

L'ON. NITTI DOMANI TORNERA' IN ROMA

Egli Attendera' Soltanto per Oggi la isposta Della Jugoslavia

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Paris, 20 gennaio.—Il Primo Ministro di Italia, On. Nitti, forse non più a lungo di oggi attendera' per accettare una risposta alla nota degli Alleati inviata al governo della Jugoslavia, sul proposito accordato riguardo la soluzione della questione Adriatica. Le notizie di dati dal giornale "L'Eco di Parigi".

Il giornale aggiunge che se la risposta non sara' ricevuta per questa sera il Ministro Italiano chiederà l'esecuzione del trattato di Londra, senza alcuna riserva, lasciando che il fatto della città di Fiume venga deciso più tardi.

Parigi, 19 gennaio.—Contrariamente alle notizie date da qualche giornale scabra che a tutt'oggi il governo di Belgrado non abbia risposto alla nota che gli Alleati inviarono sulla proposta di arbitrato del problema relativo all'Adriatico.

D'altra parte la Delegazione Jugoslava a Parigi nelle sue dichiarazioni circa la questione di Fiume, riafferma certi criteri di intransigenza che molto probabilmente potrebbero ritardare la soluzione.

In questi giorni italiani si mantiene il più assoluto riserbo circa le notizie da fonte jugoslava, secondo le quali gli eredi di D'Annunzio si accingono a far saltare in aria le città di Zara e di Fiume al primo presentarsi delle navi della Regia Marina Italiana, le quali dovrebbero espellere le truppe D'Annunzio. Generalmente si ha ferma fiducia che l'On. Nitti riuscirà ad evitare lo spargimento di sangue cui avveniva il messaggio di D'Annunzio ai francesi, che fu gettato su una città di Fiume da un aeroplano dello squadrone del Poeta, appositamente partito da Fiume.

Roma, 19 gennaio.—I giornali commentano la supposta soluzione raggiunta dall'On. Nitti sulla questione Adriatica e di Fiume. Il Giornale d'Italia dice che l'assolutamente impossibile che Nitti abbia rinunciato alla sovranità di Fiume, e sarebbe in contraddizione con le sue precedenti dichiarazioni.

Edwards Renues His "Wet" Pledge

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He describes as "first and foremost" of the problems confronting the state government "the matter of summary legislation enacted by the federal Congress," and he went on to say, the question "whether the people of New Jersey desired to be understood as being in favor of surrendering to the federal government the power of regulating the exercise of their personal liberties" having been answered in the negative, he interpreted the result as indicating that "the citizens of New Jersey insist upon reserving to themselves the right to say how they shall live, and that they believe measures regulating their mode of life have no place in the organic law of the nation."

In compliance with definite pledges made in his campaign for governor, Mr. Edwards then declared his purpose to "do every lawful thing to have it determined that the present condition of affairs with respect to prohibition had been illegally forced upon the people of this state."

"Concurrent Legislation"
He quoted from what he designated as the "so-called eighteenth amendment" the section which provides that the "Congress and the several states shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."
"For the first time in our history," said Governor Edwards, such language makes its appearance in the federal constitution. Its presence there is not the result of accident or idle thought.

High Points in Message of Governor Edwards

Recommends legislation for a more liberal state prohibition enforcement act than the Volstead law.
Urges that the attorney general be directed to begin proceedings on behalf of the state to test the constitutionality of the Volstead law.

Asks the Legislature to refuse to ratify the dry amendment.
Asserts the right of New Jersey women to be chosen at the November election, and urges adoption of the woman's suffrage amendment.

Asks removal of the present five-member Public Utilities Commission, and the substitution of a board of three members to be chosen at the November election, and meanwhile, creation of a temporary utilities commission by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Suggests an independent valuation commission for the valuation of public utility properties on which rates may be based.

Points out the advisability of abolishing the present hilly unsanitary state Highway Commission and the creation of a new highway board of three members with adequate compensation, to be in constant session.

Opposes a direct state tax for the construction of the proposed interstate Hudson river vehicular tunnel, and the proposed Camden-Philadelphia Delaware river bridge, recommending a bond issue instead which need not be a charge against the taxable real property of the state. He expressed similar objection to a direct tax for road improvements.

Building of homes by the state is opposed by the governor as a means of improving living conditions, but he urged amelioration of existing hardships through a study of the situation by competent men of affairs.

Labor and Suffrage
The governor renewed his campaign for the repeal of laws improving the condition of laboring men, forbidding the unwarranted issue of writs of injunction in labor disputes where no property rights are involved.

Substitution of a state insurance fund for the present workmen's compensation act.

not rather is indicative, if the amendment was ratified at all, of the intention on the part of the several states to interfere their concurrence, at least as to interstate commerce, in any proposed federal legislation concerning intoxicating beverages. In that view I am supported by the opinion of counsel.

"I respectfully urge upon you the passage of legislation which will assure to our people the right to live under conditions satisfactory to them. That proposed legislation has been drawn and will be introduced at this session.

Challenges Amendment's Validity
"Second—I am advised by counsel that grave doubt exists whether the amendment was legally ratified, and that the same doubt exists as to its being a proper subject for legislation by the several states to the constitution. I therefore propose to request the attorney general of the state to present to the United States Supreme Court the petition of the state of New Jersey as a sovereign state, praying that these questions may be speedily determined so that our citizens may know what their rights are in the premises.

"Third—That there shall be passed by the Legislature a resolution refusing to ratify or accept the said amendment."

"My policy on this subject will no doubt provoke from some the criticism that our citizens are to be misled in my respect and regard for that declaration of our rights and liberties. But I am strong in my conviction that the rights of New Jersey as a sovereign state under the constitution have been invaded, and I insist it is my sworn duty to resist such invasion."

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Would Abolish Utility Board

The governor severely criticized the public utility commission for its treatment of the trolley fare controversy that has agitated the state for several years back; accused it of incompetency and unfairness in fixing rates; aggravating the public mind by trying crude experiments with the zone system, without first determining how much money the company is entitled to earn, and recommended removal of the present commissioners and a new commission established, appointive by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate and the passage of a bill providing for an elective commission to be elected next November.

Highway Commission Ineffective
Reorganization of the highway department was recommended, the present commission to be abolished and a new one of three members "at an adequate compensation" to be created in its stead.

Bond Issue for Bridge and Tunnel
On the subject of the interstate bridge and tunnel Governor Edwards placed himself in direct opposition to direct tax for purposes of their construction, recommending instead a bond issue.

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claimed in the labor power of the human being, and guaranteeing to the workmen of New Jersey the right of trial by jury in all cases of alleged contempt committed outside the presence of the court.

Acting Governor Presents Seal
In delivering the great seal of New Jersey to the new governor, Acting Governor Case said:

"It is my privilege and duty to deliver into your custody the great seal of the state of New Jersey. Governor Case has come, served their day and gone. Legislature has succeeded Legislature. Constitutions have been made and when necessary to conform to the will of the people, remade. Wars have been waged and won. But this ancient seal, the solemn symbol of organized society, has endured. It is the composite mark of rights, law and order, that trinity which reigns whosoever this matrix has impressed its beloved characters. Pray God it may ever be thus. Liberty without law is license; law without liberty is tyranny; either without order is confusion. To function it must give up its own substance and be replenished. Such is the law of life. It is for government to live; to grow; but not abnormally; to do, but not to overdo.

Mexico Bars U. S. Witnesses
El Paso, Tex., Jan. 20.—(By A. P.)—The Mexican consul general here has received instructions from his government not to vize passports of persons who have appeared as witnesses before the United States Senate subcommittee investigating Mexican affairs, it became known last night. No distinction as to nationality will be made in enforcing this ruling, it was said.

DELAWARE RIVER PLANS COMBINED

Rivers and Harbors Bill Contains Improvements for Waterway as Far as Trenton

\$5,000,000 FOR THE WORKS

Washington, Jan. 20.—A single project for the improvement of the Delaware river from Allegheny avenue, Philadelphia, to Lalor street, Trenton, is provided for in the rivers and harbors bills reported to the House yesterday.

This is accomplished by consolidation of two existing projects. The bill includes the following section:

"Section 6—Delaware river, between Philadelphia, Pa., and Trenton, N. J.: The two projects heretofore authorized for Delaware river from Allegheny avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., to Lalor street, Trenton, N. J., and above Lalor street to the upper railroad bridges at Trenton are hereby consolidated to form a single project between Philadelphia and Trenton."

Besides the Delaware project provision is made in the bill for a survey of Absecon Inlet, Newark bay and the Hackensack and Passaic rivers and the Raritan river, including the section above the Washington canal, all in New Jersey and a survey of Wilmington harbor (Christiana river) in Delaware.

To Provide Until 1921

These comprise the specific projects authorized by the measure, although the Delaware and other river improvements will share in the expenditure of \$12,000,000 appropriated for continuing and maintaining improvements previously authorized.

This appropriation is divided to allow \$5,000,000 for "the maintenance and preservation of public works on rivers

and harbors," and \$7,000,000 "for continuing the prosecution of improvement works on rivers and harbors which have heretofore been adopted by Congress."

According to the committee report, it is estimated by the chief of engineers of the army, in charge of river and harbor improvements, that the \$5,000,000 appropriated in the bill will be sufficient, in addition to the funds available from previous appropriations, to maintain existing river and harbor works so as to adequately provide for the needs of commerce until March 4, 1921. By that time it is anticipated that another rivers and harbors appropriation bill will have been passed by Congress.

The cost of the New Jersey and Delaware surveys enumerated will come out of a \$400,000 appropriation for surveys of specific projects designated in the bill.

Eighty Nine Projects

Section 3 of the bill repeals the paragraph in Section 3 of the river and harbor act approved March 2, 1919, which provided that no work should be undertaken upon any new project in that act unless the Secretary of War should be of the opinion that, based on the cost at the time of entering upon the work, the project could be completed at a cost not greater than 40 per cent in

excess of the cost as originally estimated in the project report. Eighty-nine of these projects are adopted in this act. The committee report says it has ascertained that on only seven of these projects is the prosecution of the work only a small portion of the work affected, that on one project (waterway from Delaware river to Chesapeake bay) it is doubtful if the work will be affected by this provision.

John A. Smith, of Camden, custodian of the Capitol, had southern smilax and the national colors placed in attractive festoons in the State House corridors and the effect was most pleasing. One of the features in the main corridor was a massive liberty bell composed of flags and evergreens and illuminated by electric lights.

The new state flag of the governor arrived yesterday, and was turned over by the custodian to Adjutant General Frederick Glikson. It will be displayed in the executive chamber during the reception held by the governor.

Each elected governor receives a flag, which is presented to him for his own use at the close of his term of office. Governor Edwards immediately after the inaugural ceremonies, sent a communication to Attorney General McCann, asking that official to confer with him next Thursday at 11 o'clock here to determine the most feasible and expeditious method of raising the question as to the validity of the prohibition amendment in the United States Supreme Court.

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