

AUSTRIAN FLEET AND AIRMEN SHELL ITALIAN COAST TOWNS

Airships Drop Shells on Venice—Torpedo Boats Fire on Ancona In Attempt to Destroy Railway Line. Italy's Troops Force Foe to Withdraw at Frontier.

Germany Serves Formal Notice of Hostilities on Rome—Prussian Soldiers Rushed to Reinforce Tyrol Lines—Italians Seize \$20,000,000 Worth of Teuton Ships in Harbors—Rumania to Enter Conflict.

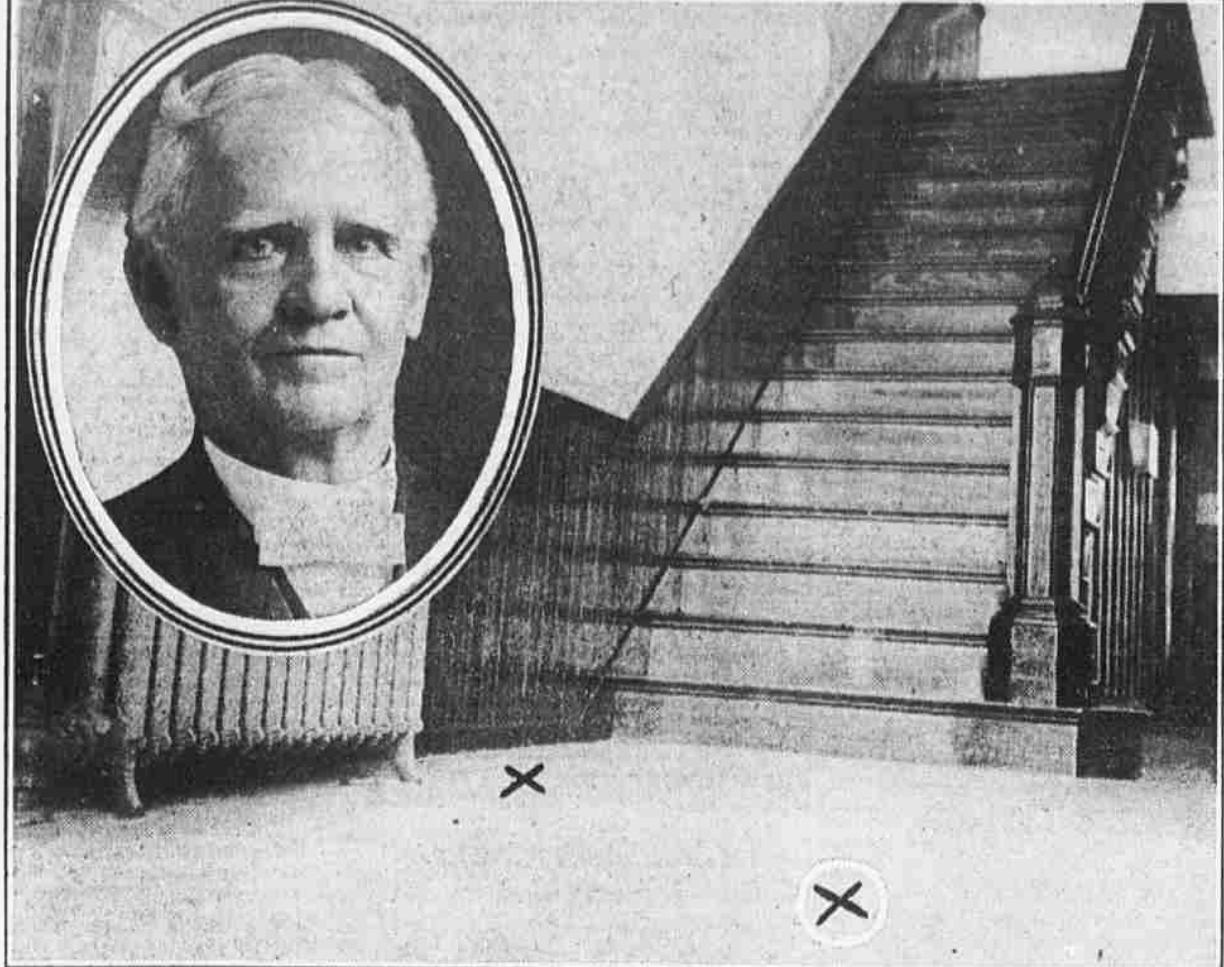
Austria today delivered the first real blow in her war with Italy, when her aviators and torpedo-boat flotilla bombarded Venice, Ancona, Port Corfui, Barletta and Gasi, all on the east coast of Italy. No serious damage was done, but several bombs fell near the military and naval storehouses at Venice.

ROME, May 24. Austria's naval and air forces have struck the first blow in the Austro-Italian war. Official announcement this afternoon detailed a bombardment by an Austrian fleet of Ancona and several Adriatic coast towns.

THE WEATHER

CLOUDY. The weather is cloudy with occasional showers. Wind from the west, light to moderate. Temperature in the shade, 65 to 75 degrees.

MINISTER FELLED BY THUG IN CHURCH VESTIBULE



An unidentified man, cornering the Rev. Dr. David Spencer, pastor of the Lehigh Avenue Baptist Church, in a dark hallway in the church, knocked him unconscious. The clergyman stood at the place marked X and his assailant at the spot marked with a circle. The stranger stood with his face in shadow, the only light in the room coming from a dim gas lamp across the street.

PACKERS AND COTTON MEN UNITE IN PROTEST AGAINST BRITISH ORDER

American Industries Gravely Affected by Decree of Council Promulgated to Starve Out Germany.

WASHINGTON, May 24. President Wilson will be asked to take steps to secure the British order in council's suspension so far as it affects American exports to neutral countries contiguous to Germany.

ASQUITH FINDS DIFFICULTY IN REORGANIZING CABINET

Churchill Resignation Reported. Fisher Demands Absolute Power.

KILLED IN SALOON BRAWL

Youth of 20 Held for Causing Death of Man Twice His Age. A youth charged with manslaughter, growing out of the death of John Hanlan, 40 years old, during a saloon brawl Saturday night, was held by Magistrate Carson at the Central Police Court today to await the further action of the coroner.

PRESIDENT POINTS WAY TO CLOSER RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA

Welcomes Delegates to Financial Congress With Statement That Commercial Rivalry Does Not Involve Aggression.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—With the expressed hope that the Americas may point the way to permanent world peace by showing a commercial rivalry that does not involve aggression, President Wilson welcomed the delegates to the Pan-American Financial Congress here today.

ARRESTED AS HE QUITS PRISON

Fifteen seconds after he was released from the County Prison at Holmesburg this morning, Edward Clark, alias "Am-brose," was again under arrest.

AEROPLANI E NAVI AUSTRIACHE BOMBARDANO LA COSTA D'ITALIA

La citta italiana hanno cominciato oggi a sentire i primi effetti della guerra, quando alcuni aeroplani austriaci hanno lasciato cadere bombe su Venezia, Porto Corfui, Ancona e Barletta. Si ignora ancora quali danni abbiano prodotto gli aerei austriaci.

GIRL WEEPS IN CELL, STILL LOVING YOUTH SHE SHOT TO DEATH

Tells How Dread of Questions Her Unborn Child Would Ask Drove Her to Shoot Down Her Scornful Lover.

Ida Riehl, the 17-year-old girl that shot and killed Edmond C. Hauptfuhrer when he answered her frantic demands for marriage by sneering at her and telling her he was engaged to another girl, sobbed out her tragic story today.

AGED MINISTER BEATEN AND LEFT UNCONSCIOUS BY THUG IN HIS CHURCH

Dr. David Spencer Narrowly Escaped Death by Assailant Believed Hired By Enemies—Told to Resign, Then Struck.

U. OF P. INSTRUCTOR PROMOTED

Dr. Howard B. Lewis, an instructor in physiological chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, has been appointed to an associate professorship by the trustees of the University of Illinois. Doctor Lewis is only 23 years old. He will leave for his new position in the fall.

QUICK NEWS

NEW JAPANESE DEMANDS ON CHINA

TOKIO, May 24.—Political opponents of the Government are clamoring for more concessions from China. They will carry the fight into the Diet and will try to force the Cabinet to reopen the question. Among the concessions demanded from China by this faction are: Employment by China of Japanese to act as financial, political and military advisors; right of Japanese to own lands in China; China shall be forced to buy its munitions from Japan; Japan shall have right to build railways and work mines in China; Japanese shall have right to propagate Buddhism in China.

GERMANS FAIL TO PASS DUBISSA

PETROGRAD, May 24.—In the Russian province of Kovno the Germans are making new efforts to cross the Dubissa, but each attempt has been beaten back.

ANGLO-FRENCH TAKE MORA GALLIPOLI DEFENSES

ATHENS, May 24.—The Anglo-French allies have captured more fortified positions of the Turks on the Gallipoli peninsula, and futile attempts of the Turks to recapture them resulted in heavy losses for the Ottoman forces, according to official dispatches from Vice Admiral Michael de Koberk, commander of the British fleet at the Dardanelles.

PHILLIES-CINCINNATI GAME CALLED OFF

The Phillies will have another day of rest today as a result of postponing this afternoon's match, the final fray of the present series with the Cincinnati Reds. Shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon Manager Pat Moran looked the field over, and although it was not raining, he decided that the grounds were entirely too wet and the day too raw to stage the contest.

RUSSIAN BATTLESHIP SUNK IN BLACK SEA: 1400 LOST

BERLIN, May 24.—The Russian man-of-war Pantelimon was sunk in the Black Sea, with a loss of 1400 lives, according to dispatches received here today from Bucharest. The Pantelimon was a battleship of 12,480 tons. Her complement was 731 men. The additional number on board may have been soldiers.

SUBMARINE SINKS BRITISH SHIP: ANOTHER ESCAPES

NEW CASTLE, England, May 24.—The mail steamship Iris reported today that it was unsuccessfully attacked by a German submarine on Saturday a hundred miles off the mouth of the Tyne. The steamship escaped from the submarine and later rescued 50 men of the steamship Minerva, which the submarine had torpedoed.

VICTIM OF MOTORCAR ACCIDENT DIES

Henry Blanchard, 59 years old, 3331 North Sydenham street, died in the Samaritan Hospital as the result of being struck by a motorcar at Broad street and Allegheny avenue early today. The machine, a large touring car, which was speeding, did not stop after it struck the man. The police have no clue to the identity of the occupants. A patrol of the 4th street and Lehigh avenue police station took the injured man to the hospital.

CARUSO AND PUCCINI TURN OVER VILLAS TO RED CROSS

ROME, May 24.—Enrico Caruso today notified the Italian Red Cross that his villa, Alla Pianche, near Florence, is at its disposal for the period of the war. A similar message came from Giacomo Puccini, the composer, who has a magnificent villa near Milan.

PUGILIST TRIES FIVE TIMES TO FIRE A SHIP

NEW YORK, May 24.—James Barrie, a local pugilist, was arrested today when the liner New York docked and was taken to Ellis Island for observation as to his sanity. Officers of the liner reported that he tried five times to set fire to the ship while it was proceeding to America from England.

F-4 NOW ONLY 108 FEET BELOW SURFACE

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Admiral Moore notified the Navy Department from Honolulu today that submarine F-4 had been raised to within 108 feet of the surface and could be seen through water glasses. "Seems intact," said the message. It was added that the work probably would be completed Thursday.

TWINS, THREE DAYS OLD, GIVEN TEA AND DIE

Hot tea given 3-day-old twins is said to have caused their death when they were seized with acute indigestion. They were Eva and Mary Wienotke, 1904 South 8th street, Camden.

ZEPPELIN FLEET SENT TO ITALIAN FRONTIER

GENEVA, May 24.—A German air fleet, made up of Zeppelins of the latest type and a large number of Taubes, has joined a large body of German troops concentrated in the Adige Valley, near the Italian frontier. The Germans, according to advices received here today, are equipped with heavy artillery for the bombardment of Italian forts guarding the Tyrolean passes.

STRANGE MAN SHOTS WOMAN DEAD AND WOUNDS GIRL

PITTSBURGH, May 24.—Mrs. Angelo Ponzio was shot and instantly killed and her daughter, Angela, 19, fatally shot here today by an unidentified man, who escaped. No motive is known for the murder.

PINNED UNDER AUTO AND FATALLY BURNED

The victim of a fatal automobile accident, Harry Welsh, 33 years old, of 620 South 21st street, died today in Cooper Hospital, Camden. He was one of the five Philadelphians in an automobile which turned turtle at Berlin, Camden County, Tuesday, and was pinned under the blazing machine. He inhaled the flames. Joseph Kelly, 34 years old, of 2242 Wood street, a member of the party, is still in the hospital, but is expected to recover. The others escaped with minor injuries.

BOY'S SKULL FRACTURED ON A "DARE"

Joseph, Patrick, 7 years old, 1228 South Hancock street, is in a serious condition at the Mount Sinai Hospital today, suffering from a fractured skull received as the result of a dare. The boy was playing at Front and Federal streets with Thomas Spratt, 14 years old, yesterday and dared the latter to hit him with a stone thrown from a certain distance. Spratt tried and hit Patrick near the temple. Spratt is being held by the police to await the outcome of the boy's injuries.

SWEDISH STEAMSHIP SUNK BY MINE IN NORTH SEA

STOCKHOLM, May 24.—The Swedish steamship Hermodia was mined and sunk in the North Sea Sunday. Her crew of 22 took to the boats and were apparently saved in cable transmission.