

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Order Has Been Issued Prohibiting Animals as Mascots With Second Contingent

THEATRICALS AGAIN IN PARIS

Sir Edmund Osler Resigns From the Board of Governors of Toronto University as Outcome of German Professor Episode

Special instructions have been issued by the Militia Headquarters stating that no dogs or other animals can be taken as mascots by the Second Contingent.

Montreal's quota of troops for the Third Contingent will consist of two squadrons of mounted rifles, or three hundred men.

A telegram from Nish, Serbia, to the Stefani News Agency, announces that the Serbian cabinet, headed by Nikola Pachtich, resigned yesterday.

As an indication that the worst is over, the Comedie Francaise, and the Opera Comique gave yesterday afternoon their first performances since the beginning of the war.

The University of Toronto is having a stormy time over the employment of three German Professors.

The action of the board of governors of Toronto University in granting leave of absence with full pay to the three German professors has elicited considerable protest among a large section of the community.

The remains of Hormidas Lafond, who was buried in the Catholic cemetery at St. Scholastic some months ago, are to be disinterred and re-interred in the Protestant cemetery of the Belle Riviere Church.

The proceedings will take place in accordance with a judgment of Mr. Justice Robidoux, ordering the re-burial, in compliance with the wishes of certain relatives of the deceased.

St. John, N.E., importance as a port is further emphasized by the announcement that the new Government dock which has just been completed at West St. John will be formally opened this week by Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, and Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

More business resulting from the war has found its way to Canada. Orders for 1,200,000 undergarments were placed here on Saturday by Mr. Frederick Stohar, representing the Imperial Government.

The War Office requisition was for 1,500,000 garments in all, so orders for 800,000 are yet to be placed.

Commissioner Clements on Rate Case. New York, December 7.—Attempts to prove from a very brief interview with the Inter-State Commerce Commissioner Clements that the Commission has decided to refuse the application of the eastern railroads for a 5 per cent. freight rate advance brought the following response from an executive officer of one of the lines interested: "I think the statement credited to Commissioner Clements, correctly represents the case as it stands before the Commission, but I do not think such conclusion can be drawn from it."

Opposed Rep. Gardner's Inquiries. Washington, December 7.—President Wilson to-day placed himself in formal opposition to the inquiries into the army and navy preparedness proposed by Representative Gardner.

Vice-President Marshall on Army and Navy Increase. Washington, December 7.—Vice-President Marshall in commenting on the bigger army and navy policy, said: "The great increase in army and navy which we have advocated will not be required by the United States to-day nor to-morrow. Nor can it be supplied right away."

NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

The Scranton Electric Company reports for October gross earnings of \$96,637, an increase of \$10,989 over October, 1913. Net earnings were \$58,885, an improvement of \$3,568, while surplus after charges was \$37,449, a gain of \$1,927.

Gross earnings of the Elizabethton Valley Gas and Electric Company for October were \$115,140, an increase of \$2,060, and surplus amounted to \$32,553, a gain of \$8,849 over October, 1913.

All Bylesby properties reporting for the week ending November 20 showed net connected load gains of 497 customers with 288 kilowatts lighting load.

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GLOOMY OUTLOOK FOR COTTON CROP

It is a Good Investment at Present Levels, However, to Hold Until Business Re-instates Itself THE ONE BRIGHT SPOT

Not Much Life Has Been Instilled into the Trade Since the Cotton Market Opened Some Three Weeks Ago—Lower Levels Looked for Before First of New Year.

The New York Cotton Exchange has been opened for the past three weeks, and business is now carried on in a normal way, new transactions being based on the new contract which is very much better for the buyers.

In spite of that, not much life has been instilled in the cotton trade. After a small advance, during the first few days, a steady decline of 50 to 60 points was shown on the 18th of November.

There was a sort of steadiness around the 27th of November, December going up to 7.43 from 6.85 on the 18th, and October reaching 8.15 from the low point of 7.98.

Since then the tendency has been rather weak, and lower levels will probably be reached before the end of the month.

Trading is very narrow, the market gaining or losing a few points on very small transactions. However, the spot markets in the South are quite stiff and sellers are unwilling to follow the New York quotation.

Middling sells freely at 7c and above in the original markets, which means from 7 1/2 to 8c landed at mills, according to the different points of origin.

This strength of the actual is rather astonishing in view of the enormous supply accumulating in the South. The ginning to November 18th were 11,624,000 bales.

We may take it for granted that at least a million and a half more have been ginned to the end of November, making a total of 13,100,000 bales.

The gin to the 30th of November is 5,200,000 bales, which, deducted from the total ginning of 13,100,000, leaves 7,900,000 bales of invisible supply left in the south.

The same calculation applied to last year's figures shows that the invisible supply on the 3rd of November, 1913, was 4,370,000 bales, that is only 55 per cent. of the present accumulation.

If we take into consideration the surplus left over on September 1st, say, 1,500,000 bales, and add this to the 13,100,000 ginned to December 1st, then deduct from this 14,600,000 bales, the 3,150,000 which have been taken by the mills to that same date, we find the actual supply visible and invisible to be 11,500,000 bales, whilst last year it was only 8,200,000, and this without mentioning the Egyptian and Indian crops which are also accumulating at the same rate.

Although the demand is as good as possible, under present circumstances, it is entirely inadequate to meet the rapid increase of the supply.

The only explanation of the relative strength of the actual is to be found in various factors. The New York stock is very small against the large outstanding December interest.

Then money has become easier and more plentiful. The formation of the \$135,000,000 pool to help planters has satisfied the South that cotton can be held with an advance of 30c per bale, which for the present is sufficient to meet the planters' requirements.

This price of 8c in the South means 7c landed at mills. Therefore, it is easy to keep prices above that figure.

There is also the agitation for a much reduced acreage next season, which can be used as a weapon against too aggressive short pressure.

Nevertheless, it may be very hard to resist the weight of the accumulation within the next two or three months. A good deal of cotton had been sold for delivery from October to January and when that buying power is spent, it is hardly to be supposed that the active mills will rush in the market, when they know that there is such an enormous quantity of cotton to be bought everywhere from hand to mouth.

A consumption of 10,000,000 bales from the present crop seems to be the limit. This will leave over 7,000,000 bales to be carried into next year.

A very much reduced acreage will mean a very much better cultivated crop next year and a big yield, if the weather is favorable. If the next crop is only 10,000,000 bales, the supply for the next year would still be 17,000,000 bales.

If the war is not over then, the consumption will again be small and prices dull and low. In fact, with all these gloomy facts before us, it is impossible not to be at sea regarding the future course of the market.

The only bright spot for the consumer of the raw material, is that cotton is selling at prices unheard of for the past 10 years and a supply accumulated at the present value is sure to be a good investment when this war is over and business starts upon a normal basis.

DR. R. C. FLOWER CONVICTED. New York, December 7.—Dr. R. C. Flower, convicted of fraud and swindling the public in connection with mining stock deals, was sentenced by Justice Davis to 2 years in the state prison at hard labor.

LEO FRANK DENIED WRIT OF ERROR. Washington, December 7.—Leo Frank, convicted of murder at Atlanta, has been denied a writ of error by the Supreme Court.

Total male population of England and Wales available for military purposes is estimated at 5,600,000.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Improved sentiment noted in Pittsburg Steel circles.

The St. Louis Stock Exchange opens to-day.

Cracow is now being bombarded by the Russians.

Trading for cash only begun on Paris Bourse to-day.

Berlin officially announced that the Germans occupied Lodz Sunday.

Tom Sloan, the famous ex-jockey, is driving Red Cross ambulances in France.

Germans have evacuated Vermelles in Northern France.

The H. P. Nelson Piano Co., of Chicago, filed a voluntary petition of bankruptcy.

Carranza has demanded that all taxes on mining and oil property be paid to him in Vera Cruz.

The boyhood home of Gen. Stonewall Jackson, near Weston, Va., was destroyed by fire.

The third session of the sixty-third Congress begins at noon to-day in Washington.

The French war office claims that allies' artillery has battered down the German field fort along Yser.

The October gross earnings of the New Haven system show a decrease of \$500,000.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission may take the first vote on the freight rate case to-day.

The President's message will be delivered at a joint session Tuesday.

A municipal dancing school, teaching all the modern dances, will be opened in Chicago.

Salem Towne Russell, a former president of New York Stock Exchange, died in his ninety-sixth year.

The Supreme Court of the United States meets to-day.

The New York Railways annual meeting at noon to-day.

Price of fresh pork at Omaha has dropped 5 cents a pound during past week, and further drop is expected.

A contract has been signed for the erection of a Guatemalan building at the San Francisco exposition.

The United Profit-Sharing Corporation, of New York, will increase its capital from \$350,000 to \$2,000,000.

The opening of the exposition to be held in Panama next year has been postponed from January 1, to March 13.

Ex-President Taft, in Detroit, said there is less need for our army right now than there has been for a long time.

Signor Perugini, a well known singer, and former husband of Lillian Russell, died in the Forrest Home, near Philadelphia.

Forty British and French warships are reported to be gathered outside an unnamed place, supposed to be the Dardanelles.

Important conferences at London between American bankers and English financial interests are expected to be held this week.

The Petroleum Iron Works and Pennsylvania Tank Car plant at Sharon, Pa., are operating on double time to keep up with orders.

Paintings by old masters valued at \$1,000,000 were destroyed by fire in the hold of the steamer Mississippi, a freight steamer of the French line.

The export of zinc from the United States in the last three months reached the unprecedented total of 65,504,574 pounds.

England has arranged to receive \$100,000,000 from Russia, of which \$40,000,000 is in gold, to meet obligations.

Receiver George Pope, of Pope Manufacturing Co., says he has about \$150,000 on hand and will apply to court in about ten days for an order to pay a further dividend of 10 per cent. to creditors.

According to B. W. Jones, of the Bankers' Trust Co., secretary of the H. B. Claffin committee, only about \$400,000 of notes out of a total of \$1,600,000 are still outstanding.

President Ripley of the Santa Fe says that after the European war, the "show down" between the Government and the railroads will come, and either higher rates or Government ownership will result.

Lackawanna Steel Co., Holbrook, Cabot & Rollins Corporation, and A. B. Adams, Inc., are reported to have combined to contract for rebuilding of French bridges destroyed in war. Representatives of three concerns are said to be going abroad for this purpose.

New York American learns that syndicate of 127 New York city banks which furnished the city \$100,000,000 to provide for its maturing foreign obligations when the war broke out, made a profit of more than \$1,000,000. Of the \$80,243,941 paid in by the banks to the syndicate managers \$40,500,013 was in foreign exchange, \$35,264,638 in gold and \$4,466,290 in cheques.

Victor Morawetz, in article in Times on "Economic Consequences of the War," does not regard destruction of property in Europe as an important factor in industrial situation, and looks for higher wages for workers after war. He says closing of Stock Exchange is "not necessary as a means of preventing the dumping on the American market of securities held in Europe."

U. S. APPROPRIATIONS. Washington, December 7.—Annual estimates for the operation of the entire government for the next fiscal year, as submitted to the House by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, call for total appropriations of \$2,990,775,134, which is inclusive of the \$297,000,000 postal service. Postal service appropriations are approximately repaid from postal revenues. The total estimates are about \$25,000,000 less than last year. The estimates are about \$145,396,819, a slight increase from amount carried in last fiscal appropriation bill, while the army estimate calls for \$194,134,811, a gain of about \$3,000,000. The building programme of the navy is as follows:—

Two battleships, six torpedo boat destroyers, one oiler, one gunboat, and eight or more submarines, of the latter to be of a segregating type. The others to be of coast defense type.

RECORD HERRING CATCH. Port Arthur, Ont., December 5.—The herring catch in Thunder Bay this year has been one of the best on record and shipments have averaged five cars a day. The season lasts usually about three weeks and is now closing.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Argonauts Obtain Rugby Championship of Canada Through Defeat of Varsity

MARQUARD JOINS FEDERALS

Jack Hayes in Town to Fight Willis Doyle—Ontario Hockey Association Decides on Three Twenty-Minute Periods for its Games.

The Argonauts on Saturday landed the rugby championship of Canada, defeating Toronto Varsity by a score of 14 to 2. The contest throughout was a fine exhibition of the game.

With Walter Johnson in the Federal League it will be easier for American Leaguers to bat against him.

Five hundred and twenty rinks, which will be augmented by about twenty-five more, will be kept in the Winnipeg Patriotic and Red Cross Bungalow, which opens to-night.

Jimmy Collins, the best of all third basemen, is ill at his home in Buffalo, the result of a severe cold, but is expected to be up and about within a week.

"I never carried a gun in my life," remarked Prof. Mike Donovan recently. "When I can't use my fists to defend myself I'll admit I'm old. Every night when I hop off the car way out in the Bronx, where it's lonely and dark, I draw on my gloves. I step along on my toes, and nothing would suit me better than a tussle with some gangster who thinks he could separate me from my carfare."

Rube Marquard, the veteran left-handed pitcher of the New York Giants, added another chapter to the fight between organized baseball and the Federal League, by signing a contract with Robert Wood, president of the Brooklyn Independents.

Now that Freddie Welsh has carefully circled around forty thousand iron men in four or five weeks' time it will be interesting to know how much of that amount Freddie will have to expend taking the rest care to overcome the frightful attack of staleness that just naturally had to break up Freddie's dash for a million.

Western University won the junior rugby championship of Canada at London on Saturday by defeating the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, junior inter-collegiate champions, 23 to 9.

During the spring and summer Ernest Quigley umpired baseball; during the fall he's a football umpire and he puts in the winter umpiring basketball. In the other seasons he takes his vacation.

Jack Hayes, who is to box ten rounds with Willie Doyle at the Montreal Sporting Club to-night, arrived in town yesterday and held a final work out. Hayes, who comes from Philadelphia, has won most of his bouts in the past few weeks, and is confident he can beat Doyle. A splendid card has been provided with the following contestants—Jack Hayes vs. Willie Doyle, 10 rounds; Ernest Scott vs. K. O. Schaff, 6 rounds; Kid Cohen vs. Kid Watson, 4 rounds; Bob McGovern vs. Kid Stuart, 4 rounds.

Bill Jacobson, who had a couple of spring trials with the Giants, is to tackle big league ball again under the tutelage of Hugh Jennings this time. Bill is a colossus and in Southern circles swings a mighty ash.

At the twenty-third annual meeting of the Ontario Hockey Association at Toronto on Saturday it was decided to change the playing rules, so that the teams will now play three twenty-minute periods with intermissions of ten minutes each. This motion met with quite a lot of opposition from the smaller towns outside. Another addition was that the league could appoint an assistant referee in semi-final and final games. The Association appropriated \$1,000 for the establishment of a cot in the Sick Children's Hospital of Toronto and contributed \$1,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Arnold, Ibbotson earned the title of professional English billiard champion of Canada on Saturday night when he outscored Ernest A. Leigh in the final session of the match for the coveted honors, decided at Howison's parlors.

PARIS TO BE CAPITAL AGAIN. Paris, December 8.—The Journal Official with its appearance in Paris next Friday morning. This will mark the virtual return of the Government from Bordeaux. The Journal published in the latter city up to and including Thursday.

AMBASSADOR CRITICALLY ILL. Honolulu, December 8.—William W. Rockhill, minister U. S. Ambassador to Russia, is critically ill, was reported at the hospital here, to which he was taken Friday from the liner Chiyu Maru, en route to China.

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ALLIES ADVANCE PERCEPTIBLY. Paris, December 8.—The latest official communication issued by the War Office follows: "In Belgium the Germans have bombarded Dunkerque, situated four kilometres (about two and a half) to the west of Nieuport."

"Between Bethune and Lens we have taken possession of the village of Vermelles, and the post of the Butoire, to the east of which we are also railway line.

"Our troops have advanced perceptibly in the direction of Rouvroie, Parvillers and Lesquesnoyette (Department of Somme)."

"There is nothing else to report."

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