

LONDON PRESS DESCRIBES NOTE AS 'BOMBSHELL'

President Wilson's Step in Connection With Italian Situation Treated as Dramatic Development.

London, April 24.—"A thunderbolt," "a bomb shell," "an appeal to Caesar" are among descriptive expressions used by the newspapers in connection with President Wilson's declaration on the Italian situation.

Opinions as to Mr. Wilson's statement and Italy's attitude vary. The Graphic refers to Italy's "obdurate attitude" and advocates the "Croatian claims to Fiume."

Appeal for Small Nations. The Chronicle places over the news from the peace conference the head, "Wilson's Stirring Appeal for Small Nations," but is editorially perturbed.

Not Merely Words. "A document of decisive importance," the Manchester Guardian terms President Wilson's appeal. Pointing out that the question is one of applying principles, it continues: "Let there be no mistake as to its significance. What the president says he means. These are not merely words, they are an act."

The Guardian analyzes the Italian position in a sympathetic vein, but it warns Italy against pressing historic claims too hard. "After all," concludes the Guardian, "the support of America for a world peace is worth a good deal more than the security which any particular state could hope to receive from adding a strip to its own frontier."

The Liverpool Post, which fully endorses President Wilson's statement, thinks that his appeal was made "with the full privity and consent of Mr. Lloyd George," and adds: "For not less than America, England lies under moral obligation to square every decision she takes in remapping the world with the axioms of peace in the 14 points."

Prohibition Law Was Passed Under False Pretense, Says Root

New York, April 24.—Elihu Root, senior counsel for the United States Brewers' association, today asked Federal Judge A. N. Hays to declare unconstitutional the wartime prohibition law, enacted, he said, "under false pretense, as every man and woman knows."

The measure was designed, he asserted, not to aid in carrying on the war, but to bring about a state of prohibition before the date fixed by congress in the prohibition amendment.

The former secretary of state made the final argument for the brewers in opposition to the government's motion to dismiss the complaint in the test suit brought by the Jacob Hoffman Brewing company to restrain the federal authorities from interfering with the production of beer of 2 3/4 per cent alcoholic content.

Mr. Root based his argument for the injunction on the words of the statute, forbidding the manufacture after April 30, and the sale after June 30, of "beer, wine and other intoxicating malt or vinous liquors for beverage purposes," holding that the prohibition stood only as against intoxicating liquors, in which class the brewers were ready to show on trial, he said, that the 2 3/4 brew was not included.

Prince Sunehisa, Head of Takeda Royal House, Dead. Tokyo, April 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Prince Sunehisa, head of the royal house of Takeda, is dead.

Women Given \$75,000 Stock "Just for Old Friendship"

Interesting Sidelights at Chicago Hearing of Affairs of Black Diamond Oil Co., of Which the Officers and Some Valuable Assets Have Disappeared.

Chicago, April 24.—Judge K. M. Landis, conducting federal court investigation of the Black Diamond Oil company, ordered attorneys representing trustees and stockholders to procure federal warrants for Jacob M. Mettler, former president of the company, and J. D. Cameron, former secretary.

Judge Landis wants them to explain the disappearance of valuable assets of the concern, and especially the statements of two women that they were given \$75,000 worth of the stock just for friendship.

The two women were Mrs. Harriet Honore, president of the Women's Federal Oil company of America and Mrs. Elizabeth Doyle, former vice president of the same company.

Mrs. Honore testified that Cameron had given her 5,000 shares of stock in the company, valued at \$50,000, but that the stock had got out of her hands into the hands of C. H. Chambers, one of the brokers of the company.

"How did Cameron come to give you this stock?" asked the judge. "Just 'friendship' stocks. The witness became confused and embarrassed and said something about them being 'old friends.' The judge withdrew the question.

Mrs. Doyle, at present a milliner, told the judge she received only 2,500 shares of stock valued at \$25,000.

SOLONS FAVOR STAND TAKEN ON FIUME QUESTION

Republicans Endorse Attitude Taken by President Wilson Toward Italy; Johnson Makes Statement.

Washington, April 24.—President Wilson's attitude toward Italy was endorsed in a statement today by Senator Johnson of California, republican, who declared the "present situation is the supreme test of the profession of our purposes, which the president has so often voiced."

"The president's decision," said Senator Johnson, "as I understand it, is that he as the representative of America will not recognize secret treaties by which territories and people were bartered. I am in hearty accord with this attitude."

"To my mind nothing more depressing or humiliating to us could occur than to transmute our much vaunted idealism into territorial acquisition and disposition of unwilling peoples secretly agreed upon during the war. It is my hope that he will persist in his refusal to recognize Japan's secret bargains or Italy's secret bargains."

Senator Kenyon of Iowa, republican, also issued a statement approving the president's attitude. I hope he will succeed in smashing not only the Italian but all secret treaties for all time to come, he said.

While agreeing with the president's attitude toward secret treaties, Senator Borah, Idaho, republican, said the Italian question was one which should be adjusted according to the principle of self-determination.

In Europe Four Months. "It all reveals," Senator Borah said, "what it means for this country to enter into and to intermeddle in European affairs. We have been in Europe now about four months seeking to adjust European affairs and have incurred the ill will of the people of Japan and Italy, and the suspicion of the people of China and the severe criticism of the people of France. If we have accomplished this much in four months, how much could we accomplish under the league of nations in 10 years? Another thing is already apparent when you take into consideration expressions in the newspapers in Japan, Italy, France and England today and that is if we undertake to deal with European affairs nothing can keep

DENY REPORTS OF CRUELTY IN KOREAN TROUBLE

Official Statement Says One Person Killed and Six Wounded During Seoul Outbreak.

Washington, April 24.—An official statement by the Japanese embassy today, characterizing as exaggerated current reports of cruel measures employed by the Japanese authorities in suppressing Korean disturbances, says one person was killed and six wounded in outbreaks at Seoul, and that the total number of casualties in the provinces has been 331 killed and 735 wounded.

The embassy's statement follows: "The exaggerated character of the current reports about the cruelty of measures employed by the Japanese authorities in suppressing the Korean disturbances is more than borne out by an official dispatch reaching the Japanese embassy today.

"Only one person was killed and six wounded in Seoul from the start of the disturbance until very recently. The number of casualties in the provinces is all told 331 killed and 735 wounded. That is on account of the fact that the riots in the provinces were more truculent and extravagant than those in the capital. In many instances the police and gendarmes were forced to resort to arms to prevent the destruction of and incendiary at-

"Oh," said the judge. "And he had other women friends; he gave them bonds, too." But she could not recall the names of the others. Judge Landis demanded that she "think it over" and give the names later.

Tulsa Judge Appears. Judge J. N. Hayes of Tulsa, Okla., who had been invited by Judge Landis to appear in court and explain some of his acts in connection with an alleged camouflaged dividend on the parts of officials of the company, voluntarily appeared.

Judge Landis wanted to know if the man was a "race horse judge." He stated he came by the title legitimately, and that he had set as a judge in Oklahoma. He also said he was counsel to the governor for three and one-half years.

\$1,000,000 Suit Without Fees. Judge Hayes said the company had "blimmed" him if it had any one. He said that he had brought suit against the Penn-Wyoming Oil company for \$1,000,000 at the request of the officials, and refused to drop the suit when the Black Diamond company did not pay him his fees. He said they still owed them to him.

A forthwith subpoena was issued for "Colonel" E. C. Lott, listed as "capitalist," chairman of the board of trustees and head of the advertising campaign.

He was called a major yesterday; today he's a colonel," said Judge Landis. "Have him brought in that I may see just what he is colonel of."

them from interfering in American affairs. The most powerful argument in the world for a quick and speedy conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany and her allies and of our return home is found in the present situation."

Big Influenza Death Toll. Brussels, April 24.—Great loss of life among the natives of the Belgian Congo as a result of an influenza epidemic is reported in dispatches received here. Some estimates place the number of deaths at 500,000.

First Class Food for an appetite like mine. says Bobby. POST TOASTIES (MADE OF CORN)

Orkin Bros. AN UNUSUAL OFFERING OF WASH WAISTS. This Friday's Feature in the Blouse Department. Wash Waists, White and Fancy Voiles, Woven Madras, Shantung, Silk Batiste and Oranadies. Styles are Buster Brown Collars and Cuffs. High-class tailored models, trimmed with fine Venice lace. Greatly Reduced \$1.85. BLOUSE SHOP—MAIN FLOOR.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION. County Treasurer's Receipt. NEBRASKA. Name of Maker, Name of Vehicle, No. of Motor or Engine, Character of Power, Diameter of Cylinder Bore, No. of Cylinders, Seating Capacity, Published Weight, Year, Model or Letter. ORIGINAL—Mail this Receipt to State Board of Irrigation and Highways. ATTENTION IS HEREBY GIVEN: All owners of Motor Vehicles in Nebraska should carefully read and preserve the above application. If you desire to secure the necessary certificate of registration with permission to operate a Motor Vehicle or Truck or Motorcycle strict compliance is necessary. All those who have secured their licenses for 1919 are cared for. These laws apply to all taking out licenses after this date. Please note carefully the questions on application, ESPECIALLY THE WEIGHT. Fill out complete number certificates or no numbers will be issued unless all the above BLANKS are filled out in the application. STATE BOARD OF IRRIGATION AND HIGHWAYS. GEO. E. JOHNSON, Secretary.

Hoover in Paris. Paris, April 24.—Herbert C. Hoover, head of the allied relief organization, was surprised and annoyed by the publication today of a dispatch announcing his presence in Berlin. Mr. Hoover has not been away from Paris for weeks. He is unable to account for the report, unless he is being impersonated.

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