

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Germans Occupy Lowicz and Battle for Warsaw Beginning While Russian Counter Attacks Continue

ESPIONAGE IN CANADA

Italian Demonstrations Against Austria—Germany Short of Petroleum—Danaldson Steamer Struck Mine and Foundered.

Field-Marshal von Hindenburg's army, which is advancing on Warsaw over a wide front between the Vistula and the Paliczka Rivers on Friday occupied Lowicz and reached the new Russian positions along the Bzura River and southward to Rawa on Saturday.

Regulations for the prevention of espionage in Canada, which have been passed by order-in-council forbid the publication of information as to the movements of troops or ships is forbidden, and also information with regard to defence measures of a kind to be useful to the enemy.

The police at various places in Italy had some difficulty in keeping down riotous demonstrations on Saturday, at celebrations of the anniversary of the death of the irredentist leader, Oberdan, who organized the unsuccessful plot to assassinate Emperor Francis Joseph in Trieste in 1882 and was put to death for it.

A message from Berlin states that in all German laboratories, experts are working day and night to discover whether it is possible to produce substitutes for petroleum and benzine, and a chemical for tanning leather.

The British steamer Tritonia, of the Donaldson Line, struck a mine off the north coast of Ireland Saturday morning and is believed to have foundered. The crew of the steamer was saved.

A mine sweeper which, with several others, was engaged in sweeping for mines five miles southeast of Scarborough, was blown up Saturday. One man was rescued, but the rest of the crew are missing.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is reported to have purchased five new vessels on the stocks in Irish and Scotch shipyards, to replace wasters caused by the war. Three of the vessels are being constructed in Belfast, and two on the Clyde.

According to the present intentions of the Dominion Government this will be the last year during which civil servants who earn more than \$500 per annum will be allowed to take part in local politics as members of School Boards or Municipal Councils.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Walter Johnson Has Decided to Remain With the Washington American League Club

FIRST HOCKEY FEATURES

Vancouver Curling Club—one of the Largest in the West—has Decided to Abandon its Annual Bonspiel.

The players of the Wanderers and the numbers they will wear this season are: No. 1—Charlie McCarthy, goal; No. 2—Sprague Cleghorn, defence; No. 3—Goldie Producers, defence; No. 4—Harry Hyland, forward; No. 5—Odie Chinghorn, forward; No. 6—Gordie Roberts, forward; No. 7—Ulick, forward; No. 8—Brownie Baker, forward; No. 9—G. Stephens, defence; No. 10—Carl Kendall, forward; No. 11—Art. Boyes, goal.

Walter Johnson will remain with the Washington club. He has returned the \$6,000 bonus offered him by the Chicago Federals. Johnson's salary is now \$12,500.

At the Arena on Saturday evening the Wanderers defeated the All-Stars in the initial hockey match of the season by a score of 10 to 2. The gross receipts, which are to be devoted to charity, amounted to \$1,121.

The Federal League will have nothing on the Pacific coast next year for range of territory. Salt Lake City is to replace Sacramento.

The game between the Torontos and the Ontario-Ottawa combination resulted in a draw—6 to 6. The attendance was 2,509. The proceeds will go to the unemployed in Toronto and Ottawa.

Tom McCarthy, the well known scout of the Boston Braves, having helped to build up a world's champion team for George Stallings, will now see what he can do for the other team of that city. Joe Lannin has succeeded in securing the services of this sleuth for the Red Sox.

The Vancouver Curling Club announces that the game will be abandoned this season, and the annual bonspiel, scheduled for March, called off.

Comiskey's appointment of Royland to succeed Jimmy Callahan has caused a lot of good natured speculation. A fan remarked yesterday: "Now, isn't that just like the old Roman? He always was a bear for \$25,000 players and \$5,000 managers."

The Riversides of Toronto played the Cleveland Athletic Club's seven in the latter city. The score was a tie—2 to 2.

The Baltimore Orioles are to be transferred to Richmond, Va.

The open air rink on the M. A. A. grounds has been thrown open to the public.

Nap. Labelle bids fair to secure for the third year in succession the prize for the highest average in the Montreal Bowling Association. He is at present on top for the first time this season with an average of 182.4.

Jack Britton boxes Fighting Joe Hyland Christmas night at New Britain, Conn. Jack Britton and Al Desevy box December 28 at Wilkesbarre, New Year's night Battling Levinsky and Gunboat Smith will mix at Waterbury, Conn.

In an exhibition hockey match Argonauts at Toronto defeated Varsity by 8 to 5.

TOTAL PROFITS OF BRITISH POST OFFICE £5,185,146.

The British post office reports the number of letters delivered in the last year as 2,177,800,000, an increase 7 per cent over the year 1912-13 of 5.4 per cent; postcards, 328,500,000, increase of 3.1 per cent; halfpenny packages, 1,172,300,000, increase 8.6 per cent; newspapers, 297,100,000, increase 2.4 per cent; parcels, 132,700,000, increase 5.2 per cent; total, 5,916,400,000, increase 5.6 per cent.

The total number of telegrams which passed over the post office wires was \$7,089,000, a decrease of 1,405,000 on the year, and the receipts showed a decrease of £47,935. The number of telephones belonging to the post office on March 31 last was 774,821. The financial results of post office work in the year 1913-14 may be summarized as follows: Postal, a net profit of £6,143,459; telegraph, a net loss of £1,230,956; telephone, a net profit of £272,643; a total net profit of £5,185,146. These figures, it is added, are necessarily partly estimated, and have not yet been fully checked by the comptroller and the auditor general, and the report has been delayed several months by reason of the war.

NOVEMBER EXPORTS AND IMPORTS IN UNITED STATES.

Washington, December 21.—The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce reports imports and exports for November as follows:—

Table with 4 columns: Category, 1914, 1913, Excess exports. Rows include Imports, Exports, Excess exports, 11 months imports, Exports, Excess exports (Nov.), Gold (Nov.) imports, Exports, Gold 11 months imports, Exports, Excess exports.

THE WEATHER.

Cotton Belt—Cloudy, light to moderate showers in parts of most cotton states. Temperature 16 to 40. Winter Wheat Belt—Cloudy, light to moderate precipitation throughout. Temperature 6 below to 34 above.

BAR SILVER AT NEW YORK.

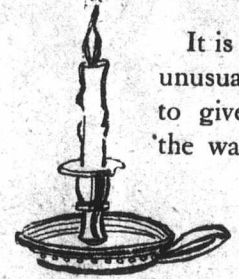
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The Public Service Commission of Maryland and the Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. have agreed to consult Dr. S. W. Stratton, director of the Bureau of Standards, Washington, regarding the differences which have arisen on the returns of the commission and of the company on measurements of the heating units of gas. Because of the divergence of the measurements the commission and the company have been unable to arrive at a standard. The claim now has been made that the company reduced the normal units of gas after the reduction in price. The commission has been anxious to fix a standard as high as existed prior to the reduction in price. On the question of standards prior to and since the reduction in price, the measurements, as stated, vary.

Though the bid of the Warren Foundry and Pipe Co. of Phillipsburg, N.J., on 25,000 tons of pipe for the Detroit Water Board was \$11,000 lower than the bid of the American Gas and Foundry Co., of Detroit, the board awarded the contracts to the Detroit concern. Its amounts to \$550,000. The Commission preferred affording an opportunity to provide employment for residents of Detroit and gave the Detroit company leave to reduce its price to \$700 below that of the Warren Company. It is expected that the Warren Company will protest.

Gross earnings of the Virginia Railway and Power Company for November were \$427,351, a decrease of \$1,980. Net earnings were \$224,526, a gain of \$1,272, with a balance after interest charges and allowance for depreciation of \$88,534, an increase of \$502 over November, 1913. For the five months ended November 30, gross earnings were \$2,189,054, an expansion of \$20,423, with net earnings of \$1,139,329, a gain of \$25,529. Surplus after charges was \$495,869 and the balance after depreciation was \$454,293, an increase of \$9,212 over the corresponding period of 1913.

A statement has been issued by the California Railway and Power Company, one of the underlying holding companies of the United Railways Investment Company, covering the first eighteen months of the company's existence, from December, 1912, to June 30, 1914. The report shows total income of \$829,901, with expenses of \$21,167, and net income of \$808,734. After deducting dividends of \$692,797 there was a profit and loss surplus of \$115,937.

Preliminary steps are reported under way toward the formation of a \$100,000,000 power merger in Southern Idaho, in which the Electric Bond & Share Co., which owns the Utah Power & Light Company, will be the dominant factor. Pocatello and Twin Falls are the keys to the situation, and if the Public Utilities Commission of Idaho grants permission to the Beaver River Power Company, which is an Electric Bond & Share Co. property, to enter these two Idaho towns, the merger will be completed. The companies in control of the Electric Bond & Share Co. in Idaho have been quietly at work for several months in an effort to buy the Great Shoshone & Twin Falls Power Co. and the Southern Idaho Power Co., which are owned by W. S. and J. H. Kuhn, of Pittsburgh. The price set by the American Waterworks & Guaranty Co., the Kuhn holding company is considered to be \$3,000,000 too high by the Electric Bond & Share Co. With competition in the Twin Falls and Pocatello field it is figured that the Kuhns will get out and the merger will be complete.

NEWS OF THE PLAYHOUSES

For New Year's week, the offering at the Princess will be "On Belgian Battlefields in the Great European War." The operator and producer is Joseph Nedell Peterson, who was at the front when the war broke out, who secured permission to take the views on a condition that half of the profits be turned over to the Belgian Red Cross relief fund. This is being done. The pictures tell in a graphic manner the story of those early September engagements.

Something new for Orpheum patrons will be introduced on New Year's Day, when there will be three performances given. The usual performances will be given at 2:15 and 8:15, but at 2:15 a performance will be given which Manager Driscoll has named "The Little Matinee." The 3:15 performances will be identical with the regular programmes. Although new to Montreal this three performances on New Year's Day is one of the features of Europe's music halls.

"In the Days of the Thundering Herd" will be the feature movie offered at the Imperial to-day and tomorrow. Little Marion Weeks, the "miniature prima donna," the youngest perfect coloratura soprano in the world, who sings the doll song in character from the "Tales of Hoffman," made her first appearance in Montreal on Sunday.

At the change of programme on Wednesday and Thursday, the Broadway Star Feature Film Co. the producers of "Million Bids," "My Official Wife," "415" and many other notable productions, will present a four-part military drama, "The Tangle."

"Watch Your Step" has proved that synchronization is infectious. Even the applause at the New Amsterdam Theatre is given in ragtime. This is especially true during a second act interlude when, with the movement of the leader's baton, hand-clapping from all parts of the house accompanies the ragtime number in perfect time.

One of the principals of the "To-night's the Night" company is missing and city-wide search is being made. The missing one is Chatterbox, a Pomranian owned by Emmy Wehlen, who has a barking role in the production. He vanished from the Shubert Theatre yesterday noon and Miss Wehlen has offered \$25 for his return.

W. A. Brady's production of his new drama, "Sinner's," in Sing Sing Prison on Christmas Day, has been arranged for. The performance will be given in the chapel, and this will be the first time on record that the premiere of a play has taken place in prison. The play will be given twice, as the chapel seats only about one-half of the inmates.

For the twin company of "Twin Beds," which opened in Atlantic City on Christmas Day, Selwyn and Company have engaged Margaret Boland, Katherine Lane, Georgia Drew Mendum, Jane Seymour, Roland Lee, August Aramini and J. M. Byrn. A third company will be organized after the first of the year. W. A. Brady has arranged to give a private showing of his photo-play, "The 194," at the Playhouse Sunday night. In the cast are Willton Lockaye, Kane and Milton Sills. The film will be released by the World Film Corporation on December 23.

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ALLIES SUCCEEDED IN CROSSING GERMAN WIRE ENTANGLEMENT. Paris, December 22.—Official 3 p.m. communiqué.

"Between the sea and the Lys nothing happened during the day of December 21st except artillery fire." "Between the Lys and the Aisne we rolled back German attack which tried to debouch from Caumont and took some houses at Blangy. Attack by company on the Metz and neighboring trenches were permitted by our troops to make any appreciable gain from that side." "In the region of Libigny three attacks by the enemy were repulsed. We have made slight gain to east and to west of Tracy Le Val. Our artillery readily shelled Plateau of Nouvron." "In sections of the Aisne and of Rheims there were artillery conflicts." "In the Champagne region and in the Argonne around Souain there were violent bayonet combats. We have not made appreciable progress in the Argonne." "We captured in the environs of Perthes Les Hautes three German works, representing a front of 1 1/2 miles of trenches." "To the northeast of Beaunejeur we fortified the position taken on December 20th, and occupied all trenches which border on the summit of Calvaire." "In the Forest of Gurlie our progress continues. St. Hubert we repulsed an attack. In Bolants Forest where some ground had been lost, we re-took the same trenches." "Between the Argonne and the Meuse we advanced slightly to the environs of Vaquois. To the north of the Forest of Malancourt our troops succeeded in crossing a wire entanglement, and in capturing some trenches where the enemy has held his position for the right bank of the Meuse." "In the Forest of Conseroy we lost and then retook after a sharp fight the ground gained by us December 20th." "From the heights of the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report."

PIERCE BATTLE IN GALICIA. Lemberg, via Petrograd, December 22.—More than 900,000 Russian and Austro-German troops are engaged in a great conflict over the battle front of 125 miles long in Galicia. The battle line forms almost a right angle extending from Birca, a few miles northwest of Przemyel, southwest of Lupkow at the right bank of the Meuse. The general battle was precipitated by the energetic efforts of the Austro-German troops to raise the bridge of Przemyel. Only bare details are reaching here.

LATE QUEEN HAS MANY GRANDSONS UNDER ARMS. London, December 22.—Twenty-two grandsons of the late Queen Victoria, are under arms in the war. All but five are fighting with the German army.

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