

I CANNONI DI FIUME SPARANO 20 COLPI

Il Fuoco e' Diretto Contro una Torpediniera Italiana, Senza Pero' Colpirla



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Flume, 28 aprile.—Le batterie di Gabriele D'Annunzio, lunedì sera, aprirono il fuoco contro una torpediniera italiana nelle vicinanze di Fiume. Furono sparati venti colpi ed i proiettili andarono a cadere a parecchie centinaia di metri innanzi la torpediniera e non si ebbero percio' conseguenze. La torpediniera proseguo' il suo corso e giunse salva al posto di destinazione.

L'azione di D'Annunzio s'interpreta come una rappresaglia per il rigoroso blocco ordinato dal Generale Cavaglia intorno a Fiume. E' pero' evidente che nessuno sforzo fu fatto per colpire la torpediniera e che i colpi furono sparati per intimidire il comandante e costringerlo alla resa della nave. Il fuoco fu aperto con i cannoni da 14 inches della corazzata Dante Alighieri, al servizio di D'Annunzio. Il comandante Trioni, della torpediniera, fu elogiato in un ordine del giorno del Generale Cavaglia, per la devozione ai suoi doveri.

L'Ufficio per gli Affari Esteri di D'Annunzio ha oggi consegnato ad un rappresentante dell'Associated Press il testo di un messaggio che sara' gettato dai suoi aeroplani in occasione del prossimo Consiglio dei Primi Ministri. Il messaggio dice:

"La Lega di Fiume, una coalizione di popoli oppressi e spogliati dall'egemonia Anglo-Sassone, per la pseudo Lega delle Nazioni e per la Conferenza della Pace, e' costituita. Gabriele D'Annunzio, difensore della marcia dell'Italia in avanti, ne e' il capo. Egli ha gia' ottenuto adesioni dall'Irlanda, Egitto, India, Persia, Afghanistan e da tutti i popoli oppressi dall'imperialistico governo di Belgrado, compresi i croati, a montenegrini, gli albanesi, i bulgari ed i macedoni. Essi troveranno in Fiume il sostegno per organizzare la lotta contro i loro despoti.

"La lega combattera' il governo dell'Ungheria, macchiato di crimini, il quale e' la vergogna d'Europa, e della Turchia, covato da rapaci mercanti. In contrasto della pseudo Lega delle Nazioni, essa fara' prevalere i diritti di nazionalita'".
Il proclama termina dicendo che il mostruoso edificio costruito dalle banche internazionali sopra i corpi di 10 milioni di morti, bisogna che sia distrutto.

RUSSIANS PREPARE TO ATTACK POLES

Concentrating Best Troops on Various Fronts and Scouts Are Active

UKRAINE TREATY IS SIGNED

By the Associated Press
Warsaw, April 29.—The daily Polish bulletin for two weeks has reported Bolshevik concentrations at various points on the fronts, and the Reds are bringing up their best troops. The Bolsheviks have displayed unusual curiosity as to what the Poles are doing, and scouting patrols are twice as numerous recently as at any other time. The Bolsheviks have also used airplanes in an endeavor to observe the movements behind the Polish lines.

General Pilsudski visited the northern front a few days ago and inspected the troops. The Bolsheviks took observations but did not drop bombs. Pilsudski returned to Warsaw and remained a day, then departed for the front again. It is understood that the treaty with Ukraine has been signed, but the provisions have not been made public for strategic reasons. However, it was announced previously that the Polish army would support the Ukrainians in an effort to wrest from the Reds territory as far as the Dnieper.

CALL SERMONS OBSOLETE

Anglican Bishops May Take Up Question at July Conference

London, April 29.—(By A. P.)—Are sermons indispensable?
This is one of the questions on which a decision may be taken by the bishops of the Anglican Church at their meeting in Lambeth in July.

A section of churchmen is of the opinion that the day of the sermon has passed. They hold that if a man has not the gift of preaching, it would be better for every one that he should not preach. The "two sermons each Sunday" custom, they say, imposes a great strain on the clergy—a strain equally if not more heavily felt by the laity who are required to listen to these effusions. The unpopularity of published volumes of sermons, once in great demand, is cited by this faction as evidence of the sermon's waning effectiveness.

CLASH OVER IRISH CAPTIVES

Sinn Fein and Opponents Riot at London Prison

London, April 29.—(By A. P.)—Sinn Fein demonstrations at Wormwood Scrubs last night led to riotous conflicts with an anti-Sinn Fein crowd. Several persons were slightly injured and two Irish priests were roughly handled. There was no response to the demonstrations from inside the prison. Five more hunger strikers were sent to the hospital yesterday.

The United States Senate's Irish resolution was brought up in the Commons yesterday and drew several pointed questions. Ronald McNeill, Unionist, asked the government if it had "any official information regarding a manifesto to be issued in Washington by an organization known as the Philippines Commission for Independence, in which it was maintained that American belief in the principle of self-determination would be demonstrated more impressively by conceding the repeated demands made for independence by 10,500,000 inhabitants of the Philippines than by passing resolutions in the Senate expressing sympathy with the cause of Irish independence, and whether "as a mark of respect for the American Senate," the House of

Commons would be enabled to follow the precedent set by the Senate by moving a resolution in support of the Philippine demand for self-determination. Andrew Bonar Law, replying for the government, said he had no information on the question, which did not seem to be one in which the British Government was concerned.

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