

reported. Government officials have been instructed to investigate recent demonstrations at Fiume and determine who was responsible for them.

Ottawa, Sept. 15th.—The great industrial conference organized as the result of recommendations made by the Royal Commission which travelled through the Dominion and made a study of industrial conditions opened this morning in the Senate Chambers at the Parliament Building with a large attendance of delegates and every promise of success.

Geneva, Sept. 15th.—Gabriel D'Annunzio, supported by the forces of Arditi which accompanied him into Fiume, has proclaimed a Union of Fiume with Italy, according to advices received by the Serbian Press Bureau here from Belgrade. Fiume was plunged into anarchy, the advices declared, when the Italian troops which previously had evacuated the city, returned without officers, ejected the local authorities, and arrested the Italian General Pittaluga. The British and French troops in Fiume, the message states, barricaded themselves within their quarters, expecting to be attacked while crowds in the city tore down the Allied flags. The Serbian authorities, it is stated, still remain in the suburbs of Suva which is isolated.

London, Sept. 15th.—When the Italian raiders under Gabriel D'Annunzio entered Fiume numbers of the inhabitants joined them, while sailors on ships in the harbour swam ashore for the purpose, according to information received in authoritative circles here. The British and French flags were pulled down and the British and French troops were confined in their barracks, the advices add. It is stated that General Badoglio (The Italian officer since reported as having arrived at Fiume who was sent to restore order,) intended to demand the surrender of the insurrectionary bands.

Paris, Sept. 15th.—Associated Press. 26,000 Italian troops are now in Fiume, according to the latest advices to the Italian Peace Delegation here. The British and French troops have left the city, lowering their flag at D'Annunzio's request. The Italians are being reinforced constantly by deserters from the regular organization. It is feared in conference circles that the Mitai Govt. may fall because of the Premier's denunciation of D'Annunzio. Signor Tioni, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, is returning to Italy tomorrow.

Paris, Sept. 15th.—The Italian delegation to the Peace Conference is anxious that the occupation of Fiume, by forces under command of D'Annunzio be considered as an internal affair with Italy. This disposition is to be concurred in by the other members of the Peace Conference. The opinion of French officials is that Italy be permitted to handle the situation alone, as only Italians are involved. The Supreme Council decided to let Italy deal with the

situation created by the occupation, deeming it an internal matter. Representatives of two of the great powers however urged the necessity of settling the Fiume question with the least possible delay in order to prevent similar incidents elsewhere.

Washington, Sept. 15th.—The Italian Ambassador advised the State's Department today that the military penal code could be invoked to put down the mutiny of the Italian irregular soldiers who under D'Annunzio invaded Fiume.

London, Sept. 15th.—According to the Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Coy., an official communication has been issued there, announcing that General Badoglio had arrived at Fiume and issued a proclamation urging the soldiers who had followed D'Annunzio to return to their respective regiments. The despatch, which is dated Monday, says that 2,600 men went into Fiume and that most of them followed the officers because the latter hinted that the Govt. approved the enterprise. A number of infantry men rejoined their units on Saturday night, having discovered their error. A brigade of infantry stationed at Fiume maintained discipline.

Washington, Sept. 15th.—Mr. Phillips, acting Secretary of State, today received a despatch from London stating that as a result of the efforts to raise the vessels scuttled in Scapa Flow, the battleship Baden, cruisers Frankfurt, Nuremburg and Emden and 15 destroyers have been floated and three other destroyers probably will be raised.

New York, Sept. 15th.—The spectacular oil fire which since Saturday afternoon has raged at the plant of the Stone and Flening Company in Long Island City with injury to more than 50 persons and property damage running into millions, was gradually burning itself out today. Shortly before nine o'clock another naptha blew up, shooting into the air a great column of smoke. Six tanks are still on fire, but the conflagration is under control. Since the outbreak of the fire on Saturday, three hundred firemen have been treated for blistered feet caused by the blazing oil penetrating their rubber boots.

London, Sept. 15th.—The International Brotherhood Congress today opened a four days' session in the City Temple, Dr. Clifford presiding. Messages were read from Sir Robert Borden, Premier of Canada, General Smuts, Cardinal Mercier and Mr. John Davis, the American Ambassador. The main purpose of the congress is to attempt to draw together the classes of the various nations and generally to support the League of Nations. Tomorrow Mr. Arthur Henderson, Secretary of the Labour party, will open a discussion on "Brotherhood and Social Unrest". Mr. Samuel Burton, general Secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood Federation of the United States and Sir Henry Hamilton Johnston, President of the

Royal Geographical and African Societies, will also speak. Lord Robert Cecil and Professor Gilbert Murray are to talk on the League of Nations.

Corpus Christi, Texas, Sept. 16th.—With troops patrolling the main street and relief trains headed this way from many points of the State, Corpus Christi today began slowly to emerge from the wreckage caused by the Gulf hurricane, which struck the city early on Sunday, bringing death to an unknown number of people and doing property damage of millions. It was impossible this morning to get anything like a correct estimate of the fatalities. In the city proper the death list was placed by some officials at between 15 and 25, but that was regarded by many as far too conservative. In some quarters it was said the number of injured would exceed 20. One report in circulation today, but as yet unconfirmed was that 120 bodies, recognized as residents of Corpus Christi, have been taken from a reef near Portland on Neuces Bay, upon which Corpus Christi is situated more than 3,000 persons were made homeless by the storm, and the problem of taking care of them was what faced officials when they began the day. However, with the coming of relief trains, it was expected that by night most of those made destitute by the storm, would be taken care of. Considerable anxiety was expressed regarding the fate of the launch Waldo with 15 persons aboard, which left Corpus Christi on Saturday afternoon on a fishing excursion. Since the storm, no word has been received from the party, which includes four women. Fears are entertained that a heavy casualty list will be reported from surrounding towns, several of which were directly in the path of the storm. The storm sent a tidal wave ten feet high over the business and north beach districts of the city. The water was about 4 feet deep in the lobby of the business hotel, and every business bluff on the bay was under water from 8 to 10 feet. That the loss of life was not appalling was due to the prompt warning sent out to the lower portions of the city early on Sunday morning urging all persons at exposed places to seek safety in the higher districts of the city. All day Sunday hundreds of persons carrying their most valuable personal belongings, poured out of the bay front district, into the higher sections. Hundreds of others who remained in their homes until the water reached a dangerous depth were brought safely by volunteer rescue parties which kept a sharp lookout in the flooded districts during the height of the storm.

Corpus Christi, Texas, Sept. 16th.—The death toll in Sunday's storm will reach between 75 and 100 in Corpus Christi and surrounding towns along the coast, according to statements today by Dr. Welts, city health physician.