

# CHAPMAN, PREMIER BANDIT, TAKEN

## "I WILL NOT QUIT"

### Dictator of Italy Will Die First

Premier Declares "Everything Quiet" and Country Hard at Work; No Strikes Now.

### No Guards in Evidence

Note: There was printed in the Omaha Sunday Bee a cable dispatch written by C. F. Bertelli, giving the viewpoint of the Italian situation from the side of Mussolini's enemies. The special cable dispatch printed today is an interview with Mussolini himself in which he gives his views in his usual forceful fashion.

By KARL H. VON WIEGAND, Universal Service Staff Correspondent.

Rome, Jan. 18.—Everything is quiet. With these three words Benito Mussolini, dictator-premier of Italy, this evening summarized to me what he declared to be the situation in Italy.

"There are no strikes. There are no demonstrations," he said. "Italy is working. The world is stupid if it believes every report about Italy. I cannot think it does."

Every sentence was forceful as it was expressed, and punctuated with characteristic gestures.

"How long have you been in Italy? Have you seen any riots? Any strikes? Any demonstrations? No. Well, there have not been any."

"The Italian people are working. It is known that the shipping, banking and trading at Genoa is now exceeding that of Marseilles."

"Never resign." "Staccato, machine-gun-like came his questions."

"Never!" Mussolini's eyes blazed. His square jaws came together with the click of a steel trap. His lips thinned over his teeth. His face took on the aspect of a fighting bulldog with a death grip.

"Never," he snapped again when I remarked that there are rumors abroad that in view of the opposition to his program, he is contemplating resigning.

I suggested that dictators seldom resign. They either die at their post, or accomplish the task set them. Mussolini nodded his head rapidly, as he said:

"Under no circumstances do I quit until my work is done, or—"

He made a significant pass across his throat, evidently signifying that he will remain until his throat is cut.

Works As He Talks. Few foreign journalists have talked with or interviewed more statesmen than has been my lot during my long career.

### Chinese Student Has Shortest Name in World

Baltimore, Jan. 18.—The shortest name in all the world is in the possession of a student in the Johns Hopkins medical school, it was discovered here today. His name is Mr. I. Philologists declare that it must be the shortest name in existence as it is composed of but one letter and the letter which displaces less ink than any other in the alphabet.

### Mystery Wraps Senate Delay on 2 Appointments

Names of Harlan J. Stone and Charles B. Warren Still Before Judiciary Committee.

By WILLIAM K. HUTCHINSON, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Something akin to a first class mystery surrounded the senate's attitude tonight toward two of the appointments made by President Coolidge in the present shake-up of his official family—those of Harlan J. Stone to the supreme court and of Charles B. Warren to be attorney general.

The mystery rested in the failure of the senate's judiciary committee to make definite action on either appointment, although nothing approaching an open fight has been waged against either man.

The committee today postponed for the third time final action on Stone's appointment, while a special subcommittee was named to investigate Warren's "legal fitness."

Stone's name has now been before the senate for two weeks, and Warren's half that time.

To add to the uncertainty, Senator Borah, republican, of Idaho, declared he intended making a thorough investigation into the legal records of both appointees.

In this move he was joined by Senator Walsh, democrat, of Montana, the old scandal prosecutor.

Both Borah and Walsh are members of the subcommittee considering Warren's appointment.

Despite the delay, administration leaders expressed assurance that both nominations would be confirmed.

The secretary said the board contemplated several additional studies into other angles such as production, distribution, utilization and other matters, and letters concerning these subjects will be mailed in the near future to members of the oil industry.

It was announced by the board that many letters have been received commending its efforts toward stabilization of the petroleum industry.

### 2 Chinese Armies Meet in Hot Fight

Troops of Former Governor of Kiangsu Routed by Men of Marshal Lui; U. S. Warships Sail.

Japanese Pay Expenses

By Universal Service.

Shanghai, Jan. 18.—Fighting broke out today between the forces of Marshal Lui-Yung-Siang and Marshal Chi-Hsi-Yuan at the town of Chin-Kiang, 45 miles northeast of Nanking.

Best advice tonight state that Chi's troops are retiring upon Soochow.

American warships are proceeding to Chin-Kiang and Tanking to protect all foreigners.

Five thousand interned Chinese soldiers have been repatriated at Tsing-Tau and are under armed police guard.

By Associated Press. Shanghai, Jan. 18.—The British steamer Talma left for Tsantao today with 4,000 Chinese troops, the first contingent of 10,000 who were interned in the foreign settlements here when driven from their posts as the result of an anti-Peking attack launched by General Chi-Hsi-Yuan, a supporter of the ousted regime.

The Russian steamer Astrakhan is removing an additional 4,000, and the Japanese vessel Bunmei Maru the remaining 2,000. All will be started for Tsantao by Tuesday.

The troops had been garrisoned in the Chinese territory adjacent to Shanghai.

### SITE SELECTED FOR MEMORIAL

New York, Jan. 18.—The erection of a memorial in Washington, the establishment of a park in Oyster Bay, N. Y., and the development and application of Roosevelt policies and ideas are the chief objectives toward which progress was made last year by the Roosevelt Memorial association, according to a report of Hermann Hagedorn, director of the organization, made public today.

The association has selected a site for the monument south of the White House, not far from the Lincoln memorial and the Washington monument, and a bill, which has already passed the senate, is now before the house to authorize the heading of a competition for designs.

Thirteen acres of land along the waterfront of Oyster Bay have been acquired by the association and an additional tract of 22 acres is in process of condemnation, the report states.

The association has collected a library of motion pictures relating to the late president, has issued numerous publications, collected books, cartoons and other items for the library and museum of Roosevelt houses, and has annually awarded gold medals for distinguished public service.

Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge motor off from the church in the navy yard, where they boarded the Mayflower. Secretary Slump and a few personal friends also made the cruise.

### Women Smokers Boost Price of Fags

Washington, Jan. 18.—The increase in the number of women smokers is listed by T. L. Hughes, chief of the tobacco section of the commerce department, as one of the likely explanations of the tremendous rise in recent years in cigaret consumption in the United States.

In the course of his regular statistical study of the consumption, Hughes has found that the use of cigarets in the United States, which was 15 billion in 1913, has gained four fold in 10 years, amounting to 63 billion in 1923. There have been great gains in other countries of the world, but Japan, where the rate of increase came closest to matching that of the United States, has advanced from 1913 consumption of 7 billion cigarets to only 23 billion in 1923.

### Mine Strike of 60,000 Threatens in Pennsylvania

Miners in District No. 1 Approve Tentative Plans for Walkout Next Wednesday.

By Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 17.—Tentative plans for a general strike among the 60,000 mine workers of District No. 1, United Mine Workers of America, next Wednesday afternoon unless a special convention is granted by the district officers were approved here tonight at a dramatic session of the general mine grievance committee.

Action of the united bodies followed fiery appeals by representatives of the 12,000 employees of the Pennsylvania Coal company ousted by the union for their unauthorized strike. The Pittston men demanded that the other bodies take a definite stand in view of the fact that their appeals to district and international union executives had failed to accomplish the desired results.

Richard Cappellin, district president of the United Mine workers of America on learning of the proposed strike of the 60,000 miners issued a statement urging them to ignore all orders of the general grievance committee. He warned local unions that in the event of a strike they would lose their charters and their membership in the United Mine Workers of America.

President Cappellin attributed the strike proposal to the "whims of a few disgruntled leaders who are trying to instigate trouble for selfish ends."

In his statement he announced plans to call another general meeting of all Pittston strikers in an effort to get them to take a direct vote to return to work.

### DE MARTINO NEW ITALIAN ENVOY

Washington, Jan. 15.—James De Martino will succeed Prince Castelet as Italian ambassador to Washington when the latter retires early in February.

It is understood the Italian foreign office already has been assured of the acceptability of De Martino to the United States and that his official nomination will be issued without delay.

De Martino, at present ambassador to Tokyo, has held many of the highest posts in the Italian diplomatic service, which he entered in 1909. After serving in various capacities in Berlin, Constantinople, Cairo and Bern he was appointed in 1921 secretary general at the ministry of foreign affairs, the highest position in the service next to the minister.

He served in that post from 1913 to 1920, having a conspicuous part in the shaping of Italian policy from the days preceding the world war through the Versailles peace conference period. He was appointed ambassador to Berlin in 1920, to London in 1921, and finally to Tokyo in 1923.

Naval Research of Ocean Endorsed by Society. Washington, Jan. 18.—Endorsement of the Navy department's program for ocean research in the Gulf of Mexico is expressed in a resolution adopted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which was made public tonight by the Navy department. Many branches of science, it was stated, will benefit from the study.

### Trotzky Is Put Out of War Council

Loss of Place in Political Bureau and Soviet Committee Is Also Threatened.

By Associated Press.

Moscow, Jan. 18.—Leon Trotzky will not be permitted to remain on the soviet war council, and is warned that a continuance of disobedience will culminate in his being expelled from the political bureau and the soviet executive committee.

These facts became known today in a semi-official communication issued here.

Warning Issued. The communication said that at a plenary meeting of the executive committee and control commission of the communist party, held on Friday, it was decided, almost unanimously: First, to invite Trotzky to submit effectively to party discipline; second, that his retention on the war council must be regarded as impossible; and, third, that the question of the further employment of Trotzky on the executive committee be postponed until the next party congress, with a warning that his continued disobedience would entail his removal from the political bureau and the executive committee.

According to the communication Trotzky wrote to the committee regretting his inability, owing to his illness, to attend his session, and declaring that he had kept silence in order to spare the communist party. He vigorously denied he favored revising Leninism or that he belittled the role of Lenin.

Trotzky added that he himself regarded "Trotskyism" as ended politically and said he had not foreseen that his book on the revolution would be made use of on the political platform. Regarding the accusations against him of lack of discipline, Trotzky wrote:

"I am ready for any task, in any post or outside any post and under any control imposed by my party. It is useless to emphasize that after recent discussions, our cause necessitates that I should be relieved of my post of president of the revolutionary war council."

The resolution adopted by the committee declares that Trotzky's anti-Leninist views regarding the peasants constituted a special danger to the communist party, as his attitude had undermined the confidence of the peasants in the soviet policy. Further, the resolution observes that Trotzky's letter, while giving an undertaking to perform any task assigned to him, fails to admit his errors and maintains his anti-bolshevik attitude, thus making his submission a pure formality.

### FOUR DROWNED AS ROWBOAT UPSETS

Cotter, Ark., Jan. 18.—Four persons were drowned when an overloaded rowboat was upset in White River, a mile below Oakland, Saturday. It was learned here today. Three others in the boat were rescued.

The dead are Rush Shaw and his brother, Tom Shaw; Miss Tessie Billings and G. W. Hawkins. Alva Johnson, a member of the party, rescued James Shaw and Miss Georgia Beahm.

None of the bodies of the four who were drowned has been recovered.

Earth Tremors Recorded. New York, Jan. 18.—Severe earth tremors were recorded at the Fordham university seismic station early this morning. The first tremor was recorded at 7:05 and the main wave at 7:47, eastern standard time. Rev. John S. O'Connor, director of the station, estimated that the disturbances were at a distance of 5,500 miles and probably in the vicinity of Japan.

World Radio Record Set. By Associated Press. Los Bonos, Philippines, Jan. 18.—What is believed to be a world's record for long-distance amateur radio receiving on a 60-meter wave length was established here today when amateurs with a home-made set caught amateur from the states of Pennsylvania, Kansas, Washington, Oregon and California.

### California's "Perfect Girl" Nominee



California nominates Florence Tamara, dancer, for the title of "America's most perfect girl."

### Mrs. Willebrandt May Not Be Named

Strong Opposition Develops to Her Appointment to Position of Federal Judge.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Development of strong opposition has made improbable the appointment of Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general as the first woman to sit on a federal bench.

Decision almost had been reached by President Coolidge and Attorney General Stone a week ago to nominate Mrs. Willebrandt to the vacant judgeship in the northern district of California, but vigorous protest against such action by Senator Shortridge and several other members of congress from California has brought a revision of plans. One of the arguments the protesters have used is that Mrs. Willebrandt, as a resident of Los Angeles, should not be selected to preside over a judicial district embracing the northern section of the state.

Numerous women's organizations and in individual women, however are supporting Mrs. Willebrandt, and officials emphasized today that the possibility of her appointment has not been entirely eliminated.

Senator Shortridge is urging the selection of W. D. Sturges, of San Francisco, now a member of the circuit court of appeals in California, for the district judgeship.

The president and Attorney General Stone plan to give considerable study to this vacancy during the week with a view to reaching a decision before Stone leaves the department of justice for the supreme court.

### FEDERATION BANK STILL GROWING

New York, Jan. 18.—The Federation bank of New York, the labor institution which grew in 14 months from original resources of \$500,000 to \$5,500,000 on December 21, last, is now considering increasing its capital another \$500,000 or \$1,000,000.

Peter J. Brady, president, in making this announcement, tonight said the matter would be decided at an early meeting of the stockholders. President Brady announced that the bank had yielded profits of \$61,000 during 1924.

### Farmer Overcome by Fumes of Gas

Accidentally Opens Jet in Turning Out Electric Light.

W. C. Finley, 64, farmer living near Clarinda, Ia., lies in a critical condition at the Swedish Mission hospital, the victim of gas fumes which escaped from an accidentally opened jet.

Finley arrived in Omaha Saturday to visit his brother, R. A. Finley, 2600 Fowler avenue. Last night, when he retired, in snapping off the electric light he also half opened a gas jet which is a part of the light fixture. Fortunately, he slept with his window open wide and was still alive, although unconscious, when found by his brother Sunday morning.

Dr. Paul H. Ellis, 2224 Fowler avenue, was called and ordered Finley taken to the hospital at once. Although he regained consciousness a short time later, attending physicians declare his condition critical because of his age.

Describing the accident Sunday afternoon Finley said that he remembered turning something, but the light was not extinguished, and he tried another lever and, when the light went out, thought nothing more of the incident.

### SCHOOL DRILLS TO BE RADIOCAST

Manhattan, Kan., Jan. 18.—The physical education department of the Kansas State Agricultural college beginning February 7, will broadcast daily calisthenic exercises for the 9,000 country schools in the state of Kansas, according to M. F. Ahearn, head of the K. S. A. C. department of athletics.

The programs will be broadcast along with other opening exercises for country schools, every morning at 9:15 from station KSAK, the college of the air broadcasting station here.

A statewide campaign is under way to equip all country schools with radio.

### FIVE CHILDREN BURNED IN HOME

Elk River, Minn., Jan. 18.—Five children were burned to death when their farm home eight miles from here was destroyed by fire this morning.

The children ranged in ages from 1-12 to 7 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bedach, the parents, escaped with severe burns. Bedach is a farmer.

### Money Orders Increase.

Harrington, Neb., Jan. 18.—According to information given by Norman R. Smith of the Harrington postoffice money order department the last year increased over \$70,000 compared with that of the previous year. In 1923 money orders to the amount of \$370,000 were issued, while in 1924 they amounted to \$440,400.

Farm Sale Success. Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 18.—Bud Prime, living near Virginia, held a public sale at his place and stock of all kinds brought good prices. One team brought \$250 and a mare sold for \$225. Cattle and farm machinery brought high prices. This was a surplus sale and Mr. Prime expects to remain on the farm.

### Fugitive Is Captured After Fight

Train Robber Fires Shot at Police in Muncie, Ind., but Is Knocked Down and Haidcuffed.

Postal Man Trailed Him. Muncie, Ind., Jan. 18.—Gerald Chapman has been captured.

The train robber—the premier bandit—fugitive from Atlanta federal penitentiary, was overpowered by two police officers after postoffice inspectors had located him in a hotel.

Chapman resisted arrest—fired one shot point blank at the officers. It missed. Then he was knocked down. He was taken to police headquarters and then to Indianapolis, where he will be held for an intensive quiz by postoffice inspectors, who want information about a dozen recent robberies—a train robbery on Long Island two weeks ago in particular. He denied this robbery.

Chapman floated into Muncie Saturday night and registered at the Braun hotel. He was under surveillance of Postoffice Inspector Kelly, who had been trailing him for several days. All night the hotel was guarded by inspectors and police.

"Glad Nobody Killed." When Chapman left the hotel at 11 this morning the police and inspectors followed in an automobile. They followed him to a residence—a man believed to be his friend and possibly implicated in some of his crimes.

There was a "short fight" at the house. Chapman came out with his gun. He fired one shot and was felled by Patrolman Beckett of the Muncie force.

When Chapman regained his feet he was handcuffed. He did not deny his identity.

"I'm glad nobody was killed," he commented. Inspector Kelly questioned Chapman at police headquarters here for several hours before deciding to take the prisoner to Indianapolis, where other inspectors will join in interrogating the bandit. Chapman never denied his identity, but he steadfastly denied crimes that have been charged to him. He was good natured most of the time. When asked about a particular robbery he replied:

"Carried Nitroglycerine." "I'm sorry that wasn't one of mine for there was good money in it."

That his life of bandit has been at least partially successful was disclosed when Chapman was searched. The authorities recovered \$2,000 in government bonds, \$5,000 in cash and several pieces of valuable jewelry.

Two flasks of nitroglycerine were found in Chapman's grip with other articles that might be of use to a burglar.

Chapman announced the explosives when he told Chief of Police Rudolph:

"Peter be a little careful with that for there's two bottles of 'soup' in it." Chapman has a record of having twice escaped from the Atlanta federal prison.

### SUGAR COMPANY PLANS DIVIDEND

New York, Jan. 18.—The American Sugar Refining company, after having paid no common dividends since 1921, is now \$21,000,000 to the good and in a position to resume payments, Earl D. Babst, president, told the stockholders tonight in a review of the last 10 years. In noting the favorable outlook for refiners, Babst said:

"The company is in a financial and operating position to resume a common dividend whenever conditions warrant."

Common dividends were omitted, he explained, to provide for a vital rehabilitation and construction program now about completed, and to carry customers for nearly \$25,000,000 under their commitments after the collapse of sugar prices in 1920.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO MEET. Washington, Jan. 18.—The sixth annual convention of the National League of Women Voters will be held at Richmond, Va., April 16 to 22. The call was issued today by the league's directors.

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### The Weather

Table with 2 columns: Time and Weather conditions. Includes entries for 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., 11 p.m., and 12 noon.

### We Have With Us Today

Ogden Mills, Capitalist, New York city. Ogden Mills, well known capitalist, stepped in Omaha en route on the Union Pacific railroad for California. Mr. Mills is a director for the Southern Pacific railroad and for many other corporations, including the Atlantic Coast Steamship company, New York Central railroad, and Niagara Falls Power company. He belongs to numerous clubs for various sports, such as golf, turf and field, tennis, both in New York and in San Francisco. His son, Ogden Livingston Mills, is a congressman and lawyer. C. W. Houseman, Boston, Mass., Piano Expert. Mr. Houseman always loved music. In his youth he traveled much, often with no specific destination, but keeping his ears constantly attuned to the music of life. In 1850 he was in Kansas City. At the same boarding house with him was Sam Oakford. Oakford played the banjo and sang in an act on the Orpheum circuit. Houseman played the piano and sang in concert. Yesterday Houseman stopped over in Omaha to see his old friend Sam Houseman in an important factor in the organization of Hallett & Davis, piano manufacturers. He styles himself an ambassador extraordinary for the Angelus piano. All Omaha knows Sam Oakford as head of the Oakford Music Co.