

GERMAN SHIPS HERE WILL NOT BE SEIZED IF WAR IS DECLARED

Experts Declare U. S. Will Have to Keep Hands Off or Break Treaty of 1828

VESSELS WOULD ESCAPE

British Naval Patrol Could Capture and Sink Only a Few Merchantmen

What would be the fate of the German steamships Prinz Oskar and Rhaetia at this port and the \$40,000,000 worth of similar craft lying in various ports of this country should the United States and Germany go to war?

That has been a much mooted question. It has been discussed millions of times. The conclusion generally reached has been that Uncle Sam would reach out his hand and seize them, to be converted into auxiliaries under the Stars and Stripes.

Some German sympathizers have declared that in event of a break between the two nations the officers of the interned ships would scuttle them and irreparably damage the machinery.

All arguments along these lines have been for naught, according to international law experts. Germany could do exactly what she would choose to do with the ships if war was declared until nine months later, then Uncle Sam would have his chance.

The vessels could be taken out of port and sunk if the owners decided to do so, unless the United States decided that a treaty was only a "scrap of paper."

In the treaty of 1828 with Prussia, which both the United States and Prussia agreed to, the following clause is found: "If war should arise between the two contracting parties the merchants of either country then residing in the other shall be allowed to remain nine months to collect their debts and settle their affairs, and may depart freely, carrying off all their effects without molestation or hindrance; and all women and children, schoolers of every faculty, cultivators of the earth, artisans, manufacturers and fishermen, unarmed and inhabiting unfortified towns, villages or places, and in general all others whose occupations are for the common subsistence and benefit of mankind, shall be allowed to continue their respective employments, and shall not be molested in their persons, nor shall their houses or goods be burned or otherwise destroyed, nor their fields wasted by the armed forces of the enemy into whose power by the events of war they may happen to fall, but if any such property is to be taken from them for the use of such armed force, the same shall be paid for at a reasonable price."

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast WASHINGTON, Aug. 28. For Sunday: Fair and slightly warmer; moderate northeast winds becoming variable.

Table with columns for location (Atlantic City, Philadelphia, etc.), temperature, and weather conditions.

ITALIAN GUNS POUND AT FORTS OF TRENT; RIVA ALSO SHELLED

King Victor Emmanuel's Troops Force Way From East Within Striking Distance of Tyrol Capital

ALONG BRENTA VALLEY

Rome Reports Further Progress on Isonzo Front and in Western Part of Alps

ROME, Aug. 28. The Italians have penetrated nearly to the heart of Trentino and are breaking into the entrenched position of Trent, the exterior forts of which at certain points are under fire from the Italian artillery.

Italian troops have moved forward from Monte Civaron and Torrente, where they have been solidly established for several weeks, to the still more advanced positions of Monte Avmentera and Monte Salubio. As a result Borgo, though not occupied, is well within the Italian lines.

The Italian guns now also are within range of Fort Panarotta, one of the principal strongholds barring access to the old town of Trent.

The advance along the precipitous mountain slopes on both sides of the Brenta was resumed 10 days ago, when the Austrians opened up a furious fire from Fort Panarotta on the Italian troops as soon as the latter had occupied the positions on Monte Cena Comorava and Monte Civaron. The Italians, however, continued to advance and have moved several kilometers farther down the valley of Sugana.

Two other forts defending the high ridge of Lavarone and Spita Verle are now also under fire of the Italian batteries. Fierce artillery actions are raging in this part of Trentino.

Heavy cannonading against the Austrian forts also continues farther east in the high Alpine district. In the occupied territory the Italians continue to advance. Also they are preparing winter quarters.

The advance on the Isonzo progresses by hundreds of metres each day. The Austrians are climbing to some points on the Isonzo and the eastern extremity of the Carso plateau. Although they have concentrated in their present position many fresh troops and countless guns, their position is believed to be critical.

Official Statement. The official statement issued from Rome today tells only of minor movements, artillery engagements and a bombardment of an Austrian position by an Italian aircraft.

On August 25, while our troops advanced on the Montelone plateau and also back of Monticello, contingents of mountain troops assailed the Lago Scuro pass and Corno Bedole positions occupying a peak, in spite of the bitter resistance of a strongly fortified enemy.

On the evening of August 25 a hydroplane bombarded the fortifications of Riva, returning safely.

In the Val Sugana the enemy bombarded Borgo, although our troops had not occupied the town during the recent advance, occupying only the surrounding mountains.

In the upper Cordevole valley the artillery fire is growing more intense. The enemy again bombarded Pieve di Livinalonga, doing serious damage to the civil hospital. We retaliated by bombarding Arabba and Chierz, where movements of troops and artillery were visible. Arabba was burned.

On the Carso plateau yesterday the enemy, discovering that we occupied the forest between Sdrassiana and San Martino, bombarded the latter. We attacked and burned the enemy's positions, which ended in the flight of the enemy.

VILLA SAYS CARRANZA WANTS TO FIGHT U. S.

Leader of the North Said to Have Placed Evidence at Our Disposal

MAN-EATING SHARK CAUGHT ON LINE



C. A. Wray, of Chestnut Hill, caught this vicious-looking creature after a hard fight at Beach Haven, N. J. The shark was 8 feet 6 inches in length and weighed 572 pounds.

PROTEST AGAINST CUT IN "SHORE LEAVE"

Sailors and Marines Resent Order Keeping Them in Navy Yard Overtime

Sailors and marines at the Philadelphia Navy Yard are aroused over an order passed by the commandant which prevents them from leaving the yard at League Island until after the civilian employees are all dismissed.

The matter was brought to a climax when a delegation of civilian employees called on Commandant Knapp to ask for relief. They suggested that enlisted men be allowed to leave before the civilian employees were at liberty for the day, or else prevent enlisted men from leaving the yard until after 5 o'clock.

The sailors and marines took umbrage at the order, but under the regulations they were unable to do anything but make a personal appeal to the commandant to rescind it. This they did not do.

G. W. LEWIS, N. J. REPUBLICAN LEADER, DIES SUDDENLY

State Railroad Commissioner Victim of Heart Disease

BURLINGTON, N. J., Aug. 28.—State Railroad Commissioner Griffith Walker Lewis died suddenly of heart disease at his home here today. He was 53 years old.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR PLATTSBURG CAMP

Call for Second Contingent of Citizen Soldiers Issued in This City

Volunteers are wanted for the military training camp at Plattsburg, N. Y., and a call has been issued from the office of William J. Clotier, banker, of 121 South 4th street.

It is required that each applicant be a citizen of the United States, or must have taken out just papers. It is also specified that he must be between 21 and 35 years of age.

MACHINISTS REMAIN OUT

No Sign of Compromise at Wilmington—Work on Big Ship Stopped

WILMINGTON, DEL., Aug. 28.—Although some of the big concerns in this city are considerably crippled and several of them have closed on account of the strike of the machinists, there is no indication of the employers giving into the men for an eight-hour day and a 20 per cent. increase in daily wages.

PHILADELPHIA FIRM GETS BOROUGH JOB

The Borough Council of Hatfield has awarded the contract for a new waterworks plant to the Push & Hubbard Co. of Philadelphia.

PER LA VAL SUGANA LE TRUPPE ITALIANE MARCIANO SU TRENTO

Il Forte Panarotta, Difesa di Un Appoggio di Trento, Sotto Il Fuoco delle Artiglierie di Cadorna

RIVA BOMBARDATA

Gli Austriaci Messa in Fuga sul Tonale e sull'Altopiano del Carso

ROMA, 28 Agosto. Il dispaccio da Lugano, che annunciava che gli Italiani erano giunti alle fortificazioni esterne di Trento e ne avevano cominciato il bombardamento, non e' ne' confermato ne' smentito da fonte ufficiale.

«Il 25 Agosto, mentre le nostre truppe avanzavano sull'altopiano di Montebello, alcuni reparti di truppe alpine nostre attaccavano il Passo di Lago Scuro e le posizioni nemiche di Corno Bedole e le occupavano nonostante la accanita resistenza offerta dal nemico che era fortemente trincerato.»

«Nella sera del 25 Agosto uno dei nostri idroaeroplani bombardò le fortificazioni di Riva e ritornò quindi senza danni alla sua base.»

«Nella Val Sugana il nemico ha bombardato Borgo nonostante che questa cittadina non fosse stata occupata dalle nostre truppe nella loro recente avanzata. Noi infatti evavamo solo occupato le alture vicine a Borgo.»

«Sull'altopiano del Cordevole il duello delle artiglierie si fa facendo sempre più intenso. Il nemico ha di nuovo bombardato Pieve di Livinalonga, danneggiando seriamente l'ospedale civile. Noi a nostra volta abbiamo bombardato Arabba e Chierz dove erano visibili i movimenti delle truppe e dell'artiglieria nemiche. Arabba e' stata incendiata.»

«Sull'altopiano del Carso ieri il nemico, avendo scoperto che noi avevamo occupato le fortificazioni di Sdrassiana e San Martino, bombardò quest'ultimo villaggio. Noi attaccammo il nemico a dopo un accanito combattimento lo mettiamo in fuga.»

«Il telegramma da Lugano circa l'avanzata italiana verso Trento e' spiegato da questi critici militari con la marcia nella Val Sugana. Gli Italiani sarebbero avanzati da Monte Civaron e dal Torrente Maso, dove già da alcune settimane si erano solidamente stabiliti, alle posizioni di Monte Avmentera e Monte Salubio, casche' Borgo, sebbene non occupata, rimane nelle mani Italiani. I cannoni Italiani sono ora a tiro del forte Panarotta, una delle principali opere che difendono gli accessi di Trento.»

«L'avanzata lungo i dirupati fianchi delle montagne del Val del Brenta fu ripresa di Forte Panarotta aprero il fuoco dieci giorni or sono, quando i cannoni di Trento, quelli di Treviso e quelli di Civaron. Nonostante questo bombardamento gli Italiani continuarono ad avanzare per parecchi chilometri.»

«Altri due forti austriaci che difendono l'altopiano di Lavarone e cioè il Russ Verle, sono ora sotto il fuoco dell'artiglierie italiane.»

«Il telegramma di ieri da Roma ed il comunicato speciale pubblicato dal Ministero della Guerra spiegano in parte la notizia che le forze italiane avevano raggiunto le fortificazioni esterne di Trento. Le truppe italiane operanti nella valle del Trentino i lettori ricordano che ieri noi dicemmo che la sola possibile via per la quale gli italiani avevano potuto raggiungere i dintorni di Trento era quella del Brenta—hanno oltrepassato la linea di Trento, occupando le montagne che in quel tratto fiancheggiavano il fiume, e cioè Salubio e l'Armentera, minacciando seriamente dalla prima posizione le opere di fortificazione austriache di Montebello, che sorgono al nord e sopra Levico e Vetrulo. I forti di Panarotta e di Corno Bedole, che sono in realtà una sola e medesima fortificazione, sono ora in quel tratto fiancheggiati dalla valle del Brenta dipende in gran parte dalla riduzione dei forti di Panarotta e di Lavarone, giacchè occorre avere sicuri i fianchi della marcia verso la conca di Trento.—(R. D.)»

PER GLI ITALIANI IN TURCHIA. Il governo italiano ha chiesto al governo americano di usare i suoi buoni uffici per indurre il governo ottomano a lasciare partire per l'Italia gli italiani più capaci in fatto di artiglierie, di artiglierie, di artiglierie, di artiglierie, di artiglierie.

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Feature Forecast of THE SUNDAY PUBLIC LEDGER

The New Kaiser

The Emperor Wilhelm has become Germany's most obscure citizen. Nothing is heard of him for days at a time. Even in Berlin few know where he is. When he is recognized the authorities induce the populace to help conceal his movements. "Fears assassination," you say. Perhaps—but read the article by Richard S. Scope in Sunday's PUBLIC LEDGER.

By Midnight on Tuesday Next The Independents and Republicans will announce their respective candidates this week. The "slates" are being prepared and by midnight on Tuesday next we shall know the plans of the rival parties. Sunday's PUBLIC LEDGER will contain an important forecast on the issue.

Richard Harding Davis, Rookie No. 1313 Yes, that's his number! The mighty are fallen these days. The man who has been warrior, war correspondent and filled a hundred other notable roles is now "Rookie 1313" at Plattsburg. Sunday's PUBLIC LEDGER shows him as a humble "Rookie" and tells how he plays his part.

Harden, Greatest Living German Edward Goldbeck, former officer in the Russian army, contributes an article on Harden, the great German editor, whom he thinks is the greatest German, yes, the greatest European of today. He gives a synopsis of Harden's life and works (incidentally he takes a fling at American fiction) and reviews the European situation.

The German Spy System in England Germany's system of espionage was just as efficient in Italy as in England! This article tells how the Italians were duped into furnishing information on commerce, shipbuilding, camps, fortifications, etc.

Letter from Private Smith, Soldier of England. "No. 66,237, Company D, 24th Infantry, V. R., Camp Standing, Hythe, Kent, England." All that merely means young Mr. Smith, son of A. D. Smith, president of the C. and L. Railroad, Lebanon, Pa. Young Smith was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and has a large circle of friends in Philadelphia. He left the editorial staff of a Baltimore newspaper and enlisted in a Canadian contingent purely in a spirit of adventure. He tells novel details of English army life.

Are You a Perpetual Grouch? Read the article by Woods Hutchinson, A. M., M. D., in next Sunday's PUBLIC LEDGER. It "explains" a smile! Doctor Hutchinson gives beneficial hints to him that "hath no music in his soul," and convincingly proves that laughter is an accomplishment exclusively belonging to the human.

The City of Pleasure Arnold Bennett's interest-compelling tale of an entire city devoted solely to the pleasures of life; how its very edifice was undermined by plot and counterplot; how the two partners in this gigantic enterprise found themselves opposed to each other. This is a real story—one you'll look forward to week by week. You can commence it in Sunday's PUBLIC LEDGER.

Wanted—A Superintendent of Schools Now comes the time when the word "school" is again heard in the land. Soon the huge army of young folks will be at their desks again. But who is to control our local schools? Is it to be a man or a woman? These are questions one hears everywhere these days.

Sports Magazine "Baseball Pilots of the Past," by J. C. Koford. "Ten-Cent Baseball a Dream—It Can't be Done," Stoney McLinn collected the sentiments of William J. Shetline, business manager of the Philadelphia National League Club. "The 'Little Fish' of Philadelphia," by Kathryn S. Haire. Performances of Florence McLaughlin, 12 years old. "Sleuth Bloodhound a Man-hunter, Not a Man-eater," by Ray Ziegler.

The East Verses the West for National Amateur Golf Title," by William H. Evans. "Motorboat Racing—the Test of Sporting Blood," by E. H. Rosenberger. "300,000 Miles in 19 Seasons." "Honus" Wagner reviews his trips on the road and comments on the few accidents to big league ball players who travel almost constantly. "Hospitality and Equipment the Two Essentials for a Successful Tennis Tournament," by Paul W. Gibbons. "Love and Baseball," or the "muff" that cost a series, by Edgar Harte.

Women's Section Peggy Shippen's gossip of present and promised social doings. "New Ideas for Crocheted Bags," by Helen Keen. "What Course for Your Daughter?" by Mrs. Christine Frederick. More positions open in home economics than girls to fill them. "Bridge Auction Without Nullo Is a Luck Game," by Florence Irwin. "How to Make an Aquatic Garden," by Jane Leslie Gift. "The Highest Ability Is Reliability," by Eleanor Kibert in talks to the business woman. "Beauties in Built-in Furniture," by Virginia Earle. Children's page—puzzles, games, pictures, stories, etc. Edited by Ruth Plumly Thompson.

Intaglio Near-war scenes at the Plattsburg camp. War scenes at Russian and German fronts. Interiors of some of Philadelphia's beautiful residences. Fashions in dolls for 500 years. Current news events.

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ALLIES' LEADERS EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN EACH OTHER

PARIS, Aug. 28.—A joint telegram expressing entire confidence in the future has been sent to Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian army, by President Poincare, Minister War Millerand and General Joffre, the French commander. The text of the message follows: Our thoughts turn toward your troops, who at the present moment merit the confidence of the whole world by reason of the struggle they are making. With complete confidence in the final victory of your armies, we beg you to accept our respectful homage and fervent good wishes, together with the assurance that more than ever before our armies are happy and proud to co-operate with your Highness and your valiant soldiers. The Grand Duke replied: The sentiments you express toward the Russian army are reciprocated. The close relations and common accord existing between the commanders of all the Allied armies is a certain sign of the glorious and in which, with God's aid, we will participate.

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