

ITALY'S CLAIMS TO DALMATIA AND CONTROL OF THE ADRIATIC MAINTAINED BY SIGNOR CRISPI

Food Administrator in Rome Tells the Herald That Italy Has the Right to Eastern Coast in Order to Protect Her Shore, Exposed to the Sea.

Rome, Jan. 23.—Today two of the highest officials of the Italian government gave me the official theories supporting Italy's claims for permanent possession of Itria and Dalmatia and described clearly the Italian programme for the national future.

At the Food Ministry I met Signor Silvio Crispi, Food and Transportation Administrator. His position here is similar to those of both Mr. Hoover and Mr. Hines in the United States. In private life he is an important manufacturer. He is aiding the government in the war emergency. Indeed, he is of the type of the new, progressive Italy, and he is mixing modern business methods with politics with high success.

Later I talked with Signor Luigi Borrelli, Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, who may be said to be in charge of the Foreign Office when the Foreign Minister is away.

Signor Crispi declared to me that Italy's shipping losses were, proportionately, higher than those of any other nation during the war and amounted to sixty-two per cent. of the total and worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

"That great sacrifice—no that Italy can ill afford—teaches us a powerful lesson," he said. "Bear in mind, we had throughout the war support from the British, the French and the American navies. Their assistance was considerable, and yet with it all we never even controlled the Adriatic. The Austrians were free to sink our ships and to raid our coast, while we, with more naval aid than we can expect in the future, were unable to stop them."

Must Control Adriatic. "Disregarding every other favorable argument, this fact alone shows we have the absolute right, from the standpoint of our national existence, to control of the Adriatic. It has been suggested that we take Avlona across the Adriatic, with Brindisi on the heel of Italy's boot, should form an effective pair of bases to choke the upper Adriatic.

"I will answer that with the plain statement that during the war we did control these points and even tried to seal the sea nets and other protective devices against the submarine, and yet enemy sinkings and depredations on our coast continued, even though we had allied naval backing and the lower Adriatic blocked as effectively as any man could blockade it. Still, we could not destroy the Austrian fleet.

"Our war will not be won until we hold what constitutes in other hands an insurmountable barrier against us."

Signor Crispi emphasized the moral effect such possession would have on the Balkan situation. He declared the Balkans caused this war and easily could cause another. Italy, he added, intended fortifying herself against it.

Every Italian, Signor Crispi said, held American ideals as his own, and Americans must know and believe that Italy is not imperialistic, and some persons profess to believe she is. He asserted that Italians only want their brothers back under their national flag, and then they would reduce their army to as small numbers as possible.

Signor Crispi announced the organization of an Italian-American Club, which will have offices in the Palazzo Salviati here, and which will be the Italian counterpart of the Hughes organization in New York city. Every economic, agricultural, scientific and commercial body which is promoting relations or business between the two nations will be represented in it. Also there will be a central agency for mutual inter-relationship.

He said that Italy's greatest need of outside help at this time concerns shipping. The government, he continued, has arranged for \$1,000,000,000 backing for ports, ships, roads and general transportation improvements. Just now the nation will aid shipbuilders. However, whatever is ultimately decided upon in working out this program, the help of America and England is essential, he said.

According to Signor Crispi, American ships can be built more cheaply than Italian.

Italy Needs Wheat and Meat. Referring to the food situation, he said Italy needs frozen meats and wheat. The war depleted the stock of 8,000,000 head of cattle by He added that he was trying to overcome the shortage by economizing and expected success within two years. He is restricting the killing of calves and is limiting the consumption of meat to four meals a week.

Signor Crispi discussed at length Italy's water power and fuel questions. One of the most important points he made was that with each forward step in harnessing the mountain power Italy's coal problem was eased. He asserted that the power generated was available not only as a driving but also as a heating force, and that coal, while badly needed, was not so vital as was sometimes represented. He cited the fact that coal production figures have been stationary for ten years, while in that time industries have doubled. He said the northern potential power amounted to 5,000,000 horse power, with only 1,250,000 horse power developed. The government grants concessions for the development of power at the extremely low tax of \$1 for each horse power. It is marketable at \$200 a horse power. However, after fifty years the property reverts to the government.

Signor Crispi said that a highly interesting arrangement practically has been perfected for absorbing army labor and handling women workers. Italy now is enlarging her long famous intensified agricultural program and with her reduced territory she will have even more field for that work. The program will place most of the women who have been in the factories during the war on the farms while the men leaving the army will

COL. LAWRENCE REMARKABLE MAN

Gave Wonderful Service to the Arab Cause and Was Singled Out for Honors.

London, Jan. 23.—Colonel T. E. Lawrence of the British army, who recently arrived in London with a son of the Sheriff of Mecca to give information concerning the Arab aspirations for independence, is characterized by some London newspapers as "one of the most remarkable men produced by the war."

A fair-haired young Englishman of 23, smallish of stature, Colonel Lawrence gave such services to the Arab cause that he was treated as a hero and given the additional rank of lieutenant which is equivalent to that of prince. No other European or Christian, according to the London Daily Mail, has ever received such a distinction at the hands of the royal family which is the senior descendant of Mohammed.

Before the war Colonel Lawrence was a student of history at Oxford. As he was able to speak two Arabian dialects, he was sent by the war office in 1914 to do intelligence work in Egypt. Later he was assigned to aid in the negotiations with the King of the Hedjaz who revolted against the Turks at Medina in June, 1916, afterward joining the Sheriff's military service. He adopted the full Arab kit of flowing robes, headpiece, and golden dagger.

With Sheriff Faisal, he planned the blowing up of troops and munition trains on the Hedjaz Hills, and a successful war was their operations that the Turks put a price on their heads of \$5,000 each of taken alive, and \$15,000 dead.

They blew up seventeen trains, one

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROOSEVELT BY SECRETARY LANE INCLUDED IN REPORT ON PENSION BILL.

"The Idylls, Sagas and Illiads Have Been Woven About Men of His Mould, and We May Expect to See Developed a Roosevelt Legend," He Wrote.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—A tribute to Theodore Roosevelt by Secretary Lane was adopted by the House Pensions Committee today as a part of its favorable report on a bill which already had been passed by the Senate, granting an annual pension of \$5,000 to Mrs. Roosevelt. Secretary Lane wrote the committee that Congress had set precedents by granting pensions to the widows of Presidents Polk, Tyler, Lincoln, Grant, Garfield and McKinley.

The committee, unanimously voting a favorable report, declared the Secretary's letter constituted "one of the most beautiful, fair and just tributes to Mr. Roosevelt's life and character" it follows:

The impression that Theodore Roosevelt's personality has made upon the world does not need emphasis. What ever his fame as a statesman, it can never outrun his fame as a man. However widely men may differ from him in matters of national policy, this thing men in their hearts would all wish—that their sons might have within them the spirit, the will, the strength, the manliness, the Americanism of Roosevelt. He was made of that rugged and heroic stuff which legend delights to play. The Idylls and Sagas and the Illiads have been woven about men of his mould. We may surely expect to see developed a Roosevelt legend, a body of tales that will exalt the physical power and endurance of the man and the boldness of his spirit, his robust capacity for blunt speech and his hearty comradeship, his live interest in all things living—these will make our boys for the long future proud that they are of his race and his country. And no surer fame than this can come to any man—to live in the hearts of the boys of his land as one whose doings and sayings they would wish to make their own.

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THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds or gales, southeast shifting to west; mild with rain, clearing and turning colder during the night.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Northern New England: Snow or rain Friday; colder Friday night; Saturday probably fair. Strong east, shifting to west winds, probably reaching gale force.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—A moderate disturbance is centred tonight over the Ottawa Valley and another is developing on the middle Atlantic coast. Rain has fallen today in nearly all parts of Ontario and in Western Quebec, and snow in Central and Eastern Quebec. In the western provinces the weather has been fair and mild.

California. The players will leave here March 20th. St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 23.—At a meeting of the directors of the St. Louis National League club Saturday a decision will be made as to offering the club for sale at auction.

About the Boxers. The Leonard Dundee bout in Newark Monday night drew \$25,059. Leonard got \$8,570 and Dundee \$6,080. Kid Norfolk will take on Jeff Clarke at Syracuse, Feb. 10.

Jeff Smith and Johnny Howard will clash again Feb. 3 at Jersey City. Levinsky and Coffey will box in Philadelphia Feb. 10.

Billy Roche, who is in France as a K. of C. secretary, has got himself a bad with the English sports for the club he makes for the American boxers who competed and were defeated in the recent Allied tournament.

Tex Rickard is casting longing eyes at Illinois, which State, he thinks, will pass a law allowing boxing to a decision in Chicago.

Jack Britton and Al Doty are slated for a clash at Canton, Ohio, Feb. 3. Britton expects to meet Benny Leonard at Denver Feb. 22.

Frankie Britt will box Matt Brock at Minneapolis, Feb. 4. He will also meet Willie Jackson at Philadelphia next Monday night.

CITIZEN COMM. HARD AT WORK

Endeavoring to Form Some Plan to Conduct City Affairs Amicably at Halifax.

Halifax, Jan. 23.—The citizens' committee, appointed at a recent public meeting to select a committee of one hundred to look into the whole civic situation and report, is at work. As evidence of the interest being taken by the eighteen men selected to represent the six different wards, sixteen attended the initial meeting.

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the shareholders of the Prince William Apartments Limited will be held in the office of the undersigned, No 39 Princess Street, City, on Friday, Jan. 25, at 4 p.m. for the purpose of considering and ratifying an agreement and lease of the Prince William hotel and the conditions therein contained.

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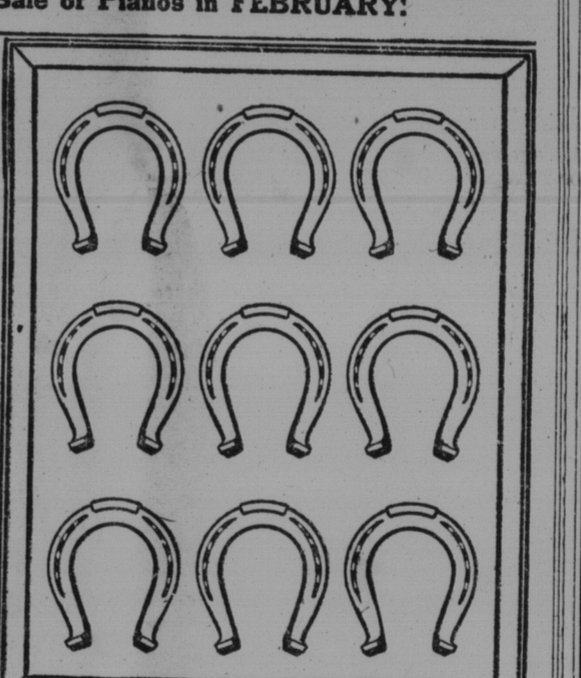
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