

'SI TENTA FERIRE L'ITALIA,' DICE NITTI

Egli Protesta Contro la Campagna Diffamatoria Compiuta in Danno dell'Italia

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San Remo, 21 aprile.—Il Primo Ministro Nitti, parlando oggi alla Conferenza in riferimento alla politica dell'Italia verso la Germania, l'Austria e la Jugoslavia, ed anche sulla situazione finanziaria della sua nazione, dichiarò che una campagna diffamatoria è condotta da sconosciute persone contro l'Italia.

«La disseminazione di false notizie in danno dell'Italia—la detto Nitti—è una cosa abominevole. Ciò rappresenta una vera campagna diffamatoria, ma da chi promossa? Parecchi telegrammi che si dicono spediti dall'Italia sono invece inviati dai vicini Stati da persone che non vivono in Italia e che agiscono nell'interesse di sconosciuti poteri. Nessuna nazione europea è così solida come l'Italia. Il cambio non è regolare e non è dovuto a ragioni che corrispondano alla nostra reale situazione. Voi vedrete in pochi anni quale sarà la posizione dell'Italia nel mondo.»

L'on. Nitti fece constatare che l'Italia da sola sostiene il peso di una nazione come l'Austria, di cinquanta milioni di abitanti, e che mezzo milione di soldati italiani caddero uccisi, e questi erano veramente italiani senza truppe coloniali. L'Italia lotta ed annienta un forte e potente nemico, ma i suoi sforzi non furono apprezzati. Dimostrò che l'Italia non entrò in guerra per fini egoistiche o per mire imperialistiche e che ora sta facendo un magnifico sforzo per la sua ricostruzione.

«Inoltre, che l'Italia superasse qualsiasi difficoltà, ma che è pensoso di essere testimoni di una falsa campagna che non si sa da chi provenga.»

Circa il cambio, l'on. Nitti disse che non era il risultato della condizione economica dell'Italia, ma da esagerata assistenza al di là dell'Oceano generata da false notizie. «È necessario che il recente prestito lanciato dall'Italia fruttasse venti miliardi di lire e ci rappresentasse la miglior prova di fiducia e di forza. Circa gli scioperi e i disordini che si verificano in Italia, disse che sono meno importanti di quelli in altre nazioni e rappresentano le inevitabili conseguenze della guerra.»

Nei riguardi della Germania l'on. Nitti disse che era necessario farle riprendere il suo posto nel mondo, poiché «l'Italia fruita vent'anni di sacrificio e di lotta fino a che la Germania, che è il deposito dell'energia produttiva, e la Russia, che è il grande deposito del materiale grigio, non siano passate in una posizione di progresso e prosperità». A tale sforzo è diretta la politica dell'Italia. Quindi l'on. Nitti terminò dicendo:

«L'Europa bisogna che a tutti i costi cancelli il pericolo di nuove guerre. L'Italia non intende partecipare a nuove guerre e considera nocivo tutto ciò che può disturbare la pace.»

READY TO GIVE UP HOELZ

Czecho-Slovakia Classes Saxon Communist as Common Robber

Berne, April 22.—(By A. P.)—The Czecho-Slovak authorities stand ready to deliver to Germany possession of Max Hoelz, the Saxon communist bandit, terrorizer of the Pfauen district, who was arrested last week, according to dispatches from Prague.

In addition to the 130,000 marks in bank notes found upon Hoelz, it was discovered that he had receipts for bank deposits aggregating 250,000 marks sewed into his clothing, besides diamonds and other precious stones valued at more than 500,000 marks, which he had taken from wealthy manufacturers of Pfauen and Falkenstein.

These discoveries caused the Czecho-Slovak authorities to treat Hoelz as a common highwayman.

AIRPLANE SLEUTHS NAB 3

German Money Traffickers Caught With 11,000,000 Rubles

Berlin, April 22.—(By A. P.)—Detectives in an airplane chased and caught three money traffickers, who, with 11,000,000 silver rubles, were en route to Frankfurt by train.

The sleuths reached Frankfurt before the train and ambushed the traffickers the moment they transferred the coins to accomplices in a hotel, where all members of the gang were arrested.

Michigan Delegates Go for Johnson

Detroit, April 22.—Four of Michigan's thirty delegates to the national Republican convention at Chicago were named here yesterday, when the first and thirteenth Congressional districts in Wayne county instructed the delegates to "vote for Hiram Johnson until he is nominated or releases them."

13th Son Victim of Runaway

Lancaster, April 22.—James Frey, thirteen-year-old son of Edwin Frey, of Middletown, was crushed to death today when he attempted to leap from a runaway team and fell under the wheels.

Massachusetts for 2.75 Beer

Boston, April 22.—A bill to legalize the sale in this state of beers and light wines with an alcoholic content of not more than 2.75 per cent was passed by the Senate yesterday.

WILL RAISE GERMANS' PAY

Demands of Railway and Postal Employees to Be Granted

Berlin, April 22.—(By A. P.)—Doctor Wirth, minister of the treasury, and Dr. Johannes Bell, minister of transport, informed the budget committee of the national assembly today that the demands of the railroad and postal employees for higher wages would be granted because such action was necessary "for political and social reasons," although it made a crushing addition to the already overburdened budget.

The subsecretary of finance announced that a thorough investigation of the taxation records failed to reveal that Mathias Erzberger, former minister of finance, had knowingly made a false tax return, as had been charged.

Pickford Lawyer Defends Divorce

Reno, Nev., April 22.—The divorce decree granted Mary Pickford is valid and no effort will be spared in fighting the suit brought by the state of Nevada to set aside the decree. F. A. McCarran, attorney for Miss Pickford and formerly chief justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada, said yesterday, Mr. McCarran, who helped reverse the Nevada divorce law, intimated that politics entered into the bringing of the suit.

CHORAL SOCIETY GIVES 'CHILDREN'S CRUSADE'

Excellent Presentation of Pierre's Composition for the First Time Here

The Philadelphia Choral Society, under the direction of Henry Gordon Thunder gave the first local rendition of Gabriel Pierre's "Children's Crusade," at the Academy of Music last night.

Besides the chorus of the society, there was a supplemental chorus of about 300 children's voices from the Daniel Pastorius School of Germantown, admirably trained by Leroy Lindsay, a chorus of forty girls from the Girls' High School and members of the Philadelphia Orchestra made up the accompanying body.

The performance of the work was excellent throughout, although there were occasional places where slight deviations from time on the part of the chorus seemed to indicate an insufficient number of rehearsals with the orchestra, a very common, but irremediable condition of choral concerts. The chorus was well trained, had good tone quality and was readily amenable to the beat of the conductor. The soloists were Elizabeth P. Earle, Helen Buchanan Hiner, Helen Frame Heaton, Nicholas Doory and John Van der Sloot, all of whom sang with good quality of tone and intelligence and sympathy with the work. The semi-solo parts of the angel voices were taken adequately by June Edell, Alice M. Rhoads, Elizabeth Bast and Edna Cook Smith.

But it was in the children's chorus that the surprise of the evening came. The music is difficult for trained singers to render, being full of hard intervals and not melodic in a diatonic sense, if in any at all. The children's chorus sang with a sureness of tone and phrasing which was little short of astounding, when it is considered that the music was necessarily far over their heads, temperamentally and intellectually. After the second part had been sung, Mr. Thunder paid a high and well-deserved compliment to Mr. Lindsay and asked him to rise, both audience and chorus applauding him. He was assisted in this work by Forrest R. Newmeyer.

Old Frigate on Her Last Voyage

Boston, April 22.—(By A. P.)—The wooden frigate Richmond, commissioned in naval service in 1838, is making her last voyage today. She left here yesterday in tow on the final leg of her trip to Rockland, Me., where she will be beached and burned for junk. For many years the old sailing ship was used as a receiving vessel.

At the same time there are spots of great beauty, with some originality in the orchestration. The finest place in the work is the unaccompanied female chorus in the last part (which was finely sung) and the concluding chorus. Mr. Thunder made all that was possible out of the legend and both he and the Choral Society are to be congratulated for the enterprise shown in giving this important work.

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