## **AUSTRIA SHOWED** HAND LONG AGO

Italy in April, Last Year, Took Attitude of Neutrality.

## NO TREATY VIOLATED

Ex-Premier Giolitti Made Sensational Revelation of Past Negotiations.

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they are threatened or unrecognized eutrality should be an expression of Italy's diplomatic and military

najority of those who spoke er, especially the Extrem standing her heavy military expenses. Italy was obliged to remain neutral owing to her military unprepared-

speakers, expressing regret at the un-measured language of some of them in judging the conflict in which the pow-ers are engaged. While recognizing the merits of all civilized peoples and

the world, he said that in parliament one sentiment is common to all, and that is love of Italy. The whole chamber rose and applauded the premier, crying, "Viva Italia."

Italy is Ready.

Continuing, the premier said:
"What I said on Thursday was understood if all and need have no word added. The vote must be given on my declarations, but a further explanation is impossible because it is against the interests of the state. Regarding military preparation, I can affirm that the Italian army and navy are ready for any event. For this military preparation both we and dur predecessors have assumed grave responsibilities, which parliament will be able to judge later from documents, but not now. Today, whoever has doubted the fitness of our army, whoever has intended to expose the vicissitudes traversed for military preparation, sins against the fatherland."

Will Guard interests.

The premier declared that the action of some of the orators "in trying to diminish who invested."

country, is unpatriotic." He continu-ed: "The country agrees with the government that it will have its in-terests protected. I can repeat firmly that we are determined to protect them. Further I cannot, say. The cabinet know and feel the terrible responsibility upon them, but need full liberty of action, approved by the chamber, without which no govern-ment can rule the country in this moment."

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The premier's speech was constantly interrupted by applause and ended with an ovation.

Stands By Treaties.

Giovanni Giolitti, the former premier, in a speech announcing his approval of the policy of the government, made a, most important declaration. He said he thought it was necessary to emphasize that Italy always has been loyal to treaties, and in this connection added:

government when the conflict began. During the Balkan war, on Aug. 9, 1913. being absent from Rome, I received the following telegram from the late Marquis di San Giuliano (the late Marquis di San Giuliano was, at the time referred to, minister of foreign affairs in the cabinet of which Signor. time referred to, minister of foreign affairs in the cabinet of which Signor

affairs in the cabinet of which Signor Glolitto was premier):

Austria Showed Hand.

"Austria has communicated to us, and Germany that it has been the intention to act against Servia, defining such action as defensive, and hoping for an application of a casus foederis by the triple alliance, which I consider inapplicable. I am trying to agree with Germany concerning efforts to prevent Austrian action, but it may be necessary to say clearly that we do not consider such eventual action as defensive, and therefore do not think that there exists a casus foederis. Please send a telegram saying whether you approve."

"I answered Marquis di San Giuliano" "I answered Marquis di San Giuliano

thus:
"If Austria goes against Servia s casus foederis evidently does not exist. It is an action she accomplishes on her own account. It is not defensive, because nobody thinks of attacking her. It is necessary to declare this to Austria in the most formal manner, hoping that Germany will act to dis-suade Austria from a very dangerous

Declared Neutrality.

This was done and our interpretation of the treaty was accepted by our allies, our friendly relations no being in the least disturbed. Thus the declaration of neutrality made at the beginning of this conflict is according to the spirit and letter of the treaties. I recall this incident wishing to de-monstrate the complete loyalty of Italy before the eyes of Europe."

The former premier was interrupted at this point by great applause. He concluded his address by urging the maintenance of neutrality until the necessity should arise to protect Italy's rights. Until then, he said, there should be a loval observance of prescription. be a loyal observance of neutrality which alone can give, in any moment, complete liberty of judgment and action. He recommended great caution and watchfulness, and said that since

the very life of the nation was at stake, the government, parliament and the press must be cautious.

## TROOP NO. 49, BOY SCOUTS, ST. CHAD'S, EARLSCOURT.



Some of the brightest boys in the district are members of this troop. B. Linds is scoutmaster; Reginald Handscomb, assistant, and Rev. Harold Snartt, chaplain.

## ANGLO-FRENCH **FLEET IS BUSY**

Unnamed Fortifications is Impending.

## **BATTLESHIP MISSING?**

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"I feel it my duty to recall a precedent showing how correct was the interpretation of the alliance by the government when the conflict began. During the Balkan war, on Aug. 9, 1913. being absent from Rome, I received in distress.

Canadian Press Despatch.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 6. — The revenue cutter Itasca was speeding to had fugitives are said to be pouring toward Budapest. In the face of the Austrian advance in Servia there has been talk of the removal of the capital from Nish to Mitrovitza, but Servia denies that this saying Station, on the Maryland coast, saying a vessel, apparently a warship, the following the following that the following the following that the following the said fugitives are said to be pouring toward Budapest. In the face of the Austrian advance in Servia there has been talk of the removal of the capital from Nish to Mitrovitza, but Servia denies that this saying station, on the Maryland coast, saying a vessel, apparently a warship, the following the following the following that the face of the Austrian advance in Servia there has been talk of the removal of the capital from Nish to Mitrovitza, but Servia denies that this saying station, on the Maryland coast, saying a vessel, apparently a warship, the following the following the following that the face of the Austrian advance in Servia there has been talk of the removal of the capital from Nish to Mitrovitza, but Servia denies that this step actually has been taken.

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WARSHIPS OFF PERU.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 5.—Five warships passed Malabrigo bound northwards Friday morning. Their nationality is

BATTLESHIP AUSTRALIA MIS-

Special to The Toronto World.

BERLIN, Dec. 5, (via wireless to Sayville).—German official press purcau says that, according to a report received by the Italian newspaper, Corriere Della Sera, the Australian battle cruiser Australia apparently is

The Australia is a dreadnought cruiser of 19,200 tons. She is 578 feet long, 79½ feet beam and has a fnean draught of 27 3-4 feet. She was built at Clydebank in 1912 and is capable of 26 knots an hour.

ADMIRALTY NOT WARNED.

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The Toronto World.
LONDON, Dec. 6.—The admiralty
s not greatly concerned over the report sent out from Berlin last night, that the Australian battleship Australia, is missing; however, it is noticed that the admiralty does not commit AUSTRIAN ARRESTED AT STATION.

Detective Mauer arrested Geo. Oriesky, an Austrian, while he was purchasing a railway transportation to the United States. Orlesky will be brought before Registrar Coatsworth this morning. man cruiser Nurnberg.

## RUSSIANS CLOSING AROUND PRZEMYSL

Berlin Advices Say Assault on Capture of Advance Position FRENCH of Great Value to Be-

GAINS IN FLANDERS

Australia Reported Lost by Berlin, But British Admiralty Undisturbed.

France.

Allies Also Report Notable Progress in Northern

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France.

Canadian Press Despatch:

Observers nearest the vessel say she has been asked from the navy yard at Norfolk.

Observers nearest the vessel say she has four funnels and that they can see her fighting tops.

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Langemarck.

There has been a recrudescence of hard fighting in the Argonne district, where the French claim they are making progress. On the whole, however, in these siege operations these successes and reverses mean only a gain or loss. these siege operations these successes and reverses mean only a gain or loss of a few hundred yards and a slight readjustment of positions. Seemingly more important is the unofficial statement that the French have seriously interfered with the German communi-cations between Metz and the Woevre district in France, for here, as else-where, command of the roads is of the where, command of the roads is of greatest importance to the armies.

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Andrew's Masonic Lodge, and the Sim-coe Club. He was about 57 years of age, and is survived by his wife, at the Willard apartments, i Triller avenue.

His remains will be interred at Memphis. He had been on a trip for the benefit of his health.

## OFFICIAL

RUSSIAN

The following communication was issued last night from the headquarters of the army of the Caucasus:

"On Dec, 2 our troops, after lively engagements on the roads from Dilman and Khoi (Province of Azerbaijan, Persia), took possession of the towns of Zeri and Keshkai. The Turks, who defended desperately the positions before these towns, retreated, ficeing in some cases towards Van (Armenia), abandoning numbers of wounded and prisoners." At Keshkai we seized large supplies of provisions and munitions of war."

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Another official communication said : "Desperate engagements in front Lowicz, and particularly in the region of Lodz and along the roads from the west towards Plotrkow, continue. On Dec. 4, on the roadway between Poblanice and Lask, our armored automobiles, by favor of the darkness, fell upon a large column of the grammy disparation is with machine. of the darkness, fell upon a large contine of the enemy, dispersing it with machine gun fire and artillery, causing serious

losses.
"The rest of the front is without essential modification."
The following bulletin has been issued by the war office:

Russians.

The Servian war office issues the following streement:

"On the white front the success of the Servian army is reported. Everywhere the Austrians have been repuised. We have captured two genoral officers, sixteen officers, 2400 men and a large quantity of booty. On one of our fronts we captured from the enemy four complete batteries."

In another official communication it is asserted that Belgrade was evacuated voluntarily by the Servians and not captured after a battle by the Austrians. The communication says:

"The Servian authorities and troops if the capital on the evening of Nov. 29, 36 hours before the extry of the Austrians. If there was any fighting, it was only between rear guards and patrols."

AUSTRIAN

The following official communication was issued in Vienna Sunday:

"The battle in Poland is progressing favorably for the Teutonic zilles. The Russian forces, which marched to western Galicia, were attacked by Austrian and German troops. We captured 2200 prisoners and some trains.

"In the Carpathlans thore has been some fighting. The enemy, which broke into Beskiaste burg, has been repulsed with the loss of 500 prisoners."

GERMAN.

The evacuation by the Germans on Saturday night of Vermelles, southeast of Bethune, was officially announced in a statement issued here today. The statement save is a second of the statement save is successful.

statement issued here today. The state-ment says:

"Vermelles was evacuated by us, ac-cording to our plan, on account of the continuous French artiflery fire, which was causing unnecessary loss. The buildings, which remained standing, were plown up by us, and our troops occupied positions prepared east of Vermelles, so that the enemy could not follow in this direction.

avoids giving any details that have not been verified.

"On the other hand, the German denial that they have lost a single gun is disproved by the fact that in the Brzeriny district alone (near Lodz), we took from them twenty-three guns and a large amount of spoils. As to German prison ers. 10.000 have passed one point alone of our front where prisoners are regis.

"Neither do the Germans mention the upper columns which they burned, nother cannon and ammunition which they

Germans Are Making Another Attempt to Envelop the

PRZEMYSL IS BESET

Russian Armies Push Steadily Across the Plains of Hungary.

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LONDON, Dec. 6.—Violent fighting continues on the front between the Warthe and the Vistula. A determinated engagement has been occurring since Thursday near Lowicz, at flovo to the northeast and Piotrkow to the southeast, from which it is inferred that the German sare making another attempt to envelop the Russians. On both flanks there are lirge numbers of German prisoners, captured by the Russians in successful actions near Lodz, with cannon and mactine guns. Przemysl is now closely best and the capture of one of the advanced positions is regarded as conferring a most valuable advantage in the attack on the system of fortifications.

Russian armics are outshing steadily across the plains of Hungary. From the Carpathian passes streams of fursitives are pouring toward Budapest.

VICIOUS ATTACK

ON CITY OF LODZ

Ammunition Was Exhausted,

But the Fighting Did

Engineer Came Across Body

While Walking on Track

Near Leaside.

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The body of an unknown man was found yesterday afternoon in a ditch by the side of the C. P. R. track at Leaside, about 100 yards northeast who is a count of the crossing over the Todmorden road. The body say seen by an engineer on a train bound for Asincourt, who minediately laid the information with the township officials. A motor was sent out from the York Burial Co and the body brought to their parlors, where it now lies awaiting identification.

The man would be about 60 or 55 years of age, and has iron-kraw hair and a small gray mustache; height about 176 pounds. The body is in a good state of preservation, but might have been lying there for about two days. He wore light underwear, blue top shirt black tie, soft white collar, dark coat and cuffs and a dark peaked cap

A gold watch, which had stopped at 2 o'clock, was found on him. and a dollar and 27 cents. Nothing was found by which he could be identified.

Ammunition Was Exhausted, But the Fighting Did Not Cease.

SUBURBS DESTROYED

Houses and Churches Were Demolished and Many Citizens Killed.

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## ROWELL TO HEARS SAYS CLOSE BAR

Leader of Opposition Claims War Has Made This Step Imperative.

**ABANDON PARTY LINES** 

Would Have Government Follow Example of Great European Nations.

Speaking at the North Oxford Lib-ral Association on Friday, N. W. lowell, leader of the opposition, out-

# IN RAILWAY DITCH

Engineer Came Across Body While Walking on Track

## **CAN'T HOLD WAGES BACK TWO WEEKS**

Brampton Workmen Appeal to Magistrate — Given Judgment.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PEROGRAD, Dcc. 6, Via London.
Lodz was subjected Friday to a vicious attack and bombardment. The heaviest fighting was fer the possession of a Jewish cemetery on the outskirts of the city.

This position changed hands twice. As the result of many attacks and counter-attacks the German and Russian troops exhausted their ammunition but continued fighting with bayonets and rife butts.

The gas house in Lodz was damaged. The suburb of Raluti was burned and three other outlying villages were parly destroyed by fire caused by expording shells. Thirty citizens were held and 200 wounded. In Lodz, fifty houses and a Catholic church were demclished.

The Bourse Gazette says the Roman Government, thru the Papal nuncto at Vienna, to remove from the cathedral at Cracow the wireless apparatus erected there and guns planted on the trilding.

HEAP QUARIERS FOR OFFICERS SAM BROWN BELTS, LEATHER LEGGINGS.

BRAMPTON, Dec. 5.—Mr. Grimwood, contractor for the cement foundation of the new Linders Canning Factory, Royce avenue, gontractor for the pement of wages. About a dozen men were laid off during the wages, were told they wages, were told they would be paid in two weeks. They sought rederess from the magstrate. Two of them appeared and were given judgment for the full amount of their wages.

Two young lads, named Perkins and McMaster, were charged with discharging finearms in a careless manner on James Moran's farm, near Hornby brewery. In the meantime McMaster left and his companion, who appeared, was fined \$2 and costs.

The Brampton Rife Club has secured a number of Ross rifles and will commence rifle shooting at once. The high school students have also formed a corps to be affiliated with the local association.

Patriotic Meeting.

The meeting held on Friday evening in St. Paul's Church for the purpose of giving a good start to the campaign to raise shooting at once. The high school students have also formed a corps to be affiliated with the local association.

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