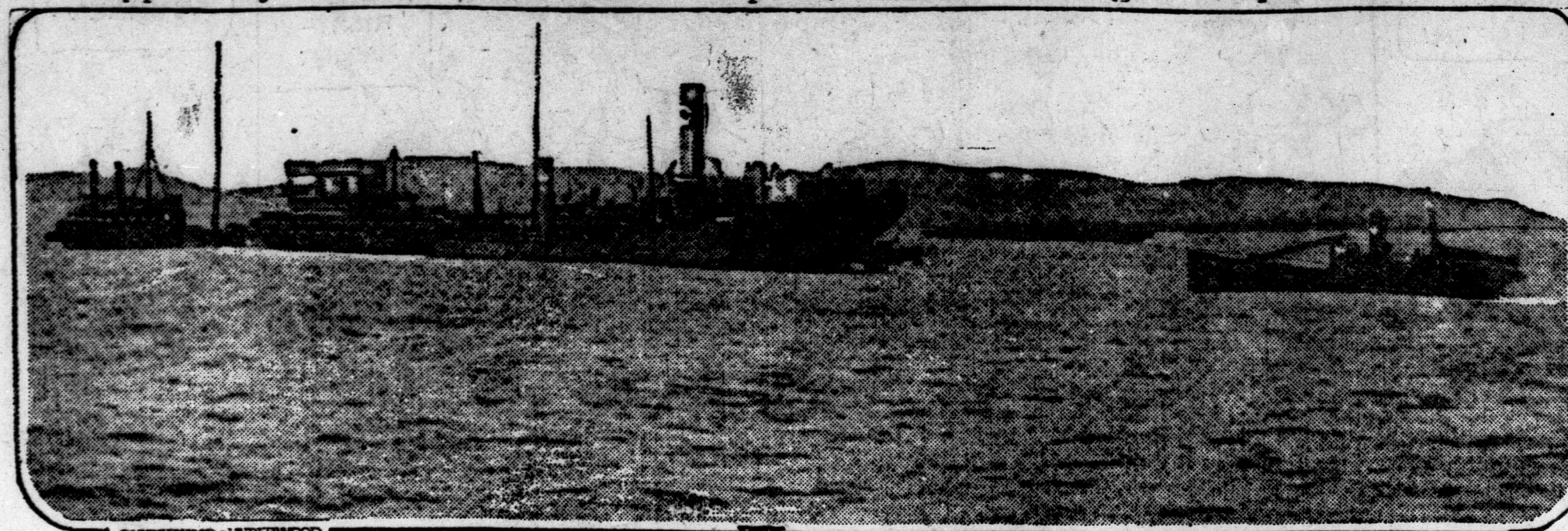


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United States steamer Gulfight, torpedoed by German submarine May 1, being towed and conveyed into St. Marys, Solli Islands, England. Note the letter "G" on the Gulfight's smokestack.

AUSTRIA-ITALIAN NEGOTIATIONS NOW GIVEN TO PUBLIC

Green Book Discloses Each Step Taken Before Breaking Treaty.

WHAT AUSTRIA OFFERED

Three Districts, With Villages, for Italy's Neutrality and Goodwill.

[Canadian Press.]

Rome, May 20.—Via Paris, May 20.—Diplomatic document, which discloses 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, on December 5, 1914, instructing him to notify Count Von Berchtold, then Austrian foreign minister, that the Austrian advance in Serbia constituted an offence covered in article 7 of the Triple Alliance treaty, entitling Italy to compensation. Count Von Berchtold replied that his opinion did not agree with this view, but that he had begun to change his mind.

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British Children Write To London Boys and Girls

Herewith are given more letters received by London public school students from children in other parts of the British Empire.

From British Baluchistan.

From British Baluchistan to Olive Cossey:

Shiekh Mandah, Quetta District, British Baluchistan, 21st March, 1915.

Dear Miss Olive—Many thanks for your letter of February 4, 1915. Our head master gave me the honor of answering your patriotic letter, which privilege I was glad to accept, you may be sure, though perhaps you would like to have heard from someone younger.

Quetta has been my home for about fourteen years, and during these years a great change has come about, and from the accounts of my father, who has been here 25 years, Quetta has grown about four times the size it was, and is now one of the most important military stations on the frontier. Quetta is situated in a large valley, and is approached on one side by the Bolan Pass, through which the railway runs, via Quetta, on to Chaman, right on the Afghan frontier.

The mountains round Quetta are a most formidable barrier against invasion, and make our town a natural fortress; consequently this is considered one of the safest places in India and Baluchistan.

When I was about 14 years old, my father, who is the city magistrate in Quetta, bought some land out here, at a place called Shiekh Mandah, five miles out of Quetta, and here we lived for three months in tents, during which time father built a house, and we moved in. Then one or two came along and built houses likewise, and now we are, after five years, a little colony of eight houses, two of which are father's, one we live in and the other for sale. In 1913 father got leave to have a flag station erected here, as the rail pass through Shiekh Mandah, and though they only gave us a hut and hardly any platform at first, they have at last given us what we mostly wanted, a railway siding. Shiekh Mandah exports wheat, barley, lucerne (alfalfa), and a great variety of fruit, and before we got the siding the villagers had to send their produce into Quetta by cart, or send it back to a station seven and a half miles from Quetta.

This time of the year our valley looks beautiful, especially Quetta, with its pink and white blossoms and young, fresh green leaves, but I think the summer will be warmer than usual, because we had hardly any snow last winter—just a sprinkling on Christmas and New Year's morning. We have had a good deal of rain lately, and it is to be hoped we'll have more, so that his majesty's subjects, the lower class of natives, may not find the price of flour more than they can afford.

In this morning's bulletin we read of the loss of our two ships in the Dardanelles. H. M. S. Ocean and Irresistible, and though we must expect some losses we need not be disheartened by them, but hope for the best, and fight all the better, like true Britons, and I hope when my turn comes to fight—I've tried to join the army, but am too young, so I was told, and am going to try again when I'm 19 years old—Britain will find me as brave as many who have died for her.

In closing, let me thank you again in the name of our school, the Quetta Grammar School, for your encouraging little letter. I remain, yours sincerely, ARTHUR E. CUMMING.

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British Tommies Ready For the Turk



A group of men of the 6th Manchester Regiment in Egypt.

From Bermuda. McKay got the following splendid letter from Bermuda: St. George's High School, York Street, St. George's, Bermuda, March 10.

My Dear Friend—Your very interesting letter of February 5 was handed over to me to answer, but I have been so busy preparing for our school anniversary, which comes off on Easter Monday, April 5, that I could not reply before. I am sending you some views of Bermuda, and will send you a local newspaper next time. I will be pleased to see those you promised to let me have. I was fourteen years old December 1, 1900.

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Toronto, May 20.—At the continuation of the inquiry into the late Senator Cox's dutiable properties before Mr. Justice Middleton Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Shiell continued on the stand.

Mr. Shiell, the accountant, who made up Senator Cox's books, stated that the senator kept books of his own personal affairs, "and in excellent shape," added he.

"I see 6,400 shares in the Canada Cement, one-quarter per cent interest in the equity valued at \$1,500. What did he value it at?" "At \$2,300."

"His plot in the cemetery?" "It cost him in the neighborhood of \$55,000."

Mr. Shiell gave a list of companies in which Senator Cox was interested, including the London Electric Company, the Western Assurance Company, was asked by Mr. Bain if there were any stocks really belonging to Senator Cox in the Western Assurance or in the British American, but which were credited on the books to anyone else. "I do not know," said Mr. Wainwright. "Did Senator Cox have any interest in those two companies?" "None whatever."

The inquiry was adjourned indefinitely by a large number of papers, and statements are yet to be furnished by the accountants.

AGED GUIDE WHO WOULD FIGHT ENEMY

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J. A. CHOLLEY, of Montreal, a hunter's guide in the backwoods of Beauce County, near the Maine boundary, and a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71. Though 77 years of age, the old Frenchman, upon the outbreak of the present war, went to Paris at his own expense, and offered his services to the Minister of War in a personal interview. The minister, of course, could not accept a soldier at that age, at least, "not for the present." These latter words carried great comfort to Cholley, who hopes yet to bag a few Germans. He returned to Montreal last month on the steamer Niagara.

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