

MORE REPORTS THAT ITALY WILL SOON DECIDE TO TAKE FIELD ON SIDE OF ALLIES

MORE INDICATIONS THAT ITALY WILL DECIDE FOR WAR WITHIN A VERY SHORT TIME

Presence of King Victor Emmanuel at Garibaldi Celebration Regarded as of Much Significance—American Diplomats in Europe Interpret Signs as Indicating Final Decision in a Few Days.

Washington, May 3.—Such advices as have come to the United States government through official and unofficial channels within the last few days indicate that Italy's preparations clearly tend to her participation in the war at an early date.

Aside from extensive military preparations and orders for war supplies the expected public appearance of King Victor Emmanuel at the Garibaldi celebration in Rome Wednesday is looked upon as of much significance and demonstrations in favor of war would not be surprising. Heretofore all such popular outbursts have been given no official sanction and have at times been repressed but present indications are that the point is almost at hand when a final decision on Italy's policy will be reached.

American diplomats in Europe, some of whom are in touch with the Italian situation, believe the decision is now only a matter of days and arrangements already are being made to accommodate Italian interests should the emergency arise.

If Italy should enter the war, it is understood she would ask the American embassy in Vienna and Berlin to care for her diplomatic interests.

May Postpone reopening of Parliament

Rome via Paris, May 3.—Many rumors are in circulation here concerning the reopening of parliament. The newspapers all agree that the date for the re-opening was discussed at length at the last cabinet meeting and some of them insist that it will occur May 12, the date originally set.

The Corriere d'Italia, however, says it understands that Baron Sonnino, the Foreign Minister, will ask Premier Salandra to postpone the

NO WARNING SHIP WAS TO BE TORPEDOED

Survivors of American Steamer Tell of Sinking of Their Ship by a Submarine.

Plymouth, Eng., May 4.—The steamer Lyonesse last night brought from the Scilly Islands to Penzance thirty-three members of the crew and the body of Captain Alfred Gunther of the American steamer Guilfright which was torpedoed off the Scilly Islands last Saturday. The chief officer and chief engineer remain with the vessel, which is anchored in Crow Sound to look after the interests of the steamer's owners.

In an interview at Penzance, Second Officer Paul Bower, of the Guilfright, whose home is Chicago, said:

"When the Guilfright left Port Arthur we were followed by a warship of some description, which kept out of sight, but in touch by wireless and warned us not to disclose our position to any one.

"At noon Saturday we were 25 miles west of Scilly. The weather was hazy, but not thick. About two and a half miles ahead I saw a submarine. I was on watch and notified the captain and chief officer, who also saw the submarine. It rose to the surface for three minutes and then disappeared.

"Twenty-five minutes later we were struck by a torpedo on the starboard side and there was a tremendous shock. The submarine had not reappeared on the surface before discharging the torpedo.

"Previous to this we had been met by two patrol boats, which accompanied us on either side. The boat on our starboard side was so badly shaken by the explosion that her crew imagined that she had also been torpedoed.

"Immediately lowered the boats and left our ship was quickly taken on board the patrol boats. But the fog increased and we drifted about all night and did not land at Scilly until 10.30 o'clock Sunday morning.

"At midnight of Saturday, while still on board the patrol boat, Captain Gunther summoned me. I found him in bed and he said he wanted some one to roll a cigarette for him. He then threw up his arms and fainted. From then until the time of his death, which occurred about 3.30 o'clock Sunday morning, he remained unconscious.

"Captain Gunther's speech was thick and indistinct, but we could distinguish that he wished some one to take care of his wife. The crew has always regarded Captain Gunther as a healthy man, and had never heard him complain."

Second Assistant Engineer Crist of the Guilfright said:

"I was on watch in the engine room when the ship was torpedoed, and so terrible was the blow that the engine room seemed to be tumbling to pieces. She appeared to be lifted high in the air and then to descend rapidly. I told the boys to 'beat it' as quickly as possible and shut the engines down.

"Reaching the deck I found them launching lifeboats. We got safely into them, with the exception of Wireless Operator Short of Chicago and a Spanish seaman, who had dived overboard when they felt the shock and were drowned."

All the members of the crew of the Guilfright spoke enthusiastically of the crew of the patrol boat, who they say, did everything possible for them.

THE WASTE OF PUBLIC MONEY ON RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION

H. A. Powell, K. C., gave interesting address before members of the Board of Trade last night—Some Railways were unnecessary.

H. A. Powell, K. C., was the chief speaker before the members of the Board of Trade at their monthly meeting last evening. He took for his subject "The waste of public money on railway construction in Canada." He handled the subject from an economical standpoint and showed that several of the railways in Canada were unnecessary.

In opening his address he said that political economists had denounced the old navigation laws, the systems of monopoly and the corn laws. The navigation laws may have violated all the ideas of the political economists but they were responsible for the creation of the British fleet and gave the rule of the seas to Britain.

The value of railways might be considered from different standpoints. In Germany railways were built to the Belgian border and these were economically unjustifiable but now since the war started have been of unestimable value to Germany.

In considering the value of railways the balance of profit over the expenditure should not be the only thing considered. In Canada one of the features of the railway business was that about one-seventh of the population made their living from the railways.

No Warrant for Some.

While the construction of some of the railways of Canada showed forethought there were many built without warrant.

Mr. Powell said he had no desire to blame either political party for the root of the evil was deeper than politics. The lack of capital in the country had thrown on the government the burden of financing the railways.

Many of the provinces of Canada had their books filled with railway legislation. Practically all the provinces had suffered. Had it not been for the federal parliament British Columbia would have been bankrupt by its proposal to build railways.

War a Blessing.

The war at present in progress had to a certain extent been a blessing in disguise for the people, particularly of the western provinces, were riding to a fall, which would have been worse the longer delayed. The war had called a pause and the boom would have a chance to become normal.

The railways, canals and harbors of Canada have surprised the world. With the federal government building these it has been the idea of many people to have the railways expanded on public works without much regard to economy. The public money should be more economically expended although this would mean that public works would come slower. Without the federal system we would today be without the C. P. R., and the great canals.

Money Wasted.

To show some specific cases where money has been wasted on railways Mr. Powell referred to the diversion of the Intercolonial to take in the town of Dorchester. This diversion made necessary a very crooked piece of road. There was in Albert County a piece of railway 17 miles long that was not in use while in Kent County there was seven or eight miles of unused railway.

There was another road in New Brunswick about two hundred miles long, which was constructed by the provincial government through a company that could be just as well served by an existing railway. There was another railway about two hundred miles long, built by the federal government which was absolutely unnecessary.

Unnecessary railways were as noticeable in Ontario. In Northern Ontario there were three transcontinental railways paralleling one another. They passed through an uninhabited region, incapable of originating local traffic. One railway with two tracks would serve better than the three. In the west, too, three transcontinental lines practically paralleled one another. From North Bay to Winnipeg the C. P. R., C. N. R. and Transcontinental were within gun shot of each other. There was no local traffic that could not be served by a wheel barrow between North Bay and Port William. In British Columbia, too, there were three great railways with no local traffic.

Injurious to Commerce.

The public accounts showed that \$300,000,000 of public money of Canada had been given to aid in construction of railways and Mr. Powell said that one half the railways were not only unnecessary but really injurious to the country and its commerce.

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Two More St. John Men Wounded

Ottawa, May 3.—The casualty list issued tonight contains the name of Pte. J. Marr, 66 Brussels street, among the wounded.

The following telegram received yesterday afternoon shows that another St. John boy was wounded in a recent fight on the battle front in France. The telegram reads:

Mrs. Margaret Osborne, 206 Sydney street, St. John, Sincerely regret to inform you 24518, Lance Corporal James Samuel Osborne, 13th Battalion, officially reported wounded. Further particulars when received will be sent you.

(Signed) ADJUTANT GENERAL.

James Samuel Osborne is a nephew of Pilot James Miller, and his father is commander of a British transport sailing out of England. Corporal Osborne left St. John two years ago and was employed in the lithographing business in that city when he enlisted with the 5th Royal Highlanders of Montreal. He is well known here and so far it is not known how serious his injuries are.

SWEDEN HAS LAUNCHED NEW BATTLESHIP

London, May 3.—A Reuter despatch from Stockholm says that the Swedish battleship Sverige, the powerful armament of which was bought by national subscription, was launched today at Gothenburg, in the presence of King Gustave, the members of the royal family, and the ministry.

The Sverige has a displacement of 7,000 tons, and will carry a crew of 408 men. She is 393 feet long and has a draught of 20 feet. The vessel is designed for a capacity of 20,000 horsepower and a speed of 22.5 knots per hour. She will carry four 11-inch and eight 6-inch guns, six 12-pounders and two torpedo tubes.

The Sverige was sanctioned by the Swedish parliament in 1911, but when the Liberals came into power this sanction was cancelled. The people of the nation thereupon began a subscription for the building of the ship, and about \$4,900,000 was raised. As the estimated cost of the Sverige was only \$3,350,000, it was decided to use the surplus in the building of a second ship.

GOING BACK TO THE OLD WAY

Years ago our fathers ate coarse dark bread stuffs because the millers ground whole grain. Modern illness and some modern diseases were unknown in those days. Owing to competition, millers began to "refine" grains to make everything look good, thus robbing the cereals of their chief food value.

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FINLAND MUST BEAR ITS SHARE

London, May 4, 2.31 a. m.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Petrograd says that a council of ministers has decided that Finland, which up to the present has contributed neither men nor money, must pay its proportionate share of the extraordinary expenditure for the war. The share assessed against Finland, the correspondent says, is 1.8 per cent. of the total expenditure.

London, May 4.—A Petrograd despatch to the Times says that another internal loan of \$200,000,000 will be issued within a fortnight. Its success is assured.

PROHIBITS SHIPPING OF GRAIN TO U.S. EXCEPT FOR DOMESTIC USE

Ottawa, May 3.—An order-in-council has been passed prohibiting the export of grain, flour and forage to the United States, except it is to be used for domestic consumption, and a certificate to this effect must be given at the port of exit.

This is simply an extension of the previous order issued some time ago that shipments of Canadian foodstuffs may be made only to the countries of the allies, and those neutral countries from which there would be no doubt of the enemy countries obtaining these supplies exported from Canada. Certain ports in Europe particularly, the Mediterranean were specified as the only ports to which these shipments could be consigned.

The new order is more specified. The Canadian foodstuffs specified may be exported to the United States provided they are for domestic consumption only. They may be sent through United States ports in bond to the countries of the allies or the neutral countries specified, but the understanding is demanded that this arrangement will be observed.

MUCH RAIN IN PAST FEW DAYS

More than three inches since Wednesday—River business curtailed as result of downpour.

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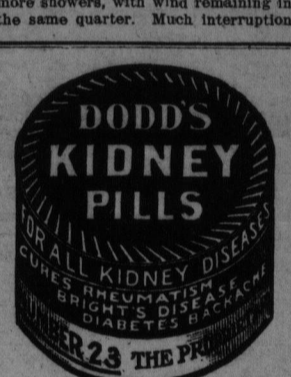
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last night, was three and one-tenth inches. The heaviest rainfall during this somewhat long spell of wet weather was on Saturday, when one and one-quarter of an inch was recorded. From 9 o'clock on Sunday night until the same hour last night the record was eight-tenths of an inch. During all these wet days the wind has continued easterly and northeasterly. There does not appear to be any immediate prospect of a cessation of the downpour, the forecast for today being more showers, with wind remaining in the same quarter. Much interruption to business is reported at points on the river because of the inclement weather. D. J. Purdy said yesterday that the reverse of encouraging, the business coming in being quite small just now as a result of the high water in the river and the slushy condition of the roads.



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