



4 AUSTRIAN TOWNS ARE CAPTURED

Italians Go Four Miles Into Enemy's Land, and Are Headed Straight For Trieste

PORT OF BUSO IS BOMBARDED

Official Statement Says That No Serious Damage Was Done by the Eleven Bombs Dropped in Venice From Two Austrian Aeroplanes

Rome, May 25, via Paris, 2.20 P. M.—Official announcement was made by the war office to-day that Italian forces had penetrated Austria, occupying Caporetto, the heights between the Judrio and the Iserno, and the towns of Cormons, Cervignano and Terzo.

The statement says these operations took place yesterday, in the Austrian ground land of Carliolo and in the Friuli district. It reads:

"On the Carniolo front Austrian artillery opened fire against our positions without results. During the day of May 24 our artillery fired on positions occupied by artillery of the enemy.

"On the Friuli front our troops advanced everywhere and encountered only feeble resistance. We have occupied Caporetto, the heights between the Idrja and Isonzo rivers, Cormons, Cervignano and Terzo. The enemy withdrew, destroying bridges and burning houses.

"Our torpedo destroyers opened fire against the enemy's detachment at the port of Buso, and have disembarked troops.

"We captured seventy Austrians who have been sent to Venice. Our losses were one dead and some wounded."

The town of Caporetto, Cormons, Cervignano and Terzo are in Austrian territory three or four miles from the Italian border line. They stretch along the frontier on a line running north from the head of the Gulf of Trieste.

The Austrian town of Gorz, is five miles to the east of Cormons, and Trieste itself is 25 miles from the border line. Railroads running east and west pass through both Cormons and Terzo.

Austrian Warship Listing Badly

Rome, May 25, via Paris, 2.15 P. M.—The Italian ministry of marine has given out an announcement which reads:

"A steamer arriving at Barletta reports that while passing near the Promontory of Gargano at midnight last night she sighted an Austrian warship with a heavy list. She was escorted by four torpedo boats.

"This probably is the warship which was driven off from Barletta after having fired several shots."

Rome, May 24, Via Paris, May 25, 2.45 A. M.—The following official statement was issued to-night by the Italian general staff:

"An Italian destroyer entered the port of Buso, near the Austrian frontier, and destroyed the landing stages, the railroad station and the barracks as well as all motor boats in the harbor. The destroyer was not damaged and none of the crew was wounded. Two of the enemy were killed and we took forty-seven prisoners, including an officer and fifteen non-commissioned officers, who were brought to Venice.

"According to supplementary information received the two enemy aeroplanes which appeared over Venice this morning dropped eleven bombs without causing serious damage. The fire from our defenses put them to flight. The damage to the railroad caused by the attacks of warships and aeroplanes in the early hours of the morning was unimportant and already has been repaired.

"The Austrian cannonade sank a German steamer in the harbor at Ancona."

Washington, May 25.—The State Department issued this statement:

"The American consul at Venice has telegraphed the department that on

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TURKS FORCED BY U. S. AMBASSADOR TO REMOVE BRITISHERS FROM FORTS

Athens, May 25, via London, 11.58 A. M.—Advices reaching here from Constantinople by mail describe the arrival in the Turkish capital of thousands of wounded from the Dardanelles where the first Turkish army corps, composed of the best fighting elements in the country, has been engaged.

In Constantinople there is a shortage of petroleum, wood and coal. Bread also is lacking and at the bakeries people must take their turn.

When American Ambassador Morgenthau protested to the Turkish authorities against the sending of fifty British and French subjects to be placed in the fortifications of the Dardanelles, a measure destined to stop the bombardment of the allies, Enver Bey replied he must do something, as the arrival of Turkish wounded from the straits was creating a deep impression.

The ambassador's energetic efforts coupled with the British threat to hold Enver Bey personally responsible, resulted in the return of these men to Constantinople within a week. They were accompanied to Gallipoli by Hoffman Philip, secretary of the American embassy.

The collier Vulcan, which has been coaling the American cruiser Tennessee, is expected shortly at Delegatch from Beirut, bringing the aid of the American Red Cross Society which is proceeding to Constantinople.

ALLIES REPULSE TURKISH ATTACKS ON PENINSULA

Paris, May 25.—All recent attacks by the Turks on the Gallipoli peninsula have been repulsed by the allies, who have been reinforced and have taken the offensive, says a Havas dispatch from Athens. The bombardment of the straits by allied warships continues.

GERMANS ARE CHECKED WITH HEAVY LOSSES IN THE EAST

Paris, May 25.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out a report of the progress of hostilities which reads:

"It was a night of considerable activity between the sea and Arras. In Belgium, following a violent bombardment, a German attacking column endeavored to gain a footing on the highway between Langemarck and Ypres. It was definitely checked.

The Germans delivered two attacks yesterday to the north of Abtain. In each case they were repulsed. To the north of Neuville they delivered four attacks, each of which was checked by the fire of our artillery.

"In these various aggressive endeavors, all of which resulted in complete failure, the enemy suffered heavy losses.

"Nothing has been reported from the remainder of the front."

GERMANY TAKES CONTROL OF BIG DUKE TOBACCO CO.

Amsterdam, Via London, May 25, 10.10 A. M.—All property of the British-American Tobacco Company in Germany has been placed under German supervision, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Telegraaf."

James B. Duke, of New York, is president of the British-American Tobacco Company, the capital of which is \$55,000,000. One of the principal German subsidiaries of the company at Dresden was sold in November to Germans with the consent of the British Board of Trade.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Italy has invaded Austria. Official announcement was made by the War Office at Rome to-day that Italian forces had penetrated Austrian territory along a line running about forty miles north from the Gulf of Trieste, capturing four towns within two or three miles of the frontier.

An Italian destroyer raided the Austrian port of Buso, near the frontier, destroying the landings, railroad station and barracks. Two Austrians were killed, the first casualty officially reported in the new campaign.

It is regarded in London as probable that the Austro-German army will

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ATTEMPTS SUICIDE IN FIELD

John Davis Is Found by Boys After Swallowing Poison in Vacant Lot Near Home

John Davis, 403 South Seventeenth street, attempted suicide at noon to-day by drinking the contents of a bottle of medicine believed to have contained a quantity of creosote. Davis was found in a field at Sixteenth and Paxton streets early this afternoon by a number of boys, who called the police ambulance.

Davis told the ambulance crew that he had been ill for a long time and did not care to live any longer. He responded to treatment at the Harrisburg hospital, but would volunteer no information about himself. He had been taking the medicine in half-spoonful doses, although he had been cautioned by a physician, he said, that an overdose would kill him. He is expected to recover.

HINTED GERMANY WILL SATISFY US

That Impression Is Given Out Through Kaiser's Subjects in Washington

DELAY OF REPLY IS EXPLAINED

President Wilson Assumes That the German Government Is For the Moment Absorbed With Circumstances of Italy's Entrance Into War

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 25.—President Wilson told callers to-day he did not know the causes for the delay of the German reply to the American note on the Lusitania, but he presumed the German government was, for the moment, absorbed in the new circumstances arising out of Italy's entrance into the war.

While Ambassador Gerard has sent several messages bearing on what the German reply may be, no direct intimation had been received concerning its contents and the American government is readily uninformed.

The German embassy here, however, has made suggestions to the German foreign office for the reply and in German quarters it is said the note will be of a character to satisfy American public opinion.

While declining to throw any light on the shipping situation as between Great Britain and the United States, the President referred to it as a "chronic case." It was learned that he believed any formal note at this time to Great Britain might be construed as a weakening of the American government's position in its delicate relations with Germany, but as soon as the Berlin reply is received some action may be expected.

Pressure is constantly being brought to bear, informally, however, on the British foreign office and admiralty to ameliorate conditions with respect to American cargoes and ships and if not relieved shortly, general representations of a broad character would not be surprising.

GERMAN REPLY SATURDAY?

London, May 25, 5.10 P. M.—The following dispatch was received to-day by the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam:

"The German government has asked America for a further delay of a week in its reply to the note concerning the sinking of the Lusitania. In all probability the note will be delivered at Washington on Saturday.

"It is stated in Berlin that the note will be couched in very friendly terms. On account of the recent Italian complications the feeling in Berlin regarding the United States is much more calm. Everything possible will be done to avert trouble. German submarines are to be instructed in accordance with this policy, although the note will explain that on principle Germany cannot openly stop submarine warfare."

NETHERLANDS SENDS PROTEST TO GERMANY

The Hague, Netherlands, May 25, Via London, 2.13 P. M.—The government of the Netherlands has sent a note to Germany protesting against the sinking May 7 of the Cunard liner Lusitania by a German submarine.

The contents of this note are substantially the same as those of the American communication on the same subject.

The lives of several Dutch subjects were lost when the Lusitania was torpedoed.

4 AUTOISTS MUST EXPLAIN

Ordered Before the Mayor on Charges of Traffic Violations

Four more alleged violators of the traffic law were ordered to appear before Mayor Royal late this afternoon,—two jitney drivers and two other autoists.

J. Leroy Messenger, of Lincoln street, Marysville, is charged with using his dealer's license on a car in which he was hauling passengers at a nickel a head. One of Edward F. Easley's chauffeurs is charged with passing a trolley car at Sixth and Granite streets while it was discharging passengers.

Dr. Charles H. Crampton, 901 Capital street, and Jonas Reist, 327 South Front street, were both charged with allowing cars to stand with side and tail lamps unlighted.

Four more alleged violators have been ordered to appear before to-morrow afternoon.

WOULD REBUKE BRETHREN WHO GROW TOBACCO

Clash Expected at Hershey Conference on Question Affecting Lancaster Countians

BAN ALREADY RECOMMENDED

Committee Will Urge That All Members of Church of the Brethren Who Profit By Cultivation of the Weed Be Barred From Office

Is the raising of tobacco a sin? That question is one which promises to provoke much discussion at the annual national conference of the Church of the Brethren which opens a week from to-morrow in Hershey, and which will bring through Harrisburg thousands of Brethren, from all parts of the country. It is expected fully 60,000 will gather at the big tabernacle in Hershey.

At the yearly gatherings of the Brethren queries coming from local congregations are presented for general discussion and final adjudication and of this year's questions none promises to excite more spirited argument than that dealing with the growing of Tobacco.

In their aversion to what they term "the things of the world," the members of the Church of the Brethren have regarded unfavorably the use of tobacco by those of their number. The members of the Blue River Church of Northern Indiana, have now gone so far as to petition the annual meeting "to prohibit members of our church from raising tobacco."

The committee on resolutions, which passes on all queries received, has referred this question to the Hershey conference, attaching the following statement as an expression of its own views on the matter:

"We advise all our members not to raise tobacco, and decide that no member that raises, sells, buys or uses it, be permitted to exercise the office of deacon, minister or elder."

Referred to the Conference
When the question is brought before delegates, it will be argued on both sides on the floor of the convention. Many members of the church, especially those from Lancaster county, are tobacco growers and are expected to defend their occupation.

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DUPONT MILL BLOWS UP

Five Men Terribly Burned in Another Mysterious Explosion at Powder Plant

By Associated Press.

Wilmington, Del., May 25.—One of the operating mills at the plant of the Dupont Powder Company at Carney's Point, N. J., was wrecked by an explosion of unknown origin at 4.30 o'clock this morning.

Five men were burned, three seriously, but all are expected to recover. They are in local hospitals.

The injured are J. Harry Williams, of this city, seriously burned about the body. He also sustained a compound fracture of the left leg.

Bert Smith, of Penn's Grove, buried all over the body.

James Anderson, of Penn's Grove, burned all over the body.

Charles Gabriiska, of Fieldsboro, N. J., burned about the hands, arms and feet.

Thomas Sarr, of Elk Mills, Md., burned about body and limbs.

U. S. Trade Balance \$900,000,000

Washington, May 25.—Secretary Redfield to-day reported the trade balance in favor of the United States for the week ending May 22 at approximately \$19,000,000. He estimates that the total balance since last July has been \$900,000,000.

Head of Acme Tea Co. Dies

Philadelphia, May 25.—Thomas P. Hunter, founder and head of the Acme Tea Company, died to-day at his home in Haverford. He was 54 years old.

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Japan-China Note Signed

Washington, May 25.—Tokio dispatches to the Japanese embassy say that at 3 p. m. May 25 two treaties covering the negotiations concerning the Shantung peninsula and Manchuria, and Mongolia were signed and exchanged between Japan and China with a note concerning other questions. No intimation of the contents of the note was contained in the dispatch.

Scranton 'Daily News' Suspends

Scranton, Pa., May 25.—The Scranton "Daily News" suspended publication with to-day's issue and is absorbed by the Scranton "Republican." This leaves only one morning and one evening paper in Scranton.

SAUCY COCKADE REPRESENTS MRS. GRAHAME WHITE'S LOYALTY



Mrs. Claude Grahame-White, whose husband, a flight commander in the British army, has in his exploits against the Germans added to his previous reputation as a daring aviator, took her patriotism as a British subject to the United Hunts Racing Association meeting at Belmont Park Terminal, New York. Not only was there a suggestion of the military in her costume, but in her jaunty dark blue hat was a tiny but warlike cockade combining the British colors. Her costume was of dark blue serge, striped with black satin and trimmed with military braid. The sleeves of the short jacket extended over her wrists, revealing a fullness of filmy white ruffles. Two pointed fox pelts formed her furs, which were worn, after the accepted mode, backward. The cockade that bespoke defiance to Britain's enemies from the left side of her narrow brimmed dark blue satin hat was a miniature Union Jack made over with fine skill into a circle of countless pleats.

150,000 FOR ROAD WORK TO-MORROW

Governor Brumbaugh Will Have Chance to Use Shovel in Cumberland County

INTEREST GREAT THROUGH STATE

First Good Roads Day in Pennsylvania Is Expected to Result in Material and Permanent Benefit to the Highways—Volunteers in All Counties

The State Highway Department issued a statement this morning in which it forecasts the presence of more than 150,000 volunteers at work on the highways on "Statewide Good Roads Day," to-morrow.

The department has been in touch with the organizations in sixty-two of the sixty-six counties outside of Philadelphia and has obtained this preliminary estimate as to the number of men pledged to work.

With clearing weather reported from virtually all points in the State, it is expected that the original plans will be carried out in nearly every county. In those counties where the rainfall was so heavy that two days of clear weather will not suffice to dry the roads enough to permit effective work, postponement may be had until Wednesday, June 2.

Officials of the State Highway Department have completed plans to have the department represented in all parts of the State. Governor Brumbaugh, having placed his services at the disposal of the State Highway Department, is to accompany First Deputy State Highway Commissioner Joseph W. Hunter and the statistician of the department on a trip through Cumberland county, during which the Governor will be given an opportunity to show his skill as a roadmaker in practical form.

Cunningham's Plans for Day

Commissioner Cunningham will leave Pittsburgh early in the morning and will spend the day in a tour of Allegheny and Washington counties. He will keep on county and township roads

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BECKER LOSES IN THE COURT OF APPEALS AND MUST GO TO THE CHAIR

By Associated Press.

Albany, N. Y., May 25.—The second conviction of former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, of New York City, for instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler, was upheld to-day by the Court of Appeals. Becker now must die, unless he can obtain executive clemency from Governor Whitman, who, as District Attorney of New York, prosecuted him, or he can obtain a reversal by the United States Supreme Court.

The chief judge, Willard Bartlett, wrote a prevailing opinion, and Judges Hiscock, Chase, Collin, Cuddeback and Cardozo concurred. Judge Hogan dissented.

Judge Samuel Seabury, who is a Supreme Court justice, presided at Becker's second trial, did not sit on the case in the higher court.

U. S. QUESTIONS BRITISH NEUTRAL SHIPPING ORDER

Washington, May 25.—The United States has inquired of Great Britain, through Ambassador Page, to learn the meaning of the British Admiralty notice which specifies that neutral vessels must obtain permission to take the north route around the British Isles for Scandinavian countries.

Officials here are unable to understand why neutral vessels should be prohibited from any of the navigation routes lying outside territorial waters. The German and Austrian embassies here are very much interested in the outcome of the inquiry because they believe it affects the rights of neutral vessels on the high seas more than does the German war zone proclamation.

German Capture 21,000 Prisoners

Berlin, May 25, Via London, 5.37 P. M.—General Mackensen has renewed his offensive against the Russians north of Pernoysl and yesterday he captured 21,000 prisoners, according to the official statement given out in Berlin to-day by the German War Office.

SPARROW DISTURBS COURT

Bird Is Driven From Judge's Bench After Chirping Into Arguments

Like the foolish fly that stepped into the spider's parlor a sparrow, possibly fascinated by the strains of a lawyer's argument, this morning flew into Judge Kunkel's court room, by way of an open window, perched itself on the canopy over the Judge's bench and chirped to its heart's content while the counselor battled away with his legal phrases.

At times the bird was as musical as a canary yet its chirping was more of an annoyance than an entertainment and a trusty court attaché soon routed the feathered creature with a tipstaff's rod. It made its egress through the same open window.

PLANS LOAN OF \$300,000 FOR BRIDGE

Bowman Asks City to Submit Bond Issue Project to Voters In November

VIADUCT TO BE AT WALNUT ST.

Resolution Calls for Retirement July 1 of Public Works Engineers—Hall Is Reappointed Planning Commissioner—Curfew Plan Amended

Voters of Harrisburg will get an opportunity at the election next fall to approve or defeat a plan to float \$300,000 worth of improvement bonds to cover the cost of building a bridge at Walnut street over the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad—similar to the Mulberry street viaduct—if the City Commissioners adopt an ordinance that was introduced to-day by Harry P. Bowman, Commissioner of Public Safety.

Mr. Bowman offered the ordinance, he said, at the request of electors of Allison Hill. The measure passed first reading and will lie over one week for printing, second reading and final passage. Walnut street only recently was formally opened over the railroad under an ordinance prepared by the Hill voters.

The loan ordinance prescribes that the voters shall pass upon the question with a "yes" and "no" vote and that the question shall be a part of the official ballot that is to be used at the regular municipal election.

Other important business of to-day's meeting of the City Commissioners were:

Introduction of resolution dismissing the engineering corps of the Board of Public Works on July 1, whether or not the present improvement work be completed by that time. Action was postponed one week.

Awarding of contracts for purchase of 2,400 feet of fire hose.

F. J. Hall Is Reappointed

Francis Jordan Hall reappointed member of the City Planning Commission, his term to continue for five years.

Curfew ordinance amended so as not to apply to holidays and other "special occasions."

Resolution adopted empowering Public Safety Commissioner Bowman to purchase a new automobile for his department.

Immediately preceding the regular order of business the Commissioners conferred with present and former members of the Board of Public Works, City Solicitor Seitz and City Engineer Gowden with respect to the recent decision of the arbitrators in the Opperman intercepting sewer dispute. No final action was taken on the arbitrators' report.

During the discussion, however, Joel D. Justin, chief engineer of the Board of Public Works, declared unqualifiedly that Opperman, under his original contract with the city, was paid for all work on the interceptor and that any

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SAYS WIFE WAS CRUEL

Frank Weber, Seeking Divorce, Swears She Rendered His Life 'Burdensome and Intolerable'

Frank Weber, 925 Grand street, a telephone lineman, wants the Dauphin county court to grant him a divorce from his wife, Katherine, because she annoyed him by screaming and otherwise treated him cruelly and made his life burdensome, according to W. Justin Carter, his counsel, who has just filed the papers.

The Webers were married just thirteen years ago this month and Weber charges he has been unhappy the greater part of that time. The troubles began in January, 1903, so it is charged in the divorce papers which set out that the wife "hath by cruel and barbarous treatment and indignities to his person rendered the condition of the said Frank Weber intolerable and his life burdensome."

Besides annoying him by screaming it is charged the wife kicked her husband out of bed, pulled his hair and occasionally "beat him up."

\$75,000 Fire Wrecks Breaker

Hazleton, Pa., May 25.—Fire of unknown origin, starting in the tipple, early to-day destroyed the Lattimer No. 4 breaker, of Pardee Brothers & Company, Inc., causing a loss of \$75,000, partly insured, and throwing about 500 hands out of work. Spread of the flames to company houses nearby was prevented by blowing away the breaker drag line.

WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, May 25.—Decline in Rock Island to a new low record provoked further recessions in the late dealings. The closing was heavy. Dullness, accompanied by a declining tendency, were the only characteristics of to-day's market.