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GERMANS TO STRIKE AT THE CENTRE OF ITALY BRITISH CHECK NEW ATTACK ON YPRES TWO MILLION MEN FACE EACH OTHER ON ITALIAN FRONTIER

GREAT ARMIES ARE FACING ON ITALIAN BORDER

Forces Said to Number Million Men on Each Side.
ENEMY RUSHES TROOPS
Plans of Prince Von Buelow Are Surrounded by Mystery.

LUGANO, Switzerland, May 24.—(Via Paris, 11.15 p.m.)—Austro-German troops continue to pour towards the frontier from Innsbruck and Meran. The Swiss railroads are greatly overcrowded with Italian refugees, and reports reach here that the Italians resident in Austria and Germany are being badly treated.
Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, who is expected to come here from Rome, has not been heard from, and the German consul here has no knowledge when he will arrive.
A German despatch says Austrian and Italian troops, are facing each other on the frontier, in some places only half a mile apart. The forces there 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 Sals River, which is still covered with snow. A continuous stream of troops from the Tyrol is arriving near the Swiss-Italian frontier.

"SCOTTIE" REID HIT BY AN AUTOMOBILE

Car Owned by Bert Worsley Injured Lambton Man and He Died.

Scottie Reid of Lambton was killed yesterday morning about 10 o'clock by being knocked down by a Cadillac car which was coming down the hill near the hotel. Bert Worsley, 129 Lippincott street, Toronto, was the owner of the car, and had a party of friends with him. These included John Barry, James Bowles, Ambrose Hamlin, from Barrie, and Roy Fuller of the Prince George Hotel, Toronto.
Reid came suddenly out of the bushes at the side of the roadway and the car hit him. Dr. Bull of Lambton was called, but Reid died almost immediately. His body was removed to the undertaking establishment of Wm. Speers, West Toronto, where the inquest will be held by Dr. Gardiner at 10 o'clock this morning.

PRINCE VON BUELOW EXPECTED AT CHIASSO

German Ambassador From Rome Due to Arrive This Morning.

ITALIANS ARRANGE HUGE CELEBRATION

Thousand Will Parade Tomorrow Night for Large Patriotic Demonstration.

GERMANY DECLARES WAR AND RECALLS BUELOW

LONDON, May 24.—A despatch from Paris to the Exchange Telegraph states that the Wolff Agency announced Germany has declared war against Italy and recalled Prince Von Buelow, her ambassador at Rome.

BERLIN'S REPLY TO U.S. IS NOT YET PREPARED

Foreign Office Officials Are Occupied With Italian Situation
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 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.

COALITION MINISTRY PLANS ARE ADVANCED

Conferences Were Held at Residence of Premier Asquith Yesterday.

VON SANDERS' PLAN COMPLETE FAILURE

Attack on Australasians Designed to Raise Turkey's Spirits.

TWO THOUSAND SLAIN

Five Thousand More Wounded and Turks Given Thoro Beating.

PARIS, May 24.—News received here from the Dardanelles is to the effect that the recent Turkish attack against the British troops near Kaleh Tepe by two Turkish divisions was carefully prepared by Gen. Liman Von Sanders, the German commander and his staff, not only with the object of inflicting a check on the allies, but with raising the spirits of the Turkish troops and reassuring public opinion, which is said to have been profoundly impressed by the heavy Turkish losses at the beginning of May.

Gen. Von Sanders brought up the first army corps, a crack organization which had been reserved for the defence of Constantinople. Their landing was greatly hampered by the bombardment from the allies' aeroplanes. Two divisions of this corps which had been put ashore the night before at Maidos immediately marched to Kaleh Tepe and attacked the Australasian and New Zealanders the night of May 18-19. They were completely beaten, however, losing 2000 men killed and 5000 wounded, the report says.

On the southern end of the peninsula, the trench troops faced strong defensive works. At certain points they advanced to within a few yards of the Turkish and fierce bayonet and hand grenade fighting followed.

In one of these hand-to-hand struggles it is asserted that a colonial infantryman named Laborde took the lead as his group was entering a Turkish trench, and, by throwing grenades, succeeded unaided in stopping a Turkish counter-attack and preventing quick-firers being used until he fell wounded.

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GERMANS COME TO SUDDEN STOP IN WEST GALICIA

Russians Make Headway Against Apex of Great Phalanx Across San.

PLAN BREAKS DOWN

Russians Stop Offensive on Stry and Menace Enemy's Communications.

PETROGRAD, May 24.—The German phalanx that was to have driven, like a battering ram, into the whole of Galicia to Lvoff, has come to a stop on the River San. Its head is on the right bank of that river and its base on the left, but the Russians have retaken a village at the apex of the phalanx, and while the Germans still hold the centre of the San, the Russians to the northward and southward are on the left bank of the river and are threatening the German communications. The danger to the Germans is greatest from the north, where they are advancing in the angle between the San and the Vistula.

The Russians have taken several villages west of Nisko. Gen. Mackensen, to save his centre, has had to weaken it by detaching reinforcements for southern Poland. The Germans have been unable to keep up that ring of fire that was to have swept the Russians out of Galicia. They have also begun to economize their shells. Their plan is breaking down, because the hope of success lay in speed. Their aim was to win a short, decisive and tremendous battle, but this big effort is crumbling up into a number of smaller battles.

BRITISH SUBMARINE RAN IMMENSE RISK

E-14 Carried Eight Torpedoes and Not One Missed Mark.

LONDON, May 25.—Additional details of the exploits of the submarine E-14 are contained in a despatch to The Chronicle from Mitylene. It says: "The E-14 ran many risks not only from mines, but had also to run the gauntlet of land batteries and submerged torpedo tubes under the rocky shores of the straits. She had eight torpedoes on board, and not one was wasted. Two torpedo boats fell victims to her unerring aim, and a large cutter also was sunk. Not fewer than five transports were torpedoed and sent to the bottom. Of the transports, two were carrying a considerable number of Turkish troops. Other British submarines are acting effectively in the same region, and their close watch on the enemy's doings in the straits is giving the Turks a bad attack of nerves."

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GENEVA, May 24.—An Austrian submarine, probably from Pola, was seen off Venice this morning. Two German spies have been taken to Verona.

The Austrian emperor's proclamation to his people, recalling the victories over Italy, has further inflamed the Italian feeling.

BIG DISASTER TO GERMANS NOW INEVITABLE IN GALICIA

Kaiser Abandons All Hope

GERMANS BY USING GAS GAINED PARTIAL SUCCESS

British Line East of Ypres Penetrated at Several Points, But Ground Lost is Partly Recovered.

LONDON, May 24.—(10.14 p.m.)—Field Marshal Sir John French sends the following report from the western war zone under date of May 24:
"In the fighting on May 17 and 18, to the northeast of Festubert, seven machine guns were captured, and it is possible that more may be buried in the destroyed trenches. Today three German batteries were silenced by our guns, one battery being destroyed by direct hits, and its ammunition blown up.
"East of Ypres, the Germans developed an infantry attack this morning under cover of a poisonous gas, hostile artillery at the same time firing asphyxiating gas shells. Our troops were forced to evacuate some of their trenches, and the enemy penetrated our line in two or three places. Fighting is still in progress, and portions of our original line have already been retaken."

TORONTO ENJOYED AN IDEAL HOLIDAY

Street Cars Crowded Early With Thousands of Pleasure Seekers.

BOATS WERE KEPT BUSY

Traffic to Island and Across Lake Was Unusually Heavy.

GENERAL STEELE AND TROOPS SAFE

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