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ITALY'S COURSE IS TO BE CHANGED IN TWO WEEKS

PRESENT SIGNS INDICATE WAR WITH AUSTRIA IN NEAR FUTURE—MILANESE WANT ACTION—DEMONSTRATION THAT POLICE AND TROOPS COULD NOT SUPPRESS CALLS FOR HOSTILITIES.

ROME, March, 17.—I am not allowed to be more explicit, but I am authorized to state that within a fortnight Italy's attitude will be changed. An imposing popular demonstration urging intervention was held yesterday in Milan. Huge crowds gathered in the cathedral square, singing patriotic songs and shouting "Down with Austria." The troops and police were powerless to disperse the crowd. A few socialists who shouted long live neutrality were

nearly lynched. Republican Deputy Choese, who addressed the citizens, said that the time had come to deliver Italians from Austrian rule and to widen their country's boundary. The police repeatedly charged the crowds, but they were unable to prevent the procession from marching to the offices of the newspaper, Papolo Italia, where the editor delivered a speech. He said that the Italians wanted war against Germany and Austria and no negotiations would prevent it as the people were determined to impose their own will. The speeches were greeted

with cheering, which continued until midnight.

A Trieste correspondent reports that the prevailing conviction at Vienna is that war with Italy is inevitable in the near future, as Von Buelow's negotiations are doomed to failure. Strangely enough, while Germany's interference is resented, the Austrians do not hide their indignation that Germany should have dared to offer a cession of territory which the veteran Emperor is bound to defend. The prospects of war with Italy are not causing the slightest apprehension, but it is almost invoked as being

likely to hasten peace. The Austrians refuse to give up the desired territory, but they would be reconciled to its loss provided the war ended, as they realize the impossibility of further resistance, which only entails sufferings and sacrifice without the hope of victory.

Troops are guarding day and night the railroad tunnels on the Giovi mountains, near Genoa, where the police recently arrested several Germans disguised as workmen who were suspected of attempting to blow up the tunnels in case of mobilization.

Japan and China Likely to Come to Terms

NIEUPORT AGAIN UNDERGOING A HEAVY BOMBARDMENT

Sixteen-inch Howitzers Brought Into Action But No Important Result Achieved—Two More British Ships Torpedoed—Tunnel Scheme Between England and Ireland Again Discussed

NIEUPORT HEAVILY BOMBARDED.

PARIS, March 17.—"The Germans are again furiously bombarding Nieuport with 16 inch howitzers.

"Thirty shells have fallen in the town demolishing buildings but no one was killed."

Belgian troops carried two German advanced positions yesterday on the road from Dervyse to Schoorbakke.

Warships and monitors of the Allies vigorously bombarded West Ende today.

The Germans replied feebly and none of their shells took effect.

TWO MORE SHIPS TORPEDOED.

LONDON, March 17.—An Admiralty announcement was made today that two British steamers Atalanta and Fingal had been torpedoed; the Atalanta off Galway and the Fingal off Northumberland. The Atalanta managed to reach port but the Fingal went to the bottom and her crew were drowned.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATED IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, March 17.—More than 15,000 men marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade here today. There were two companies of cadets from Montreal, besides half a regiment of Irishmen from the west in ancient Irish uniforms, and a company of girls dressed in white, wearing wide green sashes besides various military organizations participated. Governor Whitman speaks tonight at the annual dinner of Ireland's American friends. Many other St. Patrick's Day dinners are on the celebration programs.

TURKS PREVENTED FROM REPLACING WRECKED GUNS.

ATHENS, 17.—French warships co-operating with a British landing party have succeeded in preventing the Turks from mounting guns in the Dardanelles to replace those wrecked by the Allied fleets.

TUNNEL AGAIN TALKED OF.

LONDON, March, 17.—It is learned that proposals for a tunnel between Great Britain and Ireland, underneath the Irish Channel, have been revived by the difficulties of navigation since the German submarine warfare started.

Premier Asquith replying to a question as to whether the government would consider the advisability of constructing a tunnel between Great Britain and Ireland, did not commit the government for or against the scheme.

JAPAN AND CHINA LIKELY TO COME TO TERMS.

LONDON, March 17.—An announcement by the Japanese foreign office today asserted a satisfactory solution of the negotiations between Japan and China is in sight. The basis upon which Japanese diplomats expected to reach settlement was not disclosed.

DRESDEN NOT SUNK IN CHILIAN WATERS.

VALPARAISO, Chili, March 17.—The first detailed story of the naval battle off Juan Fernandez Island of Lieut-Commander Fielding of the British auxiliary cruiser, Orma, today denies that the German cruiser Dresden had been sunk in neutral waters. The Dresden was sighted about seven miles off the point of Juan Fernandez Island. The story that she was sunk in Chilian waters is nonsense. That can be disproved by locating her hull.

CAPT. ABELL RECOVERING.

Further advices received from France indicate that Capt. Abell of Cobourg, who was a few days ago reported wounded, is now at Rouen, and recovering nicely. The wound was in his foot.

It was also stated that two members of F. Company had been killed, but these are believed to have been those mentioned in the letter to Mrs. Craig, which appears in another column. No names were given in either case, but the letter distinctly states that they were not Belleville boys.

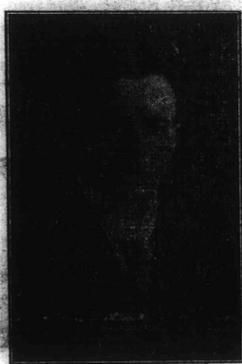
ALL FORTS AT THE NARROWS APPEAR TO BE DESTROYED.

LONDON, March 17.—The Chronicle's naval correspondent says:

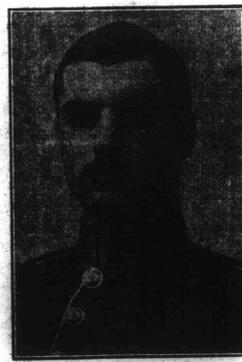
"It is true that the Amethyst has passed the Narrows of the Dardanelles and reached Nagara Point, her performance is very significant. It would seem to indicate that the mine fields have been swept clear as far as that point. Moreover, the cruiser would hardly venture through the straits if the forts were intact.

"We are therefore justified in concluding that the operations against the forts of the Narrows have been successful and the cruise of the Amethyst may have given the admiral valuable information as to the actual extent of the damage which had been effected. The conviction grows that, however necessary it may be to employ troops in this theatre of war, the fleet alone is capable of forcing the Dardanelles."

With Belleville Boys in France



FLOYD PLUMTON. Member of 34th Battery, now at the front in France with Ottawa Battery.



LIEUT. HAROLD O. WILKINS. First Belleville officer to reach front—He has been with 2nd Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment—He is a graduate of R.M.C., Kingston.



LEO ROSS. Member of Thirty-Fourth Battery S. F. A. at Front With Ottawa Batteries.

Dr. Doyle of New York City is visiting his mother, sister, and brothers in Belleville.

TALK OF ELECTION IS MORE PRONOUNCED

Premier's Provocative Utterance Was Evidently Not Unexpected.

OTTAWA, March 17.—Election talk is more pronounced than ever in Parliamentary corridors as a result of Premier Borden's distinctively provocative utterance in the House yesterday. Parliamentarians on both sides of the House recognise in it the trust in the protected interests, and the waving of the old flag, which will be the chief ingredients of the Conservative campaign appeal. It was throughout an effort to show that the Government was justified in going to the country, and the cheers which greeted his most partisan utterances showed that the Government side of the House at least

knew what was coming.

The election is expected by many Conservative members early in June. It is stated on good authority that nomination day has been tentatively fixed for June 3, with polling on June 10. The early appeal is fixed for purely political rather than national reasons. The Maritime Provinces fishermen will be for the most part at home that week, and it is expected that practically all of the third contingent, and possibly a considerable portion of the second contingent, will not yet have left Canada, and can be voted to the accompaniment of the martial music of a khaki appeal.

U. S. AMBASSADOR TO PLEAD PIRATES' CAUSE?

AMSTERDAM, March 17.—The newspaper Tijd learns from Berlin that the American ambassador has been asked by Germany to lodge a protest at London against the treatment by the British authorities of the crew of the German submarine U-12 which, it is alleged, is contrary to international law and would necessitate reprisals.

GERMAN LINER MADE ESCAPE.

LONDON, March 17.—A despatch to The Daily Mail from Las Palmas, Canary Islands, dated Monday, says:

"The interned German Liner Macedonia disappeared from this port during the night. The Macedonia was towed here by a Spanish cruiser last November from Palma and was moored in the inner harbor, where the authorities removed parts of her machinery. "It is presumed that the confiscated parts were duplicated, thus enabling the vessel to slip out of the harbor. The Macedonia carries a wireless and has a cargo supposed to be composed of war stores."

GERMANS SEND AGENTS FOR U.S. PROPAGANDA.

BERNE, March 17.—A powerful committee has now been organized in Germany to send Americans to the United States for propaganda purposes. Thus committee has several agents including a former American consul at Aix-la-Chapelle. These agents are to give interviews to American newspapers and to deliver lectures all with the view of converting American opinion in favor of Germany.

DUTCH NOT IN MOOD TO HOLD CELEBRATION.

THE HAGUE, March 17.—Although this was the centenary of the transformation of the Netherlands into a kingdom under William I, the Dutch nation did not celebrate the event.

Woman Taken to Trenton.

Mrs. Hattie Griffith of Trenton was arrested in Belleville last night on a charge of theft. She was taken to that town this morning. The nature of the articles alleged to have been taken is not known to the local police.

Made in Great Britain Now.

There will be a special exhibit of British manufactures in London, England, from the 10th to 21st of May, 1915, to which the special attention of Belleville purchasers in Britain is directed. The important feature of the exhibit will be the productions of the manufacturers of Great Bri-

On account of the conditions of war prevailing in Europe it was decided to hold a national festival; no flag was hoisted and no bunting was displayed.

CORSICAN HOISTED STARS AND STRIPES

MONTREAL, March 17.—The Stars and Stripes floated from the mast of the liner Corsican while she was steaming down the Mersey on her way from Liverpool to Halifax on her last voyage because two German submarines were waiting in the waters hard by, according to one of the passengers of the Corsican, David McKay, of the C.P.R. freight department of Winnipeg, who arrived here last night from Halifax.

The American flag was hauled down he says, as soon as the steamship cleared the Mersey and dropped her pilot.

FRANCE HAS INCREASED HER LIST OF CONTRABAND.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—American Ambassador Sharp at Paris cabled the State Department today that the French Government had made additions to its list of contraband similar to the latest British additions.

THOUSAND GERMAN PRISONERS ARE INTERNED IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 17.—A thousand German prisoners captured at Neuve Chapelle left Southampton today for Dorchester, where they will be interned. Generally speaking, the men were of good physique and appeared well fed, well clothed and happy.

Some seventy Germans and about 300 British wounded have been sent to Manchester, Oxford and elsewhere.

166 BRITISH SHIPS SO FAR LOST.

LONDON, March 17.—From the beginning of the war up to March 10, 166 British merchant ships were interned, captured or destroyed, it was announced today by Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty.

Mrs. Andrew Skinnott of Peterboro returned home today after attending the funeral of the late Miss Geary.

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