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### LOOK WITH FAVOR ON BELGIAN REQUEST

No Inclination on the Part of the Council to Make Any Further Overtures to Italians.

New York, April 30.—The Associated Press tonight issues the following: Official details containing the latest phases of the deliberation of the Council of Three of the Peace Conference in Paris are somewhat obscure. It is known, however, that the Japanese question concerning Kiao-Chow has been settled. The terms of the agreement, according to unofficial advice, involve the surrender by Germany of Kiao-Chow to Japan, but, in due course, Japan will re-transfer this stronghold on the Shantung peninsula to China. Likewise, it is stated, also unofficially, that there are indications that the Council of Three has looked with favor upon the request of the Belgians for immediate advance on their share of the indemnity which Germany is to pay in reparation for damages, and given the delegates satisfactory assurances that the money will be forthcoming for the Belgians to begin the reconstruction of the country overrun by the Germans. Therefore, the only outstanding problem of great importance before the Council, apparently, is that due to the claim of Italy to Fiume, and the Dalmatian region. Although both the Italian Senate and Chamber of Deputies have given Premier Orlando's Government, and the Italian delegates to the Peace Conference, strong views of confidence for their stand in endeavoring to obtain for Italy a strict fulfillment of her demands, there is no evidence, as yet, of the prospect of an immediate compromise being effected by either side of the controversy. Advice has been received in Paris that overtures for resumption of the conference on the disputed question would receive every attention in Rome, and would not be unacceptable, but it has been asserted in Paris that the prevailing sentiment among the delegates of France, Great Britain and the United States is opposed to requesting the Italian delegates to return. It has been added, however, that if the Italian should evidence a disposition to give up their claims to Fiume, the President, in the interest of harmony, doubtless could make suggestions which would permit of a continuation of the discussions without sacrifice of dignity by the Italians. Members of the council are declared to be unwilling to concede Fiume to the Italians, even if such refusal should result in Italy finding herself unable to sign the peace treaty. Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador to Italy has conferred at length with Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino and telegraphed to Paris outlining the views of the Italians and the Italian government on the situation. Although the reports still persist that Munich has been completely invested by government troops the expected attack on the Soviet forces apparently has not begun.

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### Soviet Government in Munich Has Been Overthrown

Copenhagen, April 30.—The Soviet government in Munich, has been overthrown, according to reports in Berlin, says the correspondent of the Berliner Tidende. The correspondent adds that the government troops, in accordance with martial law, shot a number of members of the Red Guard who had been captured, while a mob attacked others of the captured Reds and tried to kill them.

### Germany Must Turn Kiao Chow To Japanese

Head of the Japanese Delegation Says His Country Will, in Due Time, Restore Kiao Chow to China.

Bulletin—Paris, April 30.—The peace treaty will provide that Germany must surrender Kiao-Chow to Japan, the Paris representative of Reuter's Limited says. Japan will re-transfer the territory to China in due course. It is added that Japan's other agreements with China will not be affected. It will be left to the Chinese and Japanese governments to agree upon the details of the carrying out of the treaty of 1915, and the agreements made in 1918. Makino, chairman of the Japanese peace delegation, in a statement published in the Matin today, declared that Japan, who had mobilized her forces on the fourteenth day of the war, will remain by the side of those who had been her friends and allies from the first hour. He said that he was confident that Japan would obtain satisfaction regarding Kiao-Chow. "It has been stated Japan intends to keep Kiao-Chow," the baron added, "and to occupy it perpetually because of the fortress which her armies wrested from Germany. The statement is incorrect, as we already have undertaken to restore Kiao-Chow to China, and we shall do so." "There is not one instance in history where a man has been asked to do what he has not done," he said, "and we are justified in doubting the word that we now ask to be left to effect restitutions ourselves and that no step be taken which might have the appearance of unjustifiable suspicion."

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### MONTREAL WENT DRY WEDNESDAY AT MIDNIGHT

A Whole Lexicon of Pet Names for the Cup That Cheers Now Becomes a Dead Language.

### BEERS AND WINES ARE STILL LEFT

Larger Hotels Talk of Opening Cabarets Where the Bars Used to be, in Line With European Cafes.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, April 30.—Montreal, the last city to go "dry" at midnight today, "Nip," "quencher," "snort," and a whole lexicon of pet names for the cup that cheers, became a dead language. The "stok friend," "ciao meeting," the "bowling fest," that lull of the waiting wife's suspicions, go into the discard; their usefulness as plausible excuses for staying out late is ended. May Day this year means more than moving time to Montrealers. To the bibulously inclined it spells adieu "brass rail," and the fond farewell to the chance acquaintance that "set me up again." No more bars, instead a seat permit, a temperance "cocktail," a tamed "brunch" (kickless highball), two long straws, or an ice cream spoon and reminiscence stars. The lid is on, as far as hard liquor is concerned, but by the referendum taken on April 10, the wines are still permitted to champagne. Montrealers are being asked to vote on the referendum ballot left no doubt as to popular opinion on the beer and wine question, the vote being overwhelmingly against total prohibition.

Among the places in the province where are under Scotch Act several are evidencing an effort to change, among them the City of Quebec. With the coming of prohibition to Montreal the bars must undergo a change and the saloons are being altered accordingly. Some of the large hotels talk of opening cabarets where places used to be, making these places more in the line of European cafes. Many of the saloons will close entirely, but the majority have applied for the beer and wine license and will be found at their old stands under new conditions. The "dry spell" may be a long one, but the old fishing bar that did service on many a private occasion, was requisitioned today and the saloons and wholesale stores did a record business. There was no prearranged celebration. John Barleycorn died peacefully, but he'll have a long funeral.

### Several Injured When Street Car Runs Down Hill

Halifax Motorman Lost His Head for a Moment and the Trouble Followed.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, April 30.—A street car of the N. S. Tramway Co. on the bell line left the rails at the corner of Buckingham and Barrington streets today, and ran down a steep grade till it struck the ordinance wall on Water street, where it was badly smashed up, and three passengers injured, one of them, Mrs. Charles Britton, being seriously hurt. The car was well filled at the time, but most of the passengers jumped, and the motorman saved his life by doing the same thing. The motorman was a returned soldier, back from the front about seven weeks, and was considered a capable man. It appears that in coming down the hill he lost his head, and that, instead of shutting off the current, he put it on, causing the car to jump forward rapidly. The company will hold an investigation tomorrow.

### HALIFAX PLEBISCITE REFUSES TO CONTINUE BOARD OF CONTROL

Halifax, April 30.—The ratemakers of Halifax decided by plebiscite today to abolish the board of control and return to the old aldermanic system. A total of 2,022 votes were polled, 1,760 for abolition and 250 against. The terms of the plebiscite were that fifteen per cent. of the total electorate should be polled, which meant that 1,500 altogether had to come to the polls. The required number was the most doubled. The campaign of those in favor of the board of control was to remain away from the poll.

### Strike Scheduled Among Trades Unions At Ottawa

Ottawa, Ont., April 30.—In Ottawa a strike tomorrow morning of every member of the different unions employed in building and construction work, involving upwards of 3,000 men, is a practical certainty.

### THE DOMINION FRANCHISE ACT EXPECTED SOON

Being Carefully Prepared by the Cabinet for its Presentation to Parliament for Consideration.

### MAY BE THE ROCK TO WRECK UNION

There Are Rumors That the Bill in Its Present Form Doesn't Meet With the Approval of Liberal Unionists.

### INDUSTRIAL COUNCILS ARE MUCH NEEDED

Executive Heads of Leading Concerns Give Expression of Approval of Councils Before the Mathers' Commission.

### BEHAVE THEY WOULD PROVE SUCCESSFUL

Representatives of Employed and Employers, Working Together, Should Produce the Ideal System.

### Trotsky and Lenin Seeking Refuge Outside Russia

This Move Indicates the Two Bolshevik Leaders as Realizing the Days of Bolshevism Are Numbered.

Washington, April 30.—Official advice reaching Washington through a neutral source, said that Bolshevik leaders Lenin and Trotsky were seeking a refuge outside of Russia, fearing a possible overthrow of the Soviet government. The significance of these advices, as officials view the situation, is that the two Bolshevik leaders realize that the days of Bolshevism are numbered, and are preparing the way for flight when the time comes. It is known that, on other occasions they have tried to make similar preparations but each time some incident gave the Bolshevik government new impetus. Sweden, Denmark and Norway, according to advices have refused to entertain the suggestion that Lenin and Trotsky be given refuge there, and the latest report said the German government had advised them that their presence in that country would be unwelcome at the present time. Switzer and Spain, it was said, have sent equally definite refusals to permit Lenin and Trotsky to find a haven within their borders.

### THE BELGIANS ASSURED FIRST CONSIDERATION ON INDEMNITIES

Paris, April 30.—(By The A. P.)—The Belgians have asked the council of three for a first advance of two billion francs on their share of the German indemnity, according to French circles, and it appears that they have received satisfactory assurances. It is reported that there may be a public plenary session of the conference Friday to discuss the responsibility articles of the treaty.

### Rival Fliers Are Again Detained By Weather

Unfavorable Weather Reports Prevented the Expected Trans-Atlantic Start Yesterday.

### UNIFORM TEXT BOOKS FOR BOTH FRENCH AND ENGLISH

Senator Pope of Quebec Makes Such a Proposal in the Canadian Senate Yesterday.

### FORESTRY COMMISSION OVERLOOKING THE RETURNED SOLDIERS

Not Giving the Returned Men a Chance for a Permanent Berth Among the Forest Rangers.

### HALF OF DRAFT CABLED TO U. S.

Paris, April 30.—(By The A. P.)—Forty thousand words, about half the draft of the peace treaty, have been cabled to the State Department at Washington. The balance is going forward steadily. This entire treaty will have been transmitted in a day or two, for release for publication upon authorization by the conference.

### No Sign of Yielding by Big Three

Despite Optimistic Views of French Press on Orlando's Speech There Are No Indications That Situation Has Changed in Conference Circles.

### BELIEVED ITALIANS WILL SOON RETURN

It is Certain No Proposals Will be Made by the Big Three, and the Next Move Rests With Italy.

### ROME, APRIL 30.—(Havas)—The

Rome newspapers, in commenting on Premier Orlando's speech before the Parliament, and the vote of confidence in his government by that body, declared that "now that the Italian people and Parliament have voiced their solidarity with the Government, it remains only for the Senate to revise its decision regarding the Adriatic adjustment. The view taken is that President Wilson appealed to the Italian people, and now they have given their answer and that it is bound to have its effect upon President Wilson's attitude. The Corriere d'Informazione in the demonstration in the Chamber of Deputies an indication that it is the will of Italy to help in bringing about a prompt peace, and that she is ready to make reasonable sacrifices to promote it. The press is unanimous in praising Wilson, who returns to the Spirit of Justice," and under moderation prevailing the speech of the Prime Minister. No Change.

### PARIS, APRIL 30.—(By The Associated Press)—In spite of the optimistic views of the French press on the effect of Premier Orlando's speech to the Italian Parliament, there were no indications in Peace Conference circles today of any feeling that the situation had altered materially. The temperate tone of the Italian Premier's address was commented upon favorably, but, on the part of the Council of Three, there were no signs of yielding from the previous position as was suggested in despatches from Rome. If the Italians expect some proposal from Paris, they will find no response. It is said here that no proposals will be made, and that the next move rests with Italy. In conference circles it is believed that the Italian delegates will soon return. In the meantime, the work of the conference is proceeding uninterruptedly toward the signing of the peace treaty. The situation was summed up in the remark of one official who said that "it was inconceivable that the peace of the world should be concerned by one nation over one city." It became known today that the memorandum written by President Wilson, and made public yesterday by Premier Orlando, was given to the Premier on April 14, with the privilege of immediate publication. The Premier, however, withheld making it public until his speech. Denials. Newspaper reports credit Salvatore Barsalini, a member of the Italian Peace Delegation, who left Paris with Premier Orlando, with saying that he did not intend to return to Paris, are denied in a statement issued from the Italian delegation here. The statement read: "We are authorized to declare that the report stating that Mr. Barsalini had told a member of the Tribune's staff that he would not return to Paris, is absolutely groundless. The understanding is in perfect between Mr. Barsalini and his colleagues of the delegation, and, like them, he will adopt the course upon which the Parliament decides."

### EBERT ESTABLISHES MILITARY COURTS

Specially Provided to Give Speedy Trial to Persons Charged With Insurrectionary Crimes.

Berlin, Monday, April 28. (By The A. P.)—Sanguinary conflicts have been so numerous during the last few days in Bremen, and the outraging districts, due to Spartacist uprisings, that President Ebert has added to the existing martial law regime, extraordinary military courts to try persons charged with insurrectionary crimes.