

SEE RUSSIAN POLICY AS STEP TO PEACE

London Press Inclined to View Supreme Council Decision as Compromise

LABOR ORGAN IS EXULTANT

By the Associated Press
 London, Feb. 25.—Announcement of the allied policy toward Russia has evoked conflicting comment from the London press. The Times, a strong opponent of bolshevism, accuses Premier Lloyd George with having for more than a year "sought for his own purposes to throw weak, ignorant and reluctant Europe into the venal arms of her Bolshevik seducer."
 It says the council's announcement is an indication of the "progress which Mr. Lloyd George now considers he has made toward his goal. The next step is to compromise Europe beyond recall. As the development of the premier's soviet intrigue shows," the Times continues, "fact and patient perseverance are the true instruments by which to deify the unsuspecting to apostasy and shame."
 The Daily News asserts the new policy bears all the marks of a compromise, having manifestly emerged from a conflict of views, but that the balance on the good side unquestionably predominates.
 The Chronicle, which has lately advocated peace with the Bolsheviks, says yesterday's decision embodies a big step forward, but is masked under evasive expressions.
 "The Allies," the paper comments, "have plainly entered the path at the end of which is peace. They might, with advantage, have taken a more direct path to the same goal."
 Labor's organ, the Herald, exults in the fact that "the Allies are grudgingly and reluctantly taking the part they should have taken a year ago," but regrets that the "language of their manifesto is insolent."
 Approval of the allied policy is given by the Express, but it condemns the "frankly insincere diplomacy which camouflages a split between the Entente nations."
 The ambassadorial council decided today to refer to the respective governments the appeal of the inter-allied military commission to Hungary for intervention in favor of Hungarians seized by Rumanian military authorities and condemned to death.
 Consideration of the Hungarian reply to

RUMORS OF CRUELTY AMUSE BOLSHIEVIKI

Soldiers and Peasants Laugh at Yarns Circulated in Foreign Countries

Amsterdam, Feb. 25.—(By A. P.)—The soviet peasants and soldiers were greatly amused over the stories told abroad of their cruelty, says the staff correspondent of the Handelsblad, describing conditions in soviet Russia, from which he has just returned.
 In the course of a trip aboard an armored train with Bolshevik officers, the correspondent was asked many questions.
 "We were drinking ersatz (imitation) tea, sitting around a nice little table," he writes, "and I had to tell the Bolsheviks what people abroad thought of the Red army."
 They asked if it was true that mothers frightened their children with the name 'Bolshevik.'
 "At my frank answer that this was about so, one long, sinister commiseration, apparently a pure-stock hater of the capitalists, looking more and more dreadful, but the others could not stop laughing. They made me explain very carefully their alleged cruelties and stories about alleged communized women, and of men who were slaughtered and eaten. These made them choke with laughter, and soldiers who heard it went to other parties and told their comrades, who liked it just as much."
ROMANIAN ARMY RETIRES
 Withdraws in Hungary to Line Fixed by Peace Conference
 Budapest, Feb. 25.—(By A. P.)—Rumanian troops which have been occupying a front along the River Theiss, are withdrawing to the line fixed by the Peace Conference from sixty to eighty miles east of that stream. This movement will be completed today and tomorrow Hungarian troops will cross the Theiss. They will thus observe agreements not to move forward until twenty-four hours after the Rumanians have retired.
 Reports of Rumanian withdrawals are received with much relief by Hungarians, who allege the Rumanians have systematically looted the country. Allied officers who have been investigating charges of looting in this city and in the plain of the Danube will inspect the Theiss country.

ASPRO COMMENTO RIGUARDO WILSON

"Il Messaggero," Giornale di Roma, Rileva la Italofobia del Presidente

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 Roma, 23 febbraio.—Commentando la situazione riguardo l'Adriatico e la protesta del Presidente Wilson al Summito Concilio Alleanze, il "Messaggero" dice: "Noi italiani leggiamo e dimentichiamo le offese fatteci dalla teucro italofobia del signor Wilson, perché egli non è l'America e noi ammiriamo ed amiamo l'America, nonostante lui."
 In una editoriale dedicata alla recente dichiarazione di Frank A. Vanderbilt, relativa alle difficoltà dell'America per nuovi crediti all'Europa, il giornale dice: "La nostra situazione economica bisogna non sia giudicata troppo severamente. L'America deve avere fiducia nello strenuo lavoro degli italiani. Se essi saranno aiutati in tempo con materiale grezzo e con crediti, saranno capaci di intensificare la produzione e limitare la consumazione e metterci in grado di pagare i vecchi ed i nuovi debiti."
 La notizia del rifiuto del Senato degli Stati Uniti di accettare le modificazioni sulle riserve del Senato Lodge riguardo il tratto di Versailles hanno prodotto una grande impressione e l'azione del Senato è considerata come il significato del crollo della partecipazione americana alla Lega delle Nazioni.
 New York, 25 febbraio.—Una strenua e chiara difesa delle aspirazioni italiane sull'Adriatico fu fatta, ieri sera, dal Patrone Romano Avezzano, Regio Ambasciatore Italiano a Washington, durante un banchetto dato in suo onore dalla Società Italia-America. Egli sfatò mirabilmente la leggenda che l'Italia entrò in guerra ispirata dal desiderio di guadagni territoriali e per motivi imperialistici, dopo essersi assicurata da quale parte si sarebbe schierata in vittoria. Dimostrò, invece, che l'Italia entrò nel conflitto impreparata e quando la sorte dell'Italia sembrava disperata.
 L'Ambasciatore sfatò poi un'altra leggenda, quella, cioè, che la guerra combattuta dall'Italia fosse compito facoltativo e cioè la vittoria fosse il frutto delle rivalità delle nazionalità che formavano l'Impero Austro-Ungarico, e

con argomenti convincenti dimostrò con quale ferocia dette nazionalità combattessero contro gli italiani. Disse che questi vinsero tutte le battaglie ad eccezione dell'eroica battaglia di Caporetto, la più gloriosa battaglia del Piave, rivendicatrice di Caporetto, e la battaglia di Vittorio Veneto che determinarono la distruzione dell'esercito austriaco e della monarchia degli Asburgo.
 Parlo poi delle condizioni economiche dell'Italia, accennando alla controversia che ora si sta svolgendo e della quale l'Italia ha la sfortuna di essere uno dei principali interlocutori, e si augurò che la soluzione avvenga improntata a quello spirito di fratellanza che ha sostenuto gli Alleati e gli Stati Uniti durante la guerra, fratellanza cementata col sangue sui campi di battaglia.

SOVIET IN ITALIAN TOWN

Many Wounded in Fighting Between Workers and Soldiers
 London, Feb. 25.—(By A. P.)—Workers at Pieve di Soligo, Italy, have seized the municipal buildings and proclaimed a soviet government, according to a Rome dispatch to the Central News.
 In fighting between workers and carabinieri many persons were wounded. Disorders have also occurred at Vittorio, Montebelluna and elsewhere, the dispatch says.

VERDUN MARKS THE SPOT

To Commemorate on June 23 Checking of German Advance
 Verdun, Feb. 25.—The municipality of Verdun has decided to organize a patriotic fête on June 23 to commemorate the extreme limit of the German offensive which was reached on June 23, 1916.
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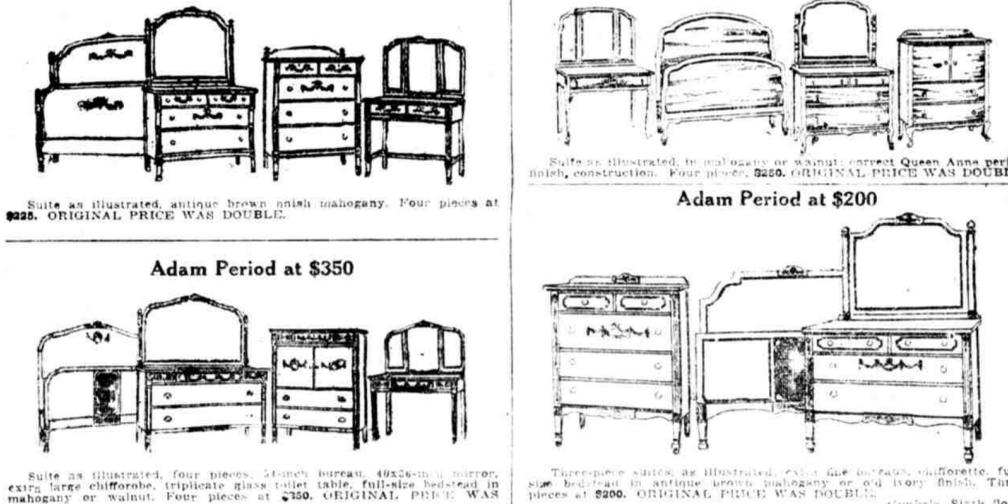
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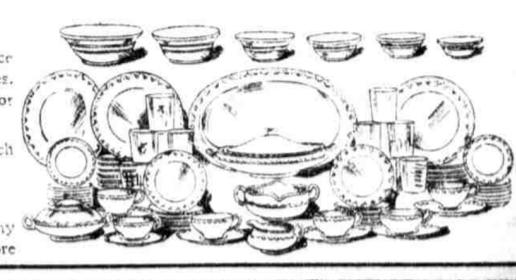
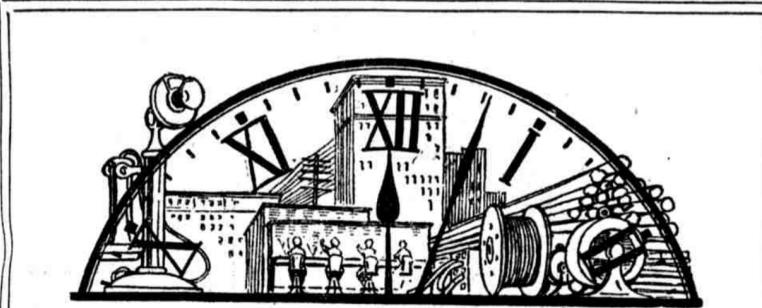
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