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ITALY DECLARES WAR ON TURKEY

FOLLOWING DECLARATION OF WAR ITALIAN FLEET MOVES AGAINST TRIPOLI.

TURKISH SHIPS DESTROYED

Italian Cruiser Sinks Turkish Destroyer in the Harbor at Prevosa.

Rome.—Italy has declared war on Turkey.

It declared that the two countries were in a state of war beginning at half after two o'clock on the afternoon of Friday, September 29.

This is the hour at which the Italian ultimatum to Turkey expired. It followed a session of the cabinet, at which the Turkish reply was considered and found unsatisfactory.

Though every indication pointed to this action by the royal government, there was always a possibility that the good offices of other governments would be successful in avoiding hostilities, and when the final decision of the cabinet was announced, the excitement throughout the city was intense.

Constantinople.—The Turkish war ministry, according to the reports current here, has received a dispatch from the late Turkish military attache at Paris, who has assumed command of the forces at Tripoli, stating that the Italians began to disembark, but the Turks succeeded in sinking the first two barges.

The Turkish cabinet has resigned, Said Pasha assuming the office of grand vizier, and Kismil Pasha that of foreign minister. Mahmoud Shefket Pasha continues as minister of war.

Salonika, European Turkey.—An Italian cruiser has destroyed a Turkish destroyer in the harbor of Prevosa, in Epirus, and landed troops. The Turkish authorities are sending a battalion of troops to Prevosa.

The Matin's Athens correspondent says the telegraph official at Venitza, Greece, wires to the government that a naval battle occurred off Prevosa.

Italian warships belonging to the Ionian squadron encountered a flotilla of Turkish destroyers cruising off the coast of Epirus.

The Italians promptly attacked the flotilla, and two Turkish ships were badly damaged by shells. They have gone ashore in the Gulf of Arta.

Athens, Greece.—The premier has received a telegram from Venitza announcing that Italian warships pursued and fired upon two Turkish transports carrying tropos. The transports went to shore near Prevosa.

FAMILY MURDERED BY GIRL

New Orleans Police Think They Have a Modern Lucreita Borgia.

New Orleans.—In the arrest here of Annie Crawford, an alleged drug fiend, on the charge of poisoning her younger sister, Elise, a pretty stenographer, the police took their first step in an avowed effort to reveal the woman as a modern Lucreita Borgia. Miss Crawford admitted to the district attorney that she did give her sister, Elise, morphine, but did it by mistake, as she intended to give her calomel and soda; that she stole the morphine from the Presbyterian hospital, and after giving a portion to her sister had about two dozen tablets left, which she threw away. She said she was afraid to call in the doctor after she had discovered her mistake.

Three other members of the Crawford family have died under mysterious circumstances within the past fifteen months and Annie Crawford is said to have been the beneficiary named in the insurance policies on the life of each.

Taft Hears War News.

Ottumwa, Iowa.—President Taft got his first news of the declaration of war by Italy upon Turkey through the Associated Press dispatches handed to him on his train. He took the deepest interest in the news and asked for more. No comment of any sort, however, was obtainable.

AWAKENING OF OLD MOUNT ETNA

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RELATIVE WAR STRENGTH OF WARRING COUNTRIES.

In view of the declaration of war upon Turkey by Italy, the following figures will be of interest:

Italy's peace strength, 240,000 men; reserves, 806,000. Total war strength, 1,046,000; available for duty, 1,200,000.

Turkey's peace strength, 375,000; reserves, 350,000; total war strength, 725,000; available for duty, 2,000,000.

Italy has 7 modern battleships, 6 older battleships, 8 armored cruisers, 14 first class cruisers, 13 gunboats, 13 torpedo boat destroyeys, 58 torpedo boats, 6 submarines and 29,941 officers and men in the navy.

Turkey has 5 old battleships, 1 first class cruiser, 2 second class cruisers, 2 third class cruisers, 2 gunboats, 4 torpedo boat destroyers, 8 torpedo boats, 30,800 officers and men in the navy.

THE CAUSE OF THE QUARREL BETWEEN ITALY AND TURKEY.

Tripoli, which is situated on the north coast of Africa, and directly south of Italy, has long been under Turkish control.

The Ottoman government has, according to report, become lax in its manner of government of Tripoli.

It is the claim of Italy that Tripoli, which is directly south of the Italian peninsula, harbors many thousand Italians, and that these Italians are without the proper protection.

Italy claims that the nearness of Tripoli to her own domain makes it imperative that Italians there be protected.

Recently the Arabian population of Tripoli, which is the prodominant race, have shown marked disapproval of the alleged encroachments of Italian enterprises in their country and have threatened to drive the Italians from Tripoli.

Representation of these anarchistic conditions were made to Turkey by the Italian government.

The Turkish replies to the Italian representations have not been acceptable to the latter government.

An utlimatum was sent by Italy to Turkey, in which it was stated that Italians in Tripoli must be protected, and that Italy proposed to do this, in view of the failure of Turkey to do so.

Turkey's reply to this ultimatum, sent to Rome, failed to appease the Italian ministry, and a declaration of war followed.

MOB LYNCHES WHITE MAN

Father of Mulattoes Who Killed Officers Strung Up to Water Tank.

Dumas, Ark.—Forcing their way into the Desha county jail here between fifty and one hundred men, members of a mob formed so quietly that the authorities had not the slightest warning, overpowered the deputies in charge and took Charles Malpass, Sr., white, to a water tank and hanged him. The mob then dispersed without demonstration. None of its members is known to the authorities, according to their statement.

The lynching followed a pitched battle at the home of Malpass, in which Sheriff W. D. Preston, of this county, Deputy Sheri Barney Stiel and two mulatto sons of Malpass were killed and Malpass wounded. Malpass' injuries were at first believed to be mortal, but when he was brought here and placed in jail his wounds were found not to be serious. The wife of Charles Malpass, Sr., a negress, and Malpass' younger son, young mulatto, escaped from the house during the fighting. The authorities say they do not think the negress and the boy engaged in the battle, and, for this reason, it is not thought the two will be sought further in connection with the affair. The sheriff's posse had gone to the Malpass house to arrest the two mulatto sons of Malpass.

The authorities say the community lived in a state of almost constant terror because of the Malpass family, against which prevailed intense feeling.

Better Outlook for Cotton Mills.

Manchester, Vt.—The prosecution of the so-called trusts by the United States government and the present and probable condition of business in general were topics touched upon by Franklin W. Hobbs of Brookline, Mass., president of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, when he opened the semi-annual session of the association here. "Conditions in cotton manufacturing during the past six months have been deplorable," said Mr. Hobbs, "but the outlook is much brighter."

Nation's Health Worth $540,000,000,000

Kansas City, Mo.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley of Washington, D. C., chief of the Federal agricultural department chemistry bureau and exonerated star figure in the so-called Wiley pure food controversy, told the National Conservation congress that the health of the nation was worth $540,000,000,000. He made this estimate on the basis of $600 per capita average annual earnings of 45,000 wage-earning adults, each representing a capital of $12,000 invested at 5 per cent.

Sea Island Growers Postpone Meeting

Valdosta, Ga.—The convention of the Sea Island Cotton Growers, scheduled to be held here, was indefinitely postponed owing to the absence of Charles S. Barrett, president of the Farmers' union. Delegates who had gathered here reported that the entire crop of sea island cotton had opened at once, and is nearly out of the fields, although usually it is ont all gathered until after Christmas.

LUMBER COMBINE RULES 20 STATES

THE SENSATIONAL CHARGE MADE IN SUIT FILED BY GOVERNMENT AGAINST TRUST.

SOUTHERN FIRMS INVOLVED

Lumber Associations in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana Named.

Denver.—Sensational charges that the so-called lumber trust completely dominates the lumber trade of at least twenty states by maintaining a spy system, blacklists, divisions of territory and other alleged illegal methods conducted through a central agency in Chicago, called the Lumber Secretaries' Bureau of Information, are made in an anti-trust suit filed in the United States court here by the department of justice.

This is the government's fourth move in a nation-wide fight against the lumber "trust" in addition to the criminal indictments already standing against the secretaries of fourteen lumberman's associations. Anti-trust suits under the Sherman law are now pending against the Michigan Retail Lumber Dealers' Association and the Eastern States Retail Lumber Dealers' Association.

The Secretaries' Bureau and the Colorado and Wyoming Lumber Dealers' association are defendants in the action filed. The government asks the court to enjoin the bureau from continuing espionage upon lumbermen by paid spies and circulating "blacklists" and other 'confidential information."

The government charges that the operation of the alleged conspiracy between the lumbermen and the secretaries' bureau has eliminated all competition from the trade of the consumer, except among retail yards.

It is charged that a dealer is prevented from soliciting or competing for business in the territory of another, that contracting builders and tion have been watched by detectives from buying at wholesale; that lumber dealers who have not obeyed the "ethics" prescribed by the organization have bene watched by detectives from the central bureau and their "irregular" sales published to other members of the association; that they have been "blacklisted" and have found it difficult to continue business. The effect of all this, the government alleges, has been to fix prices and restrain trade.

The bill is replete with allegations of threats and intimidations said to have been practiced upon manufacturers, wholesalers and so-called "unethical."

The government alleges that each of the following lumber associations, in addition to the Colorado and Wyoming, are represented in the "clearing house."

Northwestern Lumber association, Southwestern Lumber Dealers' association, Michigan Retail Lumber Dealers' association, Indiana Retail Lumber Dealers' association, Ohio Lumber Dealers' association, Illinois Retail Lumber Dealers' association, Wisconsin Lumber Dealers' association, Nebraska Lumber association, Western Retail Lumber Dealers' association, Retail Lumber Dealers' association of Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana Retail Lumber association, Pennsylvania Lumber Dealers' association, the Lumbermen's Association of Texas and the Retail Lumber Association of West Tennessee and Kentucky.

Cotton Dealers in Conference.

Troy, N. Y.—Another "white hope" ton buyers and cotton exchanges of New England and the Southern and Southwestern states, in conference here, entered in a general discussion as to the best methods of buying and selling the staple. Methods of adjusting differences which may arise between the outhern shippers and the New England buyers are being considered, and it was stated that as soon as some definite understanding is reached a statement would be issued.

VICTIMS OF FLOOD ARE LESS THAN 500

CONSTABULARY AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAVE THE SITUATION IN HAND.

VALLEY IS A CHARNEL HOUSE

The Property Loss From Flood and Fire is Estimated to be Around Six Million Dollars—Many Stories of Thrilling Rescues.

Austin, Pa.—The curtain of night, which was rung down on the Austin flood scarcely before its victims had all been claimed and its surviving spectators fully realize how great a tragedy the elements of water and fire had enacted in the natural ampitheater of the Allegheny mountains here, was lifted by dawn revealing a ghastly scene of death and devastation.

Austin, itself a busy mill town of three thousand people, many of whom were enjoying the fine autumn, is only a ghost of a town now. Torn to pieces by water and eaten by fire, the wet and charred remnants of its buildings, believed to hold the remains of three hundred or more persons, were strewn along the valley edge, piled in rows where the main street business section was or swept in scattered masses far down the ravine.

Spectators, many of whom barely escaped being victims of the disaster, and hundreds of persons from surrounding towns, looked down from the steep hillsides on Austin and Costello through a veil of fog to see the wreckage here of some four hundred houses, a score of business blocks, three churches and several large lumber mills, and three miles further down the river at Costello the ruins of more than fifty buildings. The flood did not spend its force until it raced for more than ten miles from the reservoir. Wharton, still farther on, suffered somewhat, but is practically intact. The loss of life at Costello, where the residents had more warning, is believed to be but three.

The property loss in the valley is estimated at upwards of $6,000,000.

Rapid Temperature Changes.

Washington. — Rapid temperature changes will be recorded in northern United States and moderate temperatures in the South and on the Pacific coast, announced the weather bureau's weekly bulletin. The week's precipitation will be above normal except on the Gulf and the South Atlantic coasts. The bulletin makes this forecast: Unsettled weather and general rain the first part of the week east of the Rocky mountains; crossing the Rockies then the Central valley and then the Eastern states. This disturbance followed lower temperature probably attended by frosts in the Northwest and Northern states.

Eight Children Burned to Death.

Indiana, Pa.—Eight children of Mr. and Mrs. William Dias of Heshbon, near here, ranging in age from 13 years to 3 months, were burned to death when fire destroyed the family home. The parents, after discovering the flames, left the children in their beds and went to the first floor where they made an attempt to extinguish the fire. The blaze spread rapidly, however, and they were unable to rescue the little ones.

America is Neutral.

Washington.—The American declaration of neutrality in the Italian-Turkish war only awaits the President's formal approval. Without his personal signature the State Department cannot issue the proclamation, which however, is expected to be promulgated. The proclamation is ready for issue as soon as approved, Acting Secretary of State Adee, having prepared it at the first intimation of hostilities.

Fowler Gets Cold Feet.

Emigrant Gap, Cal.—Aviator Robert G. Fowler abandoned his trans-continental flight because his engine will not carry him over the Sierras as it will not "bite" the thin air.