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MARCONI TALKS WAR

HE SAYS ITALY WILL FIGHT WITH ALLIES.

He Declares That His Country Could Not Possibly Fight Against the Triple Entente.

New York, April 27.—The German sentiment in Italy may be described as negligible and that a majority of the Italian people favor intervention in the present war on the side of the Allies, was the statement made yesterday by William Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy.

First, Mr. Marconi talked of his own country and her position in the European crisis: "Italy's position," said Mr. Marconi, "has been a very delicate one. A false move on her part might have the most serious consequences for the nation, and she has had to be alert all the time."

"Statements that Italy has been holding off in the effort to drive a hard bargain with Vienna are in my opinion unjust and untrue. I do not believe that my country has been trying to drive a hard bargain with Austria, but rather that Austria has been making advances in the effort to win the favor of Italy."

"Do you think Italy will enter this war on the side of the Allies?" Mr. Marconi was asked.

"That is a question that is very difficult to answer," he replied, "and I do not feel in a position to say at this time whether or not Italy will go in. The majority of Italians favor the Allies. There can be no doubt of that, and a great many of them favor going to war on their side."

"For instance, as indicative of Italian sentiment, I only have to call your attention to the fact that there is in Italy a very strong democratic element which belongs to what is known as the Social Democratic party. The majority of these Social Democrats are laboring men and from the first they have been horrified at the treatment accorded Belgium. The invasion of that little neutral state by the Germans is something they cannot stand for, and if, for no other reason, they are against the Germans. It is my own opinion, and in stating it I do so under the conviction that I know my own country pretty well."

"The Italians, I should mention, have always entertained an admiration for the Great German military machine as a machine, but that is all. The methods of that machine have not the approval of the Italian people. They do not and could not approve of German methods of warfare, such as, for instance, the cruelty and destruction that have marked their invasion of Belgium."

"But to revert to the question as to whether or not Italy will become a participant in this war. The military men say that Italy will go in, but some of the great politicians maintain that her entry is doubtful. However, it is a fact that all preparations have been made, and Italy is ready, should it be decided to take the step. Up to the present no definite opinion has been had as to Italy's procedure from anyone in a high responsible position. But it is out of the question for Italy to go with Germany and Austria-Hungary. If she goes, it will be with the Allies. Of that I am certain."

INDIAN WAS STABBED.

J. Hull, of Hastings County, Is Under Arrest. Belleville, April 27.—As the result of an altercation which occurred at Point Anne, Innes, an Indian, is in the hospital here suffering from a gaping wound in the abdomen which may prove fatal.

RELIEF FOR BELGIUM.

Great Britain to Organize National Committee. London, April 27.—A National Committee for the relief of Belgium is likely to be formed shortly, the object being to make clear to Belgium how far Britain is assisting. The new committee will include the Overseas Dominions, whose representatives are being invited to co-operate.

However, the man at the bottom of the ladder hasn't far to fall.

FRENCH PRAISING CANADIANS.

Pay Homage to the Dominion Troop.—Beresford's Tribute

London, April 27.—According to the Times' correspondent, the Canadians on Friday were pitted against a number of Hungarian regiments which had been brought up to fill the gaps in the Duke of Marlborough's army. When the left of the Canadian division was exposed the troops responded to the call with magnificent spirit, and with two bayonet charges forced the enemy to retreat in disorder.

The whole of the Paris press pays homage to the admirable and marvellous dash of the Canadians. Lord Charles Beresford during an inspection said their hearts had been thrilled by the story of the gallantry of the Canadians. They had saved the day, and the story of their glorious achievement would run through the Empire, giving fresh stimulus to our patriotic songs across the seas. They had already seen what Canadians were capable of in previous years.

ITALY HAS 2,000,000 MEN

With Son of Crimea Hero Cadorna At Head.

Paris, April 27.—French military writers estimate the full military strength of Italy at 2,000,000 men, of whom 800,000 probably form the active field army. The chief of the Italian General Staff is Lieut.-General Count Cadorna. He was born September 4th, 1850, and is a son of Raphael Cadorna, who was distinguished for his services in Crimea.

The principal assistant to Lieut.-Gen. Cadorna is Lieut.-Gen. Porro, under-chief of the General Staff. The latter is sixty-one years old. He is very popular with the army and is reputed to possess high strategic abilities.

GREAT OUTLOOK FOR CROPS.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Reaches Victoria From 'Frisco.

Vancouver, April 27.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy reached Victoria last night from San Francisco. He will be enthusiastic about the Canadian Building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition and really had a fine holiday trip in the South. Ever before Sir Thomas received such a reception on the Pacific Coast.

Sir Thomas said advice to him showed that in Canada business was proceeding with renewed confidence and special investigations carried out by the C.P.R. during the last few days show that the outlook for the crop in the Northwest this year is of the very best.

ARMENIANS MASSACRED

Inhabitants Of Ten Villages Put To Death.

Tiflis, Transcaucasia, April 27.—Refugees who have reached the Russian line report that the massacre of Armenians by Mohammedans is being continued on even a greater scale.

They say that all the inhabitants of ten villages near Van, in Armenia, Asiatic Turkey, have been put to death. On being advised of massacres at Erzerum, Berjan and Zeitun, and of the conditions at Van, the Katolikos, head of the Armenian Church, at Etchmiadzin an appeal to the people of the United States on behalf of the Armenians.

CALCULATIONS ALL WRONG

Those Who Made Mistakes Have Responsibility

London, April 27.—A recent issue of the German newspaper Der Tag, a copy of which has been received here, contains some interesting calculations of the German calculations have gone wrong, namely that British India would mutiny, that the British Empire would be torn to pieces, that South Africa would triumphantly rebel, that Ireland would revolt and that Britain, France and Russia would be unable to fight, and says: "Those who led us into all these mistakes and miscalculations have laid upon themselves a heavy responsibility."

Col. Buell's Wound Not Serious

Brockville, April 27.—The announcement that Lieut.-Col. Buell had been wounded near Ypres was followed by a cable from him saying that his wound was not serious. Lieut.-Col. Buell was in command of the 41st, and when the call to arms came last August he was the first to enlist and led the Brockville volunteers to Valenciennes. He is a son of the late J. D. Buell, M.P., and was born here October 11th 1868. He is a graduate of Upper Canada College and the University of Toronto, and was called to the Bar in 1891. He was Mayor of Brockville in 1903, when he officially received the present King and Queen. His wife, who was Miss Sophia Bowie of Brockville, and three children are now in England.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

THE ARTNA EXPLOSIVES INCREASES ITS CAPITAL.

Authorizes \$8,500,000 6 p. c. Bonds, \$5,000,000 Preferred and \$7,000,000 Common.

Montreal, April 26.—The Artna Explosive Company has increased its capitalization by the authorization of \$8,500,000 6 per cent. bonds dated January 1st, 1915, and due in 1945: \$5,000,000 7 per cent. cumulative preferred and \$7,000,000 common.

The entire common stock will be issued, \$2,800,000 of the preferred and \$2,225,000 of the bonds. The first dividend of the preferred stock will be for the four-month period beginning December 1st, 1914, at the 7 per cent. per annum rate, and in payable April 25th of stock of record, April 20th.

Utah Copper 1914 Profits

New York, April 26.—The Utah Copper Company in its annual report for the year ended December 31st, 1914, shows a net profit of \$165,386 greater than the previous year in the amount of \$8,678,491 earned as available for dividends. This is equivalent in 55.4 per cent. earned on the \$16,241,900 outstanding capital, against 53.7 per cent. earned the previous year on \$15,836,800 capital.

To Erect Oil Refineries.

Calgary, Alta., April 26.—At least two oil companies operating here are making plans for the erection of refineries to handle the product of the wells as soon as they go on a producing basis. The scheme which was on foot between three of the larger companies to combine in the establishment of a big refinery has fallen through.

Calgary Notes Offered.

Montreal, April 26.—Greenfields & Co. and the Quebec Bond Co. are offering jointly \$1,000,000 6 per cent. three-year bonds of the City of Calgary at par and interest. The bonds are due March, 1918. Interest is payable semi-annually.

Studebaker Earnings

New York, April 26.—It is understood that the earnings of the Studebaker Corporation available for dividends are running at the rate of over \$5,000,000 a year. In the full year 1914 Studebaker earned \$4,400,000. Allowing \$900,000 for dividends on the preferred stock a net of \$6,000,000 is equivalent to 19 per cent. on the common stock compared with 14.23 per cent. in 1914. The Studebaker Corporation is in a position to-day to earn 15 per cent. on the common stock from domestic business alone.

War orders which extend over next year's at least, will be just so much in excess of this amount.

Light and Power Earnings Up

New York, April 26.—Reports received by the Electrical World from 65 per cent. of the electric light and power stations of the country show that the January, 1915, earnings in this industry were 4.8 per cent. better than the earnings for January, 1914. The reports of the six months ending with January showed a gross gain of 4.75 per cent., an indication that the war had no effect at least, on the electric lighting industry. The gross revenues for January were 66 per cent. greater than for July, 1914, and 74.5 per cent. greater than the earnings for July 1913.

Commercial Notes.

It is stated that \$3,200 is bid for seats on the Philadelphia exchange, and one seat offered at \$4,500.

American Locomotive Company has closed orders for from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 of shrapnel.

The American Nitrogen Company, Ltd., has been incorporated with head office in Montreal and capitalization of \$4,000,000.

President Thomas, Lehigh Valley R.R., says the road will soon spend \$1,000,000 for improvements as a result of better conditions.

The annual report of the Robert Simpson Company, Limited Toronto, for 1914, shows a decline of \$100,545 in merchandise profits from the former year. Compared with 1912 the decline is \$125,269.

Letters to the Editor

Beautifuling Rural Places. Mounting Grove, April 23.—(To the Editor.) We saw Kingston papers etc. all the time urging the people to beautify the city. That is right, but now for a word for country homes and villages. We hear a great deal about patriotism these times, and how better may it be shown than taking an interest in the appearance of our country?

In my mind now are two villages. The one I visited a few years ago and passed through a back street. There, it seemed, was the dumping ground for all the old bedsteads, boots, hats, tin cans, etc., of the place, but such was not the case, as there were lots more cans, etc., in other places. The other has old postboard, sticks, tin cans, etc., from stores and houses in yards and streets, while the chip yards and refuse from fires, etc., are dumped beside the edge of the road just on the edge of more than one of our country villages. Now a great deal of this could be burned. By a general cleaning up, the youngsters would enjoy a bonfire in the evenings now and again. Then the woods should be out, especially burdock. I think there is a law which compels men to keep the land along their property clear of obnoxious weeds. Why not enforce it? So make the place more pleasant for the home folks as well as visitors. N.Y.Z.

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