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## DALMATIA POWDER MAGAZINE ACCORDING TO PRESS OF ITALY

**Volunteers Reported to be Joining D'Annunzio's Forces in Large Numbers—Italian Newspapers Allege That a Reign of Terror Has Been Inaugurated, by Serbians—Secret Session of Chamber Demanded.**

Rome, Sept. 24—"Dalmatia is a powder magazine," says the Giornale D'Italia. "Volunteers everywhere are enlisting." They already have reached several thousands, some of whom have arrived in Fiume on small boats, making the journey under the shelter of the numerous Dalmatian Islands, while others remain in Dalmatia, ready to face Jugo-Slav aggression.

The newspaper describes an alleged reign of terror as existing in districts like Ragusa and Spalato, which have been entrusted to Serb troops. The Serbians, it says, are enforcing military service on all men from the ages of twenty to forty and that whenever they meet with resistance they have recourse in deportations on a large scale to Macedonia and Albania, "which is equivalent to condemnation to death, since none return from their forced labor there."

"Many persons," the newspaper adds, "not only Italians, but Slavs in fear of this treatment have fled the country. The Dalmatians implore the intervention of the Allies."

### ANOTHER WAR FEARED IF MEASURES

#### ARE NOT TAKEN BY ITALIAN CHAMBER

Rome, Sept. 24—Reporting rumors that Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio's partisans are advancing toward Trau, Sebenico and Spalato, the Messaggero severely censured "elements which are thus creating occasion for further conflict."

The newspaper says a number of deputies have signed a demand for a secret session of the Chamber.

"Do you want another war?" asks the Messaggero, in commenting on reports from Fiume and Dalmatia showing that the D'Annunzio movement is spreading and that others are trying to repeat at Trau, Sebenico, Spalato, Zara and other chief centres of Italian population along the Adriatic his achievements at Fiume. The immense gravity of the situation is now probably thoroughly understood by everybody.

## MANIPULATION ON HUGE SCALE IS CHARGED

**Melen - Cutting and Stock-Watering—Sensational Development in Winnipeg Electric Inquiry.**

Winnipeg, Sept. 25.—Charges that the Winnipeg Electric Railway Co.'s capitalization has been inflated to the extent of over \$3,000,000; that melen-cutting in the year 1912 cost the company \$2,400,000, and that there was an issue of \$2,000,000 worth of bonds, of which investigators can find no record, were among the sensational developments at a meeting of the transportation committee of the Winnipeg City Council yesterday afternoon.

C. A. Hunt, K.C., counsel for the city, who made the charges, based his allegations on a report of John Scott & Co., chartered accountants, which firm was instructed by the Public Utilities Commission of Manitoba to make an investigation of the company's financial affairs when the company made an application for permission to increase the price of street car fares some months ago.

Counsel for the city threw another bombshell into the controversy when he asked the committee to recommend to the Council that in the event of the Public Utilities Commission granting the company's application for higher fares, he be authorized to apply for an injunction to prevent the company from putting into effect any increase that might be authorized by the Public Utilities Commission on the ground that the Public Utilities Act is unconstitutional.

## KOLCHAK IS GAINING ADVANTAGE

Washington, Sept. 25.—Official advice received by the State Department today from Omsk under yesterday's date indicated that Admiral Kolchak has not resigned and that he did not contemplate such action.

The advance against the Bolsheviks is progressing favorably to the Kolchak forces, according to the advice, and the Kolchak armies are in a stronger position than they have been for some time.

## ATTEMPT TO AVERT SOFT COAL STRIKE

**Nov. 1st the Date Set—Conference re Wages, Hours, etc., Starts Under Unfavorable Auspices.**

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 25.—With a general strike of soft coal miners in the United States set tentatively for November 1st, operators and representatives of the men met here today in an effort to avert it by reaching an agreement on questions of wages, working hours and working conditions.

At the outset the miners and operators seemed far from an agreement, prominent operators in conversation before the opening of the meeting characterizing the miners' demands as far too radical for acceptance.

It was generally admitted that an agreement would be reached only after long deliberation, if at all.

## STANDARD OIL CO. PROTESTS AGAINST SALE

New York, Sept. 25.—Twelve American owned steamships, aggregating 70,000 dead weight ton and valued at more than \$10,000,000, the property of a German subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, have been ordered from German ports to the Firth of Forth for allocation among the Allied and Associated nations recently at war with Germany. This information has been received by officials of the Standard Oil Co. here from its representatives abroad.

The action has been protested by the Standard Oil Co. through the American State Department and the United States Shipping Board.

## ROCKEFELLER MAKES GIFT

New York, Sept. 25.—John D. Rockefeller today contributed \$2,000,000 to the Ministers' and Missionary Board of the Northern Baptist Convention. No restrictions are made as to the use of principal and income.

## THOS. SNIDER TAKES POSITION AT MARYSVILLE

**Premises for Bank of Montreal Branch Being Remodelled—Pte. Wm. Harris Returns.**

Marysville, Sept. 25.—Mr. Thomas Snider of St. John has arrived here to accept the position with the Canadian Cottons rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Joseph Godbout a few weeks ago.

Rev. J. B. Daggett has returned from Florenceville where he officiated at the Crocker-Saunders nuptials.

Mrs. Edward Burke accompanied by her sister Miss Mary Clegg left this week for Boston, Mass., where she will remain for a time. Miss Clegg is located there, but has been visiting here for some weeks.

Pte. William Harris has arrived home from overseas and is being warmly welcomed. Pte. Harris has been overseas for upwards of three years.

The many friends of Mr. Horace Pond are glad to see him out again after his recent accident.

## KEMP NOT TO BE GOVERNOR

Toronto, Sept. 25.—Recently it was stated that Sir Edward Kemp, Overseas Minister of Militia, would succeed Sir John Hendrie, the present Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Interviewed last night, the Hon. Dr. Reid, Minister of Railways, denied the rumor. "The appointment of Sir Edward Kemp, or anyone else, has not been considered or discussed," said the Minister, "nor have other names been suggested."

### C. N. R. EARNINGS INCREASE.

Toronto, Sept. 25.—Canadian National Railway earnings for the week ending September 21 were \$2,033,374, an increase of \$426,355 over the corresponding week last year.

**Died in Australia**  
Mrs. Charles Quartermain of this city received the sad news recently that her brother Thomas Willis had died, September 2nd, at Brisbane, Australia. The deceased was a native of England and went to Australia about forty seven years ago. He died at the age of sixty-one years.

**By Car to Chatham.**  
Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture, accompanied by Mrs. Tweeddale and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Tweeddale, and John C. McFadden, left by car for the Chatham Exhibition, where they plan to spend several days.

## STRIKE WILL BE CALLED FRIDAY IF TODAY'S CONFERENCE FAILS

**National Union of Railwaymen of Britain Will Meet Sir Eric Geddes Today—London Press and Public Turning Against Union on Account of Unreasonable Demands.**

London, Sept. 25.—Sir Eric Geddes, Minister of Transport, will today meet representatives of the National Union of Railway men, which yesterday presented a virtual ultimatum to the government demanding that a basis for the standardization of wages be settled. In the event the situation is not adjusted, according to J. H. Thomas, Secretary of Union, a strike that will be nation-wide will be called on Friday.

General consternation over the threatened strike is varied by London morning newspapers, the majority of which are indignant at the haste with which the National Union of Railwaymen launched its threat while there was yet three months for the temporary agreement to run. There is some criticism of the government's handling of the situation, it being especially accused of "dawdling", but bulk of opinion is sharply against the union which is condemned for "playing with fire" and doing "everything possible to force concessions which the country is unable at this time to afford."

The whole executive committee of the National Union of Railwaymen will participate in today's conference.

The president of the union said today that if a strike should be ordered it would begin at midnight Friday night.

### CONFERRED THIS MORNING.

Sir Eric Geddes, the Minister of Transport, and the entire executive committee of the National Union of Railway men conferred for two hours and a half this morning over the railway wage question which is threatening a nation-wide railway strike. At the end of this time the conference took an adjournment until four o'clock this afternoon.

## Advantage Claimed By Both Sides in Steel Strike

**Little Disorder in Pittsburgh District—Authorities Appear to be in Control—Fitzpatrick to Present Labor's Side at Washington—Conflicting Reports from Chicago Section.**

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 25.—Little change in the steel strike situation here was noticeable today. Conflicting statements regarding the number of workers involved in the walkout come from employers and union headquarters, with both sides claiming the advantage.

Disorders in the district, so prominent during the first two days of the strike, have dwindled to sporadic outbreaks in which members of the crowds have been slightly injured and many arrested. Heavy guards of Police, State Troopers and Deputies are much in evidence in the troubled areas, especially at Farrell Pa., and Newcastle, Pa., where alarming riots, resulting in several deaths occurring in the early part of the week.

The protest of Secretary Foster, of the National Steel organizing committee, to Governor Sproul, of Pennsylvania, against what he termed "unwarranted assaults" by State Police on innocent strikers, brought the reply that the troopers had not charged into crowds until their commands to disband had been defied, and only after shots were fired and missiles thrown at the Officers.

The labor leaders has despatched a telegram to the Governor declaring that the latter had been misinformed regarding the clashes between the Troopers and crowds, and adding that the State Police "are manufacturing a region of terror in order that the steel workers' strike may be discredited and broken."

### CONFLICTING STATEMENTS AS TO PROGRESS OF STRIKE MADE BY BOTH SIDES AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Sept. 25.—An official announcement that the slab and rail mills of the United States Steel Corporation plant at Gary, Ind., would be in partial operation today which would be the most extensive resumption of work in the Chicago district since strike of steel workmen was called Monday, was counterbalanced by the 195 steam engineers at the Illinois Steel Company at Gary being ordered out on sympathetic strike by their local union. Union leaders asserted that this section would close the Illinois Steel Mills.

Claims of the industrial and labor leaders still were at variance. Five hundred men at Indiana Harbor, Ind., last night attended a meeting and demanded protection for their return to work. Speakers at the meeting stated that eighty percent of the twelve thousand men on strike at six plants desired to resume work.

At Gary and South Chicago, according to labor leaders, the tendency of the men was not to return to work. Officials of the Inland Steel Company at Indiana Harbor were said to have stated that unless striking employees returned to their work today in sufficient numbers to operate the plants, they would be closed down from three to nine months.

In the only rioting of the day reported in the Chicago district, one man was severely beaten at South Chicago last night.

### SENATE STARTS INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF SITUATION CAN BE RELIEVED BY FEDERAL ACTION

Washington, Sept. 25.—Investigation of the nation-wide steel strike by the Senate Labor Committee, which begins today, was called to determine "if the situation in any way can be relieved by Federal action."

John Fitzpatrick, chairman of the strikers' organization, has assured the committee he would present labor's side of the controversy, and he was summoned as the first witness. Judge E. H. Gary, Chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, was summoned to present the other side of the controversy, but will not be able to appear until next week. He will be asked to make a detailed statement, and then submit to cross-examination.

## PARIS OPERA LOSING MONEY

Paris, Sept. 25.—Theatres in Paris are feeling the effect of high prices for materials, the eight hour day and increased salaries. M. Fontanes, manager of the Chatelet, said that a play which cost \$40,000 to produce before the war now costs \$110,000. He is going to meet the difficulty by raising the price of seats. M. Rouché, manager of the Opera, says that even with a full house the expenses exceed the receipts by \$400 nightly.

## WORMS COST HIM \$1 EACH

New York, Sept. 25.—Residents of the exclusive Central Park West section were given a scare the other night when they saw a man with a garden fork digging up the ground inside Central Park. They scented a murder mystery and notified the police. The digger was arrested. He was Lewis Minansky. Taken to court, he said he was digging worms to go fishing.

"How many did you dig?" the court asked.

"Five," he replied.

"Five dollars," said the court.

## ANOTHER SURE WINNING PLAN KING ALFONSO IN FRANCE

New York, Sept. 25.—The system players, most of whom wind up in the padded cells next to the perpetual motion hounds, have discovered a new one for the racing game. They claim that tabulation of past performances shows that horses starting from post position No. 4 win oftener than any others. Their plan is to play horses with No. 4 on the blanket and keep doubling until a winner scores.

Bordeaux, France, Sept. 25.—King Alfonso, of Spain, who has not visited France since 1914, arrived here incognito last night by automobile from San Sebastian. A large crowd gathered around the hotel to welcome the Spanish Sovereign. King Alfonso came here to consult Dr. Houre and will remain in this city tomorrow.