

Italy Has at Last Taken Sides With Allies

Lost Little Time Between Declaration of War and Actual Fighting

Rome, May 22, 8.15 p. m., via Paris May 23.—Contemporaneously with the issuance of the mobilization order the Italian government tonight officially announced that war had been declared against Austria-Hungary.

London, May 24, 12.23 a. m.—The Italian Ambassador at Vienna on Sunday afternoon presented a formal declaration of war to Baron Von Rajecz, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

This announcement is made in a Vienna despatch to Reuters Telegram Company, sent by way of Amsterdam.

Declaration of War

Amsterdam, May 23, via London, May 24, 2.05 a. m.—A despatch from Vienna says the Italian Ambassador to Austria, the Duke of Avarna, this afternoon presented to Baron Von Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, the following declaration of war:

Vienna, May 23, 1915.
"In conformity with the orders of his majesty the king, his august sovereign, the undersigned ambassador of Italy has the honor to deliver to his excellency, the foreign minister of Austria-Hungary the following communication:

"Declaration has been made, from the 4th of this month, to the Imperial and royal government of the grave motives for which Italy, confident in her good right, proclaimed annulled, and henceforth without effect, her treaty of alliance with Austria-Hungary, which was violated by the Imperial and royal government, and resumed her liberty of action in this respect.

"The government of the king, firmly resolved to provide by all means at its disposal for safeguarding Italian rights and interests, cannot fail in its duty to take against every existing and future menace, measures which events impose upon it for the fulfillment of national aspirations.

"His majesty the king declares that he considers himself from tomorrow in a state of war with Austria-Hungary.
"The undersigned has the honor to make known at the same time to his excellency, the foreign minister, that passports will be placed this very day at the disposal of the Imperial and royal ambassador at Rome, and he will be obliged to his excellency if he will kindly have his passports handed to him.

(Signed) "AVARNA."
London, May 24—(10.15 p. m.)—Little or no time has been allowed to elapse between the declaration of war and actual fighting between Italy and Austria. Early this morning Austrian aeroplanes, destroyers and torpedo boats descended on the Italian Coast of the Adriatic and bombarded towns, including Venice, while in the Tyrol and on the eastern frontier Italian and Austrian advance guards are already in touch and have fired the first shots.

The plan of campaign has not yet been disclosed but it is generally believed that attempts to inflict a quick decisive defeat, or, at least, one that will discourage the Italians, will be undertaken largely by the Germans under Field Marshal Von Hindenburg.
It is said that German troops with heavy guns, aeroplanes and Zeppelins, are already passing through the valley on the River Adige in the direction of Verona and that rapid and fierce blows will be delivered almost immediately at the Italian center. This, the Germans doubtless believe, would serve to hold off an Italian advance from the province of Venice, where the flat nature of the

country would give the Italians a greater chance of success.

Throughout Austria and Germany there is bitter denunciation of Italy, which, for the moment, has replaced England as the most hated enemy. In the allied countries, on the other hand, Italian intervention is hailed with delight and in the Italian quarters of London and Paris there have been enthusiastic demonstration and cheering farewells to the Italians leaving for home to join the colors.

Roumania, Greece and Bulgaria have made no move yet. The Government of Bulgaria has reiterated that it will continue to observe an attitude of neutrality, so long as Bulgarian interests are not directly affected, and it sees no reason why they should be. The opposition, however, is voicing the opinion that Bulgaria should seize the opportunity to join with the Allies.

Bulgaria may be drawn in through an incident which has arisen between her and Turkey over the seizure by Turkey of a number of Bulgarian railway cars loaded with goods. Sofia has lodged a protest against this action. Roumania may be affected by a change of fortune in the battles in Middle Galicia. Russia here is delivering a strong counter offensive and has regained some ground along the San River north of Jaroslau.

Public Schools Celebrate Empire Day

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Friday forenoon, as follows:
Flag Salute by School. Flag held by Geo. Jessamin.

Review of the British Empire

Recitation—Agnes Britons—Rudyard Kipling.

Rec.—A Child's Small Hand—Leitia Scott.

Rec.—First Dominion Day—Kathleen Cameron.

Rec.—Ye Mariners of England—Arthur Roy.

Review of Canadian Constitution

Rec.—A Little Bit of England—Clyde Gulliver.

Chorus—The Red, White and Blue

Rec.—Love of Country—Annie Benn.

Rec.—The Red Rose and the Fleur-de-Lis—Marion Grey.

Our Flag—Mary Sullivan.

Rec.—The Soldier's Dream—Clara Pirth.

Rec.—The Old Flag—Girls of Grades 2, 3 and 4.

Rec.—Review of the Causes and Chief Events of the War to date.

Rec.—The Name of England—Ruth Henderson.

Rec.—The Woman's Part—Josie Breen.

Rec.—Bravo Tommy and Bravo Jack—Yorston Bean.

Chorus—O Canada!

Rec.—Not unto Us Alone—Wm. Jessamin.

Rec.—Saved by their Flag—Arthur Wood.

Rec.—A Nation's Strength—Mamie Mullin.

Rec.—The Day of Mourning—Marguerite Craig.

Patriotic Address by R. W. Flett.

Patriotic Address by Rev. A. Firth.

God Save the King.

Transferring Battery's Equipment

Major Randolph Crocker, the officer commanding the 28th Field Battery, left last evening for Newcastle, where today he is transferring to an officer from Divisional Headquarters at Halifax the equipment of the 12th Field Battery, which he commanded until he went on active service.—Tuesday's Gleaner.

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PERSONAL

Justice J. H. Barry, of Fredericton, was in town yesterday.

Mr. Jack Stevens, of Campbellton, spent the week-end with friends here.

Mr. Ray McInerney, of the Royal Bank, Bathurst, spent the 24th in town.

Mr. John Moore of Black River, St. John County, is spending the summer in town.

Mr. Herb Morrell, of the Royal Bank, Campbellton, spent the holiday at his home here.

Mrs. T. Graham, of Moncton, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Annie Adair.

Mr. Stanley Reid, of Gardener's Creek, St. John Co., is spending the summer in town.

Mr. Charles Jewett, of Fredericton, was among the visitors in town on Victoria Day.

Mr. H. H. Crocker, of Millerton, was registered at the American, Moncton, on Friday.

Mrs. Isaac Leighton has returned from a pleasant visit spent with her daughters in Moncton.

Master Harold Schurman of P. E. I. spent the 24th with Masters Harry and Melbourne Delano.

Mrs. James Rundle has returned home, after visiting her sister, Mrs. James D. McKay, at Fredericton.

Misses Mabel Stevens and Flora Goss of Campbellton, spent the holiday with friends in Newcastle and Chatham.

Mr. William Adair, 28th Battery, Fredericton, is spending a few days in town with his mother, Mrs. Annie Adair.

Master Harold Barron of Newcastle, was the guest of his aunt, Miss Kethro, for the holiday.—Commercial.

Mr. Gideon Payne of the Audits of Disbursement Office at Moncton, spent the holiday at his old home at Newcastle.

Messrs. R. A. Lawlor and L. J. Tweedie, of Chatham, were in town on Tuesday to attend the session of the Supreme Court.

Mrs. S. J. MacArthur returned home on Tuesday from Bedouque, P. E. I., after spending the past week there at her old home.

Messrs. W. G. McKay, R. Babin, J. D. Godfrey, P. F. Barry, and J. Harr's Pallen, of Chatham, were in town yesterday to attend Supreme Court.

Newcastle boys who spent the 24th home were Wm. Payne, Sam Regan, Harry Thurber, (Millerton), James Macdonald and Clifford Hubbard, from Fredericton; Gordon Leslie, of the 26th Batt., John Woods, and Robt. Adair, of the Mounted Rifles, from Amherst.

Mr. John Morrissey, who has been in Hansport, N. S., the past few weeks, being fitted with an artificial leg, returned home on Saturday night. Jack's many friends are pleased to know he is fast adapting himself to his new limb.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

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tery, and as for being nervous I never once thought of it.

We are back to a rest camp now and it is a great place, just two minutes walk from a town, and the Y. M. C. A. here is a great help. They have all kinds of music and singing here and we certainly enjoy it. They are to have church service here in a few minutes so that I must finish this letter before it starts.

Now I don't want any of you to worry the least bit over me for I will be back with you all again far sooner than you expect and will be in far better health than when I left.

I hope mamma is home with you by now for I know what home is like when she is away and I hope that she will keep in good health till I get home. Hoping to hear from you soon with lots of love to you all, I remain,

Your loving brother,
ALEX.

My Dear Mamma,
Just a line tonight to let you know that I am real well and having a good time, and I hope you are all well at home.

We are back in a rest camp again and certainly appreciate the change. I am writing this letter in a Canadian Y. M. C. A., which is just a quarter of a mile from where we are billeted. It is some change to get back from the roar of the guns and to know that you can move about a bit without shells bursting all around you.

We were twelve days without taking our boots off and six days without washing or shaving, but I wouldn't have missed all I saw for quite a lot.

They have an orchestra here in the Y. M. C. A. and it is certainly great company, seems a lot like when we were on Salisbury Plains.

It is very lonesome here now without Gordon and Fred, but they were always full of fun, but I trust that they will both be back with us before long.

The weather here is just glorious, just like it would be at home in July.

Well I guess I'll have to close for now, hoping this finds you all real well and hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Your loving son,
ALEX.

My Dear Mamma,

Just a line to let you know that I have just received two letters from you—one written Apr. 19th, and one Apr. 20th. I also received the box of chocolates and they were certainly good, but believe me they did not last long.

I am real well and having a good time and hope that you are all keeping real well at home.

Things are much quieter here now than they have been for some time, and we are getting rested up a bit. We had it pretty busy for the last two weeks, and although I felt pretty badly over some of our casualties, still I enjoyed all that we came through. The Canadians have certainly made a name for themselves and I am real glad that I am among them and able to do a little to help our Empire.

Yesterday we built a good big dig-out for ourselves and Sgt. McKinnon and I found a nice spring mattress and believe me we slept sound on it last night—some difference from sleeping on the hard ground.

I have not seen any of the Newcastle boys for two weeks, with the exception of George Mason, and he was well when I saw him, but I guess George McInerney is the only one of them who was hurt.

You would be surprised to see the beautiful buildings that have been destroyed in this country.

Well I guess I'll have to close for now. Hoping this finds you all real well, and be sure not to worry any over me for I am taking good care of myself and will soon be back with you all again, just as well as when I left.

So with lots of love to you all, I remain,

Your loving son,
ALEX.

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To the Ratepayers of the Town of Newcastle.

I hereby give notice that I have received the Assessment List of the said Town for the year 1915.

All persons paying their taxes on or before the seventh day of June next are entitled to a discount of FIVE PER CENT.

And all persons paying their taxes after June 7th, and on or before June 16th, are entitled to a discount of TWO AND ONE-HALF PER CENT.

All taxes must be paid within thirty days from the date of this notice.

Dated this 26th day of May, A. D. 1915.

J. E. T. LINDON,
Town Treasurer.

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J. E. T. LINDON,
Sec. Trustee

SCHOOL TAX NOTICE

To the undersigned non-resident of School District Number Three in the Parish of North Esk in the County of Northumberland.

Take notice that your school taxes for the year 1914 are as follows: Fish and Game Club 1914 \$9.67

have not been paid and unless the same with expenses of advertising are paid within two months your real estate will be sold or proceedings taken for the recovery of the said rates.

R. H. URQUHART,
Secretary of Trustees School District No. 3 North Esk.

Northumberland County.

Dated 10th April, 1915 16-2mos.

Agent at Derby Junction, has received a letter from his son, Howard under date of May 7th, to the effect that his battery has just returned from a five days' battle. This probably refers to the battle of Langemarck. He states that there were fourteen casualties in his battery, among which were two killed. All of the Newcastle boys were fortunate in escaping without any casualties with the exception of George McInerney, who has a flesh wound in the leg. He states that the big battle began on the 22nd of April and was very bitter fought. Full particulars of this battle have already appeared in the daily papers. Mr. Atkinson states that the Gunner who was serving on the opposite side of the carriage was killed.

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BRITISH PRISONERS IN GERMANY

From time immemorial prisoners of war have evoked pity and sympathy. The agony and humiliation of the British Prisoner must be indescribably acute and galling. But from that state of suffering there can be no redress, it being part of the fortunes of war, but the lack of comforts and food stands in a different category. This want will grow in volume and intensity as the days go by.

As a result of an official organization having been created recently to carry parcels to the British Prisoners in Germany, insuring proper transmission through a neutral carrier, the "Khaki" Magazine of Imperial House, Kingsway, London, has started a Fund to supply food and comforts for those who have no relatives or friends to look after them, as it is known that these poor fellows are not getting a proper supply of food.

An appeal is made to you for Two Dollars only, as there are so many demands made upon you in other directions. This money will go for the direct benefit of the Prisoners, as there is no cost of transmission and no waste of any description, information having been established showing the kind of food and clothing, etc., which can be sent without confiscation by the German Government.

This appeal should get a large response as there is no other Fund which deals with this particular condition.

The "KHAKI" Magazine and Cabled News Sheet was created primarily as a gift for the Overseas Soldiers, bringing them late news from their homes. It is now supplying, free of charge, the various Hospitals in England and France, as well as the Grand Old Fleet. It is a purely patriotic endeavor and in no way commercial.

When the "Khaki" Magazine was founded, amongst the many who gave their support and expressions of goodwill for the work it had undertaken, were:

The Duke of Wellington, K. G.
The Duke of Manchester.
The First Lord of the Admiralty.
The Countess of Zetland.
Lady Leveson.
Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild.
Lieut. General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, K. C. V. O.
The Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain, P. C. M. P.
Lord Desborough.
The Earl of Essex.
Viscount Bryce.
Lord Willoughby de Broke.
The Earl of Ronaldshay.
Viscount Milner.
Earl of Kintore.
Sir Gilbert Parker, M. P.
Sir William Bull, M. P.
Mr. Evelyn Cecil, M. P.
The Right Hon. Sir Charles Johnston, Lord Mayor of London.
The Right Hon. J. E. Rymer, Lord Mayor of Liverpool.
The Right Hon. W. H. Bowater, Lord Mayor of Birmingham.
The Right Hon. James Taggart, Lord Provost of Aberdeen.
The Right Hon. Crawford McCullagh, Lord Mayor of Belfast.

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and you are requested to send yours to any office of the ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, and mark it "KHAKI PRISONERS' FUND" The subscriptions will also be duly acknowledged in the Magazine and various newspapers in England from time to time.

HALF HOLIDAY AGREEMENT

We, the undersigned merchants of the Town of Newcastle, hereby agree to close our respective places of business on every Wednesday at 1 p. m., during the months of July and August:

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LET AMERICANS IMAGINE

Americans may understand how Britishers feel if they can imagine their own country fighting for its life against Japan. Would Americans enjoy the spectacle of King George or the Premier of Great Britain loudly enjoining Britishers as President Wilson enjoined Americans, to be neutral "even in thought?" Would Americans welcome such publications as the Saturday Evening Post and the Literary Digest with their occasional or chronic tendencies to play up everything that favored Japan and play down everything that favored the United States? "Bull Run" Russell was driven out of the United States by the fury of American anger against Russell's articles in the London Times. These articles betrayed less animus against the North than former United States Senator Beveridge of Indiana revealed against Britain and her allies in his glorifications of Emperor William, Admiral Von Tirpitz and every other German potentate who gladdened the soul of an Indiana flunkie by condescending to an interview with Mr. Beveridge.

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