

### ITALY FORMALLY WITHDRAWS FROM TRIPLE ALLIANCE

PARIS, May 21.—A Havas dispatch from Rome says: The final document in the green book issued by the Italian government is the note sent by Foreign Minister Sonnino to the Duke of Aviano, Italian ambassador at Vienna, annulling the triple alliance. The note, which was communicated to Baron Burián, Austrian foreign minister, on May 4, closes with the following statement: "All efforts of the Italian government encounter the resistance of the Imperial Austrian government, which after several months decides to concede only the special interests of Italy in Artois and to promise sufficient concession of territory in Trent, a concession which admits of no normal solution of the situation from an ethical, political or military point of view. This concession, moreover, would be accomplished except at an undetermined period; that is to say, only at the end of the war. "In view of this condition of affairs the Italian government must renounce the hope of reaching an agreement and sees itself constrained to withdraw all propositions of settlement. It is equally useless to give a formal appearance to an alliance which would be destined only to dissimulate reality of continued mistrust. That is why Italy, confident in its right affairs and proclaims it will resume from now on its entire liberty of action and declares null and hereafter without effect, its treaty with Austria-Hungary."

### FRENCH DESTROY BRIDGE AT CERNAY

BASEL, Switzerland, May 21.—French artillery has destroyed a bridge across the river Thur, in the vicinity of Cernay. It is believed Cernay, which has been the supply and hospital base of the German forces in the Hartmanns-Weilerkopf and Hirszenstein regions of Upper Alsace, must be evacuated.

### PORTUGUESE TO STOP POLITICAL PERSECUTIONS

LISBON, May 21.—In consequence of reports of the violence of political persecutions in different parts of the country, the minister of the interior has ordered all civil officials by telegraph to institute energetic measures to stamp out such persecutions. The cabinet has also decided to send representatives into the provinces to pacify the country and prevent factional feeling. Two British warships arrived yesterday at the mouth of the Tagus river.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By Glen Laidley.) A track meet will be held Saturday afternoon at the Jackson school grounds Saturday afternoon. Gold Hill, Grants Pass and Medford will send in full track teams. The graduation exercises will be held at the Page theater, May 28. Medford was represented at the week-end festivities at Eugene by a number of high school students and alumni. The high school exhibit was held this afternoon. The work in sewing, cooking, art and manual training was displayed to the public. Don't forget that snappy little play, "The College Widow," that will be presented by the departing seniors on May 25. About 3:30 Wednesday afternoon a steady tramp was heard echoing through the high school. The students sat as though they were stones. I am sure they thought the Germans had captured the high school. All at once the procession rounded the corner of the library and the students saw the cause for all their fear. It was Miss Suedicor and Eugenie Narriegan doing the lock-step. The annual junior-senior prom, will be held in the small hall of the Natatorium next Thursday at 8:30. All members of the present junior and senior classes and all alumni of the Medford high school are invited. A student body meeting was held Thursday afternoon. I guess we haven't some speedy boy in our high school. Bob Pelouze broke the state interscholastic record in Oregon and tied the northwest record. Our Bob made the 440 in 52 1-5 seconds.

### RUSSIANS INFLICT TREMENDOUS LOSSES UPON INVADERS

PETROGRAD, May 21.—An official statement referring to the recent fighting in the Carpathian mountains was issued today and reads: "In the fighting of the past three weeks, since the beginning of the operations of the enemy in the Carpathians, their losses on May 10, May 11, May 12 and May 13, during which the fighting lost some of its intensity, averaged 10,000 a day. On the other seventeen days they were much heavier especially during the period between May 16 and May 19, when they amounted to several tens of thousands daily. "Certain regiments of the enemy have been reduced to a single company. Their total losses during this period, including 40,000 prisoners captured by us, have undoubtedly reached to one fourth or perhaps one third of their total strength. "The score of guns lost by the enemy in this fighting is as nothing compared with their total number, but it must be borne in mind that owing to lack of horses and the scarcity of projectiles—between two and three million shells having been expended by the enemy during this period—the enemy left behind on old positions several hundred guns. This circumstance has helped to equalize the odds which were in favor of the enemy."

### CARDINAL STARTS FRENCH RELIEF FUND

ROME, May 21.—A letter from Cardinal Gaspari, papal secretary of state, to Cardinal Amette, archbishop of Paris, in which was enclosed a draft for 40,000 francs, (\$8000) as a gift from Pope Benedict to war sufferers, is published by the Osservatore Romano. The subscription is intended to open a fund which will be raised under the patronage of Cardinal Amette for the relief of the civil population in the French provinces occupied by the Germans.

### GERMANS PROTEST MUNITION SHIPMENTS

BERLIN, May 21.—A meeting of protest against American shipments of war material was held last night by the Deutscher Wehrverein. A resolution was adopted calling for the discontinuance of export from Germany of goods particularly needed in America, such as dyes and the limitation of imports from America as far as possible until the trade which is declared objectionable is stopped.

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### SWISS TO PROTEST SINKING OF SWISS ABOARD LUSITANIA

BERNE, Switzerland, May 21.—The Swiss federal authorities have decided to make suitable representations to Germany on the sinking May 7 of the Cunard line steamer Lusitania by a German submarine, as a result of which three Swiss citizens lost their lives. The government is awaiting knowledge of the German reply to the Washington note on this subject so as to better able to choose a wise course of procedure. The Swiss think well of President Wilson's note, but to most newspapers it appears to be hardly strong enough. The argument is being made here by Swiss observers that the Swiss representations will have great weight, because behind them there will be a Swiss army 500,000 strong. Records made public shortly after the loss of the Lusitania showed that John Fenwick, a Swiss citizen, was among those who lost their lives. The list of nationalities on board the Lusitania shows that in the second cabin there were two persons whose nationality was not known. It also is possible there were Swiss citizens among the crew of the liner.

### STEAMER ORPHELIA A LAWFUL PRIZE

LONDON, May 21.—The prize court has decided that the German steamer Ophelia, captured in the North Sea by the British destroyer Meteor October 18, and brought into Yarmouth the following day, was a lawful prize. Germany protested that this act of capture was in violation of the Hague convention, declaring that the Ophelia was a hospital ship. The British government contended that the Ophelia only purported to be a hospital ship and as a matter of fact she was masquerading under false colors for scouting purposes.

### WEDDING BELLS

John H. King and Miss Grace Miller of Ashland, were married in this city Thursday evening. The ceremonies were performed by the Rev. Harry E. Tucker of the Christian church. Miss Miller is one of Ashland's most popular society girls. Mr. and Mrs. King will reside in Ashland where Mr. King is engaged in business. The young couple were accompanied by Miss King and Mr. Barran, also of Ashland.

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### NORMAL BUILDINGS MAY BE USED FOR A COUNTRY CLUB

ASHLAND, May 21.—Concerning the turning over of the normal property for safe keeping, parties here representing various women's clubs have signified a disposition to assume such care provided the property was turned over absolutely to them by legal transfer, instead of merely assuming control awaiting the caprice of the state to dispose of it otherwise. The ladies assert that if this property is never to be again utilized for school purposes, it would make an eligible site for a country club, and its acquisition for this purpose would be in line with other numerous plans to substantially improve Ashland's surroundings. This is not a narrow, selfish view either, for one can rest assured that if the ladies came into possession of the tract, it would be improved for the greatest good to the greatest number. The buildings would be repaired before it is everlastingly too late to rescue them, and as for the grounds they would be beautified along plans which have made the park systems models of their kind.

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