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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 Damno, 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.

CAPTURED SEVERAL TRENCHES "In the Monte Nevo 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. The statement follows: "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 right 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."

VERIZZOLO IS READY London, Aug. 18.—Ex-premier Eleuterio Verizollo 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 Greek 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.

Mrs. E. G. MacKenzie London, Ont., Aug. 18.—Mrs. E. G. MacKenzie, sister of the late Sir E. G. MacKenzie, former premier of Ontario, and Liberal leader in the senate, died yesterday at the home of her step-son, High F. MacKenzie, East Williams township, in her 79th year.

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.

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

Important depressions cover the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Texas, while the cool wave covers the Great Lakes. Rain has been general in eastern Quebec and the maritime provinces, and a few scattered showers have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

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 northwesterly to S.

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, between the Gulf and Texas, and day before, 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.

MAN Y DEAD AND PROPERTY LOSS GREAT Houston, Texas, Aug. 18.—(via Temple and Telephone to Dallas).—The Houston Chronicle prints the following interview with J. R. Montgomery, a Houston correspondent of the Galveston News, who got out as far as Virginia Point, the north end of the causeway Wednesday and viewed the wrecked city of Galveston: "I am confident the number of dead in Galveston is large. I could not see an individual on the north side of the city and my opinion is that the number of buildings destroyed will run into the thousands. "I believe the property loss will be in the millions of dollars."

Washington, Aug. 17.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, issued a statement tonight expressing the opinion that a full and complete inquiry should be made into the publication of the New York World that German agents in the United States, with the approval of their officials, had been fomenting labor troubles in plants making war supplies for the allies. Mr. Gompers reiterated his recent assertion that attempts had been made to involve him in the publication of the New York World, an inquiry would be fruitful of results if directed at efforts to corruptly bring about strikes among longshoremen and seamen.

To Involve U. S. In War New York, Aug. 18.—The New York Herald this morning gives prominence to a summary of German secret activities in this country, since March, as follows: "Germany's expenses in this country since March and has used this money in an attempt to involve the United States in the European war. "Germany's expenses maintaining offices in America from which its anti-British propaganda is directed, are estimated at \$16,000 a week.

Other Activities "The Providence Journal says Germany, operating through Otto Kuhn, of Kuhn, Loeb and Company, fought to have the ship purchase bill passed hoping to compel the purchase by the United States, of German merchant vessels now in New York harbor. "The Providence Journal said before Washington officials evidence that the German government tried, through the Teufelberg Company, to obtain control of the cable lines in the Philippines and the islands. It says Dr. Frank, head of the Sayville Wireless station, attempted to have the secret of the first control system aboard American warships.

"The New York World this morning presents documentary evidence to prove that a German trade expert, while making frantic appeals to Washington to open the way for German imports, through the British blockade, secretly advised his government to discourage shipments. "Washington officials declare citizens will be prosecuted under federal statute for intriguing in favor of German government."

BETTER CONDITIONS FOR THE MACHINISTS Washington, Aug. 17.—The Executive Board of the International Association of Machinists, in session here today, decided to begin immediately a general movement to bring about improved working conditions for machinists. It was agreed that the first movement would be directed against munition plants and other large establishments profiting from the unprecedented demand of European countries for war supplies.

In announcing the decision, President W. H. Johnston, of the International Union, said it was not the policy of the board to bring about a general strike, but to deal with the situations as they exist locally. A demand will be made 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.

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 4,500 prisoners and 240 guns, this was interpreted as foreshadowing the fall of the fortress proper, but its accomplishment 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 Arras and between the river Somme and the river Oise, in the region of Reims and in the vicinity of Laonay. "There was fighting yesterday with bombs and hand grenades in the Argonne at Haute Croixvaux, 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 Songenach 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."

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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.

WHOLE FAMILY WAS IN COURT PREPARING FOR 64TH BATTALION

Proceedings Held up Because of Separation Suit - Small Boy Begs for Pardon

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 Swamy, 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. Swamy, 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 defendants, 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.

Boys in Trouble. Ivan Watters, Murray Chase and Orval Estey, three small boys, appeared before Magistrate Ritchie in the juvenile court this morning charged with stealing a quantity of goods from the Crystal Steam Ship Company's warehouse, at Victoria. The boys were taken to the Victoria Steamship Company's warehouse at Indiantown. Watters and Chase pleaded guilty of entering these places on several occasions and taking goods, and Estey pleaded guilty of accompanying them on one occasion. At the last mentioned had given the police desired information and as it was his first offence, he was allowed to go with warning. The other two have a suspended sentence hanging over them and they were remanded. Some of the goods recovered by Sergeant Smith were produced in court and identified by the owners.

In addition to the above mentioned robberies, Chase admitted taking books from the old Sorrell house, Kennedy street. Commissioner McLellan, who was present in court, explained that the house is owned by the Sorrell estate and is badly in need of repair. He said any person could enter it at will and it was nothing more or less than a source of temptation to youths. He said the department had taken up the matter with the owners in Boston and something would be done to better conditions.

Sergeant Smith deserves credit for rounding up the boys. William Thomas, charged with criminal assault on a young girl; Mary Ronley, charged with assaulting William Hanley with a knife with intent to kill; Margaret Hazelwood and Sydney Hart, charged with bigamy, and Fred O'Dell, charged with stealing a watch, were all brought into court this morning and remanded.

One man arrested on a drunkenness charge was remanded. Special Patrolman Barrett and William Keefe, brother of the defendant, testified against him.

EVENTS IN THE WAR JUST ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

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CANADIAN NEWS FROM ENGLAND

Will Get South African Medal—General Cannon Nearly Lost An Eye—Maples For Canadian 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 Gerson, of Montreal, who is in England, attached to the Canadian Record Office as the representative of the minister 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.

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.

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.