

ITALY POURS HUGE ARMY INTO FIUME

American Officer Says 14 Divisions Fill Port.

INHABITANTS FLEE FROM CITY

Italian Foreign Minister to Follow Premier to Rome.

DELAY IN PEACE FORESEEN

Americans in Paris, While Regretful at Italian Wrath, Believe Latins Will Soon Quiet Down.

PARIS, April 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—An American officer who arrived here today from Rome says the feeling against Americans in Rome is very bitter. He asserts that he was asked in Rome to leave cities because the proprietors and Italian officers declined to eat in the same places with Americans.

PARIS, April 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, will leave here for Rome Saturday.

Premier Orlando left Paris for Rome last night, accompanied by Salvatore Barzilai, General Diaz and two other members of the Italian mission. He received an ovation at the station by a crowd.

Premier Clemenceau this morning received a message from Premier Orlando which the Italian statesman dispatched while on his way to Rome.

An American officer who left Fiume three days ago and who has just arrived in Paris says it was reported there that a total of 14 divisions had been moved to Fiume by the Italians. He said the city was full of Italian soldiers, who were arriving constantly.

Fiume Residents Leave City.

Virtually all the inhabitants of Fiume except Italians had left the city before the officer departed.

While the American delegates expressed regret over the break with the Italians, they apparently were confident today that some settlement would be effected when Premier Orlando confers with the Italian parliament.

The general opinion in American circles is that the making of peace will be somewhat delayed by the Italian incident.

There is no hint, however, that President Wilson will yield in the slightest concerning Fiume, and in the opinion of the Americans an agreement can only be reached by a change in the Italian attitude.

After the meeting of the council of four yesterday, previous to the departure of Premier Orlando, the following official statement was issued:

Conference Is Held.

"Before his departure from home Signor Orlando, accompanied by Baron Sonnino, had another meeting with President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George and Premier Clemenceau. Throughout the discussion all present displayed the strongest desire to reach a satisfactory solution of the problems under consideration. The heads of the American, British and French governments expressed to Signor Orlando the hope that the Italian parliament would also assent in arriving at such a settlement."

Peace conference circles were inclined to believe today that an amicable solution of the Italian controversy was in the making.

For one thing, it was said, Italy has shown her desire to maintain good relations with the allies by the fact that the Italian delegates remaining in Paris will continue to collaborate in the work of the inter-allied commission not pertaining to the actual work of the peace conference.

It is thought possible that Premier Orlando may call the Italian parliament together at an earlier date than May 5, as previously fixed, and that he may be back in Paris for the opening of the negotiations at Versailles, which will not begin before the first or second of May.

Orlando Attempts Justification.

In the statement given out yesterday by Premier Orlando in reply to President Wilson's appeal on the Adriatic question, stress was laid by the Italian prime minister upon the question of the propriety of any attempt from the outside to set up opposition between the Italian people and their government. As revealed by the full text of the premier's statement now available, after arguing that such an attempt would virtually mean the ignoring and denying of the high degree of civilization which the Italian people had attained under democratic government, the premier added:

"To oppose, so to speak, the Italian government and people, would be to admit that this great free nation could submit to the yoke of a will other than its own and I shall be forced to protest vigorously against such suppositions, unjustly offensive to my country."

In a subsequent part of his statement, Premier Orlando, in referring to the conferences that have been held in an effort to solve the territorial problems affecting Italy, during which, the premier said, President Wilson had had the kindness to recognize what "truth and justice are the monopoly of no one person and that all men are sub-

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OREGON LEADS STATES IN RESERVE DISTRICT

BANKS REPORT \$32,443,400 FROM 97,916 SUBSCRIBERS.

Portland Leading All Pacific Coast Cities With 30 Per Cent of Its Quota Already Subscribed.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Subscriptions to the victory liberty loan reported by banks in the 12th federal reserve bank district in time for inclusion in Friday's summary total \$32,443,400 from 97,916 subscribers, according to a statement issued tonight by George K. Weeks, campaign manager for the district. The district's quota is \$124,600,000.

Oregon was reported to be leading the states in the district with more than 27 per cent of its quota covered by subscriptions actually banked. Utah was second with a subscription amounting to a trifle more than 20 per cent of that state's quota.

Portland was leading Pacific coast cities with 30 per cent of its quota subscribed, with Los Angeles and Seattle following.

San Francisco up to tonight was running last of all the large coast cities with a quota of \$79,218,350 this city had reported subscriptions totalling \$2,353,950.

BOLSHEVIK POWER WANING

Capture of Kiev by Ukrainian Leader Counted Significant.

VIENNA, April 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The capture of Kiev from the bolsheviks by partisans of General Petlura, the Ukrainian nationalist leader, is interpreted here as signifying the end of the bolshevik strength in southwestern Russia. It apparently had been the intention of Lenin and Trotsky to hold the Ukraine until the crops could be harvested and transported to Moscow.

The bolsheviks penetrated the country in four sections. First came agitators and next marauding bands to strike terror. These were followed by large bodies of troops made up of foreign elements. Last came soviet troops headed by bolshevik commissars. Iron discipline was maintained by Chinese assassins, who executed all soldiers who revolted.

CORN CROP IS THREATENED

European Borer Appears; Hope of Eradication Deemed Slight.

PHILADELPHIA, April 25.—The corn crop of the United States is threatened, said Dr. L. C. Howard, chief of the bureau of entomology, U. S. department of agriculture, Washington, who spoke before the American philosophical society here.

Dr. Howard said the European corn borer, a comparatively new parasite introduced into this country from foreign shipments, has obtained a strong foothold in New England and New York.

"If this borer reaches the corn fields of the west," he said, "I don't see what is going to save them. And there seems to be but slight hope of our being able to eradicate the pest."

VATICAN MUCH CONCERNED

Withdrawal of Italian Peace Delegates Worries Pope.

ROME, April 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Vatican is deeply concerned over the withdrawal of the Italian delegation from the peace conference. Pope Benedict today had a long discussion of the situation with Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, and the latter had an interview with Archbishop Cerretti, the under secretary of state, who recently visited America and talked with President Wilson.

Neither the cardinal nor the archbishop would express any opinion on the subject.

INDIA'S PLAGUES OUTDONE

Millions of Population Have Fallen Victim to Influenza.

LONDON, April 17.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Almost five million persons have died in British India from Spanish influenza and fully a million others are believed to have died in the native states from the same cause, according to a report of the Indian government.

The area affected contained a population of 275,000,000. In a few months, it is observed, influenza claimed half as many victims as did the dreaded plague in 20 years.

RUSSIA HONORS U. S. BOYS

Portland Man Among Number Decorated at Archangel.

ARCHANGEL, April 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Decorations for gallantry in action have been conferred by the Russian government at Archangel on a number of American officers, many of whom already had received British and French medals.

These decorated include Captain O. A. Obbard of Portland, Or., and Lieutenant E. L. Packer, Ogden, Utah.

GUNS PROTECT FOOD SHIPS

Warships Sent to Harbor of Hamburg to Guard Relief Vessels.

LONDON, April 25.—New attempts have been made to plunder the food ships in the harbor of Hamburg, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin says.

As a result a number of warships have arrived and guns have been placed in the streets leading to the docks.

ITALY HOLDS ALOOF FROM PEACE TALKS

Latin Delegates to Refer Question to Parliament.

AIR OF INJURY IS IN

German Official Coupled to Arrive at Versailles

PEACE SESSION SCHEDULED

Plenary Meeting of Conference to Be Held Monday to Consider Revised League Covenant.

PARIS, April 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Not a rupture, but a suspension of Italy's collaboration in the peace conference—that is how the situation was defined in conference circles.

The Italian delegation, feeling that its representative character has been called in question in certain quarters, considers it its duty to refer to the Italian parliament, but it is believed probable that Premier Orlando will be back in time for opening of the negotiations with the German plenipotentiaries at Versailles, which will not occur before May 1 or May 2.

Latins to Hold Aloof.

Until the Italian prime minister's return the Italian delegates will not attend the sessions of either the conference or its commissions, but in order to show that Italy desires to maintain good relations with the allies the Italians will continue to collaborate on the inter-allied commissions not depending upon the conference, such as the economic council, the armistice commission and the commissions on supply, transportation and raw materials.

The first of the Germans who are to participate in the Versailles congress arrived in Versailles today in two parties. The first group, consisting of three official officers, arrived early in the day and the second, headed by Herr Lersner, came later. They were escorted to the Hotel des Reservoirs.

The Germans were met at the station by Colonel Henry of the ministry of war commissary and M. Oudaille of the ministry of the interior, who were delegated by the foreign office to take charge of the German representatives.

The arrival of Lersner and his party was so quietly arranged that few persons in Versailles were aware even in the afternoon of their presence.

French Sleuth on Guard.

A French detective of the most obnoxious "plain-clothes" type, lounging at the front entrance to that wing of the Hotel des Reservoirs, and companions under the windows of the rooms looking over Versailles park, were the only (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

WOMAN, GIVEN DIVORCE, SHOOT EX-HUSBAND

CRIME FOLLOWS BRIEF TILT IN CHICAGO COURTROOM.

Another Woman, Asking Decree, Rushes to Husband and Cries, "Take Me Home, Daddy."

CHICAGO, April 25.—Mrs. Emma G. Simpson shot and probably fatally wounded her husband, Elmer R. Simpson, a telegrapher, in Judge David M. Brothers' courtroom today.

Mrs. Simpson, young and pretty, had just been awarded a decree of separate maintenance and \$9 a week and sat across the lawyers' table facing her husband.

"When you get the goods on me I'll let you get a divorce," she said triumphantly.

"Why," replied Simpson, "you are living how with—"

"These were his last words. The woman fired three shots. One entered the victim's mouth, another went through his cheeks and a third lodged in his right shoulder.

Originally Simpson sued for divorce, but his wife filed a cross bill, which was sustained. Her suit for separate maintenance followed.

Two other estranged couples were waiting in the courtroom for their cases to be called when the shots were fired. One of the women rushed to her husband and cried: "Take me home, daddy!"

Judge Brothers held Mrs. Simpson to the grand jury without a bill on a charge of attempted murder. Simpson was taken to a hospital, where it was said he probably would die.

RICHLAND HAS COSTLY FIRE

Nearly Entire Block in Business District Destroyed.

BAKER, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—Fire discovered at 6 o'clock this morning in the poolroom owned by Frank Clark destroyed nearly an entire block of the business district of Richland. Buildings on the opposite side of the street were scorched and several plate-glass windows were broken by the heat.

The loss is partially covered by insurance.

CARLTON GIRL, 17, MARRIES

Evelyn Geldard and Frank Brown Wed at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 25.—(Special.)—Evelyn Geldard, 17 years old, daughter of J. E. Geldard of Carlton, Or., and Frank A. Brown, 21, of Carlton, were married here today. The father gave his consent to the marriage.

Though this was Friday, four couples were married here.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS EXTENDED

Important Concession Is Voted by Methodist Church, South.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 25.—Laity rights for women have been voted by the conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south.

The vote announced today was 429 to 449, a substantial majority over the required three-fourths vote.

EUROPE TO RESUME WAR BREAD BASIS

Retrenchment Proposed by Food Council.

AMERICA IS LITTLE AFFECTED

People of U. S. Will Continue Using White Bread.

MR. BARNES IS CONFIDENT

Wheat Supplies in This Country Believed to Be Sufficient but Economy Is Necessary.

PARIS, April 25.—An increase in the milling percentage which will virtually put the world back to a war-bread basis for the next three months is part of the programme adopted by the supreme food council under the chairmanship of Herbert C. Hoover.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Americans will continue to eat "white bread," restored late last year, after months of milling on a victory flour basis, despite the return of European countries to a war-bread basis, announced by the supreme food council, Julius H. Barnes, president of the food administration grain corporation and federal wheat director, said today.

American Supply Adequate.

A survey of wheat stocks, Mr. Barnes said, had convinced his department that the American supply was sufficient not only to warrant continued production of all wheat flour, but to meet the export demand until the next harvest.

Reversion in Europe to the war bread basis, Mr. Barnes asserted, might lead to impress upon Americans the alarming food shortage in the war-torn and neighboring lands.

The 75 per cent basis to which European mills must confine themselves, the wheat bureau stated, was approximately that of the American "victory flour," milled during the greater part of the war.

Distribution New Problem.

The programme also includes a complete plan for securing and distributing food to allied, liberated, neutral and enemy countries until the next harvest. One object of the programme is to determine the available food supply and so to distribute shipping as not to put undue pressure on any one market.

The council has arranged to supply northern and central European countries largely with rice instead of wheat and for neutrals to look for their supply mainly in Argentina and Australia. The effect of these arrangements is to take the pressure off the wheat market in the United States.

Lard substitutes will be used in (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

MORE CONTRACTS FOR STEEL SHIPS REVOKED

AWARDS FOR TOTAL OF 2,000,000 TONS CANCELED.

Action by Shipping Board Means Reduction of Government Work in Yards Throughout Country.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Cancellation of contracts made during the war for construction of 2,000,000 tons of steel ships was announced today by the shipping board, which is preparing to close government work in many yards throughout the country. This brings total cancellations since the signing of the armistice to 4,000,000 tons.

In the brief announcement issued from the office of Chairman Hurley no reference was made to the actual number of contracts involved or to the yards affected by the cancellation order. It was explained, however, that action at this time would not come as a surprise to builders, as notice was served on them months ago of the board's new policy, the chief feature of which was the elimination of building plans for all ships under 12,000 tons.

At the end of March about 300 ships for the board had been launched but not delivered. These ships represented a tonnage of about 1,800,000. On the same date keels had been laid for some 500 ships aggregating 3,000,000 tons. Shipping board officials said they were unable to give the actual number of contracts outstanding or later figures than of March 31. It was indicated, however, that yards like Hog Island, along with smaller plants on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts, would lose some government business.

Mr. Hurley's statement added:

"In some of the old yards we are paying from \$195 to \$225 per ton for cargo steamships and oil tankers. In some of the new yards we are paying as high as \$300 per ton for cargo ships."

"As these are war prices and as we feel that we should now be building only on peace prices, we are now considering cancelling all contracts where keels have not actually been laid."

LANE COUPLE ARE DROWNED

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. West Lose Lives in Mill Creek.

EUGENE, Or., April 25.—A. V. West and his wife were drowned in Mill Creek, a quarter of a mile above Wendling, a sawmill town 28 miles northeast of Eugene, this afternoon. The body of Mr. West has been recovered, but that of his wife has not been found. The couple had started out to fish in the creek, but it is not known how the drowning occurred.

Their son, aged 4 years, who was with them, gave the alarm. West was night fireman for the Booth-Kelly Lumber company at Wendling.

ALLEGED TRAITOR FREED

Federal Grand Jury Finds Albert Paul Fricke Not Guilty.

NEW YORK, April 25.—After deliberating approximately five hours, the federal jury, which has been hearing the case of Albert Paul Fricke, today found him not guilty of treason.

Before the case was given the jury one of the two counts in the original indictment had been ruled out by Judge Mayer. The count dismissed charged Fricke with giving aid and comfort to the imperial German government. The other charged him with siding Karl Rodiger.

Baby Found on Porch.

A baby only a few hours old was discovered at 7 A. M. yesterday on the back porch of Charles Gorza's home, 22 East Forty-ninth street. Police took the infant to the Waverly home. Although it was chilled badly, attendants at the home said it probably would live. The child had no clothing when found.

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WOMAN SHAMES LOAN LAGGARDS

Victory Bonds Are Worthy, Declares Buyer.

DEFICIT STILL \$9,665,425

Outerstate Counties Working Hard to Complete Task.

24 COMPLETE THEIR QUOTA

Oregon, Outside of Portland, Subscribes More Than Twice as Much as Big Wealthy City.

These bonds are worth the money, madame," said the salesman at victory hut.

"Add a single letter to that worth, sir," came the reply. "They are worthy. You need not tell me about them."

With this comment a middle-aged woman, plainly dressed, bought \$1000 worth of victory loan notes at victory hut yesterday afternoon. It is such instances, say the crusaders, that shame the citizens who hang back from the investment.

Small Advance Made.

At the close of the day's campaigning late last night the victory loan drive in Portland had progressed but slightly nearer the quota of \$14,785,325. Total sales to date stand now at \$5,120,900, showing a deficit of \$9,665,425 yet to be mastered.

Outer-state counties, which shot dazlingly forward at the outset of the drive, are nibbling away at the hard nubby of their quota remainder. Officially 24 counties have completed their tasks, while the outer-state total stands at \$10,718,485, according to the computations of John L. Etheridge, state director of organization. With a quota of \$11,951,225, the outer-state counties yet lack \$1,232,740.

Portland Not Living Up to Record.

"Portland, by her attitude, will brand herself with discredit, or gain new honor among the cities of America," said City Chairman Olmstead. "The figures thus far are not at all satisfactory, not at all worthy of Portland, her patriotism and her resources. How long are we going to put this duty aside, turn the solicitors away and selfishly enjoy the safety and happiness that our boys and the liberty loans made possible?"

"It is up to the individual business and professional men, up to every citizen. Again the story is going around that we have large amounts hidden and in reserve. There is no truth in this, not a jot. We are giving the actual figures, all of them, of actual subscriptions. As yet they are not creditable to Portland. I appeal to every man and woman in Portland to give substantial proof that they have heard this call, and we will repay the debt of honor."

Said John L. Etheridge, state director of organization: "Slowly but surely the organization tank of the outer-state counties is rolling over the quota. Its progress is not quite so speedy as we anticipated, perhaps, but it is irresistible."

Strong Appeal Made.

Brimming with patriotic cynicism is A. H. Devers, victory hat sales manager, who issues manifestos and ultimatum with the abandon of a South American president. But they are all to the point, and the point is driven straight to the heart of selfishness. Here is his latest:

"Are we American patriots, or are we braggarts and blowhards? Just for a moment! The debt of the despoiled Huns is over \$46,000,000,000. Our gross debt, including the victory loan, is \$25,000,000,000, and our allies owe us \$10,000,000,000 of that. Stop! Think! Do your duty! Buy bonds!"

Fifteen hundred volunteer salesmen, with the hosts of the women's committee in the residential districts, are hammering away at Portland's complacency of self-satisfaction. Trudging miles each day they are striving to persuade the individual that this is his loan and his duty, and that it does not depend entirely to the banks and the financial interests. They are wrestling with procrastination and delay, and the slothful, indecisive tendency to put the issue aside until tomorrow.

Individual Answer Counts.

Though there are numerous large subscriptions yet to come, such as those of foreign corporations and industrial plants, these alone will not swing the balance to victory in the victory loan, assert officials of the drive. It is the individual who must answer, just as the individual answered the call which saved the nation and the world.

Organization of the industrial divisions is practically completed, with (Continued on Page 6, Column 2.)

LOOKS AS IF THE PROHIBITIONISTS WILL HAVE THE LAST LAUGH, AFTER ALL.

