

Breakdown of League Is Feared

Lloyd George Critical of Italy's Attitude Toward Treaty It Helped Make. U. S. More Honorable

By DAVID LLOYD GEORGE
London, Sept. 8.—The shores of the Mediterranean have, from time immemorial, been the scene of eruptions and earthquakes. They generally break out without warning. Sometimes they are devastating in their effects, destroying life and property over wide areas and on a vast scale. Sometimes they provide brilliant spectacular display, terrifying in appearance but not causing much destruction.

To which of these two categories does the last eruption of Mussolini belong? To drop hot cinders in the Balkans is a dangerous experiment. The soil is everywhere soaked with naphtha and it floats about in uncharted pools and runlets which easily catch fire. A cinder flung from Vienna started a conflagration which spread over continents. That was only nine years ago. The ground is still hot—the smoke blinds and stifles. You cannot see clearly or breathe freely. Now and again there is a suspicious ruddiness in the banks of smoke, which proves that the fire is not yet out. And yet there are statements ringing burning fagots about with reckless swag.

The temper of Europe may be gauged from the reception accorded these heedless pyrotechnics on the part of national leaders by their own countrymen. Every time it occurs, whether in France, Italy or Turkey, and whether the speaker is Poincaré, Mussolini or Mustafa Kemal, who directs the show, applause greets the exhibition.

False War Conceptions.
I remember the first days of the great war. There was not a belligerent capital where great and enthusiastic crowds did not parade the streets to cheer for war. In those days men did not know what war meant. Their conception of it was formed from pictures of heroic—and always victorious—feats hung in national galleries and reproduced in the form of cheap chromes, engravings and prints which adorn the walls in every cottage throughout most lands.

Triumphant warriors on horseback, with gleaming eye and flourishing saber, are their own countrymen; the poor vanquished, under crashing hoofs, are the foe. Hurrah for more pictures. The crown prince denies that he ever used the phrase "This jolly war." His denial ought to be accepted in the absence of better proof than is yet forthcoming as to the statement ever having been made. But the phrase represented the temper of millions in those fateful days.

It used to be said that in wars one looted and the other fought. But the cheering mobs who filled the streets that August were filling trenches in September, and millions were filling graves ere the year was out. But when they cheered they had no realization of the actualities of war. They idealized it. They only saw it in pictures.

press, deport tens of thousands of its inhabitants, imprison or shoot down all who resist, and then proclaim that this is not an act of war. It is only a peaceful occupation to enforce rights under a peace treaty.

"Diplomatic Precaution."
Signor Mussolini shells towns belonging to a country with whom he is at peace and forcibly occupies part of its territory, and then solemnly declares that it is not an act of war but just a reasonable measure of diplomatic precaution. Once forced to decide the issue it also settles reefs. There was a time when the English and Spaniards fought each other in the West Indies whilst their governments at home were ostensibly at peace. And French and English fought in India without any diplomatic rupture between Versailles and St. James's.

But in those days these lands were remote and the control over the center of events at these distances was intermittent and occasionally feeble. And sometimes it suited governments to ignore what was taking place on the fringe of the empire. But even in those days, an attack on homeland meant war, and it would mean war today were the attacked countries not powerless. I have heard it said that there is one law for the rich and another for the poor. There is no doubt that there is one international law for the strong and another for the weak.

What about the league of nations? This is pre-eminently a case for action under the covenant. Italy and Greece are both parties. How can they, consistently with the terms of the treaty they so recently signed, refuse to leave this dispute to be dealt with by the league? Italy had a special part in drafting the treaty and in imposing it upon Germany. It cannot now in decency repudiate its clauses. It is suggested in some quarters that the dignity of Italy being involved in the dispute, it cannot possibly consent to leave it in the hands of the league. That surely is a fatal limitation on the activities of the league of nations.

Is League Waning?
Every dispute involving right implicates national honor and, as every nation is judge of its own honor, ultimately all differences would be ruled out of the covenant which it did not suit one country or the other to refer. The league is not allowed to touch reparations. If this quarrel also is excluded from the consideration of the league it is no exaggeration to say that this valuable part of the treaty of Versailles becomes a dead letter paragraph.

It is one of the gross ironies of the European situation that the treaty of Versailles is being gradually torn to pieces by countries which are not only its authors but have most to gain by its provisions. France had already repudiated the first and most important part of the treaty by declaring that it will refer no question arising between itself and its neighbors under the treaty itself to the league of nations. It has further invaded and occupied its neighbor's territory in defiance of the provisions of the treaty.

If Italy also declines to respect the first part of that treaty, then nothing is left of it except what it suits the nations to enforce or obey. And if the framers do not owe allegiance to the treaty they drafted, why should those who only accepted it under duress bow to its behests? The victors are busily engaged in discrediting their own charter.

There is no country which has a more genuine goodwill for Italy's prosperity and greatness than Great Britain. It is an old and tried friendship. The two nations have many common interests, they have no rivalries. Hence the deep anxiety of Britain that Italy should not commit a mistake which will mortgage its future, even if it does not imperil its present.

Italy Should Relent.
There are, no doubt, strategic advantages for Italy in holding Corfu. It enables them to "bottle up" the Adriatic. But it is Greek and it menaces Slavonia, and this introduction of foreign elements into the body of a state for strategic reasons always provokes inflammatory symptoms in the general health of the community. They tend to become malignant, and, sooner or later, they bring disaster. Bosnia ultimately proved to be the death of the Austro-Hungarian empire. When the Bosnian cancer became active the evil of Italian irredentism broke out once more, and, between them, they laid the empire of the Hapsburgs in the dust.

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There are ugly rumors of possible complications arising out of this unfortunate incident. It does not need a vivid imagination to foretell one or two possible results of a disastrous character. In this country they would be deplored, not only for their effect on European peace, but for the damage they must inevitably inflict on the best interests of Italy. It has had enough of victory. What it needs now—what we all need—is peace.

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School Inspector Will Address Meeting Here.
I. N. Clark, from the office of the state superintendent of schools, will address a meeting of the county superintendents of the Omaha district in the office of the county superintendent of Douglas county September 11. The meeting has been called to discuss matters of common interest to schools of the district.

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Warm Blankets

—at Low Prices—
For Monday Selling

Buy Blankets now and be prepared for cold weather. Our Blanket Department is well stocked with new and warm blankets.

Sunset Plaid Blankets—In assorted colors, neatly whipped edges. Size 64x76 inches, per pair, **1.85**

10 Dozen Full Size Comforters—Covered with fancy sateen or cambric, some have 9-inch borders to match, size 72x84 inches, positively worth 7.00, specially priced at, **5.00**

All-Wool Plaid Blankets—In assorted colors, neatly whipped edges, thoroughly scoured and steamed to prevent shrinking, remarkable value, **8.75** special for Monday, per pair.

Wool Finished Blankets—In gray or tan with assorted washable borders, thread whipped edges. Extra heavy wool finish; worth 3.95; specially priced Monday, pair, **2.69**

Basement—West

THE BRANDEIS STORE

Monday—Fashionable Black Silks

Black silks, more in demand than ever in rich, beautiful qualities for gowns, for three-piece costumes and for blouses. Here are some of the specially interesting fall weaves at prices that are marked concessions from our usual low prices.

40-Inch Satin Canton Crepe 2.69 Per Yard
The back of this fabric with its crepe finish forms an effective self trimming; this usually sells for 3.45.

40-Inch Charmeuse de Luxe 1.59
36 inches wide, yard. A splendid weight and highly lustrous quality, regularly 1.98.

40-Inch Flat Weave Crepe 2.38 Per Yard
Very desirable for the new draped gown and highly recommended for excellent service, regularly 3.25.

40-Inch Messaline—Desirable weight for linings and inexpensive dresses, regularly sell for 1.79, specially priced Monday, yard, **1.39**

35-Inch Duchesse—Well woven with a high luster and desirable for separate skirts, regularly 1.98, specially priced at, per yard, **1.59**

35-Inch Satin Florence—Handsome imported fabric, made by Bonnet & Co. of France and recommended for excellent service; regularly 2.50, specially priced, yard, **1.95**

40-Inch Kio-ka—Curious quaint patterns, woven in blistered effects on a silk and wool background and ideally adapted for coats or jackets, regularly 4.98, yard, **3.95**

40-Inch Satin Spiral Crepe—A heavy, lustrous satin face quality and its equally crepe reverse, makes it a leader of reversible silks. Regularly 5.00, special, yard, **3.98**

40-Inch Georgette Crepe—Good weight and crisp finish, excellent black, ideal for blouses or entire gowns, regularly 1.98, special, yard, **1.69**

New Fall Gloves

Our Glove Department is showing complete assortment of Smart New Fall Gloves, All Reasonably Priced.

Long Suede Gloves—From V. Perrin & Co., elbow length, extra selected skins, heavy embroidered backs in brown, beaver, silver and black; specially priced Monday, pair, **5.50**

Perrin's Tunisia—One-clasp glove with large flare cuff, contrasting inserts in suede and glace; all the new shades, special at, per pair, **6.00**

Kayser Sixteen-Button Length Chamotte Gloves—Splendid pre-shrunk fabrics, attractively embroidered backs, in beaver and covert, specially priced Monday at, per pair, **1.75**

Main Floor—North

Wash Goods and Domestic Specials

Genuine Peter Pan Gingham
65c to 75c Values **49c Per Yard**

The celebrated Peter Pan Gingham in assorted checks and plain shades, 32 and 36 inches wide, guaranteed fast colors, sun proof and tub proof, no mail or phone orders filled, regular 65c to 75c.

Shirting Madras
32 inches wide in a beautiful range of pretty patterns and colors; jacquard and other styles. **Special, Yard 39c**

10-4 90-Inch Unbleached Mohawk Sheeting
A famous brand, recognized for its superior wearing and washing qualities, 10-yard limit to each customer. **Per Yard 52c**

Domestic and Wash Goods for Fall Sewing. Aprons, Children's Apparel and Other Garments, All at Special Prices.

Genuine Serpentine Crepe—In a splendid assortment of new fall patterns and colorings, regular 39c values, **29c** specially priced, yard.

36-Inch Lingette—In plain or shadow stripe effects, the nationally advertised fabric for underwear, lingerie, step-ins, linings, children's dresses, rompers, in a rainbow of the wanted colors, also black and white, yard, **75c**

Cotton Batting
10 cases extra fine quality cotton batting, neatly stitched and ready for comforter, making each roll enough to make full size comforter, limit two to a customer, worth regularly 1.39—**Special 99c**

Bleached Cabot Tubing
42 inches wide, a popular brand, with beautiful soft mellow finish, worth regularly 45c. **Special, Yard 32 1/2c**

39-Inch Unbleached Sheeting
Nice quality for making sheets and cases, 5 to 15-yard lengths, **Monday, Yard 10 1/2c**

New Fall Apparel

For Infants and Children

Imported Wearing Apparel for Little Folks—The Youngest Member of the Family Has Been Given His Share of Attention and His Wants Supplied With Many Beautiful Imported Articles.

Knit Novelties—Include coat and cap sets, saques, dresses and even suits for little boys. All knit of beautiful yarn and offered at exceedingly low prices; special at, from **98c to 4.98**

Sweaters—Are in the popular slip-over style, knit of wool in beautiful colors and made very clever with knitted silk borders. Colors are rose, blue, brown, tan, peach and white; sizes 2 to 6 years; specially priced at from **3.98 to 4.98**

Baby Dresses—Are of finest materials, all hand made and daintily trimmed. The most exquisite embroidery in sprays and scallops with edgings of real lace make these little dresses irresistible. Priced up from **1.25**

For the Little Girl—From 1 to 4 years the imported dresses are novel in style and trimming. Dainty applique in contrasting colors and the finest drawn work make them different and the sheer materials leave nothing to be desired in quality, **3.98 to 5.98** specially priced from.

Neat Little Cozy Wraps—Our Infants' Department has given the tiny babe a hint for cool fall weather. In white, trimmed with blue and pink, keeps baby warm even if the thermometer drops a little. Very specially priced for Monday's selling at, each, **2.98**

Bathrobes—Soft and warm and of the daintiest colors. Bound with satin and with or without collars. Pink and blue, comfy for baby after the bath, each, **1.98**

Third Floor—East

Green Gold Mesh Bags

Our own importation, just arrived, green gold finish, extra fine mesh, in long shape with round or square frame, beautifully etched, has a paunier mesh handle, a jeweled clasp and exquisite pointed fringe. This value cannot be duplicated in domestic bags; specially priced for Monday at, **4.79**

Main Floor—East

Novelty Ear Rings
No costume is complete today without earrings; we have a wonderful lot in long drop and shower effects, crystal, pearl and jet combinations, many lovely patterns to choose from. In three great lots—
Lot 1 **59c**
Lot 2 **99c**
Lot 3 **1.49**

Main Floor—East

Leather Hand Bags
Leather hand bags in many smart leathers and styles, some of fancy Chinese leathers, also pin seal, patent, crepe grain, cordovan, calf, tooled and many others; swaggers, envelope, shopping and overlapping styles, many have double handles; all are silk lined and nicely fitted; values to **5.00**; specially priced Monday, each, **2.69**

Main Floor—East

Some Specials in Household Linens

Imported Handkerchief Linen—In white and colors; about 35 different shades, specially priced for **1.00** Monday's selling, per yard.

Kitchen Toweling—Absorbent quality; neat blue border; per yard, **18c**

A New Creation—Make your own bath robe out of our new imported Rub Dry bath sheet. See our **2.98** samples, the sheet is, each, **3.73**

Materials for Bathrobe, complete, priced for Monday at, **3.73**

300 Odd Table Cloths—Assorted lengths for the new tables, **3.79** also lunch cloths.

An importer's clearance of all samples and odd lots of dish towels and face towels. Many are all linen and some union, specially priced, **59c to 1.25**

Full Size Satin Finish Marseilles Bed Spreads—Hemmed ends, a **3.98** good heavy quality, each.

Art Needlework

Unbleached Rompers—1 to 2 years size, completely sewn and stamped for simple embroidery, specially priced, each, **50c**

Full Size Bedspread—Of fine quality eero color serim. Rustic basket of flowers with blue birds. The stamped pieces come with bands of 7-inch antique lace down each side and the embroidery is so simple it can be finished quickly. **Spread 4.95**
Bolster 2.00

Stamped Three-Piece Buffet Set and Dresser Scarf—In floral design to be embroidered in three shades of blue, at, **39c**

Third Floor—West

Glove Silk Vests

Soiled and odd lots; mill runs; jersey silks; orchid and flesh in bodice styles. These vests would sell in first quality for 2.00 and 2.25, at, **1.19**

Third Floor—Center

Monday Special Values Fine Shoes

For Women Formerly **10.00 to 14.50** **785**

This lot includes about thirty different styles in dress and semi-dress shoes; of patent leather and satin; heels are in Cuban, box and Spanish styles. This is an unusual saving opportunity, and thrifty women will be glad to buy several pairs at this low price. All Sizes.

Third Floor East