

ITALY'S WARSHIPS LEAVE MEDITERRANEAN; CONCENTRATED WITHIN FEW HOURS OF ADRIATIC

Leave Spezia, Gaeta and Maddalena Islands

Quietly — Future Movements Being Kept Secret—Italy Now Has Finest Fleet in Her History—Several New Dreadnoughts in the Line.

On the Italian Frontier, April 7, via Paris, 3.55 p. m.—The warships of the Italian fleet departed suddenly on Monday from the Mediterranean naval stations at Spezia, Gaeta and Maddalena Islands.

They concentrated at Augusta, Sicily, and at Taranto. They are thus within a few hours of the Adriatic.

The departure of these warships caused a profound impression, particularly at Spezia, where until last Sunday the harbor was crowded with dreadnoughts, cruisers and torpedo boat destroyers, while the town was filled with officers and sailors.

Italy now has the finest fleet in her history. It is headed by several new dreadnoughts of which the most formidable is the Conte Di Cavour, which corresponds in the Italian navy to Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth. The future movements of the fleet are veiled with absolute secrecy. It is asserted that only the king and one or two of the highest government officials are acquainted with the plans which have been decided upon.

REPLY WHEN SIR EDW. GREY RETURNS HOME

Allies' Blockade Will be Subject of Further Discussion by British and American Governments.

London, April 7 (7.07 p. m.)—Although the American note concerning the plan of Allies for cutting off trade to and from Germany does not ask specifically for a reply, an answer will be sent by the foreign office in the near future. The note invites further discussion of several points concerning which the rights of neutral commerce are not fully defined, and these points will be taken up by the British government in its communication.

This reply probably will be made upon the return of the foreign minister, Sir Edward Grey, in about two weeks.

AN ANGLO-GERMAN GIVES REASONS FOR CHANGING NATIONALITY

(Heinrich M. Hahn, Ph. D., F. R. S. L., in the Warwickshire Standard)

There is no effect without a cause. A man who makes up his mind to change his nationality must have his good reasons for doing so, and the reasons why I became an Englishman are these:

Born in Bavaria, I came over some thirty-three years ago in order to study theology.

England's natural beauty and hospitality had made a deep impression on me.

Everywhere I was met with the greatest courtesy and kindness. I made a great many acquaintances, which ended in lasting friendships.

England's ideal Constitution—political, ecclesiastical, moral and social—appealed to me very strongly.

I was charmed with its beautiful and unique home life, its great love for nature and manifold out-of-door exercises.

I admired the Englishman's high sense of fair play, fostered by his grand national games, his chivalry toward the weaker sex and his faithfulness to his friends.

Last, but not least, I was amazed at the gigantic works of charity that are carried on in England, and the truly Christian atmosphere which covers the realm from shore to shore and has made England venerated and respected by all the nations of the earth, who look upon her as the champion of civilization.

All this induced me to become an Englishman as soon as the law permitted it.

I have no doubt that these items have also mainly induced every other Anglo-German to become naturalized, and I venture to say that we are as loyal and devoted to His Majesty King George and his great empire as any true-born and bred in England. Our sons are as eager to defend the country of their birth against any foe that dares to attack its shores.

Indeed, many a one has already given his life and shed his blood for England's honor. In one of the very first casualty lists, for instance, I read the names of eleven fallen officers. They all bore the most genuine German names.

Every Anglo-German abhors this abominable war. We fail to understand how a great and enlightened nation like Germany, whose great men's accomplishments in science, letters, art and music have earned the fullest admiration of the world, can accuse England of being the cause of it. It is an astounding assertion, wholly incomprehensible to us.

Now Germany has grown mad with rage against England, and stoops to singing silly songs of hatred rather than accuse her own diplomats, whose colossal blunders have literally forced England to step into the battle arena. Why does she not denounce her preachers of might-is-right and her advocates of "rightfulness," who are the cause of all the evil, and are so wantonly sacrificing the flower of Germany's manhood and rushing their fair country to its inevitable doom and misery? Our hearts ache at this ruthless warfare, and it is our fervent hope that the time will speedily come when some of Germany's truest patriots will boldly stand up and call for a halt to this senseless and suicidal war.

May they show their people that the pernicious might-is-right doctrine is an utter failure, which has staggered humanity to such an extent that Germany is fast forgetting the goodwill and friendship of almost every civilized nation. Then the much-in-the-dark people will fully realize into what a hopeless state of affairs their self-

POSITION OF RUSSIANS ADVANCING INTO HUNGARY.



RUSSIANS have captured Dukla Pass and are advancing into Hungary down the Laborca and Ondava valleys, according to despatches from London. This is said to be a direct result of the fall of Permyl and the release of the Russian army besieging that city. Desperate fighting continues at Lukow Pass and Ussok Pass and around Clana.

glory-seeking war lords have brought them. Then they will learn with sad hearts that all the precious blood of their truly brave sons has been split in vain, and will curse those who have misguided and poisoned the minds of a great part of their nation. They will have enough of it, and will readily exchange the sword of war for the ploughshare of peace, and will take measures that in future militarism shall play no more so important a part in the affairs of the State as it has done in the past.

The people of England may rest assured that, once the Germans can speak again unfettered, thousands of voices will proclaim that they have spent some time in our country. They have learnt to know English life and people, and have carried home the best of impressions and the kindest of feelings toward the English. I know it, and can prove it by scores of letters from students.

Not many months ago an eminent German professor of laws expressed to me how very much he was struck with England's country, its life, and customs; how very differently he now thinks of England and her people after having dwelt some weeks among them. He was simply charmed and full of eulogy about all he had observed. He was going to tell his anti-British friends how utterly mistaken they were, and to advise them to come over and see for themselves.

An old proverb: "Out of evil cometh good." What Germany needs in this, her fateful hour, is to repent and realize how foolish she has been to listen to her false apostles, which has brought ruin and disgrace upon her nation. Let us hope that among her many splendid men some will rise and call on their compatriots to forsake their hitherto too much worshipped God of War, and cause them to turn to the Prince of Peace, the humble Galilean peasant on the Cross of Calvary, one sentence of whose simple teaching has done more good to struggling mankind than the elaborate and voluminous writings of all the philosophers together.

Thank God, England, so far, has kept on the right path. It has nothing to be ashamed of, and I am proud and happy to have become an Englishman, a member of the mighty empire over which the sun never goes down.

Charles Humphrey, a trucker at Sand Point, had one of his hands quite badly lacerated yesterday morning while he was handling wire. He had the wound dressed in the emergency hospital.

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INCENSED OVER SEIZURE OF STEAMER

Steamer held by the Germans was property of Sweden's Minister of Navy.

Stockholm, April 7, via London.—The seizure by the Germans of the Swedish steamer England is expected by ship owners to meet with greater activity by the government in defence of Swedish rights, particularly since the vessel belongs to Naval Minister Bronstrom. Urgent representations have been made to Germany as to the desirability of releasing the vessel. The newspapers express indignation over what they term "this inexplicable blockade of a neutral country." If such a blockade be established, they ask, to what extent will belligerent powers proceed to take property belonging to a country unquestionably neutral?

Belgian Relief.

The following subscriptions to the Belgian Relief Fund were received yesterday: The Jacksonville Komical Company, per Mrs. Everett Ridley, secretary-treasurer \$30.00 Tryon, Charlotte Co., per Rev. T. Spencer Crisp 7.25

TO INDEMNIFY NEUTRALS FOR LOSS OF CARGO

Bill to be Introduced in French Parliament to Make Provision for Paying Neutrals Who Suffer Through the Blockade.

Paris, April 7.—The Minister of Marine, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Finance are preparing a bill jointly which will be submitted to the French parliament authorizing the government to pay for cargoes belonging to neutrals which may be seized by the French government in transit to belligerents.

The bill will contain an authorization to pay for the cargo of cotton on board the former Hamburg-American Line steamship Dacia which was seized by a French cruiser while on a voyage from Galveston to Rotterdam and which was taken into Brest on February 27. The cabinet ministers desire a free hand in dealing promptly and liberally with seized cargoes.

APPEAL OF ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY FOR TEETOTALISM

London, April 7.—"In view of all that is now happening and following the unprecedented lead of His Majesty the King," writes the Archbishop of Canterbury, in an appeal just published, "we desire to press seriously upon the minds of those whom we can influence the duty and privilege of bearing a voluntary part in the nation's self-discipline and self-sacrifice by abstaining from all alcoholic drinks during the war. Some definite act on the part of all its brave men, the nation at large and to God."

Seized With Paralysis Could Not Walk

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To have the nervous system paralyzed, to be unable to walk and scarcely able to talk, and then to be completely cured, is not a usual experience, but Mr. Hyatt tells in this letter what he passed through. Doctors told him his case was hopeless, and when they gave up he turned to Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and obtained complete cure.

Mr. Avery Hyatt, blacksmith, St. Anne, Lincoln Co., Ont., writes:—"I am a blacksmith by trade, and ten years ago became afflicted with paralysis. I could not walk or read or write, and could talk with difficulty, so that it was a hard matter to understand anything I would say. Being only a young man, I was nearly discouraged. Two doctors told me it was brought on by overwork, and that my case was hopeless.

"One day my father read about Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and advised me to try it. I bought 12 boxes, and when

YEAR IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED TREASON

Welland, Ont., April 7.—Guilty of an attempt to commit treason, but not realizing the seriousness of his act was the verdict of the jury in the high court here today in the trial of Joseph Snyder, a wealthy farmer living along the Niagara river. In this case the crown only asked for a conviction on attempted treason. The man fell into a trap laid by the military authorities. A reserved case was granted that an appeal might be carried to the court of appeals on the question of law. Snyder was released under \$20,000 bail. Nicoloff, found guilty of attempted treason the day before, was sentenced to serve one year in prison.

FLY BELGIAN FLAG OVER MONTREAL CITY HALL

In Honor of King Albert's Birthday Today.

Montreal, April 7.—Orders to fly the Belgian flag from the City Hall flagpoles of other municipal buildings of Montreal on Thursday, April 8, in honor of the birthday of King Albert of Belgium were given today by Mayor Martin.

DAUGHTER BORN TO GERMAN CROWN PRINCESS

Berlin, April 7, via London, 7.48 p. m.—Crown Princess Cecilie today gave birth to a daughter. The mother and child are doing well.

The Crown Princess, who is a daughter of the late Friedrich Franz III, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, married Frederick William, the German Crown Prince, in June, 1905. They now have five children, four boys, the eldest being nine years of age, and one daughter.

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