

## GIVE ITALY FIUME, MR. LODGE URGES

Bay State Leader Says Latins Deserve It, by Actions in War

### DIFFERS WITH WILSON

Washington, April 30.—Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, Republican leader in the next Congress, sprang a political surprise last night by dissenting from President Wilson's attitude on the Fiume question, which caused a withdrawal of the Italian delegates from the Peace Conference in Paris. Senator Lodge made his attitude plain in a telegram addressed to Italians in Boston. It had been the general opinion in Washington President Wilson would be universally supported in his stand against Italian annexation of the Adriatic port, but if Senator Lodge can sway his fellow Republicans, it looks as if a partisan issue may be made of the incident.

After reciting the fact that Italy fought side by side with Great Britain, France and the United States, sacrificed a half million of her people and burdened herself with debt, Senator Lodge says she has taken possession of Fiume by her victory in the war. "I do not see," he declared, "how the United States and the other nations with whom she is allied can properly refuse her request. I earnestly hope that Fiume may become an Italian possession, so as to give her that security to which her armies and her sacrifices entitle her."

The telegram was addressed to Rocco Brindisi, president of the Dante Alighieri Society; Saverio Romano, president of the Federation Figli Di Italia; Anthony Kureans, president of the Federation of Columbus Republican Clubs; Pasquale Galassi, of the state immigration board, and others.

Text of Telegram

April 29, 1919.

Gentlemen—I have received your telegram. In the discussion of the terms of peace I have always declared that the region known as Italia Irredenta and all adjoining regions where Italian culture and Italian population are dominant should be returned to Italy, and that Italy should have military and naval control of the Adriatic not only for her own protection but as an essential barrier against any future attempt of Germany to attack the rest of the world, as she did in the recent war.

I have also said repeatedly that the Jug-Slavs ought to have access to the Adriatic, which I regard as economically essential to their independence. To both of these opinions I adhere and I can see no reason why the matter could not have been arranged. From information given me by an Italian deputation last spring in Washington I was assured that Italy was entirely willing

to give portions of the Dalmatian coast containing good ports to the Slav populations of that region. If this be true, as I have no doubt, I cannot see why this arrangement should not have been made.

The pact of London, according to the President's statement, provided for the return of Fiume to Croatia, but the dissolution of the Austrian empire has vitally changed the situation contemplated by the secret treaty of London and to that secret treaty the United States was not a party. I repeat that I think Italy should make arrangements to secure an access to the Adriatic to the Slav populations which I hope will form a united independent barrier state.

### Cites Fiume Decision

As to Fiume, if Italy is of opinion that it is necessary for her safety and for her protection that she should hold Fiume, I am clearly of the opinion that it should be hers especially, as the people of Fiume, I understand, have voted to join with Italy.

Italy regards Fiume as the founders of our own Republic regarded the mouth of the Mississippi when it was said that any other nation holding the mouth of the Mississippi was of necessity an enemy of the United States. That which we desire to do for the Slavs is purely commercial and economic.

Italy's demand for Fiume rests on the ground of national safety and protection. Italy has fought side by side with France, England and the United States, and has helped foremostly in repelling the German onsets. She has sacrificed 1,000,000 of her people. She has burdened herself with heavy debts. She has suffered grievously in her industries and in her food supply. She has taken possession of Fiume, which was part of the enemy territory, by her victory in the war.

I do not see how the United States and the other nations with whom she is allied can properly refuse her request. I earnestly hope that Fiume may become an Italian possession, so as to give her that security to which her armies and her sacrifices entitle her.

Very truly yours,  
H. C. LODGE.

### 1,369,000 TONS OF FOOD

Since January 1 United States Has Shipped it to Europe

New York, April 30.—Since January 1 the United States Government has shipped to the hunger-stricken millions of Europe more than 1,369,400 tons of food, the special relief service branch of the United States shipping board announced today.

This vast volume of supplies has gone to the civilian population of Europe through New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Norfolk and Gulf ports for discharge at Rotterdam, Danzig, Derindje, Bordeaux, Constantinople and other ports on the North sea, the Mediterranean and the Adriatic.

To carry this vast volume of food supplies there has been called into service a rapidly increasing fleet of American and chartered foreign vessels, until today the records of the office of Tarleton Winchester, manager for the special service here, show that a total of 308 ships are engaged, aggregating more than 1,500,000 tons cargo carrying capacity.

## THE BIG FOUR WILL REHABILITATE CHINA

Railroads, Mines, Ships and Factories to Be Developed by the Allied Powers

Washington, April 30.—Elaborate plans for the rehabilitation of China are being made by the governments of Great Britain, France, Japan and the United States. It was learned here from official advices from Paris, where Wellington Koo, Chinese minister at Washington, and his staff of associates and experts have busily employed themselves in semi-official conferences with representatives of the great powers in addition to their work before the Peace Conference.

The plans include the co-operation of the international group of bankers, for the American members of which J. J. Abbott, of Chicago, is now completing a personal investigation of the situation in China. Projected railroads are to be built and new lines are already in construction, mines are to be developed and smelters built, new steamship lines will be established, docking facilities will be improved and factories for the manufacture of about everything from heavy iron and steel castings to silk goods are to be built and put into operation.

The governments interested in this development work in China are not to be the only beneficiaries, as experts are working out a system whereby the Chinese Government will receive substantial benefit from the work. China will not have to wait for a long term of years, according to the plans of the projectors, but will share in the benefits as soon as the bankers' group begins to profit.

Details of the new plan have not been made public in Paris, as many of them have not yet been worked out, but it is known that the American State Department has approved the plan in principle, provided the anticipated loan is shared in by an American banking group embracing banks in different parts of the country. This provision, with the other points insisted upon by the State Department, has been agreed to by the American bankers.

### U. S. LIEUTENANT HANGED

Army Officer in France Executed for Attacking Child

Paris, April 30.—(By A. P.) A Havas dispatch from Dijon states that American army authorities at Is-sur-Tille, a village near that city have sentenced and hanged an American lieutenant for an attack upon a little girl who died in consequence of the injuries she received.

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