

NEWS OF WORLD
TOLD IN BRIEFU. S. Will Hold Germany Responsible
for Any Violation of American
Shipping Rights

VICTIM OF GERMAN PIRATES

Norwegian Steamer Torpedoed Near Folkestone—
Wilhelmina Cargo Must go to Prize Court—
Reported Suspension of Traffic Between
England and the Continent.

Following a long discussion of the German note by President Wilson and his Cabinet yesterday, it became known that the position of the U. S. Government regarding the note and the German war zone proclamation is that the United States, acting according to international law has the right to safe conduct for its ships to belligerent Powers when ships carry cargoes non-contraband in character. It will insist upon its rights and will hold Germany responsible for any violation of it. The Government believes Germany will use every effort to protect American ships, even going so far as to allow a suspected ship carrying the American flag to escape, rather than risk a mistake and bring about the enmity of the country.

An official statement issued by the British Admiralty last night says the Norwegian tank steamer *Belridge*, was struck by a torpedo fired by a German submarine near Folkestone. Pieces of the torpedo, it is asserted, have been found on the ship. A despatch from Dieppe says that, without warning, a German submarine torpedoed the French steamship *Dinorah* sixteen miles off Dieppe yesterday morning. The vessel was towed into port. The Norwegian tank steamer *Belridge* was struck off Dover and was badly damaged. The Norwegian steamer *Nordkyn* has been sunk through striking a mine near Bornholm Island, in the Baltic Sea, according to a despatch from Copenhagen. All of the crew were drowned.

The British Government has announced that it had decided that the cargo of the American steamer *Wilhelmina* should be held for the decision of the prize court.

All travel between England and the continent of Europe has been suspended by the British Admiralty until further notice, according to advices received at the State Department.

The British Foreign Office has issued a note in reply to the representations of the United States Government concerning the use of the American flag by British vessels. It says that the Cunard Line steamer *Lusitania*, on her recent voyage from New York to Liverpool, raised the American flag "to save the lives of non-combatants, crew and passengers."

The Hon. C. J. Doherty has given notice of a bill to amend the Independence of Parliament Act in order to prevent the disqualification of members or Senators by reason of absence with the overseas expeditionary forces, and their receiving pay for those services.

A report received at Toronto from Singapore, Straits Settlements, says that the mutiny of the *Hindu* soldiers has been quelled. Eleven English men and women were killed in the fighting, and some Japanese were injured. Marines were landed from Japanese and French warships to quell the disturbance.

SEAL SKIN SALE POSTPONED.

Washington, February 19.—A joint resolution was passed by the Senate to-day authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to postpone the sale of fur seal skins now in the possession of the Government until such time as in his discretion he may deem such sale advisable. The same resolution was passed by the House the first of the present month, and it now becomes a law.

The skins were taken from seals killed on the Pribilof Islands for food purposes. It has been the custom to sell these skins at public auction once a year. In view of the European war the market for furs has been disrupted and the Secretary of Commerce has advised Congress that if the sale were ordered this year the Government would be able to obtain but little for the skins, and advised that Congress agree to postponing the regular sale.

UNION LAND CORPORATION.

The third annual report of the Union Land Corporation, Limited, has just been issued to the shareholders and shows that during 1914 there were 147 lots disposed of for a total of \$28,544.16.

The profits for the year's operations amount to \$8,701.01, after charging all expenses amounting to \$16,568.54 and deducting amount of cancelled sales amounting to \$9,314.88. This balance added to the preceding year's profits gives a surplus to profit and loss account of \$64,521.03.

During the year the mortgages of the company have been reduced by \$16,264, which will considerably reduce the cost of operation.

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French claim repulse of the Germans east of Ypres.

The French bankers unsuccessful in securing loan aggregating \$20,000,000 in New York.

Bill introduced in New York Assembly provides for cheaper telephone rates in New York City.

A receiver was appointed for the Follette Iron Co. of La Follette, Tenn.

The Ford automobile factory at Detroit accepted a Sling Sing ex-convict to be re-made into a man.

The old curfew law, making nine o'clock the time for children to go home, was revived in Los Angeles.

The Brownsville (Tex.) Window Glass Company, employing 350 men, will resume operations to-morrow.

The Boston and Worcester Street Railway Company's barn at Westboro, Mass., was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$100,000.

London cable says the British government has obtained \$50,000,000 credits in New York City to prevent gold outflow.

Balance sheet of the United Dry Goods as of December 1st last shows profit and loss deficit of \$47,708,448.

Average price of twelve industrials 74.55, off 0.19; twenty railroads, 88.66, off 0.30.

Large German forces are moving toward Ploesk, Poland, apparently seeking a base for a new attack on Warsaw.

The Germans are said to have abandoned the movement in North Poland towards the River Niemen.

Vienna despatches speak of the "Turning of the Tide," and attack the greatest importance to the Russian retirement from Bukovina.

Mrs. J. Borden Harriman is writing a novel, with the Colorado strike as its centerpiece, according to Mother Jones, labor leader.

A seat on the New York Stock Exchange was posted for exchange for a consideration of \$42,000, unchanged from the last preceding sale.

Fifty workmen had difficulty in escaping from a fire that did \$100,000 damage to the plant of the American Fork and Hoe Company at Binghamton, N.Y.

The British Board of Trade completed arrangements whereby all persons employed in the British merchant marine will be compensated for injuries resulting from hostilities.

The London Stock Exchange committee issued 21 new or revised rules, mostly technical, which will govern future speculation. They will take effect March 25.

Exports from the port of New York in January, \$100,876,132, compared with \$71,524,531 a year ago. Imports, \$37,646,952, or about \$5,000,000 below January, 1914.

Dan's Review says some further progress is noted in the direction of increased trade, although conditions are very irregular to all sections and all branches of business.

Miss Mary Custer Lee, daughter of General Robert E. Lee, presented to Miss Margaret Wilson for the White House collection of Presidential china, a plate of the George Washington Cincinnati dinner set.

REDUCED FARES TO CALIFORNIA

Going Via Grand Trunk Pacific One Sees Canadian Rockies at Their Best.

The Grand Trunk System will put in effect on March 1st, reduced fares to California that will include San Francisco—in which city the Panama Pacific Exposition is being held, from Feb. 20th, to Dec. 4th—Los Angeles and San Diego—at which latter point the Panama California Exposition is being celebrated during the entire year.

The same fares in most cases (and an additional charge on low excursion fares to cover the cost of meals and fares on Pacific Coast Steamships), apply on the magnificent new scenic route opened up by the Grand Trunk Pacific, as on the more direct routes from Chicago and other points.

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A short side trip can be made from Prince Rupert to Alaska, which time and expense might not permit from a southern port. No other transportation company can offer the choice of routes that the Grand Trunk System has arranged for 1915, to California and the Pacific Coast.

EXCAVATION FOR DRY DOCK SITE
PROCEEDING WITHOUT CESSATION.

St. John, N.B., February 20.—The work of dredging for the East St. John harbor improvement is going on night and day. Excavating for the dry dock site is also proceeding without cessation, giving employment to a large number of workmen.

Considerable dredging and excavation have yet to be done before construction of piers and dock can be commenced.

When this great East Side undertaking is completed, and the West Side improvements which are under way are finished, St. John will be one of the best equipped ports in the world.

MEETING AGAIN POSTPONED.

Winnipeg, Man., February 20.—The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Electric Company, which was to have been held yesterday, owing to the non-arrival of Sir William Mackenzie, was postponed until this afternoon at four o'clock.

CORN UP 1/4.

Liverpool, February 20.—Corn closed up 1/4 from Friday, Feb. 19; 10d; March, 7s 10 1/2d.



GENERAL PAUL PAU.

One of the leaders of the French Army. He is expected to command the French Army which is to advance up the Rhine.

Happenings in the World of Automobiles

Vanderbilt Cup Race and Grand Prix Have Thirty Entries—Overland Procession Banned by Chief Campeau—Montreal to Windsor Highway—Radical Change in Pierce-Arrow Construction

The event of the coming week in the automobile world will be the Vanderbilt Cup Race on Monday and the Grand Prix on Saturday, both being held at the Panama-Pacific Exposition grounds at San Francisco. There are about thirty entries for each race and about 150,000 spectators from all parts of North America are expected to witness the races. The Vanderbilt Cup race will be the first road race held on the exhibition grounds. The circuit is 3.9 miles and the race is of 76 laps or slightly more than 294 miles. The Grand Prix will be of 103 laps, more than 402 miles. The cars entered for the two races include the Stutz, Paugot, Mercer, Marmon, Simplex, Chevrolet, Maxwell, Duesenberg, Delage, Takis, Edwards, Californian, Bugatti, Parsons, Mercedes, Gordon and Case.

After arrangements had been made for a procession of 133 Overland cars through the city, the project has been cancelled owing to the unfriendly attitude of the police. Chief Campeau, it is stated, did not approve of the procession on account of its possibilities in delaying traffic. The cars, which are a large part of the season's supply of Overlands contracted for by Messrs. Gadsbols, Ltd., of Pine Avenue East, are to arrive here on Monday. They are coming by special freight train from Toledo and will be unloaded at the Place Viger station. Owing to the procession being banned they will be unloaded a dozen or so at a time and taken in small groups to the garage on Pine Avenue.

A highway from Montreal to Windsor has been proposed as a war memorial by the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors. The cost is estimated at \$8,400 per mile. So far Montreal does not appear to have been consulted at all; but it is to be assumed that any policy conflicting with that used on the local streets would not be supported by city officials. The Automobile Club, however, and other bodies whose members are personally inconvenienced by execrable thoroughfares and antique highways that are byways would be enthusiastic in the matter.

Builders of the Pierce-Arrow cars have made a radical departure from established custom by placing the headlights on the front mudguards. They contend that this new position has found favor among car owners. One of its principal advantages is that it contributes largely to the safety of the car when passing other vehicles at night. Other drivers are

able to judge the position of the car from the headlights and as the headlights are on the mudguards and further apart than usual the danger of collision is greatly reduced. There is also a greater diffusion of light along the sides of the road.

Despite the fact that the Militia Department is still said to disapprove of aeroplanes, efforts to form aviation clubs have continued. One offer has been refused, another is under way; and Mr. Gustave Pollen, of Montreal South, states that he is building aeroplanes "for the Government" at the Canadian Aircraft Works.

The Brooklyn Automobile Show will be held under the auspices of the Brooklyn Motor Vehicle Dealers' Association from March 2 to 9. Thirty-two different makes of car will be shown totalling about 250 cars. There will be a large display of accessories and the entire show will occupy about 60,000 square feet of floor space. Several eight-cylinder models which were not ready for previous shows will be on view. The new eight-cylinder Cole and Regal will be among these and the Cadillac and King which were seen at the Montreal show will also be exhibited.

It has been definitely decided not to hold the Toronto Motor Show. This leaves Montreal in possession of the record for having the only show in the British Empire.

Large shipments of Dodge cars are now being made from the factory. Mr. G. H. Dobie is local manager.

A wonderful story of the rejuvenation of a Ford car has come to light. Mr. A. C. Pierce, of Leipzig, Saskatchewan, is responsible for the tale. He says he found the Ford buried in a snow bank behind a hog barn at Leipzig. It was a 1910 model. The tires were frozen around the cylinder jackets were cracked, the rear axle and drive shaft had been removed and lay also in the snow bank; added to all these misfortunes an offer to sell the car for \$50 had been received by the neighborhood with marked coldness and suspicion. At a cost of \$37 it is said the wreck was repaired and has since been driven 4,300 miles over country roads.

Messrs. Grimm and Milton have secured the Oakland agency.

A syndicate is being formed to handle the Chandler car in Montreal.

LEATHER MARKET CONTINUES
SLOW WITH ONLY FAIR DEMAND

Boston, February 20.—The leather markets held very firm but the foreign demand for leather which was so much in evidence two months ago has dwindled. Domestic buying has increased somewhat, but is rather slow on the whole and is distinctly below normal. Considering the poor quality of hides now coming on the market, prices for raw stock are very firm.

The pith of the situation is that we have been shipping enormous quantities of leather while our hide importations have been very greatly curtailed. Our sources of supply in Russia, Germany, France, the United Kingdom and the East Indies have been shut off. The head of a big leather concern figures that \$50,000,000 worth of raw stock per annum is being kept from our tanners. Foreign stocks of calf and kip are coming in and the demand is fully up to the supply.

It is in a way fortunate that the domestic inquiry for leather continues light on the whole as any insistent demand would be apt to push quotations still higher in view of the fundamental strength of the tanners position.

They are regulating their prices according to the raw material. The domestic shoe business is showing gradual improvement, but it is at best rather slow, and it is not expected that there will be anything approaching a boom. Some of the best observers, however, are inclined to think that there will be a sharp upturn in business in the second half of the year, as domestic stocks of all sorts of merchandise, shoes as well as other goods, are distinctly low.

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CANADIAN RUBBER COMPANY
TO MAKE NEW STOCK ISSUE

A special shareholders meeting of the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Company, has been called for March 8th in order to ratify the action of the directors at their meeting held here yesterday, when it was decided, in order to raise funds for new financing, to issue a million dollars' worth of 7 per cent. preferred stock, and to offer same to the shareholders. The authorized preferred stock of the company at the present time is \$2,000,000. Of this \$1,980,000 is outstanding. The new issue will include the \$20,000 of the old stock in the treasury, and will therefore really be for \$1,920,000.

In case all of the issue is not taken up by shareholders the directors have secured a client who will take the remainder at par. Besides the outstanding preferred shares the company has \$2,804,120 common, and \$2,590,000 bonds outstanding.

The proceeds of the new issue, it was stated by Mr. T. H. Rieder, vice-president and general manager of the company, will be used to increase the equipment at the Berlin tire factory and to enlarge the department for the complete manufacture of rubber clothing recently established.

In 1913 the company's surplus profits, after paying dividends at the rate of 7 per cent. on the preferred, and 4 per cent. on the common stock, amounted to \$139,742. This was carried forward to a balance of over \$2,000,000.

In December of last year the directors deferred payment on the common shares, although at the time it was stated the dividend had been earned.

NEW BRUNSWICK LEGISLATURE.

Fredricton, N.B., February 20.—The New Brunswick Legislature has been called to meet on March 11.

HAPPENINGS IN THE
WORLD OF SPORT

Ottawa-Wanderer Fixture for To-night
Holds Interest—If Local Team Lose
They will be Out of Running

OTHER GAMES ALSO

McGill Basketball Champs. When They Outplay
Varsity—New King's Plate Regulations—Clever
Boxing Bout at Canadian Club.

All interest of the hockey fans centres around the Wanderer-Ottawa match to-night at Ottawa, as the championship for Wanderers is at stake. Should the loss, they will be out of the running. Opinion among sporting circles seems to favor the Senators for win. A wire from Ottawa says they are fit and ready.

The other games to-night. Quebec-Shamrock Quebec is not altogether out of the running and possibly make it a draw. Shamrock are not counted now. In the local game, Canadiens-Toronto, the latter team is named for to win and little hope is held out for the local Frenchmen.

Two American sluggers, Harry Gordon, of New York and Steve Ketchel, of Chicago, featherweights, furnished local members of the Canadian Athletic Club with one of the cleverest boxing exhibitions seen in a long time. They fought to a draw and from the start the bout held interest.

When McGill defeated the Varsity team by 3 to 16, in the Central Y. M. C. A. symposium, they won the championship of the Intercollegiate Basketball League. It was a fast and exciting exhibition that was in doubt all the way through. At the intermission McGill led by a cent point, the score being 12 to 11, but in the final period showed better team work and staying power and had somewhat the best of the play.

A ten-round match between Matty Baldwin, of Boston, and Johnnie Harvey, of New York, both light weights, was stopped in the third round, at New Haven last night, because of a broken rib suffered by the Boston fighter. A police surgeon gave Baldwin medical attention at the ringside. Harvey had the better of the fight throughout.

The thoroughbred breeders of the province recently forwarded a petition to the Montreal Jockey Club in which they asked to be permitted to send their King's Plate candidates out of the country on the first of April as in the past. The request was looked upon with favor by the officials of the club and a recommendation that the change asked for be granted was laid before His Royal Highness the Governor General who has assented to the request of the petitioners.

The Thistle Curling Club battled their way into the finals for the M.A.A.A. Trophy last night, defeating the Heather curlers in an eight-round match by an aggregate score of 93 to 94 after an extra end of play.

Caladonia won by twenty-four shots in a first round match with St. Lawrence last night, and will play Outremont to-night. The winner will play the Thistle Club, and the winning club in the final match will qualify to play off in the elimination games for the outright possession of the trophy, which are to begin Monday, March 1.

HAS ACUTE NEURESTHENIA.

Hon. Jean Prevost, who has been seriously ill at the Place Viger Hotel, is now reported to be out of danger. Mr. Prevost is suffering from acute neurasthenia.

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AUSTRIA IS DISCOURTELED

GERMAN CONDUCT OF

General, February 22.—According to despatch Austria is going to follow its heretofore programme, though possessing no intention to attack the Germans in the Adriatic, and is only awaiting the final attitude shows that Austria will have to wait.

The same despatch says that the German Emperors with full staffs, will hold a town close to the frontier. They will be in the war began, though these frequently been in conference.

Francis Joseph, it is said, also was expansion from the Kaiser of the military campaign.

BALDWIN LOCOMOTIVE LIKELY

TO PASS ITS COMMON

Philadelphia, Pa., February 22.—Baldwin Locomotive is perhaps the oldest in its history. It has been able to working for less than 20 per cent. and is operating at about the same percentage of its capacity. This foreign business has been booked at very low figures, showing a margin of profit.

It is understood that for its fiscal year 1914 the company came very close to 1 per cent. dividend on its \$20,000,000 of common stock. There were, of course, no earnings for the year, and the remarkable thing is that the company was able to pay a dividend of \$100,000 or \$200,000 of covering the deficit.

Baldwin Locomotive was fortunate in good six months to June 30. The last about as bad as could be imagined in industry as a whole, and practically no net earnings were earned by the company as a class.

Baldwin Locomotive paid its last semi-annual dividend of 1 per cent. on its \$20,000,000 of common stock. The probabilities are that unless expected revival occurs in the equipment common dividend will be passed in June. It is likely to necessitate a dilute into surplus of the preferred dividend.

NEGRO RAN AMUCK.

New York, February 22.—The Southern Company's steamer *El Paso* (Captain C. J. Ried) to-day from Rotterdam via Faya. She experienced rough and stormy voyage.

After leaving the channel, one of the crew got into an altercation with the fireman, both of whom he stabbed. One man was seriously injured, and at Faya, where he was sent to the hospital. The other man is still suffering from the wound. The negro was placed in irons, and will be turned over to the police at the next port.

WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS OBJECT

TO NEW WAR

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Wholesale druggists of Montreal, Toronto and other points waited upon by Finance at noon to-day and voiced complaints against the new war taxes as affecting the drug business.

They claimed that it would be impossible for them to shift any portion of the tax on proprietary medicines to the consumer, and that the wholesaler would bear the greater part of the burden.

They claimed that the horizontal increase in the cost of the raw materials would constitute a further burden, and that their goods would be sold at a loss.

It was understood that a further conference from Western druggists, in that, owing to the one cent. currency in use, it would be difficult to increase taxation to the cost of the commodities.

UNPRECEDENTED OFFER OF

138 SHILLINGS

St. John, N.B., February 22.—The high seas-oceanic freights during the war to-day when the unprecedented offer of the rate prevailing in August at the outbreak of the war is being offered at 138 shillings to-day. Because of it being practically impossible to secure steamers, shipments even at this rate are not heavy, and besides the foreign market is uncertain.

Local lumbering conditions have been more than the winter, but, unless the cut there will be large quantities of lumber, the hope of being raised this spring.