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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 aviators and torpedoboat flotilla bombarded Venice, Ancona, Port ni, Barletta and Gesi, all on the east coast of Italy. No serious damage gas done, but several bombs fell near the military and naval storehouses at

An Austrian fleet of torpedoboats appeared off Ancona and bombarded it long range. Shells were also dropped on other towns, but no damage was orted in the official statement.

Along the Trentino border the Austrians have fallen back behind their ses of intrenchments and are waiting for the Italians to assume the offensive. Germany also officially entered the conflict with a declaration that a state war exists with Italy. There have already been clashes between border rds, but officially the war commenced today.

Italy's first official blow was to seize German and Austrian ships, valued if more than \$20,000,000, which lay in her harbors. The Austrian Ambassafor and the Consul General quit Rome today, and the German Ambassador will leave within a few hours. The Turkish envoy is still in Rome.

A formal declaration of war by Turkey is expected today, and the Italian Imbassador at Constantinople is reported to have already quit his post. Rusenia is certain to cast in her lot with Italy, while Greece and Bulgaria may decide to enter the conflict against the Teutonic nations,

Austrian troops have torn up the railways at the prontier and blown up he bridges. Prussian and Bavarian troops have reinforced the Austrians slong the Tyrol border, and at several points there have been outpost actions.

many.

PACKERS AND COTTON

WASHINGTON, May 24.

President Wilson will be asked to take teps to secure the British order in coun-

contiguous to Germany. The country's great packing industries are effecting a

ombination with the Southern cotton

interests. The aim is to secure concerted action, thus impressing the Administra-

tion with an idea of the damage that is

being done to American trade by the attempt of England and her allies to

starve Germany out. Threat is made to

cut off England's importation of meat from the United States.

In order to do so, it is complained that

England has virtually stopped American shipments to the neutral Scandinavian countries, nearly every vessel carrying

either meat products or cotton to Scandi-navia or Holland having been held up on the high seas by British or French war-

ships and taken into port. The owners of vessels and cargoes have been com-pelled to fight for their rights in the

British prize courts, and there have been

delays that have caused them serious

financial loss.

President Wilson is to be asked to de-

mand, in the name of the United States, that this be stopped. Representatives of

the big packing houses are here or on

their way to appeal to him and confer

Fisher Demands Absolute Power,

Staggering difficulties are besetting

Premier Asquith in his efforts to reor-

ganize the Government and constitute a

ASQUITH FINDS DIFFICULTY

Churchill

Cabinet

Office.

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IN REORGANIZING CABINET

Resignation Reported.

LONDON, May 24.

Austria's naval and air forces have struck the first blow in the Austrolialian war. Official announcement this affernoon detailed a bombardment by an amirian fleet of Ancona and several advalle coast towns. About the same lar Austrian aviators bombarded the lalian arsenal at Venice and the aero-jaze hangars at Jesi,

Detroyers and torpedoboats particited in the naval raid on the coast

men. The warships attempted to de-groy the railway from Ancona to Porte Canal, but official reports said this afteron that only slight damage was done The bembardment began at 4 a. m. and musted for two hours. The warships then passed south, hurling shells at other

meagre details had been received here this afternoon. It was reported sev-smal bombs were hurled at the outer firs guarding Venice from the sea and dat bombs fell in the lagoon. The en-say airmen are reported to have been

The Austrians are everywhere falling Concluded on Page Two, Column Five

THE WEATHER



is listy has cast the die and crossed the Rubicon of war. Emperor Franz bewails the "crime,"

nough's enough without some more Tannual conclave thousands strong
The Templar Knights bring brilliant

days.

Li hundred trips within a year,
the Public Service ruling says.

be Pennstudes vent their wrath tonight
sourning profs in efficy.
schi for rarest pleasure built
comes the stage for tragedy.

and more, and more, and more Is If find upon these newsy pages. I what's the odds? The weather's punk, Bithin our heart resentment rages.

FORECAST

Philadelphia and vicinitywere and probably thunderstorms afternoon or tonight; Tuesday urally fair; moderate temperagentle, variable winds. Far details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia

ganize the Government and constitute a national Cabinet. Baron Fisher of Kilverstone, first sea lord of the Admiralty, has refused to serve unless given absolute power. Although official confirmation is still lacking, it is generally known now that Winston Churchill has resigned as first lord of the Admiralty. The Evening Standard states that Mr. Churchill is preparing to go to the front. He will probably join the Oxfordshire Yeomen, in which he holds a commission.

The Times predicts that Lord Curzon of Kedleston, former Viceroy of India, and Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster leader, will both have places in the new Cabinet. Almanac of the Day that he erred in sending the wrong kind of artillery ammunition to the front and that facts which the public should know The Tides PORT RICHMOND. CHESTNUT STREET WHARF.

REEDY ISLAND.

BREAKWATER

On the Pacific Coast

Lumps to Be Lighted

we seed atther webledes.

Pancaco ... Weather, cloudy Temp. 55

KILLED IN SALOON BRAWL

The Daily Mail has replied to its critics

being kept secret by the War

by delivering another attack against Lord Kitchener, Secretary of War, declaring

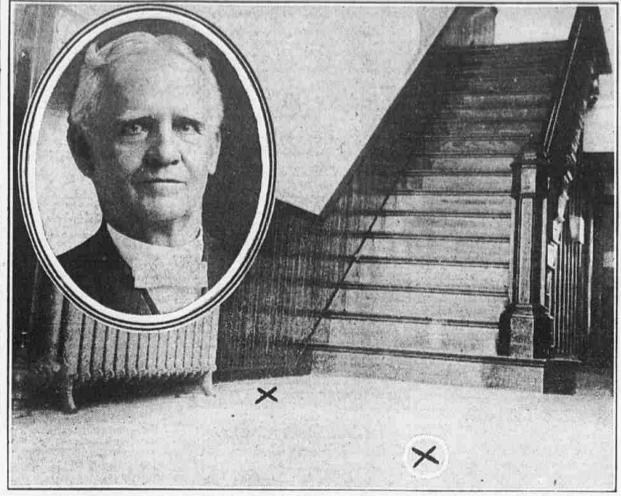
Youth of 20 Held for Causing Death of Man Twice His Age.

of Man Twice His Age.

A youth charged with mansiaughter, growing out of the death of John Hanlan, 80 years old, during a saloon braw! Saturday night, was held by Magistrate Carson at the Central Police Court today to await the further action of the Coroner. Harry Sulser, 20 years old, 1415 Stiles street, is the man accised of killing the man twice his age. According to the police, the two became engaged in an argument about the respective marits of the Philadelphia ball teams.

ctructural Lumber & Timber, immediate de-liverice, Henson, Pupier St. Wharves - 48v. | Ogras di terra operanti contro l'Austria

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.

PRESIDENT POINTS WAY GIRL WEEPS IN CELL, MEN UNITE IN PROTEST TO CLOSER RELATIONS AGAINST BRITISH ORDER WITH LATIN AMERICA

American Industries Welcomes Delegates to Tells How Dread of Ques-Gravely Affected by De-Financial Congress With cree of Council Promul-Statement That Commergated to Starve Out Gercial Rivalry Does Not Involve Aggression.

WASHINGTON, May 24-With the excil's suspension so far as it affects point the way to permanent world peace. American exports to neutral countries by showing a commercial rivalry that by showing a commercial rivalry that Wilson welcomed the delegates to the Pan-American Financial Congress here today.

> Probably the most significant utterance of the Presidential address was this: "One of the main things in our way is the physical lack of means of com-munication, the lack of vehicles, the lack of ships and established routes of trade.
> "I am perfectly clear in my own judg-

> ment that if private capital cannot enter soon upon the venture of establishing these means of communication, the Gov-ernment must undertake to do so." These words were received with a burst of applause from the delegates and from Cabinet members on the platform with the

speaker

plani nemici.

MAY BE PERMANENT PEACE. "It is a source of mortification to me," said the Chief Executive also, "that a conference like this was so long delayed; that it required a crisis of the world to show the Americans that they are truly neighbors. If there is any happy cir-cumstances arising out of the present distressing events of the world it is that they have revealed to us what we are to

"I cannot help harboring the hope, the Concluded on Page Two, Column Six

Arrested as He Quits Prison

Fifteen seconds after he was released from the County Prison at Holmesburg this morning. Edward Clark, alias "Ambrose," was again under arrest. Clarke finished a three-month sentence for shop-lifting at 8 o'clock this morning. As he stepped from the prison he was arrested on a warrant sworn out in Kansas City. Mo. He is charged with larceny and bail defaulting. Clark will be taken West to

AEROPLANI E NAVI AUSTRIACHE

BOMBARDANO LA COSTA D'ITALIA

Anche la Germania Ha Dichiarato lo Stato di Guerra Con l'Italia.

Si Attende a Roma Una Simile Dichiarazione

dal Governo Ottomano.

quando alcuni aeropiani austriaci hanno lasciato cadere hombe su Venezia. Porto Corsini. Ancora e Baristta. Bi ignora ancora quali danni abbiano prodotto gli asro-

bardato parecchie citta italiane dell'Adriatico mentre gli aviatori fiombardavano

Le citta italiane hanno cominciato oggi a sentire i primi effetti della guerra,

Un comunicato ufficiale pubblicato oggi dice che la flotta austriaca ha bom-

A Roma si attende da un momento all'altro che comincino le ostilita sul confine

Il Ministero della Guerra mantiene la piu atretta censura sulle comunicazioni

A Homa ai dice che re Vittorio Emmanuele, seguendo l'esempio del re del

tra l'Italia e l'Austria, essendo le due nazioni ormai ufficialmente in guerra. Anche

la Germania e l'Italia sono in guerra, in seguito a dichiarazione ufficiale fatta in

telegrafiche e postali, coulcche non e atato possibile avere la conferma di una notizia

secondo cul al era gia avuto uno scontro tra un reparto di truppe austriache ed

Belgio a di suo nonno. Vittorio Emmanuele II, assumora il comando in capo delle

Herlino. Si attende ora la dichiarazione di guerra della Turchia.

uno di Alpini italiani e che i primi erano stati respinti.

STILL LOVING YOUTH SHE SHOT TO DEATH

tions Her Unborn Child Would Ask Drove Her to Shoot Down Her Scornful Lover.

Ida Riehl, the 17-year-old girl that shot he answered her frantic demands for to kill him or to terrorize him into remarriage by sneering at her and telling signing the pastorate of the Lehigh Avedoes not involve aggression. President her he was engaged to another girl. nut Baptist Church, attacked the 76sobbed out her tragic story today. "I couldn't bear to bring my baby into

the world without a name or without a father. I wouldn't have known what to tell it when it got old enough to ask me questions. I was almost crazy with wendering what I could do to make Ed-nond marry me. I had done wrong, I knew, but I trusted him and it doesn't em possible that I could have shot him.

because I love him so still."
The wide, gray, trusting eyes of Ida Richl filled with tears. Her voice quavered and the storm that she has been trying so hard to hold back could not be stayed. Her whole form shook with the suppressed sobs.

They had just brought her out of the

cell in City Hall, where she will be kept until the Coroner's inquest Friday morn-ing, and the officials that have her in charge made no effort to keep the sym-pathy from their usually impassive faces. The case of Ida Richl is one to arouse the sympathy of the most callous. Looking at her, it would be impossible to think of her as a bad girl. She isn't of the type. Her face, with the soft dark hair framing its clear, high brow, has a Madonna-like purity that speaks for it-self. She "loved not wisely, but too

"He said it wouldn't matter," the girl went on, clasping her hands nervously again and again. "He said he loved me He would never love any one dearly. dearly. He would never love any one else as long as he lived and as soon as we could get things fixed up he would marry me. I believed him, of course. Why shouldn't I? It's perfectly natural to believe the man you love. If you didn't believe him you wouldn't marry him or love him either."

The girl's plight is rendered more pathetic because she has no near and dear woman relative to whom she can go in her greatest hour of need. Her mother is dead. She has never had a slater. Her

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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.

A thug, believed to have been hired by year-old clergyman in a dark vestibule of the church and left him unconscious on the floor.

Half an hour later Doctor Spencer was found by the church janitor. The blow which felled him narrowly missed striking over the heart. The police have no clue to the thug's identity.

Today, in an interview with an EVEN ING LEDGER representative, the minister told for the first time how he was lured into a dark hall and cursed and slugged by the thug. The attack was made Thursday night, April 22. It has been kept secret in the hope of being able to find some trace of the assailant. Two weeks ago, when he reported the crime to Lieutenant Boyer, of the Park and Lehigh avenues police station, Doctor Spencer asked that no public record be made. The lieutenant assigned a man to the case, but the affair is still buried

GUARD ATTENDS MINISTER. The attack has left the aged minister shaken in health and so fearful for his shaken in health and so rearry for his safety that he is attended by a guard after nightfall and when he talks to strangers. In spite of his nerve-racking experience, however, he declares he can-not be frightened into giving up leadership of a prosperous church whose abl

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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 28 years old. He will leave for his new position in the fall.

The Kensingtonian Says:

Have you heard Charlie Kuchnic and Cy Evans, the knockabout comedians of Kensington postoffice, sing their latest song, "If business was as good last week as it was next week, I'm a humming bird,

LOST AND FOUND

LOST Bolldog, an English terrier, life years old, bethelle and white; answers to name of Buster: Schenectady and Hartford dog tags attached to collar plate and collar reads. It am J. A. Durston's dog; whose dog are your't fecture to E. G. DOUGE, bot Walnut st., Philis. or 502 Essex ave., Narberth, and receive liberal reward.

Somewhere between Darby and Logan, waich fob 4 in long; woven chain, mon-climbing chain, 15 reward if returned. M. Hunn, 5422 Weodland ave., Phila. ON SATURDAY, May 22, probably between Wanamaker's and lith st., lady's gold watch, Eigh, gold hands, managenm M. O. P., reward for return C 329, Lesiger Office.

LOST - ON SUNDAY MORNING, CUBAN parrot, red breast, green body, while head, blie wings. Roward if returned A. Watarfall, 42 Manbeim st., Germantown.

LOST Wrist watch, Sunday afternoon, he tween Spring Garden and Basing ats. Return to 450 N. 54th at. Reward.

LOST Had leather notehook with postry copied inside. Phone Germantown 5544. Other eigestand interstacments on Page 45

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 Kebeck, commander of the British fleet at the Darganelles.

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 held 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 Panteleimon was sunk in the Black Sea, with a loss of 1400 lives, according to dispatches received here today from Bucharest. The Panteleimon was a battleship of 12,480 tons. Her complement was 731 men. The additional number on board may have been

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 torpedeed.

VICTIM OF MOTORCAR ACCIDENT DIES

Henry Blanchard, 59 year, old, 3831 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 Panche, 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 Barsie, 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 Wienoitieg, 1904 South 6th 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 Adigo 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 SHOOTS WOMAN DEAD AND WOUNDS GIRL PITTSBURGH, May 24.-Mrs. Angelo Ponzo 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 Petrick, 7 years old, 1228 South Hancock street, is in a serious ondition 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 Petrick 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 Hernodia was mine? sunk in the North Sea Sunday. Her crew of 22 took to the books and we

Shipping records show no Swedish ship named the Herne appairently was made in cable transmission.