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ITALY STILL MAINTAINS THE PEACE BUT DECLARATION OF WAR MAY NOW COME AT ANY MOMENT.

Austrian and German Ministers Make Significant Call on Italian Foreign Secretary—Heavy Rains Interfere With Operations in the West—The New Coalition Ministry—The Trouble Between Fisher and Churchill—More Troops Being Landed at Gallipoli.

TWO GERMAN ATTACKS CHECKED.

PARIS, May 19.—The French War Office this afternoon issued the following:
"The bad weather continues and there have been no developments on the front during the night with the exception of some artillery exchanges at various points.
"Also to the east of the Yser, two attempted attacks on the part of the enemy were checked by our fire."

GUNS FROM ADRIANOPOLE SENT TO THE DARDANELLES.

LONDON, May 19.—An Athens despatch dated yesterday says "The Allies are reported to have disembarked fresh troops on Monday night near Kum Kaleon on the Asiatic coast of the Dardanelles. The Turks it is added, are hurrying troops, provisions, and munitions from Lule Burgas and Keshan to the Gallipoli Peninsula. All siege guns and modern artillery have been removed from Adrianople and sent to the Aegean coast. Keshan and Malgara are being hastily fortified."

BRITISH STEAMER TORPEDOED IN ENGLISH CHANNEL.

CARDIFF, May 19.—The British steamer Drummer which left Barry yesterday has been torpedoed in the English Channel; the members of her crew have been saved.

KAISER WATCHES BATTLE ON EAST FRONT.

AMSTERDAM, May 19.—An official statement issued in Berlin says Emperor William was present while Sunday's fighting was in progress on the eastern front, first with the General Staff and later with a division which was struggling to force a crossing on the San River.

GERMAN COMMANDER OF DARDANELLES' FORTS DEAD.

LONDON, May 19.—The Cairo correspondent of the Times says he is informed that General Weber Pasha, the German commander of the forts in the Dardanelles has died of wounds.

HAVE THE AMBASADORS LEFT ITALY?

ROME, May 19.—There is nothing official so far to support the statement that the ambassadors of Germany, Austria, and Turkey had asked for their passports and that the embassy staffs had secretly taken their departure.

The Austrian and German ambassadors it is stated presented a verbal note when they called upon Foreign Minister Sonnino yesterday morning, and in diplomatic circles it is believed that after such a step a rupture is imminent between Italy and her former allies.

HOMES OF ITALIANS SACKED AT POLA.

ROME, May 19.—Forty persons were killed and several hundred wounded by the police and Austrian troops in quelling yesterday's uprising in Pola. Homes of Italian subjects are said to have been sacked by the authorities.

CONSCRIPTION FOR THE DUTCH.

LONDON, May 19.—An Amsterdam despatch says the Dutch War Minister announced in parliament that a bill is being prepared providing for universal compulsory military training. This measure would increase the army to approximately one million men.

SEVEN FIERCE BATTLES IN ONE WEEK.

LONDON, May 18.—The Times' Pas de Calais correspondent says: "Seven separate and distinct battles were fought last week, and that the days from Saturday the 8th until Friday the 14th, will rank among the most bloody in the history of western Europe." He adds, "Saturday night saw no lessening in the intensity of the struggle. On the Ypres front although outnumbered and in danger of being outflanked our men again and again hurled back German attacks. Dawn of Sunday showed in the fields in front of Ypres, the dead piled like corn stalks at harvest time. British and German lying side by side."

HUNGARY OFFERS TERRITORY TO ITALY.

BUDAPEST, May 18.—Admission that he had offered territorial compensation to Italy as the price of continued peaceful relations was made by Count Stephen Tisza, the Hungarian Premier, in a carefully worded Diet speech yesterday. He declined definitely however to state the nature of the concessions proposed. His speech was in reply to a question by Count Andrássy.

TOOK REFUGE IN 'JACK JOHNSON' SHELL HOLE

Belleville Boy, Convalescent in Dublin Castle, Gives Graphic Account of Incident in Battle—Was Wounded by Shrapnel and His Ammunition Exploded.

The following graphic story of an incident of the front is told by an old Belleville boy who is now lying convalescent in no less a historical place than old Dublin Castle. The soldier who attended the schools in this city and has since been in the west, writes under date of May 5th in a letter to a relative in Belleville—
Fog Lifted and Exposed Patrol.

"They need a great part of the second contingent to replace our casualties. I was hit by a piece of shrapnel, casing through the thigh, which luckily missed the big artery and only touched the bone. There were nine of us in a patrol, looking for a chance to pick up prisoners in a fog. It was early in the big scrap north of 'Hill 60' and the fog lifted suddenly when we were near the German wire. We took cover in a Jack Johnson hole and improved it with our entrenching tools, but they spotted us and got 3 of the nine—5 killed. We had our chance, however, and got back with information to our trenches. They used enough shells on us to have killed a battalion, it seemed, and eight shells pitched into a space 10 feet square inside of three minutes. Luckily, they were a bit over.

Bowled Over by Concussion.

"I am stone deaf now in my left ear, and was badly bruised and 'mauled' by the continuous process of getting up and being bowled over by the concussion. One of the fellows—father is an artillery major—was bleeding to death, and we couldn't keep our feet long enough to stop it. My trousers and puttees on the right leg were in shreds, but I only had one wound and some scratches. Fifteen rounds of my ammunition exploded after being hit, but only one did any damage—it blew the heel of my boot, without touching me.

"Now you know all the particulars and I have been very lucky. I did not want to hear a shell again for some days but this feeling has gone now and I'll be back within three weeks. I will be company sergeant-major now (as I was second in seniority in the regiment before and we have lost a lot of good men) but it will mean leaving my present company—took my job, platoon sergeant—when I was hit, but I don't know how he has come off in the later fighting. I don't even know whom to write to, I late to look at the casualty lists.

It is Organized Murder.

"It is really organized murder, the whole business. I can't begin to tell you about it all and don't want to—it's best forgotten. Some of the sights are awful and I'm more or less used to sight to.

"The British Army has been absolutely wonderful, throughout. We have a lot to go through yet as regards discomforts, before we can qualify in the same class although I think we have the material. I'm glad the first big scrap was more or less of a success—it will hearten us all for the next one. The Germans have had a fair success up there in spite of all, and are holding the trenches now that we held before the French dropped back with the gas and left our left flank open."

The name of the writer is not published at the request of relatives.

Lieut. Wilkins Given 6 Months' Sick Leave

Word has been received from London that Lieut. H. O. Wilkins, son of F. W. Wilkins, C.E., Norwood, who was wounded on the 10th of March has been given six months' leave and will sail for home as soon as he is able.

Died in Buffalo

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The death occurred yesterday morning in Buffalo, N.Y., of Miss Henrietta Glenn, daughter of the late Charles Glenn of Ameliasburg. She was 51 years of age and had been living in Buffalo for 18 years, prior to which time she lived in Princes Edward. She was a member of the Anglican church.
The remains will be brought home

for burial and taken to the residence of her brother, Mr. Oscar Glenn, Ameliasburg. Interment will be at Albany.

Mourning her loss are three brothers and two sisters, William of Belleville; Oscar of Ameliasburg; David of Michigan; Mrs. Ella Pritchard, Chicago; and Mrs. Mary DeLong of Wooler.

The body will arrive tomorrow evening and the funeral will be on Friday.

Military Field Day Victoria Day, May 24

As the 39th Battalion is likely to be ordered to the front at once the Citizens Celebration Committee has made arrangements for a grand reunion and military field day for the officers and men of the 39th Battalion and their friends from their home district to meet at the Driving Park on Victoria Day. The committee will perfect arrangements tonight. There will be military manoeuvres by our fine regiment which is in good shape now for the front, as well as manoeuvres by the Boys' Cadet Corps. It is expected that complete arrangements will be made for the cadet corps from this district from which the 39th is mobilized to participate in competition. Get busy to extend to the 39th a splendid farewell.

Admission to the Driving Park will be 25c for adults and 10c for children and the proceeds from the gate and other contributions that may be made will all be given to the Regimental Fund of the 39th Battalion for the needs and comforts of the men. L. W. Marsh, President Citizens' Celebration Com. A. Jones, Secretary

More Cars for Soldiers Convalescent Home.

In addition to the list previously published, the following gentlemen have volunteered their cars for the service of the soldiers who will be quartered at the Belleville Convalescent Home, donated by W. B. Northrup, M.P., for wounded men from the front—L. R. Terwilliger, C. Astley, Sheriff Morrison, Raymond Zuffel, B. A. Elliott and the Seymour Power Company.

More names will be gladly welcomed by Colonel Poutou and will be sent forward immediately to the Department of Militia.

Graduated Forty-five Years Ago

The Graduates of Toronto University of the year 1870 and prior years hold their Quinquennial Celebration in Toronto this week with a banquet in the University Dining Hall, Friday evening.

The number which includes Sir John Gibson, former Lieut.-Governor and Hon. Richard Harcourt, former Provincial Secretary, has now dwindled down to about thirty.

T. E. Ewen, M.A., of this city who is one of the graduates, has gone to Toronto for the purpose of taking part in the celebration.

Sergt. Black in Shorncliffe Hospital

Sergeant William Black of this city, a member of the 34th Battery, C.F. A. and now a member of the depot battery at Shorncliffe, Kent, has been injured in an accident and is now in Shorncliffe hospital, one mile from barracks. In a letter to relatives in town he says his foot was run over by a truck. An X-Ray examination revealed no bones broken, but he will be kept in hospital for a month or so.

Marmora Now Has Fire Brigade

Marmora, May 18.—At an enthusiastic meeting held in the Town Hall the village of Marmora organized a fire brigade, the two chemical engines recently purchased by the corporation having arrived. Reeve Gray presided. The following were elected officers: Chief, F. N. Marrett; Deputy Chief, Alphonse Shannon; Captain, John Laird.

After Deserters

The military authorities have secured a deserter and a soldier attempting to desert.

GOES TO QUEBEC.

William S. Dettlor, Formerly of Belleville, Transferred From Winnipeg to Chateau Frontenac.

William S. Dettlor, who for the past five years has been the popular and efficient manager of the Royal Alexandra hotel in Winnipeg, will leave that city in a few days to take charge of the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec. Mr. Dettlor was for some time at the Chateau, first as chief clerk and afterwards as accountant. He is therefore returning to a house with which he is quite familiar. He was also in the service of the Canadian Pacific in Montreal for a number of years, and is therefore quite familiar with all the affairs of the company in the east as in the west. The name of his successor in Winnipeg has not yet been announced. John J. Maguire, the assistant manager, will be in charge for the present.

Patrons of the Royal Alexandra in this country heard with much regret of the departure of Mr. Dettlor, who has admittedly been the best manager that the hotel has had since it was erected. His services have been equally satisfactory to the company and to the public. The hotel has been remarkably well operated under his control, and has become a home for a large number of western people on their visits to the city.

Mr. Dettlor became manager of the Royal Alexandra in 1910. Prior to that time he had been in the hotel service in the Place Viger in Montreal in the Chateau in Quebec, and in the Royal Alexandra, first as chief clerk and afterwards as accountant. In his earlier life he was for five years with the Merchants' Bank in Belleville, and was afterwards with the passenger department and the purchasing department of the Canadian Pacific in Montreal.

The transfer to Quebec is undoubtedly meant as a promotion to Mr. Dettlor. Commercially the Royal Alexandra is fully the equal of the Chateau. The latter house is, however, regarded by the Canadian Pacific officials as the bon-ton hotel of the system and in many ways is the most important. It has a very select patronage, being visited by practically all the distinguished travellers who come to the Dominion from abroad. It is the parent hotel of the company, holding a position of special prominence.

Mr. Dettlor is a son-in-law of Mr. J. J. Haines of this city.

STILL SERVING WITH HIS CORPS

Such is Belief of Ottawa Regarding Gunner J. Leo Ross of This City.

Mr. J. V. Ross, St. Charles Street, received from the Adjutant General at Ottawa this morning the following telegram:

"Name of 40488 Gunner J. L. Ross, 1st Artillery Brigade, has not appeared on any official casualty list received at Military Headquarters to date. So far as is known, he is still serving with his corps. Any casualty will be telegraphed to you as soon as received."

This message is a great relief to the parents and family and to the relatives of other Belleville boys at the front.

Bank Teller Has Joined Battery

Cobourg, May 18.—Donald F. Orr, son of Mr. J. G. Orr, Principal of Cobourg Public School, has resigned his position as teller in the Bank of Toronto at Welland, and has left to join the Composite Heavy Battery at Halifax, under Col. J. W. Odell of Cobourg. He is a former member of the Cobourg Battery, and held the rank of Sergeant.

Carl Green's Wounds

Mrs. Lottie Green, Lingham street, has received a communication summing up the contents of letters received from the front regarding the wounds suffered by Gunner Carl Green of the artillery. The inference is drawn that Gunner Green was wounded in the back in the left shoulder and that he is not permanently disabled. This sets at rest a number of rumors that Mr. Green had suffered most serious injuries.

Mr. P. Harrison of the Intelligence staff and the 6th returned to spin his ankle last evening.

RUSSIANS WIN A MIGHTY VICTORY IN BUKOWINA

Vast Number of Prisoners and Munitions Captured—Czernowitz Occupied—German Advance of Przemyśl Halted—War Virtually Declared by Italy—Austria Offered Territorial Compensation, but With No Avail—Fighting Still Goes on at Lisbon.

RUSSIA'S RECENT SUCCESS OF VAST IMPORTANCE.

LONDON, May 18.—A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says the Russian official statement describes the Austrian debacle in Bukowina as of such vast importance as to render nugatory their ephemeral success in West Galicia. The latest particulars represent that the entire region between the Dniester and the Pruth is in Russian hands as the result of the brilliant victory while the Austrians, utterly defeated, are in disorderly flight. They have abandoned 20,000 prisoners and important powerfully organized positions on a front of 140 versts for the defense of which they made tremendous sacrifices in money and lives. Everything tends to prove that as a consequence of this victory, Czernowitz already is in the possession of the Russians, while the remnants of the Austrian army flying in the direction of the Pruth are in danger of disaster.

AUSTRO-GERMAN LOSSES EXCEPTIONALLY HEAVY.

PETROGRAD, May 18.—The Austro-Germans have again been halted in their advance on Przemyśl. According to despatches received here today the enemy's losses in infantry engagements, twenty miles north of the fortress are described as "exceptionally heavy."

The War Office announced today that the Russians moving southward for an invasion of Bukowina have forced a crossing of the river Pruth near Kolome, driving the enemy back ten versts (6.7 miles). Fighting continues to the north of the Courland around Shavli. Fighting in south eastern Poland is becoming more violent.

ITALY VIRTUALLY DECLARES WAR.

ROME, May 18.—The Giornal d'Italia says war has been virtually declared with the unanimous accord of King, government and nation.

In an article summarizing the situation the Tribunal says: "The die is cast, the rubicon is crossed and the Triple Alliance has been denounced."

DRASTIC THREAT BY AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES.

ROME, May 18.—Despatches from Trieste telegraphed from the frontier state that the number killed in Sunday's rioting was about fifty. The Austrian authorities had three cannon trained on the town from the height of Opicina, and also threatened to have the city bombarded by warships. A renewal of the revolutionary outbreak has been impossible because of strong forces occupy the city.

LISBON BOMBARDED BY WARSHIPS.

MADRID, May 18.—Fighting in Lisbon has begun again according to the latest news reaching Badajoz. The warships are bombarding the city. Over one hundred persons have been killed including several Spaniards.

COALITION GOVERNMENT FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, May 18.—The Times parliamentary correspondent declares the government has definitely sought the co-operation of the opposition, and opposition leaders have in principle consented to join them. The Labor Party, according to the correspondent will be represented in the new government. The resigning ministers are named as Viscount Haldane, Lord High Chancellor; Lewis Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies; Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland; Earl Beauchamp, First Commission of Works; Baron Lucas, President of the Board of Agriculture; K. A. Pease, President of the Board of Education; and C. E. Hobhouse, Postmaster-General.

The trouble between Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty and Lord Fisher, which led to the latter resigning and thus leading the government to seek a coalition with Unionists, resulted, it develops from the British cabinet sanctioning the first naval attack on the Dardanelles in ignorance of the fact that the Sea Lords were opposed to naval operations unsupported by a land force.

Among the latest rumors is one to the effect that Lord Kit-chener is to become Generalissimo, and that David Lloyd George will succeed him at the War Office.

BULGARIA CALLS ALL RESERVE OFFICERS

LONDON, May 19.—All reserve officers in the Bulgarian army have been called to the colors for a month's training, according to a Times despatch from Sofia.

Attended Reception to Baptist Pastor

Rev. Chas. G. Smith, B.A., B.D., was in Peterborough on Monday evening and attended the public reception to the Rev. Dougald Brown, the new pastor of Park St. church. Rev. Mr. Smith gave a ten minute address on behalf of the Peterborough Baptist Association.