

Italy Wanted Discussion of Debts At Meet

By Mario Passarge.
Rome, Dec. 21.—The Italian press is pretty well agreed that Italy will not play a very active part at the Washington conference as long as only the question of the limitation of armaments is on the program.

Italy feels that as far as the question of disarmament is concerned she has already done what she can do by demobilization; as for further armaments she is of course obliged to govern herself by the action of other powers.

Unquestionably Italy is deeply interested in having a general reduction of military and naval armaments brought about. But she sees France going to Washington with intentions that are far from such an aim, and she knows that the resistance of a single European power to disarmament binds all others.

Thus Italy would be directly interested in the Washington conference only in the event that the American president should also bring up the question of war credits, as it is hoped he will. If it should come to a discussion of this question Italy will of course take the stand that the financial relief of Europe is the very first condition for its pacification. These questions are, of course, safer in the hands of a Schanzer and a Mada and can be treated by them more objectively than they could be by a foreign minister. These two men, by the way, are two calm but keen observers who will keep the foreign minister fully posted on what interests him.

Soviet Favors Food Plan Put Up By Yankees

New York, Dec. 21.—Faith in the American plan of sending food remittances for the assistance of the starving in Russia has been manifested by the soviet delegation in London in a letter to the American Relief administration headquarters informing that body that the remittance plan will be adhered to in the future. The soviet staff in London has been sending food to relatives in Russia through the American Relief Administration weekly courier, who has also been carrying the food remittances from the British capital to the warehouses in Russia. The acceptance of the food remittance system for reaching the hunger zone with food supplies from London is evidence of the superiority of that method over others attempted.

The following letter from N. Klishko, member of the soviet delegation in London, to the American Relief administration headquarters is self explanatory: "We are indeed very glad to hear that your administration has signed the scheme for food remittances to Russia. We have instructed our employees who have been sending food through our delegation that in future this practice will be stopped and we are referring that to you. Will you be kind enough to send a sufficient number of application forms both to our address at 128 New Bond street and the office of the soviet house, 43 Moorgate street, E. C. 2?"

As further demonstration of the satisfaction of the American Food remittance plan Mr. Klishko has personally sent three of these remittances and is urging others to take advantage of the plan.

Through this arrangement it is possible for anyone in America to send help to the needy folks in Russia. Food in lots from \$10 up to \$50 can be sent upon application in person or by mail to the American Relief Administration's office, 42 Broadway, New York city. In turn, remittances are sent to warehouses in Russia nearest the location of the recipient, who is notified and given the package of food, which includes a generous allotment of flour, condensed milk, rice, beans, hominy, sugar, tea or cocoa and soap.

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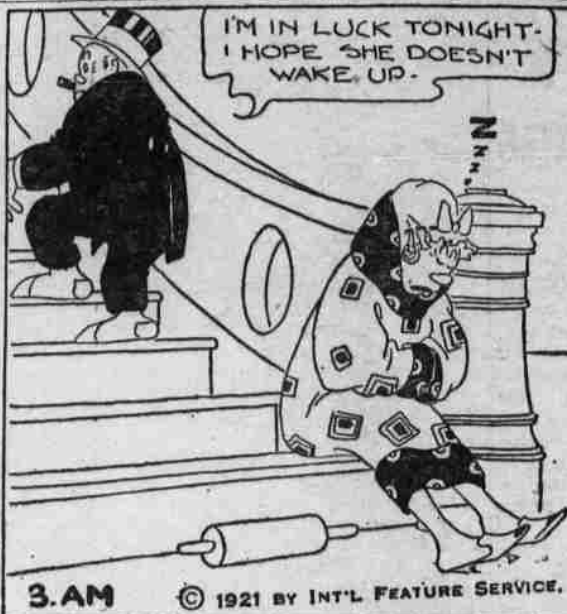
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Vetoed Bills Resurrected For Senate Action

Twelve senate bills passed at the last regular session but which fell under the veto of the governor and have lain dormant since that time were resurrected yesterday and the governor's veto sustained.

Among the dozen is the Eddy bill which sought to compel utilities to live up to the terms of franchise contracts made with a municipality and taking from the public service commission the power of interfering with rates specified under such contracts.

Senator Ryan's bill exempting sand and gravel taken from navigable streams for use in road construction, from payment of the state royalty is also included in the list.

A two thirds vote of the senate is necessary to pass the bills over the governor's veto. The bills were all sent to committees for further consideration and recommendation before the senate takes any action.

Bartender Serves Booze from Socks

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—The wrinkle in the socks of Alfred Capasso, proprietor of a "soft drink bar," has caused a new interpretation of the search warrant clause of the prohibition law.

When federal officers raided Capasso's place they found ten small bottles of "mule" secreted in his socks. No booze was found behind his bar. Special Assistant Attorney General John Dyott ruled that Capasso could not be prosecuted because the search warrant did not provide authority for officers to search his socks. He was released.

Bulgarian Coming Here.
London, Dec. 21.—M. Stambouliski, the Bulgarian prime minister, is to visit the United States next spring.

Paper Mulch to Aid Pineapple Growers

Honolulu, Dec. 21.—A special paper manufactured from bagasse or cane pulp from which sugar has been extracted, is now being experimented with by the pineapple growers of Hawaii, with results which indicate that its use as a mulch on the pineapple fields will not only prevent weed growth, thereby reducing labor costs, but will increase by about three tons to the acre the production of pineapples.

The mulching process, which was invented by C. F. Eckart, former manager of Olua plantation, on Hawaii, and on which patents are held, has been used very successfully on the can fields. The paper mulch is applied in rows between planting, and in the case of pineapples the crowns are planted in holes punched through the layer of paper. The plant is thus free to grow, but weeds cannot readily come up through the mulch and surface evaporation from the ground is also checked, thus preventing excessive drying or baking of the surface.

The question of increasing the levy more than 6 per cent over last year's levy in the Gold Hill schools was defeated in the recent election. The school budget of \$16,111.14 was adopted.

The lumber mill at Buxton, which has been idle for some time, will resume operations upon completion of the new railroad into the timber belt. The mill has a capacity of 100,000 feet a day.



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Canada Bridling All Power Streams

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 21.—Canada is harnessing its streams and turning the power to production. A two-year survey by the dominion government which is just being completed shows that wheels and turbines to the extent of 2,471,000 horsepower are now in operation. This represents only 5.9 per cent of the waterpower resources which the survey places at 4,700,000 horsepower.

Demand upon the industrial centers for greater production is increasing with the cultivation of new stretches of farm land along the Canadian national railways in the prairie provinces. Industrial

experts are urging rapid installation of hydro-power plants with a view to providing machinery and other farm supplies at lower cost and thus hasten in a measure settlement of the idle lands.

Despite high cost of construction, hydro-power development installed in the last year according to the survey totals 560,000 horsepower. An investment of \$475,000,000 represents water power now available. Should the rate of growth in installation during the next fifteen years be continued on the basis of the last fifteen the investment will aggregate \$1,000,000,000.

It would require 18500,000 tons of coal a year to develop the power now available through the harnessing of Canada's streams. At the present cost of coal in Canada the saving represents \$148,000,000. The survey points out that if the development program continues



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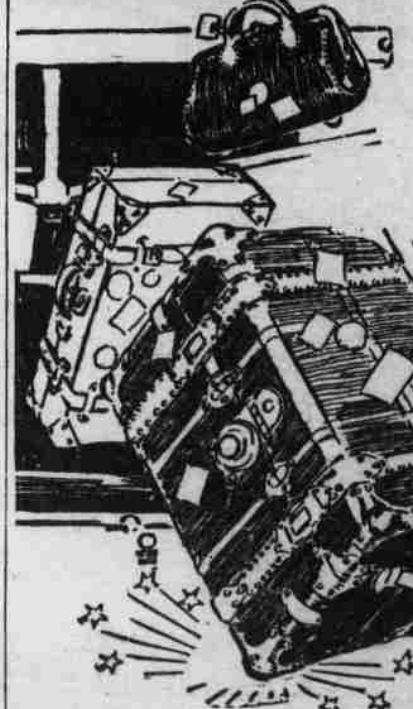
Of a total of 123 technical librarians in Pennsylvania, Philadelphia has over 100. These librarians deal with banking, public utilities, engineering, electricity, advertising, business, insurance and many other subjects.

Owners of 960 acres of hay in Deschutes county have signed up for membership in the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association. The association now has on hand orders for 5000 tons.

The United States army has 18,000 officers, or approximately one to every seven enlisted men.

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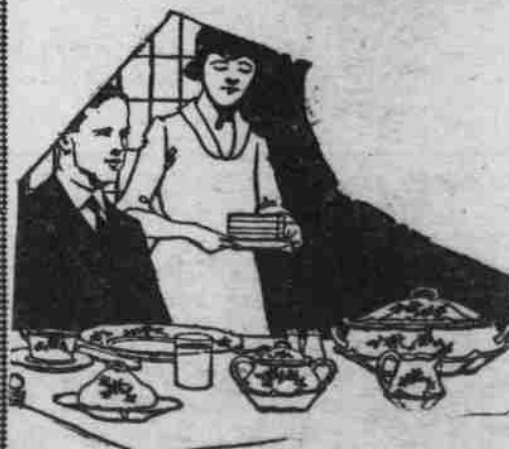
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