

DRY LAW OPPOSED BY FRENCH IN U. S.

League Formed to Combat Prohibition—Anti-Wet Forces Show Hand at Paris

APPEAL TO PEACE ENVOYS

By the Associated Press
New York, April 7.—To combat prohibition of the rights and liberties of the citizens of the country by constitutional amendment, the Franco-American League for the Protection of American Liberty has been organized by American citizens of French birth or extraction, resident in nearly every state, as a branch of the Association Opposed to National Prohibition, it was announced here today.

Paris, April 7.—A conference during the past three days at the invitation of the League Nationale and by request of the anti-Saloon League of America, was presided over by Senator Jules Siegfried, Lord D'Abernon and the Belgian minister of justice, Emile Vandervelde. Eleven countries were represented. Resolutions were adopted requesting the League of Nations to provide a permanent bureau for the study of the liquor question, and to report on the effects of liquor on the human system and the result obtained by drink legislation. The resolutions will be presented to the peace conference tomorrow. Bishop James Cannon, of Richmond, Va., and Doctor Carre, of Tennessee, took a prominent part in the discussions.

IL TRATTATO DI PACE PRONTO PER PASQUA

Lloyd George Dichiarò che la Pace Sarà Definitivamente Firmata nei Primi di Maggio

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Parigi, 7 aprile.—Il preliminare trattato di pace sarà pronto per la prossima Pasqua ed i rappresentanti della Germania saranno richiesti di venire a firmare il trattato per la fine di aprile o per i primi di maggio. Così ha dichiarato Lloyd George, il Primo Ministro d'Inghilterra, durante una intervista ieri concessa a Stéphane Lauzanne, direttore del giornale il "Matin".

Lloyd George ha affermato in modo assoluto che nessuna divergenza vi è tra gli interessati nei negoziati di pace. Presentemente vi sono differenze tecniche che possono essere sistematiche soltanto dopo un completo esame di tutte le questioni. Il popolo deve perciò attendere che il concilio dei quattro termini il suo lavoro, per poi giudicare nelle sue intenzioni. La conferenza ha da affrontare e discutere cose sotto condizioni che non hanno riscontro nella storia.

Roma, 7 aprile.—E' stata ufficialmente smentita la notizia diffusa dall'ufficio stampa Jugoslavo, secondo la quale il comandante delle truppe alleate avrebbe dichiarato lo stato di assedio nella città di Fiume. Si smentisce, inoltre, lo sciopero generale in Italia e le rivolte politiche che sarebbero state preparate per protestare contro la politica capitalista seguita dall'Italia alla Conferenza della Pace. Ad avvalorare la smentita anzidetta è stato comunicato che l'Unione Italiana del Lavoro, una importantissima associazione raggruppante socialisti non ufficiali, si è pronunciata decisamente contraria ai metodi direttivi del partito socialista ufficiale e contro qualsiasi tentativo rivoluzionario contrastante coi veri interessi del proletariato.

E' priva di fondamento la notizia lanciata dal "Primorske Novine" di Sussak, secondo la quale gli italiani avrebbero ordinato un plebiscito per Trieste e sarà per dimostrare il desiderio di quelle popolazioni di unirsi all'Italia, plebiscito riuscito favorevole agli italiani. La notizia è tendenziosa. E' stata parimenti decisamente smentita la notizia divulgata con un dispaccio da Belgrado, secondo il quale le truppe jugoslave avevano chiusa improvvisamente la linea di demarcazione a che Fiume sarebbe rimasta senza viveri. Si osserva, al riguardo, che la città di Fiume non fu mai sotto l'occupazione del suo retroterra.

Mandano da Parigi che il Morning Post ed il Daily Telegraph, del 31 marzo scorso, pubblicano che sotto gli auspici della Società Italia Unita d'Inghilterra si è tenuta in Londra una conferenza per appoggiare le aspirazioni dell'Italia sul Trentino, Trieste, Fiume e Spalato.

HINDENBURG BLAMED FOR EMPEROR'S FALL

Count Schulenberg Says There Were Enough Loyal Troops to Crush Revolt if Field Marshal Had Acted, General Replies: "That's Inaccurate"

By the Associated Press
Berlin, April 7.—Although admitting there was a difference of opinion among German generals as to the practicability of fighting to maintain the imperial regime in November, Count Schulenberg, commander of a guards regiment, maintains in an article on the abdication of Emperor William, published in the Freiheit, that there were enough loyal troops to have marched on Ais-la-Chapelle and Cologne and put down the revolution.

The count says that Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General Groener, Prussian war minister, would not assume the responsibility for such a move, however, arguing that things had gone too far and that only the abdication of Emperor William could save the situation.

The emperor, he says, was emphatic in declaring he did not desire a civil war and that he would not call on the army to engage in such a conflict. Internal conditions becoming worse, William II at length agreed to Count Schulenberg's advice to abdicate as emperor, but not as king of Prussia. Field Marshal von Hindenburg endorsed this course, but, in the opinion of General Groener, it was too late, although it might have saved the situation two weeks earlier.

Chancellor Telegraphs Warning
Meantime, there actually came rumors from Berlin of the imminence of civil war, and street fighting was begun there. Finally, the imperial chancellor telegraphed that civil war might break out at any moment if the abdication were not announced at once.

Hurried conferences were conducted by the emperor, the crown prince and the leading generals, the article says. One of the commanders asserted there was a feeling among the generals that the entire army could not be depended on in case of civil war.

To this Count Schulenberg says he replied, "No soldier would break his oath to the colors."
"The oath to the colors and the supreme war lord is only an idea," was the rejoinder of General Groener.
At this moment, Admiral von Hintze, the foreign minister, entered with a resigning message from Berlin, and tendered his resignation. William II then consented to abdicate as emperor, but insisted on retaining his office as king of Prussia and head of the army. The imperial chancellor meantime, however, had announced the abdication without

the article has "one-sided tendencies and is not objectively correct."

"It contains material errors and inaccuracies regarding the views and utterances of the persons concerned," the statement adds, "and proves Schulenberg was not adequately informed on the real situation."

The field marshal disclaims any intention of engaging in a newspaper controversy, as the event has been recorded officially in the reports of the supreme army command.

DRESSMAKERS WIN STRIKE

New York Union Leader Says They Got Forty-four Hour Week

New York, April 7.—(By A. P.)—An agreement in the waist and dress-makers' strike, which has lasted eleven weeks, has been effected between the manufacturers and the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, it was announced yesterday.

Meetings of the strikers are being held to ratify the terms accepted by

their executives, Benjamin Schlesinger, president of the garment workers' organization, said the union had won the forty-four-hour week, an increase in pay averaging 10 per cent and the right of union delegates, with representatives of the Manufacturers' Association, to visit shops to see that the conditions of the settlement are observed.

450 "JOBLESS" IN CHURCH

Silks and Rags Are in Contrast at Trinity, New York City

New York, April 7.—(By A. P.)—Marching in an orderly line from the Bowers, 450 shabbily dressed jobless men, dependent on bread-lines for their daily food, attended service at Trinity Church yesterday morning "to obtain spiritual comfort." They sat in sections specially reserved for them, and offered sharp contrast to expensively dressed members of the regular congregation. The men remained through the service, and then heard a brief address by

the Rev. Dr. William T. Manning, rector, who urged them to "keep cheerful and have faith that conditions would improve."

TO NEWFOUNDLAND BY AIR

American Craft Thus to Be Tested for Ocean Flight

New York, April 7.—The Manufacturers' Aircraft Association, composed of the principal airplane builders in the United States, announce the first of the three navy flying boats will leave the Rockaway Naval Station for Newfoundland between April 1 and 19.

Gassed Soldier Falls in Sleep

Newark, N. J., April 7.—(By A. P.)—In an attack of somnambulism, attributed to the effects of a "gassing" he suffered in France, Private Arthur Hallowell, 145th Infantry, of Antwerp, O., walked out of a second story window in a lodging house here early yesterday and is now in a hospital, badly injured. A policeman found him unconscious on the sidewalk.

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