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ITALIAN MILITARY WILL OCCUPY DALMATIA AND ADRIATIC STRIPS NAMED IN LONDON TREATY

In the Meantime, According to Military Authority, Premier Orlando Would Convoke Parliament in Special Session and Secure Passage of Measure Providing for Annexation of Eastern Adriatic Territory—Situation Still Acute, But Hope of Yet Reaching a Compromise.

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FAMILY ROWS AT HALIFAX

Two Families Get Into a Quarrel and Require Police Help—Liquor Inspectors Make Arrests.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, April 24.—Harold Forrest, for violating the N. S. Temperance Act, was today fined \$100 and costs by Magistrate Fielding. Inspector Tracy and police officers visited the Theakston Apartments, 116 Hollis street, and secured a quantity of liquor in the rooms occupied by Forrest and Kate Therault. The woman was charged with two violations of the act, and had her case adjourned, but Forrest pleaded guilty and was fined.

ITALIANS CONSIDER THEY HAVE BEEN BETRAYED BY ALLIES

Public Opinion is Much Excited Against the Peace Conference for Refusing to Recognize the Italian Claims—"Fiume or Death" is the Watchword Adopted.

London, April 24. (By The A. P.)—Public opinion in Italy, according to a wireless message from Rome, is much excited against the peace conference for refusing to recognize the Italian claims. Apparently there is a complete truce in party politics, and the newspapers are unanimous in blaming the Allies. It is expected that the feeling is running so high that it might have a disastrous influence on Anglo-Italian relations.

Reports have been received, the captain said, that a military demonstration by the Jugos-Slavs at Spalato was contemplated, in which event the Italians would take proper counter-measures. The situation in Fiume is complicated by the fact that the town, as the headquarters of the Allied army of the Orient, contains French and British as well as Italian troops. A one-sided Italian occupation of Fiume, it is believed, would immediately provoke a domestic and military issue with the European Allies.

It was stated in high American quarters today that President Wilson several days ago informed Premier Orlando of the contents of the statement which the President issued yesterday. Premier Orlando then consulted with Colonel House and discussed with him the question of the issuance of a counter statement by the Italian Premier. This explanation was made to show that the Italian delegates were not quite as surprised over the issuance of the President's statement as they profess to be.

In an interview obtained with Premier Orlando by a news agency late last night, he is quoted as saying: "I have never sought crowds or ovations. When I returned to Rome after the signing of the armistice I had the train stopped at the gates of Rome, and entered an automobile without allowing myself to be seen. Now, however, I shall show myself to the crowd, as it is my duty, and I shall express its feelings."

NEW CHURCH EDIFICE FOR HALIFAX

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Congregation to Build \$130,000 Structure.

Halifax, N.S., April 24.—The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at a meeting tonight, decided to proceed at once with the erection of a new church building of brick and stone to cost about \$130,000. H. G. Bauld, M. P. P., promised the first subscription of \$1,000.

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U. S. HIGH FLYER TAKES STAND IN OWN DEFENCE

Capt. Chamberlain Endeavors to Explain His Vaunted Aerial Stunts on British Front.

Paris, April 24.—Captain Edmund G. Chamberlain, of San Antonio, Texas, took the stand in his own defence today at the court martial in connection with his reported aerial exploits on the British front last summer. The captain testified that he stood by the original story he told on his return from the unofficial flight he made on July 28. He declared that he was certain that he had brought down two German machines, but was not certain about two others.

SHOE WORKERS ACCEPT 48 HOUR WEEK SCHEDULE

Over Thirteen Thousand in Massachusetts Affected by the New Schedule—No Reduction in Wages.

Brookline, Mass., April 24.—Thirteen thousand shoe workers in this city and several thousand in the surrounding towns, have accepted the proposal of the manufacturers for a 48-hour week schedule, with no reduction in wages. The present schedule is fifty hours. Some of the workers' organizations had requested a 44-hour week.

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have the right to complain if the declarations of the Presidential message have the purpose to oppose the Italian people to the Italian Government, because it would misconstrue and deny the high degree of civilization which the Italian people have attained, and its democracies and liberal regime. To oppose the Italian people and Government would be to admit that this great free nation would submit to the yoke of a will other than its own, and I should be forced to protest strongly against suppositions, unjustly offensive to my country."

Referring to President Wilson's statement, Premier Orlando says it entirely purports to demonstrate that the Italian claims, beyond certain limits laid down in his message, violate the principles upon which must be founded the new regime of right, justice and liberty among peoples, and adds that he never denied these principles, and that even President Wilson would do him the justice to say that in the long conversations they had had together, his principles, and, personally, I have always been of the opinion that such participation was the harbinger of a new order of things.

"He (Orlando) had never relied upon the formal authority of a treaty, by which he knew President Wilson was not bound, but merely relied on reason and justice, upon which Italy's claims are based.

"I consider, as unjustified, the application that, in his statement, President Wilson makes of his principles toward the Italian claims. "Premier Orlando continues: "It is impossible for me, in a document of this nature, to enter into detailed arguments which have been reproduced in Italy's behalf. I might simply say that no one will receive, without surprise, the announcement that the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian empire should imply the reduction of Italian aspirations."

PROGRESS MADE ON GOVERNMENT RAILROAD BILL

Opposition Out of Ammunition and Failed to Put up the Fight They Did Wednesday.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 24.—The Government's measure, incorporating the National Railway Company, was before the House again today, and met with little opposition. Either through exhaustion of ammunition, or realization of a bad case, the opposition did not renew their combatting tactics of Wednesday, and Hon. Jacques Bureau, who was leading the forces opposing the bill, was in a most reasonable mood. The result was excellent progress and the bill should be reported tomorrow.

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wall does not remain open, and that the right of Italy should be interpreted to include the entire line of Mont Nevoso, which separates the waters running toward the Black Sea and the Mediterranean. He recalls that the Latins from earliest days of Italy history designated this mountain the "Italian limit."

"Without this protection," says the Premier, "a dangerous breach is left in this admirable barrier of the Alps, rupturing the unquestionable political, economic and historical unity of the entire peninsula. I contend, furthermore, that he who is entitled to the honor of proclaiming to the world the right of free determination of peoples should recognize this right for Fiume, an ancient Italian city which proclaimed its Italian nature before the Italian ships arrived—an admirable example of national conscience, perpetuated throughout centuries.

"To deny this right, only because of the small number concerned, would mean the admission that the criterion of justice towards peoples varies according to their territorial extent."

"The presidential message ends with a warm declaration of America's friendship for Italy. I reply in the name of the Italian people, and proudly claim the right and honor to do this, as one, in the most tragic hour of this war, proclaimed the cry of resistance at all costs. This cry was heard and replied to with courage and abnegation, of which there are few more striking examples in the world's history.

Italy, thanks to the most heroic sacrifices and purest blood of her children, was able to ascend from the abysses of adversity to the radiant crest of her most glorious victory. "In the name, therefore, of Italy, I express with all my power the sentiment of admiration and profound sympathy which the Italian people profess toward the American people."

FREDERICTON TO HAVE PLEBISCITE ON TIME QUESTION

Labor Council Mustering Big Force Against Daylight Saving—R. W. McLellan Entertained by Canadian Realty Associates.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N.B., April 24.—Indications do not point to a large vote being polled in the plebiscite in Fredericton next Monday on the question of whether this city will continue to have daylight saving time, or revert to the old time again. It seems to be the general opinion that the "nays" will get out a pretty big vote for their side, but that many of those in favor of Daylight Saving time will, perhaps, not bother going to the polls to vote.

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ORENBERG BEING EVACUATED

Bolshevik Hastily Pulling Out Under Pressure of Gen. Duff's Army.

SAD DROWNING AFFAIR AT SHEDIAC

Former Soldier, Stationed in St. John, Loses Life While Out Duck Shooting.

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