

# SOVIET REPUDIATES OLD RUSSIAN DEBTS

### Will Demand Constantinople if Forced to Accept Imperial Liability

## TROTSKY'S DEATH DENIED

By the Associated Press

London, June 15.—Soviet Russia does not recognize its liability for debts contracted by Russia up to November, 1917, and if compelled to meet them will have various offsets, says the Times in reporting conversations between British ministers and Gregory Krassin, Bolshevik minister for trade and commerce.

M. Krassin, when the matter was called to his attention, is said to have denied the existence of any liability, but intimated that if the force of circumstances should make it desirable for the soviet government to accept such liability, then the soviet government would, as a counter-balancing factor, insist upon inheriting the rights and privileges secured to Russia by former treaties.

In addition, the newspaper asserts, M. Krassin stated that if soviet Russia was compelled to bear the burden of the debts of the former Russian empire, it would insist on writing off against that debt incurred in overcoming the attacks of "white rebels" in so far as such attacks were financed or supported by any foreign power.

Paris, June 15.—(By A. P.)—Representatives of ten nations attending the international conference for the protection of foreign interests in Russia have decided on the principle that all states of the former Russian empire must give guarantees that they will carry their share of the engagements of the imperial regime, according to the Matin. It has been decided to oppose resumption of commercial relations until an international agreement giving satisfaction to holders of Russian bonds has been concluded, the newspaper says.

Copenhagen, June 15.—(By A. P.)—Maxim Litvinoff, assistant commissioner for foreign affairs in the Russian Bolshevik government, today received telegrams from Leon Trotsky and Nikolai Lenin, respectively Bolshevik minister of war and premier. This fact appeared to dispose of rumors originating in Tokio that Trotsky had been murdered and that Lenin had fled from Moscow.

"This report," remarked M. Litvinoff today, "was somewhat exaggerated. As far as I remember this is only the eighth time Trotsky has been murdered."

## ITALY'S NEW MINISTRY

Giolitti Cabinet is Expected to Take Oath of Office Tomorrow

London, June 15.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Rome says the following ministry is expected to take the oath tomorrow:

Premier and minister of interior, Giovanni Giolitti; colonies, Luigi Rossi; treasury, Signor Meda; war, Signor Bonomi; navy, Rear Admiral Secchi; justice, Signor Jera; industry, Signor Alessio; agriculture, Signor Micheli; public works, Signor Peano; labor, Signor Labbio; posts, Pasquino Vassallo; liberated provinces, Signor Raineri.

## GREEK PRINCE WILL WED

Elizabeth of Rumania Betrothed to King Alexander's Brother

London, June 15.—(By A. P.)—Princess Elizabeth, eldest daughter of King Ferdinand and Queen Maria of Rumania, is betrothed to Prince George of Sparta, brother of King Alexander of Greece, according to newspapers here.

When King Constantine of Greece abdicated on June 11, 1917, and quit Greece, he was accompanied by his oldest son, Prince George, and designated his second son, Alexander, as his successor. Prince George was born July 7, 1890. Princess Elizabeth of Rumania has been reported to have been betrothed to a number of European princes in the last two years, but rumors that she was to marry Prince George of Greece, have been the most persistent of these reports.

U. S. SHIP ACT TAKEN UP  
London, June 15.—Premier Lloyd George has informed the House of Commons that the government has sent representations to the ambassador at Washington concerning the effect of the Jones bill on the British mercantile marine.

# LA LISTA DEI NUOVI MINISTRI D'ITALIA

### L'On. Giovanni Giolitti Sarebbe Riuscito alla Formazione del Gabinetto

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London, 15 giugno.—Un dispaccio da Roma, giunto all'Exchange Telegraph, dice che l'On. Giovanni Giolitti e' riuscito a formare il Gabinetto e che i seguenti ministri si attende presto giuramento di rito, oggi, innanzi al Re: Presidenza del Consiglio ed Interno, Giovanni Giolitti; Colonie, Luigi Rossi;

Tesoro, On. Meda; Guerra, On. Bonomi; Marina, Vice-Ammiraglio Secchi; Giustizia, On. Luigi Fera; Industria, On. Alessio; Agricoltura, On. Micheli; Lavori Pubblici, On. Peano; Lavoro, On. Labbio; Poste e Telegraf., Pasquino Vassallo; Terre Liberate, On. Raineri.

Parigi, 15 giugno.—La richiesta dell'Italia sulle riparazioni da pagarsi dagli Imperi Centrali, incluse le pensioni, e' stata fissata nella misura di Lire 60,000,000,000 (normalmente circa Dollari 12,120,000,000) secondo un dispaccio giunto da Roma.

Roma, 14 giugno.—Un comunicato ufficiale annuncia che soltanto insorti albanesi sono rimasti uccisi e circa mille feriti in un attacco tentato contro la guarnigione di Valbona. Gli italiani riportarono dieci morti e cinquanta feriti.

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Fugati gli insorti, gli italiani pro-

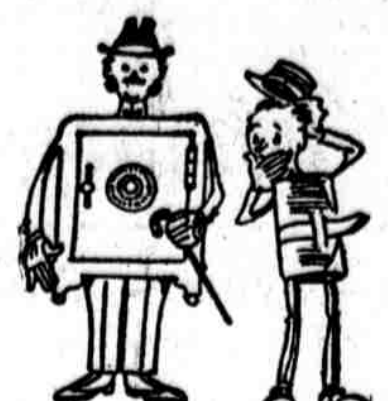
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cederono all'arresto dei traditori, compreso il sindaco di Valbona, Aly Islan, e di tutti i residenti del quartiere uccisero che furono posti a bordo di un vapore e sotto scorta deportati nell'isola di Saron.

La popolazione civile, insieme all'attuale prefetto di Valbona, e' stata tradotta a Brindisi.

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**SIAM'S CROWN PRINCE DIES**  
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