

DOKUMENTI

13. 1920., srpanj 20., Brzovjav američkoga poslanika Henryja Percivala Dodgea State Departmentu o padu jugoslavenske vlade te sukobu građana s Talijanima u Splitu 13. srpnja 1920. oko kojih se vlada drži rezervirano, smatrajući Talijane odgovornima za zaoštavanje odnosa, ali ne predmnijevajući njihovu nikakvu javnu osudu, a da se odnosi ne bi dodatno pogoršali s čime u skladu niti ne dopušta nikakve javne prosvjede protiv Italije.

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Secretary of State,

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The Prime Minister informs me cabinet resigned because of adverse vote on article of electoral bill providing that Government school teachers if elected deputies to the constitutional convention must resign one of their offices. Question not (why but how long)¹¹⁰ deputies not present, adverse vote unexpected occurring after the Prime Minister expressly requested articles acceptance. Outcome of long continued partisan struggles in the cabinet over numerous questions all looking to party advantages in coming constitutional election. Although vote brought about largely by Pribichevich, Minister of Public Instruction, leader of democratic party to which schoolmaster generally belong. Prime Minister stated that he thought it was caused to some extent by his too moderate attitude toward recent Italian incidents.

Prime Minister stated latest official telegrams incidents more serious than at first reported. He had telegraphed for further information and would take no action until this received. The Prime Minister stated that hasty reading of full report of Spalato incident just received gave him strong impression that the Italians were to blame, although exact facts hard to determine.

Cabinet's moderate and judicial attitude, and apparently sincere desire to effect a friendly settlement of these incidents which are causing so much excitement throughout the country is striking. Press shows much restraint. Government not permitting public demonstrations.

Belgrade, July 22, noon.

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¹¹⁰ Precrtano.