

ITALIANS SEEK TO SHARE IN CHINESE LOAN

Refusal Predicted with Economic Situation Given As Reason.

DEAL NOW UP TO CHINA Consortium Considered a Feather in Cap of U. S. State Department.

By JOHN HEARLEY.
Italy has asked to join the Chinese consortium. The present members are Japan, France, England and America.
A refusal of the Italian request is predicted. Italy's economic condition is advanced as the reason.
In the existing group, Japan and America alone have sufficient money for making loans to China. The consortium shares of England and France apparently will have to be taken or guaranteed by American bankers.

Italy's finances are as disordered as England's and France's. As a consortium associate, she, it is believed, would prove merely one burden more.

The four governments—the Japanese, the French, the English and the American—have agreed on the consortium. Banking groups, representing the four powers, have also come to an agreement.

Submit Plan to China.
The consortium is a great feather in the State Department's diplomatic cap. Breckinridge Long, Third Assistant Secretary of State, is most entitled to wear the millinery. He had charge of the negotiations for the State Department at this end.

Report has it that the proposed financial plan has already been submitted to the Chinese government. The consortium is expected to be functioning within the next few months.

Thomas W. Lamont returns from the Far East early in June. He has been on a mission to Japan and China for the Anglo-Franco and American banking groups in the consortium.

Lamont scored a victory for the consortium idea both at Tokyo and Peking against vigorous Japanese or pro-Japanese opposition. When Tokyo failed to upset the proposal, the pro-Japanese clique at Peking was unsuccessfully used to attack it.

Opposing this phase of that phase of the consortium, Japan has held up its execution for two years. Only recently has she modified the claim that she had exclusive economic privileges in Manchuria and Mongolia.

Naturally, the Chinese see the possibility of the consortium's interference with the financial freedom of the Chinese government. There was such a fear inspired by the old consortium and there is such a fear, inspired by the new one, too.

Chinese Welcome Consortium.
The consortium could name just terms, to which China might

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ALLIES MASS TROOPS TO BATTLE SOVIET

London, May 25.—The war in the East between the Allies and the Bolsheviks is about to begin in earnest. The Daily Sketch learns tonight that soviet troops have occupied Rasht, the big silk and cocoon center in Northern Persia.

British troops are hastening to check the southward drive of the soviet forces. French and Indian troops have been landed at Batum, the big oil pipe line terminus on the east shore of the Black Sea, 440 miles due west of Baku, which is in Bolshevik hands.

Rasht lies 205 miles south of Baku, while the distance between Rasht and Téhéran is 150 miles.

D'Annunzio Finds Affinity, Asks Divorce

(Washington Herald-Cross Atlantic Service, Special Cable Dispatch.)
Milan, May 25.—Gabriel D'Annunzio, who has fallen desperately in love with a Venetian pianist by the name of Lucia Bacara, according to the Neapolitan newspaper, *Giornale*, has appealed to his wife for her consent to a divorce that he may marry his affinity.

How the poet's wife views this latest manifestation of this artistic temperament is not known here.

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He Spots Forged Checks for U. S.



LOUIS A. HILL.
Over 350 cases of forgery in government pay checks have been nipped by Louis Albert Hill and his magnifying glass in the past year. Hill is assistant chief of the Engraving Department and an expert on handwriting.

HOOVER URGES BIGGER CROPS

Warns of Food Shortage Unless Waning Production Is Checked.

(Public Ledger Service.)

A constructive policy of agricultural readjustment formulated by a commission of highly trained farmers and experts on economics and finance is necessary to check decreasing production, inadequate marketing facilities and unfair margins of profit between the producer and the consumer, Herbert Hoover declared in a letter made public yesterday by Representative Carl A. Riddick, of Montana.

Mr. Hoover said the tide of decreased production must be stemmed or the United States may be dependent upon overseas food supplies. He took occasion to deny the charge that the Food Administration was unfair to the farmers during the war.

Action looking to the development of a constructive policy in the interest of the farmers was urged by Mr. Hoover to prevent the farmer bearing the brunt of the deflation that is bound to occur soon. His letter to Mr. Riddick follows:

Text of the Letter.
115 Broadway,
New York City,
May 22, 1920.

Hon. Carl A. Riddick,
Chair of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Riddick:
I beg to acknowledge your letter of May nineteenth asking for my views as to practical measures to insure better returns to the farmer for his labor and investment, and also calling my attention to a letter read in the Congressional Record by Senator Gronna from some gentleman of your State, repeating some old fictions about the farmer and the Food Administration during the war.

Real Problem Today.
"The real problem today is to change the drift in the agricultural industry from the direction it has taken since the last harvest. Our agricultural production is decreasing, and unless we can stem this tide of decrease we shall soon be dependent on overseas food supplies. We have so far developed no con-

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PRINCESS' DAUGHTER COMING BACK TO U. S.

(Washington Herald-Cross Atlantic Service, Special Cable Dispatch.)
London, May 25.—Mrs. John W. Mackay, for many years one of the leaders of Anglo-American society here, has sold her palatial house, Carlton House Terrace, and intends returning to the United States permanently the end of the year.

She is the last daughter of Princess Colonna. Her only surviving son, Clarence Mackay, is head of the Postal Telegraph Company.

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OBREGON SEEKS BANDIT VILLA'S EARLY CAPTURE

Rebel Cavalry and Artillery Ordered to Attempt Trapping Outlaw.

HURRYING TO HILLS

Crafty Mexican Has Several Hours' Start on "Constitutionalists."

San Antonio, Tex., May 25.—Approximately 1,000 rebel cavalry and artillery were ordered by the Obregonistas at Torreón today to entrain at once for Sierra Mojado, in an attempt to trap Francisco Villa, multi-outlaw, at a small pass in the Palomas Mountains. Reports of the latest activity of revolutionists against the notorious bandit were received here this afternoon in wireless messages to parties well informed on the Mexican situation. The Obregonistas are under the command of Gen. Guajardo.

According to the advices, Villa is making a record march overland with Muzquiz, Coahuila, his objective. The crafty "Mexican fox" is known to have had several hours' start over the "Constitutionalists" and it is thought in Junta circles here that he will reach Muzquiz before the Obregonistas can head him off at the pass. Only a small garrison is said to be in command at Muzquiz, and its fall is expected momentarily here.

5 Masked Men Rob Jewelry Store in N. Y.

Bandits Make Getaway in Stolen Automobile After Terrorizing District.

New York, May 25.—Five masked men entered a jewelry store at Broadway and One Hundred and Fifth this afternoon, terrified four employees with revolvers, seized trays with watches, bracelets and diamonds worth many thousands of dollars and made a clean getaway in a stolen automobile. It was the most daring daylight robbery that has taken place here since the crime wave that followed the armistice. The store robbed is in the heart of the business district in the upper West Side. Scores of men, women and children rushed toward the place when they heard shots from within as the robbers were returning to the automobile, but retreated when members of the gang drew revolvers. Not a policeman was in sight as the car speeded down Broadway and turned into a cross street.

The shots inside the store were fired by an employe as the last of the robbers went out of the door. The robbers donned their masks while passing through a vestibule into the store.

Jury Awards King Of England \$52,575 From N. Y. Brokers

New York, May 25.—A jury in the Supreme Court today awarded a verdict of \$52,575.47 to King George of England against Ernest Harrah & Co., Wall Street brokers. The British government sued in the King's name to recover damages for the defendants' failure to deliver all of 25,000 tons of scrap iron according to a contract made on February 19, 1917. The King asked for \$175,000.

The scrap iron was intended for Italy. Great Britain being sponsor for the necessary credit. Shipping facilities became so bad that it was decided to divert the order to a factory in Youngstown, Ohio. A dispute arose over the quality of the scrap, payment was refused, deliveries were held up and the suit was a result.

(Public Ledger Service.)

Ohio Ice Cream Coming in Plane To White House

President Wilson will be served tonight at the White House with ice cream made this morning in Cleveland, O.

An airplane carrying several gallons of the frozen dainty in an iceless receptacle will "hop off" with three passengers from Cleveland this morning at 11 o'clock, arriving at Bolling Field late in the afternoon.

Several gallons will be sent to the White House, and the rest will be served at a banquet at Rauscher's tonight which will be attended by representatives of leading ice cream manufacturing concerns.

The plane will be tested at Bolling Field by experts from the Bureau of Standards who have manifested considerable interest in the new iceless cream preserver.

(Public Ledger Service.)

WILSON PLAN FOR MANDATE AROUSES IRE

Members of Congress Express Bitter Opposition To Armenian Idea.

"IMPOSSIBLE"—BRYAN

Unlikely Matter Will Be Considered at Capitol At Present Session.

Opposition to President Wilson's request to Congress for authority to accept a mandate for Armenia grew more intense yesterday.

Senator Lodge, discussing the President's letter with a representative of the Armenia Relief Committee, declared flatly:

"That is something that Congress will never grant."

William Jennings Bryan, immediately upon his arrival in Washington, made public a statement in which he said:

"Any mandate is impossible."

Chairman Porter, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, told the representative of the Armenia Relief Committee he was unalterably opposed to the mandate.

House Leaders Oppose It.
Democratic leaders in the House stated there is considerable opposition on their side in Congress to the mandate proposal. They added that no effort will be made to force early action.

Hearings will be started by the House committee today, Chairman

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Morgan Offers London Home To U. S. Minister

President Transmits Proffer Made Year Ago to Congress for Approval.

J. Pierpont Morgan has offered to turn over to the United States as a free gift to the government his house in Hyde Park, London, to be used as a residence for the American Ambassador. The house is situated at Nos. 13 and 14 Prince's Gate and was the residence of Mr. Morgan's grandfather and father.

President Wilson transmitted the offer to Congress yesterday in a letter in which it was explained that the wish of Congress was sought as to the acceptance of the property. Although Mr. Morgan made the offer in a letter to the State Department on May 24, 1919, exactly a year ago, this is the first time that it has been brought to the attention of Congress.

Occupied by War Workers.
At the time the offer was made the house was occupied by British war relief workers, and Mr. Morgan stated that it would not be available for use by the American Ambassador until January 1, 1920. On April 24, of this year, he wrote again to the State Department, stating that the house was vacant and a reply was desired as to whether or not the United States would take over the property.

Secretary Colby transmitted the correspondence to President Wilson with a memorandum to the effect that "Mr. Morgan has recently expressed a desire to learn the intention of the government as to the acceptance of his offer."

Mr. Morgan's Letter.
Mr. Morgan's original tender of the property, as made in letter of May 24, 1919, in part follows:

"For many years it has been evident to me that it is desirable that the United States should own residences for its Ambassadors in the principal capitals of Europe. This house, though not of a size to accommodate the offices of the Embassy as well as the Ambassador's family, would I think, be a very suitable residence for the Ambassador and is in a part of London sufficiently near the Embassy offices to be convenient for his use.

(Public Ledger Service.)

BERGDOLL PLOT TIP IS DENIED

Baker Says No Army Officer Received Advance Information.

Developments yesterday in the circumstances surrounding the escape of Grover C. Bergdoll, convicted draft-evader, in Philadelphia last Friday while under military guard contained so many cross and counter-charges that hardly a statement that has been made so far in the case is without an accompanying denial.

Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, said that he had again learned something about the Bergdoll case—in which he now, contrary to his position of Saturday, admits responsibility—through the statement of the Department of Justice that officers of the military intelligence division had been warned three weeks before his escape that the Bergdoll family was endeavoring to so arrange matters that the slacker could "skip the country."

"No army officer in Washington knew of or received the warning," said Mr. Baker.

Mr. Baker refused, as he said, "to speculate" of the matter at all, and stated that he had no idea where the report might have been received or what was done with it, or why it was not acted on.

Protest Westcott Statement.
Samuel T. Ansell and Edward S. Bailey, Washington attorneys for Bergdoll, said that the warning "was probably regarded at the time, even by present witnesses, as not worthy of notice."

Messrs. Ansell and Bailey also entered an emphatic protest to the statement of Judge John W. Westcott that he had never been associated with the case.

The reward for Bergdoll was increased \$1,000 by the offer of the attorneys of that amount to the person giving any information that would lead to the apprehension of the slacker. A total of \$4,050 is now on Bergdoll's head.

Tells of Lowden Campaign Costs

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WOLCOTT WINS IN DELAWARE

Wrests Political Leadership From Ex-Senator Sausbury at Convention.

Dover, Del., May 25.—United States Senator Josiah O. Wolcott wrested political leadership from former Senator Willard Sausbury when the Democratic State convention, by a vote of 117 to 68, elected Mr. Wolcott Delaware's member of the national committee, which position Mr. Sausbury has held for twelve years.

Dr. Dorsey W. Lewis, of Middletown, who nominated Mr. Sausbury, moved that the election be made unanimous, but Michael Donlin, a labor delegate from Wilmington, objected. For the sake of Democratic harmony both candidates had been urged to withdraw. Wolcott was willing, but Sausbury declined.

The following were elected delegates to the national convention: William Coyne and Eden E. Frazer, Newcastle County; Josiah O. Wolcott and Benjamin A. Hazel, Kent; William Allen and Harland M. Joseph, Sussex.

By a vote of 9 to 5, the committee on resolutions refused to put a suffrage plank in the platform. An attempt in the convention failed because it was adopted after the platform had been made official.

DANIELS SAYS FISKE MADE HIM WEARY

Secretary Daniels yesterday attacked Rear Admiral Bradley Fiske, whose retirement he forced some years ago, during the investigation by the Senate committee of the Daniels-Sims controversy.

Fiske, Daniels said, "is a monumental egotist who wearied me to the point of exhaustion."

Chairman Hale expects to finish the investigation within a few days.

Hoover Workers Active.
The chief business of the convention was to certify the indorsement of Gen. Leonard Wood as the choice of Maryland Republicans for President of the United States and the

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Senators Relax as Lighter Side of Political Game Is Exposed—Reed, of Missouri, Fails in Attempts to Bespatter Herbert Hoover—Testimony Shows His Fund of \$62,000 Was All in Small Donations.

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Early Beginners Will Have Advantage In Sharing Distribution of \$23,000 Offered by Herald in Free Club Contest

This should be starting time for all those who care to join the Salesman's Club and test their selling ability in obtaining subscriptions for Washington's most progressive newspaper—The Herald. Every subscription turned in will go to every active nonprize-winning member of the Salesman's Club.

Special—Awards—Extra.
The early beginners, of course, have an advantage, as there are two extra cash awards offered for

one of them a car any man or woman would be proud to own.

Besides the seven grand capital awards there are fifty-six cash awards, eight of \$100 each, eight of \$50 each and forty of \$25 each; and 10 per cent cash commission will go to every active nonprize-winning member of the Salesman's Club.

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WITCHES' LOAVES

MISS MARTHA MEACHAM kept the little bakery on the corner (the one where you go up three steps, and the bell tinkles when you open the door).

Miss Martha was 40, her bank-book showed a credit of \$2,000, and she possessed two false teeth and a sympathetic heart. Many people have married whose chances to do so were much inferior to Miss Martha's.

Two or three times a week a customer came in in whom she began to take an interest. He was a middle-aged man, wearing spectacles and a brown beard-trimmed to a careful point.

He spoke English with a strong German accent. His clothes were worn and darned in places, and wrinkled and baggy in others. But he looked neat, and had very good manners.

He always bought two loaves of stale bread. Fresh bread was 5 cents a loaf. Stale ones were two for 5 cents. Never did he call for anything but stale bread.

She possessed two false teeth and a sympathetic heart.

For the rest there were gondolas (with the lady trailing her hand in the water), clouds, sky and chiaro-oscuro in plenty. No artist could fail to notice it.

Two days afterward the customer came in.

"Two loafs of stale bread, if you please."

"You have here a fine picture, madame," he said while she was wrapping up the bread.

"Yes," says Miss Martha, reveling in her own cunning. "I do so admire art" (no, it would not do to say "artists" thus early) "and paintings," she substituted. "You think it is a good picture?"

Often now when he came he would chat for a while across the showcase.

He took his bread, bowed, and hurried out.

Yes, he must be an artist, Miss Martha thought the picture back to her room.

How gentle and kindly his eyes shone behind his spectacles! What a broad brow he had! To be able to judge perspective at a glance—and to live on stale bread! But genius often has to struggle before its is recognized.

What a thing it would be for art and perspective if genius were backed by two thousand dollars in bank, a bakery, and a sympathetic heart to—but these were day-dreams, Miss Martha.

many people use it for the complexion.

One day the customer came in as usual, laid his nickel on the showcase, and called for his stale loaves. While Miss Martha was reaching for them there was a great tooting and clanging, and a fire-engine came lumbering past.

The customer hurried to the door to look, as any one will. Suddenly inspired, Miss Martha seized the opportunity.

On the bottom shelf behind the counter was a pound of fresh butter that the dairyman had left ten minutes before. With a bread knife Miss Martha made a deep slash in each of the stale loaves, inserted a generous quantity of

butter, and pressed the loaves tight again.

When the customer turned once more she was tying the paper around them.

When he had gone, after an unusually pleasant little chat, Miss Martha smiled to herself, but not without a slight flutter of the heart.

Had she been too bold? Would he take offense? But surely not. Butter was no emblem of unmaidenly forwardness.

For a long time that day her mind dwelt on the subject. She imagined the scene when he should discover her little deception. He would lay down his brushes

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By O. HENRY