

ABANDON HOPE OF MAINTAINING ITALIAN NEUTRALITY

MAY BEGIN WAR WITHOUT DECLARATION

GOVERNMENT GIVEN FULL POWERS BY CHAMBER YESTERDAY

PEOPLE ANXIOUS FOR HOSTILITIES

It is Feared Army and Navy Will Anticipate Declaration and Start Hostile Action.

While the latest advices from the Italian capitol make no reference to an official declaration of war by Italy, they announce that the Italian parliament has conferred full powers on the government to make all decisions in case of war for the defense of the State.

Paris is celebrating the announcement of the Italian parliament's action as if war had been declared. It is quite possible that this is so, for news from Rome has been greatly delayed in reaching the United States.

Berlin, May 20.—No definite information is available here regarding the Italian situation, but an outbreak of hostilities is regarded as absolutely certain.

Whether the Italian government intends to take a decisive step and declare war today or postpone the delivery of her ultimatum a few days is unknown, even at the foreign office, although there is still uninterrupted telegraphic communication between Berlin and German Ambassador Von Buelow at Rome.

Amsterdam, May 20.—"No one in Italy any longer doubts that war begins today," says a telegram from Chlasso, Switzerland, today, which was printed in the Berliner Tageblatt.

London, May 20.—Any lingering hope that Italy would maintain her neutrality was abandoned tonight when the Italian chamber conferred on the government extraordinary powers in the event of war's outbreak. This is considered a vote for war, for which the government has made all preparations and the greatest enthusiasm throughout Italy.

At all events, preparations for naval and military action have been made by both sides. It is possible that while Italian premier was explaining to the cabinet the policy of his government the troops on frontier and the navies in the Adriatic had anticipated diplomatic action.

EXTRAORDINARY POWERS CONFERRED ON GOVERNMENT

Rome, May 20.—The chamber of deputies adopted a bill conferring full powers on the government. The vote was 407 against 74. One member did not vote. The bill passed amid tremendous enthusiasm.

Rome, May 20.—Premier Salandra this afternoon introduced a bill in the chamber of deputies conferring on the government extraordinary powers in case of war. A committee was named to give the project immediate consideration.

Paris, May 20.—Reports have been received here from Rome that the Italian chamber of deputies by virtually a unanimous vote, today granted full powers to the minister of war.

Rome, May 20.—It is learned that the cabinet ministers at a prolonged session unanimously rejected Austria's latest proposals for prolonging negotiations regarding territorial concessions. Official circles here believe ignorance at Vienna and Berlin of the king's cabinet and parliament's determination to obtain all the territorial gains.

ENGLAND BUYS ALL CARGOES OF COTTON SEIZED

STATEMENT MADE TO CORRECT MISTAKEN IMPRESSION HERE

PAYMENT AWAITS PROOF OWNERSHIP

Explained That Delay is Necessary Because Proof Must Come From U. S.

London, May 20.—In an effort to correct what the government believes to be a misunderstanding of Great Britain's attitude toward American ships and American cargoes in other neutral bottoms detained under an order in council, the foreign office issued an explanatory memorandum.

The explanation is supplemented by the statement that cotton cargoes which the government agreed to purchase under the cotton agreement have been brought by the government and actual details concerning payment only await proof of ownership and papers showing the actual contract price.

It is explained that in as much as most of these papers must come from the United States there will be some unavoidable delay before the owners of the cotton receive their money.

Quiet in Portugal. Lisbon, May 20.—A new ministry having been definitely formed, the revolutionary committee has been dissolved. The capital is quiet.

NO VERDICT RENDERED IN BARNES LIBEL SUIT

Jury Locked up For Night After Deliberating Eleven Hours Without Agreement.

Syracuse, May 20.—The fifty thousand dollar libel suit of William Barnes against Theodore Roosevelt did not end today. The case went to the jury this afternoon. Two hours later the jury was brought into court when one member requested the presiding judge to repeat part of his charge in which he asserted the political opinion of any juror should not enter into their decision.

The judge granted the request, and informed the jury that court would be adjourned until tomorrow morning. The jury was locked up at 11:27 o'clock tonight after deliberating more than seven hours without reaching a verdict.

President Has Returned. Washington, May 20.—The Mayflower with President Wilson aboard arrived from New York this morning. The president breakfasted at the white house.

PRESBYTERIANS MEET AT NEWPORT NEWS

Rev. W. M. F. Alexander of New Orleans Chosen Moderator for Session.

Newport News, May 20.—The Presbyterian general assembly in the south was organized here today for a ten day session by the election of Rev. W. M. F. Alexander of New Orleans as moderator. The election was decided on the third ballot. The retiring moderator and committee chairman delivered addresses and submitted reports.

Fire Destroys Ancient Building. Madrid, May 20.—The famous seventeenth century building occupied by the law courts in the parish of Santa Barbara, Madrid, has been destroyed by fire. Judge Aranda, of the court of session, was overcome by smoke while trying to save the official records of his court, and died in the ruins. A large number of firemen were injured.

Rescued American Seaman of Steamer Gulflight



These seamen of the American steamer Gulflight were saved by British tugs and patrol boats after the vessel was torpedoed off Scilly Islands May 1. Three of the crew lost their lives as a result of the attack.

ROCKEFELLER BEFORE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

ASKED ABOUT ATTITUDE OF FATHER AND SELF TOWARD STRIKERS

EXAMINATION BY WALSH SEVERE

Chairman Questions Millionaire on Incidents Relative to Recent Strike.

Washington, May 20.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., testifying today before the Industrial Relations Commission's inquiry into the recent Colorado coal strike, was subjected to searching examination by Chairman Walsh, who questioned him about the personal attitude of himself and his father toward the striking miners.

Walsh mentioned the case of John R. Lawson, a member of the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, recently convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. He declared one juror had been a traveling salesman for a biscuit company which had exclusive the sales privilege in the Colorado Fuel Iron company's plants.

Rockefeller was asked what he would do for the sake of justice if this and other allegations proved true. He replied he was determined that the administration of justice should be left to the state, and if injustice be shown the attorney general of Colorado would wish to try the Lawson case again.

ALLEGED SPY HANGED HIMSELF

London, May 20.—Anton Kuepferle, claiming to be an American citizen and once a resident of Brooklyn, giving military information to England's enemies, committed suicide last night at Brixton prison. It is reported he hanged himself.

Kuepferle left a message written on a slate, bearing testimony to the fairness of his trial. He confessed he was a soldier and said he wished to die as a soldier and declared that he could not bear to mount the scaffold as a spy. When the court opened today for the resumption of the trial, Lord Reading the attorney general, announced the death of the prisoner to the judge saying that he had hung himself with a silk scarf.

Japanese Diet Opens. Tokyo, May 20.—Emperor Yoshihito formally opened diet today. He expressed the hope that deliberations would be conducted harmoniously so that needed laws would be passed. There are indications that some opposition will develop to the government's Chinese policy.

EX-SENATOR BAILEY REBUKED BY JUSTICE

BAILEY REPRESENTING THE RIGGS BANK IN INJUNCTION PROCEEDINGS

FREQUENT TILTS BETWEEN LAWYERS

Threats Made by Bailey to Withdraw From Case—Matter Smoothed Over.

Washington, May 20.—Bitter exchanges featured the argument today, in the case of the Riggs National Bank against United States treasury officials. A clash occurred between Presiding Justice McCoy and Ex-Senator Bailey, representing the bank in opposition to the motions of Secretary McAdoo, Comptroller of Currency Williams and United States Treasurer Burke to dismiss the case and to withdraw from the bench, but later continued. Frequent sharp tilts occurred between Bailey and Samuel Undermyer, counsel for the treasury officials.

Justice McCoy let it be known he would take the case under advisement for some time.

Washington, May 20.—The argument in the Riggs National bank injunction suit against Secretary McAdoo and Comptroller Williams was marked today with a clash between former Senator Bailey, the chief counsel for the bank, and Justice McCoy. Bailey threatened to withdraw from the case and McCoy threatened to refuse to hear the lawyer's argument.

Bailey was arguing for the admissibility of the affidavit, disclaiming the relations between the bank and Lewis Johnson & Co., stock brokers. McCoy interrupted to say that he had already ruled it to be admitted and that further argument only took time. "Your honor has taken more time than I intended to take for what I intended to say," replied Bailey. "Your remarks are highly improper," retorted the justice. "I do not care to have any more discussion. Another remark of that kind and some other counsel will argue this case." Bailey tossed his papers to the table, turning away and said that if the court felt that way about it, he would withdraw from the case then. McCoy retorted that he did as he pleased, but not to make such a remark again. Several of the bank's lawyers surrounded Bailey. "For a conference, he said to the court: 'I feel that I owe my client a higher duty than myself. I will remain to continue the argument.'" "I also feel that I owe a duty to your client," replied the justice, "and that will lead me to dismiss what you've said from my mind." The argument then proceeded.

DIXIE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETS

TO SELECT ROUTE FOR HIGHWAY FROM CHATTAHOOGA TO MIAMI

MANY SECTIONS WANT HIGHWAY

Sharp Contest Between Advocates Different Routes Through Georgia.

Chattanooga, May 20.—Delegates from various sections of Florida and Georgia, who are contesting for locations on the proposed Dixie Highway from Chicago to Miami, completed the presentation of their arguments before fourteen commissioners from seven States interested, who met today to select the highway route. Representatives of other sections will be heard tomorrow. The designation of the road will be made Saturday. Great enthusiasm marked the proceedings. Advocates of the central and east coast, the competing Florida routes were heard.

One of the warmest contests before the meeting was the Georgia route starting from Chattanooga. The Rome delegation urged a route which would pass Chickamauga battlefield. Other Georgia delegations made a strong plea for the designation, emphasizing the highway stretches already built and now building.

Chattanooga, May 20.—Commissioners from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Florida meet here today to select the route for the Dixie highway from Chattanooga to Miami, Fla.

The session will probably last throughout Saturday. Two commissioners reported from each state. Clark Howell of Atlanta, the commission's chairman, presided today. The seven incorporators of the original Dixie Highway association and two representatives from Michigan sat with the commission in an advisory capacity.

The interest in the projected roadway is intense. Delegations are here from the many cities and counties through which the proposed highway's routes run. All are doing their best to advance the interests of their sections.

ENGLAND GRANTS MORE TIME TO RECEIVE GERMAN GOODS

Washington, May 20.—Great Britain today notified the state department that it had extended to June 15 the time within which German goods may be shipped to America from neutral ports, provided they were purchased before March 1. Charleston, May 20.—The West Virginia house today passed a joint resolution petitioning the governor of Georgia to commute the sentence of Leo Frank to life imprisonment. The measure passed the senate yesterday.

GREENVILLE MAN FILES PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY

UNIQUE SITUATION CREATED BY ACTION OF PROMINENT ATTORNEY

ASSETS DOUBLE HIS LIABILITIES

One of Largest Land Owners in State—Pays Small Fortune in Taxes Alone.

Special to The Intelligencer. Greenville, May 20.—W. H. Irvine, prominent citizen and well known member of the bar of this city, today filed in the United States district court here a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, scheduling liabilities of \$213,596.42 and estimated assets of \$496,824.15.

How a man with assets more than twice the amount of his debts could be bankrupt might strike some as most peculiar. In the case of Mr. Irvine it is an instance of a man being "land poor." He is one of the largest property owners in the State, practically all of his holdings being in city and county real estate, both in Greenville, and adjoining counties, scheduled among the

Mr. Irvine's taxes alone were scheduled among the liabilities as \$3,350. This serves as an indication of the amount of real estate he holds. This is probably the largest bankruptcy case that ever originated in Greenville or this section of the State.

SECRETARY GARRISON ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

In Address Before Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration.

Mohonk Lake, N. Y., May 20.—The problem of armaments which has evoked more discussion than any other question before the Lake Mohonk conference of international arbitration assumed prominence again today as a result of address by Secretary of War Garrison on "Problem of National Defense."

"Self respect" he said, "requires we should be prepared to protect that which we cherish, which not only includes material possessions, but that intangible something which makes a distinctive nations in the eyes of the world."

Other speakers were Hamilton Holt of New York editor of The Independent; John E. Clark, professor political economy of Columbia University. They talked about the feasibility of a league of peace.

BRITISH ARE FORMING WAR GOVERNMENT

New Civil Heads Decided Upon For Admiralty and War Office.

London, May 20.—The national government which will guide the British empire for the duration of the war is in progress of formation. Leaders of political parties conferred throughout the day, arranging details. No statement regarding the personnel of new ministers has been made, except the Premier Asquith and Foreign Secretary Grey will retain their posts. It appears certain that there will be a new civil head for the admiralty and war offices.

SLAV FORCES STILL LOSING IN GALICIA

LINES ON RIVER SAN BROKEN BY AUSTRIANS AND GERMANS

NAVAL BATTLE IN BALTIC SEA

Dispatches Also Tell of Capture of Riga in Northwest Russia, By Germans.

London, May 20.—A Copenhagen dispatch says: "It is stated the Germans have captured Riga in northwest Russia. Private dispatches report a big naval battle in the Baltic."

London, May 20.—Except for a continuation of the heavy fighting in Galicia where the Austro-Germans are declared to be pushing their successes, military operations in other parts of the war zone are almost at a standstill.

Vienna, May 20.—An Austrian official statement today announced that fifty-six hundred Russian prisoners were captured yesterday in battles along the upper Danube river in Galicia.

London, May 20.—The assembly of the Italian parliament at Rome today was expected to result in a declaration of that government's future policy in the European war. Coincident with the rejection of Austria's final proposals by the Italian council of ministers, it was announced in the Rome dispatches today that the Italian green book was issued, giving a review of the negotiations with Austria, which it shows had been begun last December.

Italy's demands, which Austria failed to satisfy, were based on a compensation for the Austrian advance in Serbia.

The Russian fortified line along the river San, running across central Galicia, on which great reliance was placed to check the Austro-German advance, has been definitely broken. The statements of the Toulon cables that they had crossed the river were confirmed in an official announcement from Petrograd. Premysl, which Russian won from Austria after a several months' struggle, is now under the attack of the Austro-German forces. One of the greatest battles of the campaign is apparently impending along the river San. In the north the Russians claim success in their operations against the German forces which invaded the Baltic provinces. It is said that the Germans have been expelled from Shavli.

Paris, May 20.—French troops have been landed at Sedul Bahr, at the southern tip of the Gallipoli peninsula and on the European side of the Dardanelles. They now are fighting around the Turkish positions at Kiritli, according to an Athens dispatch.

London, May 20.—A French steam trawler at Saint, just off Arcachon was torpedoed and literally smashed to pieces near Dartmouth this afternoon. Thirteen of her crew were drowned. The captain was the only survivor. It is stated no warning was given.

JAPANESE FISHERMEN RESCUED AFTER DRIFTING THREE MONTHS

Tokio, May 20.—Adrift in the Pacific for 89 days was the fate of four Japanese fishermen who were finally rescued by the American steamer Carcass, owned by the Standard Oil company and carrying oil from the United States to Kobe. The men had embarked in a small sailing boat at a coast village on December 30, 1914, and headed their craft for Osaka to deliver their cargo of sea-weed. The vessel was disabled in a violent storm, being shorn of all her canvas and cast adrift and helpless in the ocean hundred of miles from the coast. The crew managed to exist at rare intervals. On the 89th day they were picked up by the Cascarra about 350 miles northeast of the Bonin Islands. They were in a terrible state of emaciation and exhaustion, but have recovered.