

WILSON'S RESOLUTE ON ADRIATIC ISSUE

Notes of Protest to Premiers Made Public.

TREATY RECALL POSSIBLE

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The British and French premiers argued that the disappearance of the free state of Fiume would result in 200,000 Jugo-Slavs being left in the land, and that the Albanian settlement was such as to afford satisfaction to the necessary requirements to all parties concerned. They also ascertained it as a fair settlement of a difficult and dangerous question, and that in the event of its not being accepted they will be driven to support the enforcement of the treaty of London, which is satisfactory to nobody.

Both premiers disclaimed any intention to show the slightest discourtesy to the United States or that they wished to conceal their action in any way. As President Wilson's note was read at the conference, they said, they thought the best plan was to proceed with the negotiations and communicate the result to the United States.

Part's Justice Questioned.

President Wilson's reply of February 19 said he could not believe that a solution containing provisions which already had received the well-merited condemnation of the French and British governments (referring to the settlement of December 9) can in any sense be regarded as a fair settlement of the Adriatic question.

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"render it unworkable and rob it of that measure of justice which is essential if this government is to cooperate in maintaining its terms." "The Adriatic issue," said the president, "has not presently itself raises the fundamental question as to whether the American government can on any terms co-operate with its now known associates in the great work of maintaining the peace of the world by removing the primary causes of war. If substantial agreement on a basis of equality and reasonableness is not to determine the international issues; if, in a word, the old order of things which brought so many evils on the world is to be preserved, then the time is not yet come when this government can enter a concert of powers the very existence of which must depend upon a new spirit and a new order."

Treaty May Be Recalled.

The president wound up his note by saying that if the maximum concession in the memorandum of December 9 could not be accepted "the president desires to say that he must take under serious consideration the possibility of the treaty with Germany and the agreement between the United States and France (the Franco-American alliance), which are now known associates in the great work of maintaining the peace of the world by independently established and enforced by the associated governments."

Millerand, who had succeeded Clemenceau as premier of France, and Lloyd George replied under date of February 17, saying there was "no foundation for the assumption that the new settlement involves a capitulation to the Italian point of view as opposed to the Jugo-Slavs. They summed up President Wilson's criticisms of the new agreement under four points: That it ceded to Italy the corridor; that the corridor with Fiume as a free city paved the way for annexation of the Italian province of Trent; that the modification of the Jugo-Slav-Italian frontier was detrimental to Jugo-Slavia and that it provided for the partition of Albania.

Advantages Held Ignored.

The premiers remarked that President Wilson had "ignored the great advantage conferred on Jugo-Slavia at the time of their discussions they had found, they said, that 'nobody desired the consummation of the free state of Fiume,' and that the 'net upshot of the agreement was to give Jugo-Slavia 150,000 more Jugo-Slavs than the original proposal. The premiers urged that the guarantees of the league of nations were sufficient to guard against the annexation of Italian territory and to his criticism of Italian domination of the railway they replied by holding it a 'commercial and not a strategic railway,' and adding that 'under President Wilson's proposals it is commanded by Italian guns.' Details of the administration of Albania, they said, were yet to be elaborated and the 'feelings and future interest of the Albanian people' were to be regarded. The premiers found 'difficulty in understanding the present attitude of the United States' and hoped their explanations would lead to a reconsideration of President Wilson's attitude. They disclaimed any desire to force a settlement unacceptable to the president of the United States, and added that they would not attempt to insist on its acceptance until after hearing his views.

December 9 Proposal Dead.

In a lengthy argument the premiers declared "the proposal of December 9 has fallen to the ground because nobody now wants to set up the article of the treaty of London, and added that the United States, having no representative at the deliberations, cannot be in close touch with the changes of opinion and circumstances which have taken place since its plenipotentiaries returned to America." and, failing to secure an agreed settlement, they had no choice but to rely on the treaty of London which, the premiers said, they never had conceived from the president and which they felt bound to apply, failing to secure another agreement unless it were to be regarded as a "scrap of paper."

France and Great Britain, therefore,

said their reply, "view with consideration the threat of the United States to withdraw from the comity of nations because it does not agree with the precise terms of the Adriatic settlement." Ethnologic reasons, it was argued, could not be the only ones taken into account, as they said 3,000,000 Germans had been taken into Czechoslovakia and the American delegates had supported including 2,500,000 Ruthenians in Poland.

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