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ITALY IN GRIP OF REDS

Nation-Wide Price Slump Started; President Defies Congress' Orders

FORD MOTOR CAR REDUCTION IS FOLLOWED BY WAVE OF DECREASED PRICES IN MANY VARIED LINES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The action of the Ford Motor Car Company of Detroit this week in establishing pre-war prices on all products manufactured by the company apparently has started a general price reduction which officials believe will permanently affect the cost of living throughout the country.

Price reductions of fifteen to thirty per cent in woolen goods were announced today by the Cleveland Worsted Mills Company of Cleveland, Ohio. The announcement gave the lower price of raw material as the reason for the reductions.

Lumber prices at Toledo, Ohio, tumbled today when officials of the Cooperative Ready Cut House Company, announcing a twenty per cent reduction in the retail price of their product, admitted that Ford's action instigated the decrease.

From Syracuse, N. Y., came an announcement that the Franklin Motor Car Company had lowered prices from 17 1/2 to 21 1/2 per cent but that wages would not be reduced.

Yesterday Sears, Roebuck & Co. and Montgomery-Ward Co., big Chicago mail order houses announced cuts in the prices of many lines handled.

Austria to Ask Removal of Barriers on German Union

VIENNA, Sept. 24.—Removal of the prohibition against the Union of Austria and Germany will be requested of the council of the League of Nations at the meeting that body will hold in Paris in November. Dr. Carl Renner, Chancellor of the Austrian republic, announced in an address at Innsbruck.

"The League of Nations," he added, "is the refuge of the Imperialist idea, however, and as long as imperialist France plays a leading role in its policies, we shall obtain little. We can obtain nothing at all by violence, so we must have patience. Annexation to Germany must and will come about, for the whole proletariat body desires that union and is prepared to fight for it."

Fall Rush to Alaska in Full Swing; Ships Leave

SEATTLE, Sept. 24.—The annual fall rush to Alaska is now in full swing. Boats are leaving here almost daily with big loads of freight for all northern points. The Victoria left yesterday for Nome on her last trip of the season with a heavy cargo of freight. The freighters Redondo and Santa Ana also took big cargoes north.

The Jefferson and Spokane have sailed for Southeastern Alaska with heavy freight shipments and both expect to bring south many passengers and big loads of cannery products.

SEATTLE, Sept. 24.—The Spokane sailing at ten this morning carried twenty two passengers. Juneau passengers are Mrs. L. Kaludovic, Fica Kaludovic, Jos. Kaludovic, Lawrence Kaludovic, George Shaw, Mrs. M. Porter and child, Y. A. Watson and one steerage passenger.

Rent Strike Is Planned By 2,000,000 Londoners

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The movement to organize a rent strike as a protest against the high prices arranged by the National Union of Ex-Soldiers is stated to be making progress says The Times. The union is at present engaged in getting people to sign pledges that they will cease to pay rent on the issuance of the strike proclamation until prices are down by four shillings on the pound. The number of pledges required has been provisionally fixed at 2,000,000.

91st Division Will Hold Reunion at Seattle Sunday

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 24.—Silent prayer for the 1,500 Gold Star men who went overseas with the Ninety First Division and never returned, will be given at a reunion of the division members here Sunday, Sept. 26.

Three Chaplains of the Division, Rev. Jeremiah Galvin of the 393rd Infantry, Rev. George B. Lascombe of the 347th Field Artillery and Rev. Stephen S. Brown of the 348th Field Artillery will participate in the memorial services.

Governors of all the Western States which sent men to form the Division at its training grounds at Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., have been invited to attend the reunion.

Over 20,000 veterans from all parts of the West are expected to attend. The reunion will be held on the second anniversary of the opening of the battle of the Argonne in which the Division received its baptism of fire.

Chile Planning to Export 3,000,000 Tons of Nitrate

Foreign demands for nitrate of soda chiefly used as fertilizer, is expected to amount to 3,000,000 tons during the nitrate year which began July 1, reports G. H. Jones, President of the Association of Nitrate Producers. Production of Nitrate is this country's most important industry.

Exportation by the Producers' Association in the calendar year of 1919 amounted to 915,400 tons against more than 2,000,000 tons shipped abroad in 1918. But from January to July, 1920, exportation reached 4,481,200 tons—the highest figure hitherto recorded in a like period. The report estimates the producing capacity of the association companies at 3,000,000 tons while that of companies not in the association is placed at 665,800 tons; total of 4,139,000 tons.

Importance of the industry as a national asset is shown in a great report of the ministry of the Treasury which estimates that from 1850 to 1918 the amount received by the government in exports duties and from sales of land was approximately \$79,999,999 or slightly more than 44 percent of the nation's total revenue, nearly 60,000 workmen are employed in the nitrate regions during times of normal production.

Sacramento Warehouse Burns Estimated Loss \$1,500,000

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sept. 24.—The warehouse of the California Packing Corporation on the river front here was destroyed by fire today, entailing a loss estimated at more than \$1,500,000. Two hundred cases of canned salmon were among the goods destroyed. The blaze started from hot tar on the roof of the building.

Former Marine Captain Accused of Jewel Theft

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Solicitors representing Mrs. John D. Spreckles of California today requested the police to extradite William Barrett, former captain of marines and once prominent in Seattle and Los Angeles society circles, on a charge of stealing a pearl necklace valued at sixteen thousand pounds.

37 Lives Saved by Intrepid Pair



Chief Engineer W. S. Grace, of Jersey City, (right) and Capt. E. O. Swinson, of the United States Transport General Goethals, who directed the work by which the crew of the sunken submarine S-5 were saved from apparently certain death. Grace worked for eight hours with a hand ratchet drill to enlarge the hole in the submarine's hull which the imprisoned men had punched through to admit air after they found that water rushing through a checked valve had flooded the craft's bow and lifted the stern just clear of the surface. Many times men assisting Grace became convinced that he was fighting a losing battle. The engineer never flinched, however, and was rewarded for his nerve-racking efforts by seeing the undersea sailors eventually emerge one by one through the hole which he had drilled.

RICH MAN VICTIM OF WEIRD MURDER

Los Angeles Capitalist's Body Found in Sealed Box in Cellar.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Sept. 24.—The body of Jacob Charles Benton, Los Angeles capitalist, who disappeared four months ago, was found buried under three tons of earth in a sealed box in a cellar today.

Police investigators declare the murder mystery is one of the weirdest in local police annals.

New Austrian Ambassador To England Reaches London

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Baron Frankenstein, a former attaché of the Austrian Embassy in London, has arrived here as the first representative of the republican Austrian government after the war, and has taken up his quarters at the beautiful mansion in Belgrave Square where successive Austrian ambassadors entertained sumptuously before the war.

The requirements of the Austrian diplomatic representation are on a much more modest scale now, and as the former embassy is extremely expensive to maintain, the new minister is looking for smaller quarters. The German Legation is also anxious to find less expensive premises than the palatial mansion Carlton House Terrace which is now occupied.

One of the things that struck Baron Frankenstein most on his arrival was, so he said, that for a penny he could have quite a long bus ride which in Vienna would cost 30 times as much, at the normal rate of exchange.

Latest Bulletins By Special Cable

PARIS, Sept. 24.—Georges Leygues, Minister of Marine under former Premier Georges Clemenceau, today accepted an invitation from Alexandre Millerand, newly elected President of France, to head the French Cabinet as Premier and Foreign Minister.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 24.—William A. Ketcham of Indianapolis, was elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at the closing session of the annual encampment here today. Selection of the next convention city was left to the National Council.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—"Babe" Ruth, star slugger of the New York Americans, punched out his fiftieth home run this season in the first inning of today's game with Washington. Ruth is now twenty one home runs ahead of his world's record of last year.

RIGA, Sept. 24.—Adolph E. Joffe, head of the Russian peace delegation, today proposed armistice terms to the Polish delegates, which he said must be accepted within ten days or the Soviet forces would inaugurate a winter campaign.

Kidnappers Brand Victim With Acid Letters "I.W.W."

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 24.—George H. Goetz, Portland pipe fitter, has the letters "I. W. W." branded with acid on his abdomen and is recovering from wounds on the head and face following his release by three men, who, he says, kidnapped him Monday.

WILL NOT ANNUL COMMERCE PACTS AS INSTRUCTED

State Department Announces Wilson Will Not Acquiesce In Congress' Action.

U. S. BARRIERS STAND Treaties Prevent Preferential Tariffs for Goods In American Bottoms.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The State Department today formally announced that President Wilson had decided not to carry out the instructions of Congress to annul existing commercial treaties between the United States and foreign nations under which the United States is prevented from granting special import tariffs and transportation rates on imports carried in American bottoms.

Tom Taggart Climbs Aboard Prohibitionists Band Wagon

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 24.—Tom Taggart, Democratic candidate for United States Senator from Indiana, today pledged himself to effective enforcement of the National Prohibition Amendment, if elected. He also voiced opposition to any move toward legislation increasing the alcoholic content of beverages.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Aaron S. Watkins, Prohibition Presidential candidate, today said he would withdraw from the Presidential race if a pledge of support of the dry's program could be obtained from any of the candidates.

Cox Charges Republicans Trying to Suppress Facts

TRINIDAD, Colo., Sept. 24.—Gov. James M. Cox, Democratic Presidential nominee, speaking here today reiterated charges that the Republican National Committee is attempting to have Republican newspapers suppress facts regarding his campaign.

Gov. Cox asserted that Will H. Hays, Chairman of the committee, is sending out scouts four days in advance of the nominee who ask editors to put questions to Cox but not publish his answers and to say "Cox had a poorly attended meeting today and was coolly received."

Counterfeiter, Aged Ninety Sentenced to Year in Prison

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—William Smith, alias Robert Beeson, aged ninety, was sentenced to serve one year in prison and pay a fine of one dollar after he had entered a plea of guilty in the Federal Court here today to a charge of counterfeiting.

White Pass and Yukon Ry. Reports Biggest Season

SEATTLE, Sept. 24.—Officials of the White Pass and Yukon Railway in Southeastern Alaska today reported that they had experienced the biggest tourist season in the history of the railway. Between 4,000 and 5,000 passengers were handled by the railway.

South Africans to Hold German Property as Loan

CAPETOWN, Sept. 24.—Property of Germans to the value of £5,000,000 is to be retained by the South African Government as a loan repayable in 30 years. This intention of the Government was announced today in the South African House of Assembly by the Premier, Gen. Smuts.

ITALIAN SOVIET ARMY FORMING AS RADICAL MOVEMENT SPREADS; OPEN WARFARE RAGING IN TURIN

ROME, Sept. 24.—Open warfare is raging in Turin following serious industrial disturbances there and elsewhere in Italy during the past month, according to advices received here today.

Radical workmen from the protection of street barricades poured hot rifle fire into police and military who attempted to disperse them today. The troops replied in kind and several casualties were inflicted on both sides.

At least three persons were killed this morning, bringing the total known dead to ten and the wounded to more than two hundred during the past two days.

Preparations for recruiting an Italian Soviet army are going on in Milan, Turin, Rome, Naples and other large cities throughout the country, according to the newspaper Epoca, which prints a statement to this effect by a superior officer of the Italian army. It is said that one of the leading chiefs of the Soviet organization is Enrico Malatesta, the Anarchist chief.

PACIFIC FLEET MANEUVERS WILL BE HELD OFF CALIFORNIA COAST

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 24.—The entire Pacific Fleet will engage in extensive maneuvers off the Southern California Coast September 30 and 31, naval officers here announced today.

Nearly fifty ships of all classes and thirty airplanes and dirigibles will participate in the maneuvers, which will include a sham battle in which Admiral Hugh Rodman, commander-in-chief, will handle the attacking force of five battleships and eighteen destroyers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 24.—

STARS AND STRIPES CONTROLLED BY DEMOCRATS, OFFICIAL ADMITS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Joseph L. Heffernan, Secretary and Treasurer of the Stars and Stripes, established by the American Expeditionary Force during the war, today testified before the Senate campaign investigation committee that the publication is now controlled by the Democratic National Committee.

Heffernan was called to the stand in connection with charges that Government publications have been used by the Democratic leaders in the interests of the Democratic campaign.

The witness added that The American Legion Weekly is controlled by the Republican National Committee.

He said that a man named Waldo, representing the Dupont powder interests, sought to obtain control of the Stars and Stripes and that when he failed to do so he threatened to bring pressure to bear on large advertisers to withdraw their patronage.

Heffernan attempted to have Senator Walter E. Edge of New Jersey, a member of the committee, barred from the part of the investigation having to do with the Stars and Stripes, alleging that Senator Edge was involved in the Dupont's alleged scheme to prevent the publication from securing advertising.

The request was denied.

BIG BROWN BEAR ATTACKS SITKA BOY, INFLECTS SERIOUS WOUNDS

SITKA, Alaska, Sept. 24.—Charles James, a local native boy aged nine, was brought to Sitka last night suffering from about thirty wounds inflicted by a brown bear.

James, Howard Bailey, one of the most experienced native guides and hunters in this section, and three others, were camping in the Hoonah Sound district while smoking salmon. Being in need of meat the party went hunting deer yesterday morning. They started up a hill, and shortly afterward, when separated, Bailey heard the boy's cry for help and saw

him in the mouth of a big brown bear. The bear was running and carrying the boy. Upon catching sight of Bailey the bear dropped the boy and began chewing him. Bailey could not fire without endangering the boy's life but finally succeeded in driving the bear away. He fired at him while running but did not kill him.

Dr. Pigg today stated that the boy will probably recover unless blood poisoning sets in. All the wounds are from bites and are mostly on the back.

MURDERER OF SEVEN PAYS DEATH PENALTY AT SAN QUENTIN PRISON

SAN QUENTIN PENITENTIARY, Cal., Sept. 24.—Mose Gibson, negro slayer of Roy G. Trapp, rancher of Fullerton, Orange county, was hanged here today. Gibson was convicted and sentenced within a week after his arrest, confessed that he killed Trapp and attacked Mrs. Trapp but that he murdered six other persons in Louisiana, Florida and Arizona.

Trapp was found in a bedroom of his ranch home, dead from blows on the head, the morning of July 15. Nearby was Mrs. Trapp, unconscious from blows on the head. Description of a negro seen about the place the day before was sent broadcast and on July 17, Gibson was arrested at Topoc, Arizona, 12 miles from Needles, California, by a railroad ticket agent who had read the description of the man wanted.

Taken to Needles, Gibson admitted he killed Trapp. Orange county officers took him by automobile to Los Angeles, following a circuitous route because of reporter Orange county farmers being on their way. (Continued on Page 8.)