

Allies Decide on Plan to Save Central States in Old World From An Utter Collapse

Re-Establishment of Industry is Involved in Program Laid Out—Small Nations Cannot Be Independent Commercially, the Allies Recognize.

LONDON, March 10.—The economic manifesto of the allies was signed yesterday and will be published simultaneously in Paris, Rome and London. This means that the French negotiations have resulted in a compromise agreeable to England and Italy after weeks of debate, investigation and consideration of confidential reports, and following nearly a two weeks conference at No. 10 Downing street by the allied premiers.

Every country in Europe today is dominated by a spirit of nationalism," this official said. "All want to make a ring around their own country and give nothing to any neighbor, but take and expect something from every other power. The war, of course, is responsible for this attitude. War and the Peace Treaty destroyed the economic entities of Central Europe. The Dual Monarchy and the German Empire were economic units. Today they are split into several small states each striving to establish its own economic existence. But these States cannot live by themselves.

Chamber of Commerce to Receive Suggestions of Members at Meetings

The Chamber of Commerce has arranged to hold a series of small group meetings covering the entire membership for the purpose of allowing all the members to contribute their suggestions for the program of work to be carried out by the organization. The program of work is one of the most important essentials of the Chamber of Commerce. If the organization is to accomplish its end and be a force for good in the community it must have a very definite and clear program of activities to work on.

The program of work for the new Chamber of Commerce will be built up from the suggestions of the members themselves so that the completed plan may express the united desire of the members. To afford the members an opportunity of bringing forward their suggestions and discussing with their fellow-members their ideas on the various topics of vital interest to the community, a number of small group meetings will be carried out. The membership has been divided into groups from the alphabetical list of members. All members in each group have therefore been selected without any reference to their business social or other interests.

Meeting of the Grantham Council

The Grantham Township council met in a regular meeting in the County buildings on Monday the 8th of March with members all present.

The auditors report was read. Tenders for the printing were read from the Journal and Print Shop.

Moved by Deputy Recv Haaynes, seconded by Councillor Clemens, that the auditors report be received and adopted and the clerk order 30 copies printed for distribution. Carried.

Moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Clemens that Mr. Wm. R. Pringle be appointed road superintendent at a salary of \$120 a month for eight months under the advantage of the Ontario Railway Act. Carried.

A by-law was passed confirming the appointment.

Moved by Councillor Clemens, seconded by Councillor Baker, that this council purchase for township purposes, one Sawyer-Massey Tractor at \$260; one Sawyer-Massey No. 8 tractor, \$600; and one Sawyer-Massey Road Plow at \$85; total of \$33,335. Carried.

Deputy Reeve Stewart voted nay. Moved by Councillor Clemens seconded by Deputy Reeve Haynes that the Reeve and Clerk be authorized to purchase the machinery and plow, from the Massey-Harris Co. of Hamilton. Carried.

Moved by Councillor Clemens, seconded by Deputy Reeve Stewart that the township printing be continued by the Peninsula Press and the tender of Mr. George E. North for concrete work be accepted. Carried.

On motion of Deputy Reeve Haynes, and Deputy Reeve Stewart, a by-law was introduced and passed to amend the Consolidated General By-Laws of the township relating to Polling sub-divisions, in which No. 2 be divided at the canal making a new one between the new Welland Canal, St. Catharines, and Merritt, to be known as No. 7 sub-division. Carried.

On motion of Deputy Reeve Stewart and Deputy Reeve Haynes a number of accounts were passed for payment.

Council adjourned to meet again at the same place on Monday April 12th, at 12.30 o'clock p. m.

A number of minor cases were disposed of by the Magistrate this morning.

Domestic help is pretty scarce in the city apparently. It is noted that in one of the leading hotels the proprietor has been forced to perform the duties of chamber maid lately.

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Children in War-Scarred Europe Never Even Hear the Birds Sing

When you grinned at the six-year-old son of the house romping in the yard with his dog, or watched his small sister carefully dividing her attention between ribbon bows for the house "baby" and the robin on the lawn, did it ever occur to you that somewhere in the world there are little folks of the same age who have never seen a dog nor a cat nor heard a bird sing.

Jewish relief workers who have returned from the Eastern and Central European countries cite the absence of domestic animals and birds to illustrate the desolate barrenness of the countries that were swept again and again by the warring armies for nearly five years. Jacob Bashein, who had charge of a unit for the Joint Distribution Committee, the sole agency dispersing relief funds raised by the Canadian Jewish Relief Committee, the Central Committee for Relief and the Jewish People's Relief Committee, has described the conditions there.

In that bare stretch of country where there are scarcely any trees, no habitations other than the miserable dug-outs in which returned refugees exist—the "no man's land" of Poland—we did not see a single cat or dog, and in all the time we were there we never heard a bird sing. Armies have swept bare the country and trampled the ground to the consistency almost of rock, while shell fire has blasted the countryside. No animal, even domestic animal was left there. So there are children to-day of five or six years of age who have never seen a dog nor a cat and have never heard the singing of a bird.

THE WEATHER

TORONTO, MAR. 10.—The weather has been comparatively mild in all parts of the Dominion with some light local falls of snow and rain in Ontario and Quebec.

FORECASTS—Southwest and South winds fair and quite mild to-day and part of Thursday, then becoming showery.

Little Prospect of Hydro Getting N. S. & T. R., According to Reliable Reports, as it is Understood the National Railway Board Will Hang On to its Big Money-Maker.

Funeral of the Late Miss Phelps Largely Attended

D. B. Hanna, head of the head of the National Railway Board has just made an important announcement at Brockville, speaking before the Board of Trade.

Clar Innis Club Holds Social Night; The New Officers

The Clar Innis club of Knox Church held a social evening last night about a hundred men and women being present.

Andrews Plays Ivens In Winnipeg Court

WINNIPEG, March 10.—A. J. Andrews, K.C., chief Crown counsel, again trained his guns on William Ivens, pastor of the Labor Church, during the trial. The session only lasted an hour because of the illness of James Jack, a juror, but during the hour counsel subjected Ivens to a withering verbal shelling.

Additional Local

St. Patrick's Day is a week from to-day.

The Fruitgrowers began their annual convention at Grimsby to-day. To-morrow and Friday they will meet in St. Catharines.

George Holmes who has been seriously ill is believed to be on the mend now, his numerous friends will be pleased to learn.

Mr. Watts of Watts & Bate yesterday had the misfortune to fall and break his arm on King street.

Power troubles caused delays on the N.S.&T.R. yesterday afternoon.

A shipment of \$3,000,000 in gold was received yesterday in New York from Canada.

Handcuffs to Keep Wife in Bed Was Tried By a Jealous Janitor

CHICAGO, March 10.—Stanley Ptaszek, a janitor of a flat building, suspected his wife of kissing the milkman and gadding about at night, so he went to a pawnshop and purchased a pair of handcuffs. He proposed to handcuff her to the bedpost at night but she put up such a fight that he could not get the cuffs on her. Then he installed as small electric shock machine beside his bed and connected it with push buttons installed in two flats overlooking his door. By bribing the occupants of these flats, they were to push the buttons if they saw his wife going out. Thus he was enabled to go to sleep, clutching the handles of the shock machine, secure in the knowledge that if his wife left on a philandering tour, he would be awakened.

Judge Trude listened to all this patiently. Then he called the drab, faded out, washed-out and worn-out wife to the stand. She said she cared for their six children, fed the furnace, scrubbed the halls and woodwork, swept dusted, and shoveled snow, and did the cooking and mending, and washed an dthat she had no time or inclination to go anywhere after her work was done.

"Stay away from her and pay her \$15 a week" ordered the judge as he turned his attentions to the jealous janitor.



They tell not neither do they swim but on boy, how they can dance in John Cort's Delightful Musical Comedy "Listen Lester," Grand Opera House Thursday March 11th.



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