NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

British Government Offers to Purchase Dacia's Cotton Cargo or Forward it to Rotterdam

ARREST ITALIAN CONSUL

In Custody at Liege.—German War Minister Resigns—Rejoicings at Zeppelin Exploit and Kaiser's Birthday Murder Party Planned.

The reply of the British Government to the U. S. State Department's request that the former Hamburg-American Line steamer Dacia, which now flies the American flag, be permitted to make a special trip to Germany with a cargo of cotton without establishing a precedent as to the validity of the change in the vessel's register, was submitted to the American Ambassador by Sir Edward Grey yesterday. As soon as it could be put in code the reply was forwarded by Mr. Page to Secretary of State Bryan. Great Britain, in the reply, does not find it possible to promise that the Dacia would not be thrown into a prize court on her first trip, but offers either to purchase the cotton at the German prices upon the seizure of the Dacia or to have the cargo placed on another boat and forwarded to Rotterdam at the expense of the British Government. The State Department has communicated this information informally to the owners of the Dacia, and was notified in reply that the vessel was loading at Galveston and would put to sea, notwithstanding the British Government's position. It was said that the owners had resolved to test the issue in a prize court.

Considerable excitement was caused at Rome yesterday by news of the arrest of Filippo Greppi, the Italian Vice-Consul at Liege, a member of one of the best known Milanese families and who has a Belgian wife. The Foreign Office, answering inquiries regarding the case, said it was waiting for precise information from the German authorities, while in the meantime it was working for his liberation. It seems, however, according to information already received, that Greppi's arrest was caused by a contraband postal matter.

The Berlin official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung announces that Lieutenant-General Erich von Falkenhayn, who is now chief of the German General Staff, has resigned his office as Minister of War. Emperor William, on accepting von Falkenhayn's resignation, appointed him a general of infantry. Major-General von Hohenborn, according to the announcement, has been appointed to succeed General von Falkenhayn as Minister of War. The retirement of von Falkenhayn from the office of Minister of War, was occasioned by the fact that the work of the two posts—the second being chief of field staff—was far too arduous for one man.

The greatest joy is reported throughout Germany over the Zeppelin raid on English towns. It is expected that, weather permitting, another Zeppelin raid will be made on or about January 27—the Emperor's birthday.

The first stages of the new Russian campaign are unfolding and before a month passes a new theatre of war will hold the world's attention. The new offensive will develop a character of warfare which will be particularly suited to the composition of the Russian army, the cavalry bearing an important share. It will not be trench fighting. The plan includes a scheme of co-operation with new elements and on the largest scale.

Painful accounts reach Cairo from Palestine of the plight of the Jews from the rigors of the Turkish military regime, prompted by Berlin. Djemel Pasha, commander-in-chief of the army intended for the attack on the Suez Canal, appears to have undertaken the systematic destruction of the entire work of Jewish colonization built up by the labors of 30 years and the expenditure of millions of pounds.

The battle for the trenches in Flanders and France continues almost without cessation from the sea to the Swiss border. According to an official report of the fighting during the past two months issued by the French War Staff to-day, the method of siege operations has largely favored the allies, who, while they have gained ground on almost every part of the front, have been forced to give way in only one region—that of Soissons.

With all her other occupations, England has found sufficient forces to deal with the "Mad" Mullah, who has been stirring up the tribes in Somaliland and attacking those friendly to Great Britain. The Mullah's adherents have been defeated and scattered.

COMPANY TO DEVELOP COAL MINES.

Regina, Sask., January 22.—In order to develop the immense fields of lignite coal in the southern part of Saskatchewan, the formation of a company, composed of Regina business men, is being proceeded with.

Experimental work to test the value of such an undertaking has been carried out in association with the Government of the Province, and the preparatory steps of installation have been taken.

The company proposes to erect plants where the lignite can be carbonized and briquetted and prepared generally for industrial and household use.

The immediate necessity was obvious, of putting to use the immense quantities unmined in the Province, and of preparing a plant to convert the coal to proper industrial form, so as to compete with Eastern and Western coals now imported, while local produce was lying intact. Millions of dollars will thus be saved to the Province.

Apart from the coal, lignite supplies a great many chemical products in bye-form, which are chemically known as bye-products; such as paraffin, acids, aniline dyes, photographic chemicals, coal tar, sulphate of ammonia. By local manufacture the importation of these is eliminated, and wages are distributed amongst Provincial employes.

HOLLINGER GOLD MINES CO.

The annual meeting of the Hollinger Gold Mines Company will be held on February 2nd in the office of N. A. Timmins, Dominion Express Building.

THE RUMLEY FAILURE.

New York, January 22.—E. R. Eldridge, H. K. Twitchell and Herman Waldeck have been named as a committee representing banks who hold M. Rumley Company's farmers notes.

John Quinn, 31 Nassau street, is counsel for the committee.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

The Leopard mine, near Butte, resumed operations

Wabash committees unite in a joint committee.

One hundred thousand persons are out of work in Chicago.

Burlington is reported to have ordered 15,000 tons steel rails.

Mines of Reading Coal & Iron Co. closed Wednesday night for week.

Twelve industrials 78.41, advance 0.38; twenty railroads 94.95, advance 0.57.

Anti-alien land ownership bill has been passed by House of Idaho Legislature.

Total failures in Great Britain in 1914 were 5,412, compared with 6,757 in 1913.

The Cold Food Committee is expected to meet today and take steps to dissolve.

A seat on the New York Cotton Exchange was sold for $16,500, an increase of $300.

In Japan 79 per cent. of female factory employes live in the factory dormitories.

Western Union has reduced its cable letter rate to Cuba from $1.00 to 75 cents.

Exports breadstuff in December from the United States 55,560,000, against 11,149,000 in 1913.

Courts authorize Rumley receivers to issue $100,000, 7½ per cent. one year receivers' certificates.

One of the best known hotels in New York has agreed to feed 100 poor daily from its kitchen.

Essen, where the Krupp Works are located, are said to have been raided by the Allied airmen.

National Grocers' Co. 1914 earnings are estimated at 15 per cent., or double those of best previous year.

The battle between the Germans and Russians at Mlawa in North Poland continues without definite results.

The Pope plant of the Phillips Sheet & Tin Plate Co., at Steubenville, Ohio, will resume operations Monday.

The Joplin, Mo., school board favors union labor in the construction and repairing of all public schools.

The John A. Roebling Sons Wire Co.'s Bardsboro plant in South Trenton, N.J., destroyed by fire, will be rebuilt.

The New York State Fair Commission decided to hold the State Fair at Syracuse, during the week of September 13 to 18.

Fourteen German soldiers were drowned when a supply train plunged into a canal between Hasselt and Turnhoutt, east of Antwerp.

David R. Forgan, president of the National City Bank of Chicago, was elected president of the Chicago Clearing House Association.

The Petroleum Iron Works Co. has started the construction of several 55,000 barrel tanks and a number of smaller ones at Providence, R.I.

Geological Survey estimates 1914 silver production at 67,930,000 fine ounces, worth $37,225,000. Average price was 54.8 cents. Exports were valued at $30,000,000 and imports at $25,331,000.

Vice-President Eldridge of the National City Bank, advocates the establishment of a discount market as a feature of our new financial system.

Holders of 87 per cent. of Westinghouse Machine stock have consented to exchange for Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing stock on basis of 3 shares of machine stock for one of electric stock.

New York State engineer and surveyor, Frank M. Williams, declared that unless $2,000,000 is provided at once work on the $101,000,000 barge canal will soon stop, with loss of many millions of dollars to state.

Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul, had a shade over Jimmy Clabby, of Hammond, Ind., middleweight, in a ten-round no-decision boxing bout at Milwaukee Wis., according to a majority of sporting writers at the ringside.

An official statement issued in Paris, covering the operations from November 15th to January 15th, sums up the situation by saying that within that time the Allies made ten general advances which compared with 20 general withdrawals on the part of the Germans, always excepting the Germain gain northeast of Soissons.

TORONTO AND OTTAWA INCREASE THEIR BANK CLEARINGS.

While most cities in Canada still show decreases in their bank clearings, the percentage of decrease in all cases is considerably less than was generally shown during the last half of 1914.

Figures for the week compare as follows:

	1915.	Decrease.
Montreal	$48,049,498	$7,309,660
Toronto	33,813,402	x2,246,489
Winnipeg	23,810,703	734,503
Ottawa	4,569,021	x 28,720
Quebec	2,305,702	328,583

x—Increase.

LEGISLATION TO BENEFIT DOMINION TRUST DEPOSITORS.

Victoria, B.C., January 22.—At the present session of the British Columbia Legislature, which convened yesterday afternoon, a Bill to improve the legal position of the Dominion Trust depositors will be submitted by the Attorney-General, who will also introduce a Bill providing a partial moratorium in respect to overdue payments on real estate.

HAMILTON BRIDGE COMPANY'S CONTRACT.

Hamilton, Ont., January 22.—The Hamilton Steel Bridge Company has started on the steel work of the Royal Connaught Hotel, the new palatial hosterly in this city, and are employing a large force of men.

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THEATRICAL NEWS

Elsie Ferguson and Leslie Faber are to appear together at the Actors' Fund benefit at the Century Opera House on January 29, in a playlet by Keble Howard, called "The Dramatist at Home."

Galsworthy's "Silver Box" will be produced by the Trinity Dramatic Club in the Trinity Church Hall on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, January 27 and 28. The club is also preparing to play "Fanny and the Servant Problem" at a matinee at the Princess Theatre on February 5.

There will be three soloists for next Sunday's musical at His Majesty's Theatre, Mlle. Alice Verlet, Belgian colorature soprano, Mr. Robert Maitland, English baritone, and M. Theo. Henrion, the local pianist.

The program will be as follows:—

1. Aria—"Why do the Nations".....Handel
   Robert Maitland.
2. Aria—"Caro Nome," Rigoletto.....Verdi
   Mlle. Alice Verlet.
3. Twelve preludes: C major, G major, B minor, C sharp minor, B major, F sharp major, B flat minor, A flat major, E flat major, B flat major, F major, D minor.
   Theo. Henrion.
4. a. Bois epais ..... Lully
   b. L'Heure Exquise ..... R. Hahn
   c. Non plus andrai ..... Mozart
   Robert Maitland.
5. Aria—"Alleluia," from "Le Cole".....Massenet
   b. "Mandoline ..... Debussy
   c. "Mon bel amour" ..... Ch. Pons
   d. "Down in the Forest,".....Landon Ronald
   Mlle. Alice Verlet.
6. Rhapsodie No. XII ..... Franz Liszt
   Theo. Henrion.
7. a. "O'er the Moor," Highland Melody; b. "Myself When Young," Liza Lehmann; c. "Border Ballade," Fr. Cowen.
   Mr. Robert Maitland.
8. Aria—"Waltz Song," (Romeo and Juliette) Gounod
   Mlle. Alice Verlet.
   Mr. P. H. Blair ..... Accompanist

Seats are now on sale at His Majesty's Theatre Box Office. The Belgian Relief Fund will benefit. Curtain 8.30 prompt.

Umberto Giordano's new opera "Madame Sans-Gene," which has been awaited with much interest since the announcement several years ago that he intended to make a musical version of Sardou's famous play, will have its first performance on any stage to-night at the Metropolitan Opera House. Romato Cimoni is the author of the libretto. Geraldine Farrar will impersonate the title role.

A strong feeling of ultra-patriotism was shown at a concert given by the St. Cecelia Choral Society at the Windsor Hall last night. What apparently was a fairly representative audience displayed little liking to German music no matter how well sung or played, and when the choir sang "Heimkehr" (Richard Strauss) in the German voice, many made their feelings obvious and left the hall.

This action followed in other German compositions. Wagner's "Prize Song" from Meistersingers was very creditably rendered as a violin solo by Mrs. Anita Marquisee Wright and the "Barcarolle from Oppenbach's "Tales of Hoffman" well sang by the choir, which comprised 100 voices. The audience, however, was critical to anything German.

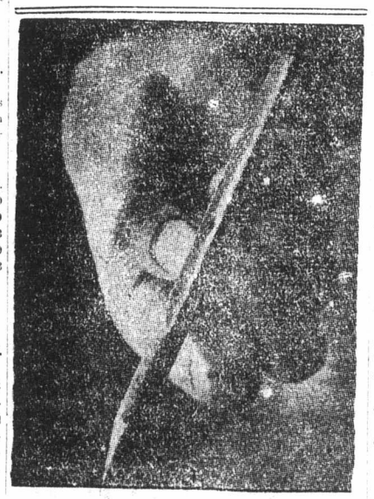
Although lacking a certain balance, the choir had the capabilities of some excellent interpretations.

The soloists were Mr. Freeman Wright, baritone; Mrs. Dorothy Baxle Sprott, soprano, and Miss Eggenden, who sang the obligato in a choral arrangement of Dvorak's Humoresque. Miss Grace Davis, of the St. Cecelia Choral Society, conducted.

COMPANY'S FAILURE OF CONTRACT.

Hamilton, Ont., January 22. The City Council has discussed the failure on the part of the Natural Gas Company to implement their contract to provide and lay down seven miles of piping, by January 1st, 1915, so that residents along the route where the piping was to be laid down, could be supplied with gas.

The officials of the company are cited to come before the Board of Control to explain why their agreement was not carried out.



An illustration of the steel arrows dropped by aeroplanes. One of these arrows dropped from a great height, will pierce a man from head to foot. Both the Germans and Allies use these arrows to drop on the armies in the field. From the Zeppelins the Germans drop bombs.

NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

N. W. Halsey & Co. have purchased $1,500,000 6 per cent. gold coupon notes of the United Light & Railway company. The proceeds of these notes will be used to complete payments on properties heretofore acquired and reimburse the treasury of the company for improvements to subsidiary properties.

An increase of 14.29 per cent. in gross and 23.60 per cent. in net earnings was reported by the Dayton Power & Light Co. for the month of December. Operating ratio for the month was 53.8 per cent., against 53.6 per cent. Gross income for the month was $97,106, against $84,963 in 1913; net income, $44,786, against $37,118. The surplus available for common dividends was $17,401, against $12,492 in 1913.

In 1914 the New York State railways, Utica lines, carried 904,203 fewer revenue passengers than in 1913, according to an official statement issued by the company, giving a resume of the year's business on the Utica lines of the company. This statement shows that the gross earnings of the company during the year on the Utica lines were $1,457,696.21. The operating expenses during the year were $865,087.38. This figure does not include the taxes, income reductions, interest and so on. The net earnings amounted to $587,605.83. During the year 23,146,730 revenue passengers rode. The company pay-roll for the year amounted to $617,887.35.

Declaring that under the supreme court decision municipalities have no authority over the regulation of the services given by public service corporations, which includes street railways, Chairman C. A. Reynolds of the public service commission of Washington announces that the board has decided to organize a "service department" of the commission, which will handle all complaints relative to service on street cars or by gas, telephone, electric light or water companies, and the department wil have charge of the testing of meters for gas, electricity and water and to determine the quality of the gas, electricity or water furnished the ultimate consumers in the cities of the State.

For the half-year, July to December, the gross revenue of the Virginia Railway & Power Company amounted to $2,632,705, an increase of $13,587 over 1913, and net earnings amounted to $1,370,685, an increase of $14,722. The surplus for the six months was $600,876, from which $50,000 was deducted for depreciation, leaving a balance available for dividends amounting to $550,876. For the six months ended December 31, the company earned 7.2 per cent. on the common stock, or at the rate of 14.4 per cent. for a year, compared with 12.6 per cent. for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914; 12.7 per cent. in 1913, 9.4 per cent. in 1912, and 7.8 per cent. in 1911. On the common the company earned 5.2 per cent. for the fiscal year 1914, 5 per cent. in 1913, 2.4 per cent. in 1912, and 1.5 per cent. in 1911. The company has a funded debt of $23,297,000, and has authorized $8,000,000 preferred and $14,200,500 common shares.

EXPECTS U. S. STEEL FOR FINAL QUARTER WILL SHOW BIG DEFICIT

New York, January 22. In the steel trade it is believed net earnings of the U. S. Steel Corporation in last quarter of 1914 established a new low record. The previous low record was $13,145,000 in the first quarter of 1904.

If such is the case a large deficit will be revealed.

In the third quarter of 1914 depreciation and sinking funds on bonds of subsidiary companies amounted to $6,018,000, sinking funds on United States Steel bonds, $1,576,000, and interest on Steel Corporation bonds outstanding $5,716,000, a total of $13,310,000.

If earnings are as low as expected by many, and depreciation deductions on the same basis as in the third quarter of 1914, there will be nothing left for either the preferred or common stock.

In this connection it is believed depreciation will be scaled down $1,000,000 or $2,000,000 in the fourth quarter. As the preferred dividend calls for $6,305,000, and the common dividends $2,542,000, it is evident that the last quarter of 1914 will reveal a deficit considerably in excess of $5,000,000.

Steel directors meet next Tuesday.

TORONTO GENERAL TRUSTS CORPORATION.

Toronto, January 22.—The Toronto General Trusts Corporation, has issued its annual financial statement and report, which will be submitted to its shareholders at the annual meeting on February 3rd. Though the times were dull, a very satisfactory condition of affairs is evident, from a perusal of the report.

The year's earnings, after all deductions, are $321,381, as compared with $329,016 in the previous year, which total of $352,742 was dealt with as follows: Dividends, $50,000; written off, $5,255; patriotic subscriptions, $11,000; reserve fund, $100,000; carried forward $86,367. The assets and liabilities account show an increase of asset sover 1913 of $1,565,207, making the total volume of assets now in the Corporation's hands, $67,121,090.

ACCIDENT ON BOARD U. S. WARSHIP.

Los Angeles, January 22.—Wireless reports have been received here of a boiler explosion with loss of life on the United States cruiser San Diego. Four of the crew were killed and nine were seriously hurt.

The San Diego is somewhere along the lower California coast, probably around Guayamas in Mexican waters.

HAMILTON WILL RETAIN BONDS.

Hamilton, Ont., January 22.—Mayor Walters, in reply to an interview, stated that debentures to the extent of $200,000 were ready for sale, but thought it would be a wise policy for the city to retain them a little time, in order to effect the best possible sale.

He thought that outsiders, who intended purchasing large blocks for speculative purposes, should be given an advantage in lower rates over citizens, who might want to purchase in small blocks.

HAS DISPELLED PESSIMISM.

Chicago, Ill., January 22.—George M. Reynolds, back from St. Louis, says:

"The advance of cotton to nine cents has dispelled pessimism in the south. Applications for loans from the south under the $150,000,000 Pooling agreement amounted to only $45,000.

"St. Louis bankers report the same money market conditions as obtain here.

"Bank funds are increasing and interest rates are easy."

ACCEPT PERCENTAGE BID.

New York, January 22.—Judge Hand, in the Federal District Court, ordered that Special Master G. C. Holt accept the percentage bid of B. W. Jones, acting for the recently formed H. B. Claflin Corporation and the Mercantile Stores Corporation for the entire H. B. Claflin assets.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Newark Under Arthur Irwin's Guidance May Enter the Federal League Along With Baltimore and Buffalo

WORLD'S MARATHON BOWLER

Gordie Roberts Still Leads the Scorers in the N.H.A.—Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club Annual Shortly—Montreal Sporting Club's Good Programme.

The Wanderers and Canadiens are scheduled to meet at the Arena here to-morrow night. The Frenchmen have several new players, some of whom may be given a chance. While the Canadiens have eight straight losses to their credit they may upset the calculations of some of the other teams before the season is over.

Arthur Irwin, deposed Highlander scout has been busy organizing a syndicate in Newark, N.J., to take over the Kansas City franchise of the Federal League. The admission of Newark, with Sunday games, is said to have found favor with Federal magnates. Under this arrangement Newark, Brooklyn, Baltimore and Buffalo would constitute the eastern half of the league, with Pittsburgh shifted to the western section.

Darrel Hamlet, the Sioux City marathon bowler, broke the world's record by bowling 100 games in nine hours and 56 minutes. His average was 187 pins. The former record for 100 games was thirteen hours flat, held by Frank Griffith and J. F. Upson, bowled at Hartford, Conn., in 1908.

"Glad" Murphy is again out with St. Michael's the O. H. A. hockey team, along with "Rat" Hanley, the former University of Toronto defence man. With these two and Merrick the Saints are well supplied with candidates for partnership on the defence with Jimmy Dissette.

Thirdbaseman Bobby Vaughan, last season with the Buffalo club of the International League, has signed a two years' contract to play with the Federals.

The New York press agents have the Argonauts going to that city January 30 to defend the "Art Ross trophy for international honors." They have the Argos about the fastest team in Canada, and readers are told that if St. Nicholas can beat them the championship of the world will rest in New York.

Gordie Roberts, of the Wanderers, has a little comfortable lead on Tommy Smith, of the Shamrocks, as principal scorer in the National Hockey Association. Roberts has scored 15 goals and Smith 14 goals. Hitchen, of the Wanderers, is third with 13 goals.

The Eastern Professional Hockey League, composed of teams in Glace Bay, New Glasgow and Sydney, want to become affiliated with the National Hockey Association, and to be allowed to enter the Maritime League as members of the commission. President Quinn has written to the various club owners asking them for their opinions in the matter.

Old country exchanges to hand contain an account of a football game at Glasgow in which the Gala Highlanders won by a narrow margin from the Canadian Scottish. On the latter team were several Toronto and other Canadian players, although perhaps half of the line-up was drawn from Scottish players who have been attached to the Canadian overseas force for service.

Should the Wanderers and the Ottawas emerge victorious in their games to-morrow night, as is not unlikely to prove the case, the race will be drawn into a contest between them for primacy. The other teams will then prove only minor factors.

Arthur Berhard is out with a challenge to meet any wrestler in the world at 133 pounds for any amount of money.

Harry Bingham has been matched to meet Eddie Giroux as the feature event of the Montreal Sporting Club's card next Tuesday night. The men go ten rounds for a decision. Both have earned laurels on numerous occasions; they are fast and clever boxers. The result should be in doubt until the final round. Arrangements are also being made for some good preliminaries.

The Varsity McGill have not the same powerful team as in former years. Defeat has marked most of their attempts so far in the Montreal City League. McGill's team, like University of Toronto is almost entirely composed of new men.

Russell Wheeler was beaten by H. St. Pierre in the one-mile senior event at the weekly speed skating handicaps of the M.A.A.A.

Three running races are on the card at Dufferin Park to-morrow afternoon. The judge's decision will be final; all races to be decided in best three in five one-mile heats.

Arnold Ibbotson won by 521 points in a block of 700 in an exhibition game of English billiards at the University Club.

Twenty-one games in the first and preliminary rounds for the Royal Victoria Jubilee Trophy took place last evening. Nearly all the matches were keenly contested. The result will attest the singles rink iron-playing championship of Eastern Canada.

The annual meeting of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club is to be held at the Windsor Hotel on Monday evening, February 1st. There was a good increase in the membership during the past year.

At a poultry show in Washington, a $500 prize rooster belonging to William Crows, swallowed a $125 diamond that dropped from the ring of Walter A. Keller.

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FLOUR INQUIRY ORDERED

Export Movement of Flour for Month Was 68½ P Cent. Greater Than 1913—Exports of Oats, Corn and Meats Also Showed a Substantial Increase.

Washington, January 23.—Exports of breadstuffs in December last reached the enormous total of $55,86 202, compared with $11,149,600 in 1913.

Wheat exports in December aggregated 28,875,2 bushels, or five times the quantity in December 19 The average export price last December was $1.25 bushel, against 93 cents in December one year earli

The month's export movement of flour was 68 per cent. more than in December 1913, being 1,818,3 barrels, compared with 1,079,249 in the same mon a year ago, and the value thereof was $9,473,660, compared with $4,903,223 in December, 1913.

More oats were exported in December than in entire calendar year of 1913. The outward move ment totalled 5,202,151 bushels in December, again 36,793 bushels in December, 1913, and 5,202,717 in th year ended with that month.

Corn exports in December 1914, were 4,582,0 bushels, valued at $3,554,592, against 749,124 bushel valued at $560,165 in December 1913.

Fresh beef in December showed a total export 4,589,248 pounds, against 524,130 pounds in December 1913, and 6,618,821 in the twelve months endin with December 1913. Pickled and salted beef doubled in exports the December total being 2,951,080 pounds against 1,467,713 pounds in the same month of th preceding year.

Comparing the years, the value of exports was a follows:

	1914.	1913.
Corn	$11,891,000	$26,114,00
Oats	19,006,000	2,069,00
Wheat	186,591,000	95,001,00
Flour	61,687,000	56,568,00
Cotton	343,898,000	575,087,00
Meat and Dairy Products	128,282,000	138,946,00

The Department of Justice instructed United States District Attorney Jaques at St. Paul to look into the flour situation. The Government's investigation has been confined for the most part to the legality of wheat transactions in Chicago, but this developed little information regarding the rise in flour prices, except in so far as they depend on the price of wheat.

It was indicated that Attorney-General Gregory is satisfied that there are no other elements in fixing flour prices which may be subjected to illegal influences.

The Department of Justice has called on the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce for information as to the quantity of wheat stored in elevators, the quantity of flour stored by mills and the quantity of wheat exported this year adn month by month as compared with previous years.

INDUSTRIAL HELP TO LOWLY.

New York, January 23.—Henry Ford said that he and his associates who were responsible for the Ford profit sharing plan believe in helping the lowly, and have ex-convicts on their pay-roll. "In fact," said Mr. Ford, "I will guarantee to take every man out of Sing Sing and make men out of them.

"The sooner men can be taught that labor is just as much an asset and more than building machinery, the sooner labor will be properly recognized. We cannot expect a man to give his best efforts when a man is in debt, and ahs not enough to keep his family on."

Mr. Ford said the increase in wages at the Ford plant had increased saving and sobriety, and made better citizens out of the beneficiaries.

INCORPORATION OF NEW COMPANY.

Vancouver, B.C., January 23.—Letters of incorporation have been granted to the Hope Investments, Limited, Vancouver, with a capital of $50,000.