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Democratic Caucus.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Unless President Wilson brings strong pressure to bear, the democrats of a house probably will override at a party caucus early next week, the emergency revenue bill, proposing the taxation of railroad freight. Opposition to this feature of the bill became so strong among the rank and file late today that a sufficient number of signatures were obtained to call a caucus, and present plans are to hold a party confab Monday or Tuesday night.

At this caucus Representatives Kitchen and Garner, members of the ways and means committee, will lead a movement to defeat the freight tax

TRIPLE ALLIANCE IS BROKEN UP

Italy Has Refused to Join Germany and Austria in the Present War in Europe.

REAL REASON IS SECRET

Three Powers Had Agreement Which From 1882 up to Present, Had Prevented War.

[By Henry Wood, Rome Correspondent of the United Press.]

ROME, Aug. 29. (By mail to New York.)—After having effectively preserved the peace of Europe, at least according to its supporters, for the past thirty-two years, the triple alliance now is no more.

As yet no formal dissolving of the pact has taken place, nor is it probable that there ever will. The thing, however, that is even more effective to that end is the fact that neither Germany nor Austria, at least in the minds of all Europe, will ever be able to forgive Italy the fact that she did not take up arms with them in what they were pleased to consider their hour of need.

Whatever, therefore, may be the final outcome of Europe's greatest war, the first and one of the most important results, unquestionably will be the end of what Bismark considered his greatest stroke of statesmanship.

It was in 1832 that the great German statesman succeeded in effecting the alliance. Germany had recently wrested Alsace and Lorraine from France; Austria had been given the military occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the new kingdom of Italy had just succeeded in taking Rome from the popes and making it the Italian capital. All three of them wanted to hang onto their spoils and all three of them were afraid that, alone, they couldn't do it.

The basis of the alliance was that the three powers guaranteed each other mutual help in preserving their territorial integrity. To insure that they might be able to do this, each of the three powers guaranteed each other a certain sized army and to construct a certain sized fleet, the combined strength of which would make it impossible for any other power to begin territorial aggressions. This part of the agreement each one of the three nations has lived up to. The contribution of its share has all but ruined Italy industrially, but the three powers have never failed to assert that it was this sacrifice alone on their part that from 1832 till 1914 prevented any great European war.

As regards Italy's failure to take up arms with Austria and Germany in the present war, the real truth probably never will be known. Italian diplomacy, unlike that of England and Germany, never makes known any of its secrets or motives. It acts and the Italian people must accept without question or protest.

On the surface of things, however, Italy refused to join in the war on the grounds that the terms of the alliance did not impose on it that obligation. The text of the triple alliance was never made public but it is understood that the three powers were pledged to help one another only in case one of them was attacked by an outside power with the intention of violating its territorial integrity. Italy took the position that the present war had its origin in Austria's aggressive and not defensive action against Serbia, and that Italy, not having been consulted regarding this, could not be held in any way responsible for the whole train of wars and evils following.

In any event, for once at least the Italian government acted in harmony with what was the wishes of its people. The triple alliance, however necessary it was Austria alone that stood between them and liberty. The fact that Austria still holds Trieste and Trente—as dear to the hearts of Italians as Alsace and Lorraine to the French—does not set well with the Italian people either. Unquestionably the attitude of the people had something to do with the government's decision. To have ordered the Italian army to take up arms in defense of Austria would have been to provoke an internal war. To have sent the Italian soldiers against France would have been folly, as the French and Italians are linked by chains of sentiment that are far stronger than any treaty ties with Austria. The Italian government took this into consideration, too, it is believed.

Another factor in Italy's action was the fact that the country is still staggering under the burdens involved by its war in Tripoli. Another war, no matter what the outcome, would spell nothing but ruin for the country.

Italy, it is believed, would not have shared in the spoils to any great extent if it had joined Germany and Austria and they had won. The involved territory all lies along the borders of Germany and Austria and they likely would have kept the most of it for themselves.

BRYAN DELIVERS GREAT PEACE SPEECH

Says Present Convulsions in Europe Are the Death Throes of Militarism.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 12.—"The convulsions" through which Europe is now passing are but the death throes of militarism. With this statement Secretary Bryan today again expressed his confidence of the establishment of universal peace. He made the principal speech at the closing ceremonies of the Star Spangled Banner centennial celebration here, representing President Wilson.

"Accompanying the development of freedom has come a change in the type of courage which man has manifested," said Bryan. "There has been a constant growth in the spirit of brotherhood. During these years our flag has been most gallantly streaming. Sometimes in the rocket's red glare the son has imitated his sire in willingness to maintain with his life if necessary the authority for which it stands. But the war era has ended in the United States and is drawing towards its close in foreign lands. The convulsions through which Europe are now passing are but the death throes of militarism. We are entering upon a new stage in which a freedom given a new interpretation and bravery finds new forms of expressions. The doctrine of divine rights of kings has been discarded to no purpose. If the right of man does not lead to man's elevation, he has become his own master that he may not become brutal or brutal but become free to develop the best in him. Let no one think the texture of our manhood will be of lower quality when its strength is no longer tested by the stress of war. There is as much inspiration in a noble life as in a heroic death. "As the world is drawn closer together in the bonds of universal brotherhood, may the colors of our flag stimulate the struggling, hoping, hosts of man to the impulses that are most noble to the service, that is largest, and to the achievements that are most enduring, as in friendly rivalry they advance through each generation to higher grounds."

No Peace Talk Wanted.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Despite reports from Washington that there is an unofficial movement on foot there to end the European war, there are no evidences from either London or Paris that the governments there would even consider any plan to end the war at this time. The correspondent of one of the biggest English papers cabled the Washington report to his paper Saturday night. He received in reply a notification that such "news was a waste of cable tolls." He was told that tentative peace plans and suggestions at this time were speculation that could have no basis in fact.

Friday night speaking for the British government first lord of the British admiralty, Winston Churchill declared there could be no compromise until Prussian militarism had been completely crushed and he declared England was planning to put a million men in the field in France.

Noted Horseman Dead.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEWPORT, I. L., Sept. 12.—Jas. B. Hagen, veteran financier and horseman died at his summer home tonight. He was 87 years old. He had been in poor health since his arrival here last June and for the last two weeks Mrs. Hagen was constantly with him as she realized that he could not recover. Hagen was born in Harrodsburg, Ky., and made most of his money in copper mining. He began breeding horses on his ranch at Del Paso, Calif., but later bought the Elmford stock farm in Kentucky, the finest stock farm in the country. A record of the noted horses he bred would take the entire volume of the stud book. Among them were Salvator, Miss Woodford, Fernal, Yum Yum, Kinley Mack and Ben Holiday. His fortune has been estimated as high as \$50,000,000 but exact figures are not available.

THE WEATHER

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Weather forecast: Illinois: Increasing cloudiness followed by rain Sunday, Monday probably rain; strong east and southeast winds increasing. Iowa: Rain Sunday; Monday cloudy and cooler. Missouri: Showers Sunday, Monday showers and cooler.

Local Observations. Sept. 12 7 a. m.—30.10 55 E P.C.T'd'y 12 7 p. m.—30.00 65 SE C'd'y River above low water of 1864, 2.5. Change in 24 hours, fall 1 foot. Mean temperature, 62. Lowest temperature, 53. Highest temperature, 75. Lowest temperature Friday night, 54. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

THE WANT COLUMN

- WANTED. WANTED—Dressmaking at 607 Pal... WANTED—Women for window dem... WANTED—Position by lady in store... WANTED—Position by experienced stenographer... WANTED—Four experienced men so... WANTED—Housekeeper, middle aged... WANTED—High class man to sell... WANTED—Traveler, age 37 to 50... WANTED—Boy 16 years of age... WANTED—Boy wants work after school... WANTED—A wash woman for Monday or Tuesday morning... FOR RENT. FOR RENT—Four rooms with bath... FOR RENT—Modern six, seven, eight room houses... FOR RENT—5 room house with barn... FOR RENT—Seven room house and barn... FOR RENT—Two houses furnished or unfurnished... FOR RENT—Nicely furnished modern front room... FOR RENT—Nicely furnished room... FOR RENT—Sixteen room house... FOR RENT—Nicely furnished sleeping room... FOR RENT—Five room house, modern except heat... FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms... FOR RENT—6 room house, Iowa and Oregon Ave... FOR RENT—Seven room house, all modern except furnace... FOR RENT—House of 4 rooms... FOR RENT—Six room house and six lots... FOR RENT—Good barn... FOR RENT—Small complete furnished house... FOR RENT—Ten room house, all modern... FOR RENT—Nos. 213 and 213 1/2 North Sixth street... FOR RENT—5 room house, gas, full lot, barn... FOR RENT—Four rooms furnished for light housekeeping... FOR RENT—Two 5 room houses... FOR RENT—Lower flat, five rooms and bath... FOR RENT—604 North Fifth street... FOR RENT—A furnished room to employed lady... FOR RENT—House of seven rooms... FOR RENT—Store room, 820 Main St... FOR RENT—Two rooms, Fourth and Cedar... FOR RENT—Cottage on Johnson street... FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms for light housekeeping... FOR RENT—206 North Twelfth street... FOR RENT—House of seven rooms... FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, ground floor... FOR RENT—Six room house, newly papered and painted... FOR SALE. FOR SALE—Pony, buggy and harness... FOR SALE—Rosewood guitar... FOR SALE—Two pointer pups... FOR SALE—Hard or soft coal heater... FOR SALE OR ON THE SHARES... FOR SALE—Kitchen range, base burner, wood heater... FOR SALE—Three lots on Leighton avenue... FOR SALE—A Quick Meal range... FOR SALE—Two corner lots... FOR SALE—Radiant Home No. 18... FOR SALE—Hooster kitchen cabinet... FOR SALE—The brick and wood work... FOR SALE—Golden oak combination buffet and china closet... FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—An unimproved farm... Many Good New Things.