L'ITALIA INSISTE PER IL POSSESSO DI FIUME

La Delegazione Italiana Pronta a Titirarsi Dalla Conferenza di Pace

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Parigi, 21 marzo.-La Delegazione Italiana per la Conferenza della Pace ha unanimemente deciso di ritirarsi dalla conferenza, senza che Fiume sia assegnata all'Italia contemporaneamente con la conclusione

Roma, 19 marzo.—Papa Benedetto ha oggi ricevuto una delegazione di membri del clero appartenente alla Chiesa Orientale. Rispondendo ad un indirizzo di Monsignor Papadopulos, capo della Congregazione Orientale, che brevemente ha riassunto il lavoro che e' stato possibile di fara per sellevare le segretare constato. di fare per sollevare le sofferenze causate

dalla guerra, il Papa cosi' si e' espresso:
"Il Pontefice Romano e' sempre stato
un amico della Chiesa Orientale ed ha sempre riposto grandi speranza sopra di essa. Egli non soltanto e' stato un amico ma ha avuto profonda afezione per l'Oriente, affezione che e' stata plu' che intensa per la incertezza del fato del Iontani figli della Chiesa. Io spero che queste parole possano raggiungere le to force at the present moment." lontane spiagge d'oriente, ma la mia voce non puo' raggiungerle e cosi' jo le dominio christiano orientale possano essere uniti do stretta amicizia e filiale amore per l'apostolica Santa Sede."
Il Papa poscia ha impartito l'apostolica benedizione a tutti i presenti.

Allies Will Meet Germans in Month

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Should this view prevail it would yield \$8,000,000,000 for the immediate liquidation of war losses. This would leave \$4,000,000,000 to be paid if the American estimate of the total to be claimed is adopted.

The American view as to the means to provide for this balance is that the chief reliance will have to be placed in Germany's balance of trade. This in turn has opened another large and subsidiary question as to how far German industry should be allowed to compete

with the rest of the world, particularly with nearby countries like France. The French delegates hold that German industry should be curbed by checking exports and imports The American and British views tend toward permitting Germany to resume industrial activity in order to pay the balance of the \$4,000,000,000 debt to the Allies and clated powers. The commission's experts estimate the exports and im-ports would yield a balance of about \$300,000,000 annually, or approximately

\$1,000,000,000 every three years. On this basis the balance of th of the debt could be extinguished in twelve years. ing with general acceptance. The French, and to some extent the British, are inclined to ask much heavier repara-tion, spread over a much longer period. Serious division of opinion also exists over the allotment of damages among the Allied powers. The French claim priority for the destruction of invaded regions, while the British insist on an allotment on the basis of war costs. is generally conceded that France has suffered the largest material loss, while

Great Britain has imposed the largest burden of taxation on her people. British Present Traffic Views

A draft of clauses regarding the freedom of transit to be inserted in the By Floyd Gibbons treaty was considered today by the com-mission on the international regime of ports, waterways and rallways. The clauses were presented by the British delegation. The meeting, which was held at the ministry of public works, adjourned at 1 o'clock.

The commission on international labor

legislation today considered the final draft of the labor clauses to be includ-

draft of the labor clauses to be included in the treaty. The commission held two meetings, under the chairmanship of Samuel Gompers.

Premier Lloyd George told the British newspaper men that he had decided to remain in Paris until the peace treaty was signed. He expressed the opinion that one of the reasons for the present labor difficulties in England was the fact that the treaty had not been completed, which led to a feeling of disquiet in that

ITALY ASKS AWARD OF FIUME



Italian delegates to the Peace Council unanimously decided to withdraw from the council unless Fiume is assigned to Italy. The former Adriatic seaport of Hungary is claimed by Italians and Jugo-Slavs

Claim Based on Treaty

The Jugo-Slav Claim

He said he was "unable to that labor leaders would resort at the present moment."

mier, "that this is possible at the very moment when it is wished that the world may be redeemed from a memory of violence done to the rights of peoples."

CONFLICT WAS BITTER OVER ADRIATIC CLAIMS

The decision of the Italian delegation, as reported from Parls, apparently brings to a head the bitter controversy between Italy and the new Jugo-Slav state over the disposition of land along the Adriatic, formerly belonging to the Austro-Hungarian empire, which both nationalities claim.

The sharply conflicting claims to territory between Italy and Jugo-Slavia. In fact, have constituted one of the most serious problems before the Peace Conference, with Flume as a focal point. Signor Guiseppe Canepa, while a member of the Italian labor delegation to the Peace Conference, said: "Without doubt Italians of all classes and politicians of all parties are convinced Flume should be assigned to Italy. Flume's undeniable Italian character is proved by the population, its secular culture, its customs and traditions, which are all Italian. Besides, Flume is an integral part of Istria, and Istria belongs to Italy for reasons long since expounded by Mazzini." It was announced in Paris on February 27 that the Jugo-Slav delegation had presented to the conference its territorial claims. Itsiy, through Foreign Minister Sonnino, having officially notified the conference that she could not adhere to the Jugo-Slav proposal to submit the delimitation of the frontier between the two countries to arbitration. The Jugo-Slavs asked that the Isonzo River be

Italy's Claims

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Italy's claims originally included virtually te entire Dalmatian coast, with trieste and Flume, the last named city being the second principal scaport on the eastern side of the Adriatic. Recent reports have been that the Italian representatives were manifesting a disposition to make important concessions regarding the land along the Dalmatian coast; provided the city and harbor of Flume remained to Italy. The Jugo-Slavs, however, have been insistent that this port be allotted to them, claiming it to be essentially a Croatian city and necessary to the new Jugo-Slav state as affording the only feasible and suitable sea outlet for her commerce.

On the other hand, there has been no disposition on the part of Italy to yield her point so far as Flume is concerned. Her attitude was officially stated by Premier Orlando in addressing the Italian Chamber of Deputies on March 1, when he declared that while Italy "remained faithful to the spirit of conciliation which inspired the war," that did not mean that she could "remain insensible to the appeal reaching her from the Italian town on the guif of Quarnero (Flume)," which was "exposed to the loss of both its nationality and independence."

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southern Europe.

In view of the situation it was an-nounced Italy suspended the return of Jugo-Slav prisoners captured from the

Tension Has Been Great

Thereshave been, in fact, several "incidents" at Fiume and other points in the territory claimed by both Italy and Jugo-Siavia since the signing of the armistice, and the feud at one time grew so bitter that Italy established a block-ade and cut off food relief imports for the interior. This mater was adjusted by the supreme council in Paris, however, and troops of late have indicated that an amicable settlement of the conflicting Italian-Jugo-Siav claims was possible, if not probable.

Just what has caused the Italian delegation to announce its determination on the Flume question at this time has not been developed in the Paris advices. It is known, however, that the question of territorial adjustments has been before the conferences of premiers which have been taking place during the last day or two. An Associated Press dispatch, received last night from Paris regarding a conference held yesterday between President Wilson and Premiers Clemenceau and Liloyd George, said there was every reason to believe the frontier issues were among the foremost obstacles the conference were seeking to remove from the path to a rapid conclusion of the peace treaty.

Flume before the war was the chief seaport of the Hungarian kingdom. It has several harbors and its position and facilities made it the seat of virtually the entire shipping trade of Hungary, it had an ante-belium population of nearly 40,000.

Give Us Danzig,

The treaty of London, April, 1915, on the basis of which Italy entered the war, allotted to Italy, if she could get it, the annexation of Austrian territory east of the Adriatic, including all of Gorizia-Gradisca and Istria, with the city of Trieste, together with the coastal province of Dalmatia as far as a line just north of Spalato, and most of the Dalmatian islands. In this region there were several hundred thousand Italians and nearly a million Jugo-Slavs, Slovenes and Croats in Istria and Gorizia-Gradisca and Serbo-Croats in Dalmatian. Each side has claimed that the Austrian census figures are falsified in favor of the other, and there is dispute as to geographical distribution of the races. Generally, however, it may be said that the Itilian population predominates in the western part of Gorizia-Gradisca and Istria and in several of the chief seaports. The population of the chief seaports. The population of the back country and of the islands is almost wholly Slav.

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our country. "Upper Silesia is even more Polish than Posen. It will be the center of our iron industry. It is a pity that the Czecho-Slovaks have attempted to de-prive us of the Teschen region, which is inhabited in a great part by Poles. The Bohemians do not need the coal there because they have many thousand tons for export in addition to what they use

Greek Church which recognizes the Pan-Germanism on the other, if we reauthority of Rome. When a Polish woman marries a Ruthenian, the girls districts which will give us real independence are classed as Poles and the boys become pendence nationally, industrially and Ruthenians, and vice versa. Thus in the same family you will find Ruthenians people will help us to attain this end."

made the boundary between them and Haly.

The Jugo-Siav claims involved the annexation by the Jugo-Siavs of the whole of Carniola, with Triest and Fiume, and the whole of the region of their right to national unity with Poland. It might have disastrous effects.

Ruthenians and Poles Kin

"In Eastern Galicia- a majority of the inhabitants are Ruthenians. The distinction between them and the Poles is incorpage of food supplies destined for southern Europe.

In view of the situation it was an-



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