



ITALY READY TO DENOUNCE TRIPLE ALLIANCE; AUSTRIA MASSES MEN ON FRONTIER

Severance of Treaty Bonds to Permit Free Action, Reported in Rome.

Dual Monarchy Rushes Infantry and Artillery by Special Trains to Province of Goerz as Move to Forestall Invasion.

Rome Papers Certain of War Unless "Lost" Territory is Ceded—Francis Joseph's Fleet Concentrates at Adriatic Base.

ROME, March 19. Italy is preparing to denounce the Triple Alliance treaty, linking it with Austria and Germany, according to reports from various sources this afternoon.

In official circles it was admitted that a formal announcement that Italy no longer regards the Triple Alliance treaty as serving her best interests is one of the possibilities in the present situation.

It was carefully pointed out, however, that should the Foreign Minister announce this action, it must not be construed as a definite step toward war.

LONDON, March 19. The arrival of special trains in the Province of Goerz with 400 Austrian troops and artillery caused a panic on the unofficial border at Trieste, says a dispatch from Venice.

The arrival of the troops, taking in conjunction with the reports that squads of Russian prisoners and Galician refugees are working on defensive fortifications in the Province, is taken to indicate that Austria is feverishly preparing against invasion.

War with Austria is inevitable unless Emperor Francis Joseph returns to Italy all Austrian districts inhabited by Italian.

THE WEATHER UNSETTLED

According to tradition, there are four seasons. They are summer, autumn, winter and spring. As a matter of fact there are five: Summer, autumn, winter, spring and March.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Unsettled tonight, with probably light rain or snow flurries; Saturday generally fair; moderate variable winds.

Observations at Philadelphia 8 A. M.

On the Pacific Coast San Francisco—Weather, clear; temperature, 55.

The Tides PORT RICHMOND.

Lamps to be Lighted

WAR DEVELOPMENTS AS REPORTED TODAY

Austria has rushed troops to the province of Goerz to guard against an Italian invasion. Rome newspapers declare that war is certain unless Francis Joseph cedes all Austrian territory inhabited by Italians.

The French battleship Bouvet was sunk by the fire of the Dardanelles forts, according to an official Constantinople statement.

Three more British steamships were sunk by German submarines in the English Channel in the last 24 hours.

FRENCH BATTLESHIP SUNK BY DARDANELLES FORTS, TURKS REPORT

Bouvet Sent to Bottom While Shelling Defenses. Loss of Submarine Admitted by British Admiralty.

LONDON, March 19. The Turkish War Office announced today that the French battleship Bouvet has been sunk by the Dardanelles forts.

In the official statement issued it also said that Turkish warships had taken the offensive in the Black Sea, bombarding and setting on fire the shipyards and torpedo destroyer station west of the Russian port of Theodosia.

The official statement follows: "A portion of our fleet on Thursday morning bombarded the shipyards and torpedo boat depot west of Theodosia in the Crimea, firing them. Early on the same day the enemy's fleet heavily shelled the Dardanelles forts, which replied effectively."

The French battleship Bouvet carries a complement of more than 600 men. No information has been received here as to whether any of these were saved, but it is probable that most of them were picked up by other ships in the attacking squadron.

The official statement indicated that the Bouvet was sunk inside the strait. The allied fleet, the War Office stated, opened a heavy fire upon the Dardanelles forts, swinging in at close range and hurling shells at intervals of a minute.

Accurate fire of the German gunners who are working the great Krupp guns in the Turkish forts on the Dardanelles has caused a cessation of the concentrated bombardment of the Turkish

COAL TAX FOR ROAD FUND

Attorney General Has Bill to Raise \$4,500,000 a Year.

HARRISBURG, March 19.—When the Legislature meets Monday evening, Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown will submit a bill taxing anthracite coal for road purposes in Pennsylvania.

The Attorney General will also have a bill for the reorganization of his department and another providing that the Auditor General report to the Legislature on the first day of its session every two years the amount of unexpended balances on hand and available for its emergency uses.

"KATY" ORDERS LOCOMOTIVES

Contract for 40 Placed With American Locomotive Co.

NEW YORK, March 19.—An order for 40 locomotives has been placed with the American Locomotive Company by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad.

MAN AND WIFE ACQUITTED

Charles Messner and his wife, Bertha, were acquitted today in the Municipal Court of both charges of the dismemberment of the residents of Union street, below Mr. Vernon street, West Philadelphia.

Breaks Neck in Fall From Scaffold ELKTON, Md., March 19.—While at work on a 15-foot scaffold at the shipyard of the Southern Transportation Company, near Chesapeake City, this morning, George Fillings, 35 years old, fell backward to the ground.

Santo Domingo Governor Killed NEW YORK, March 19.—News of the assassination of Governor Zayas, of Santo Domingo, and two of his children by political enemies at Azua, an interior town, was brought here today by the steamer Iroquois. He had been in office but two days.

THREE BRITISH SHIPS TORPEDOED BY SUBMARINE

Blue Jacket, Latest Victim of Germans, Struck Off Beachy.

LONDON, March 19.—Three British steamships have been torpedoed in British waters by German submarines during the last 24 hours. The latest victim is the Blue Jacket, a vessel of 355 tons, whose home port is Cardiff.

The Blue Jacket was torpedoed today in the English Channel, about 15 miles west by south of Beachy Head. The torpedo launched by the German submarine failed to sink the vessel, but she was badly damaged.

Eleven members of the crew were landed at Beachy Head. Fifteen others remained on board the vessel, to whose assistance other boats immediately hastened.

The other victims of the German torpedoes were the steamship Glenarney, which was sunk yesterday, and the Hyndford, which was torpedoed off Eastbourne, in the English Channel, last night. One member of the Hyndford's crew was lost, but the vessel was able to keep afloat, putting into Deal today.

These latest submarine attacks occurred in the same section of the English Channel and are believed to have been made by the same underwater boat.

CAPTURE GIRLS WHO ESCAPED

Three Inmate of Detention Home Returned to Institution.

Three girls, who escaped from the detention house of the Court Aid Society, at 17th and Summer streets, Sunday evening, by sliding down a rope made of bed sheets, have been caught by the police and returned to the care of the society.

The girls are Anna McDade, Helen Massey and Mrs. Anna Burov, each 18 years old. They were taken in custody by Acting Detectives Stecker and Barron, of the 11th and Winter streets police station. Miss Bertha Freeman, representative of the Court Aid Society at City Hall, has written a letter to Director Porter asking that the policemen be commended for their clever work on the case.

ACCUSED BY U. S. AGENTS

Secret Service Men Arrest C. M. Wright in Wilmington.

Secret service men are investigating the business of C. M. Wright, who was arrested in Wilmington today on the charge of impersonating a secret service officer. The prisoner was also accused of forgery, it is said, and, according to Chief Griffin, passed a bad check for \$1,200 John A. Martin, a saloon keeper, of 160 Sanson street, by representing himself as a Government agent.

Wright was brought to this city and will have a hearing late this afternoon or tomorrow.

The prisoner had a store in Wilmington and although no goods were found in it, according to Government agents, shipments are alleged to have been sent there. According to cards which Wright had printed, he was a dealer in imported goods. A check given by him to C. H. Gray, a Wilmington printer, secret service men say, was worthless.

MRS. PANKHURST SEES WOE IF KAISER WINS

"Germanization" Means Blow to Civilization—Setback to Feminine Movement.

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LONDON, March 19. A world conquest by Imperial Germany and a "Germanization" of women would lead a heavy blow at civilization, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, English militant suffragette leader, declared in an interview today.

Mrs. Pankhurst was discussing with me the appeal of President Rumlina, of the Board of Trade, for organization of English women to aid in the war. The militants, she said, welcomed the chance to show that women may be made an important asset.

"It would be a terrible disaster if the Germans conquered the world," she said. "The Germans, I must admit, take good care of their women. But they regard them as—I don't like to use the word—breeders. They consider them solely as a means of maintaining the race. On the other hand a conquest of Germany by the Allies will mean not only the liberation of civilization, but the liberation of German men and women from German ideas."

There is no necessity, nor will there be any, for English women actually to take up arms, Mrs. Pankhurst said with a smile, but it is the duty of English women to perform the normal work of the nation while the men are at the front, if they are needed.

"The suffragettes always have wanted the government to regard English women as a reserve force," she said. "For centuries the vast intelligence and capability of women have been a waste product, but this war has demonstrated that women may be made an asset."

"Two-thirds of the men in the British kitchen army are married. British women who have control over men are insisting that they join the British forces. It's the bachelors who are holding back. They lack the woman's influence. "We suffragettes love our country just as all the women of England do. We could have gone to America, where women are getting the vote, or to some English colony, but we remain in England because of our love for the country."

"We feel that a German victory would set back the feminine movement indefinitely, and we know that the women of England can be converted into a tremendous asset in assisting the Allies' cause."

Boy Kills Girl and Himself ORANGEVILLE, Ont., March 19.—Mrs. Robert Armstrong, wife of an Orangeville farmer, returned to her home early today and found that James Stevens, an immigrant boy employed about the place, had killed Violet Armstrong, her 15-year-old daughter, by cutting her throat.

Woman Drug Victim Dies WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., March 19.—Mrs. Louis Frankel, 38 years old, died in the Emergency Hospital today, a victim of the Hazardous anti-narcotic law. Her 10-year-old daughter, also a drug victim, is expected to die.

FIRST STRAW HAT OF YEAR DEFIES CHESTNUT STREET



Reginald's Ears Burn Under Mocking Comment Until He Gets Up the Courage to Invite Some One to "Knock It Off."

No general ever faced the enemy with more bravery than C. O. Reginald, of Atlantic City, who strutted defiantly under the first straw hat of the season on Chestnut street this afternoon. He appeared suddenly at 16th street, apparently unconscious of the stir he was causing among the everyday paraders.

A dark, conservative suit emphasized the nattiness of the male millinery, which was of the plain and sincere type, despite its early debut. The haberdashery effects of Reginald were also in keeping with his sartorial environment and his aquiline features as well under the nicely haired and tattered roof.

"I didn't know it was June," said a flip Johnny who prides himself on setting the pace for all new ideas in styles. "Maybe he's getting commission," suggested a frail creature with a mosquito mustache.

SUNDAY FIRES HOT SHOT AT HYPOCRITES

"You Might Give Your Heart to God and Make One Less," Says "Billy."

Another monster audience filled the tabernacle this afternoon to hear "Billy" Sunday preach one of the few sermons he is to deliver before the close of the campaign. Many of those present had never heard "Billy" preach. Many have tried in vain to hear him previously, but could never manage to get inside the big wooden temple.

The sermon this afternoon was "Thou Shalt Be Blessed," and it was one of the strongest salvation sermons that the evangelist has preached here. Sunday pictured the golden street of the Eternal City and pointed to the vacant mansions that will be empty because men and women fail to heed his advice and follow Christ.

"You take the loved ones out of your home," he said, "and it will be like a sepulchre, regardless of your fine rugs, tapestries, bric-a-brac and finery. I could take 'Nell' and the children and live in a hut and be happy. But take them away from me and I would cry myself to death. And it'll be a sad thing to walk around and see 'for rent' signs in heaven. The places God planned for many men and women will be empty. Some men are too busy making money to assure themselves an eternal home in heaven. All these people are disappointing God, and the worst disappointment in the world is to disappoint God."

"Billy" again urged followers of Christ to make their lives shining examples for

Trainer's unexpected flare-up in Council is looked upon as the formal notice to McNichol men to stand in line if they want the Vars' support in South Philadelphia for a mayoralty candidate. The ordinance in which the alleged change was made was a McNichol bill providing for the release of money for the construction of water supply improvements at West and South Philadelphia and also for a sedimentation basin at the Torresdale filtration plant.

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LATE BULLETINS SUNDAY OFFERING NOW \$44,703.85

The total free will offering for "Billy" Sunday reached \$44,703.85 at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon. Until that hour 205 of the 400 churches in Philadelphia had forwarded their contributions to the Sunday Committee.

VESSEL FOUNDERS OFF ENGLISH COAST

BRIDLINGTON, England, March 19.—An unidentified vessel foundered during a blizzard off this port in the North Sea today. All her crew perished.

RAT POISON ON BREAD KILLS BABY

Thirteen-months-old Albert Hildebrand, 1616 South Percy street, died this afternoon as the result of eating a piece of bread on which his mother had put some poison for rats.

"MY HERO!" IS GIRL'S FOND TERM FOR MAN WHO KIDNAPPED HER

Addolorata Merceara Willing to Marry the Energetic Suitor Who Whiskered Her Off the Sidewalk at 10th and Reed Streets.

A spirit of romance mingled with an utter defiance of the law enters into two attempts at kidnaping by Italians, inspired by jealousy or fancied wrongs. Singularly, one of the girls who was spirited away regards her kidnaper as a hero, because, as in the days of chivalry, he rode off with her regardless of punishment.

She is Addolorata Merceara, of 1215 South 11th street. She was whisked off the street while standing in the shadow of Moyamensing Prison, at 10th and Reed streets, by three men, who fled with her to Chester.

But she found that one of the abductors was Santo Fasconi, and, after escaping from the house to which she was brought, has decided to marry the man who helped steal her away. "My hero," she calls him.

The other girl is 19-year-old Alpha Basso of South 10th street. She was walking around Washington Square when the three men attempted to drag her into an automobile. "The girl was on the running board when the police frightened the would-be kidnappers away."

Behind the attempted kidnaping of Miss Merceara is a story of love which began in Italy. There she met Fasconi and later, on coming to this country, they met again. Their love was revived immediately by memories of other days.

But while Fasconi was courting the girl, enemies, aroused by jealousy, tried to spoil their happiness.

They told her that Fasconi had a wife living in Italy. Although he denied the charge, the story is continued and the girl was worried. Finally so much pressure was brought to bear by relatives who heard these tales that the faith of the Italian girl was shaken and she told Fasconi on Saturday that she could not marry him.

Shortly after reaching this decision, she wandered out to the street and somehow in her sorrow, offering a part of the dingy stone walls appealed to her. And so while she was standing there the three apparent strangers happened along in the auto and whisked her off.

She was taken to the home of relatives in Chester and finally escaped to this city. She is in bed today, and said she knew that Fasconi was one of her kidnappers.

"I will marry him as soon as he comes to me," she said, "for he is a brave man. I feel sure that the stories that he has a wife in Italy are all lies."

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F. STEELMAN BAIN, YOUNG SOCIETY MAN, SHOT FROM AMBUSH

Lured by Anonymous Note to Golf Links Near Savannah, Ga., and There Wounded—Doctors Say He Will Recover.

F. Steelman Bain, a young Philadelphian of prominent family, living temporarily in Savannah, Ga., was lured to the outskirts of that city late last night by an anonymous note and shot from ambush.

Employees of a golf club in the suburbs heard the shot and found Mr. Bain after a long search. It was stated at the hospital in Savannah that he would recover.

Mrs. Frederick Bain, of 2213 Pine street, Mr. Bain's mother, received a telegram early this morning signed by him. He said he had had an accident and asked her to come to Savannah at once. She did not know until informed by a reporter that the accident referred to was a shooting. Although nearly prostrated by the news, she will leave for Savannah late this afternoon.

According to Miss Charlotte Bain, the young man's sister, who lives with her mother, the family is at a loss to explain the shooting by any other motive than that of robbery. He was extremely popular at Princeton, where he went to college, and had no enemies as far as any one of the family knew.

The report that he was found on the links of a golf club did not help to solve the mystery. Miss Bain said, as she had no intimation of his being involved in club circles at Savannah.

Mr. Bain is 22 years old and connected with some of the most prominent families in Philadelphia. He is a member of the Mutual Film Corporation. He has two uncles, Mrs. G. Edward Atherton, of 215 South 23d street, and Mrs. Newbold Ething, who lives at the Lincoln Apartments, Locust and Canoe streets.

Mr. Bain was graduated from the De Laney School in 1910 and entered Princeton University the following fall. On the death of his father a few months later he left college and went into the cotton business in the employ of George H. McCadden & Bro.

Since that time he has been connected with various concerns, one of the first in the South. He has been in Savannah for more than a year.

PREDICTS WAR'S END JULY 1

City Statistician Cattell Says Slaughter Will Be Too Terrific.

City Statistician E. J. Cattell in an address before the Ocean City Yacht Club at a luncheon in the St. James Hotel today predicted the end of the war by July 1. "With the advent of warm weather," he said, "the soldiers of the continent will be so exhausted that the rate of 5,000,000 a month. The terrible implements of destruction being used in the contest after all will prove a blessing, making war too deadly to last long."

"Even discounting the terrible loss of life that is going to transpire the next few months, the war would exhaust itself through the frightful cost. The war now is eating up more at the rate of \$2.50 a second."

The toastmaster was J. Clarke Moore, president of the organization.

AMERICAN MAIL STOLEN FROM TRAIN IN ITALY

Two Hundred and Twenty-five Bags Rifled.

ROME, March 19.—A daring train robbery occurred here today, the result of the arrival of a mail train from Naples. Two hundred and twenty-five bags of United States mail, most of which was consigned to Germany, Austria and the Balkan States had been rifled.

The robbers, who have not yet been apprehended, are believed to have obtained a large sum of money.

Alleged Murder Confession

Tony De Fabricis, 32 years old, of 1281 South 8th street, according to the police, confessed today in central station that five years ago he killed a man in Petersburg, Va. The alleged confession was made after St. Fabricio had been held in \$500 bail for a further hearing on the charge of assaulting his wife. The police of Petersburg have been notified.

The Kensingtonian Says: It is rumored that Al Pelley, the retired shoe dealer, will play the show horn in class six band, and that George Wolfer, the baker, will roll the drum, while Dave Mathias, the feather duster manufacturer, will tickle the trombone.

LOST AND FOUND