

## GERMAN AMBITION OF AUSTRIAN SUBSERVIENCE REALIZED

### Vienna Looks With Apprehension on the New Treaty

#### Fear Expressed That Austria-Hungary May be Imbued With Prussian Spirit as Was Case Fifty Years Ago; Military Obligations Made More Severe

Courier Leased Wire.

Germany's ambitions as regards Austria-Hungary's place in the Mitteleuropa plan, German newspapers indicate, were realized in the convention agreed upon by the two Emperors at their meeting. The agreement, which is not yet signed, calls for an alliance for twenty-five years with closer economic relations, and more severe military obligations. Vienna is reported to look with apprehension on the probability that the Austro-Hungarian army will be Prussianized and believes such a step more important than any other feature of the new alliance.

### AUSTRIA FEARS PRUSSIAN SPIRIT

By Courier Leased Wire  
Zurich, May 16.—Publication of the contents of the military agreement arrived at by the German and Austrian emperors at their conference is awaited with intense anxiety in Vienna, according to a dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung from the Austrian capital. The most important question is whether the agreement is so complete that the Austro-Hungarian army will be permeated with the Prussian spirit, as were the armies of the South German states after 1866.

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### AUSTRIAN WAR VESSEL SUNK BY ITALIANS

#### Large, Modern Battleship Was Torpedoed in Pola Harbor Tuesday

#### DARING NAVAL FEAT

Rome, May 16.—An Austrian battleship was torpedoed by Italian naval forces in Pola harbor early Tuesday morning, it was officially announced today.

### W.F. COCKSHUTT FAVORED COMMISSION TO OPERATE ALL CANADIAN RAILWAYS

#### Declared That Third Transcontinental Line Should Never Have Been Built, But Thought C.N.R. Stock Holders Should be Recompensed

Ottawa, May 16.—In the course of the debate in the House of Commons last night on the Canadian railway situation, W. F. Cockshutt, Brantford, said he was prompted to speak because of the statements made by the member for Springfield (Mr. Richardson) who had made a most lamentable expression of the railway situation. In the opinion of Mr. Cockshutt both parties had gone wrong on the railway problem. A third transcontinental railway should never have been built.

### EATING PLACES ARE LICENSED BY FOOD BOARD

Regulations Governing Issue of Licenses Made Public by Food Board

Ottawa, May 15.—Following the announcement by the Canada Food Board that on and after June 1st no person may legally operate a public eating place without first having obtained a license, the board has now issued regulations which will govern such licenses.

### U.S. RUSHING PREPARATIONS FOR AN ARMY OF FIVE MILLION MEN

#### And Will Increase Number if Germany Does Not Yield—American Debt of Gratitude to England Now Being Repaid by Participation in War

London, May 16.—American preparations on the western front are amazing in their immensity and plans are being made to raise for five million American troops, Harry E. Brittain, secretary of the treasury of the English branch of the Pilgrims Club, told the Royal Colonial Institute last night. If the Germans do not give in, he added, the number of American troops will be increased to any amount necessary.

### GRADED FEE CHARGED

For licensing purposes public eating places are divided into three classes with license fees as follows:

Class A.—Hotels, clubs, boarding houses.	An. fee
\$25,000 or less	\$2
\$25,000 to \$50,000	\$4
\$50,000 to \$75,000	\$6
\$75,000 to \$100,000	\$8

### ALLIES READY TO LISTEN IF FOE WANTS PEACE NOW, SAYS BALFOUR

#### Will Receive Any Proposals Seriously Made by Any of the Central Powers—Debate in British Commons on Question of Prince Sixtus' Peace Note

London, May 15.—Foreign Secretary Balfour was asked in the House of Commons today whether Prince Sixtus of Bourbon, to whom Emperor Charles of Austria addressed the letters last year in which peace was offered to France, paid two visits to England in connection with the peace proposals, and whether he was in communication on this subject with Premier Lloyd George. The question was brought up by Robert Cuthbert, Liberal member of the House of Commons for Hanley. Mr. Balfour replied that the subject was not one which could be dealt with by question and answer.

### WILSON OBJECTS

Washington, May 15.—President Wilson let it be known today that he seriously objects to any investigation of the "general conduct of the war." In a letter to Senator Martin he pointed out that the Chamberlain resolution directing a renewal of the inquiry of aircraft production and other activities is unnecessary.

The whole topic of Emperor Charles' proposals was discussed today in the House of Commons at the initiative of the pacifists and advocates of peace by negotiation. In response to questions, Mr. Balfour said that Emperor Charles wrote a letter to a relative, Prince Sixtus, a brother-in-law of the Emperor, and that it was conveyed by this relative to the President and Premier of France under the seal of the strictest secrecy. No reply was given to communicate the letter to anyone except the sovereign and the premier of this country.

Mr. Balfour said he had no secrets or thoughts about the war or in regard to questions of diplomacy connected with the war was open to the President. The foreign secretary said he did not think it would be possible for the United States and Great Britain to carry on the great work in which they were engaged or to deal with the complicated day to day problems without complete confidence. So far as he was concerned, complete confidence would always be given. There was no one more desirous than the British Government, he continued, that the war should be

### SKETCHES FROM THE CANADIAN FRONT



### WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, May 16.—Showers are now occurring in many portions of the Western Provinces. They have been experienced in Lake Superior district. The steady cold which has been so persistent over Hudson's Bay is now moderating.

Victoria Day Celebration, Agricultural Park, May 24th. Buy your tickets now. Buy yours from Wicks, opposite Postoffice.

### REV. R. WHITE GIVEN CALL TO PARK CHURCH

Pennsylvania Pastor, Well-Known Here, Invited to Local Pulpit

At a meeting of the membership of Park Baptist Church held on Wednesday evening a call was extended to the Rev. Robert White of Hollidaysburg, Pa. Deacon Frank Howie occupied the chair, and after the singing of the hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past," Deacon Campbell offered prayer. A few items of general business in connection with the church followed, after which a unanimous report by the Pulpit Committee, through its chairman, Mr. Charles Tapscott, was given. Several members of the committee expressed their satisfaction as the result of their enquiries into Mr. White's standing. The reports of the work performed by the committee were exceedingly good, and the committee were congratulated upon their prompt action and the able manner in which they discharged their duties. Mr. White is being called to the church at a better salary than has ever been paid before. The call will be forwarded over to him at once and the church will be anxiously waiting for his answer. By reason of having such good supplies since Pastor Wrighton left and the good preaching of the Rev. Mr. Woodside, the church has been kept well together, and the prospects are very good for the future.

Mail Popularity—By Gunner Frise of Canadian Field Artillery