

ULTIMATUM PENDING TO-DAY AND DECLARATION OF WAR LATER

Italy Will, it is Expected, be Involved by Saturday With Her Erstwhile Allies—Geneva Reports the Austrian Minister Leaving Rome To-day.

By Special Wire to the Courier. PARIS, MAY 21, 3.30 P.M.—THE HAVAS AGENCY PUBLISHES A DESPATCH FROM ROME WHICH SAYS: 'THE MESSAGERO DECLARES THAT THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL MEET AFTER THE SESSION OF THE SENATE, AND THAT THE MINISTERS PROBABLY WILL DRAFT A FORM OF DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.'

GENEVA, MAY 20, VIA PARIS, MAY 21.—AN ULTIMATUM FROM ITALY TO AUSTRIA MAY BE EXPECTED TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), AND A DECLARATION OF WAR BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED HERE FROM ROME.

Baron Von Macchio, the Austrian ambassador, is expected to leave Rome to-morrow. He and Naby Bey, the Turkish ambassador, are ready to start at a moment's notice. Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, wired to-day to servants awaiting him at Chiasso that he had "postponed his return for a day or two."

There are about 20,000 Italians of military age in Germany, and it is said the authorities of the latter country are placing every obstacle in the way of their return to the fatherland. Hundreds are being stopped every day on the slightest pretext at Basel, on the frontier.

The Swiss Government is taking every step possible to maintain its neutrality. A general mobilization will be ordered the day Italy enters the war.

Rome, May 21.—During the recess, which preceded the vote on the bill, the deputies thronged the lobbies eagerly discussing the Premier's speech and reading the Green Book. Promptly at 5 o'clock Signor Maciora re-entered the Chamber, followed by Signor Salandra and the other ministers. Signor Bosselli, secretary of the committee, announced while the deputies wildly applauded, that the committee unanimously proposed the adoption of the bill giving the government full military power.

KITCHENER'S BURDEN TO BE MADE LIGHTER

London, May 20.—King George and Earl Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, have gone to the north of England to inspect the plants in which munitions of war are being produced. They witnessed a large review of troops at Newcastle yesterday afternoon.

The workers at Elswick gave the King and Earl Kitchener an enthusiastic reception. Their leaders promised them that there would be no slack-

ening in the production of war material. London, May 20.—The National Government which is to guide the British Empire for the duration of the war is now in progress of formation. The leaders of the political parties were in conference throughout the day arranging details. At his official residence in Downing street, the Prime Minister conferred with Arthur Balfour, who is

HELD ON CHARGE OF LARCENY

Canadian Sailor Refuses to Deliver Up a Mine He Found.

Seattle, Wash., May 21.—Captain Myrtle Anderson, is to be tried on charge of larceny on the high seas for refusing to surrender to United States naval officers a floating mine he picked up off Cape Flattery, Puget Sound. The mine, the naval officers say, is one of three missing from Fort Warden at the entrance to Puget Sound and is empty and harmless.

Captain Austrem however, refused to surrender for the standing reward of \$20,000, demanding a larger sum. Captain Austrem contended that if it was one of those mines, as several persons asserted, planted to protect British Columbia harbors the Dominion authorities would pay him a larger reward than the \$520,000. He was taken before a United States Commissioner, who released him on \$500 bail. The mine was still aboard the schooner to-day.

Thomas H. Taylor, 254 Simcoe St., Toronto, committed suicide because he was out of work. James Walker of Uxbridge, aged eighty-five, was found drowned in a pond.

AWARDED MEDAL

The Colonial Auxiliary Long Service Medal has been awarded to Lieut.-Colonel Genet, of the 38th Dufferin Rifles. This award was notified in the latest list of general orders issued.

NORTHCLIFFE GETS SOUNDLY TROUNCED

Yellow Journalist of Great Britain Comes Under Terrific Fire.

London, May 21.—Under the heading "The Fallen Idol," the Daily News this morning editorially says: "For some time everyone of Lord Northcliffe's organs has been concentrating its fire on Lord Kitchener, and yesterday there was a particularly venomous attack by the Evening News which sneered at his Egyptian military attainments, complaining that he had spent much time which might have been devoted to increasing the output of explosives, vital to our success, in revising and considering recruiting advertisements and protest-antism. The possibility that Italy's entrance in the war may compel peace in another six months is suggested in Italian quarters here as a reason for withholding any call for reservists residing in foreign countries until the necessity for them shall become apparent through the development of military operations."

Switzerland Will Make a Protest

By Special Wire to the Courier. Bern, Switzerland, May 21.—The Swiss federal authorities have decided to make suitable representations to Germany on the sinking on May 18th of the Cunard Line Steamer Lusitania, by a German submarine, as a result of which three Swiss citizens lost their lives. The government is awaiting knowledge of the German reply to this Washington note on this subject so as better to be able to choose a wise course of procedure.

'Mid War's Alarms

By Special Wire to the Courier. GUARANTEE IMMUNITY. London, May 21.—12.54 p.m.—In a despatch from Rome the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says: "Premier Salandra this morning obtained the royal signature to a decree suspending the diplomatic immunity of the Austrian and German ambassador to the Vatican, who leave to-morrow."

ROME, MAY 21.—The Italian Government has not yet decided what neutral country will be asked to protect the interests of Italians in Germany after war is declared, but predicts that it will be Spain. NO CALL FOR RESERVES. Washington, May 21.—Italians in the United States probably will not be called back to the colors unless the European war is to continue for another year. Italian officers here believe Italy has sufficient in her home army to maintain a vigorous offensive against Austria.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 21.—Eight thousand Italians in Pittsburgh and vicinity are prepared to return to their homes to join the colors in the event of a declaration of war between Italy and Austria, according to estimates made to-day by Italian leaders here. Joseph Natali Italian consul in Pittsburgh said no official communication, however had been received concerning a call for reservists so far. He said there are about 5,000 reservists in this. ALLEGHENY COUNTY, ALONE. PRESS COMMENTS. London, May 21.—The Daily Telegraph in an editorial says: "Italy has done something more than the mere drawing of her sword in defence of her rights and aims. She has dealt the heaviest of blows at Berlin to fix damages for the opening of Wilmot street of that city. The proceedings will not open until the latter part of next month."

BRITISH TROOPS MADE PROGRESS --- FRENCH REPULSED AN ATTACK

French Official Statement Tells of New German Effort on Ypres, Which Was Flung Back Broken—Some Prisoners Were Taken.

By Special Wire to the Courier. PARIS, MAY 21, 2.37 P.M.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out a report on the progress of hostilities reading as follows: "To the north of Ypres and to the east of Yser canal, the enemy at an early hour last night started an attack against our trenches. He was successful in the beginning in gaining a footing, but an immediate counter-attack resulted in his complete expulsion. At the same time, we won ground beyond our original positions. In this fighting we took 120 prisoners. "Further to the south British troops made some progress at a point north of La Bassée."

TEN THOUSAND MORE FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

Ottawa, May 21.—The call has gone forth for ten thousand more troops from Canada for service overseas. At a full meeting of the Militia Council yesterday it was decided to proceed with the raising of seven new battalions of infantry and several brigades of artillery. These will be in addition to the third division, from which reinforcements have already been drawn by companies from the various battalions, which battalions are again busy recruiting up to strength. The new battalions will be raised as follows: One battalion from Toronto, one from Kingston, one from Montreal, one from Winnipeg, one from Manitoba and Saskatchewan, one from Alberta, and one from British Columbia. It is probable that in each city the various militia regiments will supply a company each—to the battalion organized there—as, for instance, in Montreal where one company will be raised by the Victoria Rifles, one by the 65th, one by the Irish Rangers and one by the Grenadier Guards. The disposition of the new artillery brigade has not yet been definitely decided upon.

60,000 AT THE FRONT. It is estimated that there are now 60,000 Canadian soldiers across the water, 40,000 of whom are on the firing line, not allowing for casualties. The second division is said to have been landed. It is stated that there is a total of 110,000 men at present under arms. This leaves 50,000 still in Canada. These include about thirteen regiments of Mounted Rifles most of whom have volunteered to go as infantry. Whether it is intended to place a third full division in the field or not has not been announced the impression being, however, that it will be a sufficient task to provide reinforcements for and keep up to strength two full divisions on the firing line, together with the Prince's Patricia and the Strathcona Horse and Royal Canadian Dragoons.

AUSTRIANS LOST VERY HEAVILY

Carpathian Campaign Has Used Up 10,000 Men Per Day.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Petrograd, May 21, via London 12.45 p.m.—An official statement referring to the recent fighting in the Carpathian Mountains was issued here to-day as follows: "In the fighting of the past three weeks since the beginning of the operations of the enemy in the Carpathians, their losses on May 10, May 11, May 12, and May 13, during which the fighting lost some of its intensity, averaged 10,000 a day. On the other seventeen days they were much heavier, especially during the period between May 16 and May 19, when they amounted to several tens of thousands daily. "Certain regiments of the enemy have been reduced to a single company. Their total losses during this period, including 40,000 captured by us, have undoubtedly reached to one-fourth or perhaps one-third of their total strength. "The score of guns lost by the enemy in this fighting is as nothing compared with their total number, but it must be borne in mind that owing to lack of horses and the scarcity of projectiles—between two and three million shells having been expended by the enemy during this period—the enemy left behind on old positions several hundred guns. This circumstance has helped to equalize the odds, which were in favor of the enemy."

VERDICT IN THE ROOSEVELT CASE

Syracuse, N. Y., May 21.—The jury in the Barnes-Roosevelt libel suit, came in shortly after 11 o'clock, and the foreman announced that the jury had agreed upon a verdict for the defendant. When the roll was called by the clerk of the court, eleven of the jurors said they were in favor of a verdict for the defendant and one against.

BRITAIN'S ARMY CHIEF INSPECTING HIS TROOPS ON WAY TO THE FIRING LINE IN FRANCE



This picture shows Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British forces on the Continent, inspecting a body of his soldiers moving along a road in Northern France, en route to the trenches. The scene is typical of many such scenes near the fighting line. The cross in the picture indicates Marshal French.

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