

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Separate Bureaus Will Be Started to Secure Information About Colonial Forces

FEAR EXPLORER LOST

Arctic Trader Returning From Five Years' Cruise Thinks Stefansson and Two Companions Will Never Come Back.

Relatives and friends of the men composing the overseas forces will be pleased to learn that special separate record offices are to be established here for each Dominion sending a contingent. These offices will be conducted by the respective High Commissioners or Agents-Generals of each Dominion.

That for Canada will be established either at the High Commissioner's offices, 17 Victoria street, Westminster, or near by. All available information concerning the killed, wounded or missing will be transmitted by its War Office to those record bureaus, which will be in charge of special officers appointed by the Governments concerned. It is understood that Colonel Warde, of Ottawa, will come over shortly for this purpose. The necessity for such a bureau is already shown by the numerous inquiries reaching the High Commissioner. A special training camp for Canadians is also likely to be instituted.

With regard to the Queen's Canadian Military Hospital, arrangements are going ahead with all celerity. The fact that the recent negotiations for the Empire Hospital based on account of the staff question has in no way modified the plans of the committee, beyond a change in the contemplated location of the hospital.

Capt. Joseph Bernard, of the schooner *Teddy Bear*, who has just returned from a five-year trading and exploring voyage in the Arctic Ocean, fears that Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Ole Anderson and Stergen Storgensen, who left Martin Point, east of Barter River, on March 22 last, heading due north in search of new land, will never be heard from again.

Stefansson expected to reach Banksland, to the eastward, but Captain Bernard says the ice is and has been continually moving to the westward, so that if the adventurous three ever set foot on shore again, their first land will be Siberia. The ice movement has been rapid during the last summer.

The proposal made by a number of prominent French-Canadians here that a new regiment be formed to go to the front, which should be distinctly French-Canadian in character, has received the endorsement of both political parties, and will be put into effect.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has written to Sir Robert Borden expressing his sympathy with the proposal, and offering his co-operation and assistance.

The Daily News has received the following telegram from its correspondent at Rome: "According to a report from Basel, Germany has asked Switzerland to allow the movement of troops through that country. The Swiss government, it is said, refused, and notified Italy, who prepared to resort to arms in the defence of her neighbor's neutrality."

"I am informed that this report is unconfirmed, but I am assured that Italy will not allow Swiss neutrality even to be threatened, since its violation would constitute a menace to Italy."

London papers contain outside of the official communications, no dispatches from abroad referring to operations within the last five or six days, or in any way indicative of the character of the operations in progress.

The Times' military correspondent confines himself to a discussion of the need of training officers, pointing out that in a month of fighting England has lost about eleven hundred officers killed, wounded and missing—that is, nearly two officers out of every five. All testimony has shown that the Germans have equally suffered in regard to officers.

COLORADO EARNINGS.
Colorado and Southern—Third week in September, \$278,922; decrease, \$34,083. From July 1st, \$2,054,777; decrease, \$431,188.

NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

Positive assurance of competitive bidding for the city lighting contract has been given Mayor Behrman and Commissioner E. E. Lafaye, of the Department of Public Property by a syndicate of New Orleans capitalists who will furnish electrical energy through a hydro-electric plant to be erected 50 miles from New Orleans. It develops that the hydro-electric corporation will be capitalized at about \$10,000,000. It is understood that this amount has been pledged, and if the syndicate should be awarded the contract for municipal lighting, the contract being effective in October, 1915, upwards of \$8,000,000 will be spent in the erection of the plant and the equipment of the lighting system with modern apparatus. In presenting its proposal to the city when bids are called for, the hydro-electric syndicate will make a proposition, it was learned through authentic sources, whereby the city will be in a position to buy the plant within a limited number of years.

The Greenville, Whitewright and Northern Traction Company has amended its charter, changing its name to the Greenville and Northwestern Railway Company, and moving its principal offices from Whitewright to Greenville, Texas. The route has also been changed and made to run from Greenville through the town of Blue Ridge, Westminster and Anna, thence to Gainesville via Denton, and from Westminster to Bonham. Plans for construction of this proposed system, including the erection of a power plant, are well advanced.

The Dallas Traction Company has entered into a thirty-year contract with the Texas Power and Light Company by the terms of which the latter company shall furnish it with power to operate its railway lines. The contract involves the payment of \$2,000,000 by the Texas Traction Company. The Texas Power Company will construct a large electric power station on the Red River. It recently leased the power plant at McKinney. It will construct an extensive system of power transmission lines.

Protect has been asked by the Ohio State Public Utilities Commission by the Youngstown and Sharon Street Railway Company against the application of the Mahoning County Electric Light Company for permission to issue \$1,000,000 capital stock. The Youngstown and Sharon Company is seeking to prevent the entry of the Mahoning Company into competition with it at Youngstown, on the ground that there is not enough business for two companies.

The Glen Rose and Walnut Springs Railway Company has finished the grade for its inter-urban electric railway between Glen Rose and Walnut Springs, Texas, fourteen miles. It will construct a power plant.

POSSIBILITIES OF PROVINCES SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN

Moncton Board of Trade Decides That Active Campaign Should be Carried on Starting Immediately.

Moncton, September 25.—That an organized effort should be made by business interests in the Maritime Provinces with a view of placing before the British public information regarding the requirements of the situation arising from the war was urged at a meeting of the Moncton Board of Trade last night. A resolution adopted authorized the secretary of the local Board of Trade to take the matter up with the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa. Another resolution authorized the secretary to correspond with the president and secretary of the Maritime Board of Trade with a view of calling a special meeting to consider means of bringing the products of the Maritime Provinces to the attention of the United Kingdom.

It was suggested that a booklet should be issued dealing with the industries in the Maritime Provinces and distributed in the Old Country. As a result of the closing of the Moncton branch of the Dominion Textile Co., 250 employees are thrown out of work and the weekly pay roll of \$1,500 cut off. It was decided by the local Board of Trade that the secretary communicate with the head office at Montreal with a view to ascertaining the intentions of the company regarding the Moncton branch and under what conditions they would re-open.

SHERBROOKE MEN SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES

Possibilities of Expansion Under Present Conditions are Carefully Examined by Manufacturers

AN INTERESTING LETTER

Among the Data Submitted for the Information of the Business Men Was a Letter From Hon. W. S. Fielding, Ex-Minister of Finance.

Sherbrooke, September 25.—In answer to an invitation from the Industrial Committee of the Sherbrooke Board of Trade, the leading manufacturers of the city met recently to discuss the question of trade expansion at home and abroad. D. J. Steel, chairman of the Industrial Committee, presided. The secretary placed before the meeting information which he had received from various sources. This included letters, blue books and reports from the Department of Trade and Commerce and from the Customs Department, as well as a most interesting letter from the Hon. W. S. Fielding, editor of the *Journal of Commerce*, Montreal.

It was asked whether German patents in Canada had been cancelled. It was not known that definite action had been taken but the Government intends having this done. It was pointed out that this would very likely at once give Canadian manufacturers an opportunity to enter a new field.

A Broad National Spirit.
Mr. E. W. Farwell made a most enthusiastic address, pointing out that the small group of Sherbrooke manufacturers had something more to look into than the means of taking advantage of the present situation to increase their own output. The question must be handled to get the best results for our country as a whole. The question is a great one, the opportunity is one of vital importance. Mr. Farwell thought that the Government should invite the manufacturers of the country as a whole to come together to study the situation. Have complete information and statistics prepared, and after careful study the manufacturers will see where they can best step in to take their part in the open field of the world's commerce. "The whole matter must be handled on a systematic basis," said Mr. Farwell, "divide the business up so that the whole country will get its share—suppose, for instance, statistics show that there is an opening for some particular article, if all those who can, start a big output of this article the consequence will be that the market will be overloaded, but if one section takes the one article, another something else, then the whole country will be at work. The speaker was in favor of sending a resolution to the Associated Boards at Granby on Wednesday next with a view of taking the matter up with the Government.

Banks are Ready.
In answer to a question Mr. Farwell said that the banks of Canada have the money and will stand behind the people of Canada in any legitimate enterprise. The Canadian banks are in a better position than any banks on the North American continent. Mr. W. R. Webster was of the opinion that the movement should come from the Manufacturers' Association. The E. T. Boards of Trade were sectional while the Manufacturers' Association represented the whole country. He thought the manufacturers should go to the Government and not the Government to the manufacturers.

Mr. A. G. Campbell thought it a good idea for the Government to invite the manufacturers. In view of the extraordinary possibilities it would be a good auger to see the Government behind the movement. Messrs. McCullough, Blue, Root, Sangster, Haight and others took part in the discussion.

A resolution was adopted which urges the Government to call a convention of manufacturers and other interests to discuss with the Government this all important subject of trade and industrial expansion under the conditions which now exist.

Mr. Fielding's Letter.
The letter from Hon. W. S. Fielding referred to in the report of the meeting, follows. It was written to the Secretary of the Board in reply to inquiries by him as to methods of extending trade.

"I have observed with much pleasure the efforts of the Sherbrooke Board of Trade to take advantage of the opportunities which apparently are now offering for the extension of Canadian trade.

"With regard to our home market, it is to be expected that, to some extent, goods hitherto supplied by German and Austrian manufacturers will hereafter be furnished by their keener competitors, viz., the manufacturers of the mother country. It is probable, however, that in a number of lines it will be found that our Canadian manufacturers can themselves furnish what is required. There is, I believe, a widespread desire among the people to make larger use of our own products. In this happy position of affairs, all that would seem to be necessary is that our manufacturers shall take special care as to the quality of their goods and push their business by their ordinary methods.

"With regard to export trade to South America and other foreign countries, there is a naturally more difficult. Under any circumstances, there are obstacles to be overcome in securing direct markets. But the opportunities now opening seem to be so marked that it is worth the while of our manufacturers to make a special effort in this direction. I feel that it would be a mistake to look too much towards the Government for aid in the movement. Of course, there are things which the Government can and should do. The Government should, and I have no doubt will, promptly use its commercial agencies and other available channels for the collection, publication and distribution of statistical and other information as to the opportunities for trade in countries hitherto supplied from Europe. In this work the press can also render assistance which, I am sure, will cheerfully be given. The Government in some cases now aids transportation by subsidies to steamship lines, and there may be cases in which this policy can usefully be extended.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

It is reported that C. R. Hudson, vice-president of National Railways of Mexico, will become president.

The Fatherland, a pro-German weekly published in New York, has been denied the mails in Canada.

Mr. Justice Honore Gervais has been seized with apoplexy.

For the death of one Uhan within the city boundary, Toronto has paid \$600,000.

Virginia voted "dry." State-wide prohibition will go into effect November 1, 1916.

John D. Rockefeller has given \$300,000 to the Young Men's Christian Association of Brooklyn.

The mineral production of Illinois in 1913 was valued at \$131,825,221, compared with \$123,068,867 in 1912.

The steel mills of A. B. Byers & Co., at Girard, Ohio, will resume operations on October 5. About 500 persons will be re-employed.

A German paper has been suppressed because the editor stated in an article that the German advance was in reality a retreat.

Louis Charles Wilfrid Dorion, Deputy Prothonotary, and for many years clerk of the Commercial Court, is dead.

Property of Pierce, Butler & Pierce Manufacturing Company was bid in by reorganization committee for \$1,174,538.

Rome special says that the Pope will ask the Catholics of the world to restore the Rheims Cathedral.

Property in Cook County, including Chicago, is valued at \$2,064,728,913, an increase of \$750,000,000 over last year.

Russian issue of 300,000,000 rubles (\$150,000,000) is reported to have been successful, most of the bonds being placed in Petrograd and Moscow.

Sir Stanley O. Buckmaster, Solicitor-General since October, 1913, to-morrow will become director of the official Press Bureau of the British War Office.

To avoid a political contest, Lord Kitchener has been invited to become Rector of Edinburgh University and has accepted.

Germany, it is reported, is negotiating with the state of Sao Paulo for its stock of 3,200,000 sacks of coffee at current prices at Hamburg.

Disproportionate loss of French officers to men is attributed to free use of gold lace on officers' uniforms, which makes them conspicuous targets.

A demonstration of Thomas A. Edison's "teletype" invention for recording both sides of a telephone conversation, was given in New York Tuesday.

On complaint of England, United States is seeking wireless plant alleged to be hidden in mountains of Pacific coast, and charged with sending messages uncensored.

Leading Chicago hotels and restaurants in order to preserve strict neutrality have eliminated from the menus French, German and Russian names of popular dishes.

A. Rustem Bey, the Turkish Ambassador at Washington, has been forced to retire because he made public statements reflecting on the British Government.

Colonel Lowther, ex-Military Secretary to the Duke of Connaught, who was wounded in the battle of the Aisne, is progressing satisfactorily at Neuilly and hopes to be back in the thick of it shortly.

Reorganization plan of bondholders' committee of Mount Vernon Woodberry Cotton Duck Company contemplates new plan, with \$8,000,000 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock and \$5,600,000 common stock.

Selfridge's "American Department Store" in London announced that any unmarried male employees between 20 and 35 years, who did not enlist would be dismissed after September 12. Two of the 10 elevator attendants are girls.

Chicago & Alton placed a contract for 7,200 tons of standard section rails and Baltimore & Ohio, 1,000 tons with Illinois Steel Company. Southern Railway has placed an additional order for 3,200 tons of rails with Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co.

Carnegie Steel Co. has received an order from the government at Queensland, Australia, for 17,000 tons of steel, valued at \$500,000. The order was given owing to the inability of European steel manufacturers to make shipments.

Westminster Gazette says Germany has set up war credit bank with power to advance \$375,000,000 on securities, and that credit banks are being established on local initiative throughout Germany, guaranteed by co-operative societies or supported by larger firms. Advances are being made on 5 per cent. cash basis.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Paisley Will Not Act as Captain of McGill Football Team This Year

LEAD A SAFE ONE

Ernie Paisley, who has confirmed the rumor current earlier in the year, that he would not act as captain of the McGill football team. Now the club will have to elect a new leader. It is unfortunate that Paisley cannot act, for he is a "made" player. "Pep" of course, had some natural ability as a player, but it was Shaughnessy's coaching that made him a good player, and it is the "made" player that is the best leader for a team. A second term for George Laing would be a good thing.

If some fan had predicted only a month ago that at this stage of the season the Braves would have a bigger lead in the National than the Athletics in the American, he would have been sent to an alienist. But such is the fact. Boston now is seven games to the good, thanks to another win over Cincinnati yesterday, while St. Louis put the skids farther under the Giants.

Toronto took a fall out of the Hustlers yesterday, and now Rochester rests in third place. The Blues are the Grey's nearest contenders, but with a lead of seven and a half games, the pennant is a practical certainty for Providence.

The race in the National is still close enough to be interesting. The contest in the American and International are both tight enough to make a change in the standing still possible, but the Federal race couldn't be much tighter, with Indianapolis and Chicago tied and only six games and a half between fifth position and first place.

FRESH TROOPS LAND IN FRANCE.
Paris, September 25.—Fresh British troops are being landed in France, and rushed to the front. Some of them are already on the firing line.

AMERICAN TO REMAIN.
Washington, September 25.—Secretary of War Garrison wired instructions to General Funston not to make any arrangements to evacuate Vera Cruz for ten days.

PLAN FOR RE-ORGANIZATION OF H. B. CLAFLIN COMPANY

Two New Corporations Are to be Formed Which Will Acquire all the Assets of the Clafin Concern.

New York, September 25.—Plans for re-organization of H. B. Clafin Company were announced in tentative form last night. Plan provides for payment of a total indebtedness of \$42,200,000 by 15 per cent. in cash and 85 per cent. in three years collateralized notes.

Two companies will be organized, one to be known as Mercantile Stores Corporation which will acquire the assets of H. B. Clafin Company, which have nothing to do with wholesale jobbing business, all the personal assets of John Clafin which has been delivered to the receivers, including all capital stock of the 23 retail stores, including the \$8,288,000 common stock of the United Dry Goods Company and other assets and equities owned by Clafin.

The second company will be known as the H. B. Clafin Corporation, the stock of which will be owned by the Mercantile Stores Corporation. The first feature in the re-organization plan involves the organizing of a corporation under New York laws to be known as Mercantile Stores Corporation which will acquire all assets of the H. B. Clafin Company. This new concern will have seven directors. Capital stock is not definitely settled, but will be left to the discretion of five trustees.

Directors of the Mercantile Corporation will form and incorporate a new wholesale company which will practically take over the present H. B. Clafin business and which will still retain that name. This company will also have seven directors. When all indebtedness of the Mercantile Corporation shall have been paid in full, the capital stock of that concern shall be delivered by the trustees to the H. B. Clafin Company, the concern now in the hands of the receivers.

DIRECT EXCHANGE RELATIONS

New York Now in Touch With Certain Neutral Countries on European Continent.

New York, September 25.—A recent development in foreign exchange market is establishment of direct exchange relations with certain of the neutral countries on the European Continent.

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GERMANY'S SETTLED POLICY OF TERRORISM IN BELGIUM
Her Avowed Object is the Conquest of Europe Also Those Lines—Will Next Turn Her Attention to the United States.

Stanton, Va., September 25.—On September 5 the Stanton News printed some verses by Dr. Charles Minor Blackford, an associate editor, addressed to Rudyard Kipling, calling attention to the apparent consistency of his attitude of distrust of Russia, shown in his well-known poem "The Truce of the Bear," and his present advocacy of the alliance between Russia and Great Britain.

A copy of the verses was sent to Mr. Kipling, and the following reply has been received from him:

"I am much obliged for your verses of September 4. 'The Truce of the Bear,' to which they refer, was written sixteen years ago, in 1898. It dealt with a situation and a menace which have long since passed away, and with issues that are now quite dead.

"The present situation, as far as England is concerned, is Germany's deliberate disregard of the neutrality of Belgium, whose integrity Germany as well as England guaranteed. She has filled Belgium with every sort of horror and atrocity, not in the heat of passion, but as part of a settled policy of terrorism. Her avowed object is the conquest of Europe on the lines.

"As you may prove for yourself if you will consult her literature of the last generation, Germany is in present menace, not to Europe alone, but to the whole civilized world. If Germany, by any means, is victorious, you may rest assured that it will be a very short time before she turns her attention to the United States. If you could meet the refugees from Belgium flocking to England and have the opportunity of checking their statements of unimaginable atrocities and barbarities studiously committed, you would, I am sure, think as seriously on these matters as we do, and in your unpreparedness for modern war you would do well to think very seriously indeed.

"Yours very truly,
"RUDYARD KIPLING."

HEAVY-WEIGHT WOUNDED.
London, September 25.—Georges Carpenter, heavy weight boxing champion of Europe, is reported having been seriously wounded while serving with the French, and is said to have been taken to hospital in Lyons.

GERMANY NOW MENACE TO UNITED STATES

If Victorious in Europe She Would Give Munroe Doctrine Her Attention

AMERICANS ARE WARNED

Possible to Improve an Army, But That Course Problematical When Applied to Rifle, Artillery and General Equipment.

London, September 25.—The anti-German campaign of the English newspapers took a new tack to-day when the Spectator editorially warned the United States that a victory for Germany in the present war would result in that country seeking the riches of South America, and that this would seriously menace the Monroe doctrine.

"We note," says the Spectator, "that the German secret service agents in the United States are trying to make the flesh of Americans creep by talk about a shortage of rifles. We would ask our American friends, when they hear such talk, to possess their souls in patience. As it happens, we have shortage or anything approaching it.

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