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ITALY'S NAVAL AND MILITARY STRENGTH

Italy brings as its contribution to the forces of the Triple Entente, an enormous army and a powerful navy. The peace strength of the army is estimated at 2,000,000 men; trained reserves of nearly 3,000,000 make a total war strength of about 5,000,000 men. This force is exclusive of the unorganized reserves of which there are in the neighborhood of 250,000 available.

A more conservative estimate puts Italy's strength as follows: Standing army, 258,860; trained reserves, 901,490; untrained reserves, 2,282,892. What force Italy is able to once to put in the field is not known outside the War Ministry at Rome, but should be in the neighborhood of one and a half millions. As the Italian army is thoroughly well trained, and contains some brilliant officers among the higher commands, it should be able to give a good account of itself.

The Italian navy comprises a total of 85 effective ships of all classes, with a personnel of 36,095 officers and men. The fleet is made up as follows: Battleships, 7; older battleships, 8; first-class cruisers, 2; second and third class, 15; gunboats, 5; destroyers, 46; torpedo boats, 75; submarines, 20.

Italy's biggest ship, the "G" (1), ranks with the most powerful battleships of the world. Her tonnage is 28,000, and she carries eight 15-inch guns. There are five battleships of over 20,000 tons displacement, and ten of over 10,000 tons. Three battleships are under construction.

In naval strength Italy ranks seventh among the world's Powers Austria Hungary, her principal antagonist in the conflict, being eighth.

THE REPLY OF GERMANY WILL NOT BE READY FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

BERLIN, May 24.—Germany's reply to the American note will not be ready for several days. Officials of the foreign office are so occupied with the Italian developments that they have had no time to elaborate the draft of the note.

It is pointed out that the delay in the publication of the German reply will give an opportunity for the public to view the situation more dispassionately.

Moncton is having a building boom. It is anticipated that new buildings to the value of half a million dollars will be erected this year.

It is reported that Furness Withy Co will rebuild their shipping pier in Halifax with concrete at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

Financial report of directors showing financial state of Corporation up to March 31st, 1915 with an account of receipts and expenses, respectfully submitted at annual meeting held on April 20th, 1915.

RECEIPTS
By amount paid in during on subscription account \$ 7.00
To total amount subscribed \$1917.00
By amount paid in to date 1699.00

To balance still due . . . \$ 218.00
By balance on hand March 31, 1914, carried forward 291.94
Amounts paid in, during year, annual assessments 213.05
Amount received at birthday party 1914 153.00
Amount received at birthday party 1915 100.00
Amount received at birthday party 1915, P. C. Pierce lot 100.00
Amount received for perpetual care of lots 360.00
Amount received for sale of lots 90.00
Amount received for burials 63.00
Amount received for debenture interest 12.50
Amount received from entertainments 151.00
Miscellaneous receipts 71.18
Total receipts \$1613.27

Disbursement Account, Including Amount on Deposit Receipts.
Perpetual Care Fund:
To cash paid Bank of Nova Scotia, Perpetual care fund . . \$ 460.00
Cash paid labor and material 698.04
Total 1158.04

By cash on hand March 31, 1915 \$ 455.23
Boston Post—Harry Brooks, ticket agent of the Yarmouth line, tells of a unique plan followed by royal subjects of the Czar in Boston who have been called for military service and who were unable to get back to Russia on the date specified. It seems that on account of the curtailed schedules on trans-Atlantic lines these reservists are not able to get to Russia; so they inform representatives of their government here and are then ordered to go to Canada and enlist in the British army. Many of them have gone from here by boat to Yarmouth or St. John, N. B.

REBEKAH LODGE VISITED.

Autumn Leaf Rebekah Lodge Receives Official Visit.

On Saturday evening, May 22nd, Autumn Leaf Rebekah Lodge held a special session to meet Mrs. T. W. Baker, of Woodstock, N. B., Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly of the Maritime Provinces. Although called on Saturday evening, with its numerous other attractions, the members attended in good numbers and a pleasant evening was spent. The degree work was put on in good style after which Mrs. Baker gave a very pleasing address, congratulating the staff and stating that there was as good talent in Autumn Leaf as in any Lodge she had visited in the Maritime Provinces. Miss Harriett Smith of St. John, was also present and addressed the Lodge. After speeches by members of Local Lodge, ice cream and cake were served, and the gathering dispersed shortly before midnight.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR 25TH BATTALION.

Much interest is being shown in supplying the men of the 25th Nova Scotia Battalion with entertainment while they are crossing to the front. Wednesday morning the Halifax Chronicle suggested that a gramophone and records would be acceptable. The response was instant and generous. A gramophone and records came in. Early in the morning the records began to arrive and by 6 p. m. 200 were at the Chronicle office ready to be forwarded to the men of the 25th.

ALDERSHOT MITTIA CAMP.

Kentville Advertiser—The 40th Regiment is now in full force at Camp Aldershot and are settling down to hard training. There are about 1500 officers and men including 200 extra volunteered for early duty. The men are a fine class and show up well in their training. They report the duties are pretty strenuous, it being likely that these men will be drilled hard for a much shorter time than the first or second contingent, and be placed at the front within many months delay.

The Italians have a powerful navy. They have four of the most powerful Dreadnoughts in the world, two just ready for sea, and four building. There are six battleships, 9 armored cruisers, and 12 light cruisers, besides destroyers and submarines.

Ten submarines for Great Britain will be ready for commission July 1st. They are being built at Quincy, Mass., but are not to be delivered until after the war.

THE WEEK'S WAR NEWS

Italy Has Declared War Against Austria—Roumania Negotiating with the Allies

ROME, May 24, via Paris, May 23.—Contemporaneously with the issuance of the general mobilization order the Italian Government today officially announced that war had been declared against Austria-Hungary.

ROME, May 24, via Paris—Italy is at war with Austria-Hungary. With the issuance of the general mobilization order, the Italian Government issued a proclamation declaring war on Austria which will begin tomorrow.

Prior to this, and after a lengthy consultation, the Ministers of War and of Marine proclaimed all the Provinces bordering on Austria, and the islands and coast towns of the Adriatic in a state of war, which was equivalent to the establishment of martial law, the step usually preceding the formal declaration.

CHEERED THE MINISTERS

Although the drastic action has been looked for momentarily, Italians of all classes have been electrified by the swiftly moving events. Early this morning great crowds gathered around the Quirinal to await the Ministers who called on the King for the purpose of discussing the situation and signing decrees.

LONDON, May 25.—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Bucharest says: "The Roumanian Government is negotiating with the Allies. King Ferdinand has reviewed the Army. Great enthusiasm prevails."

LONDON, May 24.—"Austrian and Italian forces are facing each other, at some places only a half mile apart," says the Geneva correspondent of the Daily Express. "The forces at the front are estimated at a million men on each side."

"The Austro-German Headquarters Staff has arrived at Trent, and the Austrians have mounted artillery in the Stelvio Pass, which is still covered with snow. A continuous stream of troops from the Tyrols are arriving near the Swiss-Italian frontier."

WAR BRIEFS

It is not at all intended by Great Britain to imitate the Germans in using asphyxiating gases. The War Office has appealed for respirators for the use of the soldiers and the women of England are nobly responding to the appeal.

A Montreal lady who has a property in Sydney has donated her residence there called "Dumbro," as a military convalescent hospital. She is also to equip and maintain it herself. There will be accommodations for about fifty beds, and the hospital will be ready by the end of this month.

Britain has prohibited the importation of raw cotton in any European country excepting the Allies, lest it should reach Germany. The reason is that cotton is used in manufacture of explosives.

An Austrian prisoner, on his way to a detention camp, attempted to escape at Bonaventure Station, Montreal, and was shot by his guards.

The Elfriede, believed to be the last German ship free in the Pacific, was caught by a British Warship.

Sir William Ramsey, a noted British Scientist, has had his name erased from the list of honorary members of the German Medical Society, Berlin, because he criticized German methods and German science.

Brigadier General Hill, commanding troops in the Dublin District, has forbidden the sale of intoxicating drinks to soldiers and sailors.

One of the first concessions of Russia to Poland, is to allow the restoration of the Polish language in elementary and secondary non state schools and colleges. This is the beginning of the fulfilment of promises.

The Maharaja of Nepal, Sir Chandra Shum Shere Jung, has made a personal gift of thirty-one machine guns to Britain. This is the same man who at the beginning of the war offered the whole of his military resources.

The British Fair, May 10th, gave British manufacturers opportunity to show that they can make goods to take the place of articles heretofore made generally in Germany.

The Count of Crawford has joined the Royal Army Medical Corps as a private, and has gone to the front as a Stretcher Bearer.

John S. Sargent has offered to paint a portrait in oils for the Red Cross work, if £10,000 would be promised for it. Sir Hugh Lane has accepted the offer, but is willing to give up the picture if somebody will give more.

The Times publishes the names of many prominent Germans, now British citizens who have expressed their abhorrence of German methods of warfare and their devotion to Great Britain, the land of their adoption.

Dr. Warren A. Dakin, of Regina, son of the late Dr. Dakin of Pugwash, one of the five Sask. doctors recently selected to go to the front, is a cousin of Roger Ray and his brothers of Upper Granville.

The New York World brands as a "calculated untruth" Dr. Dennburg's amazing statement that the Lusitania was a "British Military Cruiser, a Man-of-War."

Wales has contributed 80,000 men to the new British army.

An average of 300,000 letters and 18,000 parcels cross the English Channel every day for the soldiers at the front.

The New York Sun says somebody should prevent the German Ambassador Bernstorff from lecturing the American Government, or he will be liable to do further mischief.

Bread riots in Austrian coast towns have resulted in the killing of hundreds.

CHILDREN RENDER PATRIOTIC CONCERT IN RECREATION HALL.

A splendid patriotic entertainment under the direction of Miss Elena Goldsmith was given in the Recreation Hall on Thursday evening last.

The performers were all young, but all took their parts in a manner which reflected much credit to themselves and their instructor. The stage was appropriately decorated for the occasion with flags, and Mr. A. F. Hiltz acted as chairman.

The numbers were all well rendered but several are deserving of special mention. The honors of the evening were carried off by little Miss Thelma Eagleson. This winsome little six-year showed remarkable talent in the manner in which she handled the mouth-organ. Her rendering of "Annie Laurie" and "Home, Sweet Home" as she stood with perfect ease and composure, and making a picture of childish innocence and grace, would have done credit to a much older performer.

The chorus and tableau, "Tenting Tonight," with Miss Reta Marshall taking the solo, and a number of boys and girls grouped around the campfire was an enjoyable number. A dialogue by Misses Ethel Craig, Anna Marshall and Pearl and Flora Cole was given in a very realistic manner. A chorus and drill was also well rendered.

Overeigheten dollars was cleared for patriotic purposes.

DEATH OF MRS. CHARLES FRASER.

Mrs. Charles Fraser of Princedale passed away on Monday morning, May 24th, after an illness of over three years.

An only son died very suddenly and the shock brought on heart trouble which with grief over her loss caused her death.

Mrs. Fraser was sixty-four years of age, and had lived her entire married life in Princedale. She had been a member of the Baptist Church over thirty years, and was known to the entire community. Her many acts of kindness and ready sympathy will long be remembered, not only in the home circle but by the hosts of friends.

She was the oldest of the ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Alcorn, of Bear River, the remaining seven brothers and two sisters are all living. A husband and one daughter, Mrs. Forrest Connell of Bridgetown, are left to mourn their loss. Burial will take place at Clementsvalle on Wednesday afternoon.

Yarmouth Herald—It was an inspiring sight to any loyal Yarmouthian to witness on Saturday the large shipment of cotton duck going forward to Boston en route to wide portions of the world. They were for London, England; Dunbar, South Africa; Yokohama, Japan; Guayaquill, Ecuador; Cartagena, Spain; and Maracaibo, Venezuela. Thus Yarmouth's name is carried into these distant ports, in place of our ships that used this commodity to a large extent in years gone by. The total value of the canvas was \$15,601.

Efforts are being made to restore the oyster beds of the Maritime Provinces of their former productiveness. A company at Shemogue has planted twenty-two acres of oysters and fifteen acres of clut at a cost of over \$10,000.

A dredge, 60 feet long, which will cost \$6,000, is also being built by this Company. The value of the oyster output in New Brunswick in 1913 was \$55,434.

The crop reports from the West are very encouraging. This promises to be a year of large production in Canada. The world needs the crop and Canada needs the money.



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BRIDGETOWN BRANCH
J. S. Lewis, Manager

OBITUARY

MRS. WILLIAM DIMOCK.

The death of Mrs. William Dimock, senior, occurred at the home of her son William in Newton, Mass., on Thursday, May 20th, after an illness of over two years, in the 83rd year of her age.

The deceased was born in Milton, Queens County, her maiden name being Susanna Dexter.

Some fifteen years ago Mrs. Dimock's husband purchased the Ruffee farm at the eastern end of the town, and with their son William lived there for three years. After her husband's death which occurred in 1903, as the result of a fall from a load of hay, Mrs. Dimock with her son removed to Massachusetts, where she has since lived. She is survived by two sons and one daughter, viz.: Messrs. William and Alexander Dimock of Newton, Mass., and Miss Minetta Dimock of Liverpool, N. S.

The body was brought to Bridgetown last Saturday and was interred beside her husband in the Riverside cemetery.

TWO HEROES WHO GAVE LIVES FOR THE EMPIRE.

(Kentville Advertiser.)

Word was received unofficially at Wolfville on Sunday that two undergraduates who volunteered early in the war and went with the First Contingent had been killed in action in France. The two are E. Fletcher Fletcher, son of Rev. M. E. Fletcher of St. John, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and Fred. Bagwell of Prince Edward Island.

Both these young men were of exemplary character and their early death has cast a deep gloom here as well as in their homes. No particulars have yet arrived as to where and when they yielded up their lives. Mr. Fletcher was in the ambulance corps. He is well known here at Kentville being a member of the Kentville Baptist Church.

It is understood that the Provincial Government intend spending many thousands of dollars on road improvement this season. This news will be hailed with gratification by the many motorists throughout the Province. It is believed that many miles of highways will be rebuilt or resurfaced and miles of sand and clay roads will be put in first class condition.

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