

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Germany Unaffected by U.S. Note Believes Naval Campaign Will Not Involve Difficulties

REPORTS CONTRADICTORY

Sayville Story Says Russian Staff Captured in Bukovina and General Suicided But Russian Reports Are Hopeful—Germany Expropriates Oats.

The German Emperor, according to a despatch from The Hague, has invited the American Ambassador to Germany, James W. Gerard, to a conference at eastern headquarters. The German Foreign Office, after studying the American note respecting the declaration by Germany of a war zone in the waters around Great Britain and Ireland, states that the terms are much friendlier than had previously been expected by reason of the incomplete newspaper despatches published here. It even recognizes that from the American standpoint certain of the points raised are quite justified. Germany, however, it is declared, intends to adhere to its own viewpoint. Various officials, diplomatic, naval and military, whose opinions have been sought, profess to see no elements of danger in the situation, and are convinced that the naval campaign can be conducted on the lines laid down in the Admiralty proclamation without involving difficulties between the United States and Germany. The Berlin newspapers' comment on the note, while generally of a determined nature, is friendly. Conspicuous exceptions to the rule, however, are furnished by Die Post and the Tages Zeitung, the former of which employs rather sharp phrases. "When something does not suit the Yankees," says Die Post, "they are accustomed to adopt as threatening and as frightful a sabre-rattling tone as possible. They reckon that the person thus treated will let himself be frightened and give in. If this does not come to pass, however, the swarming Yankees calm themselves soon and quiet down."

The whole Russian General Staff in Bukovina has been captured and the commanding general has committed suicide, according to despatches printed in the Budapest Daily Aezet to-day, says a Berlin report by wireless to Sayville. A despatch from Czerowitz says: "Fighting continues in Bukovina. The Russians have received reinforcements and have begun a series of counter attacks which shattered the Austro-German lines at three points, compelling a retirement. The Russians are now moving forward, but snow impedes the march. The cold is intense, and thousands of wounded on both sides have perished from exposure."

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Military operations in France and Flanders continue on a minor scale, the infrequency of important fighting surprising the military critics, who had expected a resumption of hostilities of a violent nature while the Germans and Russians were locked in a desperate struggle on the eastern front.

Refugees who have been expelled from Alsace-Lorraine declare that the Germans are making extraordinary preparations to resume the offensive in that region.

Representative Socialists of the allied countries met in London yesterday under the presidency of James Keir Hardie, Socialist member of Parliament for Merthyr Tydfil, to discuss the international situation. The subject of peace was not discussed as the delegates had decided that "no hope for peace could be entertained until German militarism was crushed."

Some expectancy is expressed at Shorncliffe that the camp evacuated by Kitchener's army may be occupied by the next Canadian contingent.

CANADIAN RUBBER COMPANY.

Toronto, Ont., February 15.—The Canadian Rubber Company has produced its first samples of water-proof clothing manufactured from Canadian cloth, which had been made waterproof by Canadian workmen.

The Canadian trade has hitherto been supplied by goods manufactured in England, or at least with water-proof clothing made from English, or American cloth, the most of which had gone through the process of water-proofing before arriving in this country.

The initial capacity of the new department will be from 1,500 to 2,000 garments per week, the early output on this basis approximating \$1,000,000.

TO MAKE LESS BEER.

Amsterdam, via London, February 15.—Restrictions have been imposed on the production of beer in Germany, to become effective February 15, according to the Lokai Anzeiger.

From that date until March 1, it is said, the breweries are forbidden to use more than fifty per cent. of their usual quantity of malt and after March 1 they must not exceed 40 per cent.

The authorities later will fix definitely the amount of malt each brewery may consume.

BRANDRAM-HENDERSON STATEMENT.

The financial statement of Brandram-Henderson, Limited, has been issued and shows net profits for the year of \$130,476, which, with the balance of \$88,889 carried forward from the previous year, makes a sum of \$219,365 to the credit of profit and loss account.

Out of this sum has been paid the interest on bonds, \$20,429, dividend on preferred stock \$24,500, to general interest account, \$21,585.

The sum of \$14,500 has been applied to sinking fund purposes, \$7,500 has been provided as a reserve for depreciation, and \$3,482 covered war donation of white lead to the Dominion Government, and the first instalment on account of subscription to Patriotic Fund. This leaves a balance of \$117,263.

The net balance for the year after provision for all these amounts is \$28,475, equal to nearly 3 per cent. on the 1914,000 of issued common stock.

In 1913 net profits were \$165,261, and, after paying \$28,533, accumulated dividends on the preferred, \$18,007 was added to profit and loss.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Government cotton report at 10 o'clock.
Germans have taken the offensive in Alsace.
Albanians have invaded Servia in force, a complication which may involve Greece and Italy.
Kaiser summons Ambassador Gerard to confer with him regarding "war zone" decree.
House expected to act favorably on Ship Purchase Bill to-morrow.
State inquiry to investigate rise in price of breadstuffs begins in New York to-morrow.
New York Cotton Exchange takes up to-day new basis of cotton quotations.
Average price of twelve industrials 76.90, off 0.41; twenty railroads 90.28, off 0.64.

Have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, the Union stock yards, in Cincinnati re-opened.
The corner stone of the \$2,000,000 Lincoln memorial structure was laid at Washington.
Fifteen students of the University of Illinois have been dismissed for lying and cribbing in examinations.
Dupont Powder Company to spend \$5,000,000 enlarging plants to care for war orders now reported at \$50,000,000.

David Lloyd George to explain to-day in Parliament joint arrangements between Great Britain, France and Russia.

President Poincaré, of France, signs decree authorizing \$200,000,000 for national defence 5 per cent. bonds.

Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association estimates losses of ships and cargoes up to January 1st as \$22,500,000.

Jacob Vogel, former president of the Citizens' Bank of Fruitvale, Cal., and his wife were found murdered in their home.

Head chef of King George at Buckingham Palace has agreed to accept 50 per cent. salary cut during the war, placing his remuneration at \$6,250 a year.

Panama special to New York World says that military authorities there have proof that an American soldier has been selling maps of the military trails in the canal zone to agents of Japan.

China, the United States and the Netherlands are now pledged to the suppression of the opium trade and to the abolition of international traffic in habit-forming drugs.

Two hundred thirsty citizens of Clarksburg, W. Va., purchased "whiskey" at \$2 a pint from a travelling man. They opened the packages to find that each contained coffee.

The ringing of the famous Liberty Bell at the celebration of the opening of the transcontinental telephone service between Philadelphia and the Pacific Coast was heard over the wire in San Francisco.

Fred Bover, of Glen Falls, received a check for \$15,000 from H. C. Stiger, of New York, as a reward for pointing out a good fishing spot in Schraalen Lake twenty-eight years ago.

H. S. Firestone, of Firestone Tire Co., said that company's sales in 1914 totalled \$20,000,000, and that he anticipated an increase of \$5,000,000 this year, owing to fact that horses taken from this country for European war would be replaced by motor vehicles.

Total tolls collected since the opening of Panama canal six months ago, have been a trifle more than \$2,000,000. In January 28 vessels passed through the canal, 44 going west and 24 going east. Altogether they carried cargoes aggregating 500,000 tons.

Hudson county, N.J., has voted favorably on the New York-New Jersey bridge project, estimated to cost \$42,000,000, to span the Hudson at Fifty-Ninth street. County previously had rejected it. Provided that three or more counties concur in financing construction of the bridge, its erection is assured. Bergen county has already taken action similar to that of Hudson county, and it is believed that Passaic, Union and Essex counties will co-operate with Hudson and Bergen in financing the project.

JUTE MARKET QUIET.
New York, February 15.—Jute was quiet at the week-end, and prices were nominally repeated. The Calcutta situation at last accounts was steady, with the Indian mills buying to cover orders for finished material. The movement here is lighter.
February-March—4.45.

"THE MOST DEPENDABLE PAPER"

A Prominent Kingstonian writes:—

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COL. CHAS. A. SMART, President, Smart-Woods, Ltd., who presided at the annual meeting of the company held here to-day.

COBALT SHIPMENTS TOTAL 198,000 TONS

In 1909 Five or Six Cars Formed the Entire Output Aggregating 158 Tons

GOWGANDA GOOD SHIPPER

South Lorrain Was First Outside of Cobalt Area to Produce and Shipped First Car in 1908—Eik Lake District Never Developed Shipping Mine.

Shipments from the Cobalt Camp, since the day when Fred LaRose, railroad blacksmith, first drove a pick into the vein which was the start of the camp, have totalled 198,000 tons, up to the end of 1914. The table of these shipments, together with shipments from other silver camps in the north country, is shown in coming form in the annual report of Mr. A. A. Cole to the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission now ready for the printer's hands.

The total ore shipments from Cobalt, Gowganda, Eik Lake and South Lorrain, are 201,170.71; Cobalt mines shipped 198,184.92 of this total.

In 1904 five or six cars formed the entire output, totalling 158.55 tons.

The following year 2,000 tons was shipped and the amount doubled in 1906 and this latter amount more than doubled the following year.

In 1909 the first concentrators commenced operations and that year with 1910 saw the record-breaking shipments.

Since that time the concentrators have stopped the shipments of low grade ore almost entirely and since 1911 and 1912, the shipment of bullion has been popular, making a further reduction in the tonnage.

In 1914 the shipments totalled 18,220.71, a falling off of 2,000 tons from the previous year. Each year since 1910 has shown a slight falling off from Cobalt.

South Lorrain was the first outside silver camp to produce and in 1908 the first car of ore was sent out.

Two mines in that district have produced 1,560.45 tons since that time, while less than 50 tons was the output last year.

Gowganda had a test shipment in 1909 but since that time has been producing quite regularly, with a total of 1,420.48.

Eik Lake district has never developed a shipping mine and the consignments have been merely test lots of ore amounting to 34.86 in 1910, 1911 and 1914.

The statement showing the shipments from the Cobalt district, including the outside camps from 1904 to 1914, inclusive, is as follows:—

Year.	Co. gand.	Gowg.	Eik Lake.	S. Lor.	Totals.
1904	158.55	.....	.....	.....	158.55
1905	2,336.01	.....	.....	.....	2,336.01
1906	5,836.59	.....	.....	.....	5,836.59
1907	14,851.34	.....	.....	.....	14,851.34
1908	25,362.10	.....	.....	.....	25,362.10
1909	20,942.99	2.00	.....	43.25	25,465.33
1910	23,976.97	488.68	20.00	226.64	34,713.29
1911	24,921.71	267.00	4.00	530.51	25,733.22
1912	21,631.79	333.10	.....	478.00	22,442.89
1913	20,916.16	182.90	.....	120.00	21,229.06
1914	18,220.71	138.80	10.86	49.46	18,419.83
Tot.	198,184.92	1,420.48	34.86	1,560.45	201,170.71

GERMANS EXPROPRIATE ALL DOMESTIC STOCKS OF OATS

Berlin, February 15.—The Bundesrath has decided to expropriate all the domestic stocks of oats, with the exception of seed oats and the grain necessary for fodder for horses. The order becomes effective February 16.

The Bundesrath also raised the maximum price of oats by fifty marks (\$12.50) per metric ton.

The action of the Bundesrath, or Federal Council, in expropriating the domestic stocks of oats is a further step in the direction of the German Government's policy of conserving the food supplies of the country.

On January 28 the Federal Council ordered the seizure by February 1st of all stocks of corn, wheat and flour.

ANNUAL MEETING TO-DAY.

Annual meetings called for to-day are the following:
Smart-Woods, Montreal.
Standard Clay Products, Montreal.
Dominion Power and Transmission Company, Hamilton.
Sun and Hastings Savings and Loan Company of Ontario, Belleville.
Northern Ontario Light and Power Company, Limited, Toronto.

MR. CAMERON AT SAN D'EGO.
Lud. K. Cameron, King's printer to the Ontario Government, is at Los Angeles, and a paper of that city reports him as suggesting the participation of eminent Canadians in the proceedings at the big fair in San Diego.

THEATRICAL NEWS

PLEASEING SUNDAY MUSICAL.
Madame Donald's fifth musical at His Majesty's Theatre, made an extremely dull and unattractive afternoon, one of pleasure to a fair-sized attendance, and although the concert was not one of importance, yet it came up to all expectations. The three artists, at least one of which was well-known locally, proved most capable.

The programme was opened by Mr. Hunt Dumbrille, who is the possessor of a forceful baritone voice, who sang "Vivion Fugitive," from Massenet's "Herodiade." In this, he was not at his best, showing to better advantage in his later numbers: "L'Amour," "Goddard," "Banjo Song," "Homer," "Mother O' Mine," "Tours," "My Soul"—Saunderson, and "Invictus,"—Bruno Huhn. Some of his renderings were slightly marred by his forceful, vibratory efforts, which resulted in his losing pitch occasionally, but in the Homer, Tours and Huhn numbers, he was extremely good and received hearty applause.

Although but a young artist, Miss Myrna Sharlow, sang most intelligently and well, possessing a clear light soprano, of extremely beauty and showing wonderful possibilities. Her whole demeanor reflects careful study and tuition and she sings with a most confident manner. Her breathing is good, although this gives rise to a fault—high chest notes and lack of head effects. She will undoubtedly correct this in time, as it may either make or spoil her. All her numbers met with great appreciation—and, on the whole, were excellently rendered.

Her opening number, Offenbach's "Antonia's Aria," from "Tales of Hoffman," showed her to be a clever singer. A group of songs, "L'Heure Delicieuse," "Staub," "Le Nil," "Leroux," "Rondel Spring," "Bibb," and "To a Messenger,"—La Forge, gave her a welcome opportunity to bring out all the qualities of her voice and she took advantage of it. The Bibb number was slightly marred by an undue harshness, which she showed in the other numbers, to be uncalled for. It lacked sweetness and feeling. Her final number from "I Pagliacci," "Balletta,"—Leoncavallo, was by far her best effort and she received round upon round of applause.

As a violinist, Mr. Max Selinsky proved himself worthy of the name and played with feeling, delicacy and confidence, all of which reflected the careful nature of his schooling and study. He is a youthful artist but in several of his numbers, showed understanding which was pleasing to note. Especially clever was his handling of Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen," and the "Nocturne," Op. 72, Chopin, of Auer's transcription, of whom Mr. Selinsky was a pupil. His legato effects were noteworthy, while his stopping and handling clean-cut and clever. He also showed that he knew the use of the bow. There is no mistaking his art and in rendering the above, "Vieuxtemps," "Ballade et Polonaise," and Kreisler's "Caprice Viennois," his technique was truly praiseworthy. It is hoped that this will not be Mr. Selinsky's last appearance on the local concert stage, as Montrealers will undoubtedly be interested in this coming young man and possible successful artist.

As usual, Mr. F. H. Blair was the accompanist, but too much praise cannot be accorded him for the excellent way in which he rendered his most difficult portion of the programme.

COMING DE GAGORZA CONCERT.

If the coming of Senor de Gazorza to this city can be taken as a criterion, it is safe to assume that Montreal is this season displaying more interest for good music than it has for many a year. All concerts this year have been readily subscribed to and where the theatres appear to have lost ground, the concert has benefited. Albert Clerk-Leanotte, who is familiar with almost every whim and fancy displayed, is bringing the famous baritone here. A programme embodying widely different periods, schools and styles in musical ability—English, French, Italian, and Spanish—the selections will range from the old Italian classics, full of melody, to the English songs. Miss Edith Wade will be violinist at this concert. She is one of many artists with European reputations who are coming to this country.

REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY \$6,000,000

New York, February 15.—The fifteen per cent cash which will be paid to those creditors of the H. B. Claffin Company who agreed to re-organization plan will require approximately \$6,000,000.

One of the receivers said that this amount would also take care of those creditors who did not assent to the plan and who are to get 28 per cent for their claims in full.

Attorneys connected with the Claffin re-organization, said that unless something unforeseen developed, the money would be paid on Wednesday.

HAMILTON SCHOOL DEBENTURES.

Hamilton, Ont., February 15.—In connection with the tenders for the \$200,000, 4 1/2 per cent. 20-year school bonds of the City of Hamilton, they received thirteen bids, the highest being from Messrs. G. A. Stinson and Co., brokers, Toronto, or 93.26 and accrued interest, yielding about 5 per cent.

CANADA BOND COMPANY.

Mr. Harry B. Houser, who has been appointed Toronto manager of the Canada Bond Company, was formerly with Messrs. J. A. Mackay and Company, of this city.

According to advices received by the Journal of Commerce this morning, farmers in New Brunswick are receiving the magnificent sum of 35c. a barrel for potatoes, and our buyers are not too plentiful even at that figure.

To-day the consuming public of Montreal are paying 1c a lb. or 90c. a bag for potatoes. A barrel contains two bags, so we are paying \$1.80 a barrel for potatoes, for which the New Brunswick farmer gets 35c. In other words, we are paying five times as much for potatoes as the farmer in New Brunswick receives. There is certainly "something rotten in the State of Denmark" when such a condition of affairs is allowed to continue. This big spread shows that there is great need of better marketing methods, and a closer co-operation between producer and consumer than is in operation at the present time. As it is at present, the producer is receiving too little and the consumer is paying too much.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Ottawa's Have now a Fair Lead Over Wanderers in the N.H.A. Race

HOUCK TO BOX BINGHAM
Two Federal League Franchises are to be transferred, One to Newark—New World's Record for One Mile on Snowshoes.

Ottawa increased their lead in the N. H. A. by defeating Canadians by a score of 5 to 3 at the Capital. The Senators had the better of the argument at all stages, and it was not until Coach Smith sent several substitutes in the third period that the Canadians began to bore in.

Tommy Houck is here to take part in a boxing bout with Harry Bingham before the members of the Montreal Sporting Club to-morrow evening.

Ottawa has a fair lead in the championship race in the National Hockey Association. They have won 11 and lost 4. Wanderers, who were leaders at both quarter and half way, have now won 9 and lost 5 but they have an extra game to play with Shamrocks on March 6th.

The Kansas City Federal League franchise will be transferred to Newark by Pat Powers.

Quebec surprised the natives on Saturday at the Arena by the way they defeated Wanderers by a score of 6 to 4. The Habitués were always faster than the Wanderers, but both sides went at a fast clip from start to finish.

Frank Temple, of the Alvirton O. H. A. Intermediate team, is dead as the result of his biting his tongue in a recent game. Blood poisoning set in with fatal results.

A Federal League franchise will be shifted within the next few days, and that its destination was likely to be upper Manhattan, or the Bronx, in New York city or Cleveland.

Dartmouth won the ten mile dual ski relay race with the McGill University, of Montreal, one of the concluding events of the winter carnival, at Hanover, N.H. Captain J. Bachewig, of Dartmouth, finished two minutes and a half ahead of Macleod, of McGill.

In a particularly rough game, the weighty Shamrocks, put it all over the light Torontos, winning by a score of 5 to 3. The game at one stage was on the verge of developing into a free-for-all fight.

Eddie Clouette, of the Richmond A. A. Snowshoe Club, created a new world's record for one mile on snowshoes, covering the distance in 5 minutes and 38 seconds, beating the time made in 1871 by J. F. Scholes, of the Toronto Snowshoe Club, by 13 seconds.

McGill trounced Queen's to the tune of 5 goals to 2 in their senior Intercollegiate League fixture played at the Arena on Saturday afternoon. The players of the Red and White put up a great fight for the honors, and well deserved the victory.

Joe Mandot, of New Orleans, and Johnnie Deede of New York, lightweights, fought twenty flat rounds to a draw in the former city.

The games in the National Hockey Association on Wednesday are the following: Shamrocks at Wanderers; Canadiens at Quebec, and Ottawas at Torontos.

The Gordon International Curling Medal, which has been held by the Canadian curlers for the past three years, was recaptured by the curlers of the United States in a match at Utica, N.Y. The Canadians were successful in only three of the nine games, and the total score was United States 153; Canada, 148.

Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion, had the better of the six-round bout at Philadelphia, with Eddie Morgan, of England. The first two rounds were about even, and from then to the end of the fight Kilbane showed championship form to the disadvantage of Morgan.

The Hodgson family succeeded in defeating the Ross family at curling, playing five men a side, by a score of 11 to 7 after twelve ends had been played. Mr. W. G. Ross entertained a number of friends at luncheon at his home at Woodlands on Saturday, following the deciding of the game.

Young Ahearn, of Brooklyn, knocked out Willie Lewis, of New York, in the second round of their twenty-round match at Havana.

St. John, N.B., February 15.—Exports of lumber from here to the United States in January, compared with those of January, 1914, were:—

	Jan. 1915	Jan. 1914
Lumber	\$4,552.20	\$17,541.40
Wood chip	\$6,122.21	\$0,042.80
Lathe	\$23.32	1,302.50
Shingles	.....	748.40
Pine boards	381.62	748.40
	\$41,891.35	\$32,889.50

STANDARD OIL OF NEW JERSEY.
New York, February 15.—Standard Oil of New Jersey declared regular quarterly dividend of \$5 a share payable March 15th, to stock record February 19th.

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KNOWS WHO RULES THE WORLD.
Washington, February 16.—"The republican," declared Count Von Bernstorff, the ambassador, in denying a despatch from a German newspaper that he will be recalled.
"He suggested that the report developed from the fact that he might go to Berlin in connection with the war zone negotiations, and added: 'I believe that it would be impossible for me to return to the Fatherland. It is not true that I have been summoned to Berlin, and I do not intend leaving this country for any purpose.'

SCHWAB NOT INCLINED TO CONSIDER MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS.
New York, February 16.—Minority shareholders have presented no petition to C. M. Schwab on the common stock. Such a petition would have very little consideration.
It is pointed out that for eight years, 1907 inclusive, Bethlehem Steel showed a surplus for the common in only five years due to bonuses and heavy discounts on bonds sold.
In 1912 the surplus available for common was \$3,180,000.
In 1913 the surplus available for common was \$4,552,000 in 1911, 6.95 per cent. in 1912, and in 1907 3.80 per cent.
There were no contract losses after 1906, and the statement of the company for the year ended December 31, 1914, showed a surplus of \$2,214,000.

PLANS A BLOCKADE OF GERMANY'S PORTS.
London, February 16.—After Sir Edward Grey made his statement to the House of Commons yesterday, the members were informed by Winston Churchill, head of the Admiralty, that they are understood to include a blockade of Germany's coast.
An announcement was made that Premier Asquith has asked in Parliament to-morrow whether the government will consider the establishment of a court consisting of representatives of Britain and the United States with a view to avoiding the disputes between the two countries and the restriction with neutral trade.