

PRESIDENT WILSON MISLED BY EUROPE

Premier Nitti of Italy Views Big Problems.

EYES KEPT ON AMERICA

Influence of United States Needed to Save Civilization—Hated Still Threatens Nations.

NAPLES, Oct. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Ex-Premier Francesco Nitti, who is sojourning here, in the course of a statement went over some of the problems which are perplexing Europe and America.

"On the eve of the presidential struggle in the United States," he said, "it is well that the European situation be thoroughly considered in America. Europe cannot quickly regain its feet without the help of the United States, but the United States might help only those countries whose policy is peace. The American democracy has a great task before it. I am a sincere friend of America, but I cannot truthfully say I believe that the actions of her leaders have been useful to the world.

"No man has more humanitarian ideas than President Wilson. But he was not sufficiently acquainted with Europe, and thus the treaties concluded have no moral worth. They contain the germs of deep hatreds and perhaps new wars. The United States could even now, if they wished, exert a beneficial influence. This is not only the moral duty, but it is also in their interest to do so.

No Peace in Europe.
"I do not know if there is peace anywhere in the world, but there certainly is none in Europe. Around you see nothing but armies. While the war was still going on people said this would be the last war, but Germany's militarist spirit has been acquired by the peoples who overthrew Germany. Europe is alive with proposals of conquest, with eagerness to hoard raw materials.

"We always declared we were not waging war against the German people, but against German militarism, and still now that the German empire has fallen and now that militarist Germany is wrecked, we have not changed our attitude. Germany today is in an intellectual position still undergoes all sorts of odious investigations and is submitting to all sorts of humiliations. Germany's ships, has not sufficient raw materials and has no colonies, while the exchange rate is so unfavorable she cannot buy abroad. Germany, while suffering hunger, is condemned to pay an indeterminate indemnity for an indeterminate number of years.

"It is true the victory confers certain rights, but it imposes also certain duties. Nobody more than myself, who am a firm believer in democracy and peace, hated German imperialism. In the American democracy really pleased with the events have taken? All Europe, with its large population, was the great market for the American goods. Germany was the greatest European center of production.

Economic World Upset.
"Now all this is upset and smashed. The world never again will have the former low prices without Germany's fruitful work. We hated German militarism, but admire her industriousness and perseverance, which have given her first place among the world's producing nations. Why should we do without Germany's work and how can one expect Germany to pay any indemnity in the present state of affairs? My words often have been misunderstood by the imperialist press, but so long as I have a single breath left, I will not passively assist in the waste of so much energy. Can we expect permanently to control Germany in the way we are doing now?

"Regarding Russia, I think our policy has been all wrong. The entente must make up its mind to look upon Russia not as an enemy but as a fallen friend who has overtaxed his strength waging war on our behalf and has succumbed. Russia now is communist, but its economic system is absurd and bound to fail. Every one who has been to Russia has returned horrified. It is a regime of absolutism and violence which gives rise to great poverty and impossibility of production.

Entente Aids Russia.
"The entente now is following the policy likeliest to induce people to sympathize with Russia by sending arms to the general fighting against the communists and resisting the re-organization of the Moscow government. To take up relations with Russia again we ought to have only one condition—fundamental in all civil relations—namely, guarantees that the soviet government will not meddle with the internal politics of other countries.

"Instead, forgetting Russia as an autonomous state, in exchange for recognition we dared ask for guaranties that Russia would pay the debts contracted abroad before and during the war. This is the way Szyllock's moral sense worked. Have we not gone so far as to ask that Russia's gold be given as a guaranty to her creditors in our countries? We must distrust the soviet government so long as it does not give sufficient guaranties, but we must also remember not to behave to Russia as if we were a reparations commission. Russia is not a conquered enemy but a fallen friend.

"In conclusion, Germany and also many countries which formed ancient Austria cannot live. Russia is consumed by communist tyranny and violence and the Mussolin world is in a ferment not entirely justified. If America, which is the greatest creditor and having the greatest reserves of raw material, wishes to exercise useful action in the world, it must exercise it in favor of justice, which is indispensable for prosperity and peace. The restoration of Europe is dependent on the reconstruction of Germany and the Russian Empire among the free countries. The Russian people must be convinced we desire their resurrection, having no interest in their past regime. Europe must find peace, because by continuing the present disorder we risk new wars, which would mean the triumph of brutality and perhaps the collapse of our civilization.

Italy's Policy Stated.
"The European war has been a great duel between the German and Slav races. Italy, allied with the former, passed to the latter for the lofty ideal of justice. Italy cannot, therefore, prepare a new conflict with the Jugo-

slavs, who are a southern branch of the Slav race anxious to have an outlet to the Adriatic. We have no intention of suffocating their development, but we must have cordial relations with them. For this reason, I have always favored a direct accord between Italy and Jugoslavia, since any solution imposed by one side would be the cause for war. Any delay in reaching this friendly understanding is injurious to Jugoslavia and also to Italy.

"The situation in Italy is not happy, but what European country emerged from the war with a happy situation? The discipline of the popular classes in Italy has been affected by the bad example of the bourgeois classes. When officers, even if inspired by patriotic ideals, disobeyed, the people also considered they had the right to disobey." (Signor Nitti alluded to the expedition of d'Annunzio to Fiume a year ago.) "Exaggerations with regard to her Adriatic aspirations have been the worst evil for Italy.

"I cannot believe in a revolutionary movement in Italy. Revolutionaries here can only be mad or irresponsible. Italy has an average of 332 inhabitants to every square mile and 410 to every cultivated square mile; but she has no coal, while her hydraulic power has taken ten years of constant work to develop. Besides, she needs about 2,000,000 tons of wheat yearly, besides iron, cotton, wool and other things. If Italy experienced a revolution one-third of her population would die of starvation.

Future Seems Secure.
"In 20 centuries Italy has been the only country of Europe that has not had a revolution. I firmly believe Italy will soon overcome all her difficulties if she solves two problems, namely, the Adriatic question and the bread question, on both of which her not believe in a revolutionary danger, because the present situation in Italy is not much different from that of England after the Napoleonic wars.

"Italo-French relations are a very delicate subject. The two countries, allied in war, must be friends in peace with a good understanding of each other. We do not wish any people to be oppressed. Therefore, after we had fought Austria I received the Austrian chancellor, Renner, in Rome as a friend. The support given by me to the economic reconstruction of Germany has caused great but unjust resentment in France. France herself has an interest in assisting in the reconstruction of Germany, which means the restoration of Europe. Italy will not participate in any alliance, wishing only the revival of Europe and the consolidation of peace, which will be the programme of all democracies."

BROKEN BACK IS MENDED

SHIN BONE PATCH SET IN FOR VERTEBRÆ.

19-Year-Old Girl Expected to Dance and Skate After Complete Recovery.

WOODBURY, N. J., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—For three months Olive Rhodes, 19, whose back was broken in an automobile accident on July 7, faced the prospect of a life in a plaster cast. Friday, as the result of a remarkable operation performed here in the Underwood hospital, she rejoiced in the possibility of being fit for skating or dancing by New Year's day.

Dr. T. T. Rugh, Philadelphia surgeon, who has treated similar cases, had her placed in a plaster cast preliminary to a grafting operation.

Thursday night the surgeon removed the affected vertebrae and replaced them with a section of the girl's left shin bone.

The grafting process and the entire operation took only an hour, in which time the patient was under an anesthetic. No complications have set in and Miss Rhodes today said she was feeling more comfortable and cheerful than at any time since the accident. She will continue in the plaster cast about six weeks.

In December she is expected to be able to walk and by the end of the month probably will be able to display her former activity.

CANAL PLAN IS OPPOSED

Opposition to St. Lawrence Waterway Voted at Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Opposition was expressed in a resolution adopted at the close Friday of the annual convention of the Atlantic Deepwaterway Association, which is against the proposed St. Lawrence ship canal which would require expenditure of \$100,000,000, of which this country would pay half. The association opposed the plan on the ground that the Dominion of Canada would derive by far the greater benefit.

Savannah, Ga., was selected for next year's convention and J. Hampton Moore, mayor of Philadelphia, was re-elected president of the association for the 14th year. It was decided to admit women to full membership.

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AVIATION HAZARD TOLD

MECHANISM OF AIRPLANE PARACHUTE EXPLAINED.

"Sporting Chance" Given Jumper That Mishap May Cause Feet to End in Death.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Mechanism for parachute jumping from airplanes, described in a statement of the army air service, discloses the hazards of the jumper and wherein his feat has a "sporting chance" of ending in death.

"The parachute used by aviators," says the statement, "is folded snugly inside a pack carried on the back.

big one at once from its pack. Usually the operator is descending at normal speed after falling less than 200 feet.

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