

AUSTRIANS BEGIN HOSTILITIES BY ATTACK ON THE ADRIATIC

Warships and Aeroplanes Assail Venice, Porto Corsini, Barletta and Gessi, But Are Driven Off—Italian Airships and Torpedo Boats Ready.

[Canadian Press.]

ROME, May 24.—Via Paris.—Official announcement was made here today that Austrian aeroplanes have attacked the Government arsenal at Venice. The aeroplanes were driven off. Porto Corsini, Ancona, Barletta and Gessi also were attacked, as well as Potenza Picena and the Tremiti Islands, on which shells were dropped. The bombardment of Ancona lasted two hours.

PARIS, May 24.—2:30 p.m.—An attack by Austrian warships on the eastern coast of Italy, along the Adriatic, is announced in an official communication from the Italian War Office, transmitted to Paris by the correspondent of the Havas Agency. It is said the Austrian warships were forced to withdraw after a short cannonade.

The statement follows: "It was foreseen that on the declaration of war of offensive actions would occur against our Adriatic coast, with the purpose of seeking moral effect rather than attaining a military purpose. But we were able to prepare for these, and render their duration short.

"Small naval units of the enemy, especially destroyers and torpedo boats, fired their guns upon our Adriatic coast on May 24, between 4 and 6 o'clock in the morning. At the same time aeroplanes attempted to attack the arsenal at Venice.

QUICKLY FORCED BACK.

"The enemy's ships, after a very short cannonade, were forced by our torpedo boats to withdraw. The enemy's aeroplanes were fired upon by our anti-aircraft artillery, and attacked by our aeroplanes and by a dirigible flying over the Adriatic.

"The aeroplanes attacked Porto Corsini, which replied immediately and obliged the enemy to retire quickly. Attack was directed especially against the railway line, in the intention of interrupting communication, slight damage was inflicted, which can be repaired easily.

"At Barletta an attack was made by a scout steamer and destroyers, which were put to flight by one of our ships, which was escorted by torpedo boats. Finally, at Gessi, the enemy's aeroplanes attempted to throw bombs upon the hangar, but without reaching the mark.

"All other news of operations last night has no foundation."

TWO ARMIES OF MILLION EACH FACE EACH OTHER ON FRONTIER AT PLACES HALF A MILE APART

LONDON, May 24.—"Austrian and Italian forces are facing each other, at some places only a half mile apart," says the Geneva correspondent of the Daily Express. "The forces at the front are estimated at a million men on each side.

"The Austro-German headquarters staff has arrived at Trent, and the Austrians have mounted artillery in the Stelvio Pass, which is still covered with snow. A continuous stream of troops from the Tyrolene River, near the Swiss-Italian frontier."

It is understood, will begin their forward movement tonight.

SWISS GUARDING THEIR NEUTRALITY.

BASEL, Switzerland, May 24.—The Swiss Government is sending heavy reinforcements of troops to the southern part of Switzerland and particularly to the Canton of Ticino.

"The purpose of these troop movements is to prevent the Italian irredentists in Switzerland from organizing a volunteer corps for service in the Italian army."

ITALIAN COURT MAY BE MOVED.

FLORENCE, May—Via Paris, 5:25 p.m.—A report is current here that the Italian court is to be moved from Rome and installed in the Pitti Palace, in Florence. From here the King will make frequent trips to the front, and the Queen will direct the operations of the army.

Three royal villas in the neighborhood of Florence are to be used as hospitals for the wounded.

FRANCE CELEBRATES WITH A HOLIDAY.

PARIS, May 24.—11:50 p.m.—The news of the Italian declaration of war has caused an outburst of enthusiasm throughout the length and breadth of France. Everywhere the Italian flag has been added to the three allied flags flying from the public buildings.

GERMANS WITHDRAW ITALIAN INVESTMENTS.

GENEVA, Switzerland, May 24.—German financial interests, in anticipation of the war with Italy, began as early as May 1 to withdraw capital from Italy. This was accomplished even in cases which entailed considerable sacrifices, so that sequestration

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of German property might be avoided, it is estimated that German investments in Italian industries amounted to fully \$300,000,000. Some estimates run as high as \$2,000,000,000.

PRINCE OF WIED TO FIGHT ITALY.

ROME, May 24.—It is asserted that the Prince of Wied, former ruler of Albania, has requested that he be transferred to the staff of the Teutonic army which will fight against Italy.

ALLEGED FOOD PROVES TO BE REVOLVERS.

ON THE ITALIAN FRONTIER, VIA CHIASSO TO PARIS, May 24.—Two hundred large packing cases from Italy, bound for Germany, recently were disarmed at Genoa.

Labels on the boxes indicated that they contained foodstuffs. The German consul at Genoa made great efforts to facilitate the dispatch of the cases to Germany.

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SPLENDID MACHINE GUN

New Ally Has Weapon Which Fires 1,400 Shots Per Minute.

[Special Correspondence.]

Rome, Italy, May 24.—With Italy goes to war royalty and nobility take their places on the firing line. For the kings and dukes and counts of Italy have always been warriors. King Victor Emmanuel himself came from a fighting family—the house of Savoia. It is up to him to follow the chivalrous example of the famous Prince Eugene of Savoy, Charles Albert, Victor Emmanuel and his own father, King Humbert.

The King's uncle, the Duke of Genoa, is a noted admiral, and considered the greatest technical expert in the Italian navy. He is now retired, but acts as adviser to the naval board, and is not too old to assume a command.

The Duke of the Abruzzi is a dashing young naval commander, well known in America, and now in command of the great fleet mobilized at Taranto. He was a sailor for the hand of Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator Elkins, who later became Mrs. "Billy" Hill.

Powerful Warships.

The duke has under him four of the most powerful battleships in the world, 28,000-ton dreadnoughts, carrying eight 15-inch guns apiece.

His raids on the Turkish ports in Albania led to his temporary retirement at the request of Austria, and he is eager to wipe out this stain.

High in the ranks of Italian generals is the Duke of Aosta, commander of the troops of the Naples district, now believed to be at the border. He is a cousin of the King.

His brother, the Count of Turin, is a distinguished cavalry officer, a general of division. He has made a particular study of the Italian frontier, and his cavalry—Italian cavalry is famous—will be under competent leadership when it attempts the Alpine passes.

The Prince of Salaparuta, son of the Duke of Genoa, is an officer in the navy. His brother, the Duke of Pistoia, is also a naval officer.

The Germans have been compelled to relax the mighty commercial grip they have held upon Italy since the time of Bismarck.

Whole families of them have daily crossed the border. Hardly a train left recently that did not carry its full load of visiting German tourists.

German consuls, they say, long ago issued the warning—get out of Italy!

Von Buelow's Last Card.

It is believed that Prince Von Buelow's last card was the offering of German gold to those senators and other leaders who might stay the nation's hand by their political influence. This attempt of the German ambassador failed.

From Austria Italy has refused as a gift those territorial concessions which she hopes to win by war.

To every overture of the ambassadors of the Germanic nations Italy answered by sending more troops to the frontier.

The striking point against Austria was the published stories of new 40-centimetre howitzers, more field guns, and the discovery of a terrible machine gun.

Italy, if needs be, can throw three and one-half millions of men upon Austria. The regular army in peace strength is 560,000 men. The immediate reserve of trained soldiers, the mobile militia, swells this to 1,000,000.

Italy is now in the field. Added to these are 2,000,000 territorials and reservists, partially trained.

The Austro-Italian frontier is 464 miles long. Every Alpine pass is fortified, and in the basin of the Po there are fortresses at Casale, Ivrea, Turin, and Alessandria. A circle of forts guards Rome.

The fortresses on the coasts and islands are at Vado, Genoa, Spezia, Monte Argentario, Gaeta, Taranto and in the Straits of Messina.

Italy has 376 aeroplanes, with a pilot for each. An order placed in the United States some months ago for \$35,000,000 worth of ammunition has been filled. American food has been flowing into Italy, and no exports have been allowed.

It is not possible to write about Italy at war without mentioning the Alpine sharpshooters. These are just as capable as the famous Swiss riflemen, who have saved their little country from war. No one, not even Bismarck, ever thought Switzerland was worth the price of her neutrality.

Italy has many regiments of just such kind of men—soldiers who will fight to the death.

Added to this Italy has the best machine gun in the world. It fires

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Palpitation of the heart is one of the most common of all heart troubles. The heart will beat fast for several seconds, then slow down to a flutter, and a feeling of utter depression will come over the system accompanied by weak and dizzy spells, making you feel that you are surely going to die. When you feel this way what you require is a real good heart and nerve tonic; one that will strengthen the weak heart and build up the nerve system. For this purpose we know of nothing that can equal Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

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ARMENIANS TO FIGHT TURKS.

ST. CATHARINES, May 24.—Six Armenians who have been drilling in the armies here for the last several months left last night to join contingents of Armenians from other points in Canada and proceed to New York for the expense of the Armenian Association to fight against the Turks. They will go to Petrograd, whence the Russian Government will provide free transportation to Persia. There are still fifty trained Armenians in St. Catharines ready to go to the front.

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This week will be your last opportunity for skirt making at above prices. With the number of orders that may be taken this week we will have all we can handle this season.

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WHITE SWISS MUSLIN, fresh and crisp from the Swiss manufacturers to this store. Shown in a large variety of spots. The satisfactory whitegoods for children's dresses and ladies' waists or dresses. 27 inches at 20c, 25c, 30c; 30 inches at 35c, 40c to 65c per yard.

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WHITE SWISS MUSLINS, embroidered and fancy stripe effects on beautiful fine quality of muslin. A perfect laundering material in the daintiest of styles for dresses or waists. Good variety to choose from. 30 inches wide. Price 50c and 55c per yard.

WHITE EMBROIDERED ORGANDY, new and pretty designs, embroidered on a specially sheer organdy; one of the highest class materials shown in this season's novelties. 40 inches. Price \$1.25 and \$2.00 per yard.

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In the Infants' Wear Section, Special—20c Hose and Cotton Vests For 15c

Black or Tan Cotton Ribbed Hose, size 6 only; 20c quality. 15c pair

White Knit Vests, fleece lined cotton (reuben style), for children up to two years; regular 20c. To clear. 15c

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About 30 yards 22-inch Allover Embroidery, eyelet designs, some slightly soiled; regular 75c and \$1.00 qualities. To clear at. 29c and 59c yard

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27-inch Embroidery Flouncing, in pretty floral and eyelet designs; some are mused or slightly soiled; regular 55c to \$1.25. Sale prices. 39c, 49c and 65c yard

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About 100 Blouse Fronts in all white, also white and mauve, floral and eyelet designs, about 24-inch lengths. Prices ranging from 35c to 75c. To clear Wednesday at. 19c each

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