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FIUME COUNCIL TAKES UP REINS LEFT BY POET

New Government Supplanting Rule of Gabrielle D'Annunzio Has Been Put in Charge of Contested Adriatic City.

PLOT AGAINST REGIME UNCOVERED IN MILAN

Seventeen Arrested for Planning Attack on Italian Regulars as Positions Are Stormed in Bomb Play.

ROME, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—A new government, supplanting that of Gabrielle D'Annunzio, has been organized in Fiume. A council, comprising Signors Grossich, Gigante and Venturi, has been put in charge. Legionnaires who composed D'Annunzio's military force will be withdrawn shortly. It is semi-officially announced today that the poet will leave the city at the same time.

Comp Plot Is Found.

ROME, Dec. 31.—(A. P.)—Discovery of a plot in Milan in which the Fascisti, the extreme nationalist party, and anarchists were alleged to be preparing a joint attack on the Italian army operating against Fiume, is reported by newspapers today. Seventeen persons have been arrested.

Bombs Are Hoarded.

TRIESTE, Dec. 31.—(A. P.)—Establishment of the old national council of Fiume as a provisional government was announced today. All the terms laid down to Fiume by General Cavaglia have been accepted.

Several Bombs were Thrown into Positions held by the regulars at Fiume last night.

BILL AIDING MINERS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—President Wilson signed the Henderson mining bill today granting temporary relief to miners who have been unable to do the required work on their claims during the last year.

DECEMBER WHEAT UP TO \$1.73 ON LAST DAY

Wheat showed increased strength today in the Chicago market, December, March and May futures all showing substantial gains. December opened at \$1.72, a cent higher than Thursday's close and gained a full cent at the close, the figure being \$1.73. This is the last of the December bids March, which yesterday closed at \$1.66 1/2, opened at \$1.65 1/4 today, and climbed steadily and closed strong at \$1.69. May, which closed yesterday at \$1.61 1/4, opened today a cent lower and closed at \$1.63. Corn, oats and rye were about a half cent higher at the close than at the opening. There will be no session of the grain exchange tomorrow. Overbeck & Gooker local brokers, today announced. Their quotations from Chicago today are as follows:

Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Foreign Exchange, listing prices for various months and grades.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Wheat—Trade was largely of an evening up character with shorts inclined to cover because of the persistent claims of an improvement in the domestic milling demand stimulated by a better inquiry for flour. The December delivery expired in tame fashion. The cash market was without particular feature except for a reduction of 3 to 4 cents in Red wheat premiums. The British Commission was not in the market and it was announced that they have reduced their selling price an additional two shillings per quarter making the third reduction in the past thirty days and bringing the price of hard wheat in Great Britain down to \$2.12. The present milling demand is very much in doubt and as foreign buying is also likely to let up at any time, we believe the reduced buying power of the country will find reflection in lower prices.

ARMED GUARDS KEEP CHICAGO QUARANTINE

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—One hundred armed guards are patrolling the south half of East Chicago to enforce a quarantine established following the outbreak of five cases of smallpox. Authorities are considering shutting down the steel mills of East Chicago until the epidemic has been checked.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Frederick Katalba, convicted of burglary for trying to steal four parrots from Central Park today pleaded that they were making so much noise he was just trying to spank them.

LONDON IS REPORTED BEHIND TOKYO ACTION

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(By Webb Miller, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)—British foreign office officials today expressed great interest in the reports from Washington that Britain had advised Japan not to press its opposition to the California anti-alien land law. While they denied there had been any official action taken in London, it was assumed that some of the high diplomatic officers may have suggested to the Japanese representatives that they should not agitate the question now.

Officially, the foreign office would have no interest in the settlement of American affairs, it was indicated and if the advice were given to Japan it was not in the way of a special incident but to aid in bringing about the general peace and reconstruction and to bring peace of mind to the British dominions.

WHEAT SALES PICK UP SAYS LOCAL DEALER

Wheat sales have been slightly on the increase of late and inquiries for flour to local mills have been on the rise, too, according to H. W. Collins, who takes conditions to indicate that the new year will bring better business. Mr. Collins today declared his optimism for the 1921 outlook and said he based his optimism on the "feelers" in business.

About \$1.50 on the No. 1 basis is being paid the farmers who are letting go of their holdings, local grain men say. The coast market is not strong, but quite a little wheat is being bought for the export trade and northwest mills are taking a little grain now and then in anticipation of future orders. Indications are that the big Collins Flour Mills, which have been operating one shift a day for the past few weeks and at one time were closed will soon be able to resume operations during the entire 24 hours of the day. The coming of time for making income tax statements is declared responsible for the inclination on the part of some farmers to sell their grain. They feel that they can sell their wheat and take a loss on their tax statements now better than to carry over. Some, however, are booking their holdings as stock in trade and will hold in hopes of a stronger market in the spring.

MRS. AGNES NELSON IS CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Agnes Nelson, aged 70 years, passed the Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Murphy, on Perkins avenue, after an illness of 10 weeks. She was a native of Scotland and has resided in Pendleton since 1883.

Three children, five grandchildren and one great grandson survive Mrs. Nelson. The children are: Mrs. E. J. Murphy, and Mrs. Horace Stillman, of Pendleton, and John Nelson, of New York. The grandchildren are: Tom and Edna Murphy and Mrs. Roy K. Meeker, of Portland, and Horace Stillman Jr. Made Christenson is the great grandson. Mrs. Nelson was born at Ayr, Scotland, in 1850 and came to this city 37 years ago. She has been a member of the Presbyterian church all her life. She also was a member of the Eastern Home lodge and of the Friendship Circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft. The funeral will be held from the Presbyterian church on Sunday at 2 o'clock with Rev. George L. Clark in charge and interment will be in Pendleton.

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HARDING WOULD SPEED PROGRAM FOR DISARMING

Steps for Gradual Cessation of Military Preparations Will be Taken by Administration Soon After March 4.

PRESIDENT-ELECT HOLDS SUCH ACTION NECESSARY

May Propose International Congress But Marion Official Will Not Limit Construction Work Under-Way.

MARION, Dec. 31.—(By Raymond Clapper, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)—Steps toward "gradual disarmament" will be taken by Harding early in his administration, according to authoritative information here today.

One move may be a suggestion that the world powers organize a disarmament congress to work out a scheme which will be generally acceptable. Disarmament occupies a prominent place in President-elect Harding's plan for an association of nations. He is known to be convinced that some method of checking the race for large navies must be found.

Congressional leaders familiar with the situation are understood to have recommended to Harding that he take action toward securing an agreement between the leading powers to limit construction work already underway and lay no new keels. Harding, however, has declared flatly for a navy sufficient to protect the American merchant marine and afford dependable defense of American shores.

THUG AND OFFICER DIE IN TWO GUN DUELS

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Three limousine bandits today shot and killed Joseph Sweitzer, a chauffeur and wounded his helper, Edward Riddell, today when they attempted to seize a truckload of whiskey consigned to a local druggist.

Bank Bandit Is Shot
SPRINGFIELD, Tenn., Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—After a lone-hand daylight robbery of the Peoples Bank here, which netted \$50,000 in liberty bonds, Hobart Austin today was killed by Sheriff Jett in a gun duel. The bonds were recovered.

Explosive Is Daring.
NASHVILLE, Dec. 31.—(A. P.)—A robber entered the Peoples Bank at Springfield, Tenn., today, made his way unobserved to the bank vault, and helped himself to \$50,000 in bonds. He stood off the bank officials and wounded an officer. He then took refuge in a store room where he was killed by the officers.

COAST TO COAST FLIGHT SET FOR FEBRUARY 22

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Army aviators will attempt an Washington's birthday anniversary to fly from coast to coast in 24 hours, the war department today announced. One plane will leave Jacksonville, Fla., and at the same time another will start from San Diego, each plane covering the distance of 2673 miles.

POST WAR ACTIVITIES



WORLD NATIONS WOULD LAY DOWN ARMS

FRANCE AWAIT FORMER FOE IN EMPTYING GUNS

Neighbor Pockets Must First be Shorn of Hidden Weapons Then Country is Ready, Says Foreign Office Official.

PROGRAM UNDERTAKEN BUT QUICKLY CEASED

Actual Cutting of Military Schedule Halted When German Minister Refused Disarmament Demand of Allies.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—(By Henry Wood, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)—France will be glad to join in an international conference on disarmament, when German pockets are emptied of concealed weapons, the French foreign office told the United Press today. High officials declared that France secretary had begun partial disarmament, but developments in Germany have made it impossible to proceed with that program.

"If the United States will join in forcing Germany to empty her pockets of concealed pistols, France will be delighted to join in a general disarmament scheme," they said. "The agreement would be of tremendous benefit in freeing the masses from the terrific burden of taxation. But there can be no thought of disarmament until Germany disarms."

One official declared France had halted her naval program and had begun reducing her military program when the German foreign minister refused the allied demand that he disarm the Bavarian civil guard. "Having cut compulsory military service to 18 months," he said, "France was the first world power actually to begin carrying out her promises of disarmament."

De Valera Has Sailed FOR IRELAND, AID SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Eamonn De Valera, "president of the Irish Republic," has returned to Ireland, his secretary, Harry Boland, today announced. He refused to say when and where De Valera landed. It is assumed that he went as a member of the crew of some liner.

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MOVE FOR LIMITATIONS OF NAVAL BUILDING IS SPREADING LIKE FIRE

(BY J. W. T. MASON, U. P. WAR EXPERT.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The movement for limitation of naval construction is spreading so fast throughout the world as to make it a more immediately effective instrument for world peace than the League of Nations. America controls the world's naval situation. Whatever the United States says will be done. America alone has the financial resources sufficient for indefinite expansion of warship construction. If America is willing to declare a naval holiday other powers will eagerly seize the opportunity to cut down their own expenditures.

A conference of the world's naval powers to meet in Washington at the invitation of the United States would do more to guard civilization against the outbreak of another war than the meeting of the assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva was able to do.

Complete disarmament cannot come at once, because the risk is too great; but the first stage is to limit warship building. America alone can inspire this program, because America controls the world's balance of power. There are only three naval nations of major rank—the United States, Britain and Japan. The key to the problem of naval retrenchment is proportional to the future strength in warships which these nations shall possess.

When America's present naval program is completed, the strength of American and British navies will be about equal, and Japan will have 50 per cent of America's power. The United States, with two vast seaboard to protect, and Britain, with the outlying parts of the British empire to safeguard, are entitled to heavier naval insurance against unforeseen possibilities than Japan.

HOME OF ROUND-UP IS LAUDED IN PRESS OF NATION'S CAPITAL

Pendleton is getting the most valuable advertising in the world, that of editorial comment in the press of the east, according to officials of the Round-Up association. As an example of this boost for the Round-Up city, they have just received a copy of the Washington Herald, dated Saturday, Dec. 18, telling of Lt. Col. Charles Wellington Furlong and his lecture, "The Passing of the Old West." The article, which occupied prominent place on the editorial page, was as follows:

American citizens, in their prosperity, should not forget their obligations to suffering humanity in less fortunate countries. Lieut. Col. Charles Wellington Furlong, P. R. G. S., said at the Cosmos Club yesterday.

Col. Furlong, who lectured last night on "The Passing of the Old West" before the National Geographic Society, has for many years been a close observer of the Near Eastern conditions. He has had a rare opportunity to investigate and get behind the scenes, having served as an officer of the general staff, United States Army, with the American and allied forces in the Balkans and the Near East.

Although in favor of American and other necessary relief when properly managed and directed, Col. Furlong declares that funds should be administered wholly by American officials. "Armenian committees are not trustworthy," he declared. "We must also remember that there are many wealthy Armenians who should be urged to do their share in helping their stricken brethren."

EXPORT AND IMPORT TRADE ON INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—United States exports and imports both decreased for November, 1920, as compared with November, 1919, the department of commerce announced today. However, both increased for the first 11 months this year compared with the same period of last year.

Weather

Today's weather report by Major Lee Moorhouse, official weather observer:

Maximum, 46. Minimum, 23. Barometer, 29.90.

THE WEATHER FORECAST
Tonight and Saturday fair.