

PROSPERITY HITS MOST INDUSTRIES IN BUSY LEBANON

Skilled Labor Is Needed in Big Steel Plants Now Working Overtime

SAVINGS FUNDS GROW

This is the 16th of a series of articles reviewing the commercial and industrial situations in the larger communities of eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware...

"Is Lebanon prosperous?" This question was put to one of Lebanon's prosperous iron and steel manufacturers...

Last Sunday it was necessary to keep our plant running because we are under such great pressure. As I walked over to see how matters were getting along...

Eight months ago thousands of men, "roughers" among others, were looking for jobs. Today no man in Lebanon who wants work need be without it.

Lebanon plants that were running part time at 40 or 50 per cent. of their capacity eight months ago are now running at 100 per cent. capacity...

Lebanon has a population of 21,000. It is located in the center of a rich farming district. Lancaster County ranks first for wealth and production per capita in the United States...

The city of Lebanon has many diversified and prosperous industries. Iron and steel and their products predominate, but there are also plants for the manufacture of organic handkerchiefs, hosiery, silk, and a large shoe factory...

The large plants of the American Iron and Steel Company overshadow every other Lebanon industry. They have just completed a stupendous addition to this plant by the erection of a complete up-to-date steel mill with electric furnaces...

On this subject he quoted a Russian with whom he had been talking recently, who told him that a ship taking a cargo from this country to Archangel, Russia, would earn her own value in one voyage, because of the high rates.

The American Iron and Steel Company manufactures all kinds of nuts, bolts, rods and railroad materials and has a large export business.

The Lebanon Steel Foundry Company employs about 100 persons. They manufacture small steel castings of a superior high-grade steel, which are largely used in the automobile manufacturing business.

They are also working 24 hours a day. They have not taken any direct war orders, but believe that some of their products are used in the manufacture of auto trucks for war purposes.

They also make their steel in an electric furnace and claim to turn out the finest quality of steel in the world. They are at present working full capacity of eight heats each 24 hours, with 14 tons to the heat. The outlook for their product is ever brightening they can wish.

The Lebanon Boiler Works employs 100 persons and is running full capacity and overtime. Their business shows a marked improvement in the last 8 months. They have no war orders and find labor, especially skilled labor, scarce. Their principal orders at present are for plates used in the construction of large tanks.

Lebanon has also an organ factory. This business is not quite as prosperous as formerly. A great deal of their output was exported, principally to European countries, notably to Great Britain and Holland. This trade is practically cut off. Unquestionably the player-piano and disc machine have cut into their business in the domestic market.

The Lebanon Chain Company manufactures the largest and strongest chains made in the United States. They employ about 100 men, and are working about 70 per cent. of their manufacturing capacity, mostly on the larger chains.

Herbert Ankman & Co. manufactures cotton and linen handkerchiefs exclusively. They employ 600 persons, mostly girls, in their extensive factory, besides giving employment to many other persons in their homes. They turn out about 3,500,000 dozens of handkerchiefs a year, and the annual value of their output is about \$2,500,000. Six months ago they were running at 70 per cent. of their capacity. They are now running at 100 per cent. As they do not export they attribute this activity to generally improved conditions all over the country.

Asked if they were embarrassed by dye shortage, they said they had anticipated the shortage and prepared for it. They have arranged for supplies for more than a year to come.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company and the Lackawanna Steel Company have also large plants in Lebanon, and conditions in both are of the same prosperous nature as exist in all such plants in the United States.

The Frackville Manufacturing Company is an extensive plant which turns out enormous quantities of shirts, pajamas and night gowns.

There are five banks and two trust companies in Lebanon. Within the past month the deposits and additions to savings accounts have increased very materially. The clearings average about \$50,000 to \$75,000 daily.

The First National Bank has just paid out \$100,000 in Christmas savings funds on 4000 checks.

Postoffice receipts also show a decided increase within the past month. Postal savings amount to more than \$40,000 to deposits by foreigners, who find they cannot send money orders home—particularly to Austria and Hungary—deposit their money with "Uncle Sam."

There is not much building activity in dwellings. A new State armory is under construction and will cost \$100,000, and a high school is being built at a cost of \$300,000.

Twelve squares of streets have been paved with wood blocks and plans for extensive wood paving have been made. Lebanon is served by two trunk railroads—the Philadelphia and Reading and the Pennsylvania. Besides the regular street railways, two interurban lines enter the city, both carrying freight as well as passengers, giving direct connection with Lancaster and Harrisburg.

The retail stores are enjoying a marked increase in sales. Two prominent, long established retail merchants said that last Saturday was the "biggest day" since they were in business.

TRE CORPI D'ARMATA ITALIANI SBARCATI A VALONA E DURAZZO

Un Cacciatorpediniere ed Un Trasporto Italiani Affondati da Mine Austriache Durante lo Sbarco

43 UOMINI SONO PERITI

ROMA, 16 Dicembre. E' stato ufficialmente annunciato oggi che il corpo di spedizione italiano destinato alla Penisola Balcanica e sbarcato già in Albania, il comunicato ufficiale dice che lo sbarco e' stato felicemente compiuto.

Navi da guerra austriache tentarono di impedire lo sbarco facendo fuoco sui trasporti e seminando mine lungo la costa albanese, ma le navi nemiche furono messe in fuga da una squadra navale italiana. Nondimeno il cacciatorpediniere Intrepido ed il trasporto Re Umberto affondarono per avere urtato contro mine sottomarine, con una perdita totale di 43 uomini.

L'annuncio dell'avvenuto sbarco del corpo di spedizione italiano per la Penisola Balcanica, sbarco che si attendeva da parecchio tempo, ha prodotto eccellente impressione in questi circoli politici, e si ritiene che se le forze tedesche opereranno nell'Albania contro i serbi, una dichiarazione di guerra tra Italia e Germania sarà inevitabile.

Naturalmente nulla dice il comunicato ufficiale circa le forze che costituiscono la spedizione italiana nei Balcani, ma da notizie non ufficiali si apprende che al tratto di tre corpi d'armata con adeguato forze di artiglieria e di cavalleria. Si tratterebbe dunque di circa 120,000 uomini.

Si dice che lo sbarco e' stato operato a Valona, Durazzo e San Giovanni di Medua, un corpo d'armata in ciascun posto. Si ignora però se queste forze prendevano subito l'offensiva o saranno impiegate ad arrestare la possibile marcia delle forze bulgare e teutoniche verso la costa albanese.

Nell'affondamento del cacciatorpediniere Intrepido e del trasporto Re Umberto perirono 43 uomini, che erano a bordo del trasporto e del equipaggio del cacciatorpediniere.

L'IMPRESSIONE A LONDRA. L'annuncio ufficiale italiano dello sbarco all'avvenimento di un corpo di spedizione di tre corpi d'armata in Albania, ha prodotto eccellente impressione a Londra, secondo affermano dispetti da quella capitale. E' dubbio però se queste forze italiane saranno adibite alla protezione della costa albanese o entreranno in azione prendendo l'offensiva. Si ritiene più probabile che si limiteranno per ora almeno ad impedire che le forze teutoniche e bulgare facciano a loro apparizione sulla costa albanese.

Nulla di preciso si può sapere ancora circa le future operazioni dei bulgari, ma si ritiene che le forze di re Ferdinando non si fermeranno al punto dove sono giunte. Telegrammi da Atene dicono che Salonico e' stata trasformata in una fortezza quasi impenetrabile dagli alleati e che il generale Serrail, che comanda le forze anglo-francesi nei Balcani, ritiene come cosa certa che le forze bulgare e

FIRE! FIRE! FIREMEN! Don't you dare look on page 17 in our Rainbow Corner. We're having a Christmas 'sprise and YOU'RE in it! THE CHILDREN OF THE RAINBOW CLUB.

teutoniche invaderanno fra pochi giorni anche il territorio greco. Altri dispetti dicono però che soltanto gli austro-tedeschi invaderanno in Grecia e che i bulgari se ne asterranno. Altri dispetti ancora affermano che la cavalleria bulgara avrebbe di già passato il confine della Grecia.

Intanto i franco-inglesi hanno costruito fortissime difese attorno a Salonico. Tutte le colline che circondano la città sono state fortificate con riflette e con trinceramenti e sono difese da adeguata artiglieria, e la linea ferroviaria che porta a Salonico e stata minata. Nella giornata di ieri giunsero a Salonico altri tre trasporti portanti truppe e munizioni per gli alleati. Anche parecchi grossi cannoni furono sbarcati dai trasporti. La città e' stata evacuata dalle truppe greche e solo pochi soldati alleati si sono rimasti, cosicché essa e' completamente a disposizione degli alleati.

PER RE PIETRO E RE NICOLA. In Italia sono state prese tutte le misure necessarie per ricevere re Pietro di Serbia e re Nicola di Montenegro in caso che i loro paesi siano completamente soggiogati dagli imperi centrali, il palazzo reale di Caserta e' stato preparato e messo a disposizione di re Pietro, re Nicola e ancora con il suo esercito, ma si spera poco che essa sia questa volta ad arrestare le colonne austriache.

Dispetti da Washington dicono che il Dipartimento di Stato ha avuto un sommario della risposta del governo austriaco alla nota di protesta riguardante l'Albania, ma il testo completo si attende per oggi o per questa sera. L'Austria domanda ulteriori particolari circa il risultato dell'inchiesta fatta dal governo americano e domanda spiegazioni di come il comandante del sottomarino che affondò l'Albania si sarebbe comportato in modo inumano. L'Austria domanda inoltre i nomi di coloro sulla cui deposizione si e' basata l'inchiesta.

A Washington si ritiene che il governo americano invierà subito una nuova nota redatta in tono più energico domandando immediatamente la punizione del comandante del sottomarino, e l'affermando che in Austria il punto di vista del governo americano era ben noto perché richieda ulteriori spiegazioni.

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last 35 cents for a bed in the hotel last night, according to the Atlantic City police. They say he tumbled on the gas.

Frankford Man Falls, Breaks Hip A fall of a few feet on an icy pavement resulted in a broken hip for Robert Ottaway, 47 years old, of 431 Oriskany street, Frankford. Ottaway fell as he was leaving the Peoples Theatre last night at Kensington avenue and Cumberland street.

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