

### ITALIAN PEASANTS SEIZE KING'S LAND

#### Royal Estates Near Naples Taken Over by Local Agricultural Societies

#### NO OPPOSITION IS OFFERED

By the Associated Press  
London, Sept. 25.—(By A. P.)—Estates owned by King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, at Santa Maria di Capua Vetere, near Naples, have been seized by members of local agricultural societies, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Rome. No opposition was offered to the persons seizing the property, it is said.

Turin, Italy, Sept. 25.—Industrial plants which had been occupied by workmen were returned to the owners yesterday. Before evacuating the works the men filled trenches which had been dug around them, removed barbed wire entanglements, filled up loopholes dug in the walls, and when they left carried with them their arms and ammunition, which were concealed in private homes.

Owners of plants report there had been a great waste of material during the occupation of the works. It is asserted that the men used five times the amount of coal necessary to run the plants, and that all resources are exhausted. Losses amounting to 2,000,000 lire were caused by a fire which broke out in a large law factory which had been occupied. It is believed the fire was incendiary.

Statistics shown by the local section of the Federation of Labor prove that of 50,000 metal workers in the city, only 36,000 voted during the referendum by which the men decided to return the occupied plants to their owners. The other 14,000, it is asserted were prevented from going to the polls by the violence of the extremists.

Milan, Sept. 25.—(By A. P.)—The delivery of all works and factories to the employers proceeded almost without incident. Red flags disappeared and the Red Guard disbanded. Commissioners representing the men are making an inventory of the work done during the occupation and a statement showing the materials used, whether belonging to the works or received from the outside.

Clerks of the technical staff of the Pirelli Rubber Works have gone on a strike as a protest against the return to work of those men who attacked and insulted them and called them "black-legs." The strikers declare they will not return until the offenders are punished.

News from Turin and Genoa and the greater part of the work done during the occupation and a statement showing the materials used, whether belonging to the works or received from the outside.

#### EARTHQUAKE IN SICILY

London, Sept. 25.—A violent earthquake is reported to have occurred at Girare, Sicily, according to a Rome dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. Girare lies at the base of Mount Etna.

The quake lasted ten seconds. One village was destroyed and many persons were injured.

#### SLAVS WOULD NAB MARCONI

Rome, Sept. 25.—(By A. P.)—A dispatch to the Messaggero from Spalata says the Jug-Slav police intend to arrest William Marconi if the inventor landed there. While watching for his arrival, they mistook Doctor Debenetti, a student of Roman antiquities, for Marconi, and attempted to arrest him. Debenetti, however, succeeded in making his escape and taking refuge on board a steamer.

#### Poles Cheer for United States

Warsaw, Sept. 25.—(By A. P.)—Incidents emphasizing Polish friendliness toward America featured a theatrical performance in the National Theatre last night. Hugh Gibson, the American minister, was applauded when he appeared in the state box, and the audience cheered as the "Star-Spangled Banner" was played. As the American hymn was concluded a Polish official in the audience made an impromptu speech in appreciation of American aid for Poland during the crisis.

### POLES, ADVANCING, CAPTURE 1300 MEN

#### Have Reached Point North of Lida—Have Crossed River Nieman

By the Associated Press

Warsaw, Sept. 25.—Polish cavalry operating in the rear of retreating Bolshevik forces in the region of Grodno, have reached a point north of Lida, says an official statement issued here early today. During yesterday's fighting the Poles captured 1300 prisoners, including a Bolshevik commissar, and also took eight cannon.

Lithuanian artillery has shelled Polish positions in the Suwalki sector, the statement declares.

North of the Pripiet the battle is continuing in favor of the Poles. The Russians are retreating along the entire front, but are offering stubborn resistance as they fall back. The Poles in their advance are approaching Shehara river. Further to the north the Poles have crossed the Nieman.

South of the Pripiet, the statement adds, the situation is unchanged.

Riga, Sept. 25.—(By A. P.)—Consideration of the details of a preliminary treaty of peace between Soviet Russia and Poland was begun here today by four commissions named to look after different phases of the preliminary before the peace conference. The members of these commissions were decided upon at a meeting between M. Dombiski, head of the Polish mission, and M. Joffe, chief of the Soviet delegation, late Monday afternoon.

It is expected that the actual work of framing the treaty will be left in the hands of these commissions, for the time being at least, and their work will not be interrupted by many plenary sessions of the conference. It is indicated that the first question to be debated is the line of demarcation between the Polish and Bolshevik armies. In addition to problems relative to territory and economic and financial matters, the Soviet representatives demand that the conference consider the granting of amnesty to residents of both countries who are charged with anti-government activities and questions regarding consuls and transit rights.

### LA PACE TORNA TRA GLI OPERAI D'ITALIA

#### La Restituzione Degli Stabilimenti Industriali ai Proprietari Avviene Pacificamente Senza Incidenti

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Torino, 25 settembre.—Gli stabilimenti industriali, che furono occupati dagli operai, sono ritornati ieri ai proprietari. Prima di evacuare gli operai riempirono le trincee, abbatterono rifugiati, e quando altro era stato fatto difendere in loro presa di possesso degli stabilimenti. Le munizioni e le armi furono da essi trasportate nelle loro case.

I proprietari rapportano che durante l'occupazione vi è stato grande spreco di materiale. Si assicura che si adoperava una quantità di carbone cinque volte superiore a quella ordinariamente necessaria per il funzionamento degli stabilimenti, e che tutte le riserve sono esauste. Perdite ammontanti a due milioni di lire furono causate da un incendio sviluppatosi in un grande stabilimento che era stato occupato. Si crede che l'incendio fu doloso.

Statistiche compilate dalla locale sezione della Federazione del Lavoro dimostrano che dei 50,000 operai metalburgici, in questa città, soltanto 36,000 hanno votato durante il referendum per il quale fu deciso il ritorno degli stabilimenti ai proprietari. Si assicura che altri 15,000 fu impedito di votare dagli estremisti.

Milano, 25 settembre.—Il ritorno degli stabilimenti industriali da parte degli operai ai legittimi proprietari si svolge regolarmente senza incidenti. Le bandiere rosse sono state abbassate e le guardie rosse sbandate. Commissioni composte di operai stanno facendo l'inventario del lavoro compiuto durante l'occupazione ed un rapporto dimostrando il materiale usato tra quello

esistente negli stabilimenti e quello ricevuto dai di fuori.

Gli impiegati del dipartimento tecnico dello stabilimento Pirelli, per la lavorazione della gutta-perca, si sono posti in sciopero, come protesta contro gli uomini che l'assalirono e l'insultarono chiamandoli "Gambe nere." Gli scioperanti hanno dichiarato che non torneranno al lavoro fino a che i colpevoli non saranno puniti.

Notizie giunte da Torino e Genova e da grande parte delle provincie, recano che il passaggio degli stabilimenti dagli operai ai proprietari procede pacificamente.

Londra, 25 settembre.—La tenuta di proprietà del Re Vittorio Emanuele d'Italia in Santa Maria Capua Vetere, vicino Napoli, è stata occupata da parte dei membri delle locali società agricole, secondo un dispaccio giunto da Roma all'Exchange Telegraph Co. Si dice che nessuna opposizione fu fatta alla persona che hanno proceduto all'occupazione.

### ITALIAN FRONTIER FLOODED

#### Lake Como Overflows; Simplon Line Washed Out; Much Suffering

Paris, Sept. 25.—Damage estimated at 50,000,000 francs has been caused in Upper Maurienne, Department of Savoie, by floods which followed in the wake of a violent storm on both sides of the Franco-Italian frontier, according to dispatches received yesterday.

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