

FRATERNIZING AT FIUME

Food Allowed to Pass Through to D'Annunzi

Geneva, Sept. 22.—Dispatches from Australian and Serbian sources say Italian regulars under Gen. Badoglio have constructed a continuous line of trenches around Fiume, while D'Annunzio's forces have built defenses a few hundred yards inside the circle.

The soldiers of the two sides are fraternizing, exchanging tobacco and refreshments, and officers from the two camps dine together.

It is averred trainloads of food have been allowed to pass the blockade line into the city by sympathetic officers, in the absence of authoritative control.

Triest, Thursday, Sept. 18.—Col. Siciliani, who was sent into Fiume by Gen. Badoglio to confer with Gabriele D'Annunzio, tried to induce the latter to keep only volunteers and allow soldiers of the regular army to return to Italy, in order to prevent their rendering themselves liable to severe punishment.

D'Annunzio refused, saying only the presence of the Italian army would prevent the allies from considering Fiume a rebel city and bombarding it. In fact, he added, the ships of the Allies, although they had left the harbor, were not far away, and were ready to return.

The French commander, according to Col. Siciliani, has notified D'Annunzio that if the well-supplied stores, forming the base of the Franco-Serbian troops in the Orient, were touched, he would fire on the city.

Thus far there has been virtually no disorder in Fiume.

BOOSTING THE FUND.

Layman Anderson Contributes \$200,000, Towards 75 Million Campaign

Greenville, Sept. 25.—J. H. Anderson, a prominent Baptist Layman of Knoxville, Tenn., has made a donation of \$200,000 to the Baptist 75 Million campaign, according to information received at state headquarters here from Southern headquarters at Nashville. Of this amount, \$150,000 was undesignated. In addition to the \$200,000, Mr. Anderson has given \$50,000 to a new church building.

Several large donations have recently been made by individuals to the campaign. Associated Press

dispatches recently told of the gift of \$200,000 to the campaign by Jackson Barnett, a full-blood Creek Indian, of Marietta, Oklahoma, who had made a great deal of money during the past few years in oil developments.

The eagerness of several churches in South Carolina to begin actual canvassing for the Baptist 75 Million campaign now instead of on the date set, November 30, and the fact that some churches have already done so, has prompted Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, State organizer for the drive, to send an appeal to all organizers, directors and pastors in the various associations and individual churches to use the intervening time between now and the date of the campaign in the proper work of instruction and preparation.

"I feel sure that the campaign would be over subscribed if started now," said Dr. McGlothlin at state headquarters today, "but the leaders in the movement believe that this work of instruction and preparation is very beneficial to the Baptist in many ways, and is essential if every member of the denomination is to derive the good we expect."

Off to War Torn Countries

Dr. Z. T. Cody, one of the editors of the Baptist Courier, has left for New York from which city he sails within a few days as a member of the commission from the Southern Baptist Convention appointed to make an investigation of the religious needs of the war-torn countries of Europe. The commission is to report to the convention next May its findings, and this report will be the convention's plans for work to be done in foreign fields with part of the \$75,000,000 to be raised November 30 to December 7.

Upon his departure from Greenville, Dr. Cody wired a parting message to Dr. L. R. Scarborough, director general of the drive, in Nashville, Tenn., in which he said in part: "I go in the confidence that our people shall have raised more than seventy-five millions ere the journey is over, and that Southern Baptists will enter these appealing and inviting fields promptly and adequately."

The other members of this commission who are accompanying Dr. Cody are: Dr. John F. Love, corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, of Richmond, Va.; Dr. J. T. Henderson, secretary of the Southern Baptist Layman's Movement; and Dr. Everett Gill, missionary to Italy.

HOUSE BY SIDE OF ROAD

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the place of their self-content;
There are souls, like stars, that dwell apart,
In a fellowless firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths
Where highways never ran;
Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road
Where the races of men go by;
The men who are good and the men who are bad,
As good, and as bad, as I
I would not sit in the scorner's seat,
Or hurl the cynic's ban;
Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road,
By side of the highway of life
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who faint with the strife;
But I turn not away from their smiles nor tears,
Both parts of an infinite ban;
Let me live in a house by the side of the road,
And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead,
And mountains of wearisome height;
And the road passes on through the long afternoon,
And stretches away to the night.
But still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice,
And weep with the stranger that moans,
Nor live in my house by the side of the road
Like a man who dwells alone.

Let me live in my house by the side of the road
Where the races of men go by;
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,
Wise, foolish, and so am I.
Then why should I sit in the scorner's seat;
Or hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
And be a friend to man.

—SAM WALTER FOSS.

Wrong Methods of Remedying "The High Cost of Living."

Aroused by a furor of protests against the so-called "high cost of living," President Wilson seems to have committed himself in favor of a policy of forcing prices downward—prices of commodities and wages of labor; and certainly there are many leaders in House and Senate who are eager to put such a policy speedily into effect.

Our own view is that such a method or remedying the "high cost of living" will only result in confusion worse confounded, and instead of allaying unrest and suffering will increase both. Our national prosperity,

Like John Sharp Williams' cow, might "get well of the disease and die of the remedy."

Let us examine the facts in the case. Prices and wages in all lines since 1914 have been forced to new high levels, measured in terms of money. But in certain lines—notably in the matter of salaries for persons employed on what we term "salaries" as distinguished from "wages"—inequalities exist because the advances have not been so great as in the case of commodities generally. That a real evil exists here no one can deny. But the wiser remedy, as we see it, is not to try to force prices generally back to pre-war levels, but simply to level up

these unduly low places in economic topography—as well as level down any unduly high prices occasioned by actual profiteering.

We cannot ignore the financial results of the world war with its enormous issues, money issues, and general expansion of credit. Six great European Powers, with the United States and Japan, for example, in five years increased their paper cir-

ulation from 6 billion dollars to 121 billion dollars. The result is that we have naturally come to a new high level of prices, and we should accept higher prices as natural and seek to adjust those that are out of line instead of trying to carry everything back toward pre-war levels.—Progressive Farmer.

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