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Fighting Reported, Though War Not Formally Declared

Austrians Shoot Italians Who Tear Up Their Country's Flag

Italian Warships Said to Have "Entered" Austrian Port of Cattaro on the Adriatic—Ambassadors Get Ready to Leave Rome—May Be Ultimatum to Austria Today

Venice, May 21—Austrian troops today fired upon Italians who had started a demonstration at Zara, capital of Dalmatia, and had destroyed Austrian flags. Several persons were killed and many wounded.

WARSHIPS AT CATTARO

Paris, May 21—Italy has struck the first blow at Austria through her fleet, according to a news agency despatch from Rome. This asserts that the Italian warships which have been patrolling the Albanian coast have "entered" the Austrian port of Cattaro, Dalmatia, on the Adriatic.

NO DECLARATION YET

Rome, May 21—With full authority in its hands to declare war against Austria and Germany, the cabinet met today to regulate its policy under its new power. Premier Salandra, "the man of the hour in Italy," was widely cheered on his way to the meeting, but the city was generally calm. War with Austria and Germany is regarded by the public as inevitable. The only question is, when will it begin?

It was reported that a forty-eight hour ultimatum would be sent to Vienna during the day. But, at the same time, it was felt in many quarters that hostilities would be commenced without further diplomatic intercourse with the governments of the Teutonic allies.

VATICAN AMBASSADORS LEAVING

Rome, May 21—The Roman correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says: "Premier Salandra this morning obtained the royal signature to a decree suspending the diplomatic immunity of the Austrian and German ambassadors to the Vatican, who will leave tomorrow."

SENATE RATIFIES IT

Rome, May 21—The senate today ratified the action of the chamber of deputies in conferring full war powers upon the cabinet. There were persistent rumors that a war council had been called.

LONDON PLEASED BUT COMPLICATIONS SEEN

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CHEER THEMSELVES WITH TALK OF SUIT FOR PEACE BY RUSSIA

Vienna, May 21—The news from Rome was received here without excitement. It was followed by rumors that Italian troops had already crossed the Austrian frontier, but there was apparently less interest in this than in reports that Russia might sue for peace.

RUSSIAN AND ITALIAN INTEREST, IT IS FEARED, WILL BE HARD TO ARRANGE AFTER WAR

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis:—The high area has passed to the maritime provinces and Atlantic States while the southwestern low area has moved northward to Wisconsin. The weather is showery in Ontario and fine in all other parts of the Dominion.

Few Showers. Maritime—Light to moderate winds fine; Saturday, moderate southwest winds, fair except a few local showers in western districts.

New England forecasts—Showers to-night and Saturday, warmer tonight in interior, moderate east to southeast winds.

AMBULANCE MASS OF TWISTED METAL

The One In Which Doctor Duval Was Wounded

LETTER FROM STAFF SEGT. READE

German Shell Also Hits Hospital—Soldiers of Many Nationalities Under Care—Abner Belyea Writes of Experiences

Working in a hospital which the Germans, with their customary chivalry, made the largest for their shells, arising for wounded of several nationalities, and on the go day and night to keep pace with their work of mercy; these are some of the experiences told of by Staff Sergeant Joseph C. Reade of this city in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Reade, 98 Duke Street, West St. John. The letter follows:

May 2, 1915.

Dear Parents: It is some time since I wrote you, as I have been so busy I could not get time. Well, the Canadians have made a name for themselves and Canada is proud. I know, but it was a big price to pay. We all had to work in our hospital day and night and the wounded around our work very much as they also did the work of our stretcher bearers.

You know by this time that Captain Duval was wounded. The ambulance in which he was hit is but a mass of twisted metal. The very same ambulance was killed just in the rear of our hospital.

The Germans had been shelling our town for several days, but early on the night of April 29 they started dropping shells very close to us; one crashed through the brick side of the beautiful house we were using as a hospital.

Luckily we had just moved; the house was injured. We had to vacate that night and after sending away all the wounded in the ambulances we retired to neighboring cellars. The next morning we vacated the town altogether. It being made too hot for us.

We had in our hospital wounded from a great many countries, British, Canadians, French, Belgians, Gurkhas and Sikhs, Turcos and Germans (both Prussian and Bavarian). I course our German patients were prisoners.

You have read of the battle and know where we are. It is in this section just now; the allies have regained more than they lost the first day. I do not know where they are now. The Canadians have now been in the two greatest battles of the war, and each time they have won.

Our unit is still in the field, and also running a hospital some distance in the rear. I tell you we have some great and faithful workers. I have a slight cold but I could get a little rest would be all O. K.

From Abner Belyea.

The following from Abner Belyea comes to his sister, Miss Mabel Belyea, 5 Horsfield street—

April 29, 1915.

Dear Sister Mabel—Just a line to let you know that I am in the best of health and all the Gagetown boys are the same. We have been very busy lately and I have not had my boots off for four days and nights and the horses have been harnessed all that time. We have been under some severe shell fire, but all have come off safely.

Just lost three or four wagons and some horses. Ben Dunn, Jack Fincombe and John Wright are in a three team hitch and had a narrow escape; a shell burst about twenty feet from them killing three horses and blowing a hole in the ground big enough to bury them. It splattered them with horse flesh, blood and mud. They were an awful sight. Thank goodness, they came out of it whole.

We had a shell burst within twenty-five yards of our hospital (Bird, Belyea and Mathews), it blew a big tree about twenty feet in the air and killed one horse and wounded two men; that was close enough for me.

The roads are just strewn with dead horses and I saw two dead men, the first I have seen. They looked awful, they surely deserved me, but such is war and one must grin and bear it.

The 3th Royal Highlanders surely covered themselves with glory, and the Canadians as a whole did good work. Send me the Telegraph that describes the second battle of Ypres. It will be very interesting to me. I have seen quite a number of towns shelled and it is a common occasion to see great holes in the road and fields from the explosion of them. I saw a house the other day that had been hit by a shell. The whole front had been blown clear out of it and the kettle was still on the stove and up stairs the bed was half blown away and the garments were hanging on pegs on the wall.

Well write soon, love to all, From BROTHER ABNER.

From George Wilson.

Jas. Steen, manager of the Victoria Bowling alleys, has received a letter from Pte. George Wilson, of 44 High Street, his mother. He writes that he

Allies Capture Maidos and Destroy Dardanelles Town

London, May 21—Athens report that the town of Maidos on Gallipoli Peninsula has been captured by the allies, that the town of Dardanelles has been destroyed by the Anglo-French fleet, and that a large part of the town of Gallipoli has been wrecked by bombs from the allies' aviators.

London, May 21—Athens reports fierce fighting near the neck of the Gallipoli Peninsula. The big guns of the Queen Elizabeth are being fired from the Gulf of Saros, assisting in the allies' attack.

The Turkish force being supported by the guns of the Sultan Selim, from the Sea of Marmora.

HUNS GET NEW GRIP NEAR YPRES BUT SOON LOSE IT

French Drive Them Out and Gain Ground, While British Also Make Progress Near LaBassee

Paris, May 21—The French War Office reports: "To the north of Ypres, and to the east of the Yser Canal, the enemy early last night started an attack against our trenches. He was successful in the beginning, but an immediate counter attack resulted in his complete expulsion. At the same time we won ground beyond our original positions. We took 120 prisoners.

Further to the south, British troops made some progress at a point north of Ypres.

"At Notre Dame De Lorette, and on the front between Souchez and Nouville St. Vaast, there were artillery exchanges all night.

Pope's Gift of Ship. The gift of \$6,000 from the Pope to the Archbishop of Paris for war sufferers is to be the nucleus of a fund to be raised under the patronage of Cardinal Amette for the relief of the civil population in the French provinces occupied by Germany.

Progress in Dardanelles. Athens, May 21—All the Turkish forts on the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles have been destroyed, says a despatch from Mytilene. Several of the European forts are still holding out.

British Prison. London, May 21—The British prize court has condemned the German hospital ship Ophelia, which was captured at sea, as a lawful prize of war.

Allies Hit Them Hard. Amsterdam, May 21—Heavy casualties attended the latest air raid of the allies against the German concentration camp at Bruge, Belgium. Ten German soldiers were killed outright, scores wounded and damage done to military property.

But One Survivor. Brigham, Eng. May 21—The captain of the French trawler St. Just, which was blown up eight miles from Hartmouth on Thursday, was landed here today. He was the sole survivor. It is believed that the St. Just was torpedoed by a German submarine.

GREAT FIELD DAY FOR CONSTRUCTION CORPS MEMBERS

There is much interest in the plans of the Canadian Railway Construction Corps for the celebration of Victoria Day on Monday. In the membership of the unit, which comprises railway men from all parts of Canada, are included many who have won distinction as athletes, and they will be given an opportunity to display their skill in a programme of field sports in a big field near Cedar Hill. The events will be well contested as there is keen competition.

The sports will commence at 10 a. m. and will include one mile race, 100 yards dash, one quarter mile race, relay, tossing the caber, putting the shot, tug-of-war, standing broad jump, hop-step-and-leap, three quick jumps, three-legged race, greased pig race, and an association football and seven inning baseball match. Besides these fixtures there will be a shooting competition between twelve men under an N. C. O.

The programme will extend throughout the whole day from 10 a. m. The events will be under the supervision of Majors Reid, Hervey, Richardson and Lefevre, Captains Grant, Pope, Wellwood and Lieutenants Sherwood, Connors, Duncan, Wilson, Lewis and Murray.

In the evening the corps will be at home to their friends in the immigration buildings, West St. John, where they will conduct an assembly. Accommodation is being provided for about 1,000. An attractive programme of dancing will be carried out. The dance is being conducted by invitation, but the members of the corps having the event in charge are asking that the ladies who received invitations to their last "at home" should consider themselves as invited also to this, as they fear they may not be able to have all the invitations issued in time. The programme is cordially invited to attend the sports.

BUDGET SHOWS DEFICIT

Newfoundlanders Are to Have Taxes Increase

St. John's, Nfld., May 21—The budget shows a deficit of a half million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30. The government proposes a special loan for next year to provide against a possible deficit. The minister proposes a duty of three cents a gallon on kerosene and gasoline used in driving motor boats, and ten per cent on all goods previously on the free list.

GIVEN A SHOWER

A good time was enjoyed last evening by members of the Friendship Camp, when they met upon Miss Nellie Quinn, 246 Charlotte street, and tendered her a shower in honor of her marriage next month. She was the recipient of best wishes and also a variety of remembrances.

Switzerland to Act in Lusitania Matter

Berne, Switzerland, May 21—The Swiss authorities have decided to make representations to Germany on the sinking of the 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 Washington. Behind the Swiss representations will be the Swiss army 500,000 strong.

VICTORIOUS ADVANCE OF GERMANS IS CHECKED

Russians, Too, Have Crushed Left Wing of Enemy and Exposed Army on San to Double Attack

London, May 21—The Times Petrograd correspondent telegraphs: "The victorious advance of the Austro-German army from the line of the Dunajec at length has been checked. The Russian armies had fallen back to the defences of the San, and for ten miles to the north of Jaroslau the enemy had forced their way to the western bank.

"Meanwhile the left wing of the invading army, operating to the north of the Upper Vistula, has been crushed by the Russians at Opatow and has exposed the Austro-German army on the San, to an attack from the north as well as from the east.

"Great masses of the enemy have arrived in the Stry region, apparently for an attempt to move on Lemberg. So far, all their attempts to advance in this region have been checked by the Russians."

Petrograd, May 21—Austro-German troops are maintaining their offensive on the San River around Przemysl and north of Jaroslau, but at other points the strength of their attacks has diminished. Both Jaroslau and Sienawa are in the hands of the Germans.

FORMER I. C. R. MAN KILLED IN FOR THE 55TH

Frank F. Ball Was One of Maxim Gun Section of Seaforth Highlanders

Moncton, N. B., May 21—Frank F. Ball, of the maxim gun section of the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders, has been killed in action in France. He enlisted in Vancouver. He was a son of Prof. Hiram Ball, formerly organist of the First Moncton Baptist Church. He was twenty-one years old, and formerly was in the I. C. R. audit office.

Harvey Rhodes, who enlisted here with the 19th Field Battery, met with an accident while riding a horse at Shorncliffe. He is being invalided home. He is a son of J. T. Rhodes of Moncton.

The recruiting office at the armory is now open all day and all intending recruits are heartily welcomed.

James H. Edwards of Fredericton, and W. Hill of Woodstock have enlisted at Fredericton in the 53th Battalion and have gone to Suva.

Harvey T. Reid, son of J. H. Reid, of Harland, who won the Rhodes scholarship at Acadia in the class of 1912, and who is now in the British army, writes that he is off to the front. Mr. Reid served in the King Edward Horse two years and in December last that regiment and took a commission and is now second lieutenant in the 9th division.

Today's Drill. The Construction Corps left their barracks in Christopher's Cove, West St. John, this morning quite early, going to Westfield in heavy marching order, and carrying rations to last until tomorrow. They will have a bivouac there tonight, returning tomorrow afternoon.

The 29th Battalion today had a march-out to Duck Cove, carrying pony rations. They will return to the city late this afternoon.

FEW, IF ANY, ITALIANS HERE

Inquiries into the local effect of Italy's entrance into the war have revealed the interesting fact that there are few, if any, Italians domiciled in St. John at present. At one time there was a fair sized Italian colony here, but they all seem to have drifted away.

John deAngelis is the best known Italian in the city, but he is a naturalized British subject and said that he knew of very few of his countrymen who make their homes here.

The Italian consul at this port, Charles McLaughlin, said this morning that he knew of no Italian citizens living here. He had received word from several servants who wished to report for duty if they were needed, but they are not permanent residents of the city. He had taken their names and reported them, but so far had not received any instructions regarding them.

MRS. WM. S. BROWN DEAD; HUSBAND CRITICALLY ILL

The death of a well known North End resident, Mrs. Mary E. Brown, wife of William S. Brown, occurred early this morning at her home, 78 High Street. The death just at this time is regarded especially sad because of the condition of Mr. Brown's health, as he has been critically ill with heart trouble for the last ten days or more. His wife became ill only on last Saturday. Both have been held in high esteem, and the death of the one and illness of the other have been heard of with regret by many friends. They are buried now after fifty-six years of wedded life.

Mrs. Brown, who was seventy-seven years of age, was a member of Brussels Street Baptist church. Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. S. Torrey of Linden, Mass., and Mrs. F. W. Daley of St. John, and two sons, Arthur W. and Aubrey S., of this city. The funeral will be held on Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

KELLY'S HIGH SCORING

Makes 591 in Five Strips in Victoria Competition

It was certainly a great feat on Thursday, when he put up a five string score of 591 on the Victoria alleys. His highest single was 136 and his lowest 107. His scores were 116, 136, 124, 107, 108—591, average 118.5. This is considered as good a score as was ever put up in this city. Covey was second with 532, made up of 119, 109, 114, 104, 106. Jack Cullinan had a high single of 133.

ROOSEVELT WINS

Syracuse, N. Y., May 21—The jury in the Barnes-Roosevelt libel suit, found for the defendant; libel was not proved. The defendant, John Barnes, a Syracuse notary, said: "I am for the plaintiff."