

**MR. WILSON TAKES
HAND IN ADRIATIC**

**If Settlement Is Made Without Con-
sulting America President
Will Withdraw.**

FROM ALLIES' CONFERENCE
**Interpret Step Designed to Bring to
Head Negotiations Over Fiume.**

Paris, Feb. 15.—Hugh C. Wallace, the American ambassador yesterday delivered to the foreign office a memorandum from President Wilson, according to the Temps, in which the President said he could not approve of Premier Lloyd-George's proposed settlement of the Adriatic question which has been submitted to the Jugo-Slavs. The newspaper says that an identical memorandum was delivered to the British foreign office in London.

The Temps says President Wilson allowed it to be understood that the United States would find it impossible to continue in conference if the allies settle the Adriatic question without consulting the United States.

The premiers have drafted a reply to President Wilson's note on the Adriatic question, which will be transmitted through the American ambassadors at London and Paris according to a member of Premier Millerand's staff, who arrived in Paris tonight.

The contents of the reply will not be made public until after it is received by the President of the United States. However, another delay in the Adriatic settlement as a consequence of the incident is foreseen in French official circles.

Disapproves of Tenor.
In his memorandum President Wilson criticizes Premier Lloyd George's plan as communicated to the Jugo-

Slavs by the supreme council on January 20. The President examined the plan, but declares he cannot approve of its tenor. He particularly opposes the idea which consists of giving the Jugo-Slavs the choice between this plan and execution pure and simple of the London pact.

In addition, according to the Temps the President finds the Lloyd-George plan too divergent from the memorandum drawn up at London last December by Premiers Lloyd-George and Clemenceau, with the collaboration of the American representative.

The memorandum was immediately examined by the chiefs of the allied governments before the French premier left London for Paris this morning.

Washington Is Silent.
White House officials tonight refused to discuss the statement of the Paris Temps that President Wilson in memoranda to the French and British foreign offices had disapproved the latest proposal for settlement of the vexing Adriatic problem. There was neither confirmation or denial that the position of the United States again had been laid before the allied governments.

Granting that such memoranda as reported by the Temps had been dispatched, other officials interpreted the step as designed to bring to a head the negotiations over Fiume and Adriatic territory, which have been dragging along for some time.

Disapproval of the most recent proposal, which was advanced by Premier Lloyd-George and contemplated the making of Fiume, a free city under the league of nations, and the awarding to Italy as a recompense a strip of territory toward the south from Trieste, it was said, would be entirely in line with the stand taken by President Wilson at Paris that

Fiume should be awarded to the Jugo-Slavs. This position, it has been stated, is the only one which Mr. Wilson considers is in accordance with his fourteen points on which Italy as well as the other allied governments, made peace with the central powers.

**CONFIDENCE MEN
FLEECE SYRIAN**

**Strangers Interest Gervais Street
Shopkeeper in Scheme to Help
Worthy Objects.**

S. Joseph, prosperous Syrian, doing business at 905 Gervais street notified Chief Richardson yesterday that two strangers had worked the confidence game and had relieved him of \$1,800 in currency. The strangers loafed around the store Friday morning, gained the confidence of the merchant and at 1 o'clock p. m. had succeeded in getting a hold on the cash and making an easy getaway. They left a tin box that was supposed to contain \$3,600 and when it was opened yesterday it was filled with copies of The State and four \$1 bills.

Joseph told the chief of police that the men came into the store and one claimed he had \$12,000. The two strangers argued about the disposition of the money and the financier insisted that his father's wish was for him to give the money to a priest. The other man argued that the cash be distributed to the poor and among hospitals. Joseph was consulted as a good business man and he became interested. The tricksters asked him to join in the transaction and they would give him as much money as he could show them in the deal.

The Columbia shopkeeper said he drew \$1,800 from the bank and met the men in his store.

In a green bag they had what appeared to be a large package of currency, but it turned out to be only a lot of paper covered with a few bills. The strangers offered to put their money in a tin box with the merchant's cash and agreed to leave it with him for safe keeping. Joseph thought that was a good proposition and handed over the \$1,800. The confidence men succeeded in taking the cash and locking the box containing the bag and paper. The men left the store and the merchant hid the tin box.

Joseph told the chief that he decided yesterday morning to take a look at the contents of the box and broke the lock. He said he was disgusted and furious when he discovered that he had been duped. He said one of the tricksters was about 35 or 40 years old, medium weight, black hair and moustache, dark complexion, wore a black overcoat with fur collar. The other man appeared to be about 25 or 30 years old, black hair, clean shaved and wore a black suit.

The merchant carried the tin box to the police station, where it was examined. Four dollars bills were neatly wrapped around a bag of paper and several copies of The State dated February 12 and 13 were tucked in the container. There was nothing in the box to give any clue to the identity of the tricksters. The game was worked Friday at about 1 o'clock and the confidence men have had ample time to make a clean getaway.

ELEVEN WOMEN APPOINTED

Washington, Feb. 15.—Appointment of eleven women, including five from the South, as members of the executive committee of the Democratic national committee, was announced today by Chairman Homer S. Cummings. Six additional women members will be appointed soon to make the woman membership correspond with that of the men.

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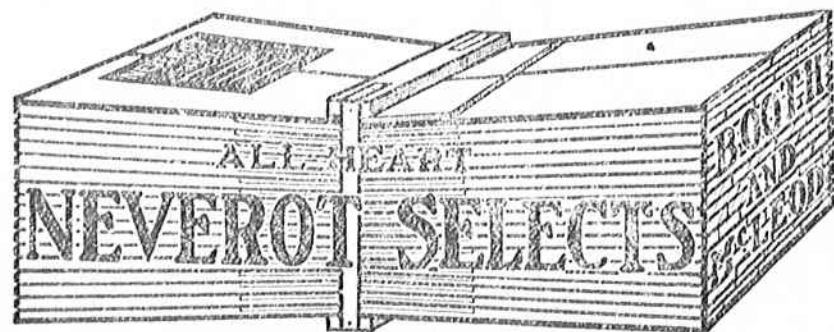
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