

on Won the Decision in a Round Boat With Jack d, the Australian

H BOAT RACE OFF

Place on the Grand Circuit, and x Days of Harness Racing the Coming Season.

The New York lightweight, earned Jack Read, of Australia, in a fast and bold before the members of the Club last evening. The bout, which feature on the card, proved to be a lightweight ring battle seen here for boys were in excellent condition, for the decision from start to the away from the hand slugging New semi-final Young Cohen got the de- Watson, Billy Smith quit to Young round of their six round bout. K. O. Schoff fought an interesting

and the Torontos meet for the section at the Arena to-night, when the repeat their victory of the previous ge will be effected in the Toronto substituting for Jack Marshall at Wanderers will be at full strength.

has changed his mind and will re- of the Toronto Baseball Club. Of ly believed at any time that J. J.

like the place of Pittsburg and Fort Circuit this year. The opening meetings follow:

- Jan. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

conclusions with the Ontarios and should have little difficulty in sors. Art Ross is an addition to the sors since these teams last met ed with winning the game against very likelihood that his presence felt.

of Richmond, Va., business men \$12,000 the Virginia Baseball Richmond territory, with a view to of the Baltimore International

meble freman, broke his left wrist, er national amateur heavyweight his right wrist, in their ten-round eich had the better of it until his erved a rally in the 10th, using the ical effective blows. From the nclusive Flynn outfought Reich

Frank Hackett, a Canadian, was t Juarez, Mexico, in rather ay lot of handicappers. Fatigue ter trailing her field for the first eaped up under a clever ride by

one to Quebec to engage the team al. With the addition of Laohu n should be able to reverse the previous encounter. Quebec as the loss of Malone and Ritchie.

boat race, instituted in 1829, will for the first time since the Cr- Most of the oarsmen are at its

mb of the Canadiens in Division l Bowling Association was stop- Railroad Y. M. C. A. Reds were games on the Point St. Charles first time this season that he eated in all three strings, he proved the undoing of man series, and the new plus use something to do with the dental

ram says: Lester Patrick threat- N. H. A. players. Lester should ed to Con. Jones when he en- id on D. L. A. performers. Ws my Lichtenhain might prove at

WORK IN CITY WITH POPULATION OF 16,000

13.—Sarnia Board of Trade buted 250 cards with a view to n the number of unemployed in

anced in stores near the factory outskirts of Sarnia. Collection of fortnight shows that 21 persons ams as seeking employment. ation of 16,000.

ere this week making inquiries oned in the best in Ontario. agation was with a view only to on, the board has found employ- 21 persons who signed cards.

HUGHES GOING WEST. es will leave for the west to- ured knee is sufficiently strengt the hospital.

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PRODUCERS OF PLAY MUST ANSWER CHARGE

On Application of John H. Roberts Summons Issued Against Del S. Lawrence and W. A. Edwards

TO BE COUNTER ACTION

Suit May be Entered for Damages—Charge Against "Three Weeks" Managers in Giving or Allowing to be Given Immoral Performance.

On the application of Mr. John H. Roberts summons were issued this morning by Judge Laet, ordering Messrs. W. A. Edwards and Del S. Lawrence, of His Majesty's Theatre, to appear in the police court to answer a charge of "presenting, giving, or allowing to be presented or given, an immoral, indecent or obscene performance." It is stated on good authority that a counter action for damages will be entered against Mr. Roberts.

As announced in the Journal of Commerce yesterday, Mr. Roberts decided to take action against those charging that it was an immoral performance. He had intended applying for warrants for the arrest of the producers yesterday, but was doubtful as to who the charge should be made against.

Having obtained legal advice in the matter, however, Mr. Roberts went to the court this morning and applied for summonses against Messrs. Edwards and Lawrence, which were issued, returnable on Saturday. Mr. Edwards, who is manager of the Sparrow Amusement Co. and Mr. Lawrence, who manages the stock company, will appear in the police court on Saturday, when a date will be settled for hearing the case.

Plans are now being made, it is stated, whereby action will be taken against Mr. Roberts, on the ground that His Majesty's Theatre has been hurt by charges made against it. Mr. Edwards and his legal advisers, however, will not make any statement in this regard at present.

In support of his charge that the company produced an immoral play, Mr. Roberts claims that at the book "Three Weeks" was prohibited from the stage, which is a dramatization of that book, should not be allowed to be presented. Mr. H. S. Ross, K.C., is acting for Mr. Roberts in the case.

In conversation with the Journal of Commerce this morning, Mr. H. P. Hill, manager of His Majesty's Theatre, stated most emphatically that there had not been a single line altered in the production of the play since Monday night.

"I notice," said Mr. Hill, "that there is a report credited to Mr. Roberts that the play has been altered since the first performance. This is not the case. Last night's audience and the other audiences this week will see the play exactly as it was seen on Monday evening.

"We claim nothing and in that case we could not

GERMANS DELIVER FURIOUS ATTACKS

Succeed in Stopping French Progress Toward Laon—German Position is Strong on Hills

FRENCH NEAR SOISSONS

German Infantry Now Using Shields—Russians Carrying on a Strong Offensive—Turks Massacred Christians When They Took Miandob.

(Special Cable to Journal of Commerce.) London, January 14.—With the aid of large forces of new troops drawn from other parts of the battle line, where the bad weather has practically suspended operations, the Germans are delivering furious counter-attacks against the French in the new battle of the Aisne, and have succeeded in checking the French progress toward Laon. Despite this the French have made some little progress between Cuffies and northeast of Soissons.

The Germans hold very strong positions in the hills to the north of Crouy, the trenches running in various directions around the flanks of the hills and up to the crests. Before further progress can be made in this region these hills must be carried by the French. Driving forward under a terrific artillery fire and exposed to machine gun and rifle fire from the trenches, the French worked forward until they occupied the villages of Cuffies and Crouy, the latter of which is two and a half miles from Soissons on the railroad to Laon.

When this progress had been attained the Germans launched their counter attack. The French were driven back into the streets of the villages, but the enemy was unable to push them any further back. The German fire was so deadly, however, that when the French again sought to resume the attack and storm the hills beyond, they were unable to delouch in the open.

Eastward of Crouy, the French had to withstand another heavy attack of the enemy. Here they had penetrated a short distance beyond the village of Moncel, but as at Crouy, were forced back from their advanced positions, and had to remain in the village itself. St. Marcuerite and Misay sur Aisne also remain occupied by the French, despite vigorous efforts to regain them by the Germans. In driving the French back from the hills at Crouy and Bussie, the Germans declare they took 1,700 prisoners, four cannon and several machine guns.

The French attacks against the head of the German positions on the Meuse at St. Mihiel are being pushed with vigor. The German official report declares that an attempt by sappers to blow up the German positions near St. Mihiel failed. Germans report they have established positions on the hills around Nomeny.

In Poland the Russians are withstanding German attacks, which are now being made with the infantry carrying shields. A strong Russian offensive is in progress on the eastern Prussian frontier, and in southern Poland the Austrians are being fiercely attacked on the line of the river Nida.

All Christians in Miandob, Persia, were massacred when the Turks occupied the place, according to Schojda Ed Daoulet, formerly governor of the Persian province of Azerbaijan. He is one of four survivors out of 400 horsemen who defended the bridge at the entrance to the town. They fought ten hours, and then the surviving four made their escape.

GERMAN BOATS AT AUCTION.

Ottawa, Ont., January 14.—If any one wants a steamship or a sailing vessel, London is the place to go for them. The British navy has German boats for sale. They are being sold by auction and may be bought by British subjects, allies and neutrals.

Messrs. Kellogg, ship brokers, announce that they will auction at the Bristol docks, London, the following German prizes:

The steel steamer Girda Ambuliellos, 3,000 tons, the Schliesein, 3,000 tons, Ulla Boog, 3,000 tons, Marie Glaeser, 2,300 tons, Franz Horn 2,000 tons, and the Nautila 1,900 tons, the sailing ships Fritz 3,540 tons, Orlanda 3,500 tons, Olona 3,000 tons, and the Schooner Helgoland, 400 tons.

This is the first advertisement of a London auction of prizes which has reached Canada since the beginning of the war.

MAKES AN ASSIGNMENT.

New York, January 14.—I. D. Noll has made an assignment to Franklin Leonard, Jr.

consider altering a line—that would be as good as pleading guilty and we are not doing that. We have received many words of commendation but few complaints. Yesterday afternoon's performance saw several clergymen and priests among the audience. They passed no comment to our knowledge.

"It seems a shame, however, that Mr. Roberts brought on this trouble during the absence of Mr. Lawrence, who took the opportunity of going out of town on business. Mr. Edwards has just recovered from an illness, and altogether, we were unprepared for any trouble whatever. As the case now stands, it is in the hands of our attorneys, Messrs. Victor E. Mitchell and Alexander Chase Casgrain, of the firm of McGibbon, Casgrain, Mitchell and Casgrain."

Mr. Andrew A. Allan, who has been made an Honorary Colonel by General Sam Hughes for his services in connection with the transportation of the troops, is one of the best known shipping men in the country. He was born in Montreal in 1860, educated in this city, Rugby, England and at Paris. As a young man he became associated with the steamship business of H. & A. Allan, was admitted as a partner in 1881, and is to-day regarded as an authority on shipping matters. He is president of the Royal Marine Insurance Company, the Marconi Wireless Company, a former president of the Shipping Federation of Canada, and a director of a number of other companies.

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SIR HERBERT HOLT, Who presided at to-day's annual meeting of the Royal Bank.

THE KAISER WITNESSED BRILLIANT FEAT OF GERMAN TROOPS, SAYS BERLIN

Berlin, by wireless, January 14.—The afternoon official report says:

In the western theatre of the war in the dunes of Nieuport and southeast of Ypres, artillery combats are continuing. The enemy's batteries have directed an extremely strong fire on Westende which they will soon entirely destroy. The enemy's torpedo boats disappeared as soon as they received our fire.

In continuation of the activities on January 8th, our troops again attacked the heights of Vrency and cleared the plain of the enemy. We took 14 officers, 1,130 men, four cannon, four machine guns and one searchlight. This brilliant feat of arms by our troops was accomplished under the eyes of the uppermost war lord.

Northeast of Chalons the French again attacked yesterday morning and afternoon. Strong forces which at Perthes penetrated our trenches were repulsed, counter-attacked and driven back with heavy losses. We took 160 prisoners in the Argonne. In the Vosges nothing of importance has happened.

In the eastern theatre of the war, Russian attacks southeast of Gumbinnen and east of Loetzen, East Prussia, have been repulsed. We took hundreds of prisoners.

The situation in Northern Poland is unchanged. Our attacks west of the Vistula are being continued. Nothing important has happened on the east bank of the Pilca.

Men in the Day's News

In to-day's issue appears a letter from Lieutenant William Ewart Gladstone Murray, the last Rhodes Scholar from McGill, and now serving in Kitchener's Army. Mr. Murray was at Oxford when the war broke out and like hundreds of other college men both in Great Britain and in the Overseas Dominions volunteered for service. He obtained a commission in the 14th Scottish Light Infantry, where he has an excellent opportunity of judging the efficiency of Kitchener's Army. "Bill" Murray, as he was known at McGill, is a Vancouver boy. He graduated in arts in 1912 after a brilliant course. He was prominent in college athletics, was a good debater, a forceful speaker and, in general, took an active part in all college affairs. This is the first of a series of weekly letters which he will write for the Journal of Commerce.

World wide interest is being centred in Michael Tchelischeff, the Russian who was instrumental in the obtaining of vodka from the land of the Czar. Tchelischeff was a Russian peasant, who became an enormously wealthy landowner. He read a book once on the poisonous effects of vodka and as Mayor of Samara he sent a bill to the Duma which passed that body. This bill made it compulsory to label every bottle of vodka "poison." The Imperial Council rejected the bill and then Tchelischeff brought his facts before the Czar. This was shortly before the war broke out. On the outbreak of hostilities the Czar passed an edict forever prohibiting the sale of vodka within his Dominions. It is said that the effect already upon the peasants is marvellous.

Mr. Duncan Coulson, president of the Bank of Toronto, who was too ill to attend yesterday's annual meeting, is a Torontonian by birth, education and work. He was born in that city in 1838, educated at the Toronto Grammar School and entered the Bank of Toronto as a junior in 1857. He worked his way up by sheer ability through various departments of the bank until he became general manager in 1876. In 1891 he became president of the bank. He is a director of a large number of financial and industrial institutions, and is a well-known man in the business and financial world. He is essentially a self-made man.

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BRITAIN'S CITIZEN ARMIES NOW NUMBER 1,500,000

No Exaggeration to Say That They Constitute One of the Greatest Achievements of Military History.

(By W. E. G. Murray.) The Citizen Armies of Britain already number one and a half millions of men. After barely three months of systematic training, these armies have achieved a remarkable state of organization and efficiency. It is no exaggeration to say that they constitute one of the greatest achievements of military history. Very few people in the United Kingdom let alone in the outside world, have realized as yet the significance of these armies. In "K" characteristic manner, steadily, persistently, silently without a trace of ostentation or publicity, the gigantic task has gone on from month to month, until now the British Islands are a veritable armed camp. It is only those who are privileged to participate in the work of organization and training that have any idea of what these armies will mean to the Empire.

For the gain to Britain from the Citizen Armies will be measured in many ways other than in the number of laurels they will undoubtedly win on the field of battle. Men of all degrees of every station in life, previously separated by business of class and party, are now of one determination. Out of the political and social chaos which preceded the war, there has emerged a solidly united people, prepared to spare no sacrifice, in the accomplishment of their duty to themselves and the Empire. In recent years there have not been wanting numerous discouraging signs for the future of the British Democracies. Many years of comparative security, and commercial prosperity, brought out their inevitable crop of false prophets and dangerous counsels. The recrudescence of "Little Navymen," the general disregard of national service, the studied avoidance of Empire issues, the insidious influence of "Pacifism" and "Insularity," the steadily widening breach between labor and capital, and the domination of partyism even at the peril of the nation, were all symptoms of impending decadence and ultimate disruption.

ROYAL BANK SHOWS FAIRLY GOOD REPORT

Net Profits Were \$1,866,142 Compared With \$2,142,000 for Previous Year

EARNED 16.3 PER CENT.

Bank Has \$2,901,000 Available For Distribution—Usual 12 Per Cent. Dividends Were Paid—Balance Carried Forward of \$614,000.

The Forty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Royal Bank of Canada was held at the head office to-day with Sir Herbert Holt, the president, in the chair. The statements submitted by President Holt and by General Manager Poase were listened to with unusual interest by a large attendance of shareholders.

Net profits for the year ended November 30th, 1914, amounted to \$1,866,142, as compared with \$2,142,000 for the previous year. This decrease was to be expected in view of the world-wide depression and a similar decrease has been shown by all the banks reporting on the year's business. The net profits for the year ended are at the rate of 16.3 per cent, as compared with 18.5 per cent, last year.

An examination of the report shows that the bank has \$2,901,000 available for distribution made up of balance brought forward of \$1,015,000 and net profits amounting to \$1,866,000. The usual dividends at the rate of 12 per cent per annum were paid, while \$500,000 was allowed for depreciation of investments; \$250,000 was written off bank premises account, \$100,000 transferred to officers' pension fund and \$50,000 to patriotic funds, leaving a balance to be carried forward of \$614,000.

The bank maintained its usual policy of keeping a large proportion of its assets in liquid form. These amount to over 45 per cent of its total liabilities to the public. Deposits show a decrease of \$2,126,000, but in reality there is a gain of \$5,000,000 in commercial deposits as the bank repaid during the year the deposit of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway, amounting to \$7,000,000. Current loans show a decrease of \$2,500,000.

In his review of economic conditions Sir Herbert Holt was conservatively optimistic, while Mr. Poase expressed the opinion that the country was rapidly adjusting itself to the new conditions and that he looked for a rapid recovery when the general conditions improved.

RUSSIANS BEING PURSUED.

Vienne, via Berlin and Amsterdam, January 11.—Official announcement was made that the Russian troops who invaded Hungary through the Uzok Pass had been defeated by the Austro-Hungarian troops in the Valley of the Upper Ung River and had retreated toward the pass.

Russians are being pursued in an attempt to cut off their retreat.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE IS FEARED IN EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY.

Rome, January 14.—At the cabinet meeting it was decided to appropriate \$50,000 at once for the relief of suffering caused by the earthquake.

After the meeting Premier Salandra said: "We fear that this disaster is second to that at Messina, in which more than 77,000 perished. Dispatches thus far indicate that 15,000 is a conservative estimate of dead."

"Though damage in Rome was severe, the loss of life was small and those who have been driven from their homes are being cared for."

Rome, January 14.—General Zupelli, Minister of War, has dispatched 2,000 soldiers to the devastated sections to help care for the homeless and to clean up the debris.

Food, blankets and tents from the military stores are being distributed among the sufferers.

ROUMANIA NOT PREPARING FOR WAR ON BULGARIA.

London, January 14.—The Sofia correspondent of the Times telegraphs that Roumania has informed Bulgaria that her military operations are not directed against the latter country.

merce and gradually tightening the iron grip of the siege of the German Allies. But once the British people are ready to begin their land campaign in earnest, this will be vigorously seconded by a relentlessly aggressive policy on sea. Winston Churchill's famous "Rut-digging" speech was of more significance than has been generally realized. It is known that British submarines and torpedo craft have thoroughly reconnoitred the whole German coast, and that the former have actually entered the harbors at Kiel and Wilhelmshaven. Everything is ready for the decisive moment—that moment when it is determined to launch forth the might of the Empire. The War Office plans contemplate the placing of as many as five million men in the field in as many years, if such is necessary. So much for the general considerations of the purpose and strategy of the Citizen Armies. With their details and local features, future articles will deal.

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FRENCH STATEMENT TELLS OF VIOLENT COMBATS IN NORTH

Admits Little Progress and Tells of Ceding Some Ground at Vrency—Several Bridges Carried Away by Swollen Aisne.

(Special to Journal of Commerce.) Paris, January 14.—The official afternoon statement follows:

"In Belgium fog has impeded the artillery fire. Cannonading has not been very sharp for that reason around Nieuport and Ypres. Some detachments of Belgians have blown up a farm which served as ammunition depot for the enemy southeast of Stuyveneskerke. Between the Lys and the Oise in the region of Lens our artillery has dispersed sappers and trench diggers working in environs of Angres and has bombarded effectively the trenches located to the southeast of the shrine of Notre Dame de Lorette.

"To the north of Soissons violent combats were fought all day. The action was localized on the ground between the two ridges located to the north-east and to north-west of Crouy, of which we hold only the first slopes. On the left our counter-attack made some slight progress without having been able nevertheless to make an appreciable advance.

"At the centre we maintain our position around the village of Crouy despite repeated efforts of the enemy, but to the east before Vrency we have been forced to cede ground. Persistent swelling of the Aisne has carried away several bridges and ferries which we had thrown across the stream, putting lines of communication of our troops in a precarious condition. Under these circumstances we have established ourselves to the south of the river in the section of ground lying between Crouy and Misay with the heads of the bridges on the north bank.

"On the right and left bank of the Aisne there has been a slight cannonade.

"In Champagne, the region of Perthes continues to be the theatre of local actions for possession of German trenches of the second and third lines.

"To the north of Beauséjour we have blown up some mine plants to halt the work of the enemy. The enemy at that point believing himself attacked, mined his trenches on which was opened a violent artillery fire.

"There is nothing to report on the rest of the front."

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