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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ASKS ALLIED TROOPS TO CLEAR FIUME

Quarter Million Steel Workers Strike---Lake Seamen Out in Sympathy

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT APPEALS TO ALLIES TO DRIVE D'ANNUNZIO OUT

Naval and Military Authorities Frustrate Attempted Landing of Jugo-Slav Forces—D'Annunzio Will Not Leave Fiume Dead or Alive.

London, Sept. 22.—The Italian government has appealed to the allied powers to send an allied force, exclusive of Italians, to drive D'Annunzio out of Fiume, according to a report here tonight, which is considered reliable.

It is understood that the American naval authorities here, who control the operations in the Adriatic, have declined any assistance whatsoever, pending the final decision from Washington or the peace delegates in Paris.

The Italian government it is reported, has pointed out in its appeal that it would be difficult for Italy to handle the situation in view of D'Annunzio's popularity with the Italian people, and also because of the fact that the Fiume decision has been a thorn in the side of the Italians.

Italy Deplores Situation

It is understood the Italian government declared that it deplored the situation and did not wish to make the slightest move against the decision of the peace conference, but pointedly inferred that if D'Annunzio's hold on Fiume was to be weakened it must be done by other than Italian troops.

An attempt by Jugo-Slav forces to land on the Dalmatian coast is reported in official despatches reaching here regarding the Adriatic controversy, in which Fiume is the storm centre. The landing was frustrated by the Italian naval and military authorities.

At Fiume itself, the situation is still quiet, the advices state.

Blockade Increases Prices.

Rome, Sept. 22.—The cost of the necessaries of life in Fiume gives some idea of the food situation in the blockaded city. Flour is bringing 80 cents a pound and sugar $2.00. Oil is $6.00 a pint and lard, fat, $9.00 a pound.

Gen. Robilant, chief of the Italian forces maintaining order along the line of demarkation fixed by the armistice, has been replaced by Gen. Badoglio, chief of staff to Gen. Diaz, and second in command of the Italian armies.

Gen. Robilant was unpopular, having been a member of the inter-allied military commission which asked the withdrawal of Italian troops from Fiume, the substitution of the civil guard of Fiume by Maltese policemen and dissolution of the national council at Fiume.

It was these proposals, it is said, which caused Gabriele D'Annunzio to

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AMERICAN SENATOR ANGRY AT BRITAIN

Galleries Hiss Violent Disapproval After Four-Hour Attack on Treaty.

Washington, Sept. 22.—At the end of a four-hour attack on the league of nations by Senator Reed of Missouri, a Democrat who has refused to stand with his party for unreserved ratification of the peace treaty, of which the league covenant is a part, the senate galleries late today started a demonstration that had to wear itself out and then hissed violent disapproval when the cheering was condemned from the floor.

The principal part of the speech was an argument against the league covenant, with a bitter assault on the clause giving Great Britain six votes in the league assembly to one for the United States. President Wilson was sharply and severely attacked by Senator Reed, who declared he had counseled with kings to transfer to them the sovereignty Washington had won with the sword.

Abandon Original Plan.

It was six o'clock when Senator Reed concluded his address and the original plan to proceed with formal reading of the treaty was abandoned. There was some uncertainty as to how far the reading might proceed tomorrow, as it was intimated that Senator Johnson Republican, California, who will return to his seat then, after his speaking tour, might ask that the senate turn back in the covenant to article three and take up his amendment, which would equalize the British and American voting power in the league. In that event the senate would face about a week's discussion.

Conferences Continue.

Senator Lodge, in charge of the treaty by virtue of his position as chairman of the foreign relations committee, and Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, leader of the fight for ratification as drafted, said they were ready to go on with the reading if nobody was ready to speak and if Senator Johnson did not wish to call up his amendment, a vote on which will be regarded as the first real test of strength, meanwhile the "mild" reservationists continued their informal conferences, without disclosing how they would line up as a group on the amendment.

SEAMEN ON LAKE BOATS WILL STRIKE

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Union seamen employed on the ore-carrying lake boats of the United States Steel Corporation today completed their balloting, and have voted almost unanimously to strike in sympathy with the steel workers, according to a statement tonight by Patrick O'Brien, secretary of the Chicago local. He said the executive board would meet soon at either Detroit or Chicago to canvass the votes and decide on a date for the strike.

PRINCE OF WALES NOW IN VANCOUVER

H.R.H. Honored by Big Civic Luncheon—U. S. Admiral is One of Speakers.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 22. — The Prince of Wales concluded his first morning in Vancouver when at 1.45 this afternoon he sat down to luncheon in his honor at the Hotel Vancouver, which was attended by 400 representative citizens. The speaking was brief. The prince responded to the toast in his honor proposed by Mayor Gale, and Admiral Hugh Rodman, commander of the United States Pacific Fleet, replied to the allies toast. This afternoon the prince opened the new quarters of the Navy League here and then he rested for the dinner and ball this evening.

The prince was greeted by Mayor Gale, the aldermen, General Leckie, D. O. C., Admiral Rodman and others. Passing to the front of the station, the prince reviewed the guard of honor which was composed of Seventh Highlanders, all veterans of the great war and most of them wearing decorations. Then, amidst cheering and great enthusiasm, and escorted by a squadron of mounted police, the prince set out for Stanley Park. He was cheered thruout and his response displayed his appreciation of the reception which was given him.

Given Cordial Welcome

More crowds filled Stanley Park, where Mayor Gale read a civic address, giving a most cordial welcome to the visiting royalty. The prince in his graceful reply referred to the part Vancouver had taken in the war, and spoke of his pleasure in visiting the city.

A visit to the military wing of the general hospital followed and then a hurried trip to Point Grey, where the

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COMMONS IS MAKING PERMANENT HOLIDAY OF ARMISTICE DAY

Fix November Eleventh for Thanksgiving — Consider Housing and Electrocution.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—Private members had an innings in the commons today. Mr. I. E. Pedlow's bill, to make the second Monday in November each year a permanent Thanksgiving Day was one of the matters under discussion. On motion of Mr. R. L. Richardson, the bill was so amended as to make Nov. 11, Armistice Day, the holiday of thankfulness. This is the object of Mr. Pedlow's bill, but the South Renfrew member favored the second Monday of the month because the first work day of the week has in Canada now come to be regarded as more suitable for the celebration than any other day. In recognition of this feeling, it was decided to allow the bill to stand in committee until objectors can be heard from.

There was an academic debate on a motion moved by Mr. J. H. Burnham, dealing with the cost of production, and calling upon the government to lay a definite plan of government in this respect before the people at the next general election. Mr. Burnham wanted a committee named to deal with the matter, but the government would not agree, and the motion was declared lost.

Housing Motion.

H. M. Mowat's resolution, advocating government assistance for the erection of houses in model townsites for returned soldiers was withdrawn, on the promise that this matter would be considered by the committee to which the soldiers' civil re-establishment bill has been sent. At the evening sitting, Mr. Mowat's bill, to substitute electrocution instead of hanging as the death penalty, was debated, and Mr. McMaster, seconded by Mr. Pedlow, moved by way of amendment that the death penalty should be abolished.

The bill was still under discussion when the house rose.

A tribute to the late Hon. Frank Cochrane was paid in the house this afternoon. Hon. C. J. Doherty, acting leader of the house, referred to Mr. Cochrane as a man of sturdy reputation, one who in every action was inspired by a desire to do his duty and do it in full measure.

Mr. McKenzie, house leader of the opposition, also expressed the profound regret of the opposition. Altho the opposition had not always agreed with Mr. Cochrane, they believed he followed a conscientous line of action in

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International Harvester Co. Building $200,000 Addition

Hamilton, Sept. 22.—A permit issued by the building inspector calls for the building of a $200,000 warehouse by the plow department of the International Harvester Company. Plans for the warehouse are completed and work will start sometime this fall.

FEDERAL COMMITTEE MAY NOW CONSIDER GRATUITY QUESTION

Calder Made Ruling Last Night—Receive Veterans' League Message.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—The question of gratuities and all other matters affecting the re-establishment of soldiers in civil life wil lcome before the special committee of the commons on soldiers' civil re-establishment according to a ruling of Hon. J. A. Calder, chairman of that committee, made shortly after the session opened tonight. The question arose as to how far the committee was competent to go into matters outside of those set forth in bill number 10, on soldiers' civil re-establishment. Mr. Calder said in his opinion it was quite competent for the committee to recommend any amendments to the bill creating the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment which it might see fit, and if the committee found that the objective for which the department was created was not being attained under the present act it had every competence to recommend alterations. Mr. F. F. Pardee asked if the committee had the right to take up the question of gratuities. Mr. Calder replied in the affirmative, and said they would also take up any other scheme in regard to placing soldiers back in civil life. "It is perfectly competent for us to call anyone who can enlighten us on these plans or subjects," the chairman ruled.

Pardee Would Aid.

Mr. Pardee raised the question that a certain amount of unrest was due to the fact that men, on their return, had in many cases found themselves unable to maintain their families. If a man had suffered loss of earning power as a result of wounds overseas, Mr. Pardee thought it was the duty of the state to assist him either by placing him on the land or by supplementing his earnings.

Again, when several communications from branches of the G.W.V.A. and other returned soldiers' organi-

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KOLCHAK ADVANCES AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI

Soviet Government in Moscow Appeals to Followers to Chase Denikine.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Advices to the state department today from Omsk told of a general advance of the Kolchak army against the Bolsheviki in western Siberia. No details were given, but officials of the department expressed the belief that Admiral Kolchak had improved his position. No credence was placed by officials in the Bolshevik report that Kolchak had decided to retire in favor of Gen. Denikine.

Soviets Issue Appeal.

London, Sept. 22.—The following appeal addressed to its followers has been issued by the Russian soviet government at Moscow:

"The Red armies have abandoned Kharkov, Bielostrof, Ekaterinodar, Tsaritsyn and Kiev, the counter revolution in the region of the Don is extending, and we have withdrawn from the region from which soviet Russia could receive coal and firewood.

"We need not fear Denikine (the anti-Bolshevik leader in the south). Workmen and peasants, you know how Kolchak advanced. We stopped him and now are pursuing him in the Ural region. We shall follow him still further into Siberia.

"Our weakness, as concerns Denikine, is in not having finished quickly enough with the drunken bands of Gen. Grogorieff. Those traitors have disagreed on our rear and troubled our front, while we, on the other hand, have not attached sufficient importance to the southern front.

"We did not take notice in time of Denikine's offensive. He who sleeps puts himself voluntarily into the hands of his enemies.

"Workmen and peasants, conquer the coal and the factories, which will give us the indispensable. Defeat Denikine and again the factory chimneys will smoke and the locomotives and trains of wheat will circulate."

Is No Rush by Citizens To Get on the Voters' List

Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 22.—There appears to be very little interest here among the people as to whether or not their names are on the voters' lists for the coming referendum. A sitting of the revision court was held this afternoon, but there was absolutely nothing doing and as a result there will be no session tomorrow. The final sitting will be held on Wednesday afternoon.

The court at Gage Avenue School, presided over by Martin Malone, will be opened all day Friday and Saturday.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM ADVANTAGE AFTER FIRST DAY'S SKIRMISH IN AMERICAN STEEL ENCOUNTER

Fear Struggle Faced Will Be Lengthy and Bitter One

Union Secretary Satisfied With Reports Received From Leaders—Employers Declare Men Sufficient to Operate All Important Mills.

By Associated Press

At the end of the opening day of economic war between organized labor and the greater part of the iron and steel industry of the country, both sides rested tonight, apparently satisfied with reports received from the far-flung battle line, reaching into twenty states and affecting directly or indirectly half a million workers.

After the first test of strength, industrial leaders and commanders of labor's legions were willing to admit that they faced a struggle which might prove long and bitter. Grim evidence of preparations made for the industrial conflict were seen in the armed guards surrounding all the mills, but the first day of the strike ended with no signs of disorder, except in Newcastle, Pa., where seven persons were shot in rioting following an alleged attempt to prevent workers from entering a plant.

Until the first smoke of battle rolls away, an accurate estimate of the number of workers who marched out in obedience to the strike order and the number who remained at their posts is not obtainable.

From strike headquarters in Pittsburg came claims that 284,000 men had taken their places in the ranks of the strikers, but altho no statement was forthcoming from the steel corporation's headquarters in New York, company officials in the zone of action hastened to challenge the estimate of labor leaders.

Canadian Press Dispatch.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 22.—The opening of the strike in the iron and steel industry of the United States found both sides in the bitter struggle claiming the advantage after the first day's skirmish. The Steel Corporation, against whom the brunt of the attack was made, was able to operate most of its plants in the Pittsburg district, according to officials of that concern. What tomorrow will bring they could not say, but they expressed confidence that in view of the fact that the steel workers did not cause a general tie-up, as was predicted in some quarters, they would have more men at work on the second day than the first.

The union leaders at headquarters of the national committee of the steel workers declared that they were highly pleased with the answer made by the thousands of organized and unorganized men engaged in the industry. William Z. Foster, secretary of the national committee, predicted that the intensive campaign to unionize the plants not only of the steel corporation but independents as well, would result in bringing many more thousands out on strike.

Answer to Strike Call.

Secretary Foster gave out figures based, he said, on reports received from union leaders in all steel districts of the country, indicating that approximately 284,000 men out of the half million engaged in the industry answered the strike call. In the Pittsburg district alone, he said, 71,000 men were out.

While corporation officials refrained from going into figures, their statements on the situation did not agree in any particular with the figures issued by Secretary Foster. It was claimed in some quarters that not more than 15,000 workers in this district answered the call. It was admitted by officers of the Carnegie Company, the steel corporation's largest subsidiary here, that some of the plants were short-handed, but that sufficient men reported on the day and night shifts to permit all of its important mills in the district to operate almost at one hundred per cent.

Blast Furnaces Crippled.

It was also admitted by steel officials that blast furnaces, which, they said, they had always regarded as weak spots, were in some instances badly crippled by a failure of enough men to report. Where this occurred the furnaces were banked and the men who reported were concentrated on other furnaces. No man was sent home, but was given something to do, if he cared to work, officials said. In the city of Pittsburg the steel corporation plants were fully manned, it was given out.

At Homestead, Duquesne and Braddock where the steel corporation has immense plants, there was a sharp conflict of claims as to the effectiveness of the strike. The Carnegie Company thru a representative, said that little difficulty was experienced in operating the works at those places. This was denied by Secretary Foster and organizers sent into those places. Mr. Foster claimed there were 9,000 men on strike at the Homestead works, the scene of several bitter labor struggles in years past. The company said this was not true as there were not many more men employed there than 2,000 and that the works was not crippled.

Mr. Foster said his reports showed 5,000 men idle at Braddock and 12,000 in all the plants at McKeesport and Duquesne.

There were many idle men noticed on the streets of Homestead, McKeesport, Duquesne and Braddock during the day, but whether they were largely strikers or men working on the night shifts could not be definitely determined.

Majority Foreign Born

According to officials of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company, that concern was but little inconvenienced by the strike today. There were a few defections, followed by a few more at the noon hour, but representatives of

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INQUIRY REVEALS STORING OF SUGAR

Manager Coca Cola Co., Winnipeg, Admits Firm Has Quarter Million Pounds.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Sept. 22.—Evidence submitted today to the Board of Commerce headed by James Auld, showed that the Coca Cola Company has at present 240,000 pounds of sugar in storage, while wholesalers and retailers cannot begin to supply the demand. Harry Whitla, K.C., stated he would wire Ottawa immediately in regard to this discovery.

Asked by Commissioner Auld if authority would be requested to seize the supply for distribution, Mr. Whitla stated that the facts would be brought before Chief Commissioner Judge Robson, and he would decide as to what would be done.

Clarence Rainard, manager of the Coca Cola Company here, testified that there were 240,000 pounds of sugar stored at the warehouse; that the company had released six or seven cars of sugar during the past six weeks to wholesalers to relieve the shortage. He said there had been no interruptions in the supply of sugar contracted for last January by his firm.

Causes Loss of Fruit.

A. MacDonald of MacDonald, Chapman, Limited, wholesale grocers, stated that his firm had received in the past three days three cars of sugar, which had been immediately shipped to meet a very small fraction of the waiting orders. Ten cars are needed to fill present orders and the witness declared the shortage of sugar has resulted in serious wastage of fruit.

ONTARIO ELECTION WRITS OUT TODAY

Ferguson Tells Ottawa Friends Date of Voting Draws Near.

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—Hon. G. Howard Ferguson of the Ontario government assured Conservative members of the Ontario legislature tonight that writs for the coming Ontario elections would issue tomorrw. It is understood that the election will be held on October 20, with nominations two weeks earlier.

When asked about the above despatch last night, Premier Hearst replied to The World, "I have nothing to say. I very much doubt it."

ELECT W. A. CROCKETT

Austin O. Smith is First Deputy Reeve—It Was an "Acclamation" Contest.

Hamilton, Sept. 22.—Barton township will not hold an election to fill the vacancies in the council. Today W. A. Crockett was elected reeve by acclamation, and Austin O. Smith was appointed first deputy reeve, after he and C. S. Bird had flipped a coin to determine which one would drop out. The procedure was agreed upon when R. J. Passmore, who was also nominated for the reeveship, failed to put in an appearance and qualify before Township Clerk Bryant.

Electing the above two members to the council by acclamation saved the township $250 election expenses.

UNIONISTS AT OTTAWA WILL HOLD CONFERENCE

Many Important Party Matters Will Be Considered in Effort to Clean Up Murky Political Situation.

Special to The Toronto World.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 22.—The political situation is more murky than ever. The prime minister is ill; two members of the cabinet are without seats in the house of commons; the portfolio of customs is still unoccupied; the minister of naval affairs is seriously ill and a number of by-elections are set for October 27. The session of parliament is drifting along without any real business being transacted and most people have an uneasy feeling that something startling is going to happen soon.

A caucus of Unionist members has been called for tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Much interest attaches to the conference as there are many subjects upon which the supporters of the government desire information. They want to know in the first place what is doing to carry the coming Dominion by-elections, and what steps are being taken towards forming a permanent Unionist party.

Borden's Illness Causes Unrest.

The continued indisposition of the prime minister is causing no little uneasiness. He is still transacting a good deal of business at his residence, but his absence from the house causes comment and has furnished excuse for a great deal of gossip. One story is that Sir Robert intends to retire from the premiership, and this naturally raises the question of his successor.

There is something like a boom on in favor of Hon. N. W. Rowell, but the friends of Sir Thomas White are numerous. There is even some talk of his being able to bring Sir Lomer Gouin and other prominent French Canadians into the government. La Patrie, an independent Conservative French newspaper of Montreal, suggests the possibility of a White-Gouin combination. In support of this proposal it is pointed out that the Liberals in Quebec are breaking up into factions. Sir Lomer is in the saddle at present, but he suffered a defeat at the national convention when Ernest Lapointe and Jacques Bureau helped to bring about the choice of Mackenzie King and the defeat of Hon. W. S. Fielding, who was Sir Lomer's candidate. The Unionist members will also ask for some statement about the Grand Trunk negotiations. It is understood that the government and the company have agreed to arbitrate, but the terms of the arbitration have not been settled nor any agreement signed.

Prohibition Coming Up.

It is also probable that the members will be consulted about prohibition. The Ontario Conservative members are opposed to any prohibition legislation at this session, on the ground that it will embarrass the Hearst government in the coming provincial election. Several of them state publicly that they will vote against a prohibition bill if one is brought down by the government.

Mr. Rowell is said to be strong for prohibition, and also for a bill to establish a purchasing commission for all the departments of the government. This second bill will also meet with much opposition from Ontario Conservatives. It was held up at the last session, when such strong government supporters as Messrs. Stewart of Lanark and Best of Dufferin spoke vehemently against it.

BIG LABOR CONGRESS GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS

Is Officially Opened and Passes Resolutions Favoring Home Rule and Clemency For Military Defaulters ---O. B. U. Condemned.

Hamilton, Sept. 22.—With nine hundred accredited delegates in attendance, more than double the number that attended last year's convention in Quebec, the thirty-fifth annual session of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress was commenced here today. Addresses of welcome took up practically the whole of the morning session, the delegates being greeted by Sir William Hearst, premier of Ontario; Hon. G. D. Robertson, minister of labor, and Mayor Booker of Hamilton.

In each of these addresses reference was made to the spirit of unrest prevailing in Canada, appeals being made to the delegates to exercise sound judgment and moderation when discussing industrial problems or others which affected the general public.

The real business of the congress was commenced at the afternoon session, when resolutions regarding the Irish question and the extending of clemency to defaulters under the military service act were under discussion. The former was moved by Delegate John Thompson of Montreal, and advocated "a full measure of home rule for Ireland." The committee on resolutions substituted "that Ireland be granted as full a measure of home rule as that enjoyed by Canada and other overseas dominions." Doubt was immediately expressed as to the advisability of the congress making a pronouncement on the question, while others held the opinion that the subject should not have been introduced at all. Finally, after a lengthy debate, the amended resolution was adopted by a small majority.

The question of clemency for defaulters and deserters also resulted in a protracted discussion, which at times became bitter as delegates spoke of their personal sufferings thru the loss of relatives at the front. Other delegates, however, maintained that labor was unalterably opposed to war and those who had consistently refused to fight had upheld one of labor's strongest principles. The committee refused to concur in the resolution and its recommendation was finally upheld by a very small majority.

A "get-together" gathering was held this evening in the I.O.O.F. Hall.

Applause for Gompers.

Mayor Booker, in his address of welcome, called attention to the great questions the delegates would be called upon to consider, urging them to do their utmost to allay the spirit of unrest prevailing at the present time. During the course of his remarks the mayor referred to Samuel Gompers, and the mention of the president of the American Federation of Labor evoked cries of "No" from a few members. The storm of applause drowned the cries of those who protested, however.

Premier Sir William Hearst, speaking on behalf of the provincial government, deplored the fact that such con-

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SMART TWEED COATS AT DINEEN'S.

Many of the smartest men in town have visited this new department of the Dineen Store, 140 Yonge street, and have been enthusiastic over the showing of imported overcoats for fall and winter wear. There are Bannockburns, Scotch tweeds, English tweeds and different diagonals in the lighter weights and blanket cloths and chinchillas. Naps and friezes in the heavier overcoats. The newest and fashionable features are introduced and each style is absolutely correct, and splendidly tailored and finished. Prices from $22.50 to $55.00.

Special sale of men's raincoats, $10.50 to $35.00.

Men's new fall hats, $3.95 to $8.00.

Tweed caps, motor caps, motor rugs at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance.