



ITALIANS THREATEN TO DESERT ALLIES

Fiume Demanded on Pain of Quitting Conference.

DALMATIAN COAST WANTED

Clash With Jugo-Slavs Forced to Issue by Latins.

E. M. HOUSE IS ADJUSTER

American Delegate Announces to Premier Orlando That He Has Solution of Racial Quarrel.

PARIS, March 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Italian delegation to the peace conference has unanimously decided to withdraw from the conference unless Fiume is assigned to Italy contemporaneously with the conclusion of peace.

The decision was reached at a meeting today of the full delegation presided over by Premier Orlando. It was immediately communicated to the powers. E. M. House of the American mission has promised Premier Orlando to present, within a few days, a project concerning the Italian-Jugo-Slav frontier which he hopes will satisfactorily settle the dispute.

The decision of the Italian delegation as reported from Paris apparently brings to a head the bitter controversy between Italy and the new Jugo-Slav state over the disposition of land along the Adriatic formerly belonging to the Austro-Hungarian empire, which both nationalities claim.

Claims in Sharp Contrast.

Italy's claims originally included virtually the entire Italian coast, with Trieste and Fiume, which latter city is the second principal seaport on the eastern side of the Adriatic. Recent reports have been manifesting a disposition to make important concessions regarding the land along the Dalmatian coast, provided that the city and harbor of Fiume remained to Italy. The Jugo-Slavs, however, have been insisting that this port be allotted to them, claiming it to be a Croatian city.

On the other hand, there has been no disposition on the part of Italy to yield her points so far as Fiume is concerned. Her attitude was stated by Premier Orlando in addressing the Italian chamber on March 1, when he declared that "while Italy remained faithful to the spirit of conciliation which inspired the treaty upon which Italy entered the war," that did not mean that she could remain intransigent to the appeal reaching her from the Italian town on the Gulf of Quarnero (Fiume), which was exposed to the loss of both its nationality and independence. "We do not think," added the premier, "that this is possible at the very moment the world may be redeemed from a memory of violence done to the rights of the peoples."

PARIS, March 21.—The first result to be obtained is peace and the quickest peace possible," said David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, in a statement printed in today's issue of the "Excelsior."

MILLS TO REDUCE WAGES

North Bend Plants Adopt Scale of Other Concerns.

NORTH BEND, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—Following recent action of the Ray Park and North Bend mills, the Buehner Lumber company has announced that beginning April 1 a material reduction in the wage scale will be made. The company has maintained a minimum wage of \$1 a day up to the present time, it was reported, that this will be cut to \$2.20, the scale under which other mills on the bay are now operating.

Proportionate cut will be made in the wages of skilled labor in the plant. More than 200 employees will be affected by the revised wage scale.

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Her friends predict that she will continue to figure prominently in politics.

OYSTER OUTPUT GROWING

Seed Product at Washington Reserve Biggest Yet Known.

SEATTLE, March 21.—Over 1000 sacks of seed oysters will be taken off the state's reserves in Oyster Bay near Shelton, Wash., during the coming season, according to word brought here. In past years the highest yield has been 2200 sacks.

The big increase in the reserve's production is due to the completion of a diking system that covers between 12 and 13 acres. Six years ago but an acre and a half were diked. Most of the state's oysters are sold to oyster growers.

WOBBLY ATTITUDE OF KAISER COSTS THRONE

CHANCE TO SAVE GERMANY BY STAYING IN BERLIN REFUSED.

Ex-Chancellor Maximilian Expected to Reply to Hindenburg's Defense of Emperor's Flight.

BERLIN, March 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—In Field Marshal von Hindenburg's statement explaining and justifying the flight of ex-Emperor William there was a sharp criticism of Prince Maximilian of Baden, the then chancellor, for publishing the facts of the emperor's abdication without the latter's consent.

It is expected that this will evoke a sharp rejoinder from friends of the ex-chancellor, who are already pointing out that the emperor left Berlin on October 21, without consulting or notifying the chancellor, who vainly attempted at the last moment to induce the emperor to stay in Berlin, and later the capital in order that he might form his own judgment as to the extent of the crisis and the advisability of abdicating.

Prince Maximilian had long been convinced of the inevitability of the abdication of the emperor and the renunciation of the throne by the crown prince," says the Tageblatt. "It was hoped by this means to save Germany from a complete debacle and revolution. The emperor went to great headquarters to escape such advice and to seek a more congenial atmosphere. He dabbled with the thought of abdication in these surroundings until too late to save the throne for a possible successor."

RAYMOND MILL DESTROYED

Fire Causes Heavy Property Loss at Coats Plant.

RAYMOND, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—The Coats shingle mill was burned to the ground this afternoon. The entire mill, dry kiln and several thousand shingles are a total loss. The fire broke out at the noon hour, and had such a start when it was discovered that the mill could not be saved.

The Raymond fire department was rushed to the scene and made heroic efforts to save the dry kilns, but was unsuccessful. The mill was not running today, and only two men were employed there. They were eating their lunch when they discovered the fire. S. Coats, owner of the mill, is away, and the amount of the loss and insurance could not be obtained accurately, though the estimate of the loss is \$75,000 to \$100,000.

SLAVS IN U. S. MAY LEAVE

Steamer Line Formed to Take Russian Workers Back to Native Land.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The executive committee of the second all-Russian colonial convention today announced the incorporation of the Svoboda steamship line, the purpose of which company would be to charter or purchase steamers for the transportation of 1,000,000 Russian workers, bolsheviks and others, to Russia.

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BAKER ACCUSED OF ASSISTING I. W. W.

Pacifists Invade War Department, Is Charged.

SECRET ORDERS QUOTED

Conscientious Objectors Protected, Says ex-Officer.

SLACKERS GET SYMPATHY

Under Baker Rule, Major Foster Asserts, Refusal to Serve Put Person in Objector Class.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 21.—Perfection of a pacifist organization in such a clever manner that it has reached "the foundations of the most active department of the government—the war department," was charged in an address today by Major Dick E. Foster, member of a courtmartial at Camp Funston, Kan., that tried 135 alleged conscientious objectors.

He accused Secretary of War Baker with "intentionally or unintentionally aiding and assisting the I. W. W., international socialists and humanitarians in their program of blocking construction of the army by extending and perverting the acts of congress for the protection, comfort and solace of these obstructionists."

BRITISH STRIKE DEFERRED

Mine and Transport Workers Agree on Negotiations.

LONDON, March 21.—The triple alliance, railway men, miners and transport workers at a conference tonight reviewed the whole position of the mine, railway and transport workers and passed a resolution recommending that the railway men continue at work pending further negotiations with the government with a view to removing the deadlock.

ITALY GETS MORE U. S. CASH

Loans to Entente Allies Now Total Nearly Nine Billions.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—An additional credit of \$75,000,000 was given Italy today by the treasury department, bringing Italy's total credit up to \$1,495,300,000 and the total to all allied nations to \$3,932,410,560.

MACY WAGE SCALE EXTENDED 6 MONTHS

SHIPYARD HEADS AND LABOR REACH AGREEMENT.

Five Employers and Five Employees to Constitute New Board on Pacific Coast.

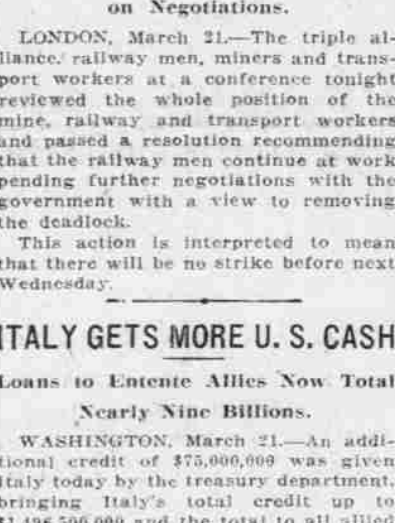
That the existing wage scale and working conditions of the Shipbuilding Labor Adjustment board, also known as the Macy scale, will remain in effect until October 1, under an agreement between shipyard managements and international officers of labor bodies, by which the control will be vested in a board of ten men on the Pacific coast, five to represent the employers and five the employees, was the news received yesterday from Washington, where delegates from both sides are in conference. The plan was adopted yesterday and the delegates are to start for home today.

Arthur W. Jones, assistant examiner here for the board, received a telegram from Judge McBride, examiner for the northwest, who is in attendance at the conference, to the effect the scale would be continued six months and that the joint board would take the place of the government commission, which ends its work March 31. The decision to recognize the same rates of pay and working conditions means there will not be a strike April 1, as was voted on recently by all bodies affiliated with the Pacific Coast District Metal Trades council, which convened here in February. The vote results were not given out and labor men say the region was that it was deemed best for representatives of their organizations to go to Washington with no ultimatum.

The assumption here is that one employer and one labor member were to be picked from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle so as to constitute the board of ten. As the industrial relations division of the shipping board is continued in force, the offices of the examiners and assistant examiners throughout the United States will be maintained as before.

WAITING FOR THE SECOND TABLE

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MAYOR INDICTED BY LOS ANGELES JURY

F. T. Woodman Charged With Receiving Bribe.

VICE PROTECTION IS ALLEGED

Executive Accused of Agreeing to Take \$25,000.

ARREST WARRANT ISSUED

Two Others Indicted on Charge of Giving Bribe; Attorney Asserts That Mayor Is Innocent.

LOS ANGELES, March 21.—Mayor Frederic T. Woodman of Los Angeles was indicted by the county grand jury here tonight on a charge of receiving a bribe for the protection of vice. George Brown and George Henderson were indicted on a charge of giving a bribe in connection with the same transaction.

The indictment against Mr. Woodman, stripped of its legal verbiage, charges him with "the crime of asking, receiving and agreeing to receive a bribe," a felony.

U. S. WATCHED BY WILSON

President Notes Situation Among Executive Departments.

PARIS, March 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Wilson is keeping in close touch with his private secretary, Joseph P. Tumulty, and Secretary of the Treasury Glass regarding the situation in which the executive departments at Washington have been left as a result of the failure of congress to act on several of the great annual appropriation bills.

FARM LABOR IN DEMAND

Wasco Ranchers Pay From \$60 to \$65 a Month and Board.

THE DALLES, Or., March 21.—(Special.)—With the spring work now opening up on ranches of this and adjoining counties, the government employment bureau here is unable to fill the demand for farm hands. Wages for laborers, which a short time ago was \$2 a day, have increased until ranchers are paying from \$60 to \$65 a month and board.

UNIONISTS TO MAN SHIPS

Organized Labor Reaches Agreement With Vessel Owners.

LONDON, March 21.—The Hamburg seamen's union, after a discussion with the shipowners and the Hamburg senate, has agreed that half of the crews on ships transporting foodstuffs to Germany should be recruited from the union providing that the transport union recruited the other half, a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says. The seamen decided that they would not man ships carrying entente troops.

ALLIES LOOKED ON TO AID RUINED BELGIUM

COUNTRY'S EXISTENCE SAID TO DEPEND ON PROMISES.

Premier Delacroix Says Germans Owe Ten Billion Francs for Requisitions of Cash.

BRUSSELS, March 21.—In introducing the budget for 1919, showing a deficit over 600,000,000 francs, which it is proposed to cover by the income tax and taxes on inheritances, tobacco, beer and spirits, M. Delacroix, the premier, said yesterday.

"The liquidation of the cost of the war sums up formidably, and we will need 10,000,000,000 francs. The existence of the country is at stake, but our great allies are undertaking the task of rebuilding Europe in a spirit of great generosity. Our national existence depends on promises made us, and I think I can confidently tell you they will be kept."

WILL HE BE THERE? ASKS GIRL

Before Arraignment.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 21.—(Special.)—Weeping softly, Ruth Garrison appeared in Judge Tallman's courtroom this afternoon to answer the charge of murdering Mrs. Grace Elizabeth Storrs. Through her attorney, Thomas M. Askren, a week was given her in which to enter her plea, and she was then taken to the county jail.

CROWD CLEARED BY COURT

Prisoner, Weakening on Way to County Building, Half Carried Up Stairs by Detectives.

She was escorted through the basement and garage of the police station to the Fourth-avenue exit, past a battery of photographers and into the park side entrance of the county-city building. With lowered hat-brim, she walked, showing no signs of agitation except a slight drawn appearance about her lips.

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GIRL SLAYER SOBS SOFTLY IN COURT

Week Given Ruth Garrison to Enter Formal Plea.

MURDER COMPLAINT IS READ

"Will He Be There?" Asks Girl Before Arraignment.

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