

ITALIAN CARGO SHIP SUNK BY AUSTRIAN FOE

Tension Between Rome and Vienna Greatly Increased by Destroyer's Attack.

Victor Emmanuel Expected to Throw Down Gage of War When Parliament Reassembles on May 12—Will Support Entente.

ROME, April 14. The tension between Austria and Italy, already near the breaking point, was still further strained by the news received today from Milan that the Italian ship Irene has been sunk by an Austrian destroyer in the Adriatic while carrying a cargo of food to the Montenegrins.

Reports that Italy's entrance into the war on the side of the Allies will be announced when Parliament assembles on May 12 were generally credited, but the sinking of the Irene may precipitate the crisis.

The Italian Foreign Office today ordered an investigation of the incident. It determines that the Austrians are unjustified, a demand for reparation and an explanation will be made at Vienna.

The Milan dispatch states that the Irene, a sailing vessel, was attacked and sunk at the mouth of the Boyana River, the navigable outlet of the Lake of Scutari. Her crew was rescued and landed on the Albanian coast.

LONDON, April 14. Dispatches from Rome declare that, as a result of the long conferences between the King and Baron Sonnino, the Foreign Minister, and the secret councils held by the Ministry, persistent rumors are afloat that Italy has at last decided to cast its lot with the Allies and will enter the war next month.

On the other hand, a semi-official statement denies that the question of intervention was discussed. Another rumor is that the Government has decided to accept Prince von Buelow's supposed offer of the "Italian Provinces" now held by Austria.

All army officers have been instructed by an order in the Military Journal to dull the metal on their uniforms and the scabbards of their swords. The Minister of War has announced that all public schools will be used to house troops in the event of mobilization and the Municipal Council has determined in such a contingency to continue the school terms in hired buildings.

From Geneva comes a dispatch saying that Austrian officials still are detaining all freight cars belonging to Italian lines. The tension between Austrian and Italian frontier towns is increasing.

Camden County Orders Bridges. Contracts amounting to \$10,000 for five new bridges in Camden County were awarded today by the Camden County Board of Freeholders.

THE WEATHER FAIR. The season starts today. Now don't break in, you fans, to tell us at the top of your lungs that that is quite sufficient, and we need go no further.

THE EXCUSE SEASON OPENS

Grandmothers Die, Wives Become Ill, Men Quit Work, and—Play Ball! Undertakers are all smiling; they can't help feeling gay.

But that's not half the misery in town today. It was learned that 4376 office boys had pneumonia and the wives of 3416 bookkeepers had typhoid fever.

At least 1578 business men were hurriedly called out of town (after they had gone to the office) to spend last moments with 1578 relatives and friends.

And there were all kinds of accidents at home which prevented men from going to work (and calling them back after they started). Fortunately for employers who are trying to continue business, many of the accidents happened around noon.

To make matters worse about 785 old aunts and uncles from Idaho, Canada and other places started to arrive around lunch hour and thousands of clerks, mechanics and others had to rush home to see them.

It also was learned that the Athletics opened their baseball season here today. Lemberg is menaced by the new German offensive in Galicia.

SLAV BASE AT LEMBERG MENACED AS GERMANS PRESS GALICIA DRIVE

Trans-Carpathian Offensive in Stryj Valley Endangers Both Russian Flanks—Hungary Invasion Halted, Vienna Says.

Germans Rush Reinforcements to Woevre and Strengthen Metz Garrison—French Reform Offensive Lines Against Kaiser's Wedge at St. Mihiel.

Lemberg is menaced by the new German offensive in Galicia. The resumption of activity on a huge scale north of the Carpathians, in the Stryj Valley, not only interrupts the Russian advance upon Hungary through the Usok Pass, but also contains a threat against the Galician capital, which has been a Slav base since the beginning of the war.

CORONER KNIGHT ENTERS THE FIELD FOR THE MAYORALTY

Announcement of His Candidacy Regarded by Politicians as Signal for Bitter Factional Fight in Organization.

Vare Element Friendly, While Penrose and McNichol Are Known to Be Grooming Controller Walton for the Republican Nomination.

Coroner William R. Knight, Jr., of the 4th ward, today announced his candidacy for the Republican Mayoralty nomination.

BASEBALL FANS HAIL OPENER AT ATHLETICS' PARK

Merry Throngs at Shibe Park as Mack's Faithfuls Clash With Red Sox.

War Is Forgotten, Cold Is Unheeded as Cushion Boys Formally Launch 1915 Season—Mackmen Appear All "Dolled Up" in New Togs.

Trot out the ancient funeral, brush up the old excuse, The boss is so excited that he's probably obtuse, Pull ought that may occur to you, he's certain sure to fall, And if you can't invent a tale, yell in his ear "Play Ball."

BULLETINS

GETS \$1000 FOR BEING THROWN OFF TRAIN MORRISTOWN, N. J., April 14.—The jury in the suit of Charles Scherzer, of this town, today returned a verdict against the Lackawanna Railroad for \$1000 damages in Scherzer's favor.

GERMANTOWN POLICE OFFICIAL DIES William Mathers, since 1908 connected with the Germantown police station, Haynes street above Germantown avenue, died today at his home, 188 East Evergreen avenue, after a year's illness.

GERMAN ADMIRALTY DENIES NORTH SEA BATTLE COPENHAGEN, April 14.—The German Admiralty has officially denied reports that the German fleet has been engaged with British warships in the North Sea.

MARTIAL LAW IMMINENT IN VIENNA LONDON, April 14.—The situation in Vienna is growing worse daily, Rome correspondents wired today. A proclamation of martial law is imminent.

KROONLAND'S CREW DETAINED AS CONTRACT LABORERS NEW YORK, April 14.—Seventy-seven members of the crew of the Red Star liner Kroonland were detained at Ellis Island today.

\$500,000 FIRE IN REFINING PLANT FOUGHKEEPSLE, N. Y., April 14.—Fire of mysterious origin today destroyed the Gulf Refining Company's plant, with a loss of \$500,000.

GIRL SAYS MAN CHANGED MIND DAY BEFORE WEDDING A postal card calling off the wedding the day before it was to take place is the cause for a breach of promise suit begun today by Miss Fannie Knoloff.

EIGHT NEW CASES OF SMALLPOX AT MILLVILLE MILLVILLE, N. J., April 14.—Eight new cases of smallpox developed here over night. The patients are now under strict quarantine.

186,300 CHICAGO UNIONISTS LOCKED OUT CHICAGO, April 14.—With the lockout against the 1500 union sheet metal workers of Chicago complete today, the army of union workers, against whom similar action has been taken by the builders and employers in the Windy City's labor war, totaled 186,300.

WOMAN GETS \$600 FOR INVOLUNTARY BATH PETROGRAD, April 14.—Mrs. Jennie Chalmers has been awarded \$600 for an involuntary bath alleged to have been received when Leon Repple accidentally started his father's automobile and bumped Mrs. Chalmers off a pier into chilly water.

VODKA STILL EXPLODES; SLAV MOONSHINERS KILLED PETROGRAD, April 14.—Fifteen men were killed Tuesday by an explosion in an illicit vodka factory at Volkovisk. Fire followed the explosion and destroyed the building.

DESOPDENT GIRL TWICE ATTEMPTS SUICIDE A short time subsequent to her discharge from St. Joseph's Hospital after attempting suicide, Orvetta Edmunds, 21 years old, tried to kill herself again today.

WOMEN WOUNDED WHEN AUSTRIANS SHELL BELGRADE NISH, Servia, April 14.—In violation of a recent agreement, an Austrian gunboat shelled Belgrade, wounding two women and damaging a house, according to dispatches received here today.

500,000 SLAVS KILLED IN CARPATHIAN CAMPAIGN BERLIN, April 14.—Russian losses in the fighting for the Carpathian Passes since the beginning of the war total at least 500,000, according to a semi-official statement given out here today.

WOUNDED NAVAL OFFICER SMOKES AS HE DIES MALTA, April 14.—Lieutenant Commander Rudolf H. C. Verner, of the British battle cruiser Indefatigable, was killed in the battle at the Dardanelles on March 18.

AMERICAN LEAGUE PENNANT WHICH THE ATHLETICS WON IN 1914



The crowds at Shibe Park this afternoon thronged the bleachers as of old. They remembered that the Athletics won the American League pennant last year and were on hand to see the unfurling of the banner and to witness the ceremonies attending the opening of the 1915 season.

VARE BILL FOR TRANSIT LOAN IS REPORTED OUT

Proposed Amendment to Constitution Would Increase City's Borrowing Capacity.

SENATOR VARE SAYS RESOLUTION WILL PASS

State Senator Vare said today: "Every one is in favor of this resolution, and it will be passed by the Legislature without any trouble."

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] HARRISBURG, April 14.—The first step was taken by the Legislature today to enable Philadelphia to construct subways and elevated lines under the Taylor plan.

Senator Vare reported from the Senate Committee on Municipal Affairs the resolution proposing an amendment to the State Constitution permitting the city of Philadelphia to increase its borrowing capacity from 7 to 10 per cent.

The amendment already has passed at one session of the Legislature, and now is scheduled to be rushed through both branches. Opposition to the amendment will not be offered in the Legislature, according to the program agreed to by the Republican Organization leaders.

The proposed amendment, if it is passed by the present Legislature, will be submitted to the voters of the State for their ratification next November. The measure will be on first reading tomorrow and should reach the House next week.

The Berntheizel resolution, which would limit the loans under the increase to \$5,000,000 a year and make them available for port improvements only, will never get out of committee.

Two Auto Hits Two Little Children Two four-year-old children, struck by an automobile as they were playing on a street near Thompson this afternoon, were so seriously injured that they were taken to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital.

Boy, Angry, Kills Mother PITTSBURGH, Ky., April 14.—Mrs. Mack Thomas was shot to death today by her 12-year-old son because she forbade him to take his playthings out of doors.

TURKISH TROOPS INVADE PERSIAN SOIL IN FORCE

Defenders Fall Back as Ottomans Occupy Kasrshirin.

TEHERAN, April 14.—Turkish troops are invading Persia in force. They have occupied Kasrshirin, surrounding the Government house there and advancing toward Kirmanshah.

Small detachments of Persians opposing them are falling back toward Hamadan.

PHILS OPEN BRAVES' 1915 SEASON AT HUB

Boston Fans Throng Fenway Park—Whitted and Duguey Greeted With Cheers.

FENWAY PARK, BOSTON, Mass., April 14.—With Pat Moran's peppery Philles furnishing the opposition, the world's champion Braves cried the lid off another championship season here this afternoon in the presence of a crowd that ran well into the five figures in point of numbers and which was, quite needless to say, equally enthusiastic.

Every Boston fan fondly imagines that not only are the Braves to repeat in the National League, but that the Red Sox will finish out in front of the Athletics, et al. in the American, thus making the world's series of 1915, six months hence, a distinctly Bostonese affair.

It was very evident, however, during the preliminary warming up practice that the Braves were not to have anything akin to a walk-over in their opening encounter. These Philles in their batting practice, but more particularly when in the field, showed far more life, vim, zest, ambition, etc., than any Philadelphia National League club that has struck Boston for many a day.

None noticed the difference more than did Sherwood Mace, who made his first big league appearance wearing other than Quaker toggery this afternoon.

"Gee," declared the mighty home-run swatman for so many years of Philadelphia's sustenance, as he held a sideline chat with his old associate, Pat Moran, before the game, "you have certainly been shaking the old pepper box into that crowd of yours down South, haven't you, Pat?"

But Pat only smiled and replied: "We'll show you more than this before the afternoon is over."

These Philles are prime Boston favorites for more reasons than one. In the first place, Moran, himself, upon whose shoulders now rest for the first time managerial responsibilities, has a host of other reasons.

THE KENNINGTONIAN SAYS: Ruben Reynolds wishes the girls to remember that his name is Ruben.

LOST AND FOUND LOST—Monday night, Academy of Music or so. Address O. B. L. Ledger Office. LOST—Strayed or stolen—Sunday, April 12, bridge No. 10, about 11:30 a. m. LOST—Small gold box, initials F. E. T., at 1008 Spruce, 11th and Locust st. Other classified ads on Pages 12 and 13.

PRESBYTERIANS IN REVOLT OVER PASTOR'S "POLITICS"

"Trouble" Expected Tonight When West Park Church Members Hold Annual Meeting and Election.

"Diplomatic political methods" and "taxation without representation" were among the unusual phrases of criticism voiced today by members of the West Park Presbyterian Church in regard to their pastor, the Rev. Charles Grant Hopper.

Hopper, who has ruled the congregation "with iron hand," as the disconcerted but firm pastor replied.

The so-called trouble in the church doesn't amount to anything, I don't believe the members working against me could muster 25 votes out of the 60 in the congregation.

This question of "votes" refers to the annual meeting and election of the congregation which is to be held tonight at the church, 514 street and Lansdowne avenue. It is declared by his opponents that Mr. Hopper has a "slate" which he is expecting to "rush through" with steam-roller methods.

It is even suggested by the opposition that some one is preparing to get up at the meeting tonight and read a regular "bill of rights," bristling with "whereases" and "now, therefore," and "resolveds," setting forth the actions of the pastor, of allegedly dictatorial nature, and requesting his resignation.

While the present opposition to the pastor is said to have been due to Mr. Hopper's refusal to permit W. S. Latta to be returned as teacher of a Bible class for men and women after he had removed from the neighborhood and had transferred his church membership to the Overbrook Presbyterian Church, and to the pastor's organization of a Bible class for men of which he is himself the teacher, his opponents assert that the foundation of the opposition is deeper than that.

They insist that Mr. Hopper "has diplomatically" conducted the affairs of the church.

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