

POET'S MEN WANT TO STAY IN FIUME

Action of D'Annunzio's Soldiers May Block Transfer to Italian Regulars

HOLDING PLEBISCITE TODAY

By the Associated Press
 Fiume, Dec. 18.—Obstacles to the withdrawal of Gabriele D'Annunzio's forces brought about a new turn in the Fiume situation and may block acceptance of proposals made by General Badoglio, Italian chief of staff.
 Strong pressure is being exerted by a large number of soldiers who wish to remain in Fiume until formal annexation to Italy is promised, and there are also various elements of the annexationists waiting stronger guarantees, even insisting that the present garrison be maintained here as a regular Italian garrison under the command of D'Annunzio.
 Commander Rizzo, chief of the D'Annunzio navy, said that Captain D'Annunzio's troops would be taken back to Italy and would be permitted to rejoin the army without punishment. Answering those asking for the retention of the present garrison under Captain D'Annunzio, he said D'Annunzio could not remain with the garrison, for a general would be sent to command it.
 "D'Annunzio has been more than a king," said Rizzo, "and he cannot be allowed to serve under a general sent by the Italian Government."

Feeling is running at highest pitch preparatory to the plebiscite which is being held today. A meeting was held last night to discuss various phases of the question. It was announced as open only to citizens of Fiume, but it was packed with officers who donned "Agnelli" clothes to gain admission. Most of the rest of the audience was made up of women and girls. There was some confusion and heckling between the various groups, one man who ventured to address the meeting as "a Fiuman who had fought for Italy" being singly questioned by a spectator who said he was "a Fiuman who had fought for Austria-Hungary, because, being a Fiuman, he was an Austro-Hungarian subject."
 The secretary of the Fiume National Council read the proposal made by General Badoglio, urging its acceptance as tantamount to annexation to Italy. "This proposal," he declared, "says the Italian government guarantees the occupation of Fiume shall be by regular troops, exclusively Italian. That means

they will not be British, French or American. It means there will be no foreign troops, mission, delegation nor any representative of a foreign army in Fiume."
 Trieste, Dec. 18.—(Delayed)—The withdrawal from Fiume of Gabriele D'Annunzio and his troops, which was set for today, did not take place owing to the women of the town having implored the poet-soldier to retain the present garrison there.
 D'Annunzio announces that he will not leave Fiume until the plebiscite, which he has ordered for Thursday, approves his departure.
 A group of women in Fiume has organized a demonstration against the withdrawal of the poet.

Rome, Dec. 18.—Speaking on the provisional budget measure in the Chamber of Deputies today, Signor Giolitti, former minister of commerce and labor, said that by an understanding between the Allies, exchange rates

were standardized during the war, but that "the moment the armistice was concluded international bankers exercised influence on the American Government and obtained an abolition of that understanding."
 The speaker urged the government to obtain from the Allies an understanding that there would be a return to the system of standardized exchange. He said that if this was not done Italy would be unable to buy abroad.
 "The Socialist parliamentary group

has decided to intensify its opposition with a view to bringing about a dissolution of the new Chamber of Deputies, according to the Tribune.
SINN FEIN PAPER FIGHTS BAN
 Freeman's Journal Seeks Injunction Against Authorities
 Dublin, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—Owners of the Freeman's Journal, a Sinn Fein organ, seized and suppressed by the military police on Monday, applied to court yesterday for an interlocutory injunction to restrain the authorities from continuing to suppress the newspaper.
 This application will be heard Friday. Meanwhile the Evening Telegraph, which is associated with the Freeman's Journal, is appearing as a morning paper.
 The National party in the House of

Commons has given the following notice of a motion on the Irish question: "The House, in view of the fact that the Sinn Fein organization has made it abundantly clear that it will not accept any form of home rule retaining the sovereign powers of the government at Westminster, declines to proceed with legislation which cannot be acceptable to any considerable section of opinion in Ireland, and calls upon the government to enforce law and order in that country."

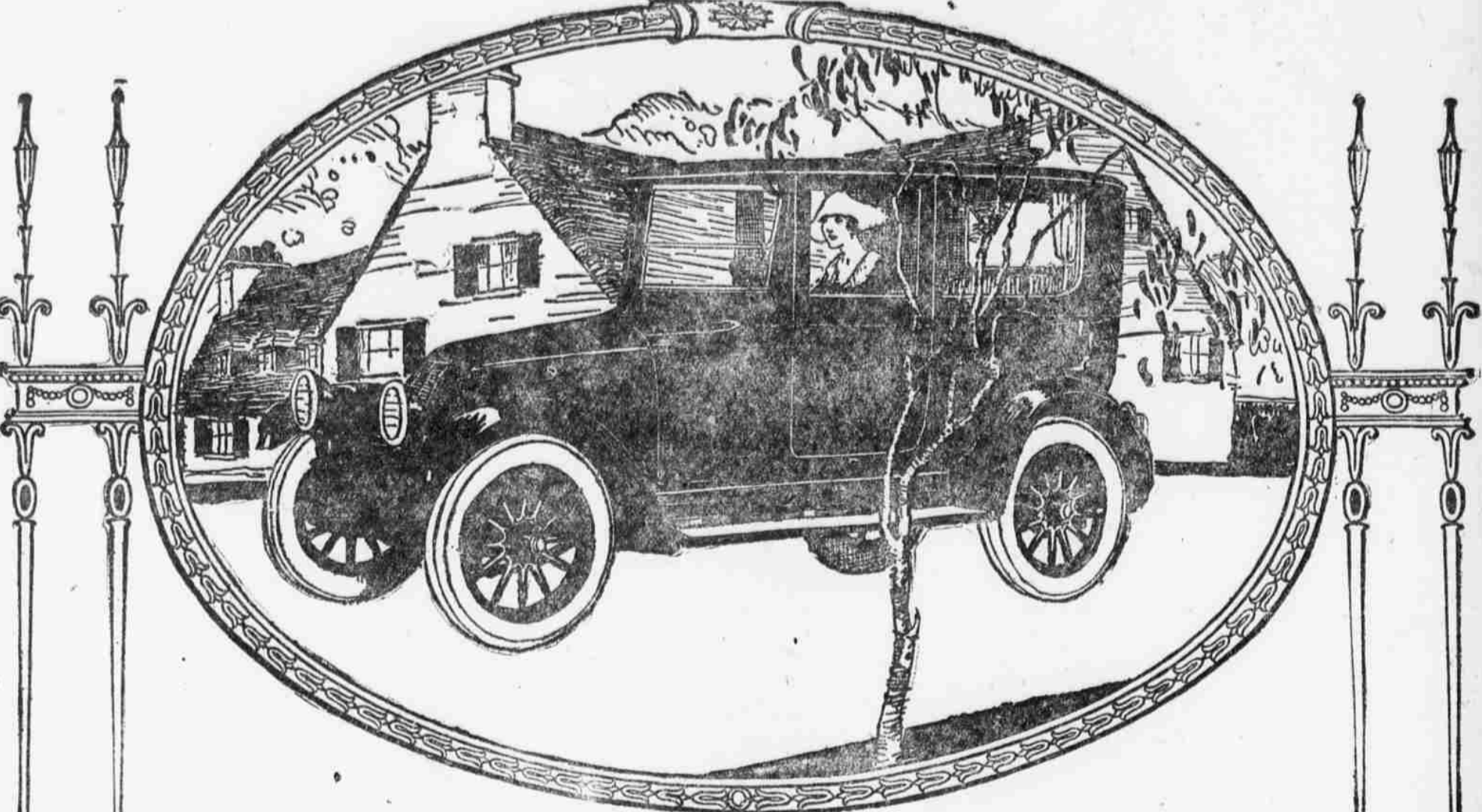
Argentine Peso Most Valuable Coin
 Buenos Aires, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—As a result of recent movements in international exchange the Argentine gold peso has become the most valuable unit of currency in the world, now being quoted for telegraphic transfers at a premium above even that quoted for the Spanish peseta, according to foreign exchange authorities. The United States dollar, at a premium in Europe, is quoted at a discount here.

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