

ITALY ABOUT TO STRIKE IS BELIEF

Reported Agreement With Bulgaria and Roumania.

BUYING HORSES IN WEST

Every Possible Preparation For War Has Been Completed By The Rome Government—Reservists Going Home.

Rome.—Every measure possible has been taken by the Italian Government preparatory to the beginning of hostilities by Italy on the side of the Allies.

Italy's army is now completely mobilized and is under arms at the concentration centers preparatory to the firing of the shot that will mark Italy's entry into the war as an ally of Great Britain, France and Russia.

It is believed here that action by Italy on the Austrian frontier is imminent.

Roumania and Bulgaria Too.

London.—Italy and Roumania are reported to have reached an understanding with Bulgaria by which the three nations may intervene on the side of the Allies without fear that their interests will clash.

Bulgaria is said to have received assurances from the Czar of Russia which have greatly weakened the influence of Emperor William with Czar Ferdinand.

Bulgaria is ready to strike at Turkey, but Roumania is delaying action in the hope that the Allies will soon force the Dardanelles.

Roumania is in need of ammunition, which is being supplied to her only in slow installments, but the opening of the Dardanelles would enable her to receive abundant shipments from France.

Buying Shipload Of Horses.

Kansas City.—Italy placed its first orders for horses on the local market Saturday when two Italian Army officers bought 150 cavalry and artillery animals. It was asserted the purchasers are the first of a shipload.

Local dealers also asserted today that the Roumanian Government had begun negotiations for the purchase of mounts and that it had been intimated that that country will be a heavy buyer in the local market shortly.

Reservists From South America.

London.—A Renter dispatch from Sofia says that a Parliamentary commission charged with the task of ascertaining the country's reserve resources has reported to a secret session of Parliament that Bulgaria now is better prepared for war than before the war with Turkey.

The Italian Consul, says the Times Buenos Ayres correspondent, called a meeting of the agents of the Italian steamship lines and warned the agents to be in readiness for the possible transportation of 60,000 Italian reservists.

"It is stated," the correspondent adds, "that one vessel already has left Buenos Ayres for Brazil to embark reservists."

22 BRITISH SHIPS THEIR TOLL.

German Submarines Sunk Only Three the Past Week.

London.—Twenty-two British merchantmen have been sunk by German submarines since the German submarine "blockade" went into effect, February 18, the Admiralty announced in an official statement. In the same period one British merchantman has been sunk by a mine and three captured or sunk by enemy cruisers. Their total tonnage was 73,028.

During the week ending March 24, only three merchantmen have been sunk by submarines, the Admiralty announced. Their aggregate tonnage was 11,650.

'PHONE GIRL GLIDES TO SAFETY.

Trapped in Building By Fire, She Escapes Down Pole.

Ashville, N. C.—Hemmed in by flames on the second story of the building where she was employed as telephone operator, Miss Mary Moody, of Saluda, crawled across a plank to a telephone pole, slid down the pole and escaped. The building in which she worked was destroyed. Finding escape by the stairway cut off, Miss Moody shouted for help and a plank was lifted up to her. She crawled on the plank to a pole and escaped.

COLONEL JAY DIES SUDDENLY.

Vice-President of New York Herald Corporation.

White Sulphur Springs, Va.—Col. William Jay, of New York, died suddenly here. He was found dead in his room by Mrs. Jay. Colonel Jay, who was clerk of Trinity Corporation, New York, vice-president of the New York Herald Corporation, and an officer in other organizations, had been here about two weeks. His health was poor and necessitated the trip. His death is attributed to heart disease.

MEXICANS SHOOT OVER LINE.

Two Americans in Brownsville Wounded By Stray Bullets.

Brownsville, Texas.—An unexpected attack from the south caused Villa forces to cease their attack upon Matamoros opposite here, which is garrisoned by Carranza troops, but in the meantime stray shots had crossed the border and wounded two persons in Brownsville. Neither was injured seriously. The persons injured were struck by shots falling in the residence section here.

OUTRAGES BY THE TURKS IN PERSIA

U. S. Consul Reports More Violence in Urmiah.

ASK RUSSIA TO SEND TROOPS

Officials Of the Presbyterian Board Of Foreign Mission Express Surprise At the Course Pursued By Secretary Bryan.

Tiflis, Russia (via Petrograd).—Turkish troops have committed further acts of violence at the American mission in Urmiah, Persia, according to a message received by the local viceroy from Gordon Paddock, the American Consul at Tabriz.

Mr. Paddock transmits a message from Missionary Robert M. Labaree at Urmiah to the effect that the American Consul at Urmiah forced his way into the mission compound with a number of Turkish regular troops and removed some Assyrian Christian refugees, who were then massacred.

The Turks also beat and insulted the American missionaries.

Men Shot, Women Violated.

New York.—All the men at Gul-pashan, a large village near Urmiah, Persia, have been shot by Kurds, the women violated, an American missionary beaten and 65 refugees taken from the French and American missions, have been hanged on gibbets erected in the mission yards, according to a cablegram received here by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

The cablegram came from four native Christians in Tiflis, three of whom—and perhaps the fourth—were naturalized Americans. The message follows:

"Gul-pashan destroyed. Its men shot, women violated. Sixty men taken from French mission compound and five from American mission compound hanged. Allen beaten. Hanging pole erected in French mission yard. Massacres imminent. Implore State Department that consul at Tabriz proceed Urmiah."

The message was signed by Jesse Younan, E. O. Eshoo, Isaac Yohannan and Paul Shiman, all of whom are known to the board. Eshoo and Shiman, both Americans, left this city for Urmiah five weeks ago, proceeding by way of Norway and Petrograd.

The missionary Allen, referred to as having been beaten, is E. T. Allen, who was born in London, Ontario, and became a naturalized American. Mr. Allen has been in the service of the board since 1891. He was sent, for the second time, to Persia in 1911.

Six thousand dollars for relief at Urmiah was cabled to the American consul at Tabriz by the Persian war relief committee.

Officials of the board were somewhat surprised to learn that Secretary Bryan had requested American Consul Glazebrook, at Jerusalem, to investigate conditions at Urmiah and vicinity. It was as hard to get men from Jerusalem to Urmiah, according to advices received by the board, it was said, as from New York to Urmiah.

ALL HORSES EATEN.

Extremities To Which the Garrison At Przemysl Had Been Reduced.

Vienna (via London).—The Neue Freie Presse describes the shocking privation to which the garrison at Przemysl were reduced prior to the capitulation of the fortress.

Before the last sortie on Friday each man received two tins of preserves, which were ravenously devoured. In many cases the sorely tried digestive organs could not support the unaccustomed quantity of food, with the result that the men fell ill and some of them died.

All of the horses had already been killed and eaten, including the general's chargers. The last supplies of oats were ground to meal, which, with the horse flesh was distributed to the starving.

NEW DUMDUM CHARGE FALLS.

Not Substantiated, German Embassy Is Informed.

Washington.—The German Embassy's second charge that dum dum bullets are being shipped from the United States to the Allies has not been substantiated by an investigation by army ordnance experts, and the State Department has so informed Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador. The ordnance experts held that the wounds shown in photographs could not have been inflicted by bullets of which specimens were submitted.

GERMANS MOVE CLOCK HANDS.

"More Daylight" Plan Adopted To Save Petroleum.

Copenhagen.—"The more daylight" movement has struck Germany for economic reasons. On April 1 the hands of every clock in Germany will be advanced an hour. The Germans estimated that by rising an hour earlier and retiring an hour earlier during the six summer months they will save \$5,000,000 worth of petroleum.

NEW YORK PLANS BIG REVIVAL.

70 Ministers, Representing Five Denominations, Confer.

New York.—A movement looking toward the inauguration of a great revival here was launched as the result of a conference of 70 clergymen representing five religious denominations. It was decided to hold a meeting each week to arrange for the proposed revival. The Rev. Charles W. Welsh, who presided, predicted that the largest religious awakening in the history of the city soon would be under way.

BUZZING AROUND AGAIN



ZAPATISTAS TORE DOWN U. S. FLAG

Insulted Stars and Stripes Before Killing McManus.

BRYAN DEMANDS REPARATION

Battleship Georgia Ordered From Vera Cruz To Join Cruiser Des Moines At Progresso To Keep Port Open.

Washington.—How the American flag, which was flying over the home of John B. McManus, a citizen of the United States, in Mexico City, was "torn and dragged half way down the pole" by Zapata soldiers when they murdered McManus and looted his house two weeks ago, is told in dispatches from the Brazilian Minister, and made public by Secretary Bryan.

This incident was reported at the time the death of McManus was being investigated. Secretary Bryan said reparation for the insult to the flag had been asked of the Zapata authorities, but that so far no reply had come. In answer to inquiries, he said there had been no demand for a salute to the flag, as in the Tampico affair.

An expression of regret for the killing of McManus already has been received from General Palafox, the Zapata commander, with a promise of indemnity for the family and punishment for the slayers if apprehended.

DRAGGED DOWN POLE.

Mr. Bryan explained that the Brazilian Minister, in reporting McManus' death, March 11, mentioned only the fact that the American flag was flying over the house. The next day he sent another report referring to "the desecration of the flag." An inquiry from the department as to what this meant brought an explanation on March 15 that an American committee, which investigated the occurrence, reported to him that "following a flag-lifting, which preceded the general entry of the Zapatistas into the house, the flag was badly torn by the Zapatistas and dragged half way down the pole."

The same committee, the minister reported, had submitted to him a photograph of the house and flag.

In this connection it became known that several foreign flags had been violated recently at Manzanillo, among them the American flag over the house of an American ranchman. When the matter was called to the attention of General Carranza, he denied the truth of the reports of American and British consuls.

"BREAD OR PEACE" DEMANDED.

Red Posters Annoy Police In German Towns.

London.—A dispatch from Copenhagen to Reuters Telegram Company says: "Red posters inscribed 'bread or peace' are continually appearing in towns in the Province of Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg and Luebeck, according to a telegram from Woyens on the German frontier, published in the newspapers of the Danish capital.

The police remove the placards, but they have not succeeded in arresting any of the persons responsible for them."

AMERICAN WOUNDED IN FRANCE.

Lieut. Montague Nicholls Quit the Naval Academy in 1913.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Lieut. Montague Nicholls, of the British Royal Artillery, was wounded at the front in France, March 21, according to a cablegram received by his family here. He went to England to enlist when war was declared and was commissioned a lieutenant. Nicholls resigned from the United States Naval Academy just before graduation in 1913.

STATE-WIDE PROHIBITION LOST.

Minnesota House Defeats Referendum Resolution.

St. Paul, Minn.—State-wide prohibition by constitutional amendment was defeated in the Minnesota House of Representatives when an attempt to obtain adoption of the minority report of the temperance committee recommending for passage a resolution submitting the issue to the people at the next general election was defeated, 54 yeas and 50 nays being the outcome of the vote.

GERMAN RAIDER REPORTED SUNK

Submarine Had Become Terror of British Seas.

DESTROYED MANY SHIPS

Torpedoed Six Steamers in Two Days. Captain Claimed Credit For Having Sunk British Aboukir, Cressy and Hogue.

London.—"The Admiralty has good reason to believe that the German submarine U-29 has been sunk with all hands."

This news, following as it did reports that the attack on the Dardanelles had been resumed and that the Russians had won important victories over the Austrians in Bukovina and at Ussok Pass in the Carpathians, gave the peoples of the allied countries cause for cheerfulness.

GREAT RELIEF TO SHIPPERS.

The Admiralty gave no details of how or where the U-29 was sunk, but the report that she was disposed of was received in shipping circles with a sigh of relief.

It was this vessel which, just a fortnight ago, torpedoed six steamers in Bristol Channel and off the Scilly Islands within two days. Her commander, who spoke English perfectly and treated the crews of the torpedoed vessels with great consideration, told one of the merchant captains who was taken aboard the submarine that he was the commander of the British cruiser Aboukir, Cressy and Hogue. If this was true, he was the man who was looked upon as Germany's most daring submarine navigator.

WOMEN LOSE IN MAINE.

Suffrage Bill, Which Passed the Senate, Falls in the House.

Augusta, Maine.—Woman suffrage failed to pass in the House. Although the vote in favor of the resolution proposing to submit to the voters of the State the question of giving women the right to vote was favored by 88 to 59, with one pair and two absentees, it fell short of the two-thirds majority required. The Senate last week passed the resolve by a wide margin.

KAISER GUARDS ART TREASURES

Paintings and Tapestries Sent From Voages To Berlin.

Geneva, Switzerland, via Paris.—The German Emperor has ordered the removal to Berlin of valuable paintings and tapestry from his mountain castle at Koenigsberg, on the Alsatian side of the Vosges Mountains. Recently, French aviators flew over the imperial summer residence, which formerly belonged to a King of France.

\$100,000,000 MORE FOR WAR.

Resolution Adopted and Bill Has First Reading At Ottawa.

Ottawa.—A resolution for a \$100,000,000 war credit was moved by Prime Minister Borden and adopted after only a few minutes' debate. The bill based on the resolution was also introduced and was given its first reading. The special war taxes not already in operation become effective on April 15. This includes the war stamp on letters.

TWO GIRLS IN SUICIDE PACT.

Reformatory Trustees Found Dying Of Poison.

Washington, Pa.—Mary Cole, aged 19 years, of Bentleyville, and Margaret Berger, aged 20, of McKeesport, inmates of the Western Pennsylvania Industrial School at Morgantown, committed suicide. The girls, who were trustees, secured poison from the matron's locker and were dying when found. Superintendent W. F. Penn could give no reason for their action.

WOULD LET RUINS STAND.

They Are Monuments Of Nation's Sufferings, Say Belgians.

Brussels, Belgium, via London.—The Belgian towns of Malines, Termonde, Louvain and Liege never will be rebuilt on their present sites if the unrecurrent of discussion among prominent Belgians results in action when peace is made. These Belgians propose that new cities be rebuilt on sites adjoining the ruins, which are to be left as "monuments to the sufferings of Belgium."

FIERCE BATTLE IN CARPATHIANS

Russians Rush Army Released at Przemysl.

ALTER NAME TO PERMYSL

German Warships Are Participating In the Operations On the Baltic Coast Of Russia North Of Memel.

London.—The Russian armies, doubtless inspired by the victory at Przemysl, are forcing the fighting both in Northern Poland and the Carpathians, where Germans and Austrians are giving desperate battle to stay the attempted advance of the Muscovites.

Probably the struggle in the Carpathians will prove to be the one that presently will attract the most attention, for even Vienna reports that strong Russian forces are attacking with great violence along the front extending for some miles from Ussok Pass, and that fierce fighting is taking place for the possession of the heights, which dominate the important outlets from the north into Hungary.

Regarding the operations in that territory the Russians claim to be advancing and to have seized several fortified heights on the front between the roads leading to Bartfeld and Ussok. As Przemysl is directly to the north of Ussok, it is to be expected that reinforcements will be sent as speedily as possible from the army which invested the fortress to aid those who have been striving for months to capture the Carpathian passes.

The Germans have brought up many additional troops in the north of Poland, where along the Narw and Orzye Rivers they have been pouring a deadly fire into the Russian ranks and have time after time undertaken strong offensive operations.

Notwithstanding this, however, the Russians claim to be making "slow but sure progress," capturing trenches and heights.

Berlin.—Reports from the Carpathian Mountains indicate that one of the greatest and most sanguinary battles of the campaign is now over. "The next few days probably will see the released Przemysl investment army engaged in this struggle."

"Conditions to the north of the Vistula River and along the Bug and Narw line appear to have changed little or not at all recently."

An official announcement was given out in Berlin as follows:

"German sea forces have assisted the land forces in the operations to the north of Memel, on the Baltic. They bombarded the village castle of Polangen, and kept under fire the road from Polangen to Libau."

"German troops are pursuing the retreating Russians northward of Memel, East Prussia. They captured, near Polangen, 500 Russians, and took three guns and three rapid fire. Quantities of cattle, horses and goods were stolen by the Russians. Near Lauszargen, southwest of Taurongen, and northeast of Mariampol, Russian attacks were repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy. Northwest of Ostrolenska several Russian attacks failed. Here we captured 20 officers, more than 2,500 men and 5 machine guns. Eastward of Plock several charges of the enemy failed."

"The German Army expresses cordial thanks to the gallant garrison at Przemysl, which, after four months of defense full of sacrifices, could be overpowered only by hunger."

AMERICAN ARRESTED IN CANADA

Pro-German and Defamed British, It Is Alleged.

Fort Francis, Ont.—F. D. Hanson, an employe of the Canadian Northern Railroad and an American-born citizen, resident in Canada for 12 years, was arrested by Corporal Walker, of Winnipeg, at Altopkan, brought to Fort Francis and lodged in jail.

No charge has been made and all information was refused newspapermen. The arrest, however, is supposed to have been made on the "alien enemy" charge.

OVER 70,000 HORSES FOR ALLIES.

Will Be Shipped Through the Port Of Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va.—Over 70,000 horses intended for the armies of France and England will be shipped through the port of Norfolk. Arrangements have already been made for shipping 20,000 horses from Texas through this port and contracts for the handling of 50,000 more have been signed.

JACKSON'S WIDOW DEAD.

Southern Leader's Wife Frequently Visited Baltimore.

Charlotte, N. C.—Mrs. Mary Anna Jackson, widow of General Stonewall Jackson, died at her home here. Mrs. Jackson was born near this city July 21, 1831, the daughter of the Rev. Robert Hall Morrison, a Presbyterian minister and founder of Davidson College. She attended Salem (N. C.) Academy and College, finishing in 1849.

GERMANY LIMITS EASTER CAKE.

Bakers and Housewives Forbidden To Use Yeast.

Berlin, via London.—Additional restrictions have been placed by the authorities upon bakers and housewives in Berlin, who now have been forbidden to bake cakes which require the use of yeast or similar preparations. The baking in homes of any cakes whatever between March 25 and April 12 also has been forbidden. The latter order is designed to check the consumption of flour for Easter cakes.

STATE LAW MAKERS

THE ROAD PROGRAM.

Harrisburg.—Senator W. C. Sproul, of Delaware, said the program of legislation for the State Highway Department had been practically agreed upon. He introduced a bill repealing the Act which makes the State responsible for the expenses of the primary election and places the cost on the counties. This will save the Commonwealth between \$400,000 and \$500,000 a year, which will be applied to the roads.

The Senator says it has been decided to put in a bill to repeal the 1,200 routes added to the Sprout Act by the last Legislature. These roads would not have been taken over by the State until June 1. It is believed that it will be possible to get this repealer through. If a guarantee is given that the remaining 8,000 odd miles will be maintained by the State.

To Reorganize Law Department.

The bills drafted by Attorney General Brown for reorganization of the State's Law Department and to centralize the legal business of the Commonwealth were introduced into the House by Mr. McNichol, Philadelphia.

One act places all legal business and affairs of every branch of the government under "direction and control of the Attorney General," requiring all chiefs, departments or bureaus to report all litigations or difficulties, delinquent taxes or other accounts to the Attorney General, who will look after them, and to follow advice given. No other branch of the government may employ counsel for departmental business after passage of the act, but all selections of local or special counsel to handle cases are to be made by the Attorney General, who will designate their compensation. The act will affect most of the departments of the State government now having their own counsel.

The companion bill reorganizes the Attorney General's Department, fixing offices and salaries.

BILLS PASSED.

Providing for State education of blind children over eight years of age.

Providing fine of \$10 for hindering attendance officers.

Regulating granting of State teachers certificates on county permit certificates.

Regulating State inspection of upholstering.

Giving commission on State industrial home for women right of eminent domain.

Regulating salaries of clerks in office of Recorder in Philadelphia.

Providing registration of realty ownership in second class cities.

Establishing State license for insurance associations known as Lloyds.

These bills passed finally at the day session.

Prohibiting any city, county or municipality from taxing insurance companies or agents or brokers paying a State license.

Authorizing State Forestry Department to grow trees for public distribution.

Defining, regulating, labelling and advertising of paint.

Providing appeals to Superior Court in juvenile cases.

The proposed uniform partnership Act which passed the Senate early in the month.

Authorizing railroad and street railway companies to grant reduced transportation rates to ministers.

Regulating fire insurance rate making bureaus under supervision of the Insurance Commissioner and prohibiting discrimination.

Incorporating the Knowlton Turnpike and Bridge Company to construct a bridge over the Delaware River near Portland, Northampton county.

Authorizing District Attorney in Allegheny county to appoint a secretary.

Senate bill increasing allowances to Supreme Court Justices for clerical services from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

Senate bill validating liens for street improvements in boroughs under Act of May 12, 1911.

Fixing peremptory challenges in selection of juries as follows: Felonies and misdemeanors in Over and Terminus courts, twenty each; in felonies except those in Over and Terminus, bribery, arson, election frauds, conspiracy, embezzlement, etc., twelve, and all others six.

Providing that notaries public named during the recess of the Senate shall be commissioned until March 31 of the ensuing legislative session.

Authorizing second class cities to purchase stock of bridge companies and exempting stock or bonds so owned from State taxation.

Empowering second class cities to construct subways or pipe galleries and to compel their use by public utilities.

Authorizing District Attorneys with court approval to employ experts and special witnesses to assist in preparation of criminal cases.

Permitting plumbers who failed to register under the Act of 1911 in first class cities to do so.

Increasing salary of messenger in Legislative Reference Bureau from \$70 to \$120.

Increasing State per capita allowance for insane in county institutions from \$2 to \$2.25 per week.

Providing for publication of advance sheets of laws as soon as enacted.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Reynolds, Philadelphia.—Fixing at \$5,000 salary of county controller in counties having between 150,000 and 250,000 population.

Wylie, Allegheny.—Amending school code so that all school bonds shall be issued free of tax.

Williams, Toga.—Authorizing commissioner of health to accept a donation for a chapel at Hamburg Sanatorium.

KEYSTONE STATE IN SHORT ORDER

Latest News Happenings Gathered From Here and There.

TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

To Raise \$10,000,000 As Martin Luther Fund—Saves Family When Home Burns—\$100,000 Fire In Tamaqua.

Fire gutted the rear of the Haefek Block, Tamaqua, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

Fire did \$500 damage to the home of James H. Simon, Reading, starting from an overheated stove in the kitchen while the family were away.

William Ziegenfuss, leading farmer of Dale, was found dead in bed of apoplexy at his home, aged sixty-six years.

Levi Rex, a blacksmith at Lehigh Furnace, Lehigh county, died at the age of 64, of gangrene, due to a burned foot.

The position of city nurse, recently created by the Reading Council, was filled by the election of Miss Agnes M. Combs, to the position, at a salary of \$50 a month.

Hundreds of bushels of Lehigh county potatoes are being loaded on the cars by the farmers for shipment to Philadelphia and New York at thirty-seven cents.

There was a largely attended reception in Salem Evangelical Church, Allentown, in honor of the new pastor, Rev. H. C. Lilly, and the new presiding elder, Rev. Charles D. Dreher.

Albert Gingenrich, a retired farmer, aged fifty-seven years, residing in Springettsburg Township, hanged himself from a stairway at his home. Sickness was the cause, and although his wife had watched him closely for some time he succeeded in eluding her.

Reading's only survivors of the First Defenders, Fred M. Yeager, Henry Rush, John Pries and Harrison Lett,