

ITALY MASSES FLEET DESPITE REPORTS OF 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 8. Italy is preparing for one of the biggest naval demonstrations in the history of the kingdom, according to information received here today from Rome.

Private advices have been received here from trustworthy sources to the effect that Italy and Austria have reached an agreement which will satisfy the aspirations of the Italian people for an enlargement of the national 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 neutrality on the part of Italy, the advices which have come to hand state that the dual monarchy has consented to the cession of the Trentino. It is added that the necessary documents have been drawn up and signed.

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

SHIPPING NEWS

Table with columns: Name, From, Sailed, Arrives. Includes vessels like Laura, Centur, Kandalak, etc.

PORT OF NEW YORK

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FREIGHTS AND CHARTERS

Freight offers sparingly, but a trifle behind the freight demand. Rates continue high and firm.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS

Mr. Lindvall (Dr.) from Philadelphia, arrived at Philadelphia April 7. Mr. West Point (Dr.) from Philadelphia, at London April 10 to steam April 13.

Official War Reports

GERMAN Fighting between the Meuse and Moselle continues. All French attacks at the following points in the Woerwe Plain have failed.

RUSSIAN In the Carpathians, despite counter attacks by the enemy, who has obtained reinforcements from the German and Austrian armies, our offensive continues between the River Tisza and the region in the direction of the Usok Pass.

AUSTRIAN Fighting continues on the Carpathian front. An additional 820 Russian prisoners were captured on the heights east of the Laborca Valley.

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.

U. S. TAKES CARE OF INTERNED EITEL German Raider Formally Turned Over to Government Custody—Captain Says Duty Was Done.

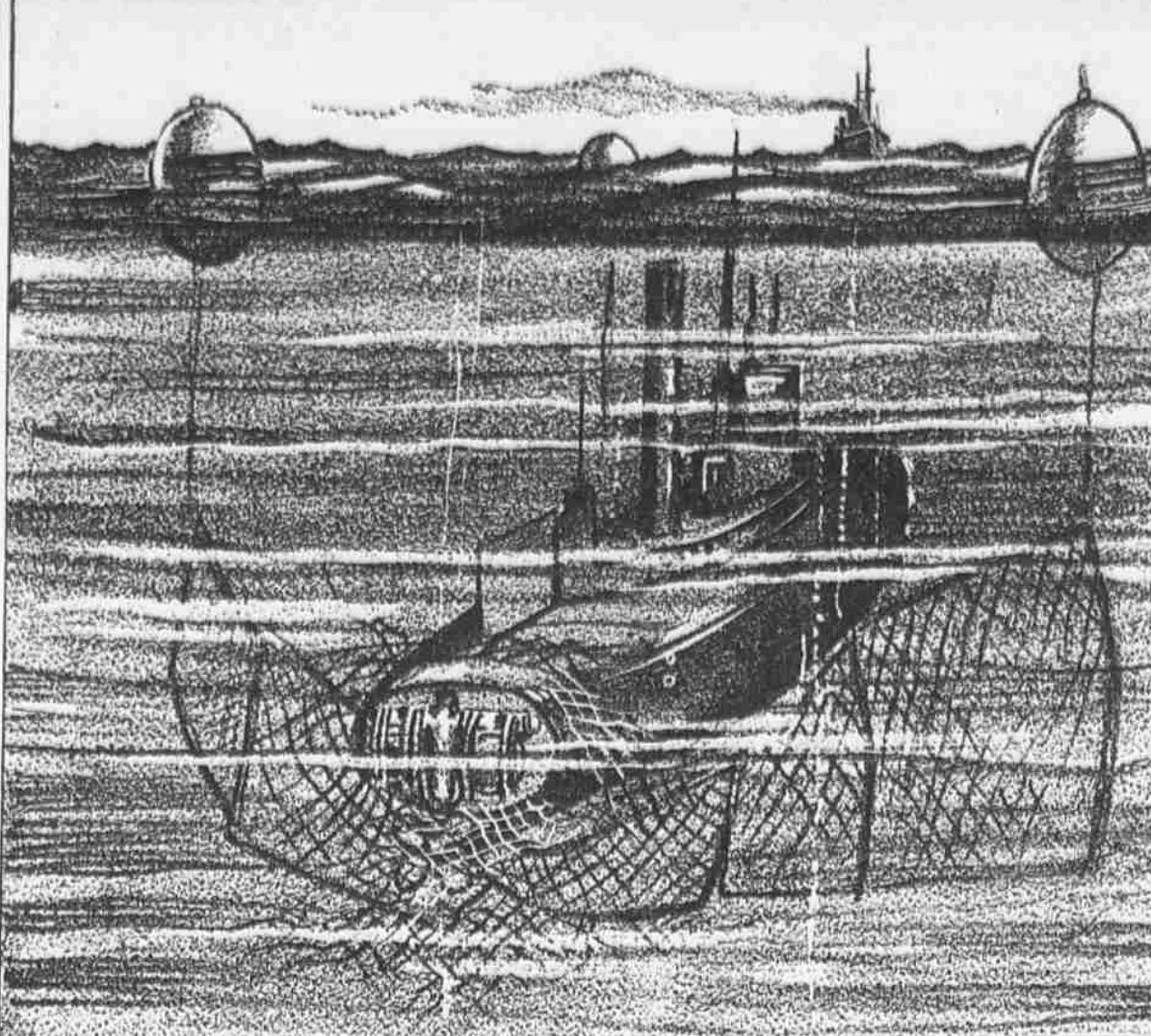
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 8. Her raiding days over, the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which has been interned until the end of the war, was formally turned over to the custody of the United States Government today.

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 ranges upon St. Mihiel, while a great battle is raging north and south of the German salient.

PARIS, April 8. The War Office today withheld almost all news of the fighting.

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.

SUBMARINE NETS TRAPPING GERMAN UNDERSEA CRAFT

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

By J. W. T. MASON

NEW YORK, April 8.—There is every reason to believe that reports of German submarines being caught in anti-submarine nets and either captured or destroyed are true.

ALLIES CANNOT FORCE STRAITS, SAYS SULTAN

Turk Army and Coast Defenses Able to Repulse All Attacks, He Believes.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 8. "I am convinced that the Dardanelles cannot be forced. The brave conduct of the Turkish troops in the recent operations 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 their purpose."

SEEK RELEASE OF AMERICAN HELD AS SPY BY GERMANS

Parents Enlist Aid of U. S. Embassy in London.

LONDON, April 8. The American Embassy has been asked to aid Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Schuerman, 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.

BRING DOWN RAIDING TAUBE

Aviator and Observer Killed After Dash Over Bergues.

AMSTERDAM, April 8. A German aeroplane which had bombed 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.

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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 rumors sent out from Vienna.

Confidential information has been received that the Kaiser realizes his inability to send any more troops into Austria to resist the Russian advance over the Carpathians, as he needs all his troops to guard the empire from annihilation.

BRITISH DENY TORPEDOED FALABA CARRIED GUNS

Admiralty Charges Germans Allowed Insufficient Time to Passengers.

LONDON, April 8. 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.

SECRET OF WEDDING IS OUT WHEN LICENSE IS MILAID

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 the marriage license in the bureau drawer where she had concealed the precious document.

ITALIAN REFUGEES STRANDED HERE

Six Italian women and children on their way from Italy to escape the war which they believed imminent in their native country were stranded in this city today on their way to the home of relatives in the West.

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FRENCH LOSSES IN WOEVRE ENORMOUS, REPORTS BERLIN

Germans Admit Pressure Is Increasing, But Assert Attacks Repulsed. BERLIN, April 8.—General Joffe's drive against the Germans in the Woerwe district has resulted in enormous loss of life without any material gains for the French. It is stated in an official statement given out by the War Office today.

CAPTAIN AMPUTATES HAND OF SAILOR AT SEA; SAVES LIFE

Treats Injured Man for Seven Days Till Ship Docks. Emmanuel Alverstra, who lost both his hands when they were jammed in a tackle on the British bark Elginshire while at sea on April 1, over 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.

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The Invisible Army

GERMANY'S Invisible Army of Spies, peppered by tens of thousands all over England, France and Belgium, had much to do with the swift German drive in the early days of the war.

Other Features in this Number

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