

### AN AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA IMPROBABLE

This Conviction Disappointing to Those Who Hoped for Something from Genoa.

### FRENCH ATTITUDE UNDERGOES CHANGE

Now Favor Commission to Investigate Russian Affairs and Report to Powers.

Genoa, May 12.—So gravely at variance are Russia's Communism and the order of things obtaining throughout the rest of Europe that a general immediate agreement with Russia appears tonight improbable. This conviction is deeply disappointing to those who expected quick and big results at Genoa, and the Italian leaders are tempered by the belief that the creation of one or more commissions to pursue an exhaustive study of the Russian problems will prove efficacious in finding a means to reconstruct Russia and bring her back into the European family.

### HOPE OF EVENTUALLY ACCOMPLISHING SOMETHING GENUINELY CONSTRUCTIVE FOR RUSSIA WERE INCREASED TONIGHT BY AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FRENCH DELEGATION THAT FRANCE FAVORS THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION FOR INVESTIGATION OF QUESTIONS LIKE CREDITS, DEBTS AND THE TREATMENT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND APPROVES, ALSO, A GENERAL TRUCE, PROVIDED IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT WHILE THE COMMISSIONS ARE ENGAGED IN THEIR LABORS, THE POWERS WILL NOT FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF GERMANY AND MAKE SEPARATE TREATIES WITH RUSSIA.

The French recent accusations that they tried to wreck the conference; they assert that the present situation justifies their view that the Russian problem has not been sufficiently studied, and that something more should have been done to approximate the views of the British and the representatives of non-Communist States before hoping to reach a general sweeping accord at Genoa.

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These to be Used in Training Volunteer Force in Protection of Harbors.

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Farmers Dare Not Venture Out to Rescue Them Because of Angry Waters. Winnipeg, May 12.—A party of six men from the Assiniboine River on the north side of the river is rapidly covering the head, as it finds an outlet through culverts. No estimate of the damage to seeded lands is available, nor is any estimate of the acreage affected. A large portion of the flooded area is land used extensively for hay and will benefit from the soaking. One report gives the flooded area as twenty square miles at Reburn. A short distance east of Reburn an angry flood, whipped by a strong wind, is surging up to the heights of the river bank, and forward by the wind, rollers similar to those seen at the beaches, beat on the roadside and occasionally streamed over the highway.

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