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OFFICIAL COUNTY AND CITY PROCEEDINGS

ITALY'S CLAIM TO FIUME

Italy's claim to Fiume, which is threatening the peace conference, on grounds of nationality, are considerably better than various other claims which unlike this are based on the treaty of London. In the city proper a majority of the people speak Italian, and in 1914, only a few months before the war, archeological evidence was brought to light showing Fiume to have been an "oppidum" or fortified town of the ancient Romans. It is noteworthy that socialist leaders in Italy who have opposed some of the imperialistic claims based on the secret treaties have on the other hand urged Italy's claim to Fiume.

This may help to explain the reported action of the Italian delegation in threatening to withdraw from the peace conference if Fiume is not given to Italy. Probably the deadlock over the conflicting claims of Italy and Jugoslavia is not so alarming as an ultimatum of this sort might suggest; the discussion of the problem of the Adriatic has not gone so far as other negotiations with which the conference has been occupied and there are no doubt many suggestions still to be offered. The chief objection to assigning Fiume to Italy is that the claims based on the treaties are also carried out, it would be a menace to the economic freedom of the new states beyond the Adriatic.

Excessive claims, neither justifiable nor calculated to promote peace have been advanced on both sides in this Adriatic quarrel, and a compromise is essential. It should be possible to find the basis for it in the numerous possible ways in which the allies can help Italy. If the Italian delegation insists on the hour of the treaty, those of the allies which imposed in the hour of stress a dubious agreement may find it impossible to refuse. But obviously in that case they will be quit of any further objection.

Italy cannot both stand on the letter of the bond and go beyond the letter. If it should insist on claims simply because they were in the treaty it could not claim in all its other aspirations were rejected simply because they were not in the treaty. Italy like other countries cannot have it both ways, and the more magnanimous way may prove the better even from the point of view of "sacred egoism." We may hope that a satisfactory solution will still be found.

MARINES PAID A BIG PRICE

It has been said of the United States Marines: "They are wonderful publicity agents, but can they fight?" No question can be more readily or more satisfactorily answered. The Marines, fighting against heavy odds, sent eight thousand men into the fighting near Chateau Thierry with the second division last June to stop the German thrust at Paris. Of this number, all members of the Fifth and Sixth Regiments of Marines, 126 officers and 5,073 men were either killed or wounded before the brigade was relieved. While in this action the Marines took Lucy le Boege, cleaned up Belleau wood and finally captured the important town of Buresches.

The marines were without any question the best trained soldiers that Uncle Sam sent overseas. No a single man was provided opportunity to fight in France unless he was a qualified rifleman and had completed the intensive training. The officers of the marine corps were men of fighting blood who did not know the meaning of the words quit or retreat. All marines were instilled with that same wonderful spirit.

It can be truly said of the United States marines, just as they state in their attractive placards which have been the reason for so many American boys enlisting in the corps, that they are "first to fight," and that they fight "our nations battles on the land as on the sea." The Marines have a long record of battle victories and their corps is deserving of all the praise that our patriotic people have given to their wonderful achievements. They are considered to be one of the world's best trained and most efficient military organizations.

Every genuine American should buy Victory bonds to the limit of his capacity to pay for them. For so doing there are two chief reasons: one the patriotic reason, the other the personal reason. The first is that the government has called for the amount of the loan because the money has been spent thereby creating a debt which we are pledged to pay. The second reason, the purchase of bonds from a personal standpoint, is this: These bonds are the most attractive and offer more privileges than any of the previous loans. They carry a high rate of interest and are for a short term. If you have not subscribed for your allotment, do it today. Help Bemidji and Beltrami county go over the top.

There is, no doubt, a very widespread feeling that with the Kaiser a large number of other men deserv to be tried for the crime of bringing on the world war. Guilty as the Kaiser is, in a moral sense, it is absurd to think of him as the only one bearing responsibility for the many battles that have been fought. A trial of the Kaiser, however far removed from an impartial or legal procedure, might be an excellent departure from previous international practice if it should establish a precedent that in later times could be broadened and applied on a comprehensive scale.

Officials of the Crookston Lumber company are to be commended for the spirit they are showing in maintaining wages on the same scale as last year. The fact that labor is considered and could easily be secured for lower wages is not identified by them, and they have announced that high wages will be paid until conditions are materially changed and living necessities can be secured at considerable lower cost.

President Wilson's home coming is not to be one of confined joy, for the demand that Burleson be removed before he wrecks the party is closely followed by an attack upon the war department, under Secretary Newton D. Baker. And there are, of course, several other matters of trivial consequence which will call for the prompt attention of our president during the remaining months of his administration.

ENGLISH TO BE WORLD LANGUAGE

Subject Arouses Considerable Discussion Among Frenchmen of Learning.

FRENCH IS SECOND CHOICE

Germans, Knowing French Language Was Inadequate as World Tongue, Boosted Artificial Languages, Such as Esperanto.

By LLOYD ALLEN.
(Western Newspaper Union Staff Correspondent.)

Paris.—It's beginning to look as if English will be the world language of the future—with French as a close second choice and with German running a poor third.

This discussion of a "world language" which is occupying considerable attention around Paris, reveals among other things a strange chapter of German duplicity and trickery. It now seems certain that the Germans, knowing the German language was inadequate as a world tongue, tried their best to get the world to think favorably of certain "cooked-up" languages—made to order things—as it were, in order to prevent French or English from being considered as the legitimate world languages.

These artificial tongues, such as Esperanto, which was probably the best known to them, in America at least, were fairly numerous and each one was given some sort of an odd name. They were called Esperanto, Ido, Nov-Latin and several other queer-sounding names. Naturally enough there were a few people in nearly every country that took up these tongues and learned them. But at best the languages were, and are, and are unequal to the great task assigned them—the task of becoming a world tongue.

An International Language. Paul Mielie, a French scholar, a college professor who holds the chair of English at the Lycee and who is a well-known promoter of international education, is authority for the foregoing remarks about Esperanto and German. His brochure on the subject of a world language has attracted considerable attention in France and England recently.

While some political economists are talking about the establishment of an international currency that will bring its face value all over the world, and while others are talking of a kind of international government that will prevent future wars, of international control of the drug traffic, and several more "internationalized" subjects, including international welfare, the Frenchmen of learning are discussing the international language of the future. And they admit, modestly enough, that English will probably be the favorite as a world tongue, because English first of all is the best known and most widely spoken language of business and mercantile transactions in the world today.

Acknowledging that English is bound to be the favorite the French professors claim their own language will naturally take second place in preference to German.

Possibly the Germans some years ago foresaw the coming popularity of English and French and the consequent shoving of the German language into third place in the race, because it was before the war even that the "kultur crusade" for popularizing Esperanto and Ido and the other artificial languages started, according to Mielie.

English and French. Briefly, it is Mielie's idea and the opinion of other noted French and English scholars that the world needs two languages for its future welfare—English and French.

While there was a lot of speculation some years ago about finding a universal tongue, such as Esperanto, we had as living languages in this world of ours the two tongues that completely filled all requirements. There was really no need for inventing a new language.

There has been a kind of official adoption of the idea that English and French shall be the world languages of the future in the fact that proceedings at the peace conference have been conducted in these two languages. The procedure has been cumbersome, it is true, but it has been possible for practically all of the delegates to understand everything that takes place in the way of speech making.

The French clique of educators promoting the plan of making English and French the common international tongues want the peace conference, or the league of nations, to perpetuate the procedure of the peace conference and make both tongues the official languages for conducting the business of the league of nations.

Semiofficial communications have been addressed to the various governments that were lined up against Germany, and to many officials of all these governments recommending the plan. Numerous senators and deputies have gone on record as favoring the scheme.

Costly Peep. New York.—The floorwalker said Miss Margaret McBride had a man in her room. She said there wasn't. The floorwalker looked. The peep was worth \$50,000, according to her suit against the Vanderbilts hotel management. No man was in the room.

AT THE THEATERS

BARBED WIRE ROMANCE.

A beautiful flower greets on the other side of the fence. Robert Carr, chivalrous Southern gentleman, wished to get it for his charming fiancée and crawled under the fence. It was of the barbed wire variety. He got caught and tore a long hole in his riding breeches. This disaster so embarrassed the young man that he hesitated to go to the rescue of a young woman whose horse was running away. The opportunity was seized by another and the hero, too shy to explain, is branded a coward, and later a traitor, by his sweet-heart.

The novel and thrilling manner in which the young man redeemed himself makes "Fighting Through," showing for the last time in this city tonight at the Grand theatre, a swiftly moving tale of romance and adventure, and offers E. K. Lincoln one of the best roles of his career. The story was not only written by W. Christy Cabanne, but also directed and produced by him.

AT REX TODAY.

In addition to Jean Dawn, who is drawing large audiences to the Rex theatre, the feature film "Life's Greatest Problem," will be shown today and tomorrow. Mitchell Lewis is featured. The announcement of this extraordinary engagement, is another evidence that Manager Brinkman appreciates the fact that the good people of Bemidji are extremely discriminating as to the class of entertainment they like, and that it is his desire to give them the very best money and brains can produce. "Life's Greatest Problem" is one of few truly big productions of the day, and it would not take a prophet to forecast that it will prove a tremendous attraction during its run here.

NEW LEADING MAN.

Henry Woodward, who plays the leading male role in "The Mystery Girl," Ethel Clayton's new Paramount picture which will again be shown at the Elko theatre tonight, is a young actor who has come to the front recently because of excellent work. He came to the films after gallant work in aiding his country, and curiously enough, he plays a part that offers a parallel to his own experiences, for Captain Barnes in the story is an officer, who is ordered home through temporary disability. Mr. Woodward has been seen in important roles in recent Paramount and Artcraft pictures.

ELKO TOMORROW.

Montagu Love, popular motion picture star, has a striking role of great dramatic force in "The Hand Invisible," the new World picture which is scheduled for showing on Friday at the Elko theatre.

ADVICE TO SOLDIERS.

Obedience, a cool head, a clean rifle and a sharp bayonet will carry you far. How Soldier Peat found this to be valuable is shown in "Private Peat," the big Paramount-Artcraft special which will be displayed at the Elko theatre Saturday and Sunday. Added attractions are "Fatty" Arbuckle in "The Village Scandal," and Mr. Mauritz with the orchestra each evening.

SCOURGED BY TYPHUS

Whole Towns Are Wiped out in Poland.

Pitiful Tales of Distress and Suffering Told by the Red Cross Mission.

Washington.—Pitiful tales of the distress and suffering throughout eastern and southeastern Poland have been brought to Warsaw by members of the American Red Cross mission who have just returned from an eight-day tour of inspection during which they covered 1,500 miles and distributed food, clothing and medicines in 20 cities and numerous villages, according to cable advices to the Red Cross headquarters here.

Everywhere they found typhus, which had practically wiped out whole towns. Smallpox and trachoma also were prevalent, epidemics threatening because sick and well are herded together in many homes.

In many of the isolated villages starving peasants lined the roadside and begged for food. For weeks they had been living on an imitation bread made from potato peelings, dirty rye and the bark of trees, but the supply of even these ingredients had been exhausted.

PROPOSAL OF EXTENSION OF SANITARY SEWER.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned to be opened before the city council of the City of Bemidji, Minn., at a regular meeting to be held at 8 o'clock p. m., April 28th, 1919, for the construction of approximately 190 feet of ten inch sanitary sewer extensions with one man hole complete, for Minnesota avenue.

Plans and specifications on file in the office of the city engineer or city clerk.

Certified check in the amount of 10 per cent of amount of bid should accompany the same.

The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

GEO. STEIN, City Clerk. Dated Bemidji, Minn., April 17-24, 1919.

It is sometimes better to try and fail than never to have tried at all.

ALASKA SEALS BRING MILLION

Lifting of Ban on Killing Enriches Coffers of the United States Treasury Department.

Washington.—Uncle Sam now receives about \$1,000,000 annual revenue from his Alaska fur seal service, according to a statement by H. M. Smith, commissioner of fisheries of the department of commerce.

For several years the killing of seals was stopped by law, but by an act of congress in 1917 it was resumed to a limited extent, the last year under vigilant official supervision. Under the new methods only the surplus males are killed.

The herds off the Pribiloff islands are estimated to be made up of about 525,000 seals, and the number killed during the last year was about 35,000. The skins after being prepared for use were sold at an average of \$50 each.

SIGNS 20 CHECKS AT A TIME

Mechanical Device Aids War Risk Bureau in Handling Immense Business.

Washington.—The war risk bureau now is issuing checks for allotments, allowances, insurance and compensation in the same months that they fall due.

Announcement was made that 1,062,366 checks were mailed in March, representing a total of \$39,148,323.05. Since the bureau's establishment, nearly \$419,000,000 has been paid out.

A mechanical device by which 20 checks are signed with an actual pen signature at one time has been installed to assist in handling the enormous volume of business transacted by the bureau.

RENEWS HEALTH AND ENERGY

People who have poor appetite, bad color, indigestion and biliousness are usually victims of constipation. Constipation causes an enormous amount of sickness. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, taken before going to bed, will relieve your constipation, restore your appetite, and bring the glow of youth to your cheeks. You will work better and live happier. A large package (only 35c), will put you on the road to health and happiness.

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Neolin Soles have none of the shortcomings of other soles. They do not burn or crack under conditions such as these—nor do they wear out quickly under the grind of abrasive materials. They are made by Science to be especially tough and durable, will stand the roughest kind of usage and so wear longer and save money. Moreover, they are comfortable and water-proof.

You can get them on new shoes in many styles for men, women and children—or as re-soles. They are manufactured by the Gcodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, who also make Wingfoot Heels—guaranteed to outwear all other heels.

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He will
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Photograph taken
In uniform
Before he
Puts it away
And that
Hakkerup
Photographs
Please her
The best.

HAVE YOU HAD IT ? ? ?
When your back is broke and your eyes are blurred, and your shin bones knock and your tongue is furred, and your tonsils squeak and your hair gets dry, and you're doggone sure that you're going to die, But you're skeered you won't and afraid you will, Just drag to bed and have your chill, And pray the Lord to see you through, For you've got the "Flu", boy, you've got the "Flu".

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