

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.

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.

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. At the conclusion of the conference which the executive held with the latter, the White House issued this statement: "The President to-day, considering that he was opposed to the method of inquiry proposed by Mr. Gardner because he thought it was an unwise way of handling the question which might create unfavorable international impressions."

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 Bisheltons 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. A temporary loss of 38 horse-power in motors was reported.

October gross earnings of Carolina, Power and Light Co., which operates in Raleigh, Durham and other communities in North Carolina, and controls Asheville Power & Light Co. and Yadkin River Co., increased \$15,828, or 15 per cent. over October, 1913.

CRUISER REPORTED ASHORE WAS U.S. KANSAS. New York, December 7.—Sandy Hook Marine Reporting Station stated that the battleship reported as being ashore off Ocean City on Maryland Coast is United States battleship Kansas. The Kansas, according to the observer, is lying at anchor, awaiting moderation of the weather and is not ashore.

STORM ON ATLANTIC COAST. New York, December 7.—The rain area in the storm now prevalent along the Atlantic coast extends as far west as to the Mississippi Valley. Precipitation which began as snowfall late Saturday night has continued almost steadily since, causing one of heaviest additions to the moisture supply of the season over the under-supplied east.

The northeast storm now raging is reported by Weather Bureau as having velocity of 70 to 75 miles along southeast from Nantucket to Hatteras.

Who has resigned as a Governor of the University of Toronto, as a protest against the retention of German professors on the staff.

Many Companies Are Effected Since War Broke Out Through Restricted Money.

New York, December 5.—Companies which have passed, reduced or deferred regular dividends since outbreak of war now total 118, bringing total loss in revenue suffered by stockholders to \$26,769,488.

GREAT HARSHIPS SUFFERED BY STEEL AND COPPER SHAREHOLDERS. Many Companies Are Effected Since War Broke Out Through Restricted Money.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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

The silk exposition held in Lyon, France, last summer, showed for the first time anywhere under one roof all the phases of that industry from the breeding of silkworms to finished piece of silk cloth.

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.

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 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 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.

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.

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.

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.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT Argonauts Obtain Rugby Championship of Canada Through Defeat of Varsity MARQUARD JOINS FEDERALS

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 taken up in the Winnipeg Patriotic and Red Cross Bospital, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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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."

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, 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 from China.

A Clock If there is one other in regulating trustworthy clock. We have a very fine sort. Clocks for the parlour, room, kitchen—all exceptionally strong clocks chosen with dependability.