

ITALIAN MINISTER HOPES FOR BETTER BUSINESS RELATIONS

(By Associated Press) ROME, Nov. 29.—Senator Roland Ricci, the newly appointed Italian ambassador to the United States, was at first reluctant to accept the appointment because of the difficulties connected with the position, according to an interview with the senator published in the *Tribuna*.

He accepted the post temporarily, considering that, although he is not expert in diplomacy he may further ameliorate business relations between Italy and the United States through his knowledge of economic and financial matters.

"Diplomacy with America," Senator Ricci is quoted as saying, "is in the current and traditional sense of the word unnecessary, as Italy and the United States, united by traditional bonds of friendship, have no opposing political interests. With America, diplomatic activity is limited to the commercial fields."

Asks for Aid.

"I purpose to contribute with all my power to cementing the commercial relations between the two countries, but do not trust my efforts as much as I do the voluntary help which I hope the greatest commercial organizations of both Italy and America, will give me. I have, in the meantime, asked the Milan chamber of commerce for a practical plan of exporting goods to America, and its representatives will be called together to give advice and express their desires. I intend to do the same with all the principal chambers of commerce in Italy, inviting them not to discuss any pre-conceived plan, but to present their own organic and definite wishes in writing, which would enable me to have a great deal of material from which to choose according to the needs and conditions I shall find in America."

To Awaken Interest.

"I will do the same in America relative to exports from that country to Italy. In fact I plan to create an Indo-American association in order to awaken the interest of capitalists, manufacturers and exporters not only in Italian commerce, but also in the commerce of the near east and the Balkans. I wish, in other words, to institute in Italy a commercial organization which would regulate American imports to Italy, making it proportionate to our need and the growth of our industries. At the same time I would form in Italy a center for imports to the east, in which work we would be helped by the United States."

"I will also consider the question of exchange, but Italy must have no illusions on this subject. The high rate of exchange prevailing at present is due to unchangeable economic laws which no ambassador can hope to alter or suppress."

Considers Emigration.

"Special attention will be given to emigration, and I am planning to visit the principal centers of Italian immigration in America which has not been done since Baron Mayor des Planches was Italian ambassador in Washington."

"I am overjoyed to go to work together with a people whom I have admired since my earliest boyhood. We Italians, who became a nation by cultivating those ideals which inspire Americans, and in the United States the basis of psychological, moral and cultural affinities, which allow us to work willingly and with enthusiasm by their side. In the country of Washington and Lincoln a man born in the country of Mazzini is never a stranger."

Hoboes Convene at Toledo; Discuss Immigration, Labor

(By Associated Press) TOLEDO, O., Nov. 30.—The Hobo's importance to the labor movement is one of the topics to be discussed at the International Brotherhood Welfare Association convention which opened here today. James Kads Howe is in charge of the convention and delegates are here from many parts of the country.

Other matters on the program are immigration and employment. Immediate release of political prisoners and restoration of civil liberties. The right of access to the means of life; industrial co-operation and education; Internationalism and Labor solidarity; reconstruction and the new industrial vision.

Washington Schedules Legitimate Attractions

Two legitimate attractions each month will be the policy of the Washington theatre, beginning with December, according to an announcement by Manager Bell. "My Golden Girl," one of Victor Herbert's greatest musical shows, will be the initial performance under the new plan. It will be here the night of Wednesday, Dec. 8.

The coming of legitimate bills to the Washington will afford a pleasant occasional change from vaudeville and pictures.

Herbert's production is one of real merit. It is filled with songs, bright lyrics, and unusual dancing numbers. Stage settings and beautiful costumes feature the show throughout.

Manufacturers Postpone Light Plant Meeting

The meeting of the manufacturers and power users, who were to meet Thursday evening to discuss the condition of the municipal light plant, has been postponed indefinitely, it was announced Tuesday. The call for the next meeting will be announced later.

DISCOVER PLAN TO TAKE ITALIANS AWAY

(By Associated Press) NAPLES, Nov. 30.—Police officials today arrested the captain of a steamer, together with his officers and several sailors, on a charge of having planned to take forty Italians out of the country in a clandestine manner. On board the vessel were 1,500 emigrants, and a search of the ship revealed seven pounds of cocaine, which did not appear in the ship's manifest. The officers also found \$70,000 Italian lire, which, they assert, was being taken to the United States for the purpose of speculation.

LYON WILL MAKE STUDY OF PLANT TO DETERMINE REPAIRS

Announcement that Charles Lyon, consulting engineer of Cincinnati, has been engaged to act as adviser to the superintendent of the city light plant in making a survey of the plant and equipment to determine what is needed to put the plant on a working basis, was made by members of the citizens committee that has been making an investigating of the plant, at the Rotary club meeting in the Arlington hotel Tuesday noon.

Mr. Lyon has been in Richmond for the past few days acting as advisor to the board of works in the receipt of bids for the new 5,000 k.w. turbine that is to be installed at the city light plant. He has now been hired by the board to undertake this bigger task.

Endorse Move.

The announcement of this action on the part of the board of works was greeted enthusiastically by the members of the Rotary club, many of whom have been greatly handicapped by the lack of power furnished by the local plant.

John Lontz made a motion that the club heartily endorse the appointment of Mr. Lyon to take in hand the advising of the plant officials, and suggested that since this move had been made the citizens meeting that had been called for Thursday night would not be necessary.

An expert engineer will be brought to Richmond to investigate the local plant boilers and fittings. This is supposed to be the seat of much of the trouble locally, according to Mr. Lyon. This will be the first work done, it was stated.

Will Study Plant.

Mr. Lyon said that he had not been in the city long enough to learn the exact conditions of the plant but said that it would be his duty now that he had been hired to do a certain piece of work, that of putting the light plant on its feet, to make a very thorough study of the needs of the plant.

He said that he was not working on any percentage or receiving any fee but that he was given a certain amount to try to accomplish a certain purpose. His manner impressed the Rotary men and their vote of confidence was the result of this.

The recommendation that a three-day shut down of the light plant be made in order that certain repairs be made, which was suggested by the citizen's committee that has been making an investigation of the plant, was said to be impractical by some of the members of the club, and they expressed it as their idea that such a thing would not be necessary since Mr. Lyon had taken things in charge.

The engineer said that he did not believe shutdown would be necessary unless some unforeseen thing happened before the new turbine was installed. This he said, happened very seldom in public utility plants.

Questions Asked.

Questions were fired at the speaker by the members of the club all of which he answered in a seemingly satisfactory manner, promising them nothing only the best possible under the conditions as they exist.

Mr. Lyon is engaged in this kind of work with private concerns more than public and his assistants are now engaged with several plants in Ohio and Kentucky.

The Rotary club pledged endorsement to the Symphony orchestra and a committee composed of H. R. Robinson, Howard Dill and John H. Johnson was appointed to co-operate with the civic organization.

The meeting of manufacturers and citizens which was called for Tuesday night has been postponed because of the action of the board of works in hiring Mr. Lyon to make a survey of the plant. Those in charge believe that this will be the first move in straightening out the alleged difficulties at the plant.

To Consider Bids.

Decision by the Board of Public Works not to award a contract for the 5,000 k.w. steam turbine until Monday was announced Tuesday afternoon. The board will await the report of Charles Lyon, consulting engineer, who will go over the bids as submitted and announce the results of his findings at that time.

RICHMOND TEACHERS ATTEND RUSHVILLE DISTRICT CONCLAVE

Several Richmond teachers will attend the sixth annual session of the Educational association of the Sixth congressional district to be held in Rushville Saturday, Dec. 4, and some speakers on the program will be from Richmond.

Following the general assembly at 9:30 a.m. when committees will be appointed and an address of welcome made by the Rushville high school superintendent. Conferences on "Better English for Better America" will be held in sections according to grades. The primary section will discuss the value of correct English in the primary grades. Mr. Steeley, principal of Starr school, who has been appointed chairman of the intermediate section, will speak on "The Problem Method in English". E. E. Keener, of Richmond, will be one of the three speakers in this section. His subject will be "Value of Tests as an Aid in English."

N. C. Heironimus, principal of the Garfield Junior high school, will preside at the meeting of the junior high school section. The subject of his address will be the "Better English Movement".

Music is Feature

A musical program will be a feature of the general assembly to be held at 1 p.m. Afterwards there will be sectional meetings on Latin, manual training, history, domestic science, music, commercial work, science, mathematics and art. Miss Smelser, of the Richmond high school is on the program for the Latin section. In the domestic science meeting Miss Effie Wolfard of Garfield will speak on "The School Lunch Problem". W. O. Wissler of Hagerstown, formerly head of the high school history department here, will preside at the session of the history section. Shannon Neff of this city, will be a speaker before this section.

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man of the music section.

The conference will close with a general assembly after the sectional meeting. At this time Dr. H. G. Hillard, head of the department of Education at Earlham college, will address the conference. His subject has not been announced.

PEP RESULTS FROM STATEY CONFERENCE AT CRAWFORDSVILLE

Boys from Richmond who attended the first state Older Boys' Y. M. C. A. conference at Crawfordsville Friday, Saturday and Sunday reported it as being one of the greatest experiences in their lives. John W. Cox, social secretary of the Richmond association, who accompanied the boys, said that the conference was inspirational and instructive and he was sure the boys had reaped great benefit from their trip and that work would be started in Richmond in accord with that outlined at the meeting.

More than 300 boys from different Y. M. C. A. organizations and churches in the state were present throughout the conference. The main speakers were "Dad" Elliott, of the international committee, who is one of the greatest workers with young men; Dr. Frederick Taylor, of the First Baptist church of Indianapolis, and Dr. Don D. Tullis, of the staff of the state committee of the Y. M. C. A.

Clean Sports Theme

"Dad" Elliott was the principal speaker. He addressed the boys Saturday afternoon on "Clean Sports", Saturday night on "Clean Habits" and Sunday "Does Religion Pay in Every Day Life?" After the Sunday service volunteers for Christian service among the boys was called for and over 200 responded in an enthusiastic manner. Among these were the boys from Richmond.

Don Tullis talked to the boys Sunday night on what they should do when they returned home. Many of his suggestions will be adopted by the local boys and the active re-organization of the High-Y club will be undertaken.

While at Crawfordsville, the boys were the guests of the citizens of the city. Everything was done for their comfort and they were treated royally, according to the Richmond lads. Two banquets were served them, one by the Y. M. C. A. and the other by the Rotary club. They visited Wabash college and the study of Lew Wallace, among the other interesting features of the city.

The boys from Richmond were sent by the Y. M. C. A. and some of the churches. The boys attending were George Krueger, Paul Martzel, Vernon Ward, Robert Hornaday and Gordon Borton. Hornaday played first cornet in the orchestra during the conference. Next year's conference will be held at Kokomo.

Discover Communist Plot Against Bologna

BOLOGNA, Italy, Nov. 29.—Communist leaders plotted to take possession of the city recently, and the attack upon members of the municipal council in this city a week ago was to have been one of the first steps in the movement, it is declared by the police. The authorities say they have gathered "sufficient proof" of the Communist conspiracy.

Professor Bidon, a Communist alderman, was arrested today for complicity in the murder of Deputy Giordana, one of those killed during the attack on the council. Signori Venturi and Casutti, members of the council, and Signor Pini, an alleged Bolshevik teacher, were also arrested today after a pitched battle with the police. All belonged to an alleged "Bolshevik general staff," and are accused of complicity in the murder of Deputy Giordana.

FIND TWO SURVIVORS OF MISSING BARGE

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 30.—Two surviving members of the crew of the missing barge, W. J. Pirrie and the body of a third were found by a searching party near Cape Johnson, Washington, last night. According to a telegram from Clallan Bay, Wash., to the Seattle Merchant's Exchange received today.

NEW HARVARD COACH.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 30.—Mike Prendergast, member of the world championship swimming team, will coach the Harvard swimming team this year. Seventy candidates have reported for the team including forty of last year's varsity squad.

REPUBLICS OF CENTRAL AMERICA IN CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press) SAN SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, Nov. 30.—Preliminary conferences incident to the formation of the proposed Central American Union were opened at San Jose, Costa Rica, yesterday morning, according to a dispatch from that city. Delegates from the five Central American republics to the meeting were received in audience by President Acosta.

SALOTS AND CABARETS ARE SUED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Suits asking that 32 saloons, cabarets, cafes, and roadhouses, and one drug store be closed as public nuisances were filed before Judge Landis today by Edward J. Brundage, attorney general of Illinois. Mr. Brundage filed 72 similar suits last week, while eight more were brought by District Attorney Charles S. Clyne.

CUBAN MORATORIUM EXTENSION EXPLAINED

HAVANA, Nov. 30.—Failure of the Cuban congress to convene and enact legislation necessary to relieve the existing financial situation in Cuba was given yesterday by President Menocal as the reason for extending the Cuban moratorium until Dec. 31.

The decree, which was signed yesterday, was expected to be gazetted today.

GONZALEZ IN HAVANA

HAVANA, Nov. 30.—General Pablo Gonzalez, a former leader in the Mexican army, was a passenger on board the Royal Holland Lloyd liner Zealandia, which reached here today. On board the steamer, which is enroute from Spanish ports to Galveston, Texas, were Nicetoro Zambrano, former governor of the state of Nuevo Leon, Mexico; General Juan Barragan, former chief of staff to the late President Carranza, and other widely known Mexicans.

Miami Debate With Cincy

On Friday evening of this week Miami university and the University of Cincinnati will debate the question: "Resolved, That a law patterned directly after the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations should be passed by the legislature of the state of Ohio." Miami's negative team will go to Cincinnati; Cincinnati's negative team comes to Oxford.

During the war, Mrs. Irene Cocke, of Bloomfield, New Jersey, just turned one hundred and one years old, knitted one hundred wash cloths for the Red Cross with needles whittled out of wood by her husband many years ago. The venerable lady attributes her long life to daily exercise and regular hours for eating and sleeping.

In Paris, taxicab drivers recently celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the Battle of the Marne. Many remain of the thousand drivers who were requisitioned with their machines, to transport 5,000 troops for a counter attack on the German army, and made possible the victory of the greatest battle in history.

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SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY MORNING

Miss Mary Williams, director of the Christmas Seal sale for Richmond, announced Tuesday that the seal sales would open Wednesday with house to house canvassing. A captain with a group of workers has been assigned to each ward. Window cards will be put up this week also. The sale of the seals in the schools has been given over to the Junior Red Cross. Under Miss Payne they will have charge of the sale to teachers and the school children. Miss Ruth Edgerton will have charge of the sale at Earlham college.

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Responsibility Concentrated.

"With the city manager as the chief executive, the responsibility is concentrated on one head, and he must, of necessity, keep up all departments, unless this is done there will be serious complications about the department that falls down."

"I am sending you herewith a small pamphlet gotten out last summer showing a few of the things accomplished in the first eighteen months by this administration."

"On the election held last June for the two members who had served twenty-one months, and whose term

City Manager Idea Most Practical Says Executive of Norfolk, Va.

Charles E. Asburner, city manager of Norfolk, Va., has the following to say about home rule:

"There is no question but what the city manager form of government, based on the lines of the charter that I am sending, is the most practical of all forms of municipal management put into effect to date.

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"I think it would be much better were the cities in Indiana who contemplate change of government, to procure a new charter, as we do not find the cities operating under the state enabling act nearly as great a success put up this week also. The sale

expired Sept. 1, there were two other candidates, one an ex-president of a labor union, and the other had served nine years as