

FRANCE MAY BUY U. S. SUPPLIES AT 1-5 COST

Offer Will Be Made for Military Docks and Railways, Morel Says

PROVISIONS WANTED MOST

By the Associated Press
Paris, July 23.—France will offer to take over American military property in France, consisting mainly of docks, railways and real estate, at one-fifth of its cost to the Americans, according to a statement given to the Associated Press yesterday by Louis Morel, under secretary of state for the liquidation of stocks.

M. Morel said that what seemed to be a low offer in reality was liberal because much of the military construction will be of little value in peacetime. Much of the property, such as railway equipment, was designed for a use different from that required for French operations.

The French Government's proposal, to be made through M. Morel, will be presented to the Wilson Hare, of Philadelphia, American director of sales, who is expected to arrive here tomorrow with a staff of experts.

Foods and other movable stores, it was said, probably will be returned to the United States.

M. Morel gave in some detail the reasons that caused the French Government to agree upon a basis of one-fifth of cost in offering to buy the American property. Many miles of railway track, he said, are mostly situated in remote areas. Ten thousand passenger automobiles and 50,000 trucks owned by the Americans, he said, would ruin the French automobile industry if unloaded on the French market.

"You have 1200 locomotives and 17,000 freight cars," he continued, "which are too large for our railways and too heavy for our tracks."

The American-built docks in Atlantic ports, he explained, were built in three months to last ten years, "when they will be useless and we will have to rebuild them, if they are still needed."

An enormous amount of lumber scattered through France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Alsace is owned by the Americans. M. Morel said there was nearly enough lumber to rebuild the devastated regions, but that persons who lost brick or stone structures are unwilling to accept wooden cottages as homes.

The supplies most attractive to the French population are the many million pounds of flour, rice and beans held by the army. On armistice day, according to high officials of the quartermaster's department, there were American rations in France sufficient for a year and flour, rice and beans enough to feed a million men. Some of these supplies have been used at American camps, but much remains.

These supplies, M. Morel said, will be purchased at market price on the basis of foreign exchange prevailing prior to the armistice, when the American dollar was worth five francs, forty-five centimes.

American officials would not discuss the disposition of the army property.

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MAGISTRATE FINES POTTASH BROTHERS

Warehouse Men Will Appeal Penalty of \$75 and Costs for Holocaust of July 6

Harry and Max Pottash, trading under the name of Pottash Brothers, operators of the huplak warehouse at 600-11-13 North American street, where six firemen were killed July 6, were fined \$75 and costs by Magistrate O'Brien today on a technical charge of violating the act of Assembly of July 5, 1917, known as the rag-shed act.

Their counsel, Max Aron, said he would make an appeal of the case. Meanwhile the brothers are at liberty, securities totaling twice the amount of the fine and the costs having been given for their appearance. The fine and costs amount to \$99.

The law the brothers are said to have violated provides that dealers in rags must have licenses secured from the Board of Health. The firm of Pottash Brothers has three plants in North American street, located at 504, 604 to 610 and the one in which the fire occurred.

Their lawyer stated today that his clients did not come under the provisions of the act, as they were huplak bag manufacturers and not ragmen. The brothers did have a license in 1918.

The prosecutors in the case were A. G. H. Twibill, representing the office of the city solicitor, and William J. Wahl and S. B. Mitchell, inspectors of the Department of Health and Charities.

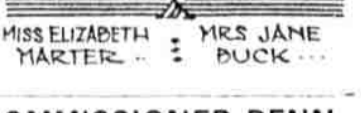
It was testified that on March 14 of this year the firm was given orders to move the huplak from the warehouses. This was not done. The maximum fine for the offense is \$25. For the three warehouses, operated by the brothers this brought the total fine to \$75.

Following the hearing, Attorney Aron said that the Pottash brothers were greatly worried as a result of the fatal fire. He said they contemplated sending a check to the families of the firemen who were killed, but added that he did not care to say more about that now, as it might sound to the public like "sap." He said, however, that if the checks were not accepted by the families of the dead men, the money would be donated to the Firemen's Pension Fund.

The fire at the warehouse resulted in a collapse of the walls.

BURLINGTON HONORS ITS SOLDIERS TODAY

Floats and Bands to Be Features of Pageant—Tablet to Slain Men



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COMMISSIONER BENN HOLDS FIRST HEARING

Considers the Application of Petty Island Ferry to Move Jersey Terminal

Commissioner James S. Benn, recently appointed by Governor Sprout to the Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania, held his first hearing in Philadelphia this morning in the finance committee's room in City Hall.

The application of the Petty Island Ferry Company to amend its charter so as to change the New Jersey terminal of the company from a point 4500 feet from the end of the island to a point 6000 feet from the end was placed under consideration. The reason for the proposed change is that several industrial constructions are underway, which would make it advisable for the terminal to have its location changed.

Application was made by the Baltimore and Philadelphia Railway Company and the Huber Baking Company to construct a track at grade at Walnut street, Chester. The baking company proposes to erect some new buildings, estimated to cost \$200,000, near this location.

GRAVI CONFLITTI AVVENUTI IN SERBIA

Socialisti di Belgrado Provocano Sanguinosi Combattimenti con le Truppe

Parigi, 22 luglio (ritardato).—Il giornale svizzero "Hasler Nachrichten" ha annunciato che in Belgrado ed in altre città della Serbia sono stati operati arresti in massa di socialisti e che tale provvedimento provocò manifestazioni degenerate in combattimenti sanguinosi con le truppe. Parte delle truppe residenti in Ungheria sono state richiamate in Serbia per ogni eventualità. Anche in Tossinia ed Erzegovina la situazione sarebbe molto critica ed il governo austriaco si rifiuta di dar corso alle istruzioni che giungono da Belgrado.

Da notizie giunte da Fiume si apprende che quel Consiglio Nazionale in recentemente votato il seguente ordine del giorno:

"Come al primo progetto di compromesso, così anche in questo e a tutti quelli che potranno scaturire da un consenso che rifiuta il riconoscimento dei diritti dell'uomo, rispondiamo 'NO', siamo italiani e non tribù di selvaggi e siamo soprattutto uomini che non possono credere che le nazioni di un Washington, di un Victor Hugo e di un Gladstone oseranno sparare i loro cannoni contro una piccola città italiana, sempre e ora più che mai fiera della sua libertà e della sua italianità."

Il "Daily Mail" di Londra in un suo articolo scrive: "Si spera molto a Parigi che il fervore con il quale furono accolte le truppe italiane dal popolo di Parigi nella rivista e che lo scambio dei telegrammi fra Poincaré e Vittorio Emanuele valgono a far dimenticare i recenti incidenti di Fiume. Nella stampa italiana fecero ottima impressione questi segni di simpatia offerti dalla Francia all'Italia, mentre nella stampa francese fu molto simpaticamente commentato l'atto della Delegazione italiana che mise le finestre dell'Hotel Edward VII a disposizione dei militari francesi, durante la rivista. Nel circolo della Conferenza si considera quasi certo che il problema relativo all'Adriatico sarà definitivamente risolto per la fine del mese."

Parigi, 22 luglio.—Nessuna soluzione sulle dispute territoriali tra la Grecia e la Bulgaria è stata presentata, oggi.

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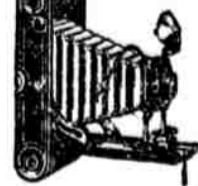
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dal Ministro per gli Affari Esteri d'Italia, On. Tittoni, nominato dal Supremo Consiglio Interalleato per riferire sulla questione.

L'On. Tittoni ha dichiarato al Consiglio predetto che è stato impossibile sistemare la disputa con un diretto accordo.

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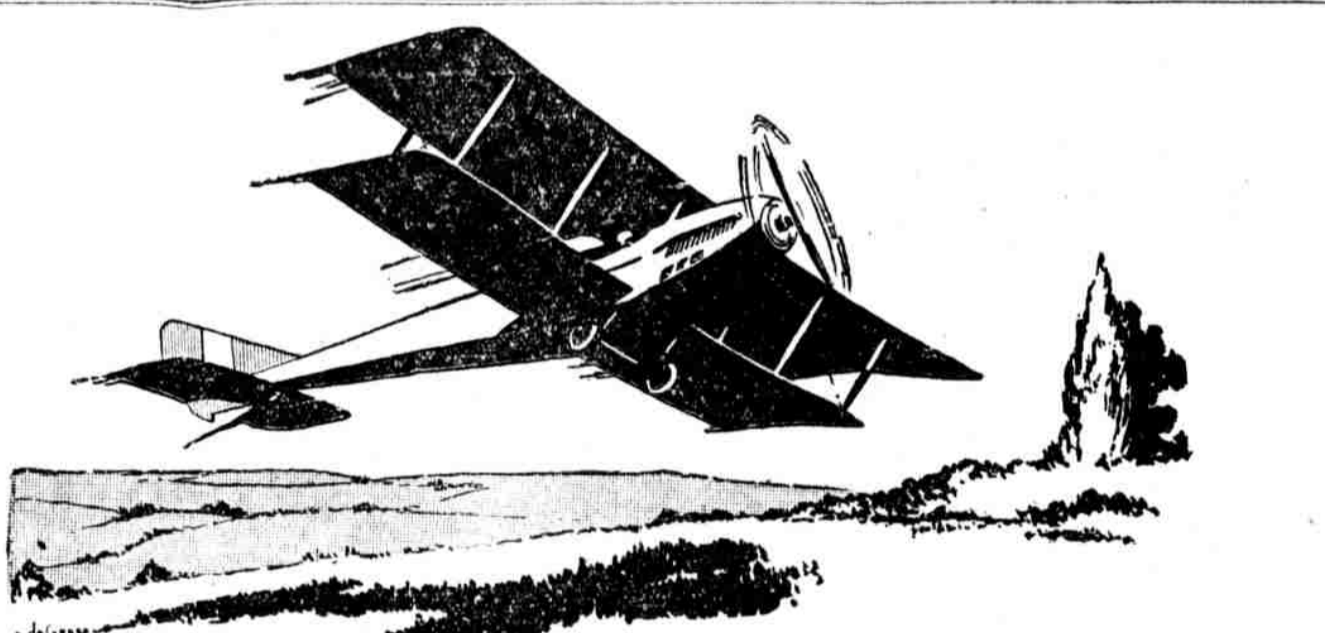
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