

LE DICHIARAZIONI DI NITTI ALLA CAMERA

Egli Spiega l'Atteggiamiento del Governo Riguardo la Questione Adriatica e la Jugoslavia

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Roma, 28 marzo.—Il Presidente del Consiglio, On. Nitti, ha dichiarato oggi alla Camera dei Deputati che egli non ha mai riguardato gli Jugoslavi come nemici, ma al contrario li ha sempre ritenuti che fossero degli amici. Espresse quindi la speranza che essi vorranno presto partecipare ai vantaggi economici e di cultura italiani e deplorò quanto egli descrisse come una pericolosa campagna della stampa, quella intesa a mantenere la diffidenza tra gli Jugoslavi.

"Mentre siamo ansiosi di raggiungere una amichevole intesa con la Jugoslavia," ha detto "On. Nitti—vi è un'altra soluzione quella cioè di chiedere l'esecuzione del patto di Londra. Francia ed Inghilterra hanno dichiarato che se l'Italia desidera di applicare il patto esse non si rifiuteranno. Se l'Italia è costretta a domandare l'esecuzione delle convenzioni, sarà necessario domandare che le disposizioni del patto siano effettuate completamente, senza però includervi Fiume."

L'On. Nitti ha biasimato il fatto che parte della stampa, e cioè la "Presenza" del patto di Londra ed anche Fiume ed ha detto che il Supremo Consiglio Alleanza in Londra ha dichiarato che se l'Italia richiede l'esecuzione del patto di Londra, dovrà concedersi l'autonomia della Dalmazia.

"Se nessun altro accordo potrà essere raggiunto—continua—On. Nitti—una terza soluzione per la questione Adriatica potrà essere accettata, con convenienti modificazioni e proposte formulate dalla Inghilterra e dalla Francia. Tale soluzione è desiderata ancor meno dalla Jugoslavia che dall'Italia, ma nullameno è necessario tenerla presente, mentre continuano i nostri sforzi per raggiungere un accordo per una amichevole intesa con la Jugoslavia."

L'On. Nitti fu applaudito da tutta la Camera, ad eccezione dei socialisti e chiese quindi un chiaro e non equivocabile voto di fiducia. Poi il discorso di Nitti la discussione fu aggiornata.

B'nai B'rith Honors Judge Kraus

Joshua Lodge, International Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, gave a dinner last night in the Adelphia Hotel as the Philadelphia part in the order's nation-wide series of celebrations of the seventieth birthday of Judge Adolph Kraus, of Chicago, international president. The celebration, it was explained, was being made the occasion for the conducting of a membership campaign. Among the speakers were Jacob Singer, formerly registrar of wills; Leopold C. Glass, a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature and president of the lodge; and David Bortin, district chairman.

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FAIRER THAN FLOWERS

By DOROTHY O. GRAVES

THEODORE, aged twenty-three, college graduate; six feet two, his near-sighted blue eyes heavily speckled, and surmamed Thayer, accepted the instructorship in botany of the University of Illinois. He arrived a sun-baked, dust-caked young man in the town of LaSalle on a torrid day with an arid prairie sirocco blowing as Theodore had never dreamed a wind could blow.

He was met with a boisterous welcome by his old college chum, Dick Haskell. "Ted, such good luck for you to come! When I heard I nearly split my shoes. Boston Teddy in Illinois was too much for me! But come on, there's a bath and lunch ready at home."

After his bath, Theodore sat down to the bountiful lunch and chat with Dick and Mrs. Dick. Dick kept the conversational ball bounding. "Friday night's the faculty reception, Ted. Each man takes a girl, so Molly and I chose Alexa for you."

"Dick did," laughed Molly.

"And we're having her over to tea this evening, so you can meet her."

Continued Dick. "Then all you have to do is say something about the faculty reception and when her eyes brighten up you'll say, 'Won't you come as my guest?' That's easy, and Alexa is the prettiest girl in LaSalle."

"I really do not care for young ladies, Richard. I have—er fully outgrown the sex, and my entire concentration I put into flowers and my work upon them."

Alexa, charming as well as beautiful, fingered the tea cup daintily and asked Theodore about flowers generally. Theodore answered hesitantly, and finally ended the conversation with the comment that he never could get anything out of talking to a girl, anyhow. Alexa

was uncertain whether to be amused or miserable.

Happily Mrs. Molly came to the rescue. "Alexa, we are going to expect you to help get Ted acquainted here. He's such a stranger, and it is so used to grinding that nothing will be so good for him as society and the friendship of a sensible and pretty girl."

Theodore was not from Illinois, nor was he worshipping, but he was frank in saying, "Oh, yes, Dick said I should ask you to the faculty reception, Miss Alexa, and of course you'll go."

"Oh, but you don't have to ask me, Mr. Thayer," Alexa responded coldly. "I should not think of allowing you to take me."

"I really must go, dear," Alexa said to Mrs. Molly. "and I've enjoyed the tea so much, but Mr. Thayer rather—well—er—different?" she added in an undertone.

"You mustn't mind him, dear. He's really very nice and lots of fun when you know him. Dick and I were roommates at college. Let's you and I help Dick make a man of him."

Alexa responded with an affectionate hug as she left, but called back, "He is different, though, Molly."

Molly laughingly closed the door. She met Dick in the hall and said: "Well, Dickie, there's hope! When a girl like Alexa says a man like Ted is different, it usually means something."

Friday came. He took a necessary lens to his microscope and left his work early because he could not work with it. On his homeward way he passed into the Drew residence with its white picket fence, its rows of hollyhocks, and its dense shadows of pines—trees rare in Illinois. In a sunny spot on the lawn a bright patch of pale green linen, crowded with a cascade of shimmering copper, attracted his eye, trained to spot color and new specimens.

Theodore's footsteps on the cement walk ceased so suddenly that the

fence fairly shrieked, and the girl looked up. She held her hair away from her eyes with both hands.

"Is it you, Mr. Thayer?" she called faintly. "How are the flowers?"

Theodore, the botanist, suddenly became Teddy, the young man. He vaulted the picket fence with an assurance of himself and a real boyhood.

"Alexa," he said, "I am so glad to see you."

Alexa smiled as only Alexa could smile, and tossed her head so that the hair fell in long rippling curls over her shoulders.

"You have pretty hair, Alexa," said Teddy.

"You have beautiful flowers, Mr. Thayer," said Alexa.

"Oh, but the flowers, they are, er—"

Theodore had come again into his own. "The flowers, my dear Miss Drew are very beautiful. Beside them, man is but an—er, imperfect—er, attempt at—"

"But I learned at the university that flowers are but one form of evolution, Mr. Thayer."

Alexa, too, true. Some do teach that, but in life nothing is beautiful but nature, and plants are nature, flowers are plants; nothing is more beautiful than the simple little flowers."

"Yes, of course," Alexa agreed, and she tossed her pretty head. She drew her long fingers through her flowing hair, so the sun might penetrate the

mass to the remotest curl. "I washed my hair," she stated.

And Teddy was ready. It was the hair that did it. He stammered: "H—honestly, Miss Alexa, I do want you to go to the reception tonight. You see I don't know much about girls, and—er—I don't know just what to say or do—but I honestly wish you'd come. Do you—er—wash your hair often?"

"Yes, I do, Mr. Thayer, and I shall enjoy going to the reception with you tonight."

"It's beautiful, isn't it?" Ted asked, his eyes on the hollyhocks.

"The hollyhocks, yes," answered Alexa. "Grandmother is so fond of them."

"I mean something else, something fairer than—er, flowers," Ted stammered, looking at his feet.

Alexa followed his gaze, and doubtfully asked, "I don't understand just what you do mean?"

Teddy blushed now, and repeated rather like, "Fairer than flowers, fairer than flowers."

Alexa watched him quizzically.

"Your hair," blurted out Teddy.

"My hair!" exclaimed Alexa, "what of it?"

"And you," Teddy growl brazen.

"And me! What—"

"Fairer than flowers," Teddy called as he vaulted the fence. On the other


side his courage returned. He called back, quite like any full-blooded youth. "I'll call for you at 8," and to himself added: "She's so natural."

Alexa laughed to herself. "Ted is no different."

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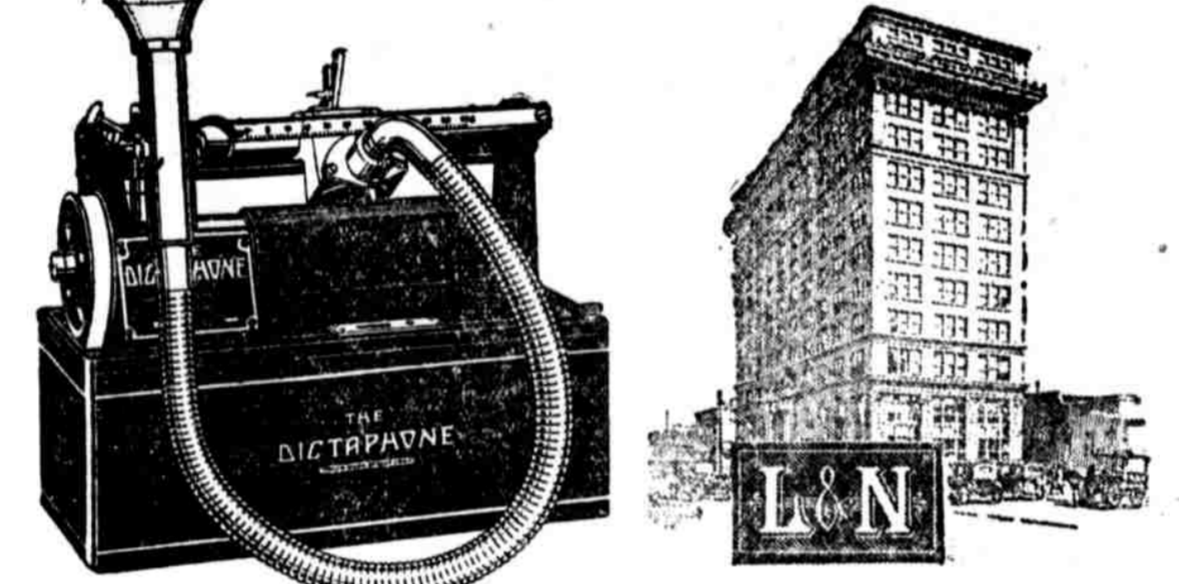
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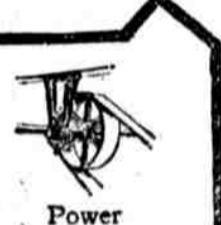







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