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## ITALY DECLARES WAR, WINS FIRST CLASH WITH AUSTRIA

Rome, May 23.—It was officially announced last night that war had been declared against Austria-Hungary. Orders have been given for mobilization of the army and navy to begin on Sunday. The Austrian ambassador was handed his passports this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock and leaves tonight or tomorrow morning.

### DECLARATION OF WAR ISSUED AGAINST AUSTRIA-HUNGARY BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

Mobilization Begun Last Night and Austrian Ambassador Given His Passports — Italian and Austrian Troops Meet in First Skirmish and Italians Come Off Victorious, Driving Austrians Back Across Border.

Bulletin—London, May 24.—(12.23 a.m.)—The Italian Ambassador at Vienna on Sunday afternoon presented a formal declaration of war to Baron Von Rajecz, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. This announcement is made in a Vienna despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company, sent by way of Amsterdam.

**WAR DECLARED.**

Rome, May 22.—(Via Paris, May 23).—Contemporaneously with the issuance of the general mobilization order, the Italian government tonight officially announced that war had been declared against Austria-Hungary.

#### MOBILIZATION.

London, May 23.—(8 p.m.)—A Rome despatch to the Stefani Bureau dated Saturday says that the general mobilization of the army and navy, ordered by royal decree, will begin Sunday. All vehicles and draught animals will be requisitioned. Ordinary passenger and freight service on the railways will not be disturbed.

Rome, via Paris, May 23.—General mobilization will begin Sunday. The ministers of war and marine have proclaimed a state of war in the Italian provinces bordering on Austria, in the islands and cities along the Adriatic coast, as well as all the fortresses, which will be declared in a state of defence.

The above despatch confirms the despatch from Rome through the Stefani Agency, which was received earlier from London.

#### AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR GIVEN HIS PASSPORT.

Rome, May 23, via Paris.—Baron Von Macchia, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador to Italy, was handed his passports at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon and will leave Rome tonight or tomorrow morning.

#### ITALIAN AMBASSADOR AT VIENNA RECALLED.

Rome, May 23, via Paris.—The Italian ambassador at Vienna, the Duke of Avarna, has been recalled.

#### THE FIRST CLASH.

Rome, May 23, via Paris.—A clash, which is generally regarded here to be the first skirmish of the Italo-Austrian war, occurred today between Italian and Austrian troops at Forcellini Di Montozzo, in the pass between Pont Di Legno and Pejo.

#### WORD OF MOBILIZATION GREETED WITH ENTHUSIASM.

Rome, via Paris, May 23.—Reports from all towns in Italy say that the decree of mobilization is received everywhere with the greatest enthusiasm. Processions and demonstrations are being held in all towns, the people acclaiming the King and wishing victory for the country.

In some places portraits of the King and Queen were carried triumphantly through the streets by crowds singing the national airs and war songs.

### British Submarine Sunk Two Turkish Torpedo Boats and 2 Transports

Paris, May 23 (10.35 p.m.)—An official note issued tonight regarding the operations in the Dardanelles says that a British submarine has sunk two torpedo boats and two transports, one of which was loaded with troops.

The text of the note is as follows: "In the Dardanelles two Turkish divisions commanded by General I. Man Von Sanders in person, have delivered a furious attack against the British troops near Kalesh Tepe. They were completely repulsed and suffered very heavy losses.

"At the same time our Allies have won another success on the sea, where one of our submarines has sunk two torpedo boats and two transports, one of which was loaded with troops.

"In the southern region of the peninsula our troops at certain points are only a few metres distant from the Turkish trenches; they have, notwithstanding a very powerful defensive organization on the part of the

enemy succeeded in making important progress."

On May 13, Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced in the British House of Commons that the British submarine E-14 had passed through the Dardanelles and entered the Sea of Marmora and had sunk two Turkish gunboats and a Turkish transport. Whether this is the same incident referred to in the French official note is not known, as the note gives no dates.

**Progress in the Land Operations.**

London, May 23 (1.50 p.m.)—Official announcement was made here today that the French and British forces operating against the Turks on Gallipoli Peninsula had gained further ground on the southern end of the peninsula. The statement reads:

"The following has been received from the Mediterranean forces: "On May 19, in the southern area of Gallipoli Peninsula, the French forces,

### DRASTIC STEPS TO END LONDON TRAMCAR STRIKE

Orders all employees of Military age and eligible for service in army or navy to turn in their uniforms.

London, May 22.—(2.34 p.m.)—The London County Council took a drastic step today to deal with the strike on the municipal tramways system. It ordered all employees of military age who are eligible for service in the army to surrender forthwith their uniforms and badges. Only men above military age will be employed during the remainder of the war.

### PATRIOTIC SUNDAY AT FREDERICTON

Fredericton, May 23.—Today was observed as Patriotic Sunday in Fredericton in accordance with the proclamation by Lieut. Governor Wood. Pastors of the several city churches made appeals in their sermons for all to do their duty to the Empire in its crisis and urged that recruiting be stimulated so that the ranks of the 55th N. B. and P. E. I. Battalion be filled within the shortest possible time.

In addition to usual church services Aelington Lodge, Sons of England, paraded to Christ Church Cathedral this afternoon and a special service was held at which Very Rev. Dean Neales was preacher. His text was "Our Fathers hoped in Thee, they trusted in Thee and Thou didst deliver them," and he made a strong patriotic appeal to all Canadians to come to a proper recognition of their duty to the British Empire.

Victoria Day will be observed as a public holiday in Fredericton tomorrow. Sporting attractions include a game of baseball between a team of the Divisional Ammunition Column and Fredericton Pats, a local league organization. The Fredericton Tennis Club will have their first club tournament of the year.

Over \$460 was collected by the local branch of the Women's Institute in this city on Empire Day through the sale of patriotic buttons to raise Red Cross funds.

In conjunction with the British, made a considerable advance, and have consolidated the new position.

"Our aeroplanes dropped bombs among Turkish reinforcements landing at Akhachi Liman, and caused considerable losses.

"On the night of the 18th-19th, the Turkish forces made determined attacks against the Australian and New Zealand corps, which were all repulsed with heavy loss; their casualties being over seven thousand, of which two thousand were killed. Our losses did not exceed 500."

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### MOBILIZATION OF NEW INFANTRY BATTALIONS

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 23.—The eight new infantry Battalions, orders for which the recruiting of which were issued last week, have now been numbered and the place of mobilization named.

The 58th will mobilize at Toronto, the 59th at Kingston, the 60th at either Quebec or one of the cities of the Maritime provinces, the 61st at Winnipeg, the 62nd at Victoria, the 63rd at Calgary, the 64th at Ottawa and the 65th at Montreal.

### NO WAR CORRESPONDENTS

Turin, May 23, via Paris, 5 p. m.—Commander-in-Chief Cadorna, Premier Salandra and Foreign Minister Sonnino have agreed, says the Stampa, that no war correspondents shall be allowed with the Italian army, and that the Italian press bureau shall operate in the same manner as do those in France and Great Britain.

### VICTORIA DAY EDITION

### BULGARIA WILL KEEP HANDS OFF ROUMANIA

Officially announced Bulgaria will not attack Roumania if latter enters war.

Geneva, via Paris, May 23.—The Journal D Geneve states that M. Radoloff the Bulgarian premier, has announced officially that Bulgaria will not attack Roumania if the latter enters the war.

Paris, May 23.—The Havas Agency's correspondent at Rome telegraphs that last evening in answer to cries of "Viva Roumania" from a crowd assembled before his residence, the Roumanian minister appeared on a balcony and acknowledged the acclamations of the people by shouting "Viva Italy."

### MARCONI CALLED TO ITALY TO JOIN ARMY

Great Inventor, a Reservist, called back to complete his term of Military Service.

New York, May 22.—William Marconi, inventor of the wireless telegraph, sailed today on the steamer St. Paul in response to a summons from the King of Italy, to serve his term of military service in the Italian army.

Mr. Marconi, who is a member of the Italian Senate and an adviser of King Victor Emmanuel, is a reserve officer in the engineering corps. He said he expected to complete his term of service and return to America by next September, but would not venture a prophecy as to whether the war would end by that time.

### RECRUITING CAMPAIGN IN RESTIGOUCHE

Special to The Standard

Campbellton, N. B., May 23.—Today's services in the various churches were largely attended and the clergymen preached eloquent sermons upon patriotic subjects.

The committee in charge of the recruiting campaign for Restigouche have made arrangements for public meetings in the Opera House here Monday evening at which His Honor Judge McLatchy and Capt. A. T. LeBlanc will deliver short addresses. At Dalhousie a public meeting will also be held in the Opera House at which it is expected that Hon. C. H. Lablouis and others will speak. Meetings have also been arranged for Athol and Flatlands on Tuesday, Balmoral, Charlo and Matapedia on Wednesday, Jacquet River and New Mills on Thursday. Other meetings will be announced later. Already six recruits have been signed on here and a number more are expected early in the week.

Miss Doris Sullivan was numbered among the nine young women who received diplomas of graduation at the training exercises of the Training School for Nurses, attached to St. Catherine's Hospital.

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