

## ITALY, YUGO-SLAVIA GLARE ACROSS ADRIATIC SEA, BOTH STANDING READY FOR WAR

Friction Between Two Nations Rises From Peace Settlement; King Alexander Maintains Army of 116,000, Well Equipped.

This is the fifth and final article by Richard D. McMillan, United Press Staff Correspondent, on "Why Doesn't Europe Disarm?"

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BELGRADE, Jan. 20.—Across the 100-mile stretch of sea in the Adriatic, Italy and Yugo-Slavia glare at one another with hatred. Behind their borders, each nation is making munitions and training its soldiers—each thinking of a possible future war against the other.

The friction between the two nations arises from the peace settlement.

In 1915, when Italy came into the war, she received from France and Britain a promise made in a secret treaty to give a large section of the Dalmatian coast to the Italian government.

The war ended, President Wilson in Paris objected to the Italianization of Dalmatia, and, upholding his policy of the self-determination of nationality, gave the Dalmatians the right to choose to become part of Yugo-Slavia.

The Yugo-Slav government maintains it has neither fear nor hatred for Italy, that it is ready to disarm as soon as the other nations disarm, but so long as Italy has its eyes on Yugo-Slav territory they must maintain armament.

"Italy robbed us of Fiume," the Yugo-Slavs say. "Now, as they can not get Dalmatia, they wish to colonize along the Danubian valley—in other words to send emigrants into our territory, who will eventually annex that territory and make it Italian soil."

### Finest of Equipment

I saw a short time ago a review before King Alexander of the new Yugo-Slav army 116,000 strong. No finer fighting force exists in Europe today. They marched with the precision of the old Prussian guards. And they have the finest of war equipment.

An army of 116,000 is very large for a country of only 12,000,000 people, but King Alexander, who rules his country as a virtual dictator, feels that this is no more than necessary to insure protection in the present state of Europe.

Italy has 250,000 men under arms and could put 2,500,000 men into action in a very short time.

Having come from Italy to Belgrade, I had ample opportunity to hear the Italian point of view exposed.

### Bitter Over War Spoils

"Italy has been bitter since the division of the war spoils." I was told by friends of Mussolini, the Italian premier.

"We feel we were double-crossed. Not only did we not get Dalmatia, which had been promised us, but we are unable to get an extra acre of land in North Africa in which to colonize. With a vastly growing population and the ever-increasing necessity of colonial expansion, we find ourselves hemmed in."

"Italy therefore has switched her sympathies with the former allies to Germany, believing that by cooperation she can drive the best bargain in future political development."

Yugo-Slavia views with alarm the possibility of an Italo-German Danubian confederation scheme which would be a dagger at the throat of Yugo-Slavian national life.

Italy, too, has made overtures to King Zogu, the Albanian ruler, aiming at a pact which would give Italy control of the entry to the Adriatic sea.

### Chain of Armed Nations

These are the varied conflicting national aspirations which the disarmament conference must consider before any accord on reduction of armaments is possible.

The apologists for the league ask for patience, maintaining that slow and effective progress is better than speedy, undurding decisions.

The critics maintain that the Geneva institution is wasting its time, and that Europe never will find a formula which will satisfy

every nation that her security is assured.

The decision rests with the chain of armed nations stretching from France to the Baltic, from the Baltic to the Adriatic and the Black Sea. As long as they have their armament they are safe from aggression—or, at least, they believe so.

The task is to convince them the path they have chosen is the path to war, not peace.

### WATERWAY TREATY ON SHELF UNTIL MARCH 4

Roosevelt Orders Action Held Over Until He Becomes President.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The St. Lawrence treaty definitely is "on the shelf" until after March 4.

Senator Borah intends to press for action by the senate foreign relations committee, hoping thereby to avoid hearings later, and pave the way for a vote in the senate when Democratic leadership decides it is ready for a "showdown" on ratification.

After a conference at Hyde Park several days ago, Senator Thomas Walsh (Dem., Mont.) returned to Washington and told his colleagues: "I believe Governor Roosevelt favors ratification of the treaty, but prefers that action be delayed until he enters the White House so that the credit can go to his administration."

Democratic senators thereupon served notice on Republican proponents of the treaty that they must let the question of ratification "go over until after the fourth of March."

### URGE AID FOR FARMS

Fair Prices Are Needed, Says Resolution Sent to Congressmen.

Restoration of fair farm prices and release of the national gold reserve from hands of international bankers are essential to prompt restoration of prosperity, the National Farm Loan Association declares in a resolution sent today to Indiana congressmen and President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A. M. Threewitts, Centerville, is chairman of the resolutions committee.

Couples Have Wedding Fete

By United Press HAVERHILL, N. H., Jan. 20.—Eight couples who had been married fifty years or more recently participated in a "golden wedding service" at East Haverhill Methodist Episcopal church.

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