

ITALIAN PARLIAMENT UNANIMOUSLY AUTHORIZES DECLARATION OF WAR

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"No One in Italy Any Longer Doubts That War Begins Today"—Salandra Cheered to Echo—Triple Alliance Denounced—Socialists Aline Refuse to Participate in War.

AMSTERDAM, May 20.—"No one in Italy any longer doubts that war begins today," is the text of a telegram sent from Chiasso, Switzerland, under date of today, and printed in the Berliner Tageblatt.

PARIS, May 20.—Reports have been received here from Rome that the Italian chamber of deputies by virtually unanimous vote, today granted full powers to the minister of war.

PARIS, May 20.—The Temps publishes a telegram from Rome, in which the correspondent says: "Premier Salandra, followed by all the members of the cabinet, entered when parliament convened. A delirium of cries broke out. 'Viva Salandra!' were the words, and the cheering lasted five minutes.

"After the formalities of the opening, Premier Salandra arose and said: 'Gentlemen! I have the honor to present to you a bill to meet the expense of a national war.' "Prolonged applause followed this announcement.

"The premier then began an exposition of the situation of Italy before the opening of hostilities in Europe. He declared that Italy had submitted to every humiliation from Austria-Hungary for the love of peace. By her ultimatum to Serbia, the premier said, Austria had annulled the equilibrium of the Balkans and prejudiced Italian interests there. Notwithstanding this evident violation of the treaty of the triple alliance, Italy endeavored during long months to avoid a conflict, but these efforts were bound to have a limit in time and dignity. 'This is why the government felt itself forced to present its denunciation of the triple alliance on May 4,' said Premier Salandra.

"Italy Must Be United "These declarations were received with great applause which the premier tried to quiet. When he had succeeded in so doing he said: "Italy must be united at this moment when her destinies are being decided." "These words were greeted with renewed applause, the deputies and spectators arising. When quiet was

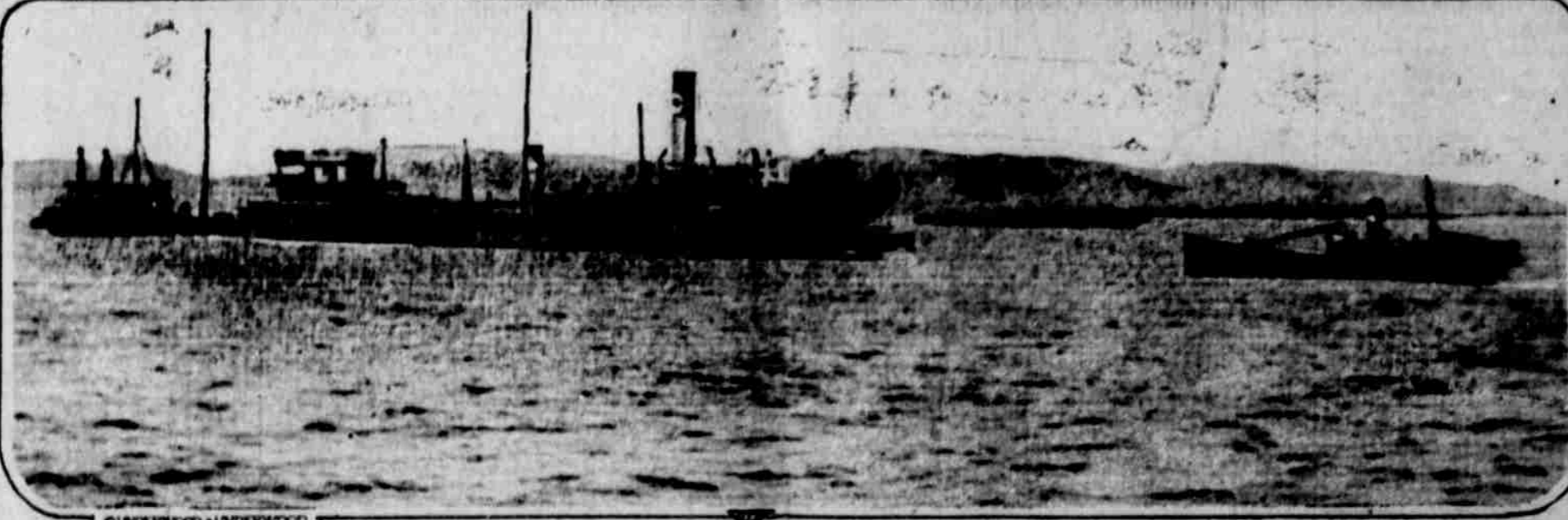
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MINIMUM DEMANDS UPON AUSTRIA IN BEHALF OF ITALY

ROME, May 20.—The minimum demands made upon Austria in behalf of Italy by Foreign Minister Sonnino were:

- "First, the cession of the entire province of Trent (part of the Austrian Tyrol) according to the frontier of the kingdom of Italy in 1811. "Second, eastern Friuli, comprising Alborghetto, Plezzo, Tolmino, Gradisca, Gorizia, Monfalcone, Comen and as far south as Nabresina. "Third, Trieste, Capo d'Istria and Pirano (the last two in Istria) to form a new state independent from Austria. "Fourth, the islands of Curzola, Lissa, Lesina, Lagosta, Cazza and Meleda (off the coast of lower Dalmatia), to be ceded to Italy. "Fifth, the abandonment by Austria of her interests in Albania, acknowledging Italian sovereignty over Avalona."

CRIPPLED BY GERMAN SUBMARINE'S TORPEDO, U. S. STEAMER "GULFLIGHT" LIMPS INTO HARBOR



U. S. Steamer Gulflight, torpedoed by German submarine May 1, being towed and convoyed into St. Mary's, Scilly Islands, England. Note the letter "G" on the Gulflight funnel

WARM DEBATE OVER ARMY TALK ON PREPARATION

Wood and Garrison's Speeches Urging Armament Declared by Angell to Be Precisely Kind of Talk Heard in Germany—Cannot Keep Peace by Piling Up Armaments.

MOHONK LAKE, N. Y., May 20.—The Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration furnished the forum for a warm debate on armament between Secretary of War Garrison and General Leonard Wood, and C. M. Angell on the other side. Mr. Angell, who recently returned from hospital service in the war zone, declared that the words of the secretary of war and the former chief of staff of the army urging the United States to make greater military preparations were "precisely the speeches he heard so many times in Germany."

Wood favors armament. General Wood spoke after the secretary of war had finished a plea for more adequate armament. "We soldiers and sailors," said General Wood "are merely your trained servants. You create war, we try to terminate them. Nine out of ten wars are based on trade. The trouble with most conferences of this kind is that they don't look conditions in the face. We must not delude ourselves that our geographical remoteness has made us safe."

Improved methods of transport, he asserted, have increased the danger of invasion. "This is one of the many causes of armament—this and the greater efficiency of implements of war. When we have ceased to fight for our honest convictions we shall cease to be worthy to exist as a nation. It is murder for you to send our boys to war untrained when it is possible to train them. All we soldiers and sailors want is that you give us a reasonable degree of preparation so that when your boys come to us to fight the sacrifice may be as light as possible."

Welcome in Germany Mr. Angell fairly ran to the speaker's stand to make his reply. "Nowhere would those speeches have been so welcome in Germany," he cried. He declared that increased armaments offered no solution of the peace problem. "How are two nations anxious to keep the peace by each being stronger than the other. This is an imposition. The mere piling up American armament will not help the problem. Obviously the militaristic solution of being stronger than the other man—has failed. Do not let us make the same mistake as the nations of Europe."

AUSTRIAN CLAIMS CAPTURE OF 5000 MORE RUSSIANS

VIENNA, May 20.—In an official statement issued by the Austrian war department the announcement was made that 5000 more Russian prisoners were captured in battles won in the upper Dnieper river, in Galicia.

ANTON KUEPFERLE ON TRIAL AS SPY COMMITS SUICIDE

LONDON, May 20.—Anton Kuepferle, who claimed to be an American citizen who once lived in Brooklyn, and who has been on trial charged with giving military information to the enemies of Great Britain, was found dead today in Brixton prison. He is reported to have hanged himself last night.

The trial of Anton Kuepferle began Tuesday at the Old Bailey police court before Lord Chief Justice Reading and Justices Ivory and Lush. The proceedings were public and the court room was crowded. The charge against the prisoner was that he attempted to communicate to Germany respecting British warships and military forces. The prosecution was assisted by the attorney general. Kuepferle pleaded not guilty.

Used Invisible Ink Kuepferle was charged with writing letters to an address in Berlin giving facts regarding English military dispositions. It was asserted that while the latter appeared on its face to be an innocent commercial communication it was found to be interlined in invisible ink with military information written in the German language.

Kuepferle arrived in Liverpool February 14. He showed a passport signed by Secretary of State W. J. Bryan, issued ten days prior to his sailing from New York. In writing the letter which resulted in his arrest he gave his home address at 1665 De Kalk Avenue, Brooklyn. He represented himself to be a woolen merchant. From Liverpool he went to Dublin and then to London, where he was arrested February 16.

Left a Message Kuepferle left a message written on a slate bearing testimony to the fairness of his trial. He confessed he was a soldier, and said he wished to die as a soldier and declared he could not bear to mount the scaffold as a spy. When court opened today for the resumption of the trial, the attorney general, Lord Reading, announced the death of the prisoner to the judges. Warden Cook found the prisoner hanging by the neck from a ventilator in a corridor behind the door. He had used a silk scarf to hang himself.

CRISIS IN PORTUGAL PASSES PEACEFULLY

PARIS, May 20.—The Havas agency has received a dispatch from its correspondent at Lisbon, who says: "The revolutionary committee, in the act of dissolving, issued a manifesto in which it declares it now has completed its work. This statement makes a pressing appeal to the republicans to abandon all petty personal quarrels and unite firmly. The watchword of all republicans, the manifesto says, 'should be the greatness of the fatherland of the republic.'"

ITALIANS CLAIM COMPENSATION FOR SERB RAID

Green Book Reviews Negotiations with Austria—Demands Territory Because Treaty Broken by Austrians When Serbia Was Invaded—Demands Presented in December.

ROME, May 20.—Diplomatic documents which disclose each successive step in the negotiations which resulted in Italy's denunciation of her treaty of alliance with Austria and Germany are contained in the Green Book issued by the Italian government.

This history of diplomatic interchanges begins with a telegram sent by Foreign Minister Sonnino to the Duke of Avarna, Italian ambassador at Vienna, December 9, 1914, instructing him to notify Count von Berchtold, then Austrian foreign minister, that the Austrian advance in Serbia constituted a fact covered in article 7 of the triple alliance treaty entitling Italy to compensations. Count von Berchtold replied that his opinion did not agree with this view, on December 20, intimating that he had begun to change his mind.

SECRETARY HOUSTON VISITS PORTLAND

PORTLAND, May 20.—Sunburned and in a typical woodsman's costume, David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture, reached Portland today on his trip of inspection through the national forests of the west. Secretary Houston said he had been giving particular attention to streams suitable for water power and the timber and grazing questions.

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PIPE LINES FROM U. S. TREASURY TO NEW YORK BANKS

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Argument in the Riggs bank injunction suit against Secretary McAdoo and Comptroller Williams started off in the District supreme court today with a clash between former Senator Bailey, chief counsel for the bank, and Justice McCoy. Mr. Bailey threatened to withdraw from the case and Justice McCoy threatened to refuse to hear the lawyer's argument.

Mr. Untermyer's references to a pipe line "between the treasury and the Riggs bank" and the National City, Mr. Bailey characterized as "political accusations." "I never thought political accusations proper to repeat when I was in politics, and I think they should less properly be repeated in a court of law. I might as well say that while they eliminated the "pipe line" they have established another from the government to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. I don't say it, however. I might as well say there now is a pipe line to the Commercial National bank in Washington, but I will not say it."

The Commercial is headed by a former associate of Comptroller Williams. SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 20.—The legal issue between William Barnes and Theodore Roosevelt went to the jury this afternoon after Justice Andrews, presiding in the supreme court here at the trial of the suit for libel the former chairman of the republican state committee brought against the former president of the United States had delivered his charge. The case was given to the jury at 3:11 o'clock.

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BARNES LIBEL SUIT NOW IN HANDS OF JURY

Concluding Argument Brands Roosevelt as Jekyll and Hyde Personality—Judge Holds No Question of Privilege Enters Case—Burden of Proof with Defendant.

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William M. Ivins, chief counsel for Barnes, concluded his address to the jury by assailing the former president as being the real possessor of "Jekyll/Hyde personality," instead of Mr. Barnes. Judge's Charge to Jury At the opening of the afternoon session Justice Andrews delivered his charge to the jury. He said in part: "To publish falsely any article that holds a man up to ridicule and disgrace and to injure his character is libel. The intention or object of the libel must not be taken into consideration. "Because a man is in public life he is not an outlaw and he can be libelled just the same as any other citizen. No question of privilege enters into this case."

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CZAR'S FORTIFIED LINE ALONG SAN CLAIMED BROKEN

Predicted Great Battle in Central Galicia Under Way—Heavy Fighting Near Przemysl—Quiet on Western Front—Germans Claim Successes—Allies Occupy Kilid Bahr.

LONDON, May 20.—The predicted great battle along the San, in central Galicia, apparently is already under way. The official announcement from Berlin today speaks of heavy fighting near Przemysl, which is said to have resulted in great losses for the Russians. Several victories in the north, over the fighting front near the east Prussian border, also are claimed by the Berlin war office. The interval of comparative quiet in the western front has not been broken, so far as the official announcements from Paris and Berlin indicate.

Russian Line Broken

The Russian fortified line along the river San, running across central Galicia, on which great reliance was placed to check the Austro-German advance, has been definitely broken. Statements of the Teutonic allies that they had crossed the river are confirmed in an official announcement from Petrograd. Przemysl, which the Russians won from Austria after a struggle of several months, is now under attack by Austrian guns. One of the greatest battles of the campaign apparently is impending along the San.

In the north the Russians claim successes in operations against the German force which invaded the Baltic provinces. It is said the Germans have been expelled from Shavli.

Duke's Strategic Game

The military writers in the morning newspapers claim that only one out of fourteen Russian armies has been in deadly danger, and that Grand Duke Nicholas, commander in chief of the Russian forces in the field, is playing his usual strategic game of drawing the enemy away from his base. Petrograd maintains that forty Austrian and German army corps (1,600,000 men) have been used during the fighting of the past fortnight against the center of the Russian line along a front measuring 100 miles.

Reports from Athens set forth that the allies have occupied the Turkish position of Killid Bahr, on the European side of the straits and opposite Chanak.

On the western front the only indication of activity is the continuance of artillery duels.

New British Cabinet

A. J. Balfour, Lord Lansdowne and Andrew Bonar Law, the Unionist leaders, called at Premier Asquith's residence today and conferred with the premier, Foreign Secretary Grey and Home Secretary McKenna, representing the liberals. The reorganization of the cabinet will be thorough. A large number of resignations is expected and the cabinet will be reconstituted with the sole idea of carrying on the war.

The Evening News has received a dispatch from its Copenhagen correspondent saying the report is current in German naval circles that seventeen German submarines have been lost since February 18, the date of the commencement of the submarine blockade of England.

RAIN AND SNOW FALLS IN COLORADO

DENVER, Colo., May 20.—Rain and snow fell intermittently today for the third day with temperatures below the seasonal average in Colorado, Wyoming, western Nebraska and northern New Mexico. Denver with a temperature of 59 degrees last night established a new low record for this date since 1879. Continued cloudiness is reported to have minimized damage to fruits and early crops.