

SWISS PRESENT VIEWS TO ALLIES

President Ador Brings Formal Statement—Will Meet Wilson Tonight

EXPECT PART IN PEACE

Seek to Remain Permanent Neutral and Desire Access to the Sea

By the Associated Press Paris, Jan. 22.—The Presidents of the United States and Switzerland will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock. President Gustav Ador, who arrived here from Bern yesterday, will, before he meets President Wilson, confer with President Poincare, Premier Clemenceau and possibly Premier Lloyd George.

He comes to Paris bearing an official statement of the views of the Swiss Government on pending international questions, which will be laid before the Peace Congress. The statement follows:

"One. Switzerland expects to be admitted, with other States, to the peace negotiations as far as they will deal with her own special interests or with problems of general importance. Exclusion from deliberations on problems of the League of Nations would be considered by the Swiss people as inconsistent with the principles of democracy. Neutral States not having been called upon to make any sacrifices, suffered severely in consequence of the war. All have been able, especially in the case of Switzerland, to render considerable service to humanity."

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"Second. Switzerland highly approves the creation of a league of nations for preserving peace, and expects from it a complete reform of international relations. Consequently, the maintenance of peace should not really depend upon the observation of a procedure of inquiry previous to a declaration of war, but must be founded upon a general interdiction to parties in conflict not to resort to arms. International conflicts must, as far as their character allows, be solved either by arbitration tribunals, formed by the free consent of the parties, or else by a permanent international court offering every guarantee of political independence. All other international disputes must be submitted to a procedure of mediation through which lasting settlements on the basis of equity and justice can be arrived at."

"Third. Switzerland recognizes the necessity for action, which may ultimately consist of military pressure, within the system of the league of nations. Nevertheless, Switzerland is determined not to abandon her neutrality, which is laid down in the Swiss Constitution and based on the tradition of 400 years of peaceful politics. This neutrality is necessary for Switzerland, considering the composition of her population, as well as on account of her being in a particularly exposed strategic position. In case armed conflict should, after all, occur under the terms of the league of nations, the existence of the several permanently neutral and inviolable States would be a great benefit also for the league itself. The institution of the Red Cross must be based on the existence of such neutral territory if it is to be able to entirely fulfill its task."

"Fourth. Freedom of production and commerce is of vital importance for Switzerland. The Swiss people hope peace will re-establish the principle of commercial freedom. As far as limitations will be imposed on the carrying of goods, and raw materials, all States should mutually accord each other most favored national treatment. "Fifth. Switzerland, as a landlocked country, mainly dependent upon its share of the world's commerce, highly approves of the principle of free access to the sea. First of all, Switzerland attributes great importance to the maintenance and improvement of the existing international waterways of the Rhine from Basel to the North Sea. Switzerland fully expects, besides, that it will soon be possible to come to an understanding with France and Italy for opening the Rhone and Po-Ticino Rivers for navigation on a big scale, and obtain recognition of similar principles regarding these rivers, as are in vogue for already internationalized waterways. It also is of vital interest to Switzerland to obtain the right of passage over railroads to the sea and through European States eastward."

"Sixth. The political, legal and economic principles formulated by President Wilson are entirely in conformity with the traditional wants of Switzerland that she will adhere to them, whatever difficulties may lie in the way of their realization."

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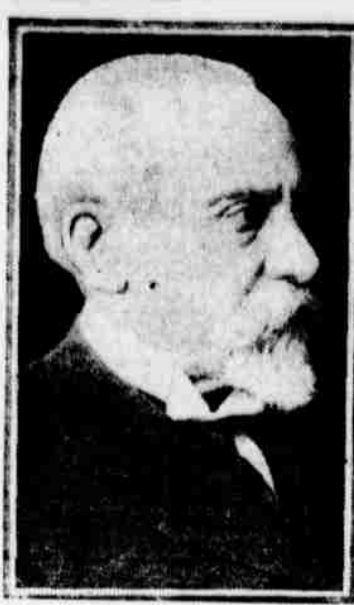
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GUSTAV ADOR He is in Paris to meet President Wilson and the other Allied statesmen to present the views and desires of the Swiss Federal Council on the various peace projects now under deliberation

PER L'ITALIANA DELLA DALMAZIA

Solenne Proclamazione da Parte del Consiglio Comunale di Zara

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Roma, 22 gennaio.—Un dispaccio ricevuto, oggi, da Zara, annuncia che in quella città ha avuto luogo una grande dimostrazione «italianita».

In una solenne seduta plenaria del Consiglio Comunale il Sindaco Ingilberto ha riaffermato il pieno diritto dell'Italia sulle terre della Dalmazia. I consiglieri e la folla che greva la tribuna dell'aula municipale si abbandonarono ad una dimostrazione oratoria al grido di: «Viva l'Italia!»

Parigi, 22 gennaio.—La Delegazione Italiana per la conferenza della pace ha tenuto, oggi, una conferenza col generale Diaz, comandante supremo delle forze italiane, per discutere le aspirazioni italiane da un punto di vista militare e strategico, con speciale attenzione al possesso di questo territorio che gli italiani chiamano «le chiavi per le porte di terra e di mare».

Per realizzare questo soggetto, i delegati italiani, si dice, considerano indispensabile che l'Italia abbia il possesso del Passo del Brennero ed anche la costa della Dalmazia, con Zara e Sebenico. Senza questo territorio essi dicono che l'Italia non ha la possibilità del controllo dell'Adriatico e d'altra parte tutta la zona adriatica dell'Italia centrale resterebbe alla mercé di qualsiasi potenza che avesse il possesso della Dalmazia.

Roma, 21 gennaio.—Un contingente di marinai americani sono oggi giunti in Roma, provenienti da «Cittavecchia». Il Governo Italiano aveva posto a loro disposizione un treno speciale appiccato potessero recarsi nella Capitale e visitarla.

Una grande folla attese l'arrivo dei marinai americani e fece ad essi una entusiastica dimostrazione. Il Ministro della Marina diede in nome degli ufficiali americani una solenne alla quale presero parte spiccate personalità. I marinai americani fraternizzarono con quelli italiani durante un banchetto loro offerto in uno dei principali ristoranti della città.

Seranton Colonel a Candidate Seranton, Pa., Jan. 22.—Colonel David Davis, of this city, former City Solicitor, sent a cablegram from France announcing that he had decided to become a candidate for Judge in Lancaster County at the next election. Colonel Davis is attached to headquarters of the Twenty-eighth Division, but, according to his message, he expects to be home in March, when he will begin making arrangements for his campaign.

CUMMINGS TO GET M'CORMICK PLACE

President Favors Vice Chairman of Democratic National Committee

GUFFEY'S CHANCES GONE

Pennsylvanian's Name Not Likely to Be Considered When Choice Is Made

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Jan. 22.—Homer S. Cummings, of Connecticut, is definitely announced of being elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee on February 24, when the full committee will meet and hold an election, it was learned today.

The name of Joseph F. Guffey, of Pennsylvania, which was mentioned for the place a few days ago, will probably never be presented to the committee. All speculation regarding the election of a successor to Vance McCormick, whose resignation was announced on January 14, when he departed for Europe to advise the American peace delegates regarding international trade, was halted today when it was learned that President Wilson had called leading members of the committee here that he favors Cummings' election. Cummings is now vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee and has been acting as chairman since Vance McCormick was made chairman of the United States entered the war.

All Friendly to Cummings More than a dozen national committeemen who have been questioned here in the last week as to who would be the next chairman, have declared for Cummings, and appeared to take it for granted that he will be elected. The President's approval appears to remove any doubt.

When McCormick resigned it was reported that Joseph F. Guffey, a millionaire business man of Pennsylvania, Democratic State chairman of Pennsylvania, and director of sales of the alien property custodian's office, had been assured of considerable support and was slated for the job.

Guffey did not announce his candidacy, but it was said he had the support of Vance McCormick and A. Mitchell Palmer, the alien property custodian, with both of whom he had been closely associated in Democratic politics in Pennsylvania.

Like McCormick and Palmer, Guffey is a close friend of President Wilson, and during the fight in Pennsylvania for

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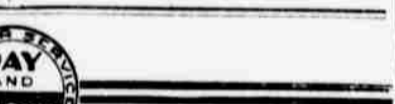
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Munitions Dump Blows Up Brussels, Jan. 22.—A former German munitions depot at Quatrepoix, southeast of Ghent, exploded yesterday, and the populace fled hurriedly in all directions according to the newspapers. It has not yet been learned whether there were any casualties. Communication with the town by railway, telegraph and telephone has been interrupted.

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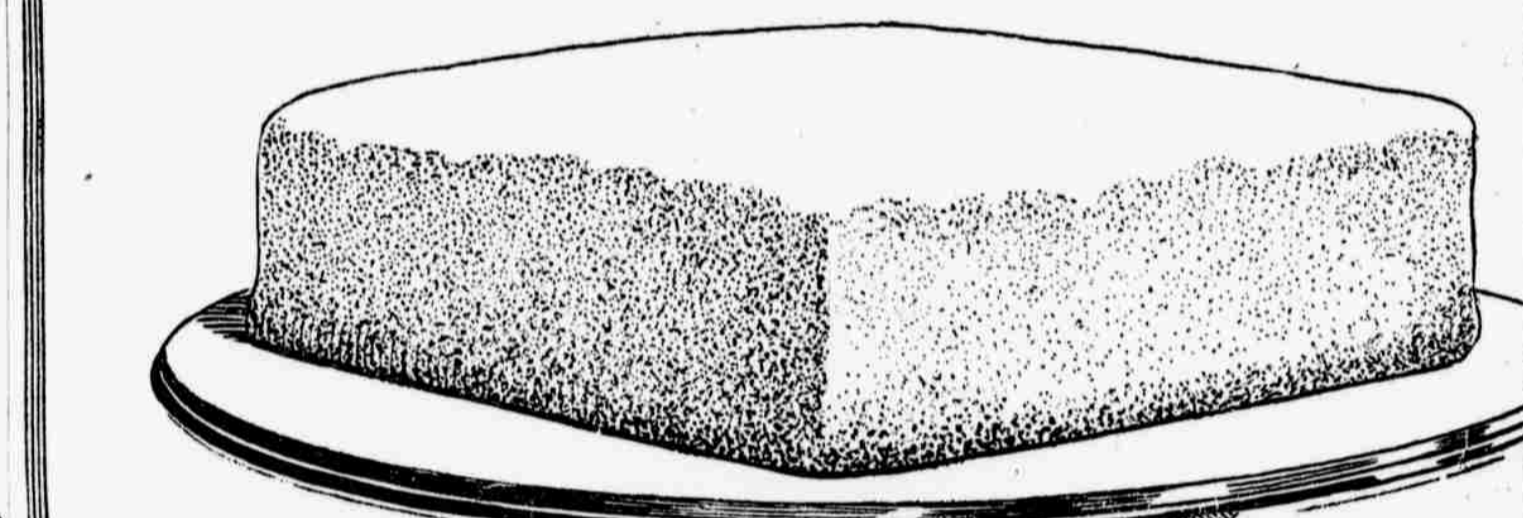
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