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Italian Outlook is Better Today

Problem Seems To Be Nearer Solution

Likely Basis of Understanding Reached by Night—Signs of Concessions—Some Aspects of Peace Question in British Com- mons

Paris, May 13.—The Italian problem seemed nearer of solution when today's conference began among the Allied representatives here, and it was thought probable that a basis of understanding would be reached during the day. The Italian representatives are reported showing willingness to make concessions. The discussions of the day began when Premier Orlando called on Colonel E. M. House of the American delegation. The Council of Four held no meeting this morning.

No further communications had been received from the German representatives at Versailles, and the experts to whom the last notes from Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau had been referred had not yet reported. No meeting of the council being considered necessary, therefore, the Allied premiers devoted the forenoon to individual work. The Italian representatives have resumed complete participation of the pending peace negotiations by appointing a member of the liaison committee controlling all communications with the German delegation. This commission has hitherto been composed of British, French and American representatives.

Wants to Meet Austrians.

Paris, May 13.—It developed this afternoon that von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German peace delegation, intends to ask permission to send German delegates to receive the Austrian representatives, according to the Havas Agency. It had previously been announced that the Allies intended to keep the delegations wholly apart.

British Parliament.

London, May 13.—(Reuters)—In the House of Commons, Hon. Mr. Bottomley gave notice of motion declaring that the peace treaty is not a pledge of the British ministers in regard to indemnities, and in view of the fact that the main financial burden of the war has fallen on Great Britain, no treaty is acceptable which does not provide for rendering to the enemy a bill for the entire cost of the war and arranging for the recovery of such cost regardless of the period over which it may be extended.

Replying to a question by Mr. Bottomley as to cash payments as detailed in the peace treaty, Bonar Law said that bonds for five billion pounds sterling were deliverable on account of total obligations, but further issues of bonds might be required subsequently as security. The amount payable either in cash or in bonds was not limited to the amount of the bonds, but must meet in full all the demands specified in section eight of the official summary. Any reduction which might also be allowed regarding the first billion pounds would postpone but not diminish the total amount of payments. Mr. Law emphasized that the amount of five billion pounds sterling was not the sum total of enemy countries' obligations, but powers to enforce the payment would be in our economic weapons and lengthy occupation of part of Germany.

Says it Means End of Germany

Paris, May 13.—(Havas)—Germany is willing to make integral reparations but the conditions in the peace treaty take her from her all of doing so, Chancellor Scheidemann told the National Assembly yesterday, according to a version of his speech received here from Berlin. He said that if Germany accepts and signs the treaty she will cease to exist. The chancellor criticized vehemently the actions of Premier Wilson and said that his attitude deceived the hopes of the German people.

GERMAN GUNS ARE BROUGHT TO CANADA AS WAR SOUVENIRS

Montreal, May 13.—The steamer Vindelia brings an interesting and historic cargo into port, a score of captured guns which were wrested from the Germans by Canadian soldiers. Among the heavy artillery is a big gun which is labeled: "2nd Canadian Division, 24th Battalion, No. 930," and this is consigned to the Victoria Rifles, Montreal. No. 938 is the property of the 23rd Battalion of Nova Scotia. There were others, but in many cases they were illegitimately marked. It seems peculiarly fitting that the Vindelis should bring over this cargo, for its captain—Captain Saunders—had the duty of taking over the Iremia of the Cunard line, in the great Canadian armada that reached Plymouth in October, 1914, with the first division aboard.

SEEDING NEARLY DONE IN SASKATCHEWAN

Regina, May 13.—Seeding is progressing very favorably throughout Saskatchewan, according to reports received by the department of agriculture from all parts of the province for the week ended May 12. Ninety-five per cent of the wheat is now seeded and with continued good weather should be completed by the end of the week.

SCHEIDMANN SAYS IT IS A BRUTAL DICTATED PEACE

Chancellor Discusses Possibility of Government Change

Imperial Ministry Discussed Terms on Monday—Rumor that Demo- crats and Centrists Will With- draw from Government if Treaty Signed

London, May 13.—The possibility of a change in the government of Germany as a result of the presentation of the Allied peace terms was discussed by Philipp Scheidemann, German chancellor, in Berlin today, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. It is said he denounced the peace terms, when he said represented a "brutal, dictated peace." The statement was made to foreign newspapermen and in part follows:

"We thought that we Social Democrats were strong enough to prevent a peace by violence, but doubted whether the masses in enemy countries could support us because they are less strongly organized than we. Certain circles in England and France are beginning to advise the necessity of compromise. If it is too come when President Wilson's fourteen points are contrasted with the peace terms, they do not mention Mr. Wilson's terms but are just a brutal dictated peace.

"It is possible a government might be formed which would sign the peace terms, but it is doubtful whether the Allies would be satisfied with such a government. A reactionary government is out of all question and a communist and independent government would be acting for the people of whom they were not representative. A small minority, even if such a government did sign the treaty, it would be just as impossible for them to fulfill the conditions as it would be for us."

Leave Government?

Berlin, May 13.—(By the Associated Press)—The imperial ministry met today to discuss the peace terms, but no positive proposals have as yet been communicated to the Reichstag.

It is reported that the German Democratic and Centrist parties have threatened to withdraw their representatives from the government if the treaty is signed.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Property transfers for the week have been recorded as follows:

A. S. Creighton to H. B. Robinson, property in German street.
Henry Dolan to W. T. Ingraham, property in Waterloo street.
S. H. Ewing to Randolph Crocker, property in Simonds.
W. T. Ingraham to St. Mary's church, property in Waterloo street.
Executors of Annie Kaye estate to Georgiana M. Allison, property in King street.
B. V. Millidge to L. D. Millidge, property in Cranston avenue.
L. D. Millidge to Gladys M. Millidge, property in Rockland road.
M. F. Mooney et al to B. Mooney & Sons, Ltd., property in St. John.
Ethel R. Moss et vir to Stewart Skinner, property in Coburg street.
Trustees of Gideon Prescott et al to Stewart Skinner, property in Coburg street.

Heirs of Duncan Robertson to W. I. Fenton, property in Lancaster.
Kings County.
Georgina E. Ballentine to W. R. Mathers, property in Robesay.
Ellen E. Cox et vir to F. L. Titus, property in Norton.
G. T. Grey to R. N. Stapleford, property in Sussex.
Sarah M. Knight et vir to O. R. Peters, property in Robesay.
P. H. Leiper to J. D. & F. L. Leiper, property in Studholm.
Elizabeth S. Tilley per attorney, to H. A. Steele, property in Robesay.
C. W. Vail to D. B. Vail, property in Springfield.
D. B. Vail to Henry Pearson, property in Springfield.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN FRANCE KILLED BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Dijon, France, May 13.—(Havas Agency)—Several American soldiers were killed and ten were seriously injured when a case of dynamite exploded yesterday in a quarry near Is-Sur-Tille.

Strike Leaders Arrested.

Lawrence, Mass., May 13.—John Balthus and John Mach, formerly members of the general committee in charge of the textile strike here, were arrested yesterday in a quarry near Is-Sur-Tille.

As Hiram Sees It

"I see," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam this morning, "that that German Count Rant-jaw (good name—what?) don't like them peace terms. He wants an' 'jaws an' says they won't play over your head. He don't like his medicine. It's a stiff dose, I admit, but you an' me 'ud be quiet little while 'adn't licked the tar out of the Kaiser. When I think of them those hospitals bein' bombed, an' poor fellers layin' there not able to move, an' expectin' every minute to be blowed to pieces, an' them nurses movin' about as if they was as safe as you an' me—well, Mister—when I git thinkin' that way, an' he'll never do it agin. Say—we had a quiet little while out to the settlement that was sort of a mouse. Well, sir, she's wearin' one of them French medals now, an' we're as proud of her as if she was a queen. She is, too. Old Rant-jaw an' his bull tribe ain't wuth her little finger—no, sir. My! What a lot we've learnt in the last four or five years."

"Yes," said the reporter. "We've learnt that in terms of cash it only takes two eggs to make a dozen." "What's that?" roared Hiram. "Who said eggs? Why don't you say shoes, and coats, an' caps, an' lumber, an' hammers an' nails, an' heavy seed, an' all the things the farmer has to buy? All you kin talk about is eggs, an' milk, an' meat, an' things the farmer has to sell to keep alive." "And to buy automobiles," said the reporter.

"Yes," said Hiram—"of course you'd say that, an' I got as much right to 'ave an automobile as these young whippersnappers that tries to run over me every time I come to town? You jist let the farmers alone. If it wain't for the farmers where'd you be?" "I would be farming," said the reporter, "or getting ready to store up nuts for the winter."

"If all the nuts was stored up," said Hiram, "they'd be less yawpin' about the farmer—By Hen!"

MUST ACCEPT BUT URGES WORKMEN TO WORLD REVOLUTION

Central Committee of Independent Socialists Issues Appeal

Berlin, May 13.—(By the Associated Press)—"Even if important changes are not made by the negotiations begun at Versailles, there remains no choice but to bow to compulsion and sign the treaty," says an appeal of the Central Committee of the Independent Socialists in the party organ, Die Freiheit, yesterday.

"Not signing," continues the appeal, "means the retention of our prisoners of war, the occupation of our raw material districts, the tightening of the blockade, unemployment, hunger and death en masse. It is the proletariat that would suffer the most terrible from the consequences."

"Peace, as hard and as oppressive as it may be unnecessary assumption for the possibility of rebuilding our social and economic life, is the spirit of the revolution proletarian."

The appeal is prefaced by a denunciation of the severity of the peace terms. It concludes with a demand that the workmen of all countries unite against capitalism for a world revolution.

WORKMEN FALLS INTO A VAT AND IS FEARFULLY BURNED BY NITRIC ACID

Sherbrooke, Que., May 13.—Falling into a vat of three feet deep, with nitric acid and sustaining burns all over his body, Oliver Beland of Capelton is in St. Vincent de Paul Hospital in a critical condition. He was employed at the Howard plant, where a high explosive is manufactured, and while working near the tank filled with mercury and nitric acid, he lost his footing and fell on head and knees. He was pulled out before the acid could overcome him, but his clothes were soaked and he was badly burned all over the body.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturpatrick, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The barometer is highest over the Great Lakes and lowest in the western provinces and Nova Scotia. The weather is showery in Saskatchewan. Elsewhere it is fine.

Warmer
Maritime—Moderate winds, fair and becoming warmer today and on Wednesday, except some showers in southern Nova Scotia.
New England—Fair tonight and Wednesday; light frost tonight in exposed places, moderate north to northwest winds.



Catty and O'Reilly Case Dismissed

Judgment In The Po- lice Court

Little Girl Finds Nine Watches Which Are Produced in Carle- ton Jewelry Matter—A Soldier's Money Case

Magistrate Ritchie dismissed the case of Catty and O'Reilly this morning, deciding that there was no sufficient evidence to send them up for trial.

He cited several cases to show how difficult it was to prove there was false pretence, saying that to obtain money or a check under false pretences it must be proved there was the intention of defrauding. He said that the indictment for false pretences could not be sustained if the prosecutor knew at the time the money was obtained that it was not the property of the owner.

He read Dr. E. J. Broderick's statement, emphasizing the fact that the doctor said "No O'Hara." "You evidently have no cold," he said, "and you had acted on O'Hara's suggestion and called up his solicitor, on whose advice he gave O'Hara a check for \$200 'on deposit'."

In conclusion His Honor said: "Under the law cited and because of the evidence as to the doctor, I have come to the conclusion that there is no false pretence. If there was a title of evidence I would have to send them up, but there and no evidence, so the case will be dismissed."

West End Case.

The case of James Campbell, charged with stealing jewelry, valued at \$408.75, was argued this morning. The first witness was Lillian Donohue, eight-year-old daughter of Wm. Donohue. She said that she had found nine watches under the steps of a building, while playing. "Peace, as hard and as oppressive as it may be unnecessary assumption for the possibility of rebuilding our social and economic life, is the spirit of the revolution proletarian."

Wm. Donohue said that his daughter, when she found the watches, gave them to him and he had brought them to the store of Robert Adams, in consequence of which he had been arrested. Wm. L. Adams, clerk in his father's store, said that six of the watches produced by Wm. Donohue, had the same numbers as those lost, and the other three were similar to stolen watches.

John V. Lynch said he lived at 60 Windsor street, that he knew Campbell and had met him early on Friday evening. They left Carleton together and parted in Victoria street, North End. Wm. L. Adams, clerk in his father's store from Adam's store, said that two o'clock he saw him sitting on his doorstep, no far from where the watches were found.

When cross-examined by the prisoner's counsel, Thomas Sweeney, the witness said he would not swear the person he saw at the head of Rodney Wharf about 1.30 a. m. was Campbell. The nine-year-old nephew, Colwell was the first to give evidence. He said he saw Tailt and his uncle (Fred Colwell) at the head of Rodney Wharf on Wednesday.

John R. Colwell of Apohaqui, said his son received a check for \$465.95, which he got on his discharge from the army, and cashed it in the bank at Sussex. He went over to Tailt's and had been in his company up till the time the money was missing. They left Apohaqui together on the train on Wednesday. When cross-examined Mr. Colwell said he knew that his son had bought some harness which went to Mr. Tailt. He said his son had been wounded in the

ACTRESS FOUND DEAD; ROPE AROUND NECK.

Paris, May 13.—(Havas Agency)—Madame Blanche Dufresne, an actress playing at the Theatre Sarah Bernhardt, was found dead yesterday in her dressing room. A rope, one end of which was tied to the window sill, was about her neck. She was forty-four years old.

head, and at times did not know them. The case will be resumed tomorrow at twelve o'clock.
One drunk was brought up and fined \$8.

Rockwood Playgrounds Matter Now In Council

BATTALION BAND ABOUT TO BREAK UP

Reported Demobilization of Fine Organization is Coming This Week

The Depot Battalion Band, which for three and a half years has been the evening motor with the 11th Battalion, 22nd Kilites and latterly under its present designation, will in all probability cease to exist as a military unit after Thursday this week.

It is understood the bandsmen are very desirous of re-entering civil life and plying their several vocations again. They have seen a long and active service. They crossed the ocean once and later conducted the Kilites from Montreal to Halifax.

St. John people can well attest their merit as a musical organization, not only in discoursing martial strains but in rendering a programme of the best writers. What a lot as well as at home they attracted considerable critical attention.

The Depot Battalion Band had its nucleus from the old 62nd battalion and after the death of Bandmaster P. H. Jones, an English conductor of rare ability, came under the baton of first cornet Milton Perkins, who is still leading. The last three years of constant practice has given the organization a high polish and musicianship. Some say it is Canada's crack military band.

Upon demobilization what is to become of the organization is not known. Some in close touch think that by re-illuminating some inevitable gaps in the ranks with outside players a splendid municipal band—a sort of memorial organization—might be maintained. At any rate St. John is loath to part with the fine organization, for the town loves good music well played and the Depot Band, under the baton of Milton Perkins, has kept fresh memories of the sacrificial days of '15, '16, '17 and '18 and the glorious finale a period during which the band helped to keep the public heart beating strong whether under khaki or civvie.

RECEPTION FOR THE 26TH

At the common council meeting this morning Mayor Hayes opened a discussion on the reception which is to be tendered to the 26th Battalion. He said that while the reception was purely a civic affair and not provincial in scope any outside centres were welcome to send delegations or representatives to participate in the reception. He said that he understood that St. Stephen would be represented with a band and a delegation and that other places would like to be represented.

Other members of the council spoke about the decorations and said that it was regrettable that the government buildings were not decorated. They were unanimous in the opinion that more decorations should be placed about the station and the houses in Fort street as well as along that section of Mill street.

A discussion followed regarding the expenses and Mayor Hayes was authorized to pay any bills incurred.

THE OCEAN FLIES.

St. John's, Nfld., May 13.—With the wind from the southwest local weather conditions are favorable for flying and the moon reports warrant the British aviators to fly this evening. Reports from Trepassy say the American aviators may start at 6 o'clock this evening, but the weather is foggy here and it is doubtful whether or not they will be able to get away.

Washington, May 13.—Despatches to the navy department today from Trepassy Bay indicated that the naval seaplanes at Newfoundland could not start on the trans-Atlantic flight for at least twenty-four hours. Commander John H. Towers, chief of the expedition, said heavy seas were running and that a storm was coming down on the course to the Azores.

BEARS INNINGS IN THE CORN MARKET.

Chicago, May 13.—Heavy selling by a big commission house did a good deal today to put bears again in control of the market for corn. Dry weather where most needed tended further to depress values. Besides, eastern shipping demand was poor. Opening prices, which ranged from 1/2 to 2/4 lower, with July \$1.69 1/2 to \$1.67 1/2, and September \$1.57 1/2 to \$1.56 were followed by material setbacks in addition.

Favorable crop reports weakened oats. After opening unchanged to 5-8 down on July 88 1/2 to 88-7-8, the market continued to sag. Provisions were dull and heavy. The chief factor was corn weakness.

ATTACKED IN STREET.

John McLeod was held up and severely beaten by two colored men in Orange street last night. He was taken to the General Public Hospital, where his wounds were dressed. A resident of the street who saw the hold-up ran for the police but the attackers ran before the assistance arrived. Robbery is the supposed motive of the crime.

BORDEN REPORTED RETURNING; FOSTER IN PLACE

Paris, May 13.—Sir Robert Borden, Canadian premier, is returning to Canada, according to Reuters' Limited, because the political situation there said to require his presence. Sir George E. Foster probably will take Sir Robert's place as head of the Canadian delegation.

Communication From Judge Armstrong

Plan For Legislation to Permit Transfer of Property to City For Playgrounds Use—Paving and Other Business

At a special meeting of the common council which was held this morning the following resolutions of the committee of the whole were passed:

That the granite curbing lately contracted for by the city, together with the setting of the same, be paid for by bond issue at an estimated cost of \$17,800 and that the work and estimate be approved, and that the commissioner of public works be authorized to call for tenders for setting the same.

That Union street from Waterloo street to and past way across Brussels street be paved on a cement concrete base, using granite blocks in track section and bituminous concrete on the sides of the street, estimated cost \$8,500, less about \$500 to be collected from the New Brunswick Power Company; payment for the work to be made from the 1920 appropriation for public works.

A resolution with respect to street paving recommended for adoption. That the draft of St. John town planning scheme be approved and the commissioner requested to prepare the necessary maps and take such other measures as required so that application may be made to the lieutenant-governor-in-council for approval as soon as possible.

That a further grant of \$500 be made to the town planning commission from the general revenue to aid in their work. That the tender of S. Herbert Mays of \$3,000 for driving piles at the ferry approaches, east side, be accepted, it being the best.

That the offer of James Spaine to purchase the "Barry house" and lot (so-called) on the Milford road at price and on conditions approved by the common council on April 8 be accepted.

That the offer of Mrs. Ida Byers to purchase the "Byers house" and lot (so-called) in Lancaster at price and on conditions approved on April 8 be accepted, with this variation, that the cash payment be \$100 instead of \$200, the difference to be paid in increments of \$116.50 for each of the four first years and \$91.50 for the balance of the period, and that a deed issue.

When the second section was taken up there was a lengthy discussion regarding financing for the pavement. Mayor Hayes and Commissioner Bullock favored taxing the abutters and Commissioners Fisher, Thornton and Jones favoring having the work done out of next year's appropriation. Mayor Hayes and Commissioner Bullock favored the motion but the majority favored it and it was carried.

Residents of Kennedy Place asked for two lights and also water and sewerage. The communication was referred to the commissioners of safety, water and sewerage.

No. 2 salvage and fire cops notified the council that Eldridge B. Knowlton had been elected a member. The appointment was confirmed.

Rockwood Playgrounds. A communication was read from Hon. J. R. Armstrong, honorary secretary-treasurer of the St. John Horticultural Association, saying that legislation would have to be secured to enable the transfer of the property at the park to the city for a public playgrounds. If this was done and proper provisions were made so that the property would revert to the city in case the land should at any time be taken over by the Canadian Government railways.

Clayton D. D. Colpitt asked for the loan of \$8,000 under the federal housing scheme. This was referred to Commissioner Bullock, who said that the city was willing to get ahead with the matter, but were delayed by not being able to get anything definite from the provincial government. He thought a commission should be appointed to look after the matter.

Commissioner Thornton reported that the owners of the clock on Market square desired \$18 a year rental. He moved that this be paid providing the owners had the clock cleaned and the dial painted. This carried.

WARNING TO AIRMEN.

Paris, May 13.—Pilots of airplanes are forbidden to fly over towns or crowds of people except at such a height as will permit them to plane down to a landing field in case their motors stop. Aeronauts flying over towns are prohibited. Military pilots are warned against flying over Paris except under orders on pain of dismissal from the service. Numerous complaints have been made against airmen flying over race tracks at low altitudes. This led to the issuance of the order.