

ITALY DECLARES WAR AGAINST THE TURKS

Failure To Respond Agreeably To Ultimatum Ceases Negotiations

THE ITALIAN FLEET GETS ORDERS TO ACT

If Opposition To Occupation Of Tripoli Arises Inhabitants Will Get Notice To Vacate And Bombardment Of The City Will Begin.

By Associated Press.

ROME, Sept. 29.—Italy has declared war on Turkey. The official announcement was made late this afternoon. It declared that the two countries were in a state of war beginning at half past two o'clock on the afternoon of Friday, September 29.

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

City in Excitement.

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 hostility and when the final decision of the cabinet was announced the excitement throughout the city was intense.

Early Intimations.

Throughout the earlier hours of the day the papers had issued special editions announcing that the Italian fleet was moving in plain sight of the coast of Tripoli and intimating that war might be declared at any moment.

Turkey Evaded Direct Question.

The minister of foreign affairs, Siroddi San Giacomini, refused to answer a reply from the Turkish ambassador this morning and immediately went into conference with his associates in the ministry. It is understood that the Ottoman government completely conceded Italy's economic plans in Tripoli but evaded a direct answer demanded by the government, which had set forth in its ultimatum that Turkey must say that she would not resist the proposed occupation of Tripoli and Cyrene. Instead the Porte sent a conciliatory note suggesting further delay. It was known that at the same time Turkey transmitted a note to the powers in which it is assumed that she represented herself as the injured party and by inference at least, sought their intervention.

At Expiration of Ultimatum.

The royal government decided to stand absolutely by its ultimatum of yesterday and in the absence of the reply called for, to declare Italy and Turkey in a state of war from the hour that the ultimatum of 24 hours expired.

Comparison With Russo-Japanese War.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Persons familiar with conditions that led up to the Russo-Japanese war, recall that Japan took the course Italy is following, in practically beginning hostilities without warning to her powerful opponent and thereby secured a tremendous advantage by preventing the consolidation of the two sections of the Russian fleet which were lying in the harbors of Port Arthur and Chemulpo, Korea.

To Attack Turkish Fleet.

Most of the small Turkish fleet is off the Syrian coast at the extreme eastern end of the Mediterranean and Italy's declaration to-day is believed to be with the deliberate purpose of securing warrant under international law for an attack upon that fleet before it can make its escape and find refuge in the Bosphorus under the shelter of the powerful shore defenses. Such a move would leave Italy plenty of leisure to deal with the comparatively small Turkish military force in Tripoli and to prevent any reinforcements reaching that country from Turkey by water.

Declaration of War Without Notice to Neutrals.

The declaration of war without notice to neutral nations is coming to be the rule instead of the exception in recent years. It is said at the State Department that there can be no objection to such a course as has been adopted by Italy in this instance so long as there is no undue interference with American commerce or other interests.

Expect Notice of Blockade.

It is assumed that if a blockade of Tripoli ports has been established by Italy, it will be really what is equivalent to a peaceful blockade and will be confined to the turning back of neutral ships seeking to enter Tripoli ports without any attempt at seizure. It is expected that due

notice of any such blockade will be given as soon as possible.

Government Not Prepared.

The Washington government, hopeful until the last moment, that the mediation of some European power might prevent actual hostility between Italy and Turkey was scarcely prepared for news of actual declaration of war.

Ambassadors Had Given No Notice.

Neither Ambassador Rockhill at Constantinople nor Ambassador Lelsham at Rome had informed the State Department of the crisis had been reached. Ambassador Rockhill cabled that there was some excitement among the foreign element in Constantinople, presaging a rupture between Italy and Turkey.

Told of Demonstration.

He said that departing steamers from the Turkish capital were crowded by foreigners apprehensive of danger but added that the city was orderly. American Consul Wood at Tripoli cabled under last night's date that 12 cruisers were making a demonstration before the city of Tripoli but that good order prevailed in the city.

Italy Planned a Surprise.

Foreign diplomatic representatives at Rome appear to have been kept in profound ignorance of Italy's intentions, even the language and scope of the report of the Italian ultimatum presented to the Porte yesterday being known in Rome only to the foreign office. This was interpreted by officials as showing that Italy planned a complete surprise, evidently to prevent the assembling of any considerable Turkish naval or military forces in the neighborhood of Tripoli.

Condemnation from the Germans.

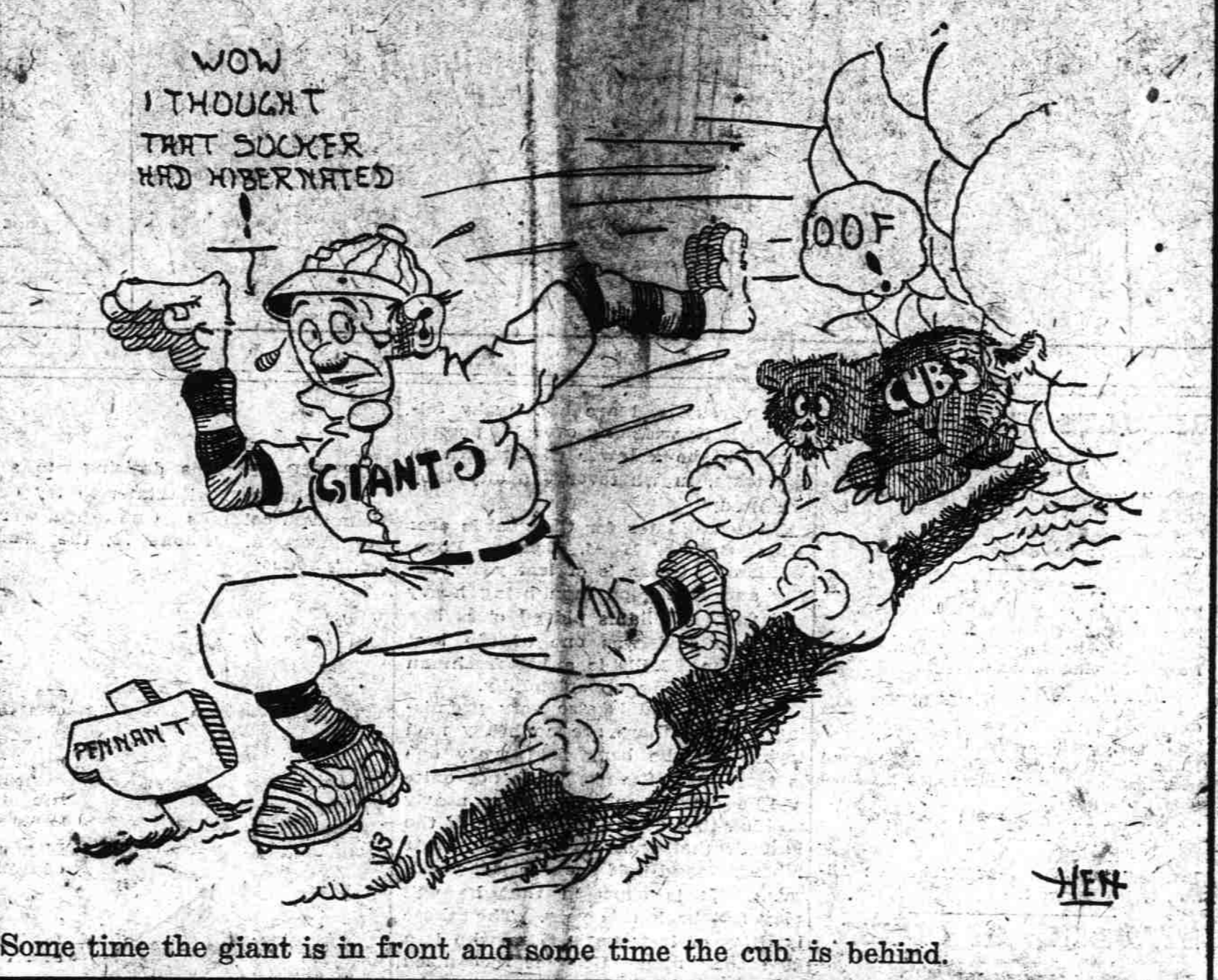
BERLIN, Sept. 29.—The German press to-day does not spare words in condemnation of Italy's action. The Frankfurter Zeitung declares that civilized Europe, disregarding political differences, must protest against an act of open pillage and naked violence and says that there is no justification for Italy's "brutal methods, particularly toward two allies."

Compares With Partition of Poland.

The Zeitung Am Mittag says that one must go back to the partition of Poland to find a similar example of brutal violence and political hypocrisy which was strikingly illustrated in the warning of the powers to the Balkan States to "behave." They were dwarfs. Only mighty Italy may play the bandit.

The paper adds that Italy, with its hordes of illiterates, is the least justified in using as a pretext conditions in Tripoli for an action against all the rules of civilized intercourse.

The National League Race—Getti Warmer.



Some time the giant is in front and some time the cub is behind.

CHICAGO WINS TWO; GIANTS' CHANCES ARE IN THE BALANCE

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—Following two successive victories of the Chicago baseball team of the National League the only possible contenders for the championship over New York, which is still five and one-half games in the lead for the pennant, the remaining two games of the series waited to-day on the schedule.

Smarting under the halt put to their attempt to wrest the league title from Chicago, the New York players rested to-day with the avowed intention of defeating the foe to-morrow and Sunday. Players of both teams appreciated the rest however, as all were somewhat stiff because of the wetting in yesterday's game which ended in a heavy rain. It drizzled most of the nine innings.

It is now planned to use Matheson in the New York box again before the end of the season.

New York can still lose seven of its 14 remaining games and win the pennant even if Chicago wins all of its remaining nine games.

Seven of New York's remaining games will be with Brooklyn and Manager McGraw to-day said that he expected to win at least five of these contests.

WAYWARD SON OF BANKER WORKS BIG FORGERY SCHEME

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—Larkin B. Flannigan, wayward son of Wallace B. Flannigan, former member of the Illinois Legislature and now a banker in Arkansas, under arrest at St. Louis for forgery, is said to be wanted by the police of many cities. Detectives assert he is the cleverest forger at large. It is estimated that Flannigan's forgeries during eight years will aggregate \$65,000.

With Larkin in jail detectives reorganized the system under which he operated. To begin with he had printed 5,000 drafts on the "Rural Hill Bank of Illinois," a fictitious institution. These drafts were made payable on the supposed correspondents of the fictitious bank.

Flannigan's father is president of a bank at Osceola, Ark. The son secured recommendations from his parents and started out. He visited one after another of the Southern watering places. With his polished manners and liberal splendor he worked himself into good society. He entertained highly. In a diary he kept the names of persons who invited him to visit them at their residences in other States.

Flannigan made it a point to drop in on these new found friends about six months later. He had between twenty and thirty aliases. Each of these names was that of some Illinois or Arkansas banker.

His friends naturally introduced him at the bank. The banks would consult the directory and find his statements apparently true. A few days later Flannigan would write a draft on his "Rural Hill Bank" and depart.

Harry G. Price, secretary of the Bankers' Guaranty Trust Company, of Chicago, yesterday swore out a warrant for young Flannigan for forging Mr. Price's name to a draft for \$500.

Flannigan has twice been convicted of forgery. In 1908 he married Mrs. Mattie Ferrington, a Memphis widow. He has a brother in Yale University and a sister in Vassar College.

HARRIMAN LINES REORGANIZE WITH FIVE PRESIDENTS

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—The new administrative scheme of the Harriman lines invests the big railroad system with five new presidents in place of Judge R. S. Lovett, who, like Mr. Harriman, has been President of them all. Judge Lovett as chairman of the executive committee retains the chief executive authority, with two chief lieutenants to assist him in his New headquarters. The two lieutenants are Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation and L. J. Spence, director of traffic.

The new president of the Union Pacific is A. L. Mohler, whose offices are in Omaha.

The new president of the Southern Pacific is Wm. Sprague, who for a number of years was its freight traffic manager. He is now president of Wells Fargo and Company but his resignation takes effect next Sunday.

Thornwell Fay was the director's selection as head of the Harriman lines in Texas and Louisiana with headquarters at Houston and New Orleans.

J. D. Farrell is the new president of the Oregon-Washington railroad and Navigation Company with offices in Portland, and Espe Randolph was elected to the presidency of the Southern Pacific of Mexico, with offices at Tucson.

THE PRESIDENT IS ENTERTAINED IN DES MOINES

By Associated Press.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Sept. 29.—Des Moines reception to President Taft to-day was non-partisan in character.

Following a breakfast at the Grant club the President motored through the city.

The doors of the Coliseum where the President was scheduled to deliver the most important speech of the day were opened early and long before the executive arrived all available space had been taken up by citizens of Des Moines and Iowa.

President Taft and his party were scheduled to leave Des Moines at 11:55 a. m. for Albia and intermediate points. Ottumwa was the objective point where the final speech was to be delivered by the President before his departure into Missouri.

Senator Albert Cummins, who has declared for Lafolette as next Republican presidential nominee, was at the union station here to meet Mr. Taft to-day. With him was former United States Senator Young. President was not quite dressed when the train entered the station but a moment after it came to a halt the two Senators were asked aboard. The greetings between them and the President were brief but apparently cordial.

After the greeting Senator Cummins started to leave the President's car for the waiting automobiles ahead of the President.

"Will you follow Mr. Cummins?" some one asked the President.

"Yes," Mr. Taft is quoted as saying. "I'm always glad to follow Mr. Cummins."



Mile Helene Dutrieu, champion aviator of the world, who has cabled from Paris that she is on her way to this country to participate in the international aviation meet at Nassau Boulevard, Long Island, September 23 to October 1. She and her Farman biplane are coming on board the Olympic. It is expected that she will meet in competition the three former most American women flyers—Miss Harriet Quimby, Miss Matilda Moisant and Miss Blanche Scott.

OFFICIALS DO NOT BELIEVE STRIKE TALK

Harriman Officers Say Either Order Will Not Be Given Or Men Will Not Obey

NO QUESTIONS OF WAGES INVOLVED

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—Although orders instructing 35,000 employees of the mechanical departments of the Harriman railroads, including the Illinois Central, to strike at 10 o'clock to-morrow are ready for transmission to-day, various division points, there will be no strike, according to officers of the railroads concerned.

Thousands Are Idle.

The belief of the railroad managers that the men would not strike is based on the fact that thousands of railroad men are already idle as a result of retrenchment by the Harriman roads and that the demands of the men do not call for any increase in wages.

Railroads Refused Demands.

The strike is threatened because the railroads yesterday for the third time flatly refused to recognize the federation of shop employees in the manner that they now deal with the individual unions comprised in the federation.

Union Official Says Men are Eager.

President J. W. Kline, of the International Blacksmiths' Union, who prepared the strike order that the railroad officers say will either not be sent out or will not be obeyed, said to-day that the men were eager to strike and that all preparations for a strike had been perfected.

Reply Left No Alternative.

He said that the reply of Mr. Kruttschnitt, of the Harriman roads to the federation's ultimatum left no alternative to a strike except to withdraw the demands of the union.

No Strike Order To-Day.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Sept. 29.—The strike order for Harriman lines shop employees apparently will not be issued this morning, the international association of machinists having convened at 8:30 o'clock in an endeavor to close up its business and adjourn this evening. This afternoon or evening a definite strike order may be issued.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS SATISFIED

Investigation As To Further Poisoning By Crawford Girl Will Not Be Made

SHE WANTS LAWYER TO CONDUCT DEFENSE

By Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 29.—Miss Annie Crawford, now facing the charge of murdering her sister Elsie last Saturday will not be charged with causing the death of her mother and father and sister Agnes, all of whom died under mysterious circumstances in June and July of 1910. This was the semi-official information secured at the police station today.

It is understood that the decision of District Attorney Adams not to investigate further the first three deaths was based upon a report of City Chemist Metz last night that it would be practically impossible to determine the presence of opium in any of the bodies since they had been buried for more than 12 months.

To Find What Became of Oxalic Acid

The detectives have now centered their activities on discovering what Annie Crawford did with the oxalic acid which she purchased on the Wednesday preceding the death of Elsie. She said she bought the acid from which a bleach sheets.

Found Poisons in Dead Girl's Stomach.

The fact that the accused admitted that she administered three capsules of morphine tablets of half a grain each to her sister, together with the report of the city chemist that he had found three grains of morphine in an analysis of Elsie's stomach, confirms the district attorney's belief that he will be able to offset all doubts as to the intentions of the accused in giving the poison.

Further Search For Acid

The city chemist is further analyzing in search for oxalic acid or additional quantities of morphine. Should he find more poison the district attorney will again face the prisoner with the chemist's report. It is said, to give her an opportunity of making further statements supplementing her statements of Wednesday.

Wants Lawyer to Defend Her.

Accompanied by her sister, Mrs. E. Leo, of Port Arthur, Texas, and Police Matron O'Connor, Miss Crawford went into the district attorney's office after her arraignment yesterday.

"I want to find out what I am to do about getting a lawyer to defend me," Mr. Adams said. "I must have one in this case but I have no money with which to hire one, nor are my relatives, in any position to give me any aid financially."

Offer Pauper Counsel.

"If you wish," replied the district attorney, "I will speak to Judge Creten about appointing a competent and reputable lawyer to act in your behalf. Such is the custom when the accused is unable to hire one."

Prisoner Shows No Concern.

The prisoner spent most of yesterday in the parish prison in company with the matron. Her appetite is unimpaired and she eats heartily at every meal. One of the officials said that the prisoner showed no concern, acting like any prisoner confined on a simple charge.

PANAMA MOVES AGAINST LABOR HIRING BUREAUS.

By Associated Press.

PANAMA, Sept. 29.—In order to prevent the exportation of canal laborers by designing contractors who can find a ready market for their services in Brazil and other South American countries, the assembly has passed a law providing that any foreigner found recruiting canal laborers shall be summarily deported.

Native Panamanians who try to persuade canal employes to leave for other work must pay a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 29.—Because she was compelled to wear overalls and men's shoes and milk twenty cows a day, Mrs. Mary Harrell, of Waterloo, Ia., filed a complaint for a divorce from Frank H. Harrell.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY TELEGRAPHERS TO TAKE STRIKE VOTE

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—There is stronger evidence here to-day that the Southern Railway telegraphers are preparing to strike. In fact one member of the telegraphers committee admitted that a strike vote is already being taken by the men.

President Ferham, of the Telegraphers' Union, arrived to-day and unless the Southern officials show more interest in the demands of their telegraph operators a strike may be expected in a short time.

It is said that the committee representing the telegraphers had an engagement to meet General Manager Coe on September 5, but instead of keeping this engagement Mr. Coe had left town and referred the men to Superintendent of Transportation Taylor whom the men say has not shown much inclination to act on their demands, yesterday they refused the offer of Mr. Taylor of about 3 per cent increase and asked Mr. Coe to grant them an additional 10 per cent.

A letter from Mr. Coe to-day conveyed the information that he could not meet the committee before October 15. This is not satisfactory to the telegraphers, and unless an earlier date is obtained the men say they will walk out.

DIVER MAKES WORLD'S RECORD IN CALIFORNIA

By Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 29.—Ford Travlle, a professional diver at Avalon, Catalina Islands, made yesterday what is said to be a world's record for diving. Clad in a common bathing suit, Travlle dragged a half-inch rope down sixty-five feet below the surface and made it fast to an anchor lying on the bottom. Travlle was down two minutes.

LITTLE GIRL LIVES AFTER BULLET HAS PIERCED BRAIN

By Associated Press.

MILES CITY, Mont., Sept. 29.—The little daughter of Oliver Barnes, of Jordan, was shot through the head about three weeks ago and though the bullet passed through the brain the child is now alive. The only difference the accident has made in her actions that is observable is that she now has an affliction of the optic nerve which makes her eyes twitch.

The girl was accidentally shot by her little brother, nine years of age.