

Fiume Citizens Flee from City

Declare Blockade by Italians Has Already Caused Acute Distress to Inhabitants.

ROME, Dec. 24.—Italy dredged a civil war today as the possible result of Gabrielle d'Annunzio's retention of Fiume.

Troops from the regular Italian army surrounded the city, enforcing the blockade ordered by the government.

Hundreds of citizens left Fiume. They brought stories of acute distress caused already by the blockade. There is not enough food in the city to supply the fifty thousand inhabitants for more than two weeks, they said.

The poet commander has lost a number of men by desertion. Officers in his regency also were preparing to leave before actual fighting began. A number of houses were searched because the poet feared a revolt.

COLLINS ORDERS GRAND JURY BACK

Prosecutor's Request Granted —9 Indictments Returned.

A sensation was sprung in the Marion County Criminal Court this morning, when Prosecutor Claris Adams requested Judge James A. Collins not to finally discharge the grand jury, but instruct that body to report at 9 o'clock Monday morning because "important matters may be waiting for consideration."

The prosecutor's request was granted in dicoemts Friday morning and a report on conditions at the Marion County institutions. The jurors were prepared to report on holiday week, but said that "something important might develop."

Adams' ACT MAY BRING SENSATION.

It is understood that Mr. Adams has definite grounds under consideration and that it might be of a sensational nature.

Judge Collins granted the request of Mr. Adams. Ralph Jones, deputy prosecutor in charge of the grand jury, stated the jurors intended this report to be the final one for the term and if an additional report is made Monday it will be supplemental to the report already submitted.

Among the indictments returned is one of unusual importance, and as the defendant is not under arrest, Judge Collins refused to permit the indictment to be made public at this time. It is understood that efforts will be made to arrest the defendant in this case by Monday afternoon.

Judge Collins permitted to be made public the indictment against William Coyle, 322 South Maryland street, according to the address on the indictment, charging Coyle with attempting to obstruct the execution of a certain subpoena issued by County Clerk Richard Sipe to Frank Osterland and his daughter Lillian of 908 Charles street, in the case of the State of Indiana against William Osterland, charged with assaulting a girl under 16 years of age.

CERTAIN WITNESSES TO REMAIN ABSENT.

It is specifically charged that Coyle wrongfully told Osterland and his daughter that the case in which they were to appear as witnesses against him had been dismissed, and also that he had paid Osterland \$50 for the purpose of preventing Osterland and his daughter from appearing in the Criminal Court as witnesses against him.

The facts became known during Coyle's recent trial in Criminal Court when Osterland admitted that he had received \$50. Judge Collins stated that Coyle was under bond in City Court and it was not necessary to wait until he had been arrested on this indictment.

Other indictments are as follows: John Erickson, James P. Potts, assault with intent to kill; Evans Coffey, burglary and grand larceny, and Charles F. Gordon, grand larceny.

SENTENCED FOR STEALING SHOES

Negro Tells Judge Hunger Drove Him to Act.

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"Because I was hungry, Judge," explained the defendant.

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"If you want the \$20 back you had better ask him for it," smiled the court, marking the fine and sentence on the affidavit as Detective Sneed explained that the defendant had been convicted two weeks ago of stealing bicycles.

Chloral Ends Life of Columbus Man

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In the reports on Juliette, the county jail and the poor farm, the jurors held that the managements were satisfactory, but found the plumbing in all of the places visited to be in a bad condition. The food supply was held adequate in the buildings at the poor farm and Juliette. The jurors were not satisfied with fire protection at the poor farm.

3 Nashville Men Held for Counterfeiting

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 24.—A charge of counterfeiting was registered against three men arrested by the police last night after an unfinished counterfeiting bill totaling \$17,500 had been found in their room. The men were V. E. Miketta, a printer; O. M. Young, a salesman, and Will Riat, a cabinet maker. They claim the bills were being made for advertising purposes.

COURT PERMITS WOMAN SLAYER TO PUT UP BAIL

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mother, Mrs. Myers lifted her tears, stating that she missed the boys many times. Her father, also crying, embraced her. The brother, who was seen crying during the testimony, embraced his sister.

Mrs. Myers then turned to Mrs. Agnes Ward, matron of the jail and said, "We are going to have the prettiest Christmas tree. Oh you can be there. Oh, mom, mom, mom."

Neighbors and friends, who crowded the courtroom, rushed to the counsel table and congratulated Mrs. Myers. Many men and women were in tears.

Finally Mrs. Myers sank into a chair, and little Arthur crawled upon her lap and sobbed, "Oh, mamma, mamma, we are going to have the prettiest Christmas tree. Oh you can be there. Oh, mom, mom, mom."

Byron, whose eyes were red from crying, said: "This is all the Christmas I want. Just you."

As soon as Mrs. Myers was able to leave the courtroom, the boys, who were being held by their guardian, Harry F. Hildebrand, 1520 North Alabama street, appeared before Judge Solon Carter of Superior Court, room 3, who has jurisdiction over them.

The court was requested to permit the two boys to go to the home of their stepmother.

MOTHER MAY VISIT STEPPERS.

Judge Carter stated that his orders were that the two boys remain at the Hildebrand home, as first stated by the court.

The action of the Criminal Court does not affect the orders of this court, stated Judge Carter.

Later he stated that there was nothing in his order to prevent Mrs. Myers from visiting the Hildebrand home.

The two boys are to go and sleep at the Hildebrand home, stated Judge Carter.

Byron, Myers stated that his stepmother would attend a Christmas tree party at the Hildebrand home.

Mrs. Hildebrand had stated that Mrs. Myers had previously provided money for gifts for her stepsons. Mrs. Myers only thought this morning appeared to be for Arthur and Byron.

McCRAY TO SPEAK AT SHOW.

GREENSBURG, Ind., Dec. 24.—Governor-elect McCray has accepted the invitation to address the evening session of the Disaster Relief Commission, Thursday, Dec. 30. The corn show is to be held Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

PENNSY CLOSER AT LOGANSPORT.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 24.—The locomotive department of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the city, will close Saturday, effective Monday, Dec. 28, according to announcement made by railroad officials this morning. It is estimated that between 400 and 600 employees will be affected by the orders.

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