

NITTI APPEALS FOR U. S. AID IN ADRIATIC

Premier Calls on American Friends to Sustain Italy's 'Righteous Claims.'

NATION SOLID AND SAFE

D'Annunzio's Raid on Fiume Is Viewed by Senators as Not at All Harmful.

By the Associated Press.
ROME, Monday, Dec. 8.—Premier Nitti, speaking before the Senate to-day on the reply to the speech from the Throne, made special reference to his recent statement, in which he called upon the American people, as friends of Italy, not to oppose Italy's righteous claims in the Adriatic. "I told the bare truth to the American press, through the Associated Press," he declared, "in saying we entered the war for high sentiment, human justice and also for the defence of great national ideals."
The Premier expressed the conviction that the institutions of Italy are solid and safe, but it was none the less true, he said, that the present hour was extremely difficult for all nations. It was indispensable for the reconstruction of the country to forget all discords and unite in a programme of activity. All must hold fast and give a sense of strength and solidarity, for if the smallest fraction of the Italian race was separated from the mother country the war had been lost.

"It is an exaggeration to consider Italy in an almost desperate condition," he continued. "Despite grave difficulties in some of the Italian cities, we are one of the countries which has commenced work again. Strikes and disorders exist in all countries of Europe, and also in America, which was least injured by the war. On the eve of a most important financial operation I declare that our financial condition is one of the most solid in Europe. I am firmly convinced that for years Italy will be able to

fortify her national economy. It is essential that our word be the word of confidence; that we should have neither weakness nor want of faith."
The Premier expressed the assurance that a revolution was not impending in Italy. "I protest," he said, "against the campaign abroad tending to represent Italy on the eve of a revolution. The conditions relative to public order are not different here from those prevailing in the majority of the countries of Europe. All necessary measures have been taken by the Government."
Senator Mazzotti declared that the speech from the throne should contain the programme of the Government, which was not the case this time. It comprised only vague expressions, and no ideas or broad vision of the present Italian situation at home or abroad.
Allusion to the redeemed territories, he pointed out, embodied no special greeting to Trent or Trieste. There was absolute silence on the Fiume question, but the Senators, as good Italians, await anxiously the decision on the fate of Fiume.
Senator Mazzotti did not believe that D'Annunzio's enterprise had injured the cause of national aspirations.
"If occupation of Fiume by D'Annunzio had not occurred," he continued, "the Italian troops would have been removed from Fiume and replaced by soldiers of the Allies. Those who participated in D'Annunzio's expedition disobeyed military discipline, but obeyed a great ideal and would return to fight for the mother country if need be."

Senator Deceptis also expressed the opinion that the D'Annunzio raid had not hurt Italy, adding:
"Indeed, the Allies are now in accord with us in finding a solution satisfactory to our national sentiments. D'Annunzio's movement cannot have a bad influence on the discipline of the army. The danger for the army consists rather in amnesties during and after a war. In the case of a new war who will be able to keep soldiers under the colors when they know that amnesty for deserters will follow the war?"
Senator Roland Ricci suggested that Parliament be associated with the Crown in the conclusion of treaties and the right of amnesty.
The reply to the speech from the throne was unanimously adopted. Premier Nitti's allusion to Italy's important financial operations referred to the proposed loan of two billion of dollars.

LONDON-AUSTRALIA FLIGHT NEAR AN END

Capt. Smith May Soon Finish \$40,000 Contest.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN and the Public Ledger.
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LONDON, Dec. 9.—Capt. Ross Smith is expected to arrive in Australia in a few days, completing his 12,000 mile flight from London for the \$40,000 prize offered by the Australian Government. Capt. Smith reached Batavia, Java, at the week end and continued on for the last 1,670 miles of his flight to Port Darwin, Australia. His nearest competitor, Lieut. Paulet of the French army, was only a few hours behind him in leaving Bangkok, Siam.

News reached London to-day that Capt. Smith had arrived at Blma, Dutch East Indies, 915 miles from the nearest landing place on the Australian coast. This distance, comprising volcanic islands and uncharted seas, is the most dangerous but final lap of his air voyage. Despatches to the Sydney Sun stated that Smith intends setting out on this last stage Wednesday morning.
Surprising adventures were encountered in Java. Near Surabaya Smith was compelled to land by engine trouble and became heavily bogged. He rounded up 200 blacks from neighboring villages and made them dig out the machine and cut thousands of bamboo, constructing a bamboo track over the bog. He then taxied over this to get into the air.

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NIXON ORDERS IN CLASH WITH HARDIN

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of the strike and the resumption of coal shipments. It was said, the first consignments would be sent there, and not to New York. But even considering this it was held that by the end of next week the fuel supply here would be nearly normal.
The definite statement was made that pending the settlement of the strike no orders checking illumination would be issued here, and that should a strike settlement be reached there would probably be no orders anyway. The Regional Directors had superseded the Fuel Administration in dealing with the matter, it was said, and at present shutting off of light was exactly on the same basis as the restriction of the use of gasolene on the "gasless Sundays" in the summer of 1918—entirely a matter of personal volition.

Nixon's View of Situation.
Mr. Nixon took an entirely different view. The Railroad Administration had asked Gov. Smith to cooperate with it and to name some official to enforce the Jarfield restrictions, and the Governor had named Mr. Nixon, it was said. Mr. Nixon held that the putting into effect of the edict was not discretionary but mandatory, and thereupon published it in the form of an order.
"Having been designated by Gov. Smith to handle the coal situation in his district," said Nixon's statement,

"immediate steps were taken to promulgate the order of the Fuel and Railroad Administrations. While hardships will result from the application of this order, I am sure there is a general and public spirited acceptance by the people of this city of the fact that action is for the common welfare."
"All parts of the country are affected, and certainly the public of this vicinity will cheerfully make the same sacrifices of comfort and interest as those of other sections. The easiest and best way in which coal can be saved is pointed out in the order."
The order sent out by Mr. Nixon is the same as regards details of conservation as that made public in Washington Monday night. He explained that the Second District Public Service Commission, with headquarters in Albany, would handle the situation up State. A supplementary statement issued from Mr. Nixon's office during the afternoon said:
"While very reluctant to do so, but feeling there was no alternative in view of the serious coal emergency, Commissioner Nixon to-day gave permission to the Interborough and the B. R. P. to reduce lighting on cars one-third. The question of lighting of stations will be taken up later."

GOULD'S DECREE SUSTAINED.

Paris Court Overrules His Wife's Plea in Divorce Suit.
PARIS, Dec. 9.—The decree of divorce obtained by Frank J. Gould of New York from his wife, Edith Kelly Gould, was sustained in judicial proceedings here to-day.
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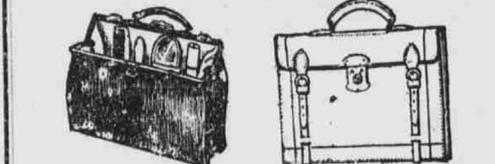
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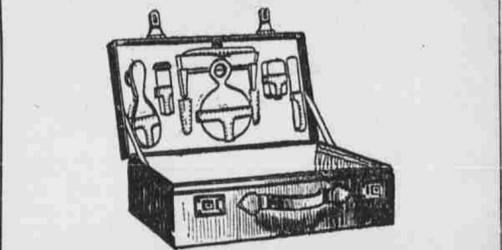
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