ITALY LIKELY TO DECLARE WAR ON TURKISH EMPIRE

ROME, via Paris, July 22.—Diplomatic relations between Italy and Turkey already strained, are becoming more tense because of the reported refusal of the Turkish authorities to permit Italian subjects to leave the Ottoman empire. It is believed here that a declaration of war by Italy in the near future is highly probable.

Reports from Cairo that a Turkish-German expedition has landed on Italian territory in Tripoli has aroused the ire of the Italian press.

Rome also has heard that a large number of Italian reservists have been detained at Smyrna on the pretense that passenger traffic has been stopped because of the port being closed, while other Italians are similarly detained at various points in Asia Minor, Syria and Arabia.

Although Italy is at war with Austria there has been no declaration of hostilities against either Germany or Turkey, the allies of Italy's antagonist. It has ben the belief in diplomatic circles that each side is waiting for the other to take the initiative and thus assume he responsibility for extending the scope of the conflict.

PANAMA CANAL ON PAYING BASIS

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Counting only the cost of operation; of civil government, sanitary work and the administration and handling of ships, the Panama canal is now on a paying basis, according to official reports.

Receipts for May not only wiped out the deficit of $39,480 which had grown up since the opening up of the canal trade but left a balance of $177,199 which works out a profit of 4.79 per cent on the expenditure.

This, however, does not make any allowance for interest on the vast sum of money expended in the construction of the canal and from that point of view the receipts from tolls have not yet equalled the expenses.

WINCHESTER ARMS FACTORY SCHEDULED FOR NEXT STRIKE

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., July 23.—With the arrival here today of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and a number ofexecutives of international unions, J. J. Johnston, vice president of the Structural Iron Workers, announced that he had been informed the written agreement by which an amicable sttlement of all labor roubles in Bridgeport will be secured, has been signed. The text of the agreement, he added, probably would be given out for publication this afternoon.

Mr. Johnston also stated it had been determined that the next move in the campaign to secure an eight hour day throughout New England would be made at the Winchester Repeating Arms company at New Haven, also engaged in the manufacture of munitions for Great Britain and her allies. The Winchester company is building a big addition to its plant.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SEEKS TIMBER PROFITS

WASHINGTON, July 23—The Oregon Railroad company wants permission to cut or sell the timber on the unsold portion of its grant before disposing of the land, coupled with authority to retain all receipts from the sales of this timber. The railroad company sought today to file a petition withthe United States supreme court asking for modification of that portion of its decree of June 21 which enjoins the sale, cutting or other disposition of the timber on the grant pending action by congress.

The intimation is conveyed that if this modification is not made by the court further litigation will be instituted in the hope of securing to the railroad company full control of the timber. If permitted to dispose of thetimber the railroad company is willing to abide by the remainder of the supreme court decree and sell the cut-over and non-timbered lands to actual settlers.

YEAR AGO SERBIA GOT ULTIMATUM PRECIPITATING WAR

PARIS, July 23.—One year ago today the Austrian ultimatum to Serbia which led up to the war, was delivered. The French press commemorates the anniversary with articles voicing the resolution of France and her allies to carry on the war unswervingly. The Matin says:

"Germany had reached the point of wishing to crush by diplomatic means, if not by force, the nations unwilling to accept her yoke. She was completely carried away by the desire of dominating, as well as the mania which led her to believe she could not exist without uncontested superiority in Europe."

Alfred Capus, the dramatist, writes in the Figaro:

"France did not show the least hesitation, the least doubt about the danger which menaced her, nor in regard to the enemy's design. Rarely has a nation had more prompt or clear vision of her destiny. In a few hours she took stock of herself, accepted the German challenge and swore to conquer."

Resolutions of Condolence.

Whereas the Divine Ruler of the universe has in his infinite wisdom seen fit to remove from our midst by death, Brother George A. Jackson, and whereas the long and faithful discharge of his duties in behalf of Medford Lodge, No. 421, of thte Fraternal Aid Union, makes it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him;

Therefore be it resolved, that the wisdom and ability exercised by him in the faithful discharge of his duties in promoting the welfare of this organization will be held in grateful remembrance by the members of this lodge;

Resolved, that we deeply sympathize with the bereaved family and relatives of the deceased in this sad hour of affliction and commend them to Him who doeth all things well;

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy printed in the local paper and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

SARAH M. ANDRUS,
L. A. JORDAN,
ELIZABETH LAWRENTZ,
Committee.

TENNIS TOURNEY STARTS SATURDAY

The Southern Oregon Tennis championship will start promptly at 2 p. m. on Saturday, July 24, on the courts of the Medford Golf and Country club. Play will continue on the following days and the finals will be played on Saturday, July 31. Notice of matches will be posted in advance on the bulletin boards of the Country club and the University club and will appear in the local newspapers. Owing to the large number of entries it will be absolutely necessary for contestants to be on hand and ready to go on the courts when their matches are called. The tennis committee would much prefer not to have to default any contestants because of failure to appear in time for their matches but because of the fact tha the finals must be played on the date mentioned, it is necessary that the tournament advance as rapidly ts possible, and for this reason the committee will be compelled to default at once, all contestants who are not on hand when their matches are called. Positively no exceptions will be made to this rule.

Visiting players will be extended the privilege of the club during the tournament week and will be allowed to purchase supplies at the club for cash. On the evening of Saturday, July 31, the entire membership of the club will give a dance to which all contestants whether members of the club or not, are cordially invited.

All persons desiring to watch the play during the progress of the tournament will be most welcome.

The following matches will start Saturday promptly at 2 o'clock: Vawter vs. Clark, Fish vs. A. Carpenter and Seeley vs. E. Adams.

The other matches in singles will follow on completion of these first matches. All contestants must report at this time so as to be ready to play when matches are called.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Amelia A. Shaver

Died—At her home in Phoenix, Thursday, July 22, Mrs. Amelia A. Shaver, age 76 years, 8 months and ten days, a native of Virginia, and a resident of this section for the past nine years. She is survived by a husband, William H., and one son, E. C. Luger. The funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, burial in Phoenix cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our sincerethanks to the many friends and neighbors and to the Independent Order of Red Men for the kind and valuable assistance rendered us during the recent illness of our husband and father, also for the many beautiful floral offerings contributed.

Mrs. G. A. JACKSON,
W. B. JACKSON and Family.
Mrs.E.E.ROBINSON and Family.

HOLD GOLD HILL FAIR IN SEPTEMBER

The annual Gold Hill fair will be held this year September 17-18, and will be larger and better than last year. There will be a salmon bake, "Roaring Camp," and High Line Trail features. The following committees have been named to make the arrangements for the festivities:

Finance, W. H. Miller, J. E. Davidson and M. D. Bowers; amusements, William Fansher, H. L. Porter and C. F. Dean; salmon bake, M. S. Johnson, George Iverson and J. W. Hicks; exhibits, G. W. Milam, R. C. Kelsey, W. W. Truax and A. E. Kellogg; decoration, F. W. Dodge, L. O. Walker and A. A. Flynn; advertising, C. H. Price, B. H. Lampman and H. D. Reed, Roaring Camp, Joe Beeman, J. F. Morrill, L. R. Caldwell and S. Reigel; High Line Trail, M. D. Bowers, J. W. Hayes and R. E. Howard.

INJUNCTION HALTS ROSEBURG BONDS

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 23.—Representing 10 Roseburg taxpayers, Attorney Ralph Duniway of Portland has filed a suit in the circuit court here asking that the city of Roseburg be enjoined from disposing of the $300,000 bonds recently voted by the people of Roseburg to assist Kendall Brothers in the construction of a railroad extending 30 miles east from this city. The taxpayers represented are: John Hunter, Hyman Wollenberg, James Hildeburn, Henry Ridenour, J. O. Newland, Charles Parrott, A. J. Bellows, G. W. Rapp, C. W. Parks and James Miliken.

It also is asked that the city be enjoined from entering into contracts with Kendall Brothers or continuing the proceedings previously instituted against the bond issue, and at present pending in the Oregon supreme court.