

not share this optimism. Should the occupation of Fiume become an accomplished fact, there would probably be a strong reaction of opinion at the expense of the Pachitch Cabinet, on the ground of its too optimistic interpretation of preceding events.

Berkeley, Cal., September 18th.—Fire sweeping over the hills west of Berkeley late yesterday laid waste the Cragmont and Euclid avenue districts destroying at least six hundred residences within an area estimated at sixty blocks, in one of the choicest residential sections of the city, with damage estimated at \$10,000,000 and rendering homeless approximately 2,400 persons. No lives are known to have been lost although two students were seen to plunge into a vortex of fire when the roof of a house upon which they had climbed collapsed. Hundreds of residents fled from the burning area as the fire swept down the slope of the hills burning its way through the closely settled and exclusive districts and eventually died down to a smouldering ring of flames encompassing the entire area which it had devastated. The prosperous residential section was a smoky waste.

Taranto Italy, Sept. 18th.—Greece will bow to Italy in apology for the Janina murders, when all the Allied fleets assemble tomorrow off Phalaron to accept the salute of the Greek fleet assembled there. An Italian battle-squadron sailed from this port today to a rendezvous sixteen miles off Phalaron where it will meet the British Battle cruiser "Hood" and the French dreadnought "Jean Barth". The Italian warships include two dreadnoughts and six destroyers. Two other Italian destroyers now at Corfu, will join the squadron in the Aegean Sea. The squadron is under the command of Admiral Solari.

Washington, Sept. 17th. Definite word reached here today through prominent Pennsylvania politicians that Governor Mifflord Pinchot of Pennsylvania is a Presidential candidate and that the movement to get a delegation for him in 1924 has started. His settlement of the coal strike is expected to be a factor in his favour. A big fight in Pennsylvania between the Pinchot forces and the Republican organization for the Delegation, is certain. Governor Pinchot's candidacy may lead Senator Hiram Johnson, Governor Lowder and others to enter, thus assuring a hard fight against President Coolidge.

Berlin, Sept. 18th.—Premier Poincare's reference in his speech on Sunday to Germany joining the League of Nations is welcomed by German Socialists and advocates of the League. They believe that it strengthens their hands and is likely to cause pressure on the Government to speed up a German request for mission.

Rome, Sept. 18th.—Earthquake shocks were felt today in Southern Italy and

Sicily. Fortunately no material damage was done and there were no casualties. It is presumed that the local disturbances had centered in Japan, as simultaneously the seismograph observatories registered serious earthquake more than 4,000 miles distant.

Belgrade, Sept. 18th.—Notwithstanding the assurances given by the Italian Charge d'Affairs that the despatch of General Ciaffino to Fiume as military Governor has affected the status of Fiume, the feeling in this City today was that the facts of the case are accurately expressed by "headlines as 'Italy annexes Fiume'. 'Italy annexes first, negotiations afterward' and everybody is asking if mobilization has been ordered. Yet uneasiness is being increased by the absence of any official statement after a two hours cabinet session last night. The Deputy Foreign Minister, in the face of the fact that the occupation is officially admitted by Italy, expressed the opinion this morning that the act did not constitute annexation, Italy expressly denying alterations in the status of Fiume. The newspaper writers take an exceedingly grave view of the situation, they point out the fact that the occupation was carried out while the cabinet was considering a second personal communication from Mussolini to Premier Pachitch, containing proposals which included the surrender of Porto Barros and part of Fiume, the remaining part to be annexed to Italy, the establishment of a wide corridor between Fiume and Italy and the surrender by Italy to Jugo-Slavia of the harbour for ninety-nine years.

Oklahoma City Sept. 18th.—Members of the State Legislature opened an offensive today against the official acts of Governor Walton in connection with his decree of martial law throughout Oklahoma. Plans took shape among members of the legislature to convene a special session in defence of the Government, to consider his official acts. Impeachment proceedings are considered if a sufficient number of the legislatures can be rallied to the cause. A call for an extraordinary session was completed tonight and is ready to be filed with the Secretary of State as soon as the majority of the members of the house have signed a petition to convene the session. Governor Walton today reiterated that any law maker that attempt to hold a special session of the legislature would be sent to Gaol. Four soldiers with side arms guarded the entrance to each of the legislature halls.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 18th.—That Canada is on the verge of a great period of development is the opinion of Mr. Richmond, of London, England, a director of the Hudson Bay Company, who is in the city. Mr. Richmond has just completed a tour of inspection of the company's stores in Western Canada. "I was astonished at the optimistic feeling which prevails in the West," said Mr. Richmond. Conditions indicate that the

bottom of the recent financial depression had been reached and that prosperity was not far away, he said. He was of the opinion that a bank should be established by the Dominion for the purpose of lending financial assistance to the farmers in the West. This, he thought, would overcome many difficulties in the way of Western Canada's progress.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18th.

Flour, (hard winter clears \$5.35.
" hard winter straights \$5.75
Meal, Kilndried per 100 pounds \$2.25.
New Season's Pork per barrel \$37.00.
Heavy Mess Pork per brl. \$24.75
Sugar—Crystals maximum per 100 lbs. \$6.78
Molasses Sugar 89 maximum 5.75.
Cotton, Middling, Upland, at Liverpool per lb. 17 71-100d.
Exchange, New York and London, 60 days' sight \$4.51½
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LONDON, Sept. 18th.

Sugar, Demerara Crystals, nominal per cwt 56s. 0d.—61s. 0d.
" Muscavado nominal per cwt. 40s. 0d—42s. 0d.
" White Java's cif United Kingdom 24s. 3d.
Demerara Rum per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, good middling red per cwt. 47s. 0d—48s. 0d.
Cotton, good medium West Indian Sea Island at Liverpool, per lb. 21d.
Bank of England Rate of Discount per cent 4.
Consols 58½.
Three percent. Rentes in Paris Fcs. 57.90.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

Grady (after Riley has fallen five stories)
—Are yez dead, Pat?
Riley—Oi am.
Grady—Shure, yer such a liar, Oi don't know whether to believe yez or not.
Riley—Shure, that proves Oi'm dead. Ye wudn't dare to call me a liar if Oi wur alive!

A man sent his Irish servant with a present of a live hare to a friend. The hare managed to escape but the servant made no effort to catch it; all he did was to stand and gaze after it with a satisfied grin on his face.
"Ye may run, and run, and run, ye be-lubbering baste," he shouted, "but its no use, for ye haven't got the address."

Judge Murphy to man, arrested for making "moonshine" or illisit whiskey.
What is your name?
Prisoner: Joshua sir,
Judge: Joshua what?
Prisoner: Just plain Joshua, Judge.
Judge: Are you the Joshua in the Bible that made the sun to stand still?
Prisoner: No Judge, I is de Joshua that made the "moonshine".