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AUSTRIAN DRIVE ON ITALY LIKELY

Washington Hears That a Colossal Offensive is Impending

By Courier Leased Wire

Washington, April 16.—An Austrian offensive against Italy is imminent and will be started on a large scale, is the opinion of Italian observers as expressed in official messages to-day to the Italian embassy here. The recent visit of Emperor Charles to the Austrian front and inspired articles in the Austrian and German newspapers, the usual forerunners of an offensive are taken as an indication.

The enemy press has begun to speak openly of the offensive in order to prepare the Austro-Hungarian public for the inevitable losses resulting from such colossal operations as are anticipated by semi-official newspapers, the despatches says.

The Vossische Zeitung (Berlin) in an article full of mysterious allusions, says this spring will put Switzerland's neutrality under the severest test, as the Austro-German forces will probably encircle in the course of their operations, the little republic.

The Mannheimer Anzeiger urges that the German offensive in France be completed with a similar irresistible drive against the Italian and against the British in Palestine. The newspaper asserts that a simultaneous offensive against the Entente on all fronts would prevent the transferring of the Allied reserves from one front to another, which undoubtedly is part of the general scheme of the Allies' supreme command.

The Budapest Irlap expresses the same opinion and insists that "since General Foch is in supreme command of all our enemies we must attack Italy immediately and carry the effect of our presence to the back of the French army."

BRITISH MISSION ON TRIP.

By Courier Leased Wire

A Canadian Atlantic Port, April 16.—The British missions to the United States arrived here by steamer yesterday and will proceed within a day or two to New York. Lieutenant-General Brydges is head of one of the missions. Lieutenant-General Brydges will at once co-ordinate British missions in the United States and co-operate with Lord Reading. General Hutchinson, director of the organization at the War Office, is in charge of the other mission arriving here. With him is Major Murray Graham. Major Graham said to-day he could not tell of the purpose of General Hutchinson's mission. Their plans, he said, were most important and not yet to be made public.

A Warning—to feel tired before exertion is not laziness—it's a sign that the system lacks vitality, and needs the tonic effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Sufferers should not delay. Get rid of that tired feeling by beginning to take Hood's Sarsaparilla today.

OTTAWA POLICE JOIN UNION; FIRED

Chief Dismisses Four Constables Who Formed a Labor Organization

By Courier Leased Wire

Ottawa, April 16.—Police Chief Ross took drastic steps this morning to break up a union formed among members of the police force by an organizer of the Allied Trades and Labor Association. Last week he learned that members of the force were being asked to join a union. He issued an order, stating that any member of the force who joined the union would have his name struck off the strength of the force. He was under the impression that the union was only in the course of formation, but as a matter of fact, it was completed a month ago. The chief order was issued Friday. Last night he learned that the union had met yesterday afternoon. This morning he dismissed the four officers who presided at the meeting: Sergeant C. Graham, president; Detective Power, vice-president; Detective Frost, recording secretary, and P. V. Simpson, secretary-trasurer. About 75 per cent. of the men have joined the union. A meeting has been called for this afternoon to take action regarding the dismissals.

ZEPPELIN WORKS AT MANHELL BURNED

Enormous Loss Was Caused By Fire in Germany Saturday

By Courier Leased Wire

Geneva, April 16.—Enormous loss was caused by the fire which broke out Saturday in the Zeppelin works at Manheal, near Friedrichshafen and destroyed the plant, which had been transformed for the manufacture of airplanes of the Gotha, according to reliable reports from Roosbach on Lake Constance. Vast quantities of raw materials were burned and it is reported at Constance that two large Zeppelins and forty airplanes also were destroyed, comprising the whole fleet then at the plant.

Many warehouses were reduced to ashes as also were the offices of the plant, situated close to the workshops. The number of victims was considerable, but as the military authorities are preventing anyone from approaching the scene of the fire, the number of killed and injured cannot be learned at present.

The fire broke out between 10 and 11 o'clock on Saturday and burned all day Sunday.

Inland revenue office is to be moved from Windsor postoffice, where it has been for more than 30 years, to Walkerville.

MARKETS

Grain		
Hay	15 00	16 00
Oats	1 20	1 20
Rye	1 60	1 60
Straw, baled	6 00	7 00
Wheat	2 10	2 10
Barley	1 00	1 00
Vegetables		**N**
Cabbage, dozen	0 50	0 75
Cabbage, dozen	0 00	0 75
Cabbage, head	0 10	0 25
Carrots, basket	0 00	0 25
Green Onions, bunch	0 05	0 06
Celery, 2 for	0 25	0 15
Parsnips, basket	0 00	0 15
Potatoes, bus.	1 50	1 75
Potatoes, basket	0 65	0 70
Potatoes, bag	1 75	2 00
Turnips, bushel	0 40	0 50
Lettuce, bunch	2 for 15	0 08
Bacon, back trim	0 45	0 50
Bacon, back	0 45	0 45
Beef, boiling, lb	0 16	0 30
Beef heart, each	0 25	0 50
Beef, boiling, lb.	0 16	0 35
Beef, hinds	0 17	0 19
Chickens, dressed	1 40	2 00
Ducks	1 25	1 75
Geese	3 00	3 00
Chickens, live	0 75	1 00
Dry salt pork, lb	0 30	0 35
Fresh Pork carcass	0 21	0 24
Fresh pork	0 26	0 30
Hogs, live	0 17	0 17
Beef kidneys, lb	0 15	0 20
Pork	0 30	0 32
Lamb	0 30	0 35
Sausages, beef	0 20	0 20
Sausages, pork	0 28	0 28
moked shoulder, lb	0 35	0 35
Fruit.		
Apples, basket	0 65	0 70
Apples, bushel	2 00	2 00
Apples, peck	0 60	0 60
Apples, bag,	2 50	2 50
Maple Syrup	2 00	2 75
Fish		
Halibut, steak, lb	0 20	0 30
Kippered herring, pr.	0 10	0 15
Salmon trout, lb	0 20	0 23
Salmon, sea	0 25	0 25
Mixed fish	0 10	0 12
Herring, fresh	0 10	0 15
Dairy Products		
Butter, creamery	0 50	0 50
Butter	0 48	0 50
Cheese, per lb	0 28	0 30
Eggs	0 40	0 42

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET.

By Courier Leased Wire

Toronto, April 17.—The market at the Union Stock Yards was fairly active this morning. Hogs were easier, prices medium. Receipts—51 cars, 781 cattle, 147 calves, 1,444 hogs, 20 sheep.

Export cattle choice, $11.75 to $13; export bulls, $9 to $10.60; butcher cattle, choice, $10.75 to $11.50; medium, $9.50 to $10.50; common, $7 to $7.50; butcher cows, choice, $9.75 to $10.75; medium, $8.75 to $9; canners, $6.25 to $7; bulls, $7 to $7.75; feeding steers, $9.75 to $10.50; stockers, choice, $8.75 to $10; stockers, light, $7.75 to $8.25; milkers, choice, $80 to $135; springers, choice, $80 to $135; sheep, ewes, $12 to $15; bucks and culls, $7 to $12; lambs, $1 9to $20; hogs, fed and watered, $20; hogs, f.o.b., $19; calves, choice, $15 to $16; calves, medium, $10 to $13.

GUNNER WARWICK

One of Toronto's best Amateur Hockey players, reported killed in action.

TEXAS GOING DRY.

By Courier Leased Wire

Dallas, Tex., April 16.—The saloons in practically all Texas cities of more than 5,000 population closed their doors for good last night, as a result of the law enacted at the last special session of the legislature prohibiting the sale of liquor within ten miles of any army camp.

About 1,500 saloons closed. The few that remain will be done away with when a State-wide act passed at the last legislative session becomes effective.

TANK VOLUNTEERS.

By Courier Leased Wire

Quebec, April 16.—Major Theo. Paquet called to-day on the students of Laval Universtiy during the morning session and asked for volunteers to form a tank unit. The proposal will be given consideration, although no one in the ranks of the students stepped up to enlist immediately. All universities will be asked to do likewise.

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AUCTION SALE OF FARM STOCK AND IMPLEMENTS.

Welby Almas has received instructions from Edward Pleyley to sell by Public Auction at his farm situated on Hamilton Road, about ¼ mile east of Cainsville, better known as the Day farm. Hamilton Radial Station 27 is at the farm. Monday, April 22nd. Sale commences at 1 o'clock sharp.

HORSES—One bay horse; 1 black horse, five years old; 1 brown mare in foal.

CATTLE—Four cows, been in short time, milking well; 1 cow due time of sale; 1 cow due about June 1st; 3 yearling steers; 1 yearling heifer; 2 calves.

PIGS—Eleven pigs, six weeks old; 4 sows supposed to be in pig.

IMPLEMENTS — One Deering mower; 1 Massey-Harris binder, 6 ft. cut; 1 Massey-Harris spring tooth cultivator, nearly new; 1 Wisner drill; 1 roller; 1 Massey-Harris disk; 1 hay rake, new; 1 set iron harrows; 1 plow; 1 horse cultivator; 1 hay and stock rack; 1 wagon, new; 1 top buggy; 1 democrat; 1 cutter; 1 wheelbarrow; 1 hay fork, car and rope.

HARNESS—One set double harness, 1 set single harness.

CHICKENS—Forty good laying hens.

HAY AND GRAIN—Quantity of hay, about 125 bushels oats.

MISCELLANEOUS—One Malotte cream separator, 500 lbs.; cream cans, churn, pails, forks, hoes and numerous other articles not mentioned.

TERMS—All sums of $10 and under cash, over that amount six months credit on furnishing approved joint notes. Chickens, hay and grain cash.

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46th ANNUAL STATEMENT

of the Result of the Business of the Bank for the Fifteen Months Ending 28th February, 1918

Bank of Hamilton

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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CYRUS A. BIRGE, Vice-President.

C. C. DALTON, ROBT. HOBSON, W. E. PHIN, I. PITBLADO, K.C., J. TURNBULL, W. A. WOOD

J. P. BELL, General Manager.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1916		$209,556.57
Profits for fifteen months ended 28th February, 1918, after deducting charges of management, interest accrued on deposits, rebate on current discounts, and making provision for bad and doubtful debts		598,522.04
		$808,078.61
Appropriated as follows:		
Five Quarterly Dividends at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum		$450,000.00
Pension Fund, Annual Assessment	$ 12,106.81	
Special Contribution	10,000.00	
	22,106.81	
War Tax on Bank Note Circulation	37,500.00	
Patriotic, Red Cross and Relief Funds	16,050.00	
Bank Premises Account	50,000.00	
		575,656.81
Balance of Profits carried forward		$232,421.80

Hamilton, 18th March, 1918.

GENERAL STATEMENT

LIABILITIES.

To the Public:		
Notes of the Bank in Circulation		$ 5,127,111.00
Deposits not bearing interest	$16,771,669.62	
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	36,588,311.42	
		$53,359,981.04
Balances due to other Banks in Canada		44,154.69
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents in the United Kingdom		988.30
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom		1,191,407.61
Acceptances under Letters of Credit		194,917.27
		$59,918,559.91
To the Shareholders:		
Capital Stock paid in		3,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	$3,200,000.00	
Balance of Profits carried forward	232,421.80	
	$3,532,421.80	
Dividend No. 115, payable 1st March, 1918	90,000.00	
Former Dividends unclaimed	699.00	
		3,623,120.80
		$66,541,680.71

ASSETS.

Current Coin	$ 901,257.15
Dominion Government Notes	6,024,951.00
Deposit in Central Gold Reserves	2,500,000.00
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	157,000.00
Notes of other Banks	339,227.00
Cheques on other Banks	1,846,132.58
Balances due by other Banks in Canada	338,559.07
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	1,059,602.77
	$13,216,799.57
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	3,295,775.32
Canadian Municipal Securities, and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian	7,541,280.23
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	674,841.02
Call and Short Loans (not exceeding thirty days) in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	3,487,456.12
Call and Short Loans (not exceeding thirty days) elsewhere than in Canada	1,400,000.00
	$29,616,152.26
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	33,134,198.55
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	575,196.00
Real Estate other than Bank Premises	407,623.44
Overdue Debts, estimated loss provided for	175,542.30
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off	2,145,455.13
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	292,590.36
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit as per contra	194,917.27
	$66,541,680.71

JOHN S. HENDRIE, President. J. P. BELL, General Manager.

AUDITORS' REPORT

In accordance with the provisions of Sub-sections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, we report to the Shareholders as follows:

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers at Head Office, and with the certified returns from the Branches, and we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion the transactions which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank.

We have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank at the Chief Office and at several of the principal Branches during the fifteen months covered by this statement, as well as on February 28th, 1918, and have found that they agreed with the entries in the books of the Bank with regard thereto.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

C. S. SCOTT, E. S. READ, } Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

Hamilton, 18th March, 1918.