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Leading Journalist Explains Causes of Unrest.

RATE INCREASES DEATH

Nation's Efforts for Common Victory Entitles Consideration at Allics' Hands, Says Writer.

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Milan, considered by many the best paper in Italy. It was prepared with official sanction, and the statistics have been subjected to verification. The statement follows:

Italy Realizes Situation

"Of all the European allies, Italy is the one that best realizes the need and urgency for feeding Germany and the former Austrian territories. Suffering acutaly herself from lack of food, coal and other commodities, Italy is in a position to understand what starvation and hardship realiy mean to a nation. She gave clear proof of this when, soon after the signing of the armistice with Austris-Hungary in November last, in response to urgent calls from Vienna, she sent to the capital of the van-quished all the supplies that she could collect

"This was a gift whose value depend-eff not so much upon its intrinsic worth as upon the fact that in order to pro-vide the enemy with food Italy had ac-And this is in no figurative, but in a literal sense, because to make good the deficit which the help to Austria cre-ated in her own stocks, rations in Italy had to be still further reduced. And

had to be still further reduced. And then, as now, Ital, was suffering from the pangs of hunger. "It will probably come as a shock to the American public to learn that the privations and bardships in Italy have not ceased with the advent of peace, but have, on the contrary, actually been aggravated since the signing of the ar-

Ship Arrivals Low.

as assumed that the submarine was responsible for the shortage which Italy was called upon to endure and did endure with a staunchness to which President Wilson paid a remarkable tribute in his speeches in Rome, Milan and Turin. But while the cessation of sinking of ships since the cessation of sinking of ships since November last and the suppression of the convoy system, together with the greatly decreased shipment of war ma-terial to Europe, would suggest that an intreased amount of tonnage was avail-able for the revitualing of the less fortunate among the allies, the fact is that never have arrivals at Italian ports been so dangerously low as now. "In October last, foreign ships on the single voyage system for a total of 1.597,000 tons were assigned to Italy in addition to her own tonnage, and this had dwindled in March to about one half—to \$17,000 tons. In October of last year Italy was able to import

Germany, where I have been with the armies of occupation, I have always got meat at every meal, and remark-ably cheap at that. I still possess the bill for a luncheon in Saarbrucken, at which an ample-sized beefsteak with two vegetables was charged at approxi-mately \$1 cents. UIL ODOR NOTED IN nately \$1 cents.

Interests Said to Be Eager for U. S. Intervention.

NEWS' FRUM MEXICU

Organized Campaign Declared to Be

Afoot to Force American Ac-

tion in Southern Republic.

BY ROBERT H. MURRAY.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 23 .- (Spe

ial Dispatch.)-It might not be a bad

respondent of the New York World.)

tricks

mately Si cents. "The cost of living is higher today in Italy than in any other country in the world. According to a statistical general index of prices, these have risen since July. 1914, up to August. 1918, from 116 to 285 in England; from 100 to 380 'In France, and from 118 to 528 in Italy. "These figures give some idea of the suffering endured by the people. The middle class and professional class of families have been underfed to an in-credible extent, their incomes being incredible extent, their incomes being in-sufficient to meet the inflated prices for food. The result has been an enor-mous infant mortality. Stillborns have "STRONG POLICY" IS URGED increased in an alarming measure.

Death Bate Higher.

"Before the war Italy boasted of a great excess of births over deaths, 59 leaths against every 100 births, exactly the mame percentage as in Great Britain. In 1917 there were instead 98.56 deaths against every 100 births, while the death rate in England has only reached 76.55 per cent of the birth rate. Mortality in Italy has enormously increased owing to the relations and

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PARIS, March 15.—(Special Cable.)—Italy's problem has taken on a new and serious phase. Her territorial and political objectives are now subjects of conference study, while the menacing economic conditions are being ignored. Reports from unprejudiced sources show that the fuel and food situation in the peninsula is acute and that this condition fends to emphasize the political unrest and to accentuate a certain national neurasthenia always characterizing underfed peoples.
Because Italy's geographical ambitions have been criticised, there has the story of her privations and present plight might be told, the columns of the World were offered to the Italians, and the following narrative was specially written for that purpose by the distinguished and authoritative jourmalist, Gugllehmo Emanuel, one of the officers of the Corriere della Sera of Milan, considered by many the best paper in Italy. It was propared with idea these days, merely as precautionary measure, to put a "Poison" label on much of the Mexican news. All of it isn't poison, but a fair share of it is. If it wields a strong odor of petroleum one need no longer doubt. This is by way of preface to a gen-eral consideration of the activities which are being carried on, more or less subterraneously, by various in-dividuals with the object of impressing the American people with the ex-pediency of hoisting our flag over Mexico. They have a right to be enlightened as to the tricks which the individuals in question are up to and which they have been up to for several years back. A deliberate, widespread and more or less well organized campaign is afoot to force American intervention in Mex-"But now that the war is at an end, Italy frusts that the allies and asso-ciates will put an end to her pro-longed sufferings. When public opin-

Tations being actually interior to that of Germany. Thay is still eating war bread and is doing so without meat, although the war ended four months ago. All she has done for the common victory and all that she has suffered for it entitle italy to be properly fed today. She has the right to return to a human standard of life." PHELAN OPPOSES JAPAN PHELAN OPPOSES JAPAN PHELAN OPPOSES AGAINST



SENATOR PROTESTS AGAINST RACE EQUAINTY PLEA.

side League Jurisdiction.

head, for he adopted it in toto and financed it to the tune of at least \$100. 000, besides hiring the intellectual au-thor to loss the "survey." The re-quired standing and respectability, not SAN FRANCISCO, March 33.—Press-ing emphatic objection to the demand of the Jupanese delegates to the peace conference at Paris for "race equality and just treatment," United States was obtained by inducing a western Senator James D. Phelan today cabled university to father it.

Speakers Are "Planted."

year or so ago. The idea, which was set alout a thrown into shape by an eastern col-lege professor out of work, was bought by the head of the group in question. Virtually the idea was bought by that

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ists is crude and coarse. One of th smartest and most high-brow turned by the group took the form of a general "survey" of Mexico and Mex-ican conditions which was set afoot a

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23 .- Press-

Tansing, American Delegation, Hotel Crillon, Paris, France.

last year italy was able to import about 1,300,000 tons of material and goods, and in February only \$70,000. Coal, together with wheat and meat,

constitute Italy's fundamental needs Italy before the war used to import about 1.000,000 tons of coal per month, but now when the requirements are swelled by the needs of the redeemed territories added to the kingdom and by the greater call of industries con-nected with the reconstruction of the devantated regions, only 425.000 tons of coal reached Italy during February. while the minimum amount of c allotted to Italy during the war was \$00,000 tons monthly.

Reserve Stocks Gone.

"The fact is that Italy suffers today because of the premature relaxation of shipping control decided upon by the allies. Italy has no stocks worth men-tioning either of wheat or of meat Meat is practically unprocurable at this moment in the peninsula, although the ration allowed in Milan, where the sup-plies are better handled, assumes that each person can have about half a pound, or practically one moderate-mized beefsteak, monthly. Some of the richest families are having recourse to horseflesh."

In France, where I have lived sinc "In France, where I have lived since the armistice, meat is not rationed, ration in the final treaty. It is hoped and the supply is unlimited. Even in at the session to submit reparation



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Senator Phelan also sent all western governors and senators copies of his cablegram, and suggested that in a similar manner they reinforce his plea. veyors, did manage to slip over the border. They gum-shoed about the rea public for a while, seeking the occult The interventionists, incidentally are

HIGHER RATES WILL STAND very fond of employing a delightful euphemism for "intervention." They

No Reduction in Passenger Fares same thing, but it doesn't sound so alarmingly rough.

When Over 3 Cents a Mile.

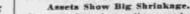
Various unofficial bodies yclept "con-SAN FRANCISCO, March 23 .- Flat in-crease of 2 cents a mile of all passen-ger rates, which become effective April he like have been fairly useful to the petroleum propagandists. 1, will not affect fares in excess of that amount where conditions show higher fares justified, local officials of whose views upon the Mexican situaness" are expertly "planted" upon these unsuspecting organizations. Usually the keynote of their addresses is the United States railroad administration said here last night. Previously it had been published that

fares more than 3 cents a mile would be reduced to the 3-cent minimum.

Continued From First Page.) that of the league committee is stied uled to be held Saturday evening, when the American economic and financial

desirability of the United States adopt-ing a "strong policy" in dealing with Mexican affairs. Both the "survey" before mentioned and the guidling spirit of the petroleum interventionist propaganda have their headquarters on the sixth floor of a Washington office building, a stone's throw from the White House. Valiant aid has been given the interventionists by a certain Washington newspaper which for months printed column upon column of false Mexican fit res for the president's consider-

The likelihood of vast recovery from Germany lessens each day. Experts seem inclined to place maximum expec-"news" calculated to arouse public sen-timent in the United States in favor of intervention. All of this news was supplied either directly or indirectly by tations of German ability to pay at cast \$30,000,000,000. the petroleum people.



Every newspaper correspondent in Washington has long been familiar with the appearance of alleged news articles attacking the Carraiza gov-Ameria Show mig Shrinkage. Investigators have discovered a big shrinkage of her quick assets, and gainst this ability must be offset some-hing less than \$1.090,000,000 needed for lood and almost another \$1,000,000,000 to pay for the upkeep of the armies of months ernment and painting conditions in Mexico in lurid language which regu-larly and anonymously are laid upon their desks.

pation for another six months, e two items bite almost \$2,000,000,-of available funds at the very outt of calculations. The report was that Walter R. Weyl. MEN

the American economist, has gone to Russia on an unofficial mission of in-quiry proves incorrect. He did not ac-company the investigators, his place having been taken by Captain Pettit, who went with William C. Bullitt. 64TH ARTILLERY HELD BE-

Polish Claims Occupy Attention.

for home on April 11.

. olish 'aims are occupying the at-tention of the council of ten. The Brit-ish are displaying strong disinclination toward the cession of Danzig to the Senator Chamberlain's Inquiry Distoward the cession of Dansig to the new Poland. They prefer restriction of the area by which Poland shall have an outlet to the sea. This attitude may be significant - to the final position that will be taken concerning the sepa-ration of the Rheinish provinces from the body of Germany. French and English newspapers are which some to the course of

French and English newspapers are giving much space to the course of American politics regarding the league of nations. Surprise is expressed in these journals over the bitter partiann-ship that has sought to create effective opposition to the principle on which practically all opinions in France have crystallized favorably. U. S. Ambassador Coming Home.

U. S. Ambassador Coming Home.

The men are anxious to be discharged PARIS, Saturday, March 22.-William Graves Sharp, retiring American am-bassador to France, has decided to sail office was not aware of any Oregon men being in the 6ith, but took the

matter up with the war departmen Among the Oregon men signing tele-grams are Leroy R. Kimball, William A. Brinson, B. Tuller, S. L. Parrish and Lee Webb. Captain W. L. Tooze, Jr., of

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Dallas, Or., who has been an instructor for some time with the student army training corps at Mount Vernon, Iowa, arrived in Washington today on official

business. Senator Poindexter will depart Monday for his home at Spokane, speakin against the league of nations at Cincin call it "a strong policy." It means the

nati and St. Louis. The present plan is to speak at Portland before returning to Washington

Woman Named Deputy Auditor.

Speakers CENTRALIA, Wash., March 23 .- (Special).—Miss Beatrix Crabbs, employed at a local garage, has been appointed deputy Lewis county auditor for the issuance of automobile licenses, the apon have been tested for their "sound pointment being made for the conven nitched upon the injustice being done ence of Centralla auto owners, whe to property rights in general and pe-troleum rights in particular by the Mexican government, and the extreme would otherwise have to go to Chehalls. Mrs. Mary Tauscher Friday was ap-pointed registration clerk in the Agate desirability of the United States adoptprecinct by the Lewis county commis



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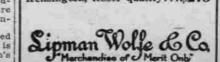
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Bichsell, resigned.

Cantain W. L. Tooze Wins Honor OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, D. C., March 25 .-- Captain Wal-ter L. Tooze, Jr., of Dallas, Or., who is here for a few days' leave from his Emil Braun Drops Dead. CHICAGO

amp at Mount Vernon, Ia., will be ad-nitted to the bar of the supreme court pomorrow. Captain Tooze will not be representative at the World's Colum-bian exposition, and afterward was chief engineer of the St. Louis street railways for several years, dropped discharged until August, at which time

he will open a law office in Portland. dead here today. His widow is a daughter of Louis Willich, founder of

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Boys Complain. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, D. C., March 22.—Senator Cham-berlain's office was flooded today with telegrams from soldiers who said they were his constituents complaining that

PROTEST DETENTION

CAUSE OF FIRE IN FRANCE.

closes Loss Was \$564; Oregon