CESSION BY AUSTRIA

Warships Assembled in Ports Adjacent to Adriatic, But Significance of Demonstration Is Shrouded in Doubt.

Pact Transferring Trentino as Price of Former Ally's Continued Neutrality Already Signed by Francis Joseph. Paris Is Informed.

GENEVA, April &

Italy is preparing for one of the biggest naval demonstrations in the history of the kingdom, according to information received here today from Rome. Despite rumors of an agreement between Austria and Italy, the Italian Admiralty is concontrating a mighty fleet in ports adjacent to Adriatic waters. The warships assembled at Spezia, Gaeta and Maddelena have been ordered to Augusta, Sicily, and Taranto.

The real object of this mighty concentration of Italy's naval strength is not known, as the Admiralty in Rome is milent and the censors refuse to allow press messages containing speculation to pass over the wires.

PARIS, April 8. Private advices have been received here from trustworthy sources to the effect that Italy and Austria have reached an agreement which will satisfy the aspira tions of the Italian people for an enlargement of the rational boundaries and preclude all possibility of armed intervention by Italy on the side of the Allies.

While dispatches from Vienna recently said that Emperor Francis Joseph was absolutely opposed to the cession of any territory as the price of continued neu-trality on the part of Italy, the advices which have come to hand state that the dual monarchy has consented to the cension of the Trentino. It is added that the necessary documents have been drawn up and signed.

This news bears out the reports from Geneva recently that the Trentino, geographically and historically, a part of the Italian peninsula, was to be handed over to Italy, but is to be occupied by Italian troops only at the end of the at war. Austria has interposed this sulation so as to be certain that Italy I maintain her neutrality no matter what future events may change the present situation

has not been learned whether or not the questions of Trieste and Istria also claimed by the Italian "Irredentists. have been settled. The Austrians have contended that the Italian assertions that contended that the Italian assertions that those districts are pro-Italian in senti-ment are unfounded, that there has been such an influx of Slavic blood that the inhabitants of Italian origin are in a

#### SHIPPING NEWS

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#### Official War Reports

GERMAN

Fighting between the Meuse and Moselle continues. All French attacks at the following points in the Woevre Plain have failed: On Combres Heights, near Selouse Forest, north of St. Militel, in Allly Forest, near the forest lying west of Apremont, north of Flirey and west of and in Priest Wald (Le Pretre Forest).

The French losses along their entire front are enormous without their having obtained the slightest success.

A hostile aviator, flying from Parts, was forced to land in our lines and was taken prisoner. He said that nothing was known in Paris about the French losses in the battles that have taken place in the Champagne district. Eastern theatre of war: There are no important operations to report from this sphere. Bad weather and roads make movements almost possible.

#### RUSSIAN

In the Carpathians, despite counter attacks by the enemy, who has obtained reinforcements from the Ger-man and Austrian armies, our offen-sive continues between the River Toplia and the region in the direction

of the Uzzok Pass.
All the summits of the principal chain of the Beskid Mountains to the west of the region of the village of Ustaky Gornia are in our hands and our troops are capturing in succession the southern spurs

On April 5 we took about 2900 prisoners and three guns and several ma-The German attacks in the region of Rosicuka and Rosanka ceased March 27 after eight weeks of continued fruitless attempts to take the Russian positions by assault. The Germans suffered enormous losses.

#### AUSTRIAN

Fighting continues on the Carpath-

ian front.
An additional 930 Russian prisoners were captured on the heights east of the Laboreza Valley. We also took two guns and seven machine guns and much war material, including 5000

In the southern theatre we have bombarded Belgrade (Servia) as a reprisal for the shelling on Tuesday of the open town of Orsova (southeast

#### FRENCH

There have been conflicts of artillery in Belgium, in the valley of the Aisne and to the east of Rheims.

The results obtained between the Meuse and the Moselle and reported yesterday evening are confirmed. The rains of the last few days have greatly softened the soil in the Woevre region and this has rendered the movement of artillery difficult and has also tended to prevent the explo-

sion of projectiles.

Our troops have made good the gains achieved last evening. We have maintained all our new advanced positions spite of counter-attacks, At Eparges, the latest German coun-

ter-attack was notably violent. It was made by a regiment and a half, but was completely repulsed. The Germans suffered enormous losses, the bodies of their troops literally covered the ground. Three hundred men who had for a moment been able to ad-vance beyond the German battle front were moved down by our machine guns, and not a single one of them

escaped.

In the Brules woods we captured a

#### U. S. TAKES CHARGE OF INTERNED EITEL

German Raider Formally Turned Over to Government Custody - Captain Says Duty

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 8. Her raiding days over, the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which has been interned until the end of the war, was formally turned over to the custody of the United States Government today. The work of removing the connecting rods of the engines, so that the vessel could not ateal away to sea, was undertaken at once. The breech blocks of the cruiser's guns are also being removed to render them useless Captain Thierichens, of the cruiser,

spoke regretfully of his inability to put

"I feel that I have done my duty to my country," said he. "I did what I could, but I felt it would be folly to put to sea against overwhelming odds and thus sacrifice the lives of my brave men." During the last few days of the Prinz

Eitel Friedrich's stay here the vigilance of the British warships off the coast was redoubled, and capture of the German ship was regarded as inevitable if she had

put to sea. The Prinz Eitel Friedrich will be kept at the Norfolk Navy Yard. The sailors will live on woard the ship, but the officers will be paroled. Captain Thierichens had hoped for the German cruiser Von Ter Tann to relieve

aim, he said, but the Von Der Tann never put in an appearance and her present whereabouts is unknown.

The Eitel is the fifth German war yessel to be interned in the United States or its Territories since the war began. others are the cruiser Geler, at Honolulu; her tender, the Locksum; the auxiliary

cruiser Cormorant, at Guam, and a collier at San Juan, P. R. The latter was a tender for the cruiser Karlaruhe. Commander Thierichens today surren-dered to Commander McCracken, of the naval tug Patuxent, a man and two boys, all German, who joined the Eitel after its arrival in American waters.

#### FRENCH RAIN SHELLS UPON GERMANS AT ST. MIHIEL

Paris Hears Rumors of Great Developments, But War Office Is Reticent. PARIS, April 8.

French guns are again raining shells at long range upon St. Mihiel, while a great battle is raging north and south of the German salient. Paris is filled with rumors of most important developments, but the War Office today withheld almost all news of the fighting.

"We have maintained all gains be tween the Meuse and the Moselle with some further progress" was the substance of this afternoon's official com-

munique.

Dispatches received here indicate that the most serious efforts against the German wedge are being made east of St. Miniel and northwest of Pont-a-Mousson in the latter region the objective of the French is the railway that forms practically the only effective means of transporting supplies to the Germans holding the important St. Miniel wedge.

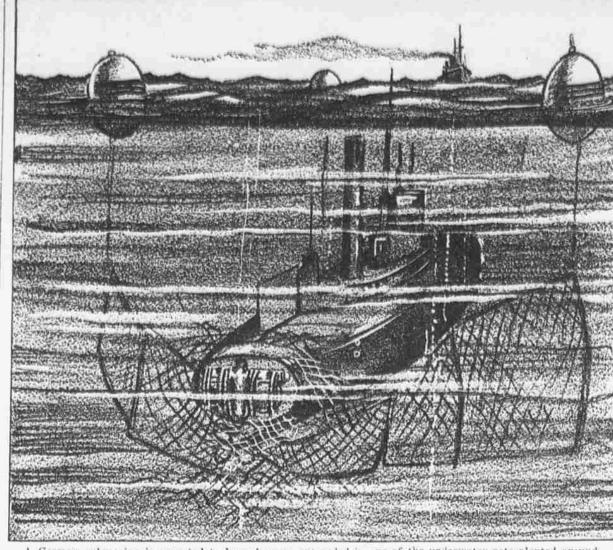
A rainy spell that interfered with operations near the sea coast has passed away. Vicient cannonading all along the line from Bheims to the sea coast was imported in unomials dispatches to Paris in afternoon.

am speaking here not alone of the Turasan defenders of the Dardanelles, but also of those Germans who have so efficiently and bravely co-operated with them."

So far the Sullan had occupied himself entirely with recent developments in the Dardanelles. Changing the subject, he new said:

"I am pleased to see that American journalists had an opportunity to witness the attempts to force the Dardanelles. I value the opinion of neutrals highly, and wish to swaff myself of the opportunity to express the greatest satisfaction that the relations between the United States and Turkey are so cardial."

#### SUBMARINE CAUGHT IN NET SET AS TRAP AT HARBOR



A German submarine is reported to have become entangled in one of the underwater nets planted around the entrance to Dover Harbor. These nets are made of steel somewhat like a gill net for fish and are arranged so as to catch the propeller of a submarine and hold it fast.

#### SUBMARINE NETS TRAPPING GERMAN UNDERSEA CRAFT

Protective and Destructive Device Against Raiders Not Merely Figment of Jules Verne Imagination, Expert Declares-Admiralty Fosters Mystery.

eason of believe that reports of German submarines being caught in anti-submarine nets and either captured or destroved are true. Rumors that the British Admiralty had designed a protective net-ting device for rivers and harbors have been in circulation since the first anoncement of the German submarine ockade. These reports have lately become more persistent, and are now generally accepted in England as true. The most important confirmation of the rumors is the fact that the British Admirally has lately refused to announce any particulars of the destruction of German submarines. The form of the

The Admiralty has reason to believe German submarine —— has been "The English newspapers print these bald statements without giving any details. Considering the immense inter-est taken in England in the destruction of the enemy's submarines, only pressing mirally to withhold particulars of how the German undersea losses are caused. It is unquestionable that these details

among submarine crews a feeling of un-certainty. It does not necessarily follow from this that the mystery and uncer-tainty are being created by anti-submarine nets, but such is the most probable

The method of preparing anti-subma-

Turk Army and Coast Defenses

"I am convinced that the Dardanelles

cannot be forced. The brave conduct of

the Turkish troops in the recent opera-

tions against the straits permits me to

conclude that, although the Allies bend

every effort and use every means at their

disposal, they will be unable to achieve

Thus spoke Mehmed V. Sultan of Tur-

key and First Caliph of the Moslem

world, yesterday in an audience which

he granted the American correspondents

The Sultan throughout the audience

showed and expressed the great confi-

dence in Turkey's ability to withstand

the onslaught of the ailied forces, and

followed with the keenest interest a

description of the operations by the Al-

lies on March 18 against the Dardanelles

The Sultan then asked the correspond-

ent to continue his description of the sink-

ing of the French warship Houvet and

the British Irresistible. That the former

had disappeared within three minutes

brought a look into his kindly gray eyes.

as if he regretted that so many human

beings had perished without a chance

The Sultan then asked if his troops ap-

seared to be happy and contented. The

answer being emphatically in the affirm-

ative, a new smile of satisfaction lit up

"It has been said that it was the factor

of luck that made our victory on March 18 so complete and great," he remarked, "but we, in the Turkish, have a saying,

Luck is infatuated with the efficient."
"It appears very unjust to me that the Allies want to force the Dardanelles and

take Constantinople just to import food-stuffs from Russia. But our army and coast defense force have shown their abil-ity and willingness to do their duty. I

He Believes.

their purpose.

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to fight for life.

his face.

Able to Repulse All Attacks,

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 8.

NEW YORK. April 8.—There is every time nets is not so novel as to be classed eason of believe that reports of German with the production of a Jules Verne imagination. The primary object aimed at is to entangle the propeller and secondarily to hold the submarine fast to the tottom in that helpless condition. A fishmeshes are used against submarines, of Cering more serious obstacles. These steel mesh nets are from 10 to 15 feet square They are used in sets, several being fus ened together at intervals so as to giv maximum degree of pliability, e completed net is then anchored or

the river or habor bottom, with the uppe end buoyed 30 to 40 feet below the surface. The ner has to be this distance under water, not only to escape detection by an enemy submarine, but also to pre-vent surface craft running foul of the ob-struction. When a submarine plunges into the net the latter tends to slide along the bottom of the boat until it meets the ,copeller. Then the action of the screws draws in the meshes and the submarine

is made captive by its own efforts.

If the anchorage of the neiting is not firm the submarine will probably manage to rise to the surface only to float about helplessly. But if the anchors hold the bmarine crew can do no more than relense a distress buoy which moves to the surface in token of surrender. If the buoy is observed divers may succeed in cutting away the anchors, thus permitting the submarine to move to the top. Otherwise the crew must pay the penalty for their dangerous calling

#### ALLIES CANNOT FORCE SEEK RELEASE OF AMERICAN HELD AS SPY BY GERMANS

STRAITS, SAYS SULTAN Parents Enlist Aid of U. S. Embassy in London. LONDON, April 8.

The American Embassy has been asked to aid Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Schauerman, of New York, in procuring the release of their son, 18 years old, who is reported to be held by the Germans as a spy and to be in danger of being executed.

It is stated that the young man was discovered in Brussels with letters indicating that he had transmitted letters from English sources to Belgian officers. The parents say that the letters related olely to family matters and had no military significance. They declare that the boy is being tortured with threats of death in order to force him to give more information about the correspondence

BRING DOWN RAIDING TAUBE

Aviator and Observer Killed After Dash Over Bergues.

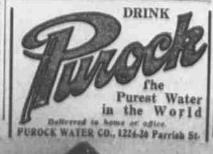
AMSTERDAM, April 8. A German aeroplane which had bom barded Bergues, 10 miles south of Dunkirk, in France, was shot to earth at Steenwoorde, in Belgium, today, and the aviator and observer were both killed.

The aeropiane was on its way to make another serial raid over Dunkirk when it was compelled by French and British high angle guns to turn back. During the aerial bombardment of Bergues a bomb fell upon a hospituř, killing two persons and injuring several others severely.

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#### BRITISH DENY TORPEDOED FALABA CARRIED GUNS

Admiralty Charges Germans Allowed Insufficient Time to Passengers.

The Admiralty today issued an official statement regarding the torpedoing of the liner Falaba, with the loss of 112 lives, to refute the statement issued by the German Embassy at Washington.
The Admirally denied that the Falaba carried any guns. It was stated that the five minutes intervening between the submarine's warning stead and the care

submarine's warning signal and the exsubmarine's warming signal and the ex-plosion of the torpedo was insufficient to permit the passengers and crew to es-cape. Furthermore, it was stated, the submarine's commander shot the torpedo at short range, knowing that great loss of Ife must result.
The statement praised the conduct of

the Falaba's crew and passengers and said there was no delay in getting out

#### SECRET OF WEDDING IS OUT WHEN LICENSE IS MISLAID

Bride's Father Finds "Scrap of Paper," But Soon Forgives. A "scrap of paper" revealed a secret wedding of more than three months'

standing when the bride forgot to replace marriage license in the bureau drawer where she had concealed precious document. Her father found is and the secret was out.

The bride was Miss Eugenia S. Jacobs

The bride was Miss Eugenia S. Jacobs, daughter of Morris W. Jacobs, of 2713 North 24th street, and her husband is Dr. Samuel Hogatin. 25 years old, a dentist, and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1912. He has offices at 622 South 3d street. They have the program of the the Face was a superior of the face was a sup were married January 6 by the Rev.
Adolph Berger, of 1220 North 7th street,
after having obtained a license at Media
through W. E. Griffith, a Justice of the

#### AUSTRIA SEEKS PEACE WITH ALLY'S CONSENT, ROME RUMORS INSIST

Germany Unable to Send More Troops to Aid of Menaced Dual Monarchy Without Weakening Its Own Lines.

ROME, April 8.

Reports that Austria is seeking a separate peace are again in circulation here, notwithstanding the denials of previous umors sent out from Vienna. It is delared that Germany, realizing the hopeessness of averting Italian Intervention inless a settlement is made by the dual nonarchy, has tacitly consented to her illy making a separate peace. This is regarded here as a prelude to the end of

Confidential information has been reeived that the Kalser realizes his inabilto send any more troops into Austria Carpathians, as he needs all his troops to guard his own frontiers. Austria, abandoned by Germany, can make no effective resistance to the Czar's armies and hence is ready to give up the fight and plead for peace, with the object of saving the empire from annihilation. Germany, left alone to fight the allied nations, but not yet defeated, will continue, it is said, to carry on a semblance of resistance, so that if compelled to make peace her honor will be saved. Such an eventuality, although apparently improbable, is not regarded here as by any

while nothing is admitted in official numbers regarding a settlement of the other of the countries bordering on the fatine of the countries bordering on the Adriatic, there is a persistent report that haly and Servia, with the cognizance of the Allies, have reached an agreement whereby Servia will finally gain that "window on the sea" which was her aim in the Balkan wars and which failed of realization because of the opposition of Italy and Austria. This report has it that Italy has stipulated that Servia must not fortify the Adriatic port—Durazzo of Avlona—which is to be conceded to her. Signer Tittoni, the Italian Ambassador at Paris, who has come to Rome for a consultation with the Cabinet, is, it is believed, in charge of the negotiations

Italian Refugees Stranded Here

with Servia and the Allies.

Six Italian women and children on their way from Italy to escape the war which they believed imminent in their native on their way to the home of relatives in the West. The refugees, who are intelligent and genteel in appearance, are at the 10th and Buttonwood streets police station. When found, after leaving a New York train at Spring Garden street by mistake, they had had nothing to eat for 36 hours.

#### FRENCH LOSSES IN WOEVER ENORMOUS, REPORTS BERLIN

Germans Admit Pressure Is Increas. ing, But Assert Attacks Repulsed, BERLIN, April 8.-General Joffres drive against the Germans in the Woove district has resulted in enormous less of district has resulted in enormous less at life without any material gains for the French, it is stated in an official state ment given out by the War Office today. The pressure of the French between the Meuse and Moselle Rivers is increasing and the fighting in that district is espe-

chally violent.

The report asserts that French attacks at Combre Heights, Ailley, Filrey and in the Le Pretie Forest have been repulsed with terrible icases, and that the French assaults did not bring them the slightest

#### CAPTAIN AMPUTATES HAND OF SAILOR AT SEA; SAVES LIFE

Treats Injured Man for Seven Days Till Ship Docks.

Till Ship Docks.

Emmanual Alverzia, who lost both his hands when they were jammed in a tackle on the British bark Elginshire while at sen on April 1, owes his life to the skill of Captain Thomas Dickson, according to the doctors at the University Hospital where the maimed sailor was taken when the ship reached Philadelphia today.

Alverzia, who is a Chilian, was sent aloft to shift some rigging. His left hand was cut off and the right was nearly savered from the arm. Captain Dickson amputated the hand and administered treatment during the seven days before the

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## The Invisible Army

By MELUILLE DAVISSON POST

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## Other Features in this Number

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