

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Russian and Austro-German Armies Both Claim Victory in East and Meanwhile Berlin Celebrates

EGYPT A PROTECTORATE

Bill Prohibiting Armament Export from U. S. Not Government Measure—Governor General Inspected Montreal Troops—Lion Hunt in New York.

A statement from the general staff of the Russian commander in chief stated that "in the direction of Mlava our cavalry and vanguard are chasing energetically the beaten Germans. Several of their corps have crossed the frontier. During the chase we have captured prisoners, guns, and war material."

"The Russians are retiring along the entire front in Galicia and Poland," says an official statement from Vienna.

The people of Berlin were aroused to enthusiasm over the announcement of a great Austro-German victory over the Russians in Poland. The whole city literally flashed into bunting.

Egypt has been declared a British protectorate, in view of the state of war arising out of the action of Turkey. The Sultanate of Turkey over Egypt is thus terminated. The King has approved the appointment of Lieut.-Col. Sir Arthur Henry McMahon to be His Majesty's High Commissioner for Egypt.

Assurances have been given the British Government by the State Department that the bill introduced by Senator Hitchcock, to prohibit entirely the export of munitions of war and arms and war supplies to belligerent countries not favored by the administration.

A lion hunt was staged in the streets of New York yesterday. Five lions which escaped from the stage of the Eighty-sixth Street Theatre, at a time when the house was filled with a matinee audience, were attacked by scores of policemen with revolvers, and finally subdued.

By a vote of 56 to 7 the Interdenominational Committee on church union, meeting in Toronto, approved the basis of the union, which is confidently expected to meet with general approval from the majority of the members of three negotiating bodies.

Field Marshal H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught yesterday inspected the 22nd. French Canadian battalion at St. John's, reviewed the soldiers training in Montreal to go forward with the Second Contingent, the McGill battalion and C. O. T. C. His Royal Highness left last night at eleven o'clock for Kingston, where he will make another inspection to-day. He will then go to Toronto and review the troops there before returning to Ottawa.

The organization for the Montreal Home Guard was announced yesterday. A brigade of 1,000 men will be formed, consisting of four battalions of 500 officers and men each. Attached to the brigade, will be a corps of signallers, a mounted corps and possibly machine gun section.

A test mobilization, with the aid of the Ontario Motor League, will be held in Toronto to-day. The troops will be distributed at forty assembling points, and some 600 cars of the league will concentrate them in High Park. These armored cars, equipped with machine guns, will take part in the mobilization.

TRADE INQUIRIES

The following were among the inquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, 11 Victoria Street, London, S. W., during the week ending December 14th, 1914:

Inquiries are made by United Kingdom firms for names of Canadian exporters of magnesite.

A Belgian correspondent now in England asks for names of Canadian firms who have hitherto imported Hungarian white beans.

A firm at Newcastle-on-Tyne are in the market for supplies of Canadian molybdenite.

A Sheffield correspondent asks for quotations for 1,500,000 pulpwood pit prop ends, 2 1/2 ft. long x 5 in. for delivery next spring, and each subsequent season.

A London firm make inquiries for names of Canadian manufacturers of bentwood furniture.

A firm in the Province of Ontario manufacturing milled machine screws, twist drills, special milled work, hot and cold, pressed, also turned nuts, wish to extend their export trade.

A Toronto firm manufacturing pulleys and other power transmission appliances desire to enter the United Kingdom market.

A Toronto firm of stationers ask for names of lithographers in Great Britain manufacturing decalcomania transfers.

A Canadian firm manufacturing shovels, spades, scoops, draining tools, etc., wish to get into touch with firms open to co-operate in extending their export trade.

DIVIDENDS OVER \$2,600,000.

The Hollinger Mine has paid thirteen dividends this year, totalling 87 per cent. The total disbursement to shareholders has now been over \$2,600,000, divided as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. Rows include 1912, 1913, 1914-January 25, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 29, June 17, July 15, August 12, September 9, October 7, November 4, December 3, and a total of \$2,610,000.

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Mr. H. J. Gordon, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Yarmouth, is being transferred to a similar position in San Juan, Porto Rico, and will leave for that city the latter part of the present month. Mr. Gordon will be succeeded at Yarmouth by J. H. Malcolm, the bank's agent at North Sydney.

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WAR DEMANDS MAKE HEAVY DRAINS ON CANADIAN HORSES

All Available Horses that are Broken and of the Proper Type Will Be Taken From Canada Before Very Long, is Opinion of Minister.

(Special Correspondence.)

Saskatoon, Sask., December 18.—In an interesting communication to the local Board of Trade, the Hon. Martin Burrell, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, states that 7,500 horses have already been purchased in Canada for the British War Office, and that in the near future, it is expected that General Benson, the purchasing agent, will resume his operations in this country with a view to providing a regular weekly shipment of from 700 to 900 Canadian horses. In addition, the Canadian Militia authorities are likely to require from six to seven thousand horses for Canadian contingents. "Under these circumstances," the Minister adds, "I should imagine that all the available horses that are broken, sound and of the proper type will be taken from Canada before very long." The latter possibility is viewed with disquietude in certain quarters. It is feared that farmers may be tempted by the generous prices offered to dispose of too much of their horse-power to the detriment of their farm operations. In answer to this, however, it is pointed out that the cavalry and artillery troops required do not embrace heavy work horses, although possibly including many of the general purpose animals now so deservedly popular. It is further argued that the war demand is certain to materially increase the price of horseflesh for some time to come, and that the farmer is fully able to look after his own interests.

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL EXPERIMENTING WITH TRENCH DIGGING SHOVELS.

North Sydney, C.B., December 18.—The Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company's plant at Trenton has received orders for a considerable tonnage of drop forgings from the Old Country. These forgings were formerly purchased in Germany. The company is experimenting with trench digging shovels and armor plating for motor cars. An order for 30,000 swords for the Indian contingent is to be placed in Canada, and Trenton may get some of this work.

NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

With the opening of its new transmission lines to supply power for the operation of the Moscow Mine, near Beaver, Utah, it will probably be necessary for the Beaver River Power Company to construct a new hydro-electric plant. The new station in all likelihood will be located on the Beaver River, five miles below the present plant, and will have a capacity of about 3,000 horse-power.

The Dayton Power and Light Company reports for November gross earnings of \$89,465, an increase of \$10,257 over November, 1913. Operating expenses were higher by \$6,101, and net earnings were \$83,363, or \$4,156 more than for the corresponding month of last year. After payment of preferred dividends of \$10,429 the company had a surplus of \$12,885, an increase of \$1,295.

Of the \$500,000 bonds of the York County Power Co. a subsidiary of the Cumberland County Power and Light, \$315,500 are in the hands of the public, \$150,000 are in the treasury of Cumberland County Power & Light and \$34,500 are in the treasury of York County Power Co. The bonds are guaranteed by the Cumberland company. The \$315,000 outstanding bonds include \$100,500 bonds exchanged for an equal amount of underlying bonds.

The Ohio Public Utilities Commission has authorized the Dayton Power and Light Company to exchange \$150,000 of its first mortgage 5 per cent. bonds for an equal amount of bonds of the Miami Light, Heat and Power Company of Piqua. All the stock of the Piqua Company, with the exception of five shares, is owned by the Dayton Power and Light Company and the exchange of the bonds will clear the way for a merger of the Piqua Company with the Dayton Power and Light Company.

Officials of the Kansas City, Kaw Valley & Western Railway Co. say the surveys for the second section of the proposed electric line between Kansas City and Topeka have been completed and the rights of way secured.

The first section from Kansas City to Bonner Springs is in operation and is said to be doing a good business. The second section, 21 miles in length, and which is to be put under construction with the opening of spring, is from Bonner Springs to Lawrence and the third section from Lawrence to Topeka will be built after the second section is in operation.

The consolidated statement of earnings of the Republic Railway and Light Company and subsidiaries for November shows gross of \$244,250, a decrease of \$7,576, compared with November, 1913. Operating expenses and taxes were \$7,949 less and net earnings were \$37,873, or \$28 below net for November a year ago. After interest charges and preferred dividends there was a surplus of \$14,979, a gain of \$2,447. For the twelve months ended November 30, gross earnings were \$3,066,543, a gain of \$84,785, or 2.8 per cent. over the preceding twelve months. Operating expenses and taxes were reduced over \$10,000, so that net earnings exhibited a gain of \$91,392, or 3.4 per cent. After interest charges and dividends on the preferred stock the company had a surplus of \$218,433, or \$100,433 more than in the previous year.



CLARENCE I. DE SOLA, Belgian Consul in Montreal. King Albert of Belgium has cabled his thanks to Canada for the supplies and money sent his people. Canada has already sent \$1,000,000.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

The Columbus (Ohio) Stock Exchange will open for unrestricted trading December 21.

A Boston Stock Exchange seat was sold for \$15,000, the last previous sale being for \$11,000.

Glasgow, Scotland, purchased 1,000 bags of flour in St. Louis at the highest price on the crop.

The New Orleans Cotton Exchange will be closed January 25 and 26, and January 1 and 2.

October returns of 50 leading railroad systems show gross earnings decreased \$19,823,000, or 9.02 per cent.

Expert places valuation of Pere Marquette at \$96,000,000, cost price, and \$76,000,000 reproduction price.

Poors Railroad Manual Company says the railroad situation in this country is critical.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston has lowered its re-discount rate for 30 days, and under to 5 per cent., and for 60 days to 5 1/2 per cent.

Booker T. Washington criticizes cotton pool, and says it will not relieve conditions in the south.

Pittsburg brokerage firm files suit against Western Union and New York Stock Exchange for failure to furnish quotations.

Twelve industrials declined 1.13 and twenty active railroads declined 0.01.

Mrs. Thomas F. Hart, millionaire policewoman on Muncie, Ind., resigned from the force because of ill health.

The Government of Holland has contracted with the Kansas Flour Mills of Chicago for 24,200,000 pounds of flour.

A manufacturing concern of Hastings, Mich., received an order from France for 108,000 pairs of wool boots for the French army.

J. P. Morgan will submit a proposal to sell the Alaska Northern Railroad to the government as part of the new Federal Alaska railway system.

Thomas A. Edison received a letter from President Wilson praising him for his pluck and energy after the loss by fire of his plant at West Orange, N.J.

A soldier, who saw fighting in German Guinea, declared that the Germans secured the aid of the natives by telling them that the English intended to eat them.

President Wilson has leased Winston Churchill's summer home at Cornish, N.H. for next summer.

Brazil has extended its moratorium for 90 days from December 16. The first moratorium was declared on August 3.

Governor Hall, of Louisiana, has ordered an investigation into the lynchings in Caddo parish, La., where five negroes were hanged by mobs within the last ten days.

Berlin says the breakdown of the Russian offensive in Poland is the greatest victory of the war, and German papers are hailing it as one of the greatest triumphs in the military history of the world.

Revised lists place the total casualties as result of German naval raid on English coast at 108 killed and approximately 350 wounded.

The German centre is holding its ground, and the Allies' progress has been chiefly against the extremists of the German line.

Announcement is made that henceforth Egypt will constitute a British protectorate, thus terminating the suzerainty of Turkey.

France has joined Great Britain in declaring American cotton yarn if shipped to belligerents will not be interfered with. British plan is to have British consuls furnish certificates to shippers guaranteeing non-contraband nature of cargoes.

M. Biard d'Aunet French economist says Germany must find nation to guarantee her fulfillment of terms of peace when war is ended because France will refuse to treat with Kaiser. He predicts Franco-Russian alliance will cease at that time. War expenditure of Allies up to next March are estimated at \$8,000,000,000 and of Germany \$3,000,000.

LONDON METAL CABLE.

London, December 18.—Metal Exchange quotes spot copper £27 10s. off 5s. Futures, £27 15s. off 5s. Electrolytic, £21 5s. off 5s. Spot tin, £147 off £1. Futures, £145 15s. off 15s. Straits, £149 10s. off 4s. Lead, £19, unchanged. Spelter, £27 10s. off 2s. 6d.

JOINS NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK.

Houston, Texas, December 18.—Announcement has been made here that Beverly D. Harris, vice-president of the South Texas National Bank, would become a vice-president of the National City Bank of New York to take charge of the bank's outside work in the south.



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HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Harry Vardon Tells of his Defeat for the American Open Golf Championship

AMATEURS WILL JOIN N.H.A. Tommy Smith, Having Jumped From the Ontario, Says That He Would Prefer to Play With One of the Pacific Coast Clubs.

Art Ross has been invited by President Quinn to appear personally at the special meeting of the N. H. A. to-night to state his case.

Harry Vardon, six times open champion of Great Britain and the present titleholder, has prepared a new edition of his book "The Complete Golfer." The new output contains a chapter devoted to the American open championship at Brookline in September, 1912. This addition alone should make the book of interest to golfers on this side of the water. It was there Francis Outmet beat Vardon and Ray in a play off for the title.

The transfer of the Ontario franchise to E. J. Livingstone will be the means of drawing a number of first class men from the amateur ranks of the O. H. A. and will create a better local feeling in Toronto in professional hockey.

In spite of the decision of the National League to cut each club's roster down to twenty-one players by May 1, the New York Nationals has purchased two more minor league players, bringing their list up to fifty-three.

In the M. A. A. bowling match between the directors and the bowling department, Canadian rules six men aside, will govern, and the regulars will be conceding a handicap of 666 pins.

Charles Barrett, of Cleveland, O., has been elected captain of the Cornell football team. He has played quarter back on the varsity for the last two years.

Tommy Smith has jumped the Ontario's and returned to his home in Ottawa. He says that he would prefer to play with one of the Pacific coast clubs.

President Frank J. Navin, of the Detroit club, says that Hughie Jennings would not manage the New York American next year. "I know nothing of it," said Navin. "Jennings is under contract to me."

Willie Lewis is going to teach Battling Levinsky his famous one-two knockout punch. "I will make him knock all those fellows out hereafter," insists Lewis. "Levinsky has beaten Coffey, Wehnert, Smith, Flynn and all the tough ones—now I'm going to teach him how to put them down and out. I'm going to make punch to knock out the big ones when I was only a small welterweight."

George Wittee, the veteran left-handed pitcher of

AMERICAN TELEPHONE EARNINGS 102 P.C. OF THOSE LAST YEAR

Boston, Mass., December 18.—The betterment in American Telephone earnings which started November 1, has been continued and each succeeding week has shown a slight advance. The first week in November the gross receipts of the big Bell system were a fraction over 100 per cent. of what they were for the same week of 1913. Back in September and October traffic was making comparative decreases and at one time got down to 95 per cent. of normal.

For the past two weeks traffic has been 102 per cent. of what it was for the corresponding week of 1913. While not a big advance, it is an encouraging one and for a corporation whose weekly gross income is substantially over \$1,000,000, it is most important in the matter of dollars and cents.

Strictly speaking, this 102 per cent. of last year's business is not "normal." A proper gain in gross would be 6 per cent. to 8 per cent. A normal expectancy would, therefore, be considerably larger than is now being realized.

At the same time it is well to bear in mind that the first six or seven months of 1914, before the European war burst, were not a period of satisfactory telephone growth. The expansion in this period was only a little over 5 per cent. against 8 per cent. in 1912. Poor business conditions were clearly showing down the gain in the Bell system's receipts. The war, on present showings, has slightly more than cut in two the gain of the earlier four months.

The present outlook is that the American Telephone Company and its operating companies will conclude the fiscal year on December 31 with an addition to gross of between \$6,000,000 and \$8,000,000 of new business, bringing total gross up to about \$223,000,000, against \$215,572,000. Back in 1912 when skies were sunnier the Bell people tucked away \$20,000,000 of new business in a single twelvemonth.

NATIONAL TUBE COMPANY.

Pittsburg, December 18.—The National Tube Company issued an order calling upon all bricklayers of the National Rolling Mills to report for duty Monday. This will be the first time in four years that the bricklayers have been on full time.

All three furnaces are to be overhauled and some will be rebuilt, indicating greater activity about January 1st. Other departments are busier than usual.

The New York Giants, has received his unconditional release. It is said that if Syracuse gets an International League franchise Wittee will be made manager.

Skene Ronan, whose status is still in doubt, has made his appearance with the Ottawas. He says that he will not go to the coast.

A bond issue of \$200,000 to purchase the baseball park used by the Indianapolis Federal League team has been authorized by stockholders.

Newark, N.J., has started a movement in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of its founding, to bring to that city the 1916 Olympic Games, scheduled for Berlin.

For the second time in succession Eugene Troublay at the Gayety Theatre forfeited \$28, when he failed to throw Jean Paradis in fifteen minutes.

WEATHER: Mild and Snowy

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ALLIES CONTINUE ADVANCE

Have Captured Enemy's Trenches All Along the Front

Paris, December 19.—The 3 p.m. official communique follows:— "In Belgium during the day of December 18th the ground gained the day before to the north of Dinant, and pushed forward on front of the Kortekeer Inn. Our advance to the south of Kortrijk continued in marshy ground very difficult for our troops.

"From the Lys to the Oise we have advanced to the north of the Oise, south of the Oise, more than a kilometre. In the last two days we have made equal progress in the direction of the north of St. Laurent and Blangy.

"Despite the violent counter-attacks the positions captured on December 17th have been held. "In the region of Albert during the night of December 17th and 18th and during the day of December 18th we advanced over a violent fire, and reached the entanglements of the second line of the enemy's trenches.

"To the north of Maricourt, we have abandoned trench taken the day before and set on fire by means of hand grenades. Several German trenches have been captured by us in the region of Maricourt and in that of Limons.

"Three violent counter-attacks by the Germans were repulsed. "In the region of the Aisne artillery duels continued. In the Champagne district the enemy's artillery showed more activity than on the preceding day.

"In the Argonne, in the forest of Guric, we captured a German mine. "Near St. Hubert the enemy succeeded in advancing slightly by means of very fierce attacks, but confirmed that on the heights of the Meuse our artillery, directed by aviators, has destroyed enemy batteries and damaged a third.

"From the Meuse to the Vosges there is a sharp report. "From the Vosges there has been sharp fusillade between the Germans but no attack."

PRaises the Aviators.

London, December 19.—Field-Marshal Sir A. French, commander of the British troops in France and Belgium, has asked Earl Kitchener, Secretary of War, to increase the Royal Flying Corps in almost every official despatch Sir John praises the work of the aviators or dwells on the importance of their duties.

TROOPS REVIEWED AT HALIFAX.

Premier Borden and Major-General Hughes reviewed 2,000 troops on the Common at Halifax. Premier addressed the troops, saying that the response to the call for troops had been all that could be desired.

RUSSIAN TRAIN BLOWN UP.

Vienna, via Berlin and Amsterdam, December 18.—A Russian armored train proceeding from Lemburg to the Carpathian front, was blown up on Thursday, December 17th, by 200 soldiers killed.

It is believed all members of the Austrian raid party which attacked the train were subsequently captured, but before they had destroyed a large amount of railway on which the Russians depend for the transportation of troops and supplies.

MONTREAL'S NEW LOAN

Tenders for City of Montreal \$6,900,000 three-year per cent. gold bonds must be addressed to Manager of Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Canada, and delivered not later than 12 o'clock, December 29th. Tenders must be for whole amount offered.

Bonds are dated December 1st, 1914, and interest payable half yearly on June 1st and December 1st. Principal and interest are payable in gold at the Treasurer's Office, Montreal, or at agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York City, at option of the holder.

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