

GERMANS, IN HOT DASH AFTER SLAV INVADERS, TAKE TAUROGGEN BASE

Pursuit Carries Kaiser's Men Five Miles Over East Prussia Border. Russians Capture Five Hungarian Towns.

German forces, dashing across the East Prussian frontier in pursuit of the Russians who drove at Tilsit, have stormed the Slav position at Tauroggen. Many prisoners were taken in the capture of the Czar's base for operations against East Prussia.

Petrograd officially chronicles victory in a two days' battle along the Pilica, where the foe, it is asserted, lost heavily in men and munitions. On the Skwa River, also in North Poland, a German offensive was checked with heavy casualties.

The Russian drive into Hungary through Dukla Pass has resulted in the occupation of Busow, Al Polyania, Sbor, Al Komarnit and Cser-teaz, Hungarian towns north of Bartfeld and Svidnik, the important railway centers, which are the present objective of the Slav campaign.

Austria announces repulse of Russian troops in the Laborz Valley. Desperate efforts are being made by the Carpathian defenders to prevent being driven from the mountains down into the plain of Hungary.

The capture of the slopes of Hartmannswiller-Kopf, in Alsace, by the French is announced from Paris. The invaders had previously taken the summit of this important hill, and their guns now dominate the valley.

GERMANS STORM SLAV POSITION AT TAUROGGEN

Pursue Tilsit Invaders Into Czar's Territory and Capture Base.

Continuing their pursuit of the Russians who invaded East Prussia with the intention of attacking Tilsit, German troops have in turn invaded the Czar's territory and captured Tauroggen, taking 200 prisoners, according to today's official report from the German General Staff.

Other heavy Russian losses are reported in the district of Krasnopol, where the Germans captured more than 1000 prisoners, among them a squadron of cavalry with their horses and five machine guns.

Tauroggen lies five miles across the border of northern East Prussia, and is a base for Slav incursions into East Prussia.

ITALY TO BE PLACED UNDER MARTIAL LAW AS FINAL WAR MOVE

Mobilization Orders Expected to Follow at Any Moment, Although Rome Hears Hostilities May Be Delayed a Month.

Martial law will go into effect throughout Italy on April 1. While no formal proclamation may be issued, the military establishment will take over all the telephone and telegraph lines and the railroads.

After midnight on March 31 no information relating to the movements of the Italian navy or army may be transmitted. This rigorous censorship has been ordered by royal decree.

This is one of Italy's final steps in its war plans. Mobilization orders will be issued by the government at any moment, but reports are that actual intervention will be postponed until the end of April.

There has been no change in Italy's attitude, except in putting off the inevitable action of intervention until a date when, it is expected, the Dardanelles will have been forced and Constantinople occupied, possibly with the co-operation of Bulgaria, and when the Russians will have passed the Carpathians and permanently invaded Hungary.

The delay in intervention is based upon the possibility that Austria will forsake Germany and sue for a separate peace. This is a remote contingency, apparently, but it is by no means impossible and is actually being seriously considered.

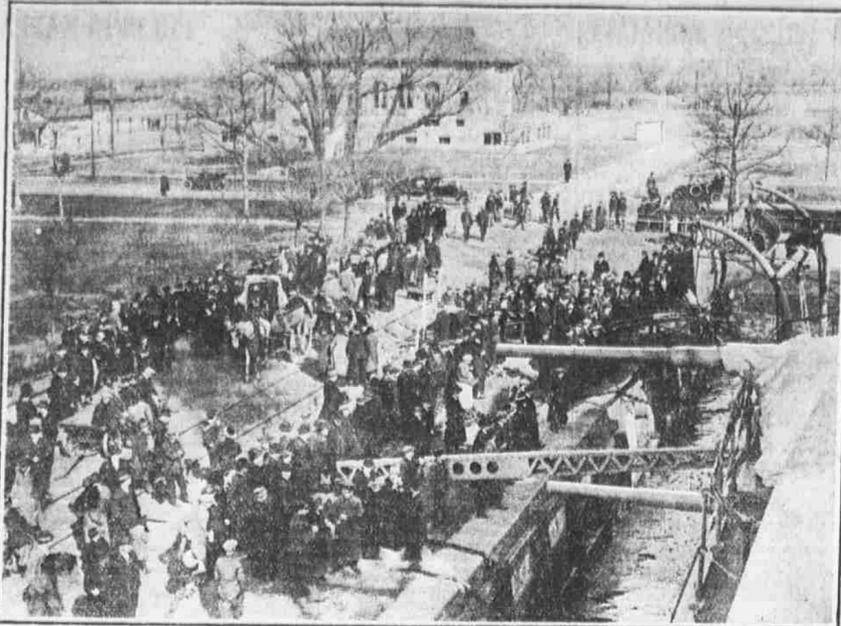
A pro-war meeting organized by the Trento and Trieste propaganda committee was held yesterday. Among those present were many Senators, deputies, the membership of political associations and clubs and representatives of political societies and patriotic associations. Five thousand persons, including many women, made up the audience.

Deputy Barilli, the Socialist leader Bonomi and the Nationalist leader Corradini made speeches and provoked wild enthusiasm when they explained the necessity for the annexation of the "lost" provinces. All deplored Von Busow's negotiations, which they said were disgracing Italy since neutrality was impossible. They declared that neutralists are unworthy of citizenship.

After repeated acclamations and amid shouts of "Long live Italian Front and Trieste," a resolution was passed unanimously urging intervention, with the object of winning Italy's frontiers. General Corradini, insistently urged to speak, said that he hoped to lead a volunteer army into the field soon.

Demagogues followed the meeting and crowds paraded the streets shouting down at Austria. They attempted to reach the Austrian Consulate, but were prevented by troops who were

CROWD WATCHES BATTLESHIP ALABAMA DEPART SUDDENLY



The ship when the sudden war broke out, taken such an interest in the sailing of a battleship from the Navy Yard as in the case of the Alabama, which cleared today supposedly for Newport News. The picture shows the throng which stood up close beneath the ship's guns and watched every movement of the hurrying sailors.

ALABAMA SAILS ON NEUTRAL MISSION

Pre-dreadnought Speeds Away From League Island for Virginia Capes.

Wives and sweethearts of the tars and marines on board the pre-dreadnought Alabama gave them a royal sendoff this morning when the big fighting ship started down the Delaware. The Alabama is on its way to join the vessels of France and England off the Virginia coast.

The work of stocking the ship continued up to 6 o'clock this morning, after being carried on during a whole day of preparation which, despite the fact that it was on Palm Sunday, presented the most warlike aspect of any occasion at the Navy Yard since the Spanish-American war.

When the tug Samoset and Madoch pulled the Alabama away from the back channel before 9 o'clock, her magazines were crammed with 500 rounds of ammunition for her 12-inch guns, 4,000,000 rounds for the smaller arms and provisions for two months. She will take on coal at Newport News.

Wives of the Alabama's officers mingled with sweethearts and sisters of her ordinary tars when the battleship was unladen. Tears and sobs showed their emotion. The cottages on the officers' row of the yard were deserted. All the residents were watching the departure of a ship which may be a referee in the fight which ships of Great Britain, France and Germany will wage when the cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich makes a dash for the open seas from her dock at Norfolk-and, again, may have to unmaneuver her heavy guns to enforce the law of the three-mile limit or the maintenance of the neutrality code.

A few minutes before 9 o'clock the flag of the rear admiral was run up. The American flag, flying from the stern was hoisted down and the sailing flag was run up on the mast, accompanied by the cheers and shouts of the sailors. The tug chimed as the last cable was loosened from the dock. Handkerchiefs waved from the shore. Music, shouts and the scream of a whistling came back from the deck, as the sea fighter shook with the first pull of the tugs.

The battleship Connecticut is due to arrive at League Island from Guantanamo, Cuba, tomorrow. The warship received injuries to her shaft during gun practice off the Cuban coast recently. She will be placed immediately in dry-dock.

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Heavy fighting between the two armies was engaged in a tenacious battle at Wach. Russians advanced some distance behind the enemy's first line.

At the village of Domanevce, on the Pilica River, the Russian forces routed the enemy after a two-day battle. The retreating Germans in their disorderly flight abandoned a huge quantity of supplies and correspondence.

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Three Lost, Two Damaged, According to Czar's Admiralty.

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CONSTANTINOPLE FEARS AS FOES SHELL FORTS

Continued from Page One. Section of the forts, according to Petrograd dispatches. During the engagement enemy aviators appeared over the Russian fleet to observe its strength, but returned to the Bosphorus without dropping bombs.

The Russian fleet, which is attacking the Turkish forts defending the Bosphorus is under the command of Admiral Eberhard.

The battleship Imperatritsa Maria, 22,500 tons, is his flagship and led the attack, being accompanied by the battleships Evstafii, Ioann Zioutout, Pantelimon and Kotslyay and the cruisers Pamyat Merkuria and Kasak.

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HARVESTER TRUST CALLED A MENACE TO LAW OF TRADE

Attorney General's Brief Declares Perkins Formed a Combination That Strikes at Root of Competitive Business.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Attorney General Gregory's brief in the harvester trust case, awaited with tremendous interest because it was expected to define the present Administration's working policy toward all combinations, was filed in Supreme Court today.

The brief fulfills expectations. Probably its most striking feature is the distinction it makes between "growth from within" and growth through combination. In effect, Attorney General Gregory says that practically no limitation can be placed on any industrial institution's growth from within itself, for that is a proper result of competition. It is reiterated that competition must be the law of trade.

The main considerations, says Gregory, moved Congress to pass the anti-trust act:

"First, The desire to preserve industry's competitive system. "Second, The conviction that the undue concentration of economic power, resulting chiefly from the unrestricted right of combination, threatened that system. "Apparently," he says, "Congress saw no substantial danger through the growth of a single business from within, no matter how large it might become in that way; even, though, for example, through greater efficiency, energy or resources, and consequently ability to offer a better grade of product than that of its competitors or the same grade of product at a lower price, a corporation might come to possess the trade to the very point of controlling the market for the time being. Monopolistic power so attained would be no rare and its field so limited that it might safely be ignored."

But, he says, Congress intended that

every combination which interferes or threatens to interfere with the normal and effective operation of the law of competition in trade should be prohibited. The International Harvester Company, says Gregory's brief, is not the result of the normal growth of a single business, but is a combination of able competitors—the McCormick, Deering, Champion, Plano and Milwaukee companies—controlling an overwhelming proportion of the trade, brought together by George W. Perkins, of J. P. Morgan & Co., "a banker and promoter." By a single stroke, says the brief, rivalry was extinguished and a virtual monopoly achieved. Later other big companies were taken in.

GERMANY CUTS FLOUR COST BERLIN, March 23.—Beginning April 1 the price of flour will be lowered considerably, the Government announced today. By taking over stocks and organizing a scientific distribution of foodstuffs the company formed by the Government has found it possible to make a substantial reduction.

While the Government wishes to discourage extravagance, it was announced that the present supply of flour is ample to feed Germany until the next crop.

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