

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. Our neutrality should be an expression of Italy's diplomatic and military power.

Government Criticized. The majority of those who spoke in the chamber, especially the Extreme Left, tried to construe, according to their own views, the statement made by Premier Salandra at the opening of parliament on Thursday. The premier at that time advised that Italy maintain an attitude of armed and watchful neutrality. Some of the speakers at Saturday's session urged the government to make more explicit declarations, while others attacked the neutrality, which they said, notwithstanding credit because they said, notwithstanding her heavy military expenses, Italy was obliged to remain neutral owing to her military unpreparedness.

Premier Salandra replied to the speakers, expressing regret at the unmeasured language of some of them in judging the conduct in which the powers are engaged. While recognizing the merits of all civilized peoples and their contributions to the progress of 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. "What I said on Thursday was understood by 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 our 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 by military preparation, sins against the fatherland."

Will Guard Interests. The premier declared that the action of some of the orators in trying to diminish the importance of our country, is unpatriotic. He continued: "The country who has the government that it will have its interests protected. I can repeat firmly that we are ready to protect the liberty of action of the government, without which no government can rule the country in this moment."

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's attitude has been loyal to treaties, and in this connection added: "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, in 1913, being absent from Rome, I received the following telegram from the late Marquis di San Giuliano was, at the time referred to, minister of foreign affairs in the cabinet of which Signor Giolitti was premier: 'Austria showed hand, Germany communicated to us, and Germany that it has been the intention to act against Serbia, defining such action as defensive, and hoping for an application of the force by the triple alliance, which I consider indispensable. I am trying to agree with Germany concerning efforts to prevent Austria from acting, but it may be necessary to say clearly that we do not consider such defensive action as defensive, and therefore do not think that there exists a casus foederis. Please send a telegram saying whether you approve of this or not.' 'I answered Marquis di San Giuliano thus: 'If Austria goes against Serbia a 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 dissuade Austria from a very dangerous adventure.'

Declared Neutrality. "This was done and our interpretation of the treaty was accepted by our allies, our friendly relations, not 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 demonstrate 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 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.

AUSTRIAN ARRESTED AT STATION. Detective Mauer arrested Geo. Orlesky, an Austrian, while he was purchasing a railway transportation to the United States. Orlesky will be brought before Registrar Coatsworth this morning.



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

ANGLO-FRENCH FLEET IS BUSY

Berlin Advises Say Assault on Unnamed Fortifications is Impending.

BATTLESHIP MISSING?

Australia Reported Lost by Berlin, But British Admiralty Undisturbed.

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CUTTER RUSHED TO AID.

Canadian Press Despatch. NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 6.—The revenue cutter Itasca was speeding to night from Hampton Roads towards North Beach, Md., to assist an unidentified vessel said to be a man of war, in distress.

The Norfolk Navy Yard received a message from the North Beach Life Saving Station, on the Maryland coast, saying a vessel, apparently a warship, was in distress six miles off the shore. There was a dense fog and high seas. Naval officials here do not believe the vessel is an American warship.

The Itasca is not expected to reach North Beach before tomorrow morning.

U. S. WAR VESSELS SAFE.

Canadian Press Despatch. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Fears that the war vessel reported aground near Ocean City, Md., might either be a Corriere della Sera, or Perkins, bound from Newport, R.I., to Charleston, S.C., were dispelled tonight by Norfolk reporting the safe arrival of both those vessels at that port.

No other U. S. war vessel could be in the vicinity of Ocean City, according to officials of the navy department.

WARSHIPS OFF PERU.

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

BATTLESHIP AUSTRALIA MISSING?

Special to The Toronto World. BERLIN, Dec. 6.—The admiralty is not greatly concerned over the report sent out from Berlin last night, that the Australian battleship Australia is missing.

The Australia is a dreadnought cruiser of 15,200 tons. She is 575 feet long, 79 1/2 feet beam and has a mean draught of 37 1/2 feet. She was built at Clydebank in 1912 and is capable of 26 knots an hour.

ADMIRALTY NOT WARNED.

Special Direct Copyrighted Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Dec. 6.—The admiralty is not greatly concerned over the report sent out from Berlin last night, that the Australian battleship Australia is missing. It is noticed that the admiralty does not commit itself as to whether that ship has been heard from lately. The Australia was in Hawaiian waters, the Wilhelmina of the Watson Navigation Company, then picking up the message from the battleship, to the effect that she was pursuing the German cruiser Nürnberg.

RUSSIANS CLOSING AROUND PRZEMYSL

Capture of Advance Position of Great Value to Besiegers.

GAINS IN FLANDERS

Allies Also Report Notable Progress in Northern France.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 6.—(9:12 p.m.)—The capture of one of the advanced positions at Przemyśl is regarded as a serious step.

Germany is pushing in small bodies steadily across the plains of Hungary, and fugitives are said to be pouring toward Budapest.

In the face of the Austrian advance in Serbia there has been talk of the removal of the capital from Nish to Mitrovica, but Serbia denies that this step actually has been taken.

Gains in West. The allies continue to push forward in Flanders and in northern France, but the Germans explain that they are giving ground for tactical and strategic reasons. The advance, as far as Flanders is concerned, seems to have been checked on the outskirts of Langemark.

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 are not reversed except by 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 communications between Metz and the Woëvre district in France, for here, as elsewhere, command of the roads is of the greatest importance to the armies.

TORONTO MAN FOUND DEAD ON A STEAMER

Chester B. Ames Was on Visit to Memphis for His Health.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 6.—A man who, according to a note asking that his wife in Toronto, Ont., be notified, was Chester B. Ames, was found dead in a state room on a Mississippi River steamer, near this city, with a bullet wound in his heart.

The man, middle-aged and prosperous looking, had attracted the attention of fellow-passengers by his strange behavior.

Chester B. Ames had been engaged in the printing business since an early age. His last position was that of manager of the Arts Publication Company, Duncan street. Previous to coming to Toronto he had been employed in Buffalo and Boston, and while in the former city he had been connected with the printing division of the board of trade there. He was instrumental in having a printers' section organized in connection with the board of trade at Ottawa. He was connected with the Toronto Board of Trade for a time.

In Toronto he was a member of St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge, and the Simcoe Club. He was about 35 years of age, and is survived by his wife, R. the Williams apartments, 1 Triller avenue.

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

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

FRENCH

The following official communication was given out in Paris Sunday afternoon: "In Belgium, on Dec. 5, not far from the Hasselt house, the capture of which was reported yesterday (referred to in yesterday's statement as that of a ferryman on the canal between Dixmude and Ypres) our heavy artillery destroyed a German field fort. The enemy made a vain attempt to recapture Weidenrecht. An official communication issued last night said: 'The enemy has been driven from the rest of the northern front there has been an absolute calm.' 'It was calm also in the region of the Artois. The Champagne district saw very active artillery successfully counteracted the batteries of the adversary. 'On the remainder of the front there was a slight progress, but no general advance. 'Slight progress was likewise made in the region southeast of Valenciennes. The German artillery there has been silenced. 'On the remainder of the front there is no notable occurrence to report.' 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