# D'ANNUNZIO'S RULE HARMFUL TO FIUME

### His Rival for Leadership Says People Are Hungry, Italy Embarrassed

### POET FEARS ASSASSINATION

By the Associated Press

**Fiume**, Jan 23.—Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio's control of this city has been disastrous to the people, who have little food and are suffering from epidemics, according to Riccardo Zanella, opponent of d'Annunzio and leader of the Fiuman people's party.

He says the poet-soldier is afraid of assassination, and is constantly under guard, and that his action in seizing the city has resulted in international embarrassment for Italy.

Signor Zanella says President Wilson's program by which the future status of Fiume is to be fixed is not acceptable to the people of the city, adding that Fiume, which is not important to Jugo-Slavia, which has a better port at Spalato, must be Italian.

"Captain D'Annunzio has violated every principle of free government," says Signor Zanelles, who was formerly mayor of the city. He has lodged his legions on our people, has troubled the city for months and has commandeered property under threats of violence. The people are sick of his regime. There is little food and much disease and suffering, while our financial situation is appalling. Ninety per cent of the citizens are calling for D'Annunzio and his men to leave.

"Fearing for his life, D'Annunzio does not sleep in the same place two nights in succession and is at all times guarded by Arditi. I do not believe he will be able to remain in Fiume longer than a month. One brigade of soldiers would be sufficient to expel him and his troops. He has lost Fiume and has embarrassed Italy, which will be called upon for damages amounting into the millions.

"Fiume accepted General Badoglio's proposals as to the control of the city, but D'Annunzio refused to abide by this decision. I am in favor of annexation to Italy, but that seems impossible and so I am for the next best thing, which seems to be the plan advanced by Foreign Minister Tittoni at Paris. We cannot accept President Wilson's plan, for we are surrounded by Slavs. We must retain our Italian character and civilization, which are threatened. The Jugo-Slavs have other ports such as Spalato, which are more important to them than Fiume, and they could give way in the negotiations now going on. Fiume is not a commercial proposition; it is a question of the retention of our Italian civilization."

**Rome**, Jan. 23.—Premier Nitti was received by King Victor Emmanuel today following the former's return from Paris and later the premier presided at a meeting of the council of ministers.

Italy may overcome the handicap placed upon her by the wreck of her colonial aspirations in the Peace Conference by co-operating with Latin countries, says Marquis Solari, in an article published in the Messagero.

"We must frankly recognize that the Italian colonial program has entirely failed as a result of the Peace Conference," he declares. "This is an injustice which Italy may correct with a broad program of economic expansion abroad in close union with the Latin countries of Spain, Portugal, Rumania and the nations of Central and South America."

# ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE SHAKES VERA CRUZ

### Tremors Demolish Structures at Couztlan Left Standing by Previous Shocks

**Mexico City**, Jan. 23.—(By A. P.)—Strong earthquake shocks were felt th the city of Vera Cruz from 3 to 5 o'clock yesterday morning. There were no casualties, although some residences were damaged.

Reports from Vera Cruz state the tremors demolished at Couztlan all structures which were not destroyed in the earthquake of January 6, while shocks lasting twenty minutes caused further damage at Salmoral and San Francisco De La Penas.

### SING 'DIE WACHT AM RHEIN'

#### German Sailors Show They Are Not Depressed by Defeat

**London**, Jan. 23.—(By A. P.)—Members of the crew of the German warship Koenigsberg, when drawn up for inspection by a board of interallied commissioners at Wilhelmshaven, spontaneously sang "Deutschland, Deutschland Uber Alles," and "Die Wacht Am Rhein," according to Reuter's correspondent with the interallied officials. It is said that this demonstration was merely to show that the Germans were not depressed, as naval discipline was apparently good on the ship and in the harbor.

The commissioners, who have been making their trip on board the battleship Malaya, were informed when starting for Kiel that the ship's draught was too great for the canal, the dredging of which has been delayed because of the coal shortage.

### SPAIN FIGHTS "FLU"

#### American Ships Have Many Cases and Precautions Are Taken

**Cadiz**, Jan. 23.—(By A. P.)—Steamships which arrived here and at Santander today from America had numerous cases of grip on board. Strict precautions have been taken at all the ports against the spread of the disease.

When the influenza epidemic made its appearance in Europe, and later in America during the early part of 1918, it was popularly supposed to have originated in Spain; hence the popular name, "Spanish flu."

### COUNCIL'S TAXICABS HIRED

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# ACCUSED FRENCH MINISTER MAY QUIT

### Jules Steeg, Attacked as Unpatriotic, Will Resign to Relieve Millerand

By the Associated Press

**Paris**, Jan. 23.—Premier Millerand and members of his cabinet are today considering the attitude of the Chamber of Deputies, which, although it has voted confidence in the government, has shown a certain degree of coldness to the new regime. There is no indication that the cabinet will resign as a result of yesterday's turbulent session in the chamber, but there are many who believe Jules Steeg, minister of the interior, about whom the storm centered, may surrender his portfolio rather than embarrass the premier in the opening days of his administration.

M. Millerand's victory upon demanding a vote of confidence, while it showed a majority of 239, was considered really to be a defeat, as more than 300 members of the chamber refused to participate in the balloting. Parliamentary tradition looks upon a refusal to vote on a question of confidence as a ballot against the government. Objection to Steeg as a member of the ministry was voiced by Deputy Leon Daudet, who declared the new minister of the interior "was an accomplice" of Louis J. Malby, banished after conviction of having carried on dealings with the enemy. He announced he would interpolate the government on this point. His attack caused great disorder in the chamber and for a time it seemed the Millerand cabinet would be forced out of office.

### VATICAN LIKES DESCHANEL

Rome, Jan. 23.—(By A. P.)—An excellent impression has been made at the Vatican by the election of Paul Deschanel as president of France, according to the Giornale D'Italia, which says he is very sympathetic with the Holy See.

The newspaper adds the probabilities of a resumption of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and France seem to be increased.

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# UN COMMENTO SUL RITORNO DI NITTI

### Il Corrieri d'Italia Ritiene Lodevole l'Attitudine del Presidente del Consiglio


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**Roma**, 23 gennaio.—Commentando il ritorno dell'On. Nitti da Parigi, il Corriere d'Italia caratterizza la sua attitudine verso gli jugoslavi nella questione Adriatica come molto lodevole e dimostra i buoni intendimenti dell'Italia e la mancanza di qualsiasi mira imperialistica da sua parte, mentre gli Jugoslavi, dice il giornale, hanno dimostrato che la loro politica e' tutta al contrario.

"L'Italia—dice l'articolista—con le concessioni fatte dal Primo Ministro Nitti, da' un buon esempio. Ora e' il torno di Belgrado che la imiti. Noi speriamo che l'avviso di moderazione della stampa anglo-francese possa ora avere un buon effetto sopra gli jugoslavi, avviso che fu sicuro nel passato. Noi crediamo che tale avviso possa portare a soddisfacenti risultati."

**Roma**, 22 gennaio—In un articolo pubblicato dal giornale Il Messaggero, il Marchese Solari dice che l'Italia potra' superare gli ostacoli creati alla conferenza della pace sulle sue aspirazioni coloniali, con la cooperazione delle nazioni latine. L'articolista dice che bisogna riconoscere che il programma coloniale italiano e' interamente fallito come risultato delle conferenze per la pace. Cio' e' una ingiustizia che l'Italia potra' correggere con un largo programma di economica espansione in stretta unione con le nazioni latine—Spagna, Portogallo, Rumenia e le nazioni del sud e centro America. L'Articolista dice che bisogna aver fiducia dell'assistenza dei fratelli latini per lo sviluppo della civilta', del progresso e del benessere dei popoli latini. E termina dicendo:

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