

GENOA REPLY IS POSTPONED AGAIN BY U. S.

U. S. Hopes Invitation May Be Recalled.

WATCHES ITALY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—An atmosphere of uncertainty was thrown today about the Administration's policy with regard to the Genoa economic conference, scheduled to meet in less than four weeks to attempt the commercial and financial stabilization of strife-ridden Europe.

Twice the White House has been on the air of automobile radio stations Government's reply to the invitation from the Italian government and twice the announcement has been held up at the eleventh hour.

While in neither case has there been any official explanation forthcoming as to the cause for the delay, indications point to a belief and desire on the part of this Government that the Italian government will itself withdraw the invitations, thus saving Washington from the embarrassing duty of declining to participate.

The reply has been drafted, but it had not been sent up to last night. It will go direct to the American Embassy in Rome for presentation to the Italian government by Ambassador Child, if it goes at all.

According to authoritative information the American reply informs the Italian government that under present circumstances the United States respectfully finds itself unable to participate in the parley by diplomatic observers. It politely assures the Italian government that the United States is deeply interested in the conference and has every wish for its complete success, but it cannot

Surprise, which is manifested in official quarters that the Italian government already has not called in the invitations, in view of the Italian political situation and in view of the obvious reluctance of France and the United States to participate in an economic gathering at this time. The reply from Washington has been held up longer than usual in the confident expectation that a withdrawal would be forthcoming any day.

EDISON IS LATE 19 MINUTES ON 75TH BIRTHDAY

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get over to the American people. I don't believe in militarism, but I do believe in war experimentation."

"Now don't get me wrong," he warned, raising his hands in an explanatory gesture. "What I mean by experimentation is that this nation should bend every energy to discover new agencies of warfare."

The next war will be fought with gas. We must continue our experiments in poisonous gases and we must try to develop new kinds of bombs. Not many of each kind, just one or two. Then we will be up to all the devility there is, and if another nation wants to try something, well, we're ready."

Turning from war to business, the world's master inventor said he was certain business is on the upward trend.

"I've been through five depressions. I'm making some adjustments, for instance, in the field of wages. In some cases wages are too high and in others too low. Common labor isn't paid enough in some places. That's not right. Some men are holding wages down because they have the power."

"What group of workers are receiving the greatest benefits?" he was asked.

"Now, you know the answer as well as I do," he laughed. "You know it and the country knows it."

"America is not in the proper condition to pay a soldier 'bonus' now," he continued. "It's the wrong time. We should wait a little while. Then we can pay them more money," he added quickly.

He believes this country should postpone their refunding of debts of our creditor nations until times are better.

"You don't get blood from a stone," he said with a snap of the jaw. "We can wait and they'll be there ready to pay."

Prohibition, he said, should be drastic enough to prevent any person anywhere from obtaining any booze whatsoever.

"Was your questionnaire that stumped so many college professors a success?" he was asked.

"It was a success to me," he answered smiling. "About 1,200 tried to pass it. I've got sixty here who passed it all college, too. I'm going to use it in the future wherever we take on more men. The plumbbers will have to pass similar tests."

There was general misunderstanding of that test, he elaborated. It was designed purely to see how much general knowledge the applicant possessed.

"They could have known the answers from having read the newspapers," he said, "but people don't read the newspapers as they should."

HARDING SENDS CONGRATULATIONS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—President Harding sent the following letter of congratulation to Thomas A. Edison on the occasion of the electrical wizard's 75th birthday:

"My dear Mr. Edison: Senator Frillinghous has reminded me of the fact that you are to celebrate your 75th birthday on February 11, and I am taking this occasion to send you my congratulations and very best wishes. I hope you will have many more years of happy service to the world at large, such as you have so generously given in the past."

"Very sincerely,
WARREN G. HARDING."

NATIVE TOWN SENDS A WIRE

MILAN, Ohio, Feb. 11.—Thomas A. Edison, Milan's most distinguished native son, is 75 today. A message wishing him many happy returns of the day was wired by the mayor and other officials to Mr. Edison at his East Orange, N. J., home.

James and Mary Pyatt, 4241 Baltimore, boy.

Edward and Mable Egster, 303 Marion, boy.

John and Elizabeth Slattery, St. Vincent's Hospital, girl.

Fred and Ethel McClure, 1802 Dexter, boy.

Clyde and Myrtle Rogers, Robert Long Hospital, boy.

John and Lillian Quire, 2135 Dexter, boy.

Barley and Mary Mack, city hospital, boy.

J. W. and Georgiana Calhoun, 3733 North Meridian, girl.

Deaths

Lucile Marcelli, 3, 1500 College, Indiana.

McG. Cottman, 32, Central Indiana Hospital, brain pneumonia.

Mary M. Stringer, 65, 4208 East Michigan, emphysema.

Paul Lewis, 10 days, city hospital, acute pneumonia.

Elizabeth Bowers, 70, Central Indiana Hospital, emphysema.

Samuel Haskin, 6, city hospital, laryngeal diphtheria.

Mona A. Tudor, 47, 1142 West Thirty-Sixth, bronchitis pneumonia.

4 Rose Wilson, 33, 206 South State, acute bilateral bronchitis pneumonia.

Charles Yaglin, 50, 206 Hendricks Place, cerebral hemorrhage.

Charles Rollin Lloyd, 65, Methodist Hospital, chronic myocarditis.

Paula Leone, 26, 5, 2628 West New York, lobar pneumonia.

Elisia Talley, 27, 322 West Thirteenth, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Sweet Williams, 21, 1238 North Missouri, bronchitis pneumonia.

Henry J. Ruggenstein, 76, 379 Prospect, lobar pneumonia.

Theresa H. Parrish, 45, city hospital, bronchitis pneumonia.

Katherine Keating, 26, 1416 Bates, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Lewis Hayes, 2, city hospital, laryngeal obstruction, accidental.

William H. Meyer, 76, 755 Mozart, bronchitis pneumonia.

Lenora Daprado, 23, 710 North Senate, emphysema.

Lewis C. Clark, 54, 221 North Capitol, acute dilation of heart.

Arthur V. Banks, 8 months, 617 West Michigan, acute bronchitis pneumonia.

Adie Motley, 43, 1107 Lexington, cerebral hemorrhage.

Anna Cedar, 80, 610 Eddy, mitral regurgitation.

Mary E. Wilmot, 71, 1054 East Tabor, lobar pneumonia.

James and Mrs. Roy Welding, 1, 1431 West Court, meningitis.

Max C. Johnson, 2, city hospital, emphysema.

John and Mrs. John C. Johnson, 2, 1000 N. Meridian, emphysema.

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