

BRITISH WARSHIP GUNS AID DENIKINE

Fire on Revolutionists as U. S. Destroyers Help Evacuation of Novorossisk

POLAND EAGER FOR PEACE

By the Associated Press
Novorossisk, Caucasus, March 12 (Delayed)—Caucasian revolutionists among refugees here last night, when the British ship *Empress of India*, lying in the harbor, fired her big guns in the direction of the fighting.

Families of officers belonging to the staff of General Denikine are being taken to Constantinople on American destroyers, as it is believed Denikine will be forced to evacuate the city in a few days and go to Crimea.

Paris, March 12.—(By A. P.)—Rouge has been abandoned for a Russian steamer chartered by the American Red Cross as a relief transport, which left Novorossisk, on the Russian coast, with 500 wounded and sick refugees. The vessel is now several days overdue at the Turkish capital.

Warsaw, March 12.—(By A. P.)—Poland is going ahead seriously considering a reasonable peace with Soviet Russia, despite reports to the contrary, says a statement signed by President Pilsudski, Premier Skulski and Stanislas Patek, minister of foreign affairs.

The conference opening here Monday is the first organized effort among the newly created Baltic states to get together and answer the latest peace note of Russia.

Peace advocates contend that Poland should meet the Bolsheviks at least half way in steps leading toward peace negotiations. Many diplomats say Poland cannot afford to ignore the Supreme Council's advice.

Bucharest, March 12.—(By A. P.)—Rumanian delegates have gone to Warsaw to confer with Bolshevik representatives as to the situation in Bessarabia and also to arrange for the return of part of the Rumanian national treasure which has been in Moscow since the German invasion of this country.

is understood that the advisory council has recommended delay in replying to the Russian soviet government's overtures for peace, but gave approval to the plan for reopening of trade with the Russian co-operating societies and for the evacuation of Siberia.

WOULD EXPUNGE WAR DEBT

Baron Fisher Pleads for International Forgiveness

London, March 12.—(By A. P.)—Baron Fisher, former first sea lord, in one of his now famous short, sharp letters to the London Times, joins with those who are advocating the wiping out of international debts. He writes: "This last portentous war, probably allowing the whole face of the earth—and certainly establishing a new community of nations on a basis only conceivable by apostolic socialists—was waged against a military tycoon that would have stamped out freedom and established war as the only god to worship."

ALAS AND ALACK!

Calamity at Broad and Chestnut Streets Attracts Crowd

A crowd gathered at Broad and Chestnut streets last night gazed ruefully at the ominous ruins of what had been a quart bottle of—sh—whisky. One patriot was in the act of handing it to another rich man, it is said, when his trembling hand lost its grip and the bottle of anti-Volstead stuff crashed to the pavement. The two rich men hurried away, but pedestrians disdainful of sobriety prohibition agents, hung about for some time, sniffing greedily the spirituous spill.

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TRUPPE IN RIVOLTA OCCUPANO BERLINO

Un Nuovo Governo e' Proclamato e l'Assemblea Nazionale e' Dichiarata Dissolta

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portazioni delle persone che vivono da meno di dieci anni in Fiume continua e si aspetta sia presto completata. La maggior parte dei deportati sono ungheresi e croati. Alcuni stabilimenti sono stati forzati a chiudere perche' l'intero personale di direzione ha avuto ordine di partire.

D'Annunzio e' fermo nella sua risoluzione che Fiume sia uno Stato indipendente, ma i membri del Consiglio Nazionale hanno discusso i piani per formare delle province di Fiume, Abbazia, Susak, Veglia, Zara, e Sebenico, una repubblica.

Roma, 12 marzo.—Un conflitto tra scioperanti e guardie regie e' avvenuto a Catania, Sicilia, e colpi d'arma da fuoco vennero scambiati. I rapporti dicono che rimase ucciso uno scioperante e undici persone rimasero ferite. Dei feriti otto appartengono al corpo delle guardie regie.

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ASQUITH FEARS CALAMITY

Says League Without U. S. Would Be World Catastrophe

London, March 12.—(By A. P.)—Herbert H. Asquith, former premier, in a speech on the League of Nations, said last night that so long as the United States did not share in the league it must have a fragmentary and lopsided aspect.

So far as he could judge, Mr. Asquith added, a vast majority of the people in the United States sympathized with the spirit and purpose of the league.

It would be a calamity to the world and a terrible impoverishment of the league's resources, Mr. Asquith declared, if, during the trying and critical times ahead, America could not be relied upon as a partner.

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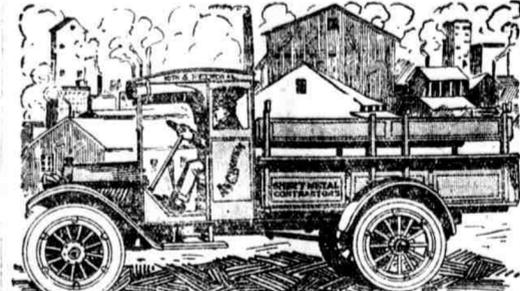
Montgomeryville, Pa., March 12.—To better rural conditions, farmers at Montgomery and other townships propose to organize a community association. A committee has been appointed to arrange a mass-meeting.

horses have been driven out to graze on the hills nearby, there being no feed for them here.

There have been rumors that Captain d'Annunzio's forces will attack Croatia in an effort to obtain supplies.

Fears have been expressed that a Bolshevik outbreak is imminent and which resulted in the death of one man. Deportations of persons who have lived less than ten years in Fiume continued, and it is expected they will be completed soon. Those leaving are, for the most part, Hungarians and Croats.

Captain d'Annunzio is still firm in his resolve that Fiume must be recognized as an independent state, but members of the national council are said to have discussed a plan to form the provinces of Fiume, Abbazia, Susak, Veglia, Zara and Sebenico into a republic.



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TOPICS OF THE DAY

"If The Literary Digest chose the four words most frequently printed in the newspapers of the United States and Canada in the last three months they would be: 'Pay the teachers more.'"—Saskatoon (Canada) Star.

What Organized Labor Thinks of Prohibition

Labor-leaders know the views of the workers as well as politicians know the wishes of their constituents, possibly better, for unionized labor makes its wants known in no uncertain manner. Consequently, when The Literary Digest wished to learn for its readers the attitude of the workingman regarding prohibition, inasmuch as we could not ask the individual union worker because there are about four million of him, we asked their duly elected officials.

In this week's number of THE LITERARY DIGEST—March 13th—a summary of the very interesting replies is published. Approximately thirty per cent of the 526 replies of labor-leaders inform us that a poll was taken on the question at the regular meeting. Replies came from every State in the Union, and they reflect a considerable sweep of opinion.

"Why don't you 'sick' the prohibitionists on the profiteers?" "No man has a right to dictate to another what he shall eat or drink, except the doctor." "There have been more deaths and murders in the period since prohibition went into effect than there were in the same period last year." are a few of the many replies against prohibition. "Money which formerly bought whiskey is now buying happiness for the workingman's family." Men have more of the good things in life since the dry law went into effect." "Since prohibition is in force, the workers are capable of clearer thinking and do more of it." are typical expressions from the many leaders who favor prohibition.

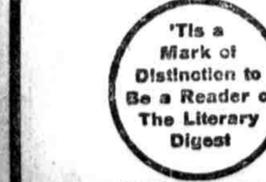
If you would learn from first hand sources the real opinion of the workingman upon the subject of prohibition, you will do well to read the LITERARY DIGEST this week.

Other interesting news-features in this week's "Digest" are:

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