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ITALY'S DEMAND ON AUSTRIA FOR TERRITORY ON ADRIATIC BRINGS WAR CRISIS NEARER

Long Conference of King With Ministers in Rome Forecasts Grave Developments.

Victor Emmanuel's Government Insists Upon Cession of Dalmatian Islands, as Well as Northern Provinces, as Price of Neutrality.

Diplomats Certain Proposal Will Be Rejected by Francis Joseph, But German Ambassador Gives Assurance That Demands Will Be Met.

ROME, March 17.—A long conference believed to have been a "council of war" was held at the Royal Palace today. Premier Salandra was the first to arrive and after he had been met by King Victor Emmanuel for an hour...

Late in the morning Prince Von Buelow, the German Ambassador, called at the Foreign Office. His stay was short. The conference of the King with his two ministers and the visit of the German Ambassador to the Foreign Office led to the belief that the crisis had been reached...

AUSTRIAN REFUSAL EXPECTED. There is not the slightest chance that Austria will cede to Italy the territory that country wants as a price for its continued neutrality.

ITALY'S DEMANDS. The demands of Italy are as follows: To the north it desires the entire province of Trent, bringing its frontier to the Brennero...

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THE WEATHER



Fishes and kisses are very good dishes. St. Patrick's Day in the morning. So runs an old refrain and a fair enough sentiment it is at that, and surely the sons and daughters of "Auld Oireland" have little to complain of...

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and continued moderately cold tonight and Thursday; gentle winds, mostly northwest.

Observations at Philadelphia

On the Pacific Coast

Almanac of the Day

Lamps to Be Lighted

The Tides

AMERICAN BARK REPORTED WRECKED IN THE NORTH SEA

Pass of Balmaha Left Course on Voyage to Bremen. BREMEN (via Berlin and Amsterdam), March 17.—The American bark Pass of Balmaha is reported wrecked near Syll Island in the North Sea.

The foregoing dispatch indicates that the Pass of Balmaha was considerably out of her course for Bremen, as Syll Island is northwest of Heligoland. She is a vessel of 1498 tons.

GERMANS BEAT BACK SLAV FLANKING DASH ON PRUSSIAN BORDER

Foe Repulsed at Taurongen, Berlin Reports. Teuton Advance From Mlaw Gains—Russians Menace Przemysl.

Russian attempts to pierce the German line between the Orzyc and Skrwia Rivers were repulsed, according to today's official bulletin from Berlin. This further announces the presence of hostile forces on the East Prussia border in the Tilsit sector, and asserts repulse of a flanking movement on the Teuton left near Taurongen.

Only "partial successes" are reported in the current Petrograd bulletin, on the Mlaw-Grodusk line, north of Przasnysz. Elsewhere on that front capture of villages, trenches, guns and prisoners is reported in isolated engagements, but the big fact outstands that confirmation is given to yesterday's Berlin report that General Franco's arm was successfully pushing its way south along the route from Mlaw to Przasnysz, there to effect a junction with Hindenburg's force.

In the Carpathians, Austria announces repulse of the foe at Gorlice and Wyszkow. Russia declares that heights near Przemysl have been taken and forecasts early fall of the Galician fortress.

Capture of a ridge in the Champagne from the Germans is announced in the official French report this afternoon. Berlin admits that a determined attack is on in that section, but says the result is not known.

At Lorette Heights, near Arras, Paris reports the repulse of German attacks by the British, while the Germans assert they have captured a cliff. Artillery duels are on in the Argonne and Vosges.

TWO MORE BRITISH SHIPS VICTIMS OF FOE'S TORPEDOES

German Submarines Operating on Both Sides of Great Britain. LONDON, March 17.—The British Admiralty today announced the sinking of two more ships by German submarines. They were the Atlanta and the Fingal. Six members of the crew of the Fingal were lost. Both ships were torpedoed.

Both vessels were of British nationality. The Atlanta was sunk off Inishark Island, in the Atlantic ocean, off the west coast of Ireland, on Sunday. The Fingal was attacked and destroyed the following day in the North Sea, off the coast of Northumberland. The attacks were made at widely distant points, on opposite sides of the British Isles, showing that the German fleet is operating in all British waters.

The Fingal was torpedoed without warning. The missile tore a great hole in her side and smashed the crank shaft. One lifeboat got away, but the ship sank before the second lifeboat could be lowered.

The captain of the British steamship Apollo reported from Glasgow today that his ship had collided with a German submarine while en route from Rotterdam to Bristol. The submarine sank immediately, he said.

The steamship Beawing, which left the Clyde for Dieppe on March 2, has not been heard from since, and is believed to have been torpedoed.

The trawler Balmora has been lost at sea through the agency of mine or torpedo, and her crew of nine has been given up as dead.

PETROGRAD ADMITS FOE'S GAIN ON MLAWA LINE

Marked German Activity There and Along Baura. PETROGRAD, March 17.—Admission is virtually made in today's official report that the Germans are gaining on the Mlaw line. The report contents itself with the statement that north of the Przasnysz-Grodusk line (between Przasnysz and Mlaw) Slav troops have had partial successes.

On the left bank of the Vistula the enemy has been more active in bombarding Muscovite fortifications in the Baura region, but has attempted a fruitless offensive in the Pilica district.

RUSSIANS WITHIN RIFLE SHOT OF PRZEMYSL FORTS

WOMEN SAILORS HERE FROM PRUSSIAN PORT



From left to right they are Elizabeth Borglund, Hilda Jansen and Alexandra Rostrom, who have arrived on the Swedish steamship Portos from Memel on the Baltic Sea.

DRESDEN DESTROYED ON HIGH SEAS, BRITISH COMMANDER INSISTS

Chilean Government Appoints Commission to Investigate Charges That Ship Was Half Mile From Juan Fernandez.

VALPARAISO, Chile, March 17.—In the first detailed story of the naval battle off Robinson Crusoe's Island, Lieutenant Commander Fielding, of the British auxiliary cruiser Orama, today denied that the German cruiser Dresden had been sunk in neutral waters.

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GIRL SAILORS DEFY SEA, FALL TO CUPID'S DARTS

Three Maidens Arrive in Port From Germany—Faced Mines and Warships' Guns—Learn Navigation and Land in Bliss.

Three women who faced the perils of the sea, augmented since the war began, with the same fortitude, bravery and courage as men, came here on the Swedish steamship Portos, which docked at South street wharf. The three women were among the 29 members of the crew. The vessel came from Memel, a northern port of Prussia, on the Baltic Sea. She is probably the last vessel that will arrive here from Germany, as England's blockade declaration will stop vessels from entering or leaving the ports of the Kaiser.

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LATE BULLETINS

"MOVIE" MANAGER'S APPEAL ALLOWED Judge Barratt, in Quarter Sessions Court, today allowed an appeal to Charles Segal, owner of the Hippodrome photoplay house, from the fine of \$100 assessed on him last week for exhibiting a film alleged to have been uncensored.

SUNDAY FUND NOW \$41,112.90 Announcement was made at the headquarters of the "Billy" Sunday Committee, shortly before 3 o'clock, that the fund for the evangelist had reached \$41,112.90, and it was said that it is likely that the \$50,000 mark will be passed today.

'TOOTHLESS' HOUSING BILL PASSES HOUSE, VARE MEN HELPING

Opposition to Measure Withdrawn on Ground That Amendment Has Corrected the Defects Which Were Criticised. Vote Is 130 to 43, Philadelphia Delegation, With One Exception, Voting for Bill. Country Members Denounce Motives of Organization.

PHILADELPHIA, March 17.—The "toothless" housing bill passed the House today after the Philadelphia leaders had used the whip on the delegation and on the other delegations under machine control.

The vote was 130 to 43, the Philadelphia delegation of 4 voting for the measure with one exception, Representative Theodore Campbell, of the 17th Philadelphia District, voted "no." He comes from the Overbrook section of the city.

The opposition of the Vare contingent to the measure was withdrawn, and the leaders in that opposition, Representatives J. Gordon Forster, of the 3d Ward, and William H. Wilson, of the 48th Ward, spoke in favor of the bill. They stated their objections to the bill as originally drawn, and said that these objections had been removed by amendment.

The bill struck a snag among the country delegations in Representative John S. Eby, of Perry County. He voiced vehement protest against the attempt of the Philadelphia delegation to jam this bill through, and said that he would vote against it in defiance of the threats which had been made that legislation he wanted would be defeated unless he "went along" with the Philadelphians.

"A GANG SUBTERFUGE." "We have only one tenement in our district," said Eby, "but I have good information about the conditions which exist in Philadelphia, and I know that this measure will not relieve those conditions. The people who are interested in relieving the congestion among the poor don't want it, and it is merely a subterfuge on the part of the Philadelphia gang. The activity on the part of the Philadelphia delegation this morning to jam this measure through has been astounding. Eby's wrath had been aroused by the methods used in handling this bill in committee. He is a member of the Public Health and Sanitary Committee and he had paid closer attention to it than he otherwise would have done."

Representative Forster said for the bill that it was strictly a Philadelphia measure and he had paid closer attention to it than he otherwise would have done.

"In its original form, our chief objection," said Forster, speaking for his colleagues who had opposed it, "was that it gave the four bureaus of the city government arbitrary powers. This has been changed now so that the Director of the Department of Health and Charities and the four bureau chiefs constitute a board of jurisdiction."

Representative Wilson said that his first objection was because the bill was unfair and arbitrary. He told how the bill had been introduced in Philadelphia and he had paid closer attention to it than he otherwise would have done.

"WANT IT TO BE LAW BY APRIL 5." "Philadelphia knows what she wants. Give her what she wants," said Representative Giesler, of Easton. "I voted against the bill originally, but I am now going to vote for it."

Representative Campbell was not present when his name was called, but arose after the roll had been called and declared his desire to be recorded as voting "no." The Philadelphia leaders hope to have the bill through the Senate and signed by the Governor by April 5, the time limit given by Judge Sulzberger on an injunction sought by John H. Fow. The bill which passed today repeals the act of 1911, and in its place will give the city government the opportunity to evade making the appropriation giving the Mayor the appointment of inspectors.

Miss Mary Ingham, of the Octavia Hill Association, who was in the House at the time the vote was taken, said that it was regrettable that this measure should supersede the act of 1911, but that some relief of the present conditions in Philadelphia was better than none. The same opinion was expressed by Jacob Mathay, of the Philadelphia Housing Commission.

Jersey Sympathizes With Ireland TRENTON, March 17.—Sympathy for Ireland's plight was expressed in a resolution unanimously adopted in the House of Assembly today.

SHOCKING CONDITIONS IN CHILDREN'S "HOME" REVEALED IN CAMDEN

Board of Managers of Mary J. Ball Refuge and Day Nursery Notify Vice Chancellor Leaming of Startling Disclosures. Four Sick Children Found in One Bed, Two Dying—12 Inmates Suffering From Disease in One Room—Others Neglected.

Startling irregularities were disclosed in Camden today by the Board of Managers of the Mary J. Ball Home and Day Nursery, a charitable institution caring for small children.

The board's report declares children were admitted to the home and in a number of cases adopted later for pecuniary consideration; that the inmates of the home had been maltreated, ill-fed and even allowed to die for want of proper medical attention.

An application on file today with Vice Chancellor Leaming, of New Jersey, was presented by the Board of Managers in an effort to prevent the transfer of the home to Dr. Emma M. Richardson, of Camden, under whose management, the report declared, most of the abuses existed. The Board of Trustees voted Monday to dissolve the corporation under which Doctor Richardson operated. The action was taken, the report charges, because of the desire of the trustees to rid themselves of any further connection with an institution of such unsavory reputation.

HOME FOUNDED IN 1912. Doctor Richardson, who lives at 531 Stevens street, founded the institution in 1912, and two years later became a member of the board of trustees under articles of incorporation. At the same time a board of women managers was appointed, though since then their principal function, they declare, has been to solicit financial aid for the home. Mrs. Richardson unrestricted control of the home and the inmates, the board charges, the proposed transfer would turn over to her the home property at 1743 Master street, valued at \$2500, and a like amount in cash. Mrs. Richardson received \$1000 for the property when the home was incorporated and the trustees took it over from her.

THREE CHILDREN DIE. Since December three children, all inmates of the home, have died. On December 9 last, five threatened the home while 12 children, all confined in one room, were ill from measles. In another room two were suffering from chicken-pox. Later three of the children died from pneumonia. Temporary quarters were found in the abandoned building of the West Jersey Comopathic Hospital. Since then the home has been repaired and the children again are living there. The average number of inmates is 15.

It was because of an illness of Dr. Richardson, contracted from exposure at the front, that the Board of Managers was given opportunity to make an investigation. The conditions disclosed were terrible, the members of the board declare. Four children, two of them dying, were found lying in one bed in care of a nurse who had been on continuous duty for 48 hours. The only medicine provided was a bottle of cough syrup for four pneumonia patients. Consulting Dr. Richardson, the managers were advised not to "lose their heads" and that there was no hurry to engage other physicians. But one of the children died that night and two others later.

CHILDREN IN NEGLECT. All inmates bore evidence of neglect, malnutrition and uncleanness. The matron, "Mother" Mary McKenna, and

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The Kensingtonian Says: They say that Jacob Cross told "Doc" Seip, the druggist, that his mark balls were "no good." He sat up all night throwing the balls, and never hit a moth. "Doc" says "use a pea shooter, Jacob."

LOST—Sunday on School lane, between Green and 12th streets, Philadelphia, black and white dog, small amount of money. Liberal reward. 1225 South 11th St. Tel. 2-1111.

LOST—Sunday afternoon in vicinity of 19th and 20th streets, Boston bridge toll, black and white dog, small amount of money. Liberal reward. 1225 South 11th St. Tel. 2-1111.

LOST—Gold and pearl bracelet on Chestnut St. between 23d and 24th. Reward on returned to Biltmore Hotel.