MONEY PLENTIFUL; STOCK BUOYANCY PUZZLES MANY

Prophecies of Prolonged War Belied—German Chancellor a Peace Factor

PARIS PLANS ATTACKED

Free Traders Issue Manifesto Against Tendency to Economic War on Central Empires

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Special Cable to the Evening Ledger.

LONDON, July 6.—Today money is plentiful and the discount market weak. The all-around buoyancy of the stock market puzzles those financiers who believe the war will be prolonged. Evidently much depends on Paris, the military and financial judgment of which counts heavily.

Interest is developing in the political position of the German Chancellor. The recent speech of M. Sazonoff, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, recognizes Hollweg as a peace factor. He rests now on the support of the Clerical centre and the Socialists. The Reichstag, by the election, therefore has strengthened his efforts to guide German policy into a peace channel.

The military situation on all fronts is too obscure for dogmatism.

Today some 20 leading Free Traders, free from official ties or aspirations, are issuing a manifesto against the dangerous tendency of the Paris economic resolutions, which soon will be discussed in Parliament. Viscount Bryce, Earl Brassey, Earl Beuchamp, Noel Farrer, Secretary of the Chamber of Shipping; Sir John Simon, John Burns, Thomas Burt, Richard Holt, Hugh Bell and many other notable names are attached to the memorandum issued, which dwells on the political corruption of the tariff, the importance of neutral opinion, the folly of any policy calculated to inflame international feeling after peace, and the danger in closing trade avenues to Germany, and so forcing a continuance of militarism. It is also argued that, thanks to its free-trade policy, Britain is now financially stronger than any belligerent country which has enjoyed the supposed advantage of a protective tariff.

Colonial preference is held to be as impracticable as ever, because no tariff would suit all colonies and all now benefit by our great free market. Similar considerations apply to France and Italy.

Returning to finances, the stock market's condition fully justifies the removal of minimum prices. No great liquidation has ensued. The chief activity so far has been in India government, Irish land and London county stocks. Most home and municipal securities are on a 4¾ to 5 per cent. income basis, as compared with 3¾ just before the war. But one-quarter of the interest is now sliced off for income tax. Irish land stocks have fallen slightly more than consols.

LOCAL MINING STOCKS

TONOPAH STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Jim Butler	.92	.94
MacNamara	.06	.08
Midway	.23	.24
Mizpah Ext	.22	.24
Montana	.24	.26
Northern Star	.15	.17
Tonopah Belmont	4½	4¾
Tonopah Extension	5⅝	5½
Tonopah Mining	6	6¼
Rescue Eula	.35	.36
West End	1⅛	1⅜
GOLDFIELD STOCKS.		
Atlanta	.10	.11
Blue Bull	.03	.04
Booth	.15	.16
Bulldog	.01	.02
C O D	.02	.04
Combination Fraction	.06	.08
Diamondfield B B	.02	.04
Daisy	.02	.04
Florence	.40	.42
Goldfield Consolidated	.82	.84
Goldfield Merger	.08	.09
Jumbo Extension	.78	.80
Kewanas	.10	.12
Oro	.06	.08
Saint Ken	.04	.06
Silver Pick	.10	.12
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Fairy Aztec	.01	.02
Kimberly	.02	.04
Nevada Hill	.17	.20
Nevada Wonder	2.10	2.15

NEW YORK COFFEE MARKET

NEW YORK, July 6.—While offerings in the coffee market at the opening this morning were considerably more aggressive than yesterday and first prices were 2 to 3 points lower, there was a good demand and the undertone was steady.

	Today's opening.	Yest. close.
July	7.94@7.95	7.94@7.96
August	....	8.05@8.06
September	8.13@8.15	8.15@8.16
October	....	8.20@8.21
November	....	8.25@8.26
December	8.27@8.29	8.29@8.30
January	....	8.35@8.36
February	....	8.40@8.41
March	8.43@8.45	8.46@8.47
April	....	8.51@8.52

Bank Raises Rediscount Rates

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia has established the following rates for rediscounts, effective from today until further notice: For commercial paper having a maturity not exceeding 10 days, 3½ per cent.; for trade acceptances on commodity paper having maturity not exceeding 90 days, 3½ per cent. These rates are an advance of ½ per cent. in each case. The other rates of the Reserve Bank are unchanged at 4 per cent. for commercial paper having maturity over 10 days and not exceeding 90 days, and 4½ per cent. for agricultural paper maturing over 90 days, but not exceeding six months.

Local Banker Going to Rochester

J. C. Frankland, assistant cashier of the Franklin National Bank, has been chosen cashier for the new Citizens' Bank of Rochester, N. Y. He will assume his new duties on August 1. Mr. Frankland is a native of Philadelphia. He has been with the Franklin National about eight years, going to that institution from the Wayne Junction Trust Company, which he served as secretary and treasurer. Previous to his services with the latter company he was with the Merchants' National Bank.

Pere Marquette R. R. Hearing July 12

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The Interstate Commerce today set July 12 for a further hearing in Washington in the general investigation of the condition of the Pere Marquette Railroad and others.

Gold Increases in Bank of France

PARIS, July 6.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows an increase of 6,444,000 francs in gold holdings, and a decrease of 5000 francs in silver.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, July 6.

For eastern Pennsylvania: Fair tonight and Friday; slightly warmer Friday; gentle shifting winds.

The hurricane has moved inland at the middle Gulf coast and is central at Vicksburg, Miss., this morning. It has caused rains over most of the Gulf States. Fair weather is generally reported from the remainder of the country this morning, with about 80 per cent. of clear skies. The temperatures have risen at most places in the northern States, the change being slight except in upper Michigan and the upper Missouri valley, where it averaged about 10 degrees, and there is a moderate excess in those districts.

LENGTH OF DAY.

Sun rises..... 4:38 a.m. Moon sets...10:37 p.m.
Sun sets..... 7:31 p.m. Moon souths. 4:39 p.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES.
CHESTNUT STREET.

Low water..12:21 a.m. Low water..12:50 p.m.
High water.. 5:20 a.m. High water.. 5:53 p.m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR.

8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
66	74	75	79	80	81	81	81	81	80

SCATTERED BUYING IS AID TO WHEAT

Decrease in Offerings Also Helps Market After Early Weakness

GRAIN BELT WEATHER FORECAST.

CHICAGO, July 6.—The weather forecast for 36 hours follows:

Illinois—Fair north central; increasing cloudiness extreme south tonight; Friday, increasing cloudiness north and central; rain and cooler extreme south.

Missouri—Fair north; increasing cloudiness south tonight; Friday, increasing cloudiness north; rain and cooler south.

Wisconsin and Iowa—Fair tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.

Minnesota—Generally fair tonight and Friday, except unsettled and somewhat cooler Friday north.

North and South Dakota—Partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Friday.

Nebraska—Fair tonight and Friday; cooler northwest Friday.

Kansas—Fair tonight and Friday, except increasing cloudiness southeast Friday; not much change in temperature.

CHICAGO, July 6.—Scattered buying by commission houses and a decrease in offerings rallied the wheat market today after it had shown weakness following a small gain in the early dealings. July ended a little lower, September slightly higher and December unchanged.

Complaints of high temperatures in the day time and heavy dews at night began to cause a little uneasiness in the Northwest, rust being feared. Cooler weather, however, was predicted for that section.

The Southwest was a seller, apparently against the new crop, the receipts of which were heavier.

Arrivals at interior points for the day were 789,000 bushels. Clearances of wheat and flour from the seaboard exceeded 1,110,000 bushels. Reports as to the harvesting of the winter crop indicated that it was progressing satisfactorily in the central part of the country.

The weekly report of the Weather Bureau said that that crop was heading nicely in the West and that threshing continued in the more Souhern States under good conditions.

Favorable weather was noted for spring wheat in most of the northwest.

The market at Liverpool was dull but firm. Shipments from Argentina for the week were estimated at 1,600,000 bushels.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Noon.	Yes'day's close.
Wheat—					
July	1.03½	1.03½	1.02⅝	1.02⅞	1.03⅜
Sept	1.05⅝	1.05⅞	1.04⅝	1.04⅞	*1.05⅜
Dec	1.09⅛	1.09⅛	1.07⅞	1.08¼	*1.08⅜
Corn (new delivery)—					
July	76	76¼	75⅝	76⅛	76
Sept	73⅝	73⅝	73⅛	73⅝	*73⅝
Dec	62½	62⅝	62⅛	62⅝	62⅝
Oats—					
July	38⅛	39	38⅛	38⅝	†38⅝
Sept	38¼	38⅝	38¼	38⅝	38⅝
Dec	39⅝	39⅞	39⅝	39⅝	39⅞
Lard—					
July	*13.30	13.35	13.30	†13.35	*13.32
Sept	13.55	13.55	13.47	13.47	13.50
Ribs—					
July	13.77	.....	.....	.....	13.80
Sept	13.87	13.87	13.82	†13.82	†13.85
Pork—					
July	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.55
Sept	24.95	24.97	24.85	24.90	†25.00

*Bid. †Asked.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

GRAIN AND FLOUR

WHEAT—Receipts, 107,350 bush. Demand was fair and the market ruled steady under moderate offerings. Quotations: Car lots in export elevator—No. 2 red, spot, $1.03@1.05; No. 2 Southern red, $1.01@1.03; steamer No. 2 red, $1@1.02; No. 2 red, $1@1.02; rejected A, 97½@99½c.; rejected B, 96@98c.

CORN—Receipts, 70,906 bush. The market was quiet but offerings were light and prices ruled steady. Quotations: Car lots for local trade as to location—Western No. 2 yellow, 87@87½c.; do., steamer yellow, 86@86½c.; do., No. 3 yellow, 84@85c.; do., No. 4 yellow, 81@82c.

OATS—Receipts, 68,823 bush. Prices were well maintained with a moderate business. Quotations: No. 2 white, 46½@47c.; standard white, 45½@46c.; No. 3 white, 44@45c.; No. 4 white, 40½@41½c.; sample oats, 38@39c.; purified oats, graded, 43½@45c.

FLOUR—Receipts, 1350 bbls. and 768,466 lbs. in sacks. Trade was slow with little change in prices. Following are the quotations, per 196 lbs. in wood: Winter, clear, $4.50@4.75; do., straight, $4.75@5; patent, $5@5.25; Kansas, clear, cotton sacks, $4.35@4.75; do., straight, cotton sacks, $4.80@5.10; do., patent, cotton sacks, $5.15@5.40; spring, first clear, $4.80@5.10; do., straight, $5.20@5.40; do., patent, $5.50@5.75; do., favorite brands, $5.90@6.25; city mills, choice and fancy patent, $5.90@6.25; do., regular grades, winter clear $4.50@4.75; do., straight, $4.75@5; do., patent, $5@5.25.

RYE FLOUR was dull. We Quote at $5@5.50 per bbl., as to quality.

PROVISIONS

The market ruled firm with a fair jobbing demand. Quotations: City beef, in sets, smoked and air-dried, 27c.; Western beef, in sets, smoked, 27c.; city beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked and air-dried, 28c.; Western beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked, 28c.; beef hams, $28@30; pork, family, $25.50@27.50; hams, S. P. cured, loose, 18@18½c.; do., skinned, loose, 18@18½c.; do., do., smoked, 19@19½c.; other hams, smoked, city cured, as to brand and average, 18½c.; hams, smoked, Western cured, 18½c.; do., boiled, boneless, 33c.; picnic shoulders, S. P. cured, loose, 12½c.; do., smoked, 14½c.; bellies, in pickle, according to average, loose, 16½c.; breakfast bacon, as to brand and average, city cured, 21c.; do., Western cured, 19@20c.; lard, Western, refined, tierces, 14½c.; do., do., tubs, 14½c.; do., pure city, kettle rendered, in tierces, 14½c.; do., do., in tubs, 14½c.

REFINED SUGARS

The market was quiet but steady. Quotations: Extra fine granulated, 7.65c.; powdered, 7.75c.; confectioners' A, 7.65c.; soft grades, 6.90@7.50c.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

BUTTER—The market ruled steady at the late decline, but trade was quiet. Quotations: Western solid-packed creamery, fancy, specials, 31c.; extra, 29@30c.; extra firsts, 28c.; firsts, 27c.; seconds, 26c.; nearby prints, fancy, 32c.; average extra, 30@31c.; firsts, 27@28c.; seconds, 26@26½c.; jobbing sales of fancy prints, 35@38c.

EGGS were a shade stronger with a good demand and moderate offerings. Quotations: In free cases, nearby extras, 28c. per doz.; nearby firsts, $7.50 per standard case; nearby current receipts, $6.90@7.20 per case; Western extras, 27c. per doz.; Western extra firsts, $7.50 per case; firsts, $7.05@7.35 per case; fancy selected candled fresh eggs were jobbing at 30@31c. per dozen.

CHEESE—The market was quiet but steady under moderate offerings. Quotations: New York, full cream, fancy, 15¾@16c.; do., do., fair to good, 15@15½c.; part skims, 9@14c.

POULTRY

LIVE—There was little trading and the market was unchanged. Offerings were ample. Following are the quotations: Fowls, 18¼@19c.; roosters, 13@14c.; spring chickens, according to quality, weighing 1@2 lbs. apiece, 24@30c.; white Leghorns, according to quality, 21@24c.; ducks, as to size and quality, 14@16c.; pigeons, old, per pair, 25@28c.; do., young, per pair, 22@25c.

DRESSED—Fowls were in fair demand and firm. Broilers quiet and lower. Following are the quotations: Fresh-killed poultry, dry-packed—Fowls, 12 to box, dry-picked, fancy selected, 23c.; weighing 4½@5 lbs. apiece, 22½c.; weighing 4 lbs. apiece, 22½c.; weighing 3½ lbs. apiece, 21½c.; weighing 3 lbs. apiece, 20@21c.; fowls, ice-packed, in barrels, fancy, dry-picked, northern Indiana and Illinois, weighing 4 lbs. and over apiece, 22c.; do., southern Indiana and Illinois, weighing 4 lbs. apiece, 21½c.; smaller sizes, 18@20c.; old roosters, dry-picked, 15c.; broiling chickens, Western, 30c.; exceptional lots higher; broilers, Jersey, fancy, 38@40c.; do., other nearby, weighing 1½@2 lbs. apiece, 35@38c.; smaller sizes, 30@32c.; ducks, nearby spring, 19@20c.; squabs, per doz.—White, weighing 11@12 lbs. per doz., $5@5.25; white, weighing 9@10 lbs., per doz., $4.15@4.75; white, weighing 8 lbs. per doz., $3.25@3.65; do., do., 7 lbs. per doz., $2.50@3; do., do., 6@6½ lbs. per doz., $2@2.25; dark, $1.75@2.25; small and No. 2, 75c.@$1.25.

FRESH FRUITS

Choice stock met with fair sale and values generally ruled steady as follows: Apples, per bbl.—Baldwin, $4@5; Ben Davis, $3@4; other varieties, $1.50@2.50; No. 2, $1.25@2; do., Western, per box, $1.25@1.75; do., Delaware and Maryland, per hamper, 75c.@$1; lemons, per box, $3.50@4.25; pineapples, per crate, Porto Rico, $1.50@3. Blackberries, North Carolina, per quart, 5@7c.; do., Delaware and Maryland, per quart, 6@10c. Huckleberries, North Carolina, per quart, 12@15c. Gooseberries, per quart, 4c. Raspberries, red, per pint, 2@3c. Cherries, Delaware and Maryland, sweet, per pound, 5@8c.; do., do., sour, per pound, 3@4c.; do., do., sweet, per quart, 8@8c.; do., do., sour, per quart, 4@5c. Plums, Georgia, per crate, 50c.@$1.75. Peaches, Georgia, per carrier—Belle, $2@2.50; Carmen, $1.25@1.75; Early Georgia, $1.75@2.25; Arp Beauty, $1.25@1.50; Dixie Queen, $1.75@1.75. Cantaloupes, California, per crate, $2.50@3.75; do., Florida, per crate, $1@1.50; do., North Carolina, per crate, $1@1.50; do., Georgia, per crate, $1@1.50. Watermelons, Florida, per car, $175@225.

VEGETABLES

Offerings were quite liberal, but choice stock was generally steady with trade fair. Quotations: White potatoes, per bbl.—No. 1, Eastern Shore, $2.50; No. 2, Eastern Shore, 75c.@$1.25; No. 1, Norfolk, $2.50; No. 2, Norfolk, 75c.@$1; No. 1, North Carolina, $2@2.25; No. 2, North Carolina, 75c.@$1. Sweet potatoes, Jersey, per basket—No. 1, 45@60c.; No. 2, 25@30c.; do., Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, per hamper—No. 1, 75c.@$1; No. 2, 50@60c. Onions, Texas, per summer crate—No. 1, $1.50@1.65; No. 2, $1.25@1.40. Celery, Florida, per crate, $2@2.50. Watercress, per 100 bunches, $1.50@2.25. Peppers, Florida, per carrier, $2@2.50. Eggplant, Florida, per crate, $1@1.50. Corn, Florida, per crate, $1.25@1.75. Cucumbers, Norfolk, per bbl., $1@1.50; do., Norfolk, per ½ bbl. basket, 50@75c.; do., Norfolk, per 1-3-bbl. basket, 50c.; do., North Carolina, per bbl., $1@1.25; do., do., per basket, 25@40c. Tomatoes, Mississippi, per 6-in. flat crate, 50@75c. Asparagus, Jersey, per bunch—Fancy, 10@15c.; prime, 8@10c.; pale, 3@5c. Mushrooms, per 4-lb. [illegible] $1@1.50.

WESTINGHOUSE QUITS MUNITIONS MAKING

Will Dismantle Plants After Completing Big British Order

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 6.—After completing an order for 1,250,000 18-pound shrapnel shells for the British Government in less than 15 months from the time the order was received and finding no more business of that kind in sight, the Westinghouse Air Brake Company has announced that preparations are under way to dismantle its munition-making plants, sell the expensive machinery and let out nearly 2500 men and girls who have been employed in that work.

A. L. Humphrey, vice president and general manager of the company, said:

"The buildings we will dismantle because I do not think we shall need them in addition to our regular shops. The machinery we shall dispose of at the best price we can get, and the men, except old employes of ours, of course, we must let go. In fact, many of them are leaving each day."

COTTON PRICES DECLINE ON BETTER WEATHER NEWS

Offerings Are Heavy After Report That Storm Is Diminishing

NEW YORK, July 6.—Business was quiet at the opening of the Cotton Exchange this morning, but the tone was steady. August went down 4 points, with other months 1 to 4 points higher. Liverpool was a moderate buyer and commission houses sold. Professional operators were on both sides.

After the call the supply increased and the active options dropped 3 to 5 points before the end of the first 10 minutes of trading.

Some heavy rains were reported from virtually all stations in the cotton belt. No advices were received from the tropical storm section, which was centred around Vicksburg early this morning with a low barometer of 29.55.

In the early afternoon the market had no fresh features. Reports of damage by storm in Mississippi prompted a little local covering, which rallied prices to about the basis of 13.24c. for January. Increased offerings from Wall street interests checked the recovery, however, and later in the session price movements were narrow.

Arrivals of cotton in New York today were 2472 bales, including 594 bales linters. Exports today were 7550 bales, compared with 13,816 bales last year.

The eastern belt forecast suggesting nothing more than showers in Georgia and Mississippi and later advices from Washington reporting that the storm was diminishing in intensity were followed by increased offerings toward the middle of the morning. This selling doubtless reflected a more optimistic view of the weather outlook, while demand was limited and prices worked off to a net loss of 10 to 11 points on the more active months with October contracts selling at 12.94 or 22 points under the high level of yesterday afternoon.

	Yes'day's close.	Open.	11:00 A.M.	12:00 M.	2:00 P.M.
July	12.96	12.92	12.85	12.84	12.87
August	13.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
October	13.06	13.05	12.98	12.98	13.00
December	13.22	13.25	13.16	13.16	13.18
January	13.28	13.31	13.21	13.22	13.22
March	13.46	13.47	.....	.....	.....
May	13.59	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spot	13.05	.....	.....	.....	.....

Liverpool Cotton

LIVERPOOL, July 6.—Spot cotton today was freely offered at an advance of 8 points on the basis of 8.03d. for mid-upland. The sales aggregated 7000 bales, including 5000 bales American. The imports were 12,000 bales yield, 9000 bales American. The market for futures closed quiet and steady at a net advance of 1@2 points.

LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS

CHICAGO, July 6.—HOGS—Receipts, 21,000. Markets strong to 5@10c. higher. Mixed and butchers, $9.60@10.15; good heavy, $9.55@10.15; rough heavy, $9.55@9.70; light, $9.55@10.05; pigs, $8@9.40; bulk, $9.80@10.05.

CATTLE—Receipts, 3500. Markets steady. Beeves, $7.35@11.30; cows and heifers, $3.75@9.75; stockers and feeders, $5.60@8.65; Texans, $8.40@9.40; Calves, $8.50@11.75.

SHEEP—Receipts, 14,000. Markets steady. Native and Western, $6.50@8; Lambs, $7.50@10.80.

86 MINATORI UCCISI DAL TERREMOTO IN SICILIA

Ventisei Feriti e Cento Sepolti nelle Miniere di Zolfo a Caltanissetta

Un dispaccio da Roma dice che la provincia di Caltasnissetta, in Sicilia, e' stata scossa da un violento terremoto oggi, che ha fatto molte vittime.

Tre miniere di zolfo sono frantate in seguito alle fortissime scosse, seppellendo i minatori che vi si trovavano. Secondo le prime notizie che e' dato avere, ottantasei minatori sarebbero stati uccisi nelle frane, ventisei sarebbero rimasti feriti ed un centinaio sono tuttora sepolti nelle miniere, ma ancora vivi, in attesa di essere salvati. Probabilmente il terremoto di oggi e' una conseguenza dell'attivita' eruttiva dello Stromboli.

Il vulcano, che da qualche giorno e' in eruzione, aumenta la sua attivita', a quanto telegrafano da Roma. La lava infuocata si riversa in torrenti sulle falde del monte, distruggendone le belle vigne ed i frutteti e le case che incontra nella sua via. La popolazione dell'isoletta e' tutta raccolta sulla spiaggia, e parte si e' rifugiata sui vapori inviati dalle autorita' di Messina, vapori che sono tuttora ancorati davanti all'isola. Le popolazioni siciliane sono allarmate sia per l'attivita' dello Stromboli che per il terremoto, sebbene questo non abbia fatto danni gravi, ad eccezione delle frane nelle tre miniere di zolfo.

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IL MASSICCIO DI PRIMA LUNETTA EVACUATO DA LE FORZE AUSTRIACHE

Attacchi Austriaci Respinti in Val d'Adige e nella Val Campelle Con Perdite d'Armi e Prigionieri

L'AVANZATA SULL'ASTICO

ROMA, 6 Luglio.

In un suo rapporto pubblicato oggi dal Ministero della Guerra il generale Cadorna annuncia che gli austriaci hanno evacuato il massiccio della Prima Lunetta, dalle cui forti trincee erano gia' stati sloggiati da vigorosi attacchi degli italiani. Ecco il testo del rapporto odierno del generale Cadorna:

La nostra offensiva continuo nella giornata di mercoledi nella Vaal Lagarina e nella Val Sugana.

Nella Valle dell'Adige e nell'alto bacino dell'Astico noi abbiamo obbligato il nemico a slogg are da posizioni dominanti che esso si era preparato a difenders.

Sull'altopiano di Asiago la nostra artiglieria e' attiva.

Nella Val Campelle, a nord del Brenta, tra' la Valsugana ed il torrente Maso, il nemico ha evacuato il massiccio della Prima Lunetta abbandonandovi molto materiale da guerra.

Sul resto della fronte fino al mare si sono avuti duelli di artiglieria, ad eccezione della zona di San Martino dove il nemico fece un attacco usando gas asfissianti, e ad est di Selz dove attacchi del nemico contro posizioni da noi recentemente conquistate furono respinti.

Tutti i giornali commentano la conquista delle sommita' dei monti Seluggio, a nord di Arsiero, e Corno, a nord-ovest del Pasubio. Si ritiene generalmente che, in seguto a questo successo italiano, gli austriaci saranno costretti a ritirarsi ancora di piu' per raddrizzare la loro linea di difesa che e' stata costretta a ripiegare sulla destra in seguito all'avanzata italiana nella Vallarsa. Monte Corno e Monte Seluggi costituivano due baluardi della linea di resistenza austriaca, e gli austriaci vi avevano profuso vite e munizioni quando vollero conquistarli per stabilirsi saldamente a dominio della conca di Arsiero e del Passo di Borcola.

Ecco il testo del rapporto del generale Cadorna pubblicato ieri sera dal Ministero della Guerra:

Tra l'Adige ed il Brenta il nemico fa ogni sforzo per contrastarci l'avanzata, ed ha tentato di contrattaccarci in parecchi punti. Nella valle del l'Adige nella notte del 3 corrente noi respingemmo un attacco austriaco contro le nostre posizioni del Monte Zugna.

Nella giornata di ieri, martedi', dopo parecchi tentativi infruttuosi, le nostre truppe alpine raggiunsero la sommita' del Monte Corno, a nord-ovest del Monte Pasubio, e la occuparono.

Nell'alto bacino dell'Astico, nonostante le difficolta' naturali e l'accanita resistenza del nemico, noi abbiamo conquistato la vetta del Monte Seluggio ed abbiamo avanzato in direzione delle valli del Rio Freddo e dell'Astico.

Sull'altopiano dei Sette Comuni non si e' avuto nulla di nuovo.

Nella valle di Campelle, tra il torrente Maso ed il fiume Brenta, dopo una intensa preparazione di artiglieria, il nemico pronuncio' un vigoroso attacco contro le nostre posizioni della Prima Lunetta, ma l'attacco fu respinto con gravi perdite per il nemico che lascio' nelle nostre mani alcuni prigionieri e tre mitragliatrici.

Lungo la front dell'Isonzo e' aumentata l'attivita' dell'artiglieria. Nel settore di Monfalcone sono continuati i combattimenti nei quali noi prendemmo al nemico prigionieri, due mitragliatrici ed un mortaio da trincea.

SULLE ALTRE FRONTI.

Telegrammi da Parigi dicono che continua con lo stesso vigore l'offensiva anglo-francese contro le linee tedesche tra Arras e la Somma. I francesi sono giunti ai sobborghi di Peronne dove sono impegnati violenti combattimenti. Con la conquista di Peronne, che si ritiene imminente, termina la fase iniziale della grande offensiva degli alleati sulla fronte francese e comincera' la serie di operazioni principali che non si sa ancora dove si svolgeranno. L'offensiva degli alleati e' una degna risposta al cancelliere tedesco che recentemente aveva dichiarato che la situazione militare in fatto di territorii doveva costituire la base per le eventuali trattative di pace.

Da Petrograd giungono anche buone notizie. I russi hanno tagliato la ferrovia tra Delatyn e Korosmezo, isolando cosi' dal l'esercito austro-tedesco che difende Lemberg le forze che ancora restano al generale Pflanzer che difendeva la Bucovina. Ad ogni modo sembra che non ancora si sia sviluppataata in tutta la sua violenza la grande offensiva simultanea su tutte le fronti contro gli imperi centrali.

Dispacci dalla Penisola Balcanica dicono che grande attivita' militare si nota nella Rumania dove i successi dei russi hanno fatto rinascere la propaganda in favore d'gli alleati. Si dice che i partiti di Take Jonescu, ex ministro dell'Interno, e di Filippescu cappo del conservatori, si sono fusi e d ora innanzi agiranno d'accordo.

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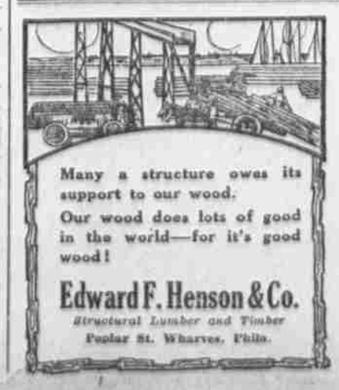

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VAUDEVILLE SHOW AT HOME WITH THE TALKING MACHINE

Comic Songs and Humorous Patter Among July Recordings—Some Headliners on the List—A Number of New Offerings for the Phonograph Fans

By the Phonograph Editor

Of course, it is not possible yet to have one-act playlets or actual dances by skilled steppers on the Victor, Columbia or Edison. There are no risley artists to do their head and hand balancing and contortionists and fumambulists are not staged in perilous rope walking. Even these may come in time, at that!

But aside from these specialties it is possible to construct an interesting vaudeville program with any one of the companies' recordings.

The general catalogues and monthly bulletins contain a wide variety of numbers suitable for this purpose. They are particularly rich in comic songs and humorous recitations, either of solo character or in dialogue and duet.

And all that is up-to-date, for the newest records of the vaudeville headliners themselves are on the list, as well as the new hits from the latest musical comedy successes.

As for dancing, the accompaniments are supplied in generous selections in a number of ways, so that one can have one's own cabaret at home, interspersing fox trots and one-steps with the numbers selected for the evening's program of entertainment.

An Al Jolson record is always popular. This famous comedian seems able to "put it over" in one way as well as another, and to sing "fun" as no one else can. "Down Where the Swanee River Flows" is a record just issued by the Columbia. This is one of his biggest hits in "Robinson Crusoe, Jr.," which has been such a sensational success at the Winter Garden this season. The song never fails to bring down the house and starts a regular series of repeats. It is splendidly recorded.

"At the Ball That's All," J. Leubrie Hill (tenor and bass), Harry Mayo and Harry Tally, and "At the Yiddish Wedding Jubilee," McCarthy, Glogau and Plantadosi (comic song), Maurice Burkhart, are on a single Edison record. The song Mr. Burkhart gives is a Yiddish character song. It is extremely amusing. Mayo and Tally sing a syncopated melody that has been a big hit recently. Mayo and Tally, you know, are in vaudeville. They are the tenor and bass of the famous Empire City Quartet.

Here is good hot weather news: Nora Bayes has returned with a number of new songs. Few singing comediennes can boast the following secured by Miss Bayes. She has renewed her Victor agreement for a term of years. She contributes to the July records "Are You Prepared for the Summer" and "The Greatest Battle Song of All," sung with the abandon, combined with clear enunciation which marks Miss Bayes' work. Each has a laugh in every line.

Dan Quinn, called the Laugh King, has decreed that we shall be merry. And you just can't help laughing when he sings "I Can Dance With Everybody But My Wife," song hit, written by Golden "between acts." No one seems to know just why the unfortunate husband does a "tangle" instead of a tango with his wife, unless his efforts to prove to wife that he is the champion tangoist of the world are a trifle overdone—or underdone. But Dan Quinn, with his humor, makes the best of a ticklish situation. The Columbia record is a cure for melancholia.

Good news for lovers of Lauder lyrics. The "King of Vaudeville" is back with two rollicking numbers which are fully equal to any of his earlier successes. In "Bonnie Maggie Tamson" he tells of ho wthree times saxpence went bang during a fervid courtship, but how this amount and over was taken out in kisses. "In the R-o-t-a-r-y" Harry expresses the appreciation of the courtesies of Rotary Clubs in various cities which have entertained him.

Laugh and grow plump or laugh and shake it off (they say it works both ways), but laugh you must when Irene Young and Al Weston come singing their laughing duet, "Those Country Days Surely Were It." On vaudeville tours, these two fun makers have set half the people of the country rocking in their seats—and now they may be secured for home entertainment via the Columbia Company's new record.

NEW COLUMBIA ARTISTS

Quite unusual is the announcement of the July list of Columbia records in the opportunity offered of hearing for the first time new artists on talking machine records. No less than four world stars make their first offering in July.

Florence Macbeth, one of America's greatest coloratura sopranos, is a pleasing addition to Columbia's list of celebrities.

Miss Macbeth's career, from her European debut in 1912 to her recent successful engagement with the Chicago Opera Company, has been a series of artistic triumphs, and she has been highly eulogized by critics.

Her singing of Strauss' "Spring Voices" ("Voce di Primavera"), her initial recording, is a revelation in coloratura art, and well displays the three-octave range and clear brilliancy of voice that have earned her the title of the "Minnesota Nightingale."

She also sings Horn's "I've Been Roaming" with florid facility. She was heard in Philadelphia a couple of season ago in "Rigoletto," as Gilda, and "La Sonnambula," as Annina.

Announcement is made of Eddy Brown as an exclusive Columbia artist. He is a sensational exponent of violin technique. The Chicago boy—but 20 today—played his first public concert at the age of 6, and after 12 years of European study under the master teachers Hubay and Auer, Mr. Brown returned to his native land last season. Five New York recitals and extensive appearances en tour have resulted in popular acclamation. The first offerings of Eddy Brown's art is Sarasate's "Caprice Basque," a composition he plays with electric effect at many of his public performances. The double bowing and strings pizzicato in unison are amazing. Chopin's Nocturne in E Minor is interpreted with infinite finesse. Note after note comes creeping into the harmony until the instrument itself seems to turn to very sound and sings and echoes the divine modulations of the classic romanticist.

Another midsummer treat for Columbia patrons is the announcement of the first recordings by Helen Stanley, prima donna soprano of the Philadelphia-Chicago Opera Company, Montreal Opera Company and Wurzburg Royal Opera Company. In spite of an extensive operatic career, including the most dramatic soprano roles, there is a restful quality in the singing of Miss Stanley which is exceptionally pleasing. Perfect control and seemingly inexhaustible reserve enable Miss Stanley to sing her first selections with the most pleasing ease. Shelley's "Love's Sorrow" is a real gem. She also sings Strelezki's well-known lyric "Dreams."

One of the very great basso voices of the day belongs to Leon Rothier, a voice that for more than five years has sung in the star bass roles of the Metropolitan Opera. A great operatic basso of the day, M. Rothier has at last signed a Columbia contract and will give to its lists his most popular operatic interpretations. The High Priest's stately invocation, "O Isis et Osiris," from the second act of Mozart's "Magic Flute," is one of the most magnificent selections sung by Rothier. With wonderful sonority and breadth, with profound feeling and intonation, the voice of the French basso sounds the deep cad