

MIGHTY FIGHTERS OF AUSTRIA AND ITALY READY FOR DEADLY COMBAT AND TWO PROMINENT NAVALMEN



Every preliminary step having been taken, the powerful sea fighters of the Italian navy and the strongest of the Austrian fleet are ready to do deadly combat when the word is given. The Italian Minister of Marine, Vice Admiral L. Viale, one of Italy's most prominent naval men, is entrusted with the mighty task before his government of whipping everything into shape. Commendatore R. Bollati, the Italian Ambassador in Berlin, has returned to his country to look after affairs necessary at home. The Amalfi and the Dante Alighieri are two of Italy's biggest war ships, while the Viribus Unitis and the Erzherzog Franz Ferdinand are two of the big ships belonging to the Austrian fleet.

SHIPS THAT ARE INTERNED IN WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

Washington, May 28.—Below is a list of the names of belligerent merchant ships in the waters of continental United States, with a statement in each case as to gross and net tonnage. The list is exclusive of the Eltel Frederick and the Kronprinz Wilhelm, interned at Newport News, Va. There is a Kronprinz Wilhelm in the list given below, but it is the property of the North German Lloyd Company, while the ship of that name at Newport News is owned by the Hamburg American Line.

In addition to the ships named in the accompanying list, a number are interned in American waters on the Pacific coast. There is a gunboat at Honolulu, and between 50 and 60 German merchantmen in the harbor of Manila.

In the harbor of San Juan, Porto Rico, the German Odenwald had been interned.

With the exceptions above noted, the list of interned ships is as follows:

	Gross Tons	Net Tons
Steamer	54,282	23,548
George Washington	25,570	15,379
Amerika	22,622	13,627
Kronprinzessin Cecilie	19,503	6,584
Kaiser Wilhelm II.	19,361	5,352
Freya	18,108	11,171
President Grant	18,072	11,112
Cincinnati	16,339	9,732
Pennsylvania	13,333	8,527
Grosser Kurfurst	13,102	7,881
Bulgaria	11,440	7,218
Barbarossa	10,984	6,463
Prinzess Irene	10,892	6,443
Friedrich der Grosse	10,771	6,585
Hamburg	10,521	6,420
Rhein	10,058	6,398
Neckar	9,835	6,200
Koenig Wilhelm II.	9,410	5,764
Bohemia	8,474	5,248
Martha Washington	8,312	5,379
Koln	7,409	4,666

Dora	7,037	4,520
Rhaetia	6,600	4,141
Erny	6,515	4,171
Prinz Oskar	6,026	3,777
Wittekind	5,640	3,607
Ockenfels	5,621	3,452
Armenia	5,464	3,386
Arcadia	5,324	3,412
Adamastor	5,000	3,159
Pisa	4,967	3,148
Himalaya	4,948	3,152
Morowit	4,795	3,012
Willehad	4,761	3,012
Prinz Joachim	4,760	2,981
Serapis	4,756	3,068
Prinz August Wil.	4,733	2,975
Ida	4,730	3,093
Prinz Eitel Fried.	4,650	2,921
Prinzess Marie	4,637	3,019
Allemania	4,620	2,915
Harburg	4,472	2,837
Saxonia	4,424	2,782
Clare	3,932	2,541
Massovia	3,902	2,473
Teresa	3,769	2,381
Budapest	3,651	2,321
Campania	3,551	2,247
Hohenfelde	3,274	1,887
Portonia	2,778	1,744
Mala	2,555	1,625
Clara Menning	1,685	1,005
Anna	1,575	989
Neptun	1,197	121
Pommern	6,557	4,086
C. J. D. Ahlers	7,490	4,737
Prinz Waldemar	3,237	1,737
Seton	4,750	2,084
Holsatia	5,649	3,523
Loksaun	1,657	1,020
Loong Moon	1,971	1,245
Staatssekretar	2,000	1,208
Gouverneur Jaeschke	1,728	1,045
Lucia	6,744	4,386
Rudolph Blumberg	1,769	1,077
Vogesen	3,716	2,357
Frieda Leonhardt	2,832	1,818
Borneo	3,621	2,137
Total	527,298	303,239

THE MAN WHO BROUGHT ABOUT THE PRESENT WAR

Major Tankositch, young Servian officer, accused by Austria-Hungary of organizing conspiracy to assassinate Archduke Ferdinand.

We quote the following from a letter in which a correspondent of the Corriere della Sera characterizes one of the principal military figures of Servia:

"I was one of a group of officers sitting in the Cafe Obrenovitch (at the Servian headquarters in Kraguevatz) yesterday, when the door of the room opened suddenly to admit a slim young man, clad in the brown coat, decked with black braids, possessor of the Servian costume, with a polished cartridge pouch on his breast and a revolver at his side. He had a short, black moustache, roving black eyes, a fresh complexion, and a mass of black

hair, some of which escaped from beneath his cap. He entered the room with a somewhat theatrical mien and a rapid, mincing gait, saluted all with a rapid gesture of his hand, and seated himself among us. There was a stir and murmur at every table as he went by, and loud hails from the officers greeted him. I was naturally curious to find out who he was. It is a rare piece of good fortune for you to have met him," said an officer to me, in reply to my question, for he is the most elusive person, always in the mountains with the country battalion, now in the north of Servia, now in the south, everywhere and nowhere. He is the celebrated Major Tankositch, one of the most popular men of Servia, known to the people as the General, or Voyvod, of the country, and a character about whom innumerable legends have already grown up. It was he whom the Austro-Hungarian Government accused of having organized and led the conspiracy which resulted in the assassination of the Archduke Ferdinand, the heir to the throne, at Sarajevo, and whose removal from the army, arrest and surrender, it demanded in the now famous note which it presented to Servia. Do you know what is said of him here? That he is the man who brought about the European war."

"No small title to fame that, I thought, and regarded him with renewed interest as he sat at the table, smiling, emptying his glass, blowing

great rings of smoke into the air, and conversing with the officers. He sat leaning a little to one side of the table, as if poised for instant fight. The most remarkable tales are told about him—the usual legends that grow up about the military adventurer who stakes his life upon the event which the sang-froid of the seasoned gambler risks his all on a last throw of the dice. From his fifteenth year (he is now thirty-five) Tankositch has played with fate. When Macedonia and Albania were still under Turkish suzerainty, he involved the Porte in such difficulties by his activities there as to cause a price to be placed upon his head, a futile proceeding, as no one could be found willing to attempt to win the proffered reward. He convived at the disappearance of the Governor of Bosnia, and he entered the Servian army, holding the position of major in it. Though he left the military school without having taken the prescribed military courses, he heads to-day an independent country battalion. His battalion is at present, to be sure, merely a ghost of its former self, for of the 800 members that constituted it at the beginning of the war all but eighty have fallen—the result of its having been chosen for action at the front on all occasions of special danger or difficulty. That Tankositch himself, who at times led his men out on expeditions undertaken on his own initiative, has escaped unscathed from his adventures has won him the reputation of invulnerability.

"He recounted various episodes from his past for my benefit, but when I ventured to ask him his plans for the future he sprang to his feet, and raised his hand to his cap in a military salute. 'You are going abroad? Where?' exclaimed the officer. 'Out there,' he answered, raising his hand with a gesture that embraced the distant horizon. Then, with his light, elastic step and slightly theatrical bearing, he left the room, to vanish into the unknown."

NO CRIME TO WAGER.

Mineola, L. I., May 26.—District Attorney Smith of Nassau county in com-

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