

ITALY MAKES A PLEA FOR RESTORATION OF NATION OF POLAND

Parliament Reaffirms Faith in Final Victory of Allies in Present War.

INTERESTING TRIP TAKEN

Half of Gamesters at Monte Carlo Are Women; Massachusetts Visited at Nice.

By N. L. Piotrowski. Paris, Feb. 12.—In one of my letters from Rome I wrote that the Italian parliament would likely take some kind of action with reference to the Polish question. Now I am glad to note that I was not disappointed in my expectation. I have received from Rome a telegram notifying me that a resolution touching that question had been introduced in the Italian parliament. Following is the text of the resolution: The Italian parliament reaffirms its faith in the victory of the allies, who will consent to a speedy restoration of Belgium and of Serbia, and ardently expresses its desire that the most noble nation of Poland, which for centuries was an important factor of civilization, having protected Europe from Turkish and Turkish invasions and which is destined to play an important role in the equilibrium of peace in the future, should be reconstructed as a united, free and independent state. Thus the Italian people are the first who have recognized that it is necessary for the future peace of Europe to restore Poland as an independent state, and, through their representatives, have expressed their belief and their desire.

French Wary of Spies. I had some difficulty in obtaining a visa for my passport from the French consul in Rome to visit France. It was told that from America there came many German spies with American passports, and for that reason all Americans, especially those who have other than Yankee names, are regarded with suspicion by the French authorities. Of course, I told the consul that I was not only an American but by birth I was a Pole, which was double reason to preclude me from being a German spy.

I left Rome that same evening journeying by way of Genoa and the Riviera. We passed through San Remo, Monaco, Monte Carlo, Nice and Cannes. At Vintemille, which is on the boundary, the passports and baggage were examined. Italy being an ally of France, the examination was rather perfunctory. After the many experiences which I had going from one country to another this was an agreeable surprise to me. One of the first things which attracted my attention on the French side was the following notice: "Taisez-vous! Muffles-vous! Les Oreilles Ennemies, Vous econtent." You can see this sign in all public places and conveyances.

Half of Gamesters Women. At Nice I stopped for one day to see certain people to whom I had letters. I also visited Monte Carlo, which is near by. Nearly all the principal hotels are closed and there is very little life on the streets, but the tables at the Casino were all in full operation and were crowded with patrons; about half of them were women.

They happened to be at that time in Nice the illustrious Belgian poet, philosopher and patriot, Maurice Maeterlinck. He certainly is a great man and I was anxious to obtain from him some kind of expression, believing that what he would say would be of great interest. And this is what I received from him: "Of all the peoples who have been affected by this frightful war Poland and Belgium suffered most. And what is more, for, although all sufferings caused by an iniquitous war are necessarily iniquitous, these two have suffered most unjustly. They both are victims of their innocence and of their readiness of spirit. In misfortune and in glory they have the same destiny, the one sacrificing herself with a holy passion upon the altar of honor, broke a holy barbaric

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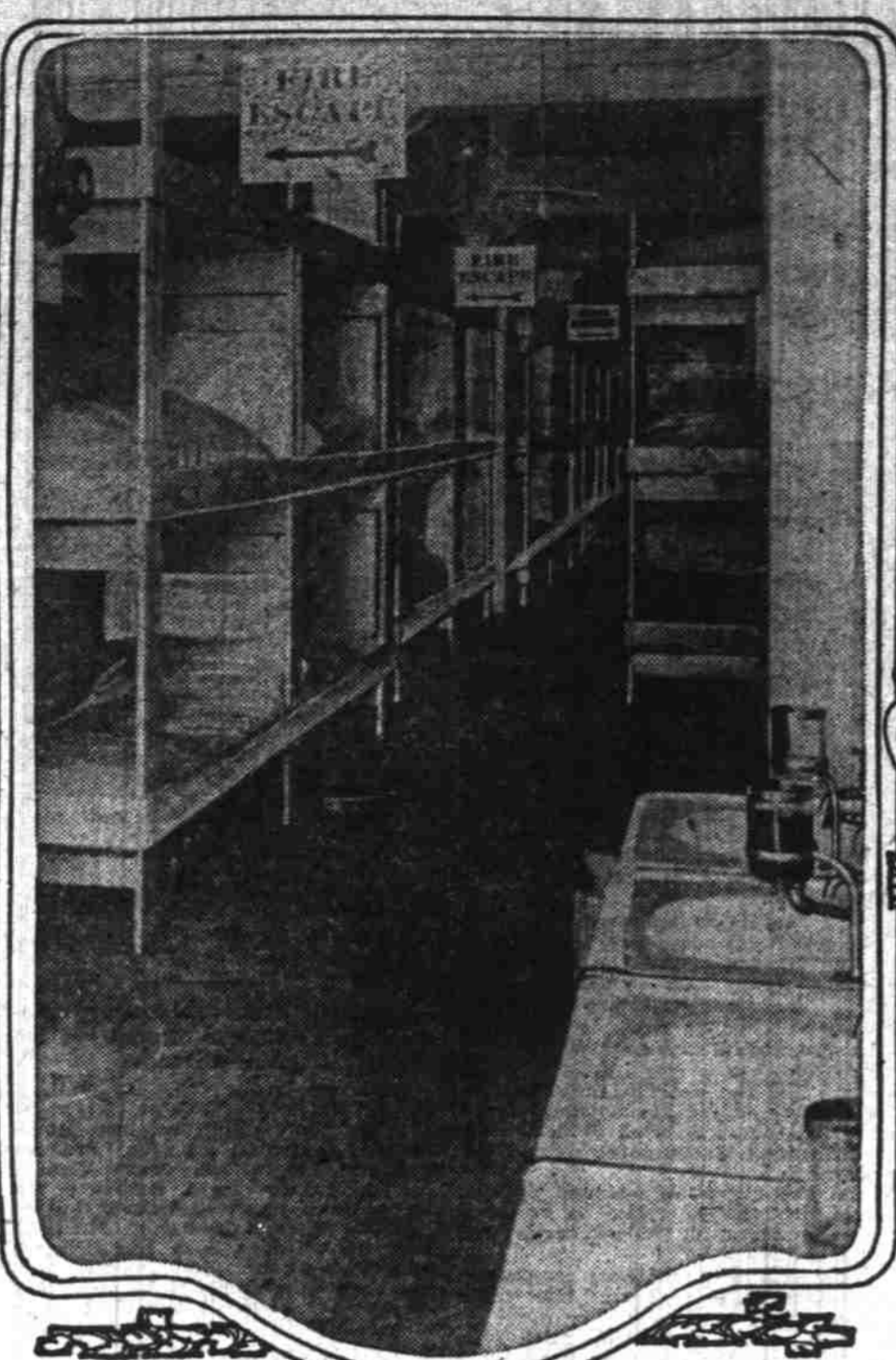
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NEEDY MEN WILL BE GIVEN EMPLOYMENT BY CITY THIS WEEK



Married Men Will Be Given Work at Laurelhurst Park and Single Men at Kelly Butte—Lodging House Is Put in Order.

Although the recent storm conditions upset, to some extent, the plans for handling the unemployed at the municipal lodging house at Fourteenth and Johnson streets, conditions at the lodging house are rapidly adjusting themselves. Every convenience for caring for the men is provided for in the lodging house. Shower baths, clothes fumigators, clothes driers, a big reading and lounging room with a variety of reading matter and comfortable bunks are only a part of the equipment.

Work provided for the unemployed married at Laurelhurst park and for the single men at Kelly Butte will be resumed this week. Arrangements have also been made for a bath and night's lodging in the home and for meals at a downtown restaurant. Every convenience for caring for the men is provided in the lodging house. Shower baths, clothes fumigators, clothes driers, a big reading and lounging room with a variety of reading matter and comfortable bunks are only a part of the equipment.

Walls Are Ruined. Storm ruined walls, leaking roofs and broken gutters will be repaired at reasonable cost by plumbers, tilers and painters who advertise in today's classified.

Alles Will Win. "Today they are both in ruins. There is nothing left for them; they appear to be dead, but we who are their children who know them like one who knows his mother, we know, we feel down in our hearts that they never were more alive, more pure and more beautiful. Having already given to the world a great example of courage of abnegation and of heroism they will give now a lesson more profound, more valuable and more efficacious. They will demonstrate that misfortune can be overcome and that nothing will perish as long as there is faith and as long as the spirit does not resign; the powers of darkness will never prevail against the forces of love and light which lead mankind toward the heights from where we will see the victory which is already rising upon the horizon."

Mr. Maeterlinck has an abiding faith in the victory of the allies and in the reconstruction of Belgium and Poland as free and independent nations. The Nice is a most charming place. The beautiful promenade along the sea reminded me of our drive in Chicago along Lake Michigan. The weather was delightful. I spent several hours sitting in the park in the afternoon for Paris, arriving the following morning in a pouring rain.

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Cure for Leprosy Is Found, Says Doctor

Twenty-five Patients Discharged as Cured, Five Called Cured in 1915 Show No Signs and 200 Better. New York, Feb. 12.—(I. N. S.)—World wide attention has been attracted to the assertion by Dr. Victor G. Heiser, former director of health in the Philippine Islands, that a cure has at last been found for leprosy. His report on the subject is in the current number of the New York Medical Review.

Twenty-five lepers have been discharged as cured from the Philippine leper hospital. Two hundred more, according to Dr. Heiser, are showing distinct signs of improvement. Five of the patients discharged as cured in 1915 have shown no signs of leprosy since then.

Dr. Heiser has long been recognized as an authority in the treatment of leprosy. He built the Cullion leper hospital in the Philippines and was commended by the government for his work in cleaning up the islands.

Commission Favors New Aviation School. Congressman Kettner Telegraphs Word That Proposal to Spend \$800,000 at Coronado Heights Is Approved. San Diego, Cal., Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—In a telegram received here today Congressman William Kettner said that the government aviation commission



Some scenes in Portland's municipal lodging house. Left—Sleeping quarters for the unemployed, showing bunks and wash stands. Right, top—A corner of the reading room with a number of "unemployed" resting. Bottom—Unemployed registering with Assistant Director Jones, of the employment bureau, for positions.

Nickle-in-Slot Man's Daughter Is Married

Young Couple Refuse to Await Publishing of Banns and Priest Refuses to Perform Ceremony. Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Because one was a non-Catholic and because each was too anxious that the ceremony be performed without the delay which the publishing of banns would occasion, Father Novatus of St. Mary's Catholic church refused to marry Miss Marie Mills of Oak Park, Ill., and William McGowan, an employe of the Ray Consolidated Copper company, of Hayden, Ariz. The couple were later married by a justice of the peace. The arrival of the young woman here made possible the confirmation that she was the daughter of Herbert Mills, millionaire inventor of the nickel-in-the-slot machines, whose Oak Park home is one of the show places of Chicago.

Man Chose Home of Luxury Before Jail

New York, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Arrested for peddling pencils to peddlers, Hugo Schan was sentenced to return to the luxurious home of his sister, Mrs. John Sherman, or go to

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making her journeys in her father's private car. Though she has relatives in Phoenix she did not communicate with them until after the ceremony. She has wired her father asking forgiveness and blessing.

Boy Gets Letter From a Governor

Executive Counters by Inviting Lad East

George Friede, 8-A, Couch school, is a proud boy because in answer to his letter inviting Governor Marcus H. Holcomb of Connecticut to the 1916 Rose Festival, George was appointed direct representative of Governor Holcomb in Portland during the fiesta. George's letter of commission, signed by the governor's secretary, is as follows: "Dear Sir:—Governor Holcomb is very, very sorry that he cannot come out to Portland, as you ask him to do, to see your Rose Festival. And as he cannot pick that rose, which you say is growing out there for him, he wants you to do it, and wear it on one day of the festival. If anybody asks you about it, you can tell them that you are the direct representative of the governor of Connecticut. We have roses here, even if they are not as pretty as yours, but he wonders if you have any arbutus out there. If you haven't, he says that you ought to come east some early spring and dig out into the woods, dig down under the leaves, and find some of them. You did that, he doesn't think that you would feel that Oregon had anything on Connecticut when it comes to flowers. You just come ahead and try it." George wrote to 21 governors and to Secretary of the Navy Daniels. He has received six replies including one from Secretary Daniels. Irwin Tubb, also in the 8-A at the Couch school, wrote 17 governors and has received two replies.

Strike Threatened On Alaska Railroad

Tracklayers Want Increase; Commission Asserts Conditions Are Better Than on Private Work. Seward, Alaska, Feb. 12.—(U. P. N. S.)—A threat of construction activities on the government railroad in Alaska impends today as the result of a strike of tracklayers on the Anchorage-Matigush branch. A general strike of all laborers employed by the engineering commission is threatened. The tracklayers are demanding 80 cents an hour in place of the 37 1/2 cents now paid by the government. A federal union has been organized and more than 600 men have affiliated with the organization. Members of the commission assert that the minimum wage of 25 cents per hour in effect on all government railroad work and the rule of bidding for an eight-hour working day is more fair to the laborers than the working conditions imposed by private employers in Alaska. Government officials believe they will be able to obtain an unlimited supply of labor at the wages fixed by the commission.

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