britain, France and Russia.

Boundary Agreement

It is intimated that at the outset Great Britain was not disposed to make terms with Italy but that Italy firmly declined to consider joining the allies without first having reached a definite agreement with

concerning the nature and time of her co-operation, boundary readjustments after the war and permanent assistance from the allies. Italy is said to have received powerful assistance from French diplomacy in reaching the desired understanding on these points.

NO RECOGNITION FOR MEXICAN FACTIONS

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The United States is not considering the question of recognizing any government in Mexico, Secretary Bryan again declared today when his attention was drawn to a report that the Carranza administration expected early recognition.

ALONG ROGUE RIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Merriman returned home Monday after several days' visit with Medford relatives.

An auto load of Dally's spent the week-end at their hunting lodge above J. C. Hahhan's.

Mrs. Daw and Teddy and Lawrence were the guests of the Sholtz home in Medford this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Gaines were welcome visitors at the Grant Mathews' home Monday night.

Mrs. Jettie Clarno and Mrs. Gene Bellows attended "What Happened to Jones" in Eagle Point Friday night.

Fred and Dora Bellows were out from Medford to C. E. Bellows a few days ago.

W. P. Morgan and wife were in Eagle Point Monday.

Among the Central Point visitors were Perry Foster, John Frey and wife, Chas. Skyrman and wife, Mrs. Raimy and Miss Ora, John and Jack Walker.

The farmers are busy planting corn. Alvin Albright made final proof on his homestead recently.

The entertainment and box social at the Debenger Gap school house is May 8th instead of 18th as printed in the paper.

Miss Lottie Sholly closed an eight-months' term of school at upper Trail 16 last Tuesday the friends gave her a surprise party. The evening was spent in games and nice refreshments were served.

Mrs. George Weeks and children visited her mother in Eagle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller of Central Point were the guests of the Jasper Hannah and T. Raimy families last week.

MARY BOYLE O'REILLY TELLS HOW WAR HAS MADE RUSSIAN NOBLE WOMEN WORK TO AID THE POOR

Czarina and Daughters Tend the Wounded in Hospitals in Petrograd, Says Mail Tribune Correspondent—Princesses and Peasants Work Side by Side.

Staff Correspondence. PETROGRAD, Russia, March 15.—Marie Nicholovna met the train that brought me to the Russian capital. I had seen her last in London, a typical Russian lady, somewhat lazy, decidedly luxurious and not a little self-centered.

Now she came down the station platform cloaked in gray serge, her graceful head veiled like a nun's for even the empress, her daughters and all the grand duchesses now are wearing this costume.

"Marie Nicholovna explain this dress?"

"Call it an outward sign of an inward change!" she suggested.

"Does the uniform indicate what Russian fashionables are wearing?"

"Sav, rather what Russian Women are thinking."

Below in the Novski Prospect, the chief thoroughfare of Petrograd and one of the finest streets in Europe, companies of new recruits dragged quaint kit boxes over the snow, hundreds of soldiers in kneeboots and long gray coats thronged the broad pavements and scores of women in red cross cloaks and nun-like veils hurried to or from military hospitals.

It was impossible to distinguish princess from peasant for both wore blue checked apron and heavy woolen gloves.

"You see," observed Marie Nicholovna, "the bar has waked us up. In the old days everything happened at night, so we naturally slept half the days. There were the court and the great landowners and half a million relatively prosperous people."

"I confess that we women lived like orchids shut away from the winter cold. But you must admit that even with furs Russia has a pitiless winter climate. It is because we saw little of every-day life that we forgot there are people that have no furs."

"The war found us unprepared. Mother Russia always pays dearly for being unready. It will take a year to get our fighting forces organized. But even now Russian armies have invaded Austria and Germany at six points and, and—the war has invaded our lives for we women are thinking."

"In the beginning when our troops crossed the frontier, we women fled to the churches for comfort in religion. It was all so sudden, so terrible. We could still feel the last kisses of our men folk on our lips. They say that French women did the same, and Serbians and Austrians and Germans. Poor souls, of course they love their men too! The English women we do not know about. They do not tell."

"After the first shock we realized that there can be no faith without works. So we began to organize. In the most disorderly country on earth women began to organize. How else could we do our share?"

"The empress, her daughters, all the women of the imperial family, are working, actually working, in hospitals. The Grand Duchess Vladimir has 50 princesses nursing on the ambulance trains, the Grand Duchess Serge directs hundreds of women in red cross dispensaries."

"Here in Petrograd, more than 1000 miles from the front, 10,000 women volunteered for any service. It did not matter at all which knew how to read or write as long as they could do the work. I am on the convalescent corps. Fifteen hundred of us report in uniform daily at 9:00 o'clock in the morning."

"We cannot let sick soldiers return to tenements which no one has inspected—their wounds would never heal. But when we see horrible hovels we begin to ask 'What of the women and children who must live there?'"

"I asked Prince Oblonsky, Grand-nachalnik of Petrograd, who was to blame for the existence of such lairs and he pleaded ignorance. Well, if he does not know why is he general mayor of the city? Once we women have something to say there will be another type of general mayor."

"Yes, I know how strange this must sound but do you know that half the babies born in such places die while still little children. Why? None of my friends lose their babies. And the poor, poor mothers are so eager that the other women advise them. How gladly we would if we could."

"We women thought to help in the red cross and we discovered the war that is behind war."

"Marie Nicholovna, this time next year you and your 1500 will be demanding a vote!"

"Well, why do you laugh?" inquired Marie Nicholovna. "Stranger things may happen. We may even



The Russian empress and her daughters as war nurses in the Imperial Hospital in Petrograd. Seated on the left is the Grand Duchess Olga, eldest daughter of the czarina, on the right (seated) is the czarina, and standing immediately behind her is the Grand Duchess Titianna. In the other picture the Grand Duchess Titianna is shown assisting at an operation on a wounded soldier.

INTERESTING REFERENCE BOOKS AT LIBRARY

Some especially interesting reference books have just been placed on the shelves of the public library. The Cyclopaedia of Education in five volumes, edited by Paul Monroe of Columbia University, is comprehensive, attractively printed, and the most valuable reference book there is on educational subjects.

The New Standard is called the last word in dictionaries, and supplements Webster's New International and the Century, already in the library.

Bailey's Encyclopedia of Horticulture is being put out in a new and enlarged edition. Two volumes have been issued, carrying the alphabet through the letter E. The two volumes are here and others will be purchased as soon as printed.

FINAL HONORS PAID TO JOHN BUNNY

NEW YORK, April 29.—John Bunny, a moving picture actor who has delighted thousands of persons through the medium of the films, was buried in Evergreen cemetery here today. Celebrities in the moving picture world and managers, actors and actresses of the legitimate stage attended his funeral in the lodge rooms of the Elks club last night. Funeral services were conducted by Elks and Masons.

go back to our old ways when peace is declared.

"But I think we will never forget—never—how much must be done to make life safer and happier for the people who have no furs."

Then the droshkies, a peculiar style of carriage used in Russia, swung to the curb by the Grand hotel and I was "at home" in Petrograd.

VON KLUCK RECOVERS FROM HIS WOUNDS

AMSTERDAM, April 29.—General Von Kluck, the German commander, wounded last month, is now on the road to recovery, according to the Hamburg Nachrichten. This newspaper adds that the general is able to appear in the garden of his villa, which has been converted into a hospital.

JAPAN MAKES NEW CONCESSIONS TO CHINA

TOKIO, April 29.—Japan's new proposals to China show concessions, according to the Japan Mail. They are said to omit the demand for non-alienation of China's coastal territory. Out of consideration for Great Britain some modification is considered probable relative to railroad concessions in south China.

OBITUARY

Died.—At Grants Pass, April 26, Wilna Gilkey, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Gilkey, from apoplexy, aged 26 years. She was born November 7, 1888 at Montesano, Wash., and moved with her parents to Medford, where she resided for ten years, going to Grants Pass in 1901, graduating at the high school in 1907. She later attended the San Francisco art school, and returning to Grants Pass became a teacher in the public schools. At the time of her death, teaching in the Central school.

As a young girl, she was baptised and received into the Methodist Episcopal church in Medford, organized the Epworth League chapter at Grants Pass, and was a past president of the senior league. She is survived by her parents, three brothers and a sister. The funeral was held at Grants Pass Wednesday.

SUBMARINE VICTIMS BURIED IN ITALY

ROME, April 29.—The bodies of 56 of the men who lost their lives when the French cruiser, Leon Gambetta was torpedoed by an Austrian submarine in the Strait of Otranto, were buried today with full naval honors at Santa Maria Leuca. The funeral was arranged by the officers of Italian torpedo boat destroyers. Residents of the neighborhood joined the Italian sailors in attending the services at the cemetery.

HUNDRED MILLION SALE CONSUMATED

NEW YORK, April 29.—Financiers and bankers were gratified today by announcement of the sale of what was said to be the largest issue of corporate securities ever placed in the United States had been consummated yesterday. This was made known when J. P. Morgan & Co., as syndicate managers, stated that substantially all of the \$100,000,000 of New York Central twenty years six per cent convertible bonds offered to stockholders have been subscribed for.

RUSSIANS SEIZE IMPORTANT POINT AT UZSOK PASS

PETROGRAD, April 29.—The Russian occupation of Loubain, a small village to the east of Uzsok Pass, was a decided achievement in the Carpathian campaign for the reason that it seriously endangers the right line between the town of Uzsok and Berzema, a line which made possible the extended Austrian operations in this region and at the same time successfully retarded the Russian advance in the direction of the Uzsok Pass.

This railroad running just to the rear of the Austrian center and paralleling the line of the most important summits of the Beskid mountains, has enabled the Austrians to transfer troops almost instantly to any point on this part of the Carpathian front, a section which received the main force of the Russian lunge toward Hungary.

During the last week, as the Russian advance developed in the direction of Uzsok Pass, the Austrians exerted their entire strength to protect this railroad line.

The furious Austrian efforts to retake Lubnia culminated the night of April 26 and the morning of April 27, when they reached the Russian positions, but they were forced after a hand-to-hand encounter to retire.

The authorities report that in this region as well as Lupkow and Stry the Austrian troops were not assisted by the Germans, who are said to be concentrating at Cracow and in western Galicia.

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