

Italy Honored by U. S. When Steamer Piave Is Launched

Countess Macchi di Cellere, Wife of the Italian Ambassador, Christens 9,600-Ton Vessel at Kearny Named After River Where Diaz's Men Hurlled Back Invaders

KEARNY, N. J., Sept. 7.—The first step to cement the good will of the Allies toward America on the seas, in war and peace, was taken to-day, when the Emergency Fleet Corporation's 9,600-ton steamship Piave, christened in honor of the Italian nation, was sent down the ways in the presence of a distinguished gathering of American and Allied military and diplomatic representatives.

More than 5,000 riveters and shipbuilders, who had stopped work in honor of the launching, together with their families, gathered about the platform. They cheered themselves hoarse as the Countess Macchi di Cellere, wife of the Italian Ambassador, broke a bottle of champagne across the vessel's bow and sent it plunging into the waters of the Passaic on schedule time, the flags of the United States and Italy flying from her head.

General Diaz Cables Greetings

That the naming of the ship for the river on which Italy's historic victory was won last year had found a warm response in the hearts of the fighting sons of Italy was evidenced by a cablegram from General Diaz, commander of the Italian armies. The message, read by the Italian Ambassador from a platform draped with the flags of the Allies, said:

"To the good ship Piave, christened by the noble American nation after the river of the Italian victory and the redemption of the whole Italian army, fighting on its well-defended line and ready to move forward to fresh battle for the triumph of the common cause, the army sends its most heartfelt greetings. DIAZ."

To foster this feeling of good will, a complete report of the christening ceremonies, together with the speeches made by Count di Cellere and Governor Woodridge of New Jersey, will be cabled abroad and read to the Italian armies in the field.

Message from Hurley

The report will include the following telegram from Chairman Hurley of the United States Shipping Board, received here just before the launching:

"Italy's valiant part in the world's struggle against ruthless autocracy is brought vividly to mind at the mention of the Piave River. No more fitting name could be given to a ship that is to do its share in defeating plans of the enemy who has thus far failed to break through the strong defenses thrown along this historic stream. We Americans may well feel honored in christening one of our bridge of ships the Piave—that river that personifies so much the fighting spirit of Italy."

Brilliant Crowd Attends

The members of the Piave Committee, with Mrs. William Jay as chairman, met the guests of honor at the Ritz-Carlton, in New York, at 9 o'clock, and came here by motor, going directly to the launching stand. Women well known in society, diplomats and military officers in brilliant uniforms tramped alongside sturdy American simulators in scaled overalls and jumpers, and neither group felt out of place.

Just before the launching little Miss Dorothy Ivelin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ivelin, presented Countess di Cellere with a sheaf of flowers containing the Italian national colors. After Governor Edge and the Italian Ambassador, introduced by Robert Mc Gregor, superintendent of the Federal Shipbuilding Company, had spoken briefly, the American and Allied guests repaired to the administration building, where a luncheon was provided. It was noticeable here that Count di Cellere ate standing and chatted with an American civilian, and that after the luncheon the two nations were carried even to the repeat, for lobster salad and spaghetti were served together.

Governor Edge Speaks

Governor Edge aroused the enthusiasm of the crowd when he said: "One is doubly impressed by the fact that we are here to christen the steamship Piave, a name which will live forever in America and in all democracy as the greatest of all demonstrations to Italian courage and resourcefulness. I hope that this great ship, with its great name, will be of as valuable service to civilization and its need as has the all-important victory of the Piave of the Italian forces."

"I am inclined to the belief that Uncle Sam should take the American business man into his confidence and trust him to utilize the merchant marine after the war in such a way that it will again carry the flag to the seven seas of the world and there, forever, maintain it not only as the symbol of commercial supremacy, but also of business integrity, trade honesty and international justice and democracy."

In the brilliant gathering at the launching stand were the following members of the Piave Committee: Baron E. De Cartier, Minister from Belgium; Sir Lowther and Lady Grant; General White, Professor Etienne Cadourin and Mrs. Cadourin; Mrs. Herman Duryea, the Rev. Dr. William T. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ivelin, Mrs. William Post, Princess Eugenia Ruspoli and Pierre Mail, the Portuguese Consul.

Shipworkers Pledge Their All at Launching of the Osakis on Staten Island

ARLINGTON, S. I., Sept. 7.—To the cheers of 5,000 persons standing in a drizzling rain, the 7,500-ton steel ship Osakis built for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, was launched this morning at the plant of the Downey Shipbuilding Corporation here. Miss Priscilla Wing, of Brooklyn, christened the new cargo carrier.

A representative of the workmen presented a set of 21 All-Flag flags. William Wallace Downey, master of ceremonies, in accepting them Mr. Downey asked the men to pledge themselves to devote all their brains, work, money and

Hog Island Lacks Men; Can't Keep to Schedule

Promise of 48 Ships by January 1 Too Big, General Manager Piez Announces

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7.—Simultaneously with encouraging reports of progress in the Hog Island shipyard to-day came information that there is scarcely any hope of the plant delivering the ships promised for 1918.

"It doesn't look possible that Hog Island will fulfill its schedule of forty-eight ships delivered this year," said Charles Piez, vice-president and gen-

eral manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. "To carry out that programme the plant would have to have 35,000 skilled men today."

"We are much gratified with the improvement that has been made, but the promise of forty-eight completed ships before January 1 was too big."

Lieut. D. E. Dunbar, Harvard Honor Man, Killed in Action

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Sept. 7.—Lieutenant Donald E. Dunbar, of this city, honor man at Harvard University and a student at Cambridge University, England, and graduate of Harvard Law School, has been killed in action, according to an announcement received here to-day. He was cited for bravery by Major General C. R. Edwards in July. He was with the 101st Infantry.

T. R. and Archie, Jr., Entertain U. S. Troops

OYSTER BAY, Sept. 7.—Captain Archibald Roosevelt was not on hand this afternoon to greet twenty soldiers from Camp Mills as the guests of his father, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, and the honors had to be done by his lusty five-months-old baby boy, Archie, Jr., and the youngster when introduced voiced his opinion by cuddling into his grandfather's arms and trying to pull off his glasses.

Captain Archibald, who has been invalided home, was compelled to go to New York City for treatment, and the Colonel said that he was extremely sorry, as he would have liked to have his son meet the soldiers. The

soldiers, members of a machine gun battery, sat under a tree with the Colonel and the baby. All petted the youngster and the Colonel took him in his arms. After this introduction the soldiers were taken about the grounds and then into the famous trophy room, where the former President explained the many skins of animals and gifts. After tea the Colonel bid the boys goodby, and as they started off in their machine the cheer could be heard "Hit them high, hit them low, machine gun battery, let's go."

Gatti-Casazza Hurt

Giulio Gatti-Casazza, manager of the Metropolitan Opera House, was cut on the head and face by glass last night when his automobile collided with a machine owned and operated by Anthony Stansbury, 498 West Forty-

fourth Street, at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-eighth Street. The impresario's car was driven by John A. Mayer, 275 West 117th Street, his chauffeur, and in the other automobile was Mrs. Stansbury, who was also cut on the nose and cheeks when the windshield of the machines were shattered. Neither of the cars was travelling fast.

Price of Sugar To Be Advanced a Cent a Pound

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Consumers will pay at least one cent a pound more for sugar after the present stock is exhausted, under the new wholesale price announced by the sugar equalization board. The new price is nine cents f. o. b. seaboard refining points for granulated, less 2 per cent to refiners, compared with the existing price of 7 1/2 cents.

No Morgan & Co. Reply Bankers Considering McAdoo Interest Statement

At the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co. yesterday no reply was made to the statement issued by the Director General of Railroads William G. McAdoo charging that the Morgan firm had asked 9 1/2 per cent interest for one year to renew an issue of \$15,000,000 Chicago & Western Indiana notes which defaulted on September 1. Thomas Cochran, one of Mr. Morgan's partners, said that a statement might be issued soon, but he added that this would be determined after a conference with the head of the firm.

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Fasso Corsets in the latest models have just been received from Paris. There are a number of styles to select from, and these are shown in a choice assortment of designs and materials. Their simple, tasteful adornments render them especially appealing to the woman who appreciates the minor niceties of dress.

Fashionable Fur Garments (Third Floor)

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Smart Wool Suitings and Coatings

for Autumn and Winter are the feature of special interest in the Wool Dress Fabrics Department, on the First Floor.

Without conflicting in any degree with the Government regulations as to the conservation of wool, the assortments assembled for selection are unusually large and comprehensive, embracing every fabric and color destined for fashionable usage during the coming months. Included are silk-back, velvet-finish duvetyn; velours de laine and silvertone velours; Scotch cheviots and plaids; tricotines, Poirot twills, serges and broadcloths; embroidered serge and voiles; polo cloth, beaver and other fur cloths, and velour coatings.

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(short length, pique sewn) at \$1.45 per pair

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(all hand-made lace) will be on Special Sale to-morrow exceptionally priced at \$7.50, 9.00, 10.50 to 25.00 each (Lace Draperies Department, Fourth Floor)

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