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AUSTRILIANS LOSE 300,000 MEN

So Far As a Result of Italy's Great Offensive.

ITALIANS CONSOLIDATING

BUT CONTINUE TO INFLICT BIG LOSSES ON ENEMY.

They Hope to Take Trieste With Smallest Amount of Destruction Possible to That Historic City.

Rome, June 1.—Italy's great new offensive has already cost the Austrians 300,000 killed, wounded and missing, according to conservative estimates to-day.

The Italians are now consolidating, reinforcing their lines with new troops, and reorganizing positions, but continue to inflict frightful losses on the enemy by repelling counter-attacks.

Front despatches to-day declared vast losses and the incessant pounding of Italian and British guns had achieved a telling effect on the enemy. Prisoners told of exhausted regiments and loss of morale.

General Cadorna called a halt in his advance to-day to permit bringing up of new supplies and preparing for further attacks. It was stated that the Italians now hope to take Trieste with the smallest amount of destruction possible to that historic city. The guns of the allied warships in the Gulf will not be directed on the city if it is possible to avoid it. Trieste's occupation is now considered only a question of weeks.

Reports received to-day declared that the continued Italian success had created a vast depression in Bohemia, where there have been numerous food riots and demonstrations against the dual monarchy's grip.

STOCK MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Bingham, Ryerson & Co., 44 Clarence St., Howard S. Folger, Manager.

New York Stocks.

Table with columns for stock names (Atchafson, B. & O., C. P. R. Ex. Div., Erie, Marine, N. Y. C., Reading, Southern Pac., Union Pac. ex. div., Alcohol, Am. Loco., Anaconda, Beth. Steel, Crucible, Inter. Nickel, Kennicott, Mexican Pet., Rep. Steel, U.S. Steel ex. div., Utah, Midvale) and their respective prices.

Canadian Stocks.

Table with columns for stock names (Brazilian, Can. Cement, Can. Steamship, Can. Loco., Cons. Smelters, Dom. Steel, Maple Leaf, Nova Scotia Steel, Steel of Canada, War Loan, 1917) and their respective prices.

75,000 PRISONERS TAKEN IN 39 DAYS

By the British, French and Italians—Enemy Losses Tremendous.

(Special to the Whig.) With French armies in the field, June 1.—Between April 15th and May 24th French forces took 31,839 German prisoners, according to the headquarters. Added to the total of enemy troops captured by the British and Italians, headquarters estimated to-day that more than 75,000 prisoners have been taken in the three great offensives on the western front.

Enemies' losses in killed and wounded has been even more staggering. Cases continually come to light where whole units have been wiped out of existence. One was reported to-day, where following a bombardment on the Aisne front this week, advancing French infantry found six entire German companies crushed lifeless under demolished bomb proofs. This was in a wood south of Chevreux.

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COALITION IS NOT MAKING PROGRESS

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Denies That He Said Coalition is a Failure.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, June 1.—The capital was startled when it read today what purported to be a despatch from Ottawa to Le Soleil of Quebec quoting Sir Wilfrid as to the failure of coalition. Sir Wilfrid promptly followed with a denial of the whole story.

Le Soleil is the chief Liberal organ in Quebec and Sir Lomer Gouin is understood to be interested in it. The suggestion is therefore made by some that the despatch was framed with the knowledge that Sir Lomer Gouin has refused to be a party to coalition.

It may be stated with some definiteness, however, that coalition is not making much progress.

Tories Try To Foil It?

There is a rumor here today that a determined effort is being made to foil Sir Robert Borden's coalition issue by a clique of men who know that coalition would involve their disappearance from the Government. The conscription bill is now ready and the probability of its being given one reading is still strong. This would involve a statement from Sir Robert Borden but not necessarily a reply from the opposition.

It is hinted that Sir Robert, in presenting the bill, will put forward certain information from the British Government, perhaps confidentially so far as publication is concerned, which may take the form of direct message to the Canadian Parliament.

While English papers in Montreal, both Liberal and Conservative, are still talking of the possibility of coalition under a coalition Government, French papers are in accord today that coalition is an impossibility. They all talk of the certainty of a general election and the possibility of dissolution of Parliament within forty-eight hours.

THREE AMERICAN VESSELS ARE SUNK

A Four-masted Bark Was First Boarded by the Germans.

(Special to the Whig.) London, June 1.—Sinking of the American four-masted steel bark Dirigo yesterday by a German submarine and the drowning of the mate John Hay, was announced by the Admiralty today. The Dirigo was fired upon without warning by the German U-boat, the attacking vessel using her deck guns. The bark was to and was boarded by the Germans who ransacked the Dirigo thoroughly and finally sunk her with bombs. The Admiralty also reported attacks (presumably followed by sinkings) of the two American sailing vessels Frances M. and Barbara. The crews are reported safe at Cadix and Gibraltar, Spain.

PETERBORO FIRE ADJUSTED.

Total Loss Placed at Nearly Two Millions. Peterboro, June 1.—The final adjustment of the loss at the Quaker Oats fire at Peterboro, which occurred on December 11th, has been made and shows that the sound value of the plant before the fire was \$2,228,416; the loss as adjusted was \$1,852,218, and the loss against the insurance companies, \$1,117,268. Of the insurance \$661,193 was in companies unlicensed in Ontario. The total insurance carried was \$1,206,500, but the total loss was not paid, as the insurance was subject to the 90 per cent. co-insurance clause, and the Quaker Oats Company, therefore, lost nearly \$100,000.

APPLICATION REFUSED.

Roland Butcher Must Remain With His Foster Father. Toronto, June 1.—Harold Butcher, aged twelve, whose parents live in Peterborough, will remain with his foster father, Albert Moody, a farmer, of Minden, Haliburton, the father's application for the boy's custody having been dismissed by the Divisional Court. The boy is satisfied where he is, and the fact that the lad is on a farm weighed with the judges in war time. The parents, however, are at liberty to renew their request some time in the future.

BASEBALL RECORDS.

International League. Baltimore, 3; Newark, 2. Richmond, 8; Providence, 7. Montreal, 4; Rochester, 1.

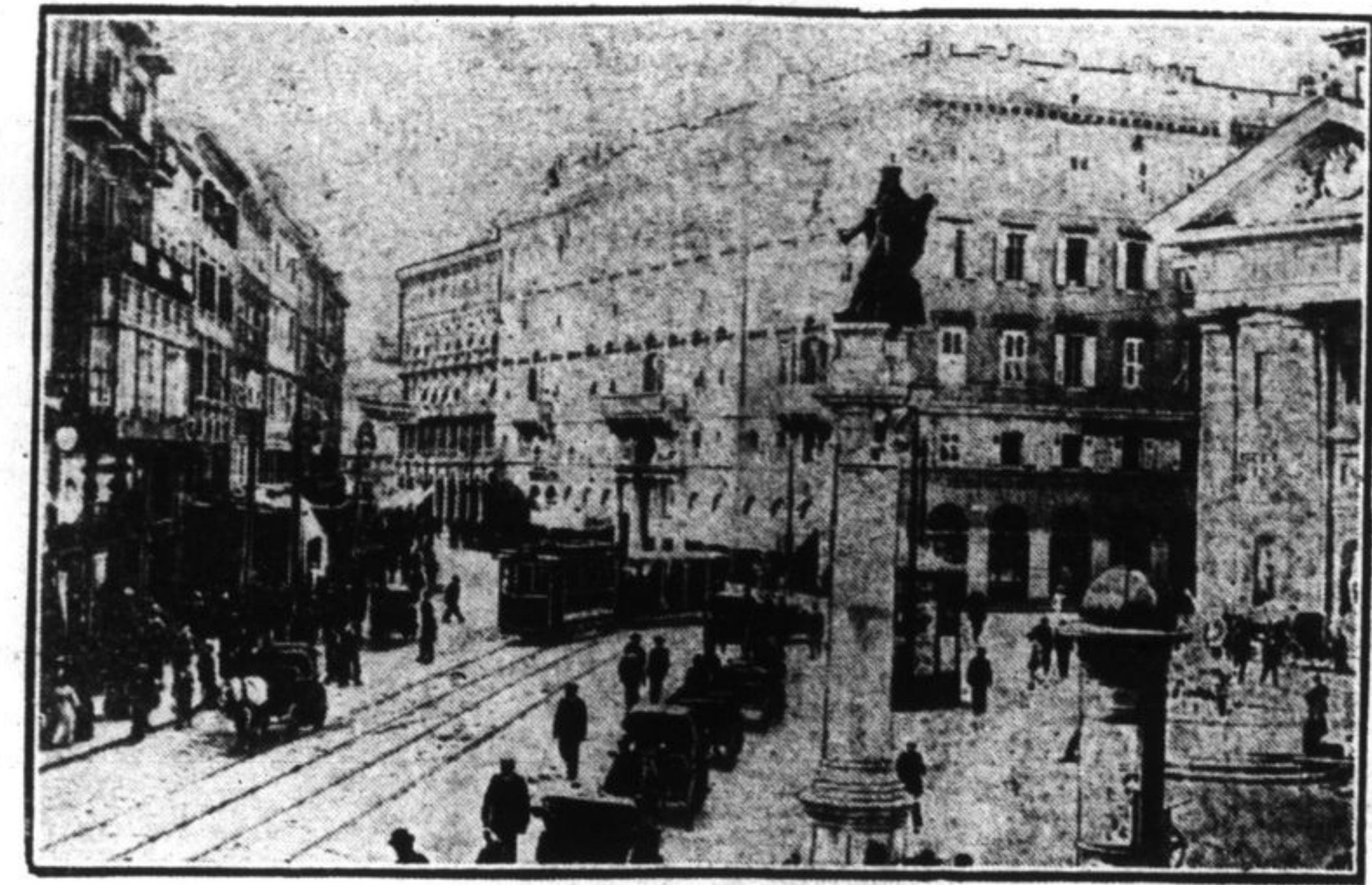
National League. Detroit, 2; New York, 0. Boston, 5; Cleveland, 1.

American League. Pittsburgh, 3; Philadelphia, 3. Cincinnati, 4; St. Louis, 3.

Encourage Use of Fish. Toronto, June 1.—The organization of resources committee of Ontario adopted a recommendation of the subcommittee to institute an immediate campaign to increase the use of fish as a food, and thus relieve other foodstuffs for the Canadian soldiers overseas, the Mother Land and Allies.

Another matter dealt with was the appointment of a number of field secretaries to assist in the organization of the province. France insists there shall be no peace except of her own making.

OBJECTIVE OF THE ITALIANS.



Street scene in Trieste, the objective of the Italian forces in their present offensive against the Austrians. Each day brings Gen. Cadorna's army nearer to the city.

BRITISH MAKE RAID NEAR LOOS

And Reach the German Third Line Trenches At One Point.

AN ADVANCE AT CHERISY

BY THE STORMING OF TWO ENEMY POSTS.

The French Repulse Enemy Attacks in Sections—The German Attacks Were Very Violent.

(Special to the Whig.) London, June 1.—British forces inched forward in a number of successful local engagements last night. Field Marshal Haig reported to-day: "We gained ground slightly at night to the west of Cherisy," he said. "Elsewhere patrol encounter, which resulted in our favor, occurred during the night in the neighborhood of Guzeucourt."

Successful raids were carried out northeast of Loos and near the Ploegsteert Wood.

United Press despatches from William Phillip Simms, describing some of these attacks, declared that the British Loos attack reached the German third line trenches and that the Cherisy advance was by storming of two enemy posts.

French Repulse Attacks.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, June 1.—Violent German counter-attacks by artillery and infantry were repulsed in two sectors of the French front, to-day's official statement declared. In the region of Moulin Laffaux, California Plateau and Chevreux Wood, the enemy artillery kept up a bombardment of the French front lines through most of the night. West of Cerny, south of the offensive around the Casque, the following raid enemy attacks were checked by the French gun fire. South of Chevreux French raiders took a German post, making several prisoners.

Moulin Laffaux, the California Plateau and the Chevreux Wood all lie south of Loos and in a section of Champagne where the French made some of the greatest gains in the recent offensive—Gerny is in the same section, lying slightly west of Craonne.

A CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

To Thomas Leveck, Enterprise, Over Son's Death. Thomas Leveck, of Enterprise, has received from Capt. W. Murray, Chaplain with the 10th Canadian Infantry Battalion, France, the following letter conveying the sad intelligence of the death in action of his son, Private Francis Leveck. The letter was dated April 5th and reads: "I regret to inform you that your son, Pte. Francis, was killed in action on the 10th of last month, while capturing one of the strongest enemy positions on our western front. "Our boys fought like heroes, but unfortunately your son fell fighting valiantly. His body lies buried near the spot where he was killed. "Trusting God will give you the grace to bear the loss of your son, who so willingly gave up all, even life itself, in a just and noble cause. Expressing my sincere sympathy and assuring you of my prayers for your son, I am, "Yours sincerely in Christ, W. Murray."

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way.

A British recruiting station opened in New York on Thursday. It will be made a criminal offence to hoard food in the United States. Louis Lapointe, who was shot by a munitions guard at Trenton, when he declined to show his pass, is dead. The Ontario Hydro commission has acquired the Ontario Power Company's plant at Niagara Falls, for \$23,000,000.

A number of foreigners were arrested in Paris charged with attempting to create discontent among the working people.

The Brazilian Senate voted on Thursday authorizing an alliance with other states to defend the American republics against the world.

On the completion of the transfer of the Allan Line to the Canadian Pacific, now about to come into force, Sir Hugh Allan retires.

At Vancouver, B.C., the election of Hon. Mr. Farris, recently appointed attorney-general in the Brewster Cabinet, will not be opposed by the Conservatives.

Two wooden vessels are now being built in Vancouver for the Dominion Government as the nucleus of a freight-carrying service between Vancouver and Canadian Atlantic ports.

At the Methodist Conference in Pembroke Rev. Prof. Gifford, Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal, was elected president of the Theological Union for the ensuing year. Rev. J. Howard Philip, Ph.D., was elected lecturer for next year.

DESTROYS 43 PLANES

France's Master Air Fighter Brings Down Four More.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, June 1.—Lieut. Gynemer, France's superman of the air, was officially credited today with the destruction of four additional German machines, bringing his total record of destruction to forty-three planes. Two of his last four victims were downed simultaneously, according to the official citation.

Georges Gynemer has received every decoration within the gift of the French nation, and with today's record proves himself the master air fighter of the world.

Montreal Cabinet Guess.

Montreal, June 1.—A rumor that finds favor in many circles here is that a new Cabinet will be formed, with Sir Robert Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Lomer Gouin, Lord Shaughnessy, Premier Murray, Sir John Estlin, N. W. Rowell, Premier A. L. Sifton, Premier Brewster, Sir Thomas White, Sir George Foster and Sir William Hearst as the Ministers.

Men's Pay For Women.

Washington, June 1.—Men's pay for women who labor during the war is the demand of the great women's organizations throughout the country.

The Washington, D.C., street railway companies have announced intention to employ women street car conductors and motormen at the same salaries as men during the war.

WAR BULLETINS.

The Germans realize that the Russian trace is off and are preparing to defend the eastern front.

The Italians took Teuton prisoners chained to their guns, and are still advancing.

Will Thorne, the British labor leader has had a significant interview with King George after his visit to Russia.

The Brazilian Senate has voted to join the Entente Allies.

The Government at Melbourne says Australia must have conscription.

Since Sir Robert Borden announced his proposed compulsory measure on May 18th, 414 men have been recruited in Montreal.

NO DEFINITE SCHEME FOR HANDLING CROP

Conferences Between Government, Grain Trade, Millers, Commission.

Ottawa, June 1.—Lengthy conferences between the Government and representatives of the grain trade, the milling interests and the British Commission have so far resulted in no definite scheme for the handling of the coming season's crop. Many suggestions have been made, and many plans discussed, but it is not thought likely that a complete and detailed scheme will be devised and consummated until the present political crisis is over.

The question being discussed is that of the movement and marketing of the coming season's crop with the best possible advantage to the Allies, having regard to the needs of the Dominion. It is pretty certain that existing machinery, including the trade and Exchange, will be utilized to the fullest extent possible, with the elimination of speculative elements which make for artificial prices. It is agreed upon the elimination of objectionable speculation. The appointment of a board on which will be represented all the interests concerned has been suggested, but this is still merely a suggestion, and has not yet taken form.

It is recognized that the Canadian scheme must be of a great extent co-ordinated with the American.

THE HIGHWAY BILL AGAIN INTRODUCED

A Tory Graft Measure That the Liberals Have Twice Downed.

Ottawa, June 1.—As if to ring the death knell of coalition rumors, Hon. Frank Cochrane yesterday afternoon secured a first reading for one of the most contentious pieces of legislation on the order paper, namely his bill to encourage and assist the improvement of highways. Notice of introduction has been on the order paper since April 19th, and it was expected that the measure would stand over for some time.

The Liberals have twice before fought the Highways bill on the ground that it retains the Administration of high sums of money within the Federal Cabinet's jurisdiction instead of giving these sums to the Provinces on a basis of population. There have been hints of an election fund, and the Senate has blocked the measure on previous occasions. If Mr. Cochrane had wished to challenge the Opposition to a fight, he could not have chosen a better means.

CANNOT SECURE SHIPS FOR CHEESE

Disorganization is Only Temporary, Says Commissioner Ruddick.

Ottawa, June 1.—J. A. Ruddick, dairy and cold storage commissioner of the Agricultural Department, declared yesterday that much misinformation was going around with regard to the cheese situation in Canada, but he was unprepared to discuss the matter further than to say that the present difficulties in disposing of the Canadian cheese supply was due to the disorganized condition of shipping and the inability to secure tonnage.

He declared that most of the cheese had been sold by the manufacturers to cheese exporters, but was not prepared to discuss the advance in price from 18 to 27 cents in the past year. The cheese is stored in Montreal for the most part. Some of it is sold already, but the rest is being held till shipping is possible.

ASK FOR LEGISLATION

Would Stop Slaughter of Lambs and Calves.

Vancouver, June 1.—Deputy Minister Scott, of the department of agriculture, is strongly advocating Dominion legislation to prohibit the slaughtering of lambs and calves. He believes that there should at least be a war measure along these lines, so that not only would the production of adult stock be aimed at, but there would also be the conservation of meat, as lambs and calves, if allowed to grow to full size, would furnish a good deal more meat than if slaughtered young. Mr. Scott considers that meat consumers could very well do without veal and lamb during war times.

TOBACCO TAKES PLACE

Of Liquor As Inland Revenue Producer.

Ottawa, June 1.—Tobacco has taken the place of liquor as the great inland revenue producer. During April the excise on tobacco and cigars amounted to about one million dollars, while that on spirits was about three-quarters of a million. The total inland revenue for the month was \$2,043,532, or just a little less than during the same month one year ago.

England has reserve supply of cereals for twelve weeks. To prevent local famines, seven weeks' reserve supply must be maintained.

FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

Careless their merits or their faults to scan, His pity gave ere charity began. —Goldsmith.

SATISFIED THEY WERE TRIMMED

Frontenac County Councillors Are Very Sore Over Their Potato Deal.

THINK THERE WAS A STEAL

AT THE WINNIPEG END OF THE TRANSACTION.

Dr. Spankie Held That the Council Had No Power to Buy Potatoes, and Insists That the County Treasury Must Not Suffer.

Thursday was "potato day" with the Frontenac County Council, which was called in special session to arrange for disposing of the balance of two carloads of seed tubers, which the Council bought to sell at cost to the farmers, in the interests of Greater Production all right but rather backward about parting with \$4.50 for a bag of choice Manitoba seed potatoes.

While the City Council on Wednesday evening in a very few words acknowledged that it had made a bad bargain by standing to lose \$700 in handling seed potatoes in the interests of Greater Production, and proceeded to make a deal for getting rid of its unsold balance at the best possible price, the County Councillors went a little deeper into the matter in an endeavor to find out who was responsible for "stinging" it.

In the first place it was admitted that the Council had no right to purchase seed potatoes for the farmers. Dr. Spankie, the Wolfe Island reeve, made that clear by quoting the Act which provides that the municipalities shall have such power by passing a by-law, but no power is given to county councils. The warden and other reeves who signed for the purchase of two carloads of potatoes erred in that, but at the next session of the Legislature this mistake will be covered by the passing of a special act giving county councils the same power as other councils in times of stress.

Councillor McPadden was not backward in declaring that there had been "a steal some place," while Councillor Kennedy intimated that "there is no doubt we have been trimmed." Auditor Muir read the correspondence which passed between James Richardson & Sons and Winnipeg, showing that if there was any "trimming" it was not done at this end.

When the Council convened at 3:45 p.m., and Warden McKnight had announced the object of the meeting, Councillor Halliday moved, seconded by Councillor Kennedy, that the Council confirm and approve the action of the warden in purchasing two carloads of potatoes for seed purposes in the county, this action having been taken on the petition of a majority of the members.

The mover stated that at the time of the cry out for seed potatoes, none could be purchased in the district for less than \$5 to \$5.50 a bag. Hence the purchase made by the warden. Unfortunately the potatoes had not been sold.

The Purchase Illegal.

Councillor Spankie wanted the warden's ruling as to whether the County Council had power to purchase potatoes. He claimed the action was illegal. The sum of over \$5,000 had been taken from the county treasury for the purpose and the railways were asking if their (Continued on Page 3.)

BRITISH ARE DESTROYING MORE SUBMARINES THAN EVER BEFORE.

DAILY MEMORANDUM See top of page 2, right hand corner, for probabilities. The sun rises Saturday at 4:20 a.m. and sets at 7:35 p.m. City baseball League game, Cricket Field, 3:15 p.m. Saturday seven years. Don't forget Social Five dance, City Hall, June 1st. Everybody welcome.

BORN STEVENS—At Westport on May 29th. To Dr. William G. Stevens, a daughter.

DIED FRANKLIN—In township of Pittsburgh, May 31st, 1917, died of Jackson, beloved wife of the late William Henry Franklin, aged 59 years.

FUNERAL from her son's residence, George W. Franklin, Middle Road, Pittsburgh, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, to Cataract cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

IN MEMORIAM In memory of our beloved son and brother William Henry, who died on May 30th, 1916, aged seven years.

Here lies our Willie, in his eternal sleep. Beloved by all, and mourned so deep. He died fair at 4 young, he was one of the twins. Our hope is to meet him in heaven again.

Seven years ago we laid him to rest. Our little Willie, we loved him best. He died so young and we mourn him deep. May the Lord rest his soul, in his eternal sleep. —Father, Mother and Family.

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