

MUSSOLINI BALKS AT NEW TALKFEST

Assurance of Reparations
Success Wanted First.

FIRM NOTE SENT ALLIES

Statesmen Must Make Up Minds
to End Useless Conference,
Says Italian Premier.

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ROME, Dec. 27. (V. De Santo.)—
From a reliable source it is learned
here that Premier Mussolini has
sent a courteous but firm note to
both the British and French foreign
offices in which he states that he
will not go to the Paris conference
on reparations scheduled for Janu-
ary 2 unless France and Great
Britain assure him that they intend
to settle the problem of reparations
once and for all.

It is asserted that Signor Mus-
solini was most explicit in his note.
He is reported as having said:
"European statesmen must make
up their minds that the epoch of
useless conferences must end. For
me I wish to state that I cannot af-
ford to leave my country or my post
of duty to go to a conference where
there will be much talking done and
nothing concrete accomplished."

It is said further that Signor
Mussolini demanded that a prelimi-
nary agreement be reached among
the allied foreign offices through
the ordinary diplomatic channels
before the premier's meeting. His idea
is that the premier's meeting should
not take place without assurances
on the part of all concerned that it
will be crowned with success.

It is asserted also that, together
with the note, Signor Mussolini sent
a memorandum on the question of
reparations in which Italy's attitude
is simply outlined. Among the con-
ditions he mentioned on which Italy
is prepared to come to a definite
settlement is a clause which
reiterates Italy's demand for a
larger allotment of German coal.

BELGIUM, FRANCE ACCEPT

Reparations Memorandum Agree-
ment Sent to Mussolini.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(By the Asso-
ciated Press.)—A dispatch to the
Times from Rome says the Giornale
d'Italia asserts on the authority
of the Italian government that Bel-
gium and France have communicated
their formal agreement on the memorandum
on reparations which Premier Mus-
solini submitted to the London pre-
mier's conference and that Mus-
solini will not attend the Paris
conference unless Great Britain
similarly agrees to his plan, which
virtually implies abrogation of the
Balfour note.

The Balfour note, sent by Arthur
J. Balfour to the allies while he was
acting foreign minister in the cabi-
net of David Lloyd George, advo-
cated an adjustment of inter-allied
debts by an all-out cancellation
England on her part surrendering
her share of the reparations to be
paid by Germany.

Premier Bonar Law, in a state-
ment to the house of commons on
December 14, declared frankly for
the policy of the Balfour note, al-
though previously he had declared
that the new government would not
consider itself bound by it.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFER OUT

FRENCH COURSE OPEN TO
AMERICAN GIRLS.

Universities, Normal Schools and
Colleges Reciprocate for
Educational Favors.

An offer of scholarships and fel-
lowships for American girls in
French universities, normal schools
and colleges in appreciation of
scholarships awarded French girls
in America, recently was received
by the American Council of Educa-
tion and the Office National des
Universités Françaises according to
an announcement received yester-
day at Reed college. Only Ameri-
can-born women are eligible.

Certain scholarships and fellow-
ships in the Ecole Normale Supé-
rieure de Sevrès are open to women
who have done graduate work and
have a university career in view.
These scholarships are granted only
to those who speak and read French
fluently.

Scholarships and fellowships in
the Ecole Normale de Saint Ger-
main en Laye are open to women
not over 24 years of age who hold
a bachelor's degree and have had
some work in education. These will
be granted only to women who have
the teaching profession in view.
They must have a command of
spoken and written French.

Additional scholarships and fel-
lowships in Lycées are open to
women between the ages of 17 and
20 who can understand spoken
French.
Official testimonials as to scholar-
ship, character, health are re-
quired of the candidates, together
with the applicant's aim in studying
abroad. Successful candidates will
sail about the middle of September.
Board, lodging and tuition fees
are given under the terms of the
scholarships. Students also are
allowed a subsidy on the passage to
and from France.

BRIDGE STEPS ORDERED

Improvement to Broadway Viaduct
to Be Started Soon.

Plans for the construction of
steps on the west side of the ap-
proach to the Broadway bridge have
been completed and work on this
project is to begin soon, according
to an announcement made yesterday
by City Commissioner Barbur.
These steps will be built to elimi-
nate the necessity for pedestrians
crossing traffic in order to reach
the Union station. While it was
decided to construct the steps last
year, no money was available until
after the 1923 budget had been ap-
proved. The cost of the actual con-
struction will be paid out of the
Broadway bridge fund.

Rancher Dies of Wounds.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 27.—Ole
Parlet, aged 40, a rancher of Tre-
wood, near here, died Tuesday from
loss of blood as a result of wounds

"PARDONED" MOVIE COMEDIAN AS HE APPEARS TODAY.



ROSCE (FATTY) ARBUCKLE.

This picture shows Roscoe Arbuckle, with a semblance of his old-time
happy smile on his face, after he had been acquainted with the news of
his "pardon" by Will Hays, czar of movieland.

he sustained while trying to rescue
livestock from his burning barn
early today. Neighbors who found
Parlet in the structure after he had
sent his daughter to summon help,
carried him out. Although attend-
ing physicians expressed the belief
that he must have fallen on a sharp
object, the sheriff began investi-
gation on the theory that foul play
might have been responsible.

ARBUCKLE OPPOSED HERE

RESOLUTION AGAINST FILMS
IS ADOPTED.

Members of Women's League Are
Divided in Sentiment and
Many Favor Comedian.

Opposition to the showing of Ar-
buckle films was voiced at a regu-
lar meeting of the Progressive
Woman's league yesterday noon at
the Chamber of Commerce. Al-
though the resolution against his
films, introduced by Mrs. M. H.
Wyllie, was carried, Arbuckle did
not lack friends among those pres-
ent. In fact about 40 per cent spoke
in favor of giving him an oppor-
tunity to make good, considering
that the courts found him not
guilty.

Mrs. Alexander Thompson, a mem-
ber of the club and also of Por-
tland's motion picture censor board,
in her talk in favor of the resolu-
tion, said: "consider the showing
of Roscoe Arbuckle films would be
a violation of one of our city ordi-
nances requiring clean shows. It
may be true that Arbuckle was
tried and exonerated for murder,
but I feel that Mr. Hays has taken
advantage of the faith of the peo-
ple by granting this pardon."

Mrs. Louise Palmer Webber was in
favor of giving Arbuckle another
chance, taking the position that
many other prominent personages
were possibly as guilty as the com-
edian, but were fortunate enough
not to get caught. For this reason
Mrs. Webber maintains that so long
as Arbuckle was making an effort
to conduct himself properly so as
to gain his former place in the film
world it was only fair that he should
be given this opportunity. Other
speakers in favor of Arbuckle were
Mrs. W. A. Prentiss and Mrs. Gro-
shong.

Speakers in favor of the resolu-
tion were Mrs. Elvora Burns, Mrs.
June Jones, Mrs. Victor Brandt and
Mrs. Ernest Crosby.

CLIQUE GETTING TAGS

Clarke County Motorists Crowd
Auditor's Office.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 27.—
(Special.)—The last-minute rush for
automobile licenses and the usual
holiday run at the marriage coun-
ter is keeping the county auditor's of-
fice busy this week. All motorists
are required to have 1923 licenses
by the first of the year, and to date
only 1396 licenses have been issued
for approximately 6000 motor vehi-
cles.

Thirty marriage licenses have
been issued during the past two
days to couples who wish to cele-
brate the new year by getting mar-
ried. The daily average of marriage
licenses under normal conditions is
about eight.

Smallpox Appears in Bend.

BEND, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—
Smallpox made its appearance in
Bend today with the isolation of
John Anderson, a recent arrival
in the city from the south. Another
case is reported from the Powell
Butte section. Scarlet fever, which
has been causing constant activity
on the part of health officials for
the last two months, is on the de-
cline.

Reed Destroys Liquor.

BEND, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—
Condemned liquor which in the
five months has been the basis for
about \$3000 in fines was sent down
the sewer here today by Chief of
Police. The liquor had been de-
stroyed with the aid of Mayor
E. D. Gilson and N. H. Gilbert,
chairman of the police committee.

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Optometrists for the ex-
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BORAH'S PROPOSAL SCARES POLITICIANS

Officials Subject to Vox Pop-
uli Are Fearful.

REPARATIONS HOT TOPIC

French and German Statesmen
Especially Tread Gingerly
on Uncertain Ground.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.
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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—
The opposition to Senator Borah's
proposal for an economic conference
springs from a variety of points of
view. Probably the most reason-
able is that which has come to
doubt whether the German repara-
tions can ever be fixed by any con-
ference of public men or politi-
cians dependent upon the
popular vote in their respective
countries.

The politicians of all the coun-
tries concerned know that the repa-
rations must be fixed, and they all
have the accurate idea of what
the amount must ultimately be. But
the French politicians during the
last four years have built up in the
minds of the people a greatly exag-
gerated notion of the sum to be
taken from Germany. Similarly, the
German politicians know quite well
that Germany ultimately will have
to pay, at least nine or 10 billions.
But while the German politicians
know this themselves, they have
given their German people the idea
that the sum can be reduced to
something like five billions.

The result is that the politicians
of both countries will naturally
hesitate to enter a conference that
would name a sum which would
seem to the deluded French voters
excessively small and to the deluded
German voters shockingly large.
Even if the politicians of those
countries should enter a conference
they might be expected to try to
avoid coming to the sort of conclu-
sion which their people at home
would resent. They would be fear-
ful of the effect on their personal
political fortunes.

Bonar Law Not Hampered.

The public men of Great Britain
are probably in a better posi-
tion than the politicians of either of
the other countries to take part in
the fixing of a reasonable and prac-
ticable sum and "get away" with
their voters. It is quite true
that in Great Britain Lloyd George
and many of the other politicians
about the time of the Paris confer-
ence kept telling their people that
Germany would be made to pay an
extravagant sum, a sum great
enough to pay, among other things,
the pensions of British soldiers.

However, in Great Britain, there
has been a change in government
and Bonar Law can tell the facts
about the sum that Germany can
actually be expected to pay with-
out incurring so much resentment
as Lloyd George would have
aroused. For that matter there has
been a change in the popular mood
of the people of Great Britain and
British statesmen would probably
have little hesitation in standing
for reduction of German repara-
tions to a reasonable and practicable
sum.

For these reasons there has been
some doubt whether a true adju-
dication of the German repara-
tions can ever be accomplished in con-
ference made up of the public men
in active political life. Also, for this
reason, high hopes were entertained
for the project initiated by the busi-
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merce of the several countries to
fix the reparations through joint ac-
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Somebody "Spills Beans."

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