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ITALY'S NAVY AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS DEFENDING COAST; TURKISH CRACK CORPS WIPE OUT IN ATTACK ON COLONIALS

London, May 25—(2.44 a.m.)—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Bucharest, says: "The Roumanian government is negotiating with the Allies. King Ferdinand has reviewed the army. Great enthusiasm prevails."

ACTIVE WAR ON ITALIAN FRONT; BULGARIA INVOLVED IN QUARREL WITH TURKEY

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 of the River Adige in the direction of Verona, and that rapid and fierce blows will be delivered almost immediately at Italian centres. 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.

CAPTURE OF THE NAVAL SIGNIFICANT

French Take Position Which Germans Were Ordered to Hold Until Last Man Killed

Three Thousand Corpses Counted on Summit

Triumphant Completion of French Offensive at Loreto, One of Most Important Tactical Victories of War—Gallant Night Attack Won Fort in Last German Line.

Paris, May 24.—The capture by French troops of the German works at Bianche Viole (The White Viole), the evening of May 21 marked the victorious conclusion of our offensive on the Massif de Loreto, the opening sentence in the report of the French official eye-witness of conditions at the front as given out in Paris today.

"Loretoberg is a word which for the last six months has appeared often in the correspondence of the German soldiers," the eye-witness continues.

The Imperial General Staff attached very great importance to the possession of the heights of Loreto. To conquer and retake them, the German soldiers have received a formal order which was so expressed as to make it operative until the last man was killed.

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HEAVY LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES IN STRAITS

Italian Torpedo Boats, Detailed for Purpose, Guard Coast From Raids by Smaller Enemy Craft

Italy Signs Agreement With Allies Not to Conclude Separate Peace—Feeling in Germany That Italy's Entrance Will Only Delay Teutonic Victory—680,000 Trained Troops Ready for New Battle Front—Queen Helena to Enter Red Cross Service.

London, May 24, 8 p.m.—Italy has given her adherence to the agreement already signed by the Allied powers not to conclude a separate peace. The signature of a formal document to this effect is imminent.

VIENNA WORK OF KAISER'S ALLY.

London, May 24, 11.20 p.m.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Vienna says it is reported that the Italian consul at Constantinople has been killed.

EARLY AUSTRIAN NAVAL ATTACKS REPULSED.

Paris, May 24, 2.30 p.m.—The following official statement has been received from Rome:

"It was foreseen that on the declaration of war offensive actions would occur against our Adriatic coast, with the purpose of obtaining a moral effect rather than attaining a military purpose. But we were able to prepare for these and render their duration short.

"Small naval units of the enemy, especially destroyers and torpedo boats, fired their guns upon our Adriatic coast, on May 24, between four and six o'clock in the morning. At the same time aeroplanes attempted to attack the arsenal at Venice.

"The enemy's ships, after a very short campaign, were forced by our torpedo boats to withdraw. The enemy's aeroplanes were fired upon by our anti-aircraft artillery, and attacked by our aeroplanes and by a dirigible flying over the Adriatic.

"The aeroplanes attacked Porto Corsini, which replied immediately and obliged the enemy to retire quickly. At Ancona, where the attack was directed especially against the railway line, in the intention of interrupting communications, slight damage was inflicted, which can be repaired easily.

"At Barletta an attack was made by a scout steamer destroyer, which was put to flight by one of our ships, which was escorted by torpedo boats. Finally at Gresi, the enemy's aeroplanes attempted to throw bombs upon the hangars, but without reaching the mark.

"All other news of operations last night has no foundation."

LAST WORD ON CABINET SAYS CHURCHILL STAYS

Stormy Petrol to Remain at Some Other Post Than Admiralty, But Lord Fisher Also Refuses to Work With Balfour as Civil Head—The Dardanelles Operations.

London, May 25, 3.50 p.m.—Latest information on the cabinet reconstruction is to the effect that Premier Asquith has decided that Winston Spencer Churchill shall remain in the cabinet in some other position than that of first lord of the Admiralty. It is understood that the premier tried hard to retain Viscount Haldane as high lord chancellor, but the Unionists were so strongly opposed to this that Haldane will be satisfied to accept the post of first lord of the Admiralty.

There is renewed talk of David Lloyd George resigning the office of chancellor of the exchequer, but this point still remains unsettled. Pressure has been brought to induce John Redmond, the Irish leader to accept a seat in the cabinet, but this has not yet been decided.

Lord Fisher's resignation as first sea lord seems to be a definite one, he having declined to work with Arthur J. Balfour as civil head.

Concerning the question of responsibility for the Dardanelles operations, the Daily Mail this morning declares that Lord Fisher signed and sealed all the documents relating to the undertaking, and that the war council, when it was decided to carry the operations out, was under the belief that Lord Fisher approved of the operations he ought to have protested or resigned at the time they were planned and not have waited until now.

Although it is expected that announcements of at least some of the cabinet appointments will be made tomorrow there is still a long way to go in the matter of offices that will be next to impossible to make the complete list available until later.

Admiral Jackson Possible Successor.

London, May 24.—(Montreal Gazette Cable)—Much curiosity is being evoked as to how the Daily Express gets the first news of political events nowadays. Being a Unionist journal, the government naturally does not give it exclusive information, yet the Express published the first news of the government's plans regarding the drink problem which ended in a fiasco, and was also the first to give the news of the present cabinet crisis.

The public are inclined to credit the statement, made by the Express today, that Lord Fisher is likely to be succeeded by Admiral Sir Henry Jackson.

Roumania On Brink of War; Joining Allies

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SAW CANADIAN CRUCIFIED BY THE GERMANS

Stratford, Ont., Officer Writes That He Witnessed the Sighting in Belgium.

Stratford, Ont., May 20.—In a letter from the front received here today, Lieut. J. B. Morrison, of the Canadian Army Service Corps, states that he himself saw a Canadian soldier who had been crucified by Germans in Belgium.

Yarmouth Personals.

Yarmouth, N. S., May 15.—Charles F. Brown, of Halifax, arrived in Yarmouth on Saturday afternoon last, and is the guest of Captain and Mrs. Fred. A. Ladd.

Mrs. Irving B. Pringle and daughter took passage by steamer Prince George on Saturday evening last for Boston to join Mr. Tooker.

Mrs. Murray E. Soloway and son Ronald, of Melrose (Mass.), took passage by steamer Prince George on Saturday evening last for home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney B. Saunders, of Chicago, arrived in Yarmouth on Saturday morning last, and will reside here.

Mrs. Victor O. McKenney, a delegate to the annual meeting of the Alexandra Society, which was held in Yarmouth, has again elected vice-president of the society for Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Arthur Bakins, Mrs. Edward Parker, and Mrs. Byrne were among the passengers to Boston on Saturday evening last.

Lieutenant Ralph P. Harding returned to his home at South Easton, Mass., after having visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harding.

Dr. Ross and Mrs. Ross have sold their house at South Easton, and will remove to St. Stephen, where they formerly resided.

Miss Victoria Burrill was a passenger on Saturday afternoon last for Boston. Karl K. Blackadar, son of J. Archibald Blackadar, has successfully passed his fourth year examination in medicine at Dalhousie, in Halifax, with distinctions in medicine, obstetrics and surgery. He has now entered the Victoria General Hospital as senior house-surgeon.

Samuel Killett, mechanical superintendent at the Cosmos Cotton Company, has retired from active service in that plant, after having been associated with them for about thirty-three years.

Mrs. James Rosez suffered a severe shaking up on Tuesday occasioned by a fall from a step-ladder. When falling she struck her forehead against the piano and was rendered unconscious for some time. She is now able to be around.

Mrs. and Mrs. Robert S. Eakins left on Wednesday morning to visit their daughter, Mrs. Dan Smith, in Ottawa. They will be joined in Ottawa by Mrs. E. B. Easton, who will return home with them. Robert Bambrick, only son of Rev. Dr. Bambrick, has enlisted for the overseas service, and sailed from Halifax on Thursday per steamer Scandinavia for England.

Francis F. Flint, of Boston, arrived in Yarmouth on Saturday morning, and will remain here for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Richards took passage by steamer Prince George on Wednesday evening for New York to visit their son, Dr. Bradford Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Cook left on Wednesday evening for a visit to Boston.

William H. Wickham left on Wednesday evening for Boston.

Miss Estelle Eaton has returned to her home in Cranville Ferry, after a visit to Yarmouth.

Thomas F. Anderson, of the Boston Globe, was in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. and Mrs. W. H. Wickham and two children are expected here from Yarmouth. They will occupy half of the Hayley homestead on Prince street, for the summer months.

Miss Eva Murray returned on Wednesday morning from a visit in and about Boston.

Miss Mary Baker and Miss Polly Baker left today to spend a few weeks in Boston.

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