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American Note Is Called A Bombshell

United States Stands Out in Favor of Jugo-Slavia in Fiume Matter — Comment of London and Paris Press.

Fiume, Feb. 17.—Annexation of Fiume to Italy is now "impossible" was an admission made to the Associated Press correspondent here today by Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio, whose forces have been holding this city for several months.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Emphatic denial that President Wilson had threatened to withdraw the treaty of Versailles and the American-French treaty from the senate if the Adriatic question was settled without consulting the United States, was made today at the White House.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Decided objection to recognition of a settlement of the Adriatic question on lines repugnant to those agreed upon in the treaty of Versailles and not reconcilable with the principles embodied in the fourteen points of President Wilson was expressed by the United States in the recent note to the Allied governments.

The note was not a threat to withdraw from participation in European affairs, but said that this country could not be a party to the disposition of Fiume agreed upon by the Allies, without consulting the United States and consequently would not concern itself with the questions involved, including the policing of the Adriatic, if the settlement were enforced on the government of Jugo-Slavia.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Beyond the general statement that the United States adhered to the original proposition of a supreme court in Paris settling Fiume and the lines of the treaty of Versailles and Trieste and the adjacent country to Italy, there never has been any official statement of the United States' position regarding the Adriatic issue.

It is understood, however, that the States' position regarding the Adriatic is unalterable opposition to the application of the terms of the treaty of Versailles which would have given Italy jurisdiction over Dalmatia, though not over Fiume, and that all of the notes have indicated the purpose of the United States government to adhere as closely as possible to the lines of the original settlement, based as it was supposed to be upon the principle of self-determination and of ethnological adaptation as set out in President Wilson's original fourteen points.

London and the News. London, Feb. 17.—President Wilson's note has furnished London politicians and newspaper circles with a surprise and interest surpassing that evoked by the Lansing-Lansing correspondence.

In reply, Mr. Lloyd George, as an American family affair, toward which foreigners should be merely spectators. It is a matter of course as a determined party in the peace negotiations as his orders for the George Washington to be prepared to take him home from France.

The afternoon papers displayed striking head lines in which "bombshell" was a favorite word. It is not a bombshell as it was an entirely unexpected ruffling of the waters about the parliament houses where it appears to have been assumed that so long as the United States had not even a representative at the conference table, her voice would not be heard in the debates.

The general spirit of the conference shown in the results of its first week in London sessions seems to be conciliatory and to tend toward compromise. The same spirit may animate its correspondence with Washington.

Paris, Feb. 17.—President Wilson's note on the Adriatic question is not considered in French circles as an ultimatum, it was declared by a foreign office official.

On such partial information as was obtainable yesterday, the Paris press construed the note as meaning that France and Great Britain must change their attitude on that question if the United States would withdraw from all connection with European affairs.

The official view, however, is that rather than a renewal of direct negotiations by the United States, the reply to the allies represented in the press here as a categorical maintenance of their attitude by Great Britain and France was described by the foreign office official merely a continuance of the negotiations with the view of finding the best possible early solution of the difficulty.

In semi-official quarters it was stated tonight that the allied reply to President Wilson's memorandum regarding the Adriatic settlement will assure the president that the allies' proposal of January 19 is not unfavorable to the Jugo Slavs.

The note will be brief, consisting of about 150 words, and according to these quarters will say "it is recognized that the allies cannot settle the question without the cooperation of the United States, inviting the president to present a solution to the Adriatic problem."

Discussing editorially President Wilson's note and the reply the Temps today says the entire Adriatic question had been placed in a state of suspense again by President Wilson's memorandum and that "much patience and tact are necessary on all sides."

Wilson Steadily Improves. Washington, Feb. 17.—President Wilson continues to show improvement and was up early today, shaving himself and going about his usual routine.

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TALK OF A DRY DOCK AT SYDNEY

Sydney, N. S. Feb. 17.—The Sydney Daily Record yesterday stated that the Dominion Steel Corporation is seriously considering the construction of a dry dock and shipbuilding plant in Sydney harbor. The proposed site is at South Bar where the company owns land. The site is the most desirable in the harbor as the land is low and conditions are excellent for dredging.

AWARD AGAINST FITZGERALD IN DIVORCE CASE

London, Feb. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Award of £1,000 sterling to be paid within fourteen days, was given yesterday against Major Robert Fitzgerald, who came over with the Canadian forces and has been assistant provost marshal, in a divorce case in which he was respondent. The petitioner was an officer in the Army Service Corps.

OTTAWA MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO GET MORE PAY

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The city council tonight in the initiative of a gun salute, decided to increase the salary of the mayor from \$4,000 to \$6,000, and of the four councilmen from \$2,500 to \$3,500. The aldermen get \$2,000 a year, the amount being limited by the act.

ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS FOR LAVAL

Montreal, Feb. 16.—The special names committee of the Montreal University subscription campaign have received a letter from R. Labelle, superior of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, Montreal, intimating the intention of that body to subscribe \$1,000,000.

POLICE KILL MAN IN ERROR

Mistaken for Highway Robber, Connellville Man Fights Back. Connellville, Pa., Feb. 17.—James Graham, of Connellville, is dead and Ed Stabularsky, a member of the state constabulary, is in the Cottage State Hospital here as the sequel of a gun battle in the streets of Connellville.

French Government Does Not Know of Dissatisfaction in U. S. Over Ambassador.

Paris, Feb. 17.—In official circles it was said yesterday that the French government had no knowledge of any rumors or hints of discontent at Washington with Jean Jules Jusserand, French ambassador to the United States, as reported recently in some American newspapers. The government, it is said, knows nothing about the alleged dissatisfaction with its ambassador, further than the reports of it.

Nothing Official

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As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "kill me a groundhog." "If you kin tell me where to find one after these here storms I might do it," said Hiram. "Just what was you thinking of doing with a groundhog?" "R-r-revenge!" cried the reporter. "Gonto pain it off on somebody as deer meat?" queried Hiram. "Certainly not," said the reporter. "I want revenge on the animal itself. It came out and redicled an early spring."

UNHAPPY MOTHER HELD FOR MURDER

Killed Little Daughter and Meant to End Her Own Life. New York, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Emily Margaret Favre, formerly of Chatham, Ont., who shot and killed her twelve-year-old daughter last week at their room in a hotel here, was held without bail for the grand jury, charged with murder in the first degree.

WILL NOT GOIN MAINE GOVERNOR

Clement of Vermont, Hopes Rhode Island Will Win Fight Against Prohibition. Providence, R. I., Feb. 17.—Governor P. W. Clement of Vermont has sent a letter to Governor Cabot of Maine in reply to the latter's invitation for Vermont to join Maine and other states in a referendum on the prohibition amendment.

ULSTER DELEGATIONS VISIT TO BOSTON

Boston, Feb. 17.—The Ulster delegation placed a wreath at the base of Bunker Hill monument yesterday in memory of the Irish who fought in the American revolution. The delegation visited the state house, where Wm. Coote, M. P., and Rev. Alexander Wylie Blue made brief addresses in the senate and the house.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis.—Pressure is quite low in Ontario and Quebec, and highest in North Pacific states. Light snow falls have occurred from Saskatchewan to the maritime provinces. The weather has become very cold again over Lake Superior.

SOCIETIES' ACTION RE MYERS' HISTORY

Frederickton, N. B., Feb. 17.—Fraternal societies in the city are protesting against the continuance of Myers' history as a text book in the schools of New Brunswick. Graham Orange Lodge of this city last night passed a resolution demanding the immediate withdrawal of the book.

CLAYTON CARROLL DEAD AT BORDER

(Special to Times). St. Stephen, N. B., Feb. 17.—The death of Clayton Carroll aged twenty-four son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carroll of Montreal, occurred last night. He had been employed with Clark Bros. for the last year or two. He took a cold, which was followed by pneumonia, resulting in his death. He leaves his wife and one brother and father, three sisters and two mothers in Montreal.

DOG TRAINS TO BRING OUT THE FURS

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—Seventeen of the best sleigh dogs in Selkirk and Gimli have been shipped to the far north, to be used in hauling furs from Port Nelson on Hudson's Bay to the railway connections at The Pas. The dogs were bought by a large fur trading company of Montreal. It is expected that two trips from the Hudson's Bay to The Pas will be made with the dogs before spring.

WOMEN DELEGATES AT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

New York, Feb. 17.—For the first time in the history of the Republican party several scores of women will participate in the state convention which will open in Carnegie Hall on Thursday night to name four delegates at large to the Republican national convention. Miss Mary Garrett Hay may be one of the delegates at large.

Is War Secretary To Be The Next To Go?

Report Says Baker Has Tendered Resignation, But He Will Neither Confirm Nor Deny

Washington, Feb. 17.—Still shaken by the sensational developments of the Wilson-Lansing break, Washington yesterday was filled with persistent rumors that Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, and one of the men mentioned as a possible successor to the former secretary of state, had tendered his resignation to President Wilson or was about to do so.

Although the White House itself insisted that there was no foundation for these reports, Mr. Baker himself refused positively to affirm or deny them, or to discuss the matter in any way.

It is known, however, that the secretary of war feels keenly the circumstances surrounding the enforced resignation of Mr. Lansing from the cabinet, and considers himself equally responsible with the latter for the action of the cabinet in holding meetings during the president's illness.

INFLUENZA REPORTS ARE IMPROVING

Ten New Cases Here and 29 Recoveries. Epidemic Rapidly Subsiding in Canada, Say Federal Health Authorities at Ottawa.—Disease is Ravaging Japan.

There are still some new cases of influenza being reported to the board of health, four new cases yesterday afternoon and six this morning being reported. This brings the total up to 188. Twenty-nine have recovered. No deaths were reported this morning. Eight patients are now in the emergency hospital but not seriously ill.

Subsiding, Says Ottawa. (Canadian Press). Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Epidemics of Spanish influenza, throughout Canada, are rapidly subsiding, according to federal health authorities. While the outbreak in some centers has been fairly sharp, it has not been nearly so bad as in 1918. Eighty-five per cent. of cases have been new ones. Ontario has been the worst sufferer, with Manitoba a good second.

Lieutenant-General Sir Arthur Currie, who is suffering from an attack of influenza, is better and will probably be able to return to his office at military headquarters within the next few days. In Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—The total of influenza cases for Sunday and Monday, as reported to the city health department, was 225, with seventeen deaths. Dr. Boucher said last night that the influenza was not increasing, these figures being the lowest for any two days since Feb. 9.

The superior board of health of the province of Quebec sees no justification as yet for closing theatres and churches, and putting a ban on public gatherings generally.

Quebec, Feb. 17.—Dr. C. R. Paquin, head of the Quebec civil health department, said yesterday that nineteen cases of influenza had been reported to the department, but none of them had yet developed into pneumonia.

Sweeping Japan. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17.—Influenza is sweeping Japan and causing a tremendous number of deaths, averaging 300 a day, according to M. Hirota, who arrived here yesterday on his way to Seattle to assume the post of Japanese consul. M. Hirota says that the epidemic has spread throughout the country, but is working its greatest devastation in Tokio.

WOULD LIMIT PRESCRIPTIONS

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 17.—Alberta Social Service League asked the provincial government yesterday to limit the number of prescriptions for liquor to be issued by doctors to twenty-five a month and that the amount be eight ounces of liquor.

They also request the provincial government to petition the dominion government to arrange for the holding of a referendum on a provincial importation of liquor, according to the amended Canada Temperance act, and that such referendum be taken simultaneously with those taken in other provinces.

MEXICO CENTRE OF COMMUNIST BUREAU?

Amsterdam, Feb. 17.—A central communist propaganda bureau for the western hemisphere will be established in Mexico, in accordance with a resolution passed at a secret international communist conference held here early in February, according to the Handsheld.

SAY READING HAS OFFER OF POST AS AMBASSADOR TO U. S.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Private advices received here from friends of Lord Chief Justice Reading are that he has been invited to accept a permanent appointment as British ambassador to Washington and that he has now the offer under consideration.

KILLED IN RAILWAY YARD AT MONCTON

Moncton, Feb. 17.—Herbert Moeckel of Moncton, a temporary employe of the C. N. R., was killed this morning in the railway yard here while shoveling snow. He was run over by a shunting engine.

NATIONAL LIBERAL MEETING IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The advisory committee of the National Liberal committee will meet in Ottawa on Feb. 24, when it is said that matters of organization progress will be up for discussion.

Manitoba Teachers' Salaries. Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—That the minimum wage for school teachers be fixed at \$2,000 and \$500 for third-class teacher is a recommendation in a report by a commission appointed by the government to inquire into the subject. The recommendation includes the suggestion that a board be appointed to carry it into effect.

Bertrand Liberal Candidate. Montreal, Feb. 17.—Ernest Bertrand had been chosen by the Montreal Reform Club as Liberal candidate for the election in the St. James division of Montreal.