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Declaration of War on Turkey By Italy May Be Expected Soon

Actions in Turkey Leads to Belief That Government Will Take Energetic Action - Italian Troops Make Further Advances in Alps - Brilliant Bayonet Charge

Rome, via Paris, Aug. 18.—Turkey, according to a Bucharest despatch to the Giornale D'Italia, has recalled permission for the departure of Italians, a large number of whom, including 700 reservists, are waiting to sail at Jaffa, Beirut, Haifa, Alexandria and Smyrna. The Giornale says the news is confirmed in authoritative circles, and it further learns from a reliable private source, that Turkey is continuing to send arms, money and proclamations to Libya, with the object of provoking a native rebellion against Italy. The paper concludes: "The cup is full. We have serious reasons to believe the government will take energetic action toward the ports, to end these violent proceedings, which Italy cannot tolerate."

ITALIANS ADVANCING Rome, Aug. 17.—(via Paris Aug. 18).—Further Italian advances through the passes of the Alps and a brilliant bayonet charge, which captured a strong line of Austrian entrenchments, in the Tolmino region, are described in the official report issued tonight at army headquarters. The statement says: "In the rugged Orlier range, between the Upper valleys of the Adige and the Adige, one of our detachments set out during the night of August 16, from Capana, Milano and divided into squads, joined by ropes, crossed the Camosol Pass, (5,500 feet high), and the Vedrette Di Damo, climbed the snow-capped summit of Turckett Spitz, (10,500 feet high) and surprised groups of the enemy. It then proceeded to Hinter Madatsch Spitz, (10,400 feet), occupied by a detachment of the enemy, which it attacked and dispersed and solidly occupied the summit. "In Upper Rienza, further progress by our infantry, is reported. We occupied Sattelberg, west of Lantschegg. CAPTURED SEVERAL TRENCHES "In the Monte Neve section we captured several of the enemy's trenches in the neighborhood of the Viovo Peak, a counter attack by the enemy, on our Viovo position, was vigorously repulsed. "In the Tolmino zone our brilliant offensive developed against the hills of Santa Maria, and Santa Lucia, commanding positions situated to the right of the Isoneo. After the customary preparatory shelling by artillery our infantry dashed forward, with the bayonet, and stormed a line of strong entrenchments extending along the Eastern slopes of these heights. The enemy suffered very heavy losses. We captured seven officers and 547 men, four machine guns, and a great quantity of ammunition."

BRITISH GAIN AT DARDANELLES London, Aug. 18.—A further advance of 500 yards by the allied troops on Gallipoli peninsula is announced in a report from General Sir Ian Hamilton, the British expeditionary commander-in-chief, given out here today. "Sir Ian Hamilton, reports that in the southern zone, the situation was unchanged during the 14th and 15th the Turks kept up the usual artillery fire without much effect. "In the northern zone the right flank of the Australian and New Zealand army corps, position, was heavily attacked during the night of the 14th, 15th, but all attacks were repulsed. At Sorlu the troops on the left flank made a short advance on the afternoon of the 15th with a view to straightening out the line. "They moved forward under considerable gun and rifle fire, and gained about 500 yards, capturing a Turkish trench and taking two officers and twenty other prisoners. VERIZELLOS IS READY London, Aug. 18.—Ex-premier Eleutherios Venizelos cabinet notified King Constantine of his readiness to form a new Greek cabinet in succession to the Goumris ministry, which resigned at the opening of the Grecian parliament yesterday, according to a despatch to the Central News Agency from Athens.

EXPLOSION KILLS TWO Three Rivers, Que., Aug. 18.—Tuesday afternoon an explosion occurred in the match factory at St. Constant, instantly killing Nicholas Murphy, well known inventor and electrical engineer, aged twenty-three. The explosion also killed A. Leboff and seriously burned three of the men, who have been rushed to Quebec city for hospital treatment. The building is completely burned, and utterly consumed the bodies of young Murphy and Leboff.

CHINA'S NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT American Adviser Explains Why Monarchy is Preferable to Republic - President is Moving Cautiously Peking, Aug. 18.—At the request of President Yuan Shi Kai, Professor Frank J. Goodnow, legal adviser to the government, has deferred his departure from China until September 5, in order that he may advise the constitution drafting committee of ten appointed by the president, who are now assembling in Peking. "Their decision, it is believed here, will follow monarchial lines as definitely and rapidly as the nation will permit. "In the Peking Gazette, Dr. Goodnow today explains his opinions concerning the government of China. He says that succession to executive power often, particularly in the South and Central American states, leads to civil war, which results in the worst possible form of government, military dictatorship. The Chinese, he says, could not afford to permit civil war, or a great disorder which would almost certainly lead to foreign intervention, with the probable loss of political independence. "It is understood that Dr. Goodnow in his documentary advice to Yuan Shi Kai, recommended that the change from a republic to a monarchy should first be made acceptable to both the thinking people of China and the foreign powers, and that Yuan Shi Kai is following this advice in sanctioning the formation of the so-called peace society. The nominal object of which is the discussion of the best form of government for China. The inauguration of this peace society is fixed for Saturday. The promoters announce in the newspapers that it has numerous adherents.

QUEBEC BRIDGE CLAIMS ONE MORE VICTIM Quebec, Aug. 18.—Frank Mitchell, a Caughnawaga Indian, while working on the construction of the Quebec bridge over the river St. Lawrence was struck on the head by a heavy bolt, which fell from the structure above him, and died for an eight hour working day, and for increased wages in all cases where the men are being paid below the standard wage scale.

EAST END LEAGUE DIRECTORS The directors of the East End League will hold a meeting at the Boys' Club tomorrow night at eight o'clock.

Fruit for the Soldiers Niagara Falls, Aug. 18.—Arrangements were made at a meeting of the executive committee of the Canadian Club last night, for the shipment of 5,000 cans of fruit to Canadian soldiers in Europe.

New Chief Stales Theodore Murchie, of St. Stephen, who was recently appointed superintendent of government scarpers, left St. Stephen yesterday to engage in his new duties.

WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Fair and Cool Maritime—Strong breezes and moderate gales west and northwest; a few local showers, but mostly fair and cool. Thursday strong northwest winds, fair and cool.

New England Forecasts - Generally fair and continued cool tonight and one hour later, from a fractured Thursday; moderate winds, mostly northwest to N.

GRAVE CHARGES OF GERMAN INTERGLUE STATES, FROM CIVIL SOURCES

Efforts To Involve Her in the War Alleged Scores of Lives Are Lost And Damage Amounts to Millions

Details of Disaster In Texas Begin to Leak Past Barrier of Interrupted Communication

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 18.—More than three score lives were lost and property worth millions of dollars was destroyed by the Gulf coast of Texas, Sunday and Monday, according to information that trickled through the veil that has surrounded the stricken district, because of broken wire communication. Houston, Galveston and Beaumont remained practically cut off from the outside world but wire companies expected that they would be able to communicate with all three places before night. Although rain was still falling in some districts, the Gulf had lessened in velocity. "The German menace," in an address before the annual convention of the veterans of foreign war, his address, which was punctuated by bitter unpublished charges regarding German-American activities in the United States, was received with vociferous applause in the Hotel Statler banquet hall. An invisible army of German reservists 500,000 strong, sworn to be loyal to Kaiser Wilhelm, was conjured up by Mr. Moore as the prime factor in his self-styled menace. "Germany today is having manufactured for her in the United States more war munitions than in the United States herself," he told the veterans. He added that German knowledge, technical achievements, cunning and diplomacy had so enmeshed American contemporary life that it was difficult to estimate the extent of the control system. "Germany today is having manufactured for her in the United States more war munitions than in the United States herself," he told the veterans. He added that German knowledge, technical achievements, cunning and diplomacy had so enmeshed American contemporary life that it was difficult to estimate the extent of the control system. "Germany today is having manufactured for her in the United States more war munitions than in the United States herself," he told the veterans. He added that German knowledge, technical achievements, cunning and diplomacy had so enmeshed American contemporary life that it was difficult to estimate the extent of the control system.

WHOLE FAMILY WAS IN COURT Proceedings Held up Because of Separation Suit - Small Boy - Berge's Pleads Guilty The case against Lena Monohan, who was arrested yesterday with her father, Samuel Lockhart, charged with stealing her husband's furniture was taken up in the public court this morning. Urban Sawyer, who appeared for the plaintiff, made application for dismissal on the grounds that the parties had entered into a separation agreement. Magistrate Ritchie said that as the value of the goods alleged to have been stolen was over \$100 it became an indictable offense and he could not dismiss it. Mr. Sawyer, after consulting with Earle Logan, who appeared for the defendant, said that he would make application to the attorney general for dismissal if his honor were willing. The latter said he would place no obstacle in the way and remanded the defendants. The scene in the court room was a pathetic one. Mrs. Lockhart, mother and wife of the defendant, was in tears and a small child, which was brought to the court, was sobbing and crying loudly. The defendant, Mrs. Monohan, became hysterical as her child was taken away from her.

PREPARING FOR 64TH BATTALION Plan Recruiting Campaign But 55th Must Be Filled First - St. John Men Among the Officers An active recruiting campaign is to be organized for the 64th battalion, the nucleus of which, composed of a detachment from Nova Scotia, is now at Camp Sussex. If possible, however, first attempts are favored in the interests of the 55th, which it is hoped to fill before the 64th is mustered. Recruited interest has been taken in recruiting locally through the lessening of requirements for volunteers, many men who were previously rejected as being below the necessary measurements or through having poor teeth, being now readily accepted owing to the change in the regulations. Officers Gazetted The establishment of the 64th Battalion at Sussex under Lieut. Colonel Montgomery Campbell is being proceeded with deliberately and carefully, and every effort is being made to secure a representative class of men. When it was organized the intention was, or the hope of the promoters, at least, to have it garrisoned in Halifax so that it would be known as a Maritime Scottish regiment, but that idea has been abandoned and the men will wear the usual khaki instead. Several St. John men have been expecting appointments to the new unit, and have filed applications. Among those successful thus far are Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity last night. He said field kitchen procurer here would not be accepted by the war office. His willingness will send on the money available as requested. William M. Jones, lance sergeant, Bear River, N. S., has been slightly wounded in action in France; Corp. George W. Kane of Amherst, N. S., has been killed in action with the 16th Battalion.

Blot on Georgia. Washington, Aug. 18.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels has issued a formal statement denouncing the lynching of Leo M. Frank, as the worst blot on the name of Georgia, and declaring that it would be more sincerely condemned in the South than in any other part of the republic.

FOR MACHINE GUNS. A contribution of towards the machine gun fund was received this morning by Mayor Frink from Joseph W. Yall, 159 Princess street.

Capture of Kovno Fortress Is Announced By Germans

City Itself, With Outlying Fortifications, Now in Hands of the Enemy - Four Hundred Cannon Captured - Regarded as Serious Blow to the Russians

Berlin, Aug. 18.—(By wireless to Seyffels)—The following announcement was made here officially today: "The fortress of Kovno, together with all the forts and an amount of war material which has not been determined, has been in German hands since last night. "More than 400 cannon were taken. The fortress was captured by storm in spite of the most tenacious resistance by the Russians." Military experts have agreed that the loss of the fortress of Kovno would be a severe blow to the Russians. The critic of the London Times, in an article published this morning says: "If the enemy succeeds in reducing Kovno, and is thereby able to cross the Niemen, he will be in the rear of the Russian line north of the Srenta, and with the junction of the two wings of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's army, the position of the Russian right flank will be very difficult."

The official German statement of yesterday announced the capture of the fortress the southwest front of Kovno, together with 4500 prisoners and 240 guns, this was interpreted as foreshadowing the fall of the fortress proper, but its accomplishment so speedily was hardly expected. The famous German general, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, personally took command of the army attacking Kovno, the selection of Germany's national hero for this task indicated the importance attached to it by the German general staff.

CHOLERA IS SPREADING Paris, Aug. 18.—A Havas despatch from Zurich says that the latest report regarding cholera, made by the Austro-Hungarian minister of interior, states that the disease is spreading in that kingdom. Six hundred and seventy new cases have been officially reported, the majority in Galicia.

CONFERENCE OF WORKMEN Paris, Aug. 18.—The general federation of labor, the French revolutionary labor body, at a conference last night adopted a resolution appealing to the international working classes to work "so that peace may represent the triumph of right over might, and that through the acceptance by all countries of obligatory arbitration, the suppression of secret diplomacy and of the burden of armaments may arise the possibility of a federation of nations, assuring to all peoples the right to dispose freely of themselves, and safeguarding the independence of all nationalities."

With the object of affirming the above point of view, the conference urgently invited all organized workmen to accept the proposal of American labor organizations to hold an international congress at the time and place fixed upon by international diplomats for the establishment of peace terms.

FRENCH KEEP TIGHT GRIP Paris, Aug. 18.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a statement on the progress of hostilities reading as follows: "Last night passed in relative quiet along the greater part of the front. There has been reported only artillery engagements in the sector to the North of Amiens and between the river Somme and the river Oise, in the region of Reims, and in the vicinity of Lesauzy. "There was fighting yesterday with bombs and hand grenades in the Argonne at Haute Cherveux, at Fontaine Aux Charnes, and in the forest of Chappuy. Our bombardment yesterday of the German positions near the Ling destroyed two heavy batteries and caused the explosion of several depots of ammunition. "On the crest of Songemarch two fresh and violent counter attacks during the night against the position taken by us yesterday were completely repulsed and we made about fifty prisoners."

EVENTS IN THE WAR JUST ONE YEAR AGO TODAY A Brussels despatch to London tells of sharp fighting in the vicinity of the night approach of German cavalry and the allied armies of France and Belgium. London is advised that a big battle is imminent. The Belgium government seat has been removed from Brussels to Antwerp, owing to the approach of German cavalry and preparations are being made to defend Brussels. That the German advance has resulted in deplorable tactics by the Huns is the information sent from Brussels by an Eye-Witness. Confirmation of the report of the sinking of an Austrian battleship, the Erzry, was given out at Paris and rumor was current that a German cruiser and several German merchantmen had been sunk on the high seas. A London despatch advises that the British parliament is a unit on the war vote and that Japan has taken steps to protect her shipping interests in China Seas.

EMPEROR CELEBRATES HIS 85TH BIRTHDAY Berlin, Aug. 17.—via London, Aug. 18.—Austrians living in this city will celebrate tomorrow (Wednesday) the eighty-fifth birthday of Emperor Franz Joseph and the Germans will honor the ruler of their ally by a display of flags. Every Austrian soldier in the field will be reminded of the Emperor's birthday by receiving an individual gift. To purchase the presents the Bureau of War Support at Vienna recently appropriated several hundred thousand kronen (a kronen is twenty cents) and this fund has been augmented by enormous private contributions. Thirteen freight cars loaded with gifts already are on their way to the front.

U. S. Aviator Killed. Erie, Pa., Aug. 18.—Donald Gregory, aged twenty-four, of Ann Arbor, Mich., an aviator on board the United States naval militia ship Essex of Toledo, was fatally injured yesterday when he fell 800 feet during a flight. Gregory was hurried to a hospital where he later died.

CANADIAN NEWS FROM ENGLAND Will Get South African Medal - General Cannon Nearly Lost An Eye - Maples For Canadian's Graves London, Aug. 18.—Lieut.-Col. Renne, of the Third Battalion (Queen's Own, Toronto), has arrived in England on a short leave of absence. One hundred and fifty Canadians who served in the First Canadian Contingent in South Africa, have been making a claim for the King's medal for the South African campaign. They reached the cape eight days after the peace treaty was signed. No word is received that the medal will be awarded. Major-General John Gordon, of Montreal, who is in England, attached to the Canadian Record Office as the representative of the ministers of militia, had a narrow escape yesterday from serious injuries to his eyes. While motoring in London he was struck in the face by a stone thrown by a small boy. The blow inflicted a cut within half an inch of the general's left eye. As the general wears glasses, he would probably have suffered the loss of his sight had the stone landed half an inch nearer his eye. The Newfoundland contingent was recently inspected at Aldershot by Lord Kitchener, who bestowed high praise on the men. The idea of planting maple seeds on Canadian graves on the battlefield, first suggested by Fane Sewell of Toronto, is being developed by the Overseas Club. Earl Grey, who is the chairman, has announced that in the Dardanelles, Australian and New Zealand graves will be planted.

TORONTO AS CANADA'S MUNITION CENTRE Toronto, Aug. 18.—Toronto is to be Canada's munition centre, and headquarters will be established in this city, which at all times, will be in touch with the British war office. This statement was made yesterday by a leading Toronto lawyer. He had just arrived from Ottawa. D. A. Thomas, who is in Canada, on munitions business as representative of Lloyd George, is expected in Toronto today.