

WILSON'S ADRIATIC NOTE RETURNS TO OPEN DIPLOMACY

By David Lawrence (Copyright, 1920.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—On the surface President Wilson appears to be "standing pat" on the Fiume issue. Actually, however, he has receded sufficiently to permit of a settlement between Italy and Jugo-Slavia. Stripped of diplomatic phraseology and legal discussions, the exchange of notes just made public places the president of the United States on record as being willing to accept any solution which the two most interested parties—Italy and Jugo-Slavia—may reach, provided the settlement does not prejudice the interests of Albania.

The president moreover recedes on his threat to withdraw the treaty and American membership in the League of Nations if the memorandum of December 9 is not accepted, for since that proposal was rejected by Italy, Jugo-Slavia has appeared ready to negotiate a new settlement.

AMERICA NOT CONSULTED The question of American withdrawal really turns upon whether or not the United States is to be consulted. The allies have given assurance that they will consult the United States. What they forgot to say, however, is that the United States has not yet become a member of the League of Nations. American ambassadors abroad should have been kept informed of what was going on in respect to questions growing out of a treaty signed by the president.

American diplomats in Europe, however, being unacquainted with the situation in the senate, have refrained from meeting with the allied premiers in informal meetings of the league, something that has confused foreign governments and left the nations to the present misunderstanding.

Secretary Lansing seemed to take the view that imperfect means of communication was responsible more than anything else for the divergence of ideas from the viewpoint sought to be established by the president, and it is a fact that Lansing urged Wilson not to affix a threat to his note to withdraw the treaty.

DIFFERS WITH LANSING Lansing felt that matters had not yet reached so critical a stage and that an ultimatum of that kind might have a serious effect on the status of the treaty in the senate where it might be construed as justification of ideas of the irreconcilables, who all along have been contending that a partnership with European governments was an association with territorially ambitious and selfish nations.

The president, however, took emphatic issue with Lansing and in rather summary fashion ordered the note sent, threat and all. The notes sent to the allies were therefore in the hands of Secretary Lansing but were written by some of the experts who accompanied President Wilson to the peace conference. The documents were, however, revised by the president, who is not yet strong enough to write a diplomatic note of such length without outside assistance.

ALLIES ARE OPPORTUNISTS The allies contend that they discarded the memorandum of December 9 largely because it was objectionable to Italy and Jugo-Slavia and that they started anew. They are admittedly in an embarrassing position because of the treaty of London, but the central fact brought out in the exchange of notes is that Great Britain and France were ready to yield to practical expediency in the Fiume affair to appease Italy, while President Wilson was quite sure this would only mean a temporary calm.

From the viewpoint of liberalists President Wilson's staunch refusal to allow expediency to govern him in the Adriatic settlement is a healthy return to the fundamental principles which so many of his critics wished he had followed in the Shantung affair and Fiume, both of which settlements were defended on the ground of expediency.

BOTH SIDES PLEASED Wilson's readiness to take the world into his confidence in the diplomatic correspondence over Fiume opens a new era in diplomacy. It has raised among liberalists here the question of how much more the president might have accomplished by adopting a course of pitiless publicity on some of the other items in the Paris settlement. For while the Fiume correspondence was variously interpreted on Capitol Hill, where opponents of the treaty saw confirmation of their certainty that the treaty means involvement in European tangles, others saw the possibilities of the league of nations projected forcefully in the international scene.

Much comfort was revived out of the recognition, moreover, by the allies, that the treaty of Versailles was not to re-

COUNCIL TO TAKE FINAL ACTION ON ZONING WEDNESDAY

The joint meeting of council and city planning commission held late Friday afternoon in Commissioner Barbur's office for the express purpose of determining the right method of securing the passage of the zoning ordinance, left the fate of the measure as much as ever in the balance. Commissioner Pier was the only member of the council absent. The ordinance is scheduled to come before council Wednesday for final passage or rejection.

Mayor Baker favors the ordinance, will vote favorably on it and is against passing it along to a vote of the people, he stated at the meeting. Commissioner Bjelovec favors the ordinance. He believes that the council should vote finally on Wednesday and not transfer the responsibility to the people.

Commissioner Mann is opposed. He said: "I'll vote 'no' before I will see the measure stuffed down the throats of property owners who are objecting so strenuously to it."

Commissioner Pier stated he favored submitting the measure to vote of the people because it affected property so vitally. A campaign of education to present the scheme of zoning clearly to the public is desired by Commissioner Barbur, although he is in accord with the ordinance. He does not believe it can be passed without further light being thrown on it.

"I favor calling in the Chamber of Commerce and realty board in order that they may suggest amendments which their opposing stand has indicated they desire," said J. P. Newell, president of the planning commission. "The ordinance wouldn't be hurt materially by a few changes."

PUBLIC BLENDFOLED Commissioner Mann asserted that the property owners were right in objecting to the ordinance in that several tracts along railroad lines were zoned for first class residential property instead of industrial property.

"Everywhere I go, I hear opposition to the measure," contended Commissioner Barbur. "Certainly a campaign of education necessary to inform the people of the merits of zoning."

Charles H. Cheney, consultant to the planning commission, declared that many people were continually spreading malicious lies concerning the ordinance in hopes of defeating it.

An interesting session of the city council Wednesday morning, when the proposed zoning ordinance comes up for final reading, is promised by the members of the Portland Realty board, who will go to the city hall in a body to protest against the passage of the measure. Discussion of the zoning ordinance at the meeting of the board Friday noon resulted in condemnation of many features of the scheme, and a motion calling on the realty men to attend the next session of the council was passed without opposition.

Walter M. Pierce, legislator from Union county, led an attack on the Land and Labor league at the board meeting.

The board will attend a debate on single tax at the weekly luncheon of the Press club in the Tyrolean room of the Benson hotel Thursday noon.

Robert B. Kay, president of the single tax proposition, and J. R. Hermann will take the affirmative side of the debate.

The realty board will send its president, Fred Gerlach, and Secretary F. O. Brockman to the national convention of real estate boards at Kansas City in June. A third member will represent Portland in a five minute speaking contest. A committee of members will be appointed to judge the efforts of candidates for this honor.

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The price of milk in bottles in Portland to the consumer stands at the highest figure in history. The regular charge for a single quart at the retail stores is 17 cents, while delivery of one quart a day is made by the month at 16 cents.

BED SPRINGS SAVE FALLING MAN'S LIFE

Falling four stories, and completely wrecking a glass awning in the fall, Clifford Holmes, 22, a window washer, is at St. Vincent's hospital. He will live. A bed spring tossed under him just before he hit the sidewalk Friday afternoon saved him from instant death.

Holmes was at work on the Fifth street side on the fourth floor of the building at Fifth and Washington streets, occupied by Henry Jenning & Son, furniture dealers, when his safety belt broke. For three stories his drop was uninterrupted, and then he crashed into the heavy glass awning over the sidewalk. He was caught in the broken glass and framework long enough for Kenneth Houser and Ray Clark, the former a son of Eric Houser, owner of the Multnomah hotel, and the latter publicity manager there, to pick up a bedspring standing on the sidewalk and place it under the falling man.

Holmes is unmarried and lives at 446 1/2 Russell street.

Paper Shortage Is Felt in Winnipeg

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A decisive step was taken Thursday when the house instructed the ways and means committee to take jurisdiction over all bonus bills and recommend something for action along with a plan for paying the cost.

BOND VALUE WOULD DROP The next step came with the information today that members of this committee, in concert with house leaders, will make the bonus contingent on new direct taxes and that no bond issue will be recommended. A majority of the committee is shown by a poll to be opposed to a bond issue, which would reach \$2,000,000,000, if even the least ambitious bonus plan is adopted.

Representative Longworth, leading ways and means committee member, said a new bond issue would cause a sharp decline in Liberty bonds, probably 10 per cent, and would cause a serious financial disturbance and increase the cost of living.

The question thus will be turned back to those who advocate a bonus to decide whether the American people want a bonus strongly enough to impose upon themselves heavily additional taxes. Levies on sugar, coffee and tea seem to find most favor.

Bonus bills range from proposals to give soldiers \$1 a day for each day served to loans of \$5000 for purchasing homes. The American legion has endorsed a \$50 bond idea, which would mean approximately \$2,000,000,000 in bonds, but the bond issue seems certain to be denied for the reasons stated.

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Although the strike order declares sabotage will not be countenanced, the government immediately ordered all troops to Paris to protect railway property and prevent rioting.

The government today requisitioned all stocks of gasoline. The strikers' organization this afternoon announced it would guarantee the movement of a food supply to all cities providing that the strikers be permitted to control all the trains that are used.

The "revolutionary character" of the strike, as pointed out by Premier Millerand in his address to the chamber of deputies yesterday, apparently has been averted today. The professional syndicate of French railway workers issued an appeal denouncing the soviet agitators who early had announced their intention to control the lines by soviets and discharge all workers who refused to join them.

The appeal characterized the attempt to "produce a state of anarchy" stopping food supplies through the strike as a "common high social treason." The council of ministers has decided to establish a meatless days a week, should the strike render it necessary. Public opinion and the press, except in radical circles, were violently opposed to the strike. It was estimated however, that the walkout was more than 90 per cent effective on the Paris-Lyon-Mediterranean system. There was some service on the eastern lines, while in the north service was normal. Urban lines which carry thousands of workers to and from their tasks in Paris, were tied up late yesterday and thousands were forced to seek lodging in the city proper or sleep in the parks.

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