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Powers May Have To Act

Relations of Italy And Jugo-Slavia Are Strained

A THREATENING ATTITUDE

Italy Reports Others Mobilizing and This is Denied—Complaint of Alleged Actions of Italians on Dalmatian Coast

Paris, Feb. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—The relations of Italy and Jugo-Slavia are viewed as serious in peace conference circles, possibly as requiring action by the powers to prevent members of the conference from drifting into a conflict.

It is admitted that the younger classes are being called to the colors, but it is asserted that this is nothing like general mobilization.

The Jugo-Slavs complain that the Italians continue to land troops on the Dalmatian coast and that they are digging trenches at Fiume and elsewhere, also at they are arresting and imprisoning male Jugo-Slav teachers on political grounds and stopping couriers of the Jugo-Slav government.

Officials of the food administration report that obstruction by the Italian military authorities in controlling the railway running inland from Trieste for a time being does not permit the movement of relief stores.

Paris, Feb. 28.—A telegram from Rome, sent out by the Italian delegation to the conference, says that on Feb. 29 Jugo-Slav command at Laibach suddenly announced the expulsion of the Italian military stationed there in accordance with the terms of the armistice.

The Jugo-Slavia commander, it says, is a reason for his action that as so-Slavia has been recognized by the league of nations.

The telegram continues—In the face of such grave offences, the Italian government, which has never recognized Jugo-Slavia, which incidentally never has recognized any of the powers, decided to close the frontier.

not wishing to have recourse without further delay to military operations.

It is taken the necessary measures, provision Czechoslovakia by routes passing through Laibach.

He statement denies a report that an Allied commission sent to the Jugo-Slav powers to negotiate between Italy and Jugo-Slavia has been held up at the frontier.

FOR REFORMED CHURCH OF NEWARK CALLS REV. MR. DRUMM

(Special to Times)

Rev. Mr. Drumm, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, has received an invitation from the Dutch Reformed church of Newark, N. J.

The matter now being considered by the session trustees of St. John's church who have been cited to send representatives to a meeting of a Presbytery of St. Andrew's at Moncton a few years from Campbellton.

THORNLOE WIFE OF ARCHBISHOP VERY ILL

St. Marie, Ont., Feb. 28.—The present feeble condition of Mrs. Thornloe, wife of the late Archbishop of Toronto, is such that she is unable to attend to her duties.

TO HOPE OF CONFERENCE; ALLIES HAVE NEW PLAN RE RUSSIA

Paris, Feb. 28.—There is no longer any question of going on with the conference, so Andre Tardieu, one of the French delegates to the peace conference, informed foreign newspaper correspondents today.

RESOLUTION CALLS ON BORDEN IN INTEREST OF IRISH HOME RULE

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Self-determination for Ireland as an act of common justice was advocated in eloquent appeals by several eminent Irish Canadians at a mass meeting in the Russell Theatre here last night under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The principal speaker was Joseph J. Hall Kelly, M. L. C. of Quebec. He devoted his speech to what he called removing the prejudices which existed against Sinn Fein.

A resolution, carried unanimously, called upon Premier Borden to use his powerful influence with his colleagues at the peace conference to the end that the people of Ireland shall have a voice in determining how they shall be governed.

BUILDING IN FEBRUARY

Three building permits for new work in addition to five for repairs were issued in St. John this month.

The total value of the new work is \$12,750, which is just that much of an advance over last year, as no permits were issued during January and February in 1918.

The structures for which permits were issued are as follows: John Flood & Son, Sheffield street, military garage, concrete, \$7,750.

John J. Lealey, Germain street and City Line, West End, dwelling, wooden, \$4,000.

Geo. A. Clark, Rodney street, West End, stable, wooden, \$1,000.

KNIGHTS HOSTS AT OUTING AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Knights of the Round Table of the Methodist church held a sleigh drive to the Grand Rapids last evening.

After the drive they assembled at the Y. M. A. hall, where a good feast of brown bread and butter was waiting for them.

They all felt the pangs of hunger and did justice to what was before them. The remainder of the evening was spent in games and singing.

The national anthem being sung to a close. The knights then showed their bravery as they escorted the fair ones home.

The success of the evening is due to the president, Glen Cunningham, who officiated in good style.

Miss Nellie Brown and George Higgins were knighted by Herbert Day, seconded by George White, to Mrs. Cunningham.

Miss Nellie Brown and George Higgins were knighted by the way they assisted in having things ready.

CASE TO BE RE-TRIED

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 28.—In the case of Coun. James King of Prince William on the information of ex-Coun. David Carson of Dumfries, H. G. Fenety, clerk of the York county court, to whose discretion the matter was left by Hon. J. P. Byrne, attorney general, has decided that there will be a new trial at the York county court opening March 18.

This case was tried in January and the jury disagreed, six to six for acquittal.

At the January term of the York county court, King did not take his seat, but informed the council by a communication that he would not until cleared on "the nasty charge" made against him.

F. B. BOYS' MEETING

The Trail Rangers and Junior Boys of the Fairview Baptist church held their first union meeting last evening in their social hall and gymnasium.

Twenty-five boys were present. They enjoyed supper and helpful addresses and good physical instruction.



THE EX-KAISER: "What a blood curdling noise"

END THE WAR FIRST IS SENATOR LODGE'S ADVICE

Strong Criticism of League of Nations as Constituted is Made in Speech in Washington

Washington, Feb. 28.—Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, solemnly warned the American people today, carefully to weigh the constitution of the league of nations as presented to the peace conference at Paris and to insist upon its fundamental revision.

Speaking in the senate, the Republican floor leader declared his conviction that, instead of safeguarding the peace of the world, the league as now planned would engender misunderstandings and strife.

The Massachusetts senator vigorously opposed the plan and made specific recommendations for amendment. He declared that as now drafted, the constitution would be a disaster to the world.

Expressing complete sympathy with the peace committee and efforts toward an agreement for world peace, Senator Lodge said he was not prepared to say that there could not be a concert of nations against Germany.

He insisted that the agreement for peace should be drawn up calmly and deliberately when the world was at peace and not hastily when war still existed.

Senator Lodge, who is expected to be chairman of the powerful foreign relations committee in the next session, which will act on the peace treaty and any plan for a league of nations, was given close attention by senators and crowded galleries.

He urged that the nation think well before departing from the policies of Washington, and said the paramount duty now was to conclude peace with Germany.

Hun Bold Again

"Much time has been wasted," he said. "The delays have bred restlessness and confusion everywhere. Germany is lifting her head again. The whimpering after defeat is changing to threats."

He is seeking to annex millions of Germans in German-Austria. She is reaching out in Russia and reviving her financial and commercial penetration everywhere.

Germany is again threatening the only source of a great war is to be found for the future, as for the past, in Germany. She should be chained and fettered now and this menace to world peace removed.

The senator said that while in the interests of peace it might be necessary to abandon the Monroe doctrine, the policies of Washington and other principles of Americanism, the nation should reflect and hesitate before it acts.

Amendments proposed by Senator Lodge included a specific provision excluding the Monroe doctrine from the purview of the league. This, he said, could be done on three lines.

There should be some definite provision for peaceful withdrawal from the league of any nation that desires to withdraw.

"Let us have a definite statement as to whether the league is to have an international force of its own or is to have the power to summon the armed forces of the different members."

"Let it be stated in plain language whether the 'measures,' the 'recommendations,' or 'suggestions' of the executive council are to be binding on members and are to compel them to do what the league delegates and executive council determine."

"Unless some better constitution for a league than this can be drawn, it seems to me," he said, "that the world's peace will be much better, much more surely promoted by allowing the United States to go under the Monroe doctrine, responsible for the peace of this hemisphere, without any danger of collision with Europe as to questions of the different members."

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THE POLICE REPORT

Sworn Statement from Each Policeman as to Earnings, Says Commissioner

The award of the police conciliation board has been the subject of much discussion, with opinions differing according to sympathies.

The decision to permit affiliation with the labor congress has been received with surprise by some citizens, in view of the decision of the conciliation board.

It is pointed out, however, that there was practically no opposition to this principle expressed to the board.

The conciliation board invited the expression of views by the citizens, and so far as is known only one citizen appeared and voiced his disapproval of the idea.

The award of the back pay also was received with some surprise, but again the same circumstances apply.

In discussing the terms of the police regulations this morning, a city official said that the obligation taken by members of the force contained in the manual printed in 1915, bound the members to accept dismissal from the chief or commissioner without notice.

He also drew attention to the fact that all members of the force shall turn in all their equipment received from the city when leaving the force, and said that the department had turned in his uniforms, etc., when he left the city.

With regard to the affiliation with the labor congress, Mr. Thornton pointed out that the provision that the constitution and by-laws shall be approved by an independent commission makes it impossible to provide that the policemen should not go on strike, either in sympathy with other unions or on their own behalf, if that was thought necessary.

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LITTLE BODY OF FINE FIGHTING MEN IN CITY FROM BERMUDA

Lieutenant Drysdale arrived today on the S. S. Caraque, bringing thirty-two other ranks from Bermuda, where they have been doing garrison duty.

They all belong to the East York Regiment in the Imperial army. All these men have been wounded at some time during the present war.

Lieutenant Drysdale is a member of the famous Gallipoli division which made the first landing on the Gallipoli at Sulva Bay. It was in this action that he was wounded. The men are being quartered in the armories until their ship sails.

MAYOR SPEAKS OF COMMISSION REPORT ON POWER COMPANY

"It is a power company finding," was Mayor Hayes' comment on the report of the commission appointed to deal with the power company's affairs, a summary of which appears elsewhere in this paper.

Until he had seen the full report the mayor was unwilling to make any specific comment, but he added that since the last session which the commission had held in St. John and the attitude which was indicated then, he was not greatly surprised.

What action the city would take he could not say; the decision lay with the legislature which appointed the commission, and he did not know whether the city would consider it desirable to make any further representations to the legislature.

Clearings in Halifax

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 28.—Bank clearings for February were \$17,283,981; corresponding month last year \$18,076,117.

Phelix and Pherdinand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—Pressure is high over the northwestern portion of the continent and at the Atlantic coast, while a moderate disturbance from the southwest states is approaching the Great Lakes.

The weather has been fair and moderately cold from Ontario and decidedly cold in the west.

Snow and Rain

Maritime—Moderate winds, fair, Saturday, easterly to southerly winds, fair first and becoming milder, local snow or rain before night.

HOUSING POLICY FOR PROVINCE DRAFTED

Simple Project With Easy Terms

A GENERAL OUTLINE

Letter Sent to Mayors of Cities and Towns Sets Out Principle and Asks for Suggestions—Matter to be Subject of Legislation at Coming Session

The government of New Brunswick is taking active steps towards the solution of the housing problem, so far as can be accomplished through government aid.

The federal government has provided a fund to assist building operations but has left to the provinces the responsibility for carrying on the work.

Premier Foster and his colleagues have lost no time in taking advantage of this opportunity and a housing scheme has been drafted which should appeal strongly to those looking for assistance in securing a home of their own.

While the government has outlined a policy, further suggestions are sought in order that it may be made as complete as possible.

In order to secure the co-operation of the various municipalities letters have been sent to the mayors of cities and towns in the province setting forth the government's plans and asking for suggestions which could be incorporated in the legislation which is promised.

The plan laid down by the government is a simple one, offering extremely easy terms for the persons who wish to build homes for themselves.

Government Letter

The letter which has been sent out by the government is as follows:

The government of New Brunswick intend to introduce at the next session of the legislature an act to provide for better housing to promote the erection of dwelling houses of modern character, both in urban and rural districts, to prevent overcrowding in houses, to contribute to the general health and well-being of the community by suitable town planning and housing schemes and to put within the reach of all persons, particularly returned soldiers, the opportunity of acquiring their own homes at actual cost of the building and land required.

The details of the act have not yet been fully marked out but it is desirable that cities, towns and municipalities should be informed of the general provisions of the proposed act in order that they may make their plans for the coming summer.

The government are also desirous of obtaining any suggestions as to the carrying out of the proposed act and as to the amount of money required by each city, town and municipality.

The province proposes to borrow from the dominion government the amount \$1,225,000 to turn to lend this money to municipalities, cities, towns, companies and individuals.

Municipalities, cities and towns, if they so desire, may lay out town planning schemes, under chapter 19, Acts of Assembly, 1912, and may borrow from the "housing fund" at 5 per cent interest such sum as may be necessary to carry out the town planning scheme.

The building lots comprised in the town planning scheme may be sold by the municipality, city or town for building purposes or the municipality, city or town may also undertake a housing scheme and may borrow a further amount for the purpose of building houses upon this land or upon any land suitable for the purpose.

These houses, when built, shall be sold to persons desiring the same upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the municipality, city or town and it is suggested that, where a person is desirous of acquiring a house and paying 15 per cent of the cost he shall be entitled to a deed of the property upon giving a mortgage repayable in twenty years with interest at 5 per cent. If the individual has no means with which to make this payment, he may be given an opportunity of renting with an option of purchase, in which case he shall be required to pay a monthly rental that would in twenty years pay the principal and interest in full in addition to making all necessary repairs and paying the taxes and insurance. When 15 per cent of the principal has been paid upon these monthly payments, he would then be entitled to a deed of the property upon giving a mortgage for the balance. The monthly payment of \$20 will pay for a \$3,000 property in twenty years.

Should the municipality, city or town having developed a town planning scheme, be not desirous of carrying out the housing scheme, a board to be appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council may carry out the housing scheme or may arrange with any company to carry out such work.

If your town is desirous of taking advantage of the act and obtaining a loan or if you have any suggestions to make that will help in carrying out the act, the government would be glad if you would put such suggestions in writing and let the government know about what amount you would require.

All communications should be addressed to the undersigned and marked "Better Housing."

Yours very truly,

B. DIXON, Clerk Executive Council.

Is Found Guilty

Welland, Ont., Feb. 28.—Constantine Gurnamer was yesterday found guilty of the murder of Willie Viau at Niagara Falls on January 25.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows:—

St. John County— J. F. Cullinan to Alice M. and Edith M. Vaughan, property in Celebration street.

K. J. MacRae to Farm Settlement Board, \$1,000, property in St. Martins.

Robert Mannett to Farm Settlement Board, property in St. Martins.

G. L. Warwick to C. J. Warwick, property in Pitt street.

Kings County— Beverly I. R. Campbell to Mary J. Campbell, property in Upham.

G. W. Ketchum to Murray & Gregory, property in Norton.

Annie Johnston et vir to C. A. McIntyre, property in Sussex.

Albert McKay to Margery Cosman, property in Springfield.

Michael Ryan to Ada S. Evans, property in Hampton.

NO PASSES TO VISIT GRAVES OF SOLDIERS

Notification Comes to Ottawa From Imperial Government

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The militia department desires to inform all relatives and others interested that the imperial government is not in a position to grant passes to visit soldiers graves in France.

In some instances there is no transportation whatever to the place where the graves are located. Where transportation exists it is entirely taken up for military purposes. There is little or no accommodation.

Cable advices have been received from overseas to the effect that some people not in possession of this information have arrived in England with a view to visiting France to see the graves of relatives.

Canadian Red Cross WOULD KEEP UP THE WORK IN PEACE TIME

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Application will be made to the dominion parliament at its present sitting by the Canadian Red Cross Society for an amendment to its charter whereby it will be permitted to extend its activities to the civilian population during peace times for the alleviation of pain and suffering wherever it may be founded.

A resolution to this effect passed at the annual meeting of the society here yesterday afternoon.

VETERAN DEAD IN FREDERICTON

Edwin Ashford Had Seen 23 Years of Service With Imperial Army

Fredericton, Feb. 28.—Edwin Ashford died at his home here this morning at the age of seventy-six. He had seen more than twenty-three years' service in the imperial army, including active service in Afghanistan and also served in one of the Fenian raids in Canada.

From the imperial army he had a long service decoration. He had resided in Fredericton for many years. He is survived by his wife and one son, A. E. Ashford, of Fredericton, who served in France with the 26th and who recently was appointed superintendent of the dominion provincial labor bureau for returned soldiers to be established in Fredericton.

Two daughters also survive, Mrs. Charles Alfred Rickard of Barker's Point died this morning after a brief illness. He was aged thirty-five and is survived by his wife, four sons and three daughters.

John A. Carson died this morning at his home, Prince William, at the age of sixty-nine. He is survived by three sons, Edward, George and Herbert, of Prince William, and three daughters, Mrs. Charles Blomson and Mrs. Wood Harper of Presque Isle, and Miss Edna Carson at home.

AFTER EXPORT BUSINESS

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The first organization of its kind has been formed for the direct purpose of securing post war export business under the name of Canadian Confectionery, Biscuits and Chocolate Industries, Limited.