

ITALIANS MAY MAKE SEPARATE PEACE TREATY WITH GERMANY

Bridgeport Takes First Million Victory Loan

Crane Company Takes \$100,000—Walter B. Lashar Subscribes \$50,000 As First Installment—Pictures for High School and Casino—Theatre Work Begins Tonight.

With a subscription of \$100,000 from the local plant of the Crane company, announced by J. P. Collier this morning, and the purchase of a \$50,000 bond by Walter B. Lashar, the Victory Loan total for Bridgeport jumped to \$1,110,000 at noon today, with many large subscriptions promised, that will probably be recorded tomorrow.

The purchase of a bond by Mr. Lashar, was said to be only the first installment of his personal subscriptions, with purchases for the interests he represents to follow.

A business of \$510,000 was done yesterday by the boys who accompanied the camouflaged Whippet tank to this city, several city banks pooling together and purchasing bonds to the extent of a half million dollars. The remainder was obtained through subscriptions made by the onlookers at the Plaza site.

Another big feature has been arranged to boost the drive in this city. "The Price of Peace," an official moving picture of the United States Army Signal corps, taken on the battlefields of France, at the cost of several killed and wounded men, will be brought to this city for a showing on April 30 and May 1. A committee consisting of Howard Constock, James Gosgrove and Jerome J. Karpf, have been appointed to arrange for the showing here, and it was announced that it will probably be produced at the High school, and at the State street Casino. Music will accompany the pictures at all showings, as well as a member of the signal corps, who will speak in behalf of the loan, and tell some of the experiences of the boys at the front in making this remarkable picture.

The theatre speaking campaign will begin tonight, with William Stelzko at Polk's, Postmaster Charles E. Greene at the Igric and Lynn W. Wilson at the Plaza. A feature at the Park will be the sale of bonds by the chorus girls, and an address from the stage by "Tom" Murphy of the Burlesque Wonder show, production.

A big sidewalk rally in front of City Hall will be held on Saturday at noon with Lynn W. Wilson as the speaker. Mrs. Frederic B. Grannis will sing accompanied by L. A. Vernon cornetist.

Crowds In Italy Cheer Their Country's Demand

Soldiers Guard American, British and French Legations To Prevent Possible Outbreaks.

Rome, Wednesday, April 23.—(By The Associated Press)—An imposing demonstration occurred here today, paraders traversing the principal thoroughfares acclaiming Fiume and Dalmatia and cheering for Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino because of their attitude regarding Italy's claims at the Paris Peace Conference.

Rome, April 24 (Havas)—Addressing a throng that had gathered, Prince Colonna, the mayor of Rome, asserted that Italy's right to demand the fruits of her victory "would not have to be compromised by hypocritical combinations."

The Rome newspapers are unanimous in declaring that the Italian program as set forth by its delegation at Paris represented the minimum demands compatible with the dignity and safety of Italy.

The Italian press as a whole considers that the withdrawal of the Italian delegation from the Peace Conference is inevitable if Italy's aspirations are not to be recognized. Should this be the case, it is forecast in political circles that Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino will return and offer their resignations to the parliament, which will unanimously reject them, and that they will be confirmed in the tenure of their office by all parties, inside and outside of parliament, with a mandate to uphold what are considered Italy's rights with complete unity and by all means.

BOND BUYERS URGED TO GUARD AGAINST THEFT

Washington, April 24—Subscribers in Victory Liberty loan notes are encouraged by the treasury to buy registered instead of coupon notes to eliminate danger of theft or loss. In explaining this today, treasury officials said the desire of the treasury to issue registered securities wherever possible was emphasized in this loan because the registered notes carries only interest coupon for the December 15 payment this saving the treasury the expensive routine of sending out interest payment checks at that time.

Unofficial reports show that most subscriptions so far have been for coupon notes, which may be converted later to registered securities. Most subscriptions appear to be for the 4-5-4 per cent, partially exempt notes rather than the 3-5-4 wholly exempt securities.

The New England district today had 14 communities above the 100 per cent mark, including Rutland and Bennington. The Victory ship Marblehead was reported today at San Diego, Cal. From there the U. S. S. Crane will complete the race to New York with the speed determined by the nation's subscriptions.

U. S. TROOPS IN ITALY ARE FEW IN NUMBER

Paris, April 24.—(By The Associated Press)—American army officers here say there are virtually no American troops left in Italy, excepting a few railroad transport officers and military police. A detachment which recently sailed from Genoa received a most cordial farewell, it is said. Brigadier General Charles G. Treat is reported to be at Ljubich, Jugia Slavia.

ENGLISH PAPERS PRAISE WILSON; FRENCH CRITICISE

Paris, April 24.—As to the gravity of the peace conference crisis there are no two opinions in France today. There is agreement, also, that no stone must be left unturned to find a solution.

As to the causes, views differ widely. The more conservative opinion, as represented by organs which include the Figaro, is inclined to deplore President Wilson's action in making his statement public, as likely to do more harm than good.

Its evident object," the Figaro says, "is to transfer to the market place, negotiations and discussions much better carried on in calm and privacy. What was only a difference might thus be transformed into a quarrel."

M. St. Brice in Le Journal says: "This incident was the result of the manifold mistakes made by the parties. The Italians, he thinks, committed a gross blunder in publishing their claims in advance, thus eliminating all possibility of maneuvering."

It was a bad start which weighed heavily on the negotiations from the first," he continues, "and the discussions only accentuated the points of difference. The compromise plan left by President Wilson when he withdrew from the council of four on April 21 might have had some chance of success if it had been put forth by an independent arbitrator, but France and England could not very well endorse a proposal at variance with the treaty of London."

London, April 24.—"A document of decisive importance," the Manchester Guardian terms President Wilson's appeal. Asserting the question is one of applying principles, it continues:

"That is what gives to this great deliverance of the American president its supreme importance, a importance going far beyond any particular matter in controversy. x x x

"Let there be no mistake as to its significance. What the President says, he means. These are not merely words, they are an act."

The Guardian analyzes the Italian position in a sympathetic vein, saying it can perfectly understand Italy's feelings in a matter where historic tradition played so important a part, but it warns Italy against pressing historic claims too hard.

"After all," concludes the Guardian, "the support of America for a world peace is worth a good deal more than the security which any particular state could hope to derive from adding a strip to its own frontier."

The Liverpool Post fully endorsing President Wilson's statement, says his appeal was made "with the full privity and consent of Mr. Lloyd George, and adds: 'For not less than America, England lies under moral obligation to square every decision she takes in re-mapping the world with the axioms of peace in the fourteen points.'"

L. J. Standish Is Suing Trolley Co.

Declaring that his motor truck was badly damaged in collision with a trolley car, Louis J. Standish of 226 Olive street appeared before the common pleas court today to testify in his suit against the Connecticut Co. for \$2,000 damages. He said his machine was struck by the trolley car at Barnum and Summerfield avenues in October, 1917. Standish declared he was engaged in the trucking business at the time and lost money when his vehicle was being repaired. The trial was resumed this afternoon.

Demand For Labor Shows Much Growth

Washington, April 24.—Unemployment conditions throughout the United States are steadily improving, reports received from 3,417 representative concerns in 11 cities received by the United States employment service today show. Reports from these cities show 27 cities reporting a surplus of labor of 59,957 as compared with a surplus of 73,574 the previous week.

Conditions in the New England states, especially in Connecticut, for the current week, showed a marked improvement.

Finish the BUY JOB Victory Bonds

HOW THEY VOTED

On the bill to give the presidential ballot to women, which was defeated in the Senate, yesterday, 16 to 19, Bridgeport senators voted as follows: George B. Clark and Frederic A. Bartlett voted yes. A. L. DeLaney voted no.

BRIDGEPORT TO SEND MANY TO BOSTON PARADE

A large contingent of Bridgeporters, among the members of the 26th Division, who are now in this city, will leave for Boston on a special train at 7 a. m., tomorrow to attend the big parade of the Yankee Division in the Hub in the afternoon.

Practically every grandstand seat allotted to this city by the committee had been claimed this morning, and it is expected that the Park City delegation will make a good showing in Boston.

Mayor Clifford B. Wilson, who will sit in the official reviewing stand, will leave for Boston tonight. Other city officials will probably go tomorrow.

LYDICKSEN NOT BLACK HANDER

Captain Cronan Believes One of Lashar Bandits Entirely Innocent.

Daniel Lydickesen, the 19-year-old accomplice in the blackmailing attempt against Walter B. Lashar, was bound over to the Superior court under \$2,000 bonds by the City court this morning.

Efforts on the part of Lydickesen's counsel to question the jurisdiction of the Bridgeport City court failed. Judge Wilder found no grounds to base a plea to the jurisdiction and appeared to credit the contention of the city attorney that the crime was committed within the court's bailiwick.

Captain Edward J. Cronan of the Detective Bureau expresses his opinion that the boy is innocent of the charge and believes there is no connection in the relations of the boy with William J. Haggerty, the principal in the crime.

Haggerty was bound over by the City court last week without examination after the court was informed that detectives had arrested him after the demanded ransom.

Lydickesen claims that on account of the recent papering of his room he went out to get some fresh air and while strolling along Bruce street was told by some boys that there were some tramps hiding in the bushes nearby. The supposed tramps were police detectives lying in wait for the blackhanders who were expected to visit the mail box and get possession of the demanded ransom.

Lydickesen stopped and lit a match, peering into the bushes on the roadside in the vicinity of the mail box. These actions, he alleges, were mistaken by the police who supposed him to be an accomplice of Haggerty.

New York, April 24.—The steamer Aquitania, carrying the vanguard of the 77th (Liberty) Division—composed of drafted men from New York city and vicinity—arrived today from Great.

WELCOME TO BRIDGEPORT, DAVID

Everybody who travels the river road to Derby knows the big yellow mansion, at Putney center, in which David Boothe lives, and the big four dialed clock in the tower over the barn.

David is well-to-do and generous; also patriotic. When the Whippet tank came along, yesterday afternoon, David said: "Put the tank through its paces right here, and I'll do the right thing by Uncle Sam." The tank, gracefully disported on the spacers, Boothe greenward, and David took \$3,000 in Victory bonds, which was twice the total government asked of Putney. Then he subscribed \$4,000 more for the credit of Bridgeport, whereby hangs a tale.

David bought the clock, which is worth a great deal of money, and it told the time right merrily for all the public. Along came a Stratford assessor with a mean disposition, and put the clock on the tax list of the town, as if it were a luxury instead of a beneficence.

He kept the clock, but disconnected the hands.

When David Boothe has occasion to go abroad he generally arranges his itinerary to avoid Stratford Center. He doesn't exactly hate the sight of the place, but he does like Bridgeport. David will be welcome in Bridgeport when he makes up his mind to move in.

CLAIMS TO HAVE LARGE FORCES OF TROOPS READY TO SEIZE DISPUTED LAND

SENATE ADOPTS BILL FOR NEW LIGHTHOUSE HERE

Hartford, April 24.—A bill was adopted by the senate and rushed to the house, by which the governor will release to the federal government, the state right in a piece of land near Seaside Park, Bridgeport, for a lighthouse, which will replace a beacon light which has been removed by a change in the inner breakwater in that harbor.

AMERICANIZATION FOR WEST SIDE Foremen Have Opportunity to Serve Their Country in Necessary Work.

Preparations have been completed for the meeting at the High school auditorium at 7:45 p. m., tonight, of the superintendents, employment managers and foremen of all of the factories west of the Pequonnock river in the interest of the work of the Americanization committee.

The speakers will be Director Wheaton of the State Department of Americanization, Dr. Archibald C. Campbell and Lieut. Robert F. Bradley, Secretary of the local Americanization committee.

Mayor Wilson will preside. Alvin C. Breul will lead the victory double quartet, made up of:

First tenors: Messrs. Thomas Smithson, Walter Smith, Howard Nettleton, second tenors, Messrs. Charles Williams, Leslie Huggins, Albert Osman; first bass, Messrs. Ernest East, Ellis Lundberg, Alvin Hesel; second bass, Messrs. Fred Estlin, A. W. Martin, Fred Lyon, Ralph Friesdorf, Harry Butterworth.

Community singing will begin at 7:45 and continue for 15 minutes. The speaking will begin promptly at 8.

The experts on Americanization all agree that no one in the Community can do as much in assisting the non-English speaking to go to our night schools as the foremen under whom they serve.

The Americanization committee will greatly appreciate it if the executives of the factories would attend the meeting and show their interest in Americanization.

Freedom Resolutions Sent to Delegation

Resolutions adopted by the Friends of Irish Freedom, at the mass meeting in Park theatre, April 20, have been forwarded to Washington for transmission to President Wilson, and to the delegation from the Irish Race Convention, Frank P. Walsh, Hon. Edward F. Dunne and Michael J. Ryan, now at Paris.

The resolutions assert that the meeting "will hold the war to have been fought in vain without result if America's ideal of self-determination shall be denied to Ireland alone among all the submerged nations that are striving to reach the surface and live their own national life in their own way."

Holds \$522 And Wants Court To Decide Its Owner

Holding \$522 and being uncertain as to whom it should be paid, Morris Szolozoy of this city has started a friendly suit against Morris Forkosh and Abraham Mandelbaum of this city in the Common Pleas court, in which action he asks the court to decide who is entitled to the money.

Forkosh and Mandelbaum sold a store at 299 Pine street a short time ago and the \$522 in question is part of the proceeds which were turned over to the plaintiff to hold. Both Forkosh and Mandelbaum are claiming the money. Szolozoy says he has no interest in the matter but wishes the court to enjoin the defendants from taking proceedings against him and to protect him against any further liability.

HELD FOR INTOXICATION.

While in his "cups" James Harvey of 81 Broad street attempted to pawn some clothes at a Water street brokerage last night offering to accept the small sum of \$1.50 for his wares. "Uncle" refused the bargain whereupon Harvey used physical force. He is being held on a charge of breach of the peace while an investigation into the ownership of the clothes is being conducted.

Premier Orlando and Fellow Delegates Plan to Quit Conference Today—Allied Heads Confer and Persuade Orlando to Postpone Departure Until Tonight.

(By The Associated Press) Italy will withdraw her delegates from the Peace Conference. This is the answer of Premier Orlando to the statement of President Wilson. The Italian leader says that Italy has no other course.

A military member of the Italian delegation declares that Italy has prepared to move 200,000 men into the territory east of the Adriatic. Half of this number will occupy the northern Dalmatian region and the vicinity of Fiume. The other troops will take possession of the Dalmatian and Adriatic territory given Italy in the London treaty.

The Italian delegation is supported in its attitude by King Victor Emmanuel, who urges no recession from its standpoint. The whole question will be laid before the Italian parliament which will be called to meet in a few days. Meanwhile, it is reported in Paris, Italy will leave her interests in the care of her Allies.

Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau continue their efforts to prevent a complete rupture, which appears certain by today's developments. The premiers have not yet answered the letter of Premier Orlando asking if they thought it would be useful for the Italians to participate further in the conference.

President Wilson and the French and the British premiers held their usual forenoon meeting today. What was to be discussed was not made known.

Reports are current in Paris that should the Italian break become definite, Italy might seek a separate peace with Germany.

Paris, April 24.—After Premier Lloyd George's visit to Premier Orlando it was stated that the Italian premier had postponed his departure from Paris until 8 o'clock this evening.

Paris, April 24.—Italian military forces will occupy that part of Dalmatia and other Adriatic territory named in the pact of London with about 100,000 men, it was stated today by Captain Pozzi of Premier Orlando's staff. A similar force, the captain added, would be sent to the northern region and around Fiume.

Premier Orlando's course in the meantime, Captain Pozzi says, would be to convoke parliament in special session and secure from that body the passage of a measure providing for the annexation of the Dalmatian and other eastern Adriatic territory given to Italy by the London agreement, and also of Fiume.

Reports have been received, the captain added, that a military demonstration by the Jugo-Slavs at Spalato was contemplated, in which event the Italians would take proper counter measures.

Rome advices report an imposing demonstration in that city in support of Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino, during which the American, British and French embassies were guarded by troops "to avoid possible incidents."

Paris despatches late last night declared that President Wilson's statement had the approval of Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau.

The arrival of the German peace delegation at Versailles has again been delayed, it being announced today that the Germans will not be on the scene of the peace congress until May 1. It is declared that this additional delay is not unwelcome to the Allied and associated governments as it gives them many more points which still must be cleared up before the final draft of the treaty is ready for presentation. The Italian crisis will

'Phone Operators Confer Today With Co. Officials

The adjustment boards of the telephone unions of Bridgeport and Hartford are in conference with the officials of the Southern New England Telephone company at New Haven. At 10 o'clock this morning the demands of the unions were presented to the officials of the company and discussion of the demand that the

nine operators from Bridgeport and Hartford be reinstated has occupied the time of the conference. General Traffic Manager Frank L. Moore of the company stated yesterday that the operators would not be reinstated. The operators voted last week to strike if the operators were not reinstated.

Faculty Awards Medal in Hartford

Hartford, April 24.—The faculty of the Hartford Theological Seminary has awarded the William Thompson fellowship for graduate study to Moses Bailey of Portland, Maine, a senior. He is a graduate of Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., class of 1914. The fellowship brings an income of \$700 a year and is good for two years.

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