

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

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NO LONGER ENOUGH FOOD

German Admiral Says Germany's Life Depends on Success of Submarine Campaign—Russian Retreat Described as "Strategical Retirement."

The air wing of the British navy yesterday made another attack on the German positions along the Belgian coast in an effort to destroy or damage the submarine base at Zebrugge...

Admiral Behncke, of the German Marine Department, has made a statement to Lieutenant-Commander Walter R. Gherard, naval attaché of the American Embassy at Berlin...

Military movements of the first importance are taking place along the eastern line. The German offensive, strongly supported by fresh troops...

At the opening of the Commons yesterday, Sir Robert Borden read the following message received by the Duke of Cornwall from the Colonial Secretary...

According to the public accounts of Canada laid before Parliament the receipts on account of Consolidated Fund for the year amounted to \$163,174,384...

The U. S. Government Ship Purchase Bill, as an amendment to the Weeks Naval Auxiliary Bill, was passed by the House at 1:20 this morning...

5,000 FACTS ABOUT CANADA

"Know Canada! make Canada known!" is a striking sentence in the War Year edition for 1915 of that popular booklet "5,000 Facts About Canada..."

It is true that he who would know Canada and its wonderful growth in any one year, will find this annual publication "worth its weight in Yukon gold or Cobalt silver..."

Fifty chapters are devoted to such subjects as Agriculture, Area, Banking, Census, Immigration, Mining, Manufacturing, Trade, etc., and a page of Canadian War Facts show how up-to-date it is.

Sketch Maps are included of the Dominion in 1867 and 1915.

Copies may be had from progressive newsmen, or by sending 2c. to the Canadian Facts Publishing Co., 588 Huron street, Toronto, Canada.

CANADIAN PATENT FOR SALE. For Sale, New Canadian Patent on Thread Spool of Interest to thread manufacturers...

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

The entire Peruvian Cabinet resigned.

The Newark Factory Site Co., Inc. with a capital of \$1,000,000 was incorporated at Trenton, N.J.

Two hundred young men availed themselves of the first opportunity to call Sundays at Vassar College.

The factory of the Harry W. Clark Leather Co. at Woburn, Mass., was burned with a loss of \$100,000.

The Tonopah-Belmont Mining Co's net profits for January were \$116,159 against \$127,604 for December.

The Ship Bill passed the House of Representatives at Washington by a vote of 215 to 121.

New York Federal Reserve Bank directors to-day will discuss clearing of checks.

Exports in four months in connection with war supplies total \$56,960,000.

Demand sterling quoted yesterday at 47s, and cables 47s 3/4, new low records.

Average price of 12 industrial 76.09, off 847; 20 railroads \$9.65, off 0.24.

English naval casualties since the beginning of the war total 9,237 officers and men.

At the annual meeting of the Philadelphia Warehouse Co. the retiring directors were re-elected for a term of three years.

Gramm Motor Truck Co. is reported to have received orders for 2,000 three and four-ton trucks, principally for Russian government.

Special dividend of 50 per cent. by Fidelity Trust Co. of Newark, is payable March 22 to stockholders of record Feb. 20.

Indignation was expressed by Philadelphia Presbyterian ministers at the claim of the Unitarians that Abraham Lincoln was a member of the sect.

One American firm which remits \$4,000 weekly to England is saving \$140 a week as compared with a year ago, due to record low price for exchange.

The American Steel & Wire Co. increased the working force at both the Rockdale and the Joliet, Ill. mills by between 300 and 400 men.

A third Youngstown (Ohio) Sheet & Tube furnace will be relighted this week, leaving only one idle stack.

An auto truck company of Lima, Ohio, received an order for 2,000 trucks of the three and four-ton variety. The majority will go to the Russian Government.

The snowfall in the Italian Alps this winter is heavier than any heretofore known. At the famous St. Bernard Hospital the snow is 25 feet deep.

New Haven directors announce progress in compliance with Federal Dissolution decree, and pledge themselves to economical railroad operation.

Forty British aeroplanes made another attack on the German positions along the Belgian coast, and it is officially reported that good results were obtained.

The French War Office claims an important gain in Champagne, where 2 miles of German trenches were captured.

Russians are falling back in North Poland before the German advance, and a stubborn battle is being fought at Augustowo.

President Farrell, of the Steel Corporation, says the United States has a golden opportunity for foreign trade extension, which will never come again.

The balance of trade in favor of the United States for the week ended February 13th was \$30,320,607, compared with \$37,314,226 for the week ended February 6th.

Plants of National Enamelling & Stamping Co. in Granite City, Ill. and St. Louis, will begin operating full time next Monday, following acceptance of a wage cut by a referendum vote Saturday.

A Boston merchant has drafted an act to be submitted to the General Court providing "that the city of Boston be authorized to purchase a sufficient number of pontoon bridges to be placed on Court street to make foot travel practical."

Campaign to promote live-stock industry will be started in Northwest under the direction of James J. Hill through First National Bank of St. Paul. Howard R. Smith, professor at University of Minnesota, has resigned to direct the work beginning 1.

AMERICAN COPPER EXPORTS.

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ATLAS POWDER COMPANY'S BALANCE FOR STOCK, 294,160

Wilmington, Del., February 17.—The report of the Atlas Powder Company for the year ended December 31, 1914, shows that the gross sales of the company for the year were \$5,123,397, as compared with \$5,042,062 in 1913, or a gain of \$90,245.

The net income was \$474,134 against \$565,337 the year previous.

After the deduction of \$180,990 in advance for interest on the \$3,000,000 income bonds of the company the balance available for the \$3,000,000 stock amounted to \$294,160, or 9.30 per cent. in 1914 the balance was \$322,825, or 10.76 per cent.

The surplus after dividends was \$392,058.

Cash on hand amounted to \$523,176 on December 31, 1914, as compared with \$341,760 in December, 1913.

The number of employees holding stock in the company has increased from 11.5 per cent of the total number of shareholders to 21.5 per cent.

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THEATRICAL NEWS

M. A. A. SOCIETY CONCERT.

A pleasing concert was given by the M. A. A. Operatic Society in the Club House gymnasium last night. One of the most distinctive successes was that achieved by Miss Augusta Schmidt in violin solos, her brilliant playing bringing three encores.

Miss Edna M. Inglis sang "One Fine Day," from Madame Butterfly. Other contributors to the success of the evening were Miss Kathleen Quinn, Miss Mary Flint, and Messrs. Porteous Jordan, Yves Lamontagne, J. Leslie Tedford and R. Hunt Drumbrille. The Trinity Literary and Dramatic Club produced Lady Gregory's "The Workhouse Ward," successfully. Mr. Harold Moore had the role of Mike McInerney; Mr. George Cairns, Michael Miskell, and Miss Isabel Hulton, Mrs. Honor Donoghue.

A specialty by the male members of the Operatic Society concluded the entertainment. The accompanist was Mr. Clarence McQueen.

A NEW PUBLICATION WELCOMED.

Following the lead of several large New York theatres, the Louis Ancker Stock Company, now playing at His Majesty's Theatre, are issuing a most interesting little booklet, devoted to the interests of the players and company, and edited by H. Quintus Brooks who is now occupying the position of business manager. In issuing the first number of "Ancker's Breeze," the editor states that he has no excuse or apologies to offer, neither does he claim that it has come into the field to fill a long-felt want, but, nevertheless, cites six good reasons for doing so.

As well as keeping its readers in touch with the work of the company and bringing them into closer touch with them, forecasts of the coming show and new items from the whole world, as a stage, are found. It also contains a most valuable lost and found column composed of one item, advertising a lost watch. Patrons of the theatre would do well to secure one of these cheery, breezy and highly uplifting issues.

TWO PATRIOTIC PLAYS.

(By C. M. Withington, Special Correspondent.)

New York, February 17.—Another strongly pro-English drama has settled itself down in New York, the second within ten days. Like its predecessor it has to do with the European war in general and the spy mania in particular. "Inside the Lines," by an American writer, Earl Derr Biggers author of "The Seven Keys to Baldpate," was staged for the first time last night at the Longacre Theatre, and despite our neutral position on the war itself its audience proved by its vigorous applause that it "was the company" from the start to the finish. The first spy piece, put on a week ago, is "The White Feather" at the Comedy Theatre, and it made a hit from the start. In that production the scene is laid in and around the English seaboard; wireless plays an important part and many interesting and unexpected scenes develop.

Inside The Lines takes us to Gibraltar, the action being laid last August just after the outbreak of the war with a party of stranded Americans in the seeling hotel. A love story is interwoven with a pretty American buyer and Captain Woodhouse, recognized as a secret service agent from Berlin, as the principal. Indian servants, hotel keepers and others are all spies it develops and all are trying to get information regarding the mines in the harbor where a number of British men of war are at anchor.

The information is finally obtained as when the audience expects to see and hear the explosion dooming hundreds of men to their death the Indian spy, on the German government payroll, is detained by Captain Woodhouse, who it eventually turns out is none other than a well-known British Engineer who had assumed the role of a German attaché for the purpose of ascertaining the full workings of the spy system in Gibraltar.

The plot, like that of the "White Feather," is excellent and the parts are all well played.

No announcements have yet been made as to whether the "White Feather" and "Inside The Lines" will move to Montreal, but if they should they will prove intensely interesting.

Visiting Montrealers on pleasure bent will find these two plays, on neutral territory, much to their liking.

INAUGURAL DINNER OF BOARD OF TRADE.

An inaugural dinner for the new council of the Board of Trade was given last night by the newly-elected president, Mr. Geo. F. Benson, at the St. James Club. There were a large number present including members of other allied organizations.

The chair was taken by the president and the health of the retiring president and other past presidents were proposed by Mr. H. B. Walker and responded to by Messrs. G. L. Cairns, H. R. Drummond, R. J. Dale, and Joseph Quintal.

Several other toasts were suitably honored.

Among those present were: Messrs. A. W. Atwater, Geo. L. Cairns, D. W. Campbell, Duncan Campbell, Jas. Carruthers, Geo. Cavershill, W. A. Coltes, J. Stanley Cook, George J. Crowley, R. J. Dale, A. R. Doble, J. S. N. Dougal, H. R. Drummond, C. E. Esdille, F. W. Evans, F. D. Gordon, Col. John A. Gunn, Geo. Hadfield, Zeph. Hebert, T. F. Howard, W. W. Hutchison, Col. A. E. Labelle, Geo. Lyman, Anson McKim, Ross McMaster, C. R. Martin, H. T. McQuinn, F. W. Moisan, F. Pauls, E. Giff Penny, Jos. Quintal, Robert W. Reford, W. G. Ross, A. F. C. Rose, W. G. M. Shepherd, W. K. Tilston, H. B. Walker, Smeaton White and Norman Wright.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

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HOME RUN BAKER RETIRES

American Bowling Congress in March—Harry Bingham Outpointed Tommy Houck—Thomas Devine is Dead.

Some doubt exists as to the line-up with which the Wanderers will confront the Shamrocks in the game at the Arena this evening. There was some talk of a complete team of substitutes, but this would be taking unnecessary chances.

It is now proposed to charge Jack Johnson with conspiracy to violate the Maxim White Slave Act, and to have him extradited from Mexico to the United States.

"Home Run" Baker, who starred for the Philadelphia Athletics against New York in the 1911 and 1913 World's series, has decided to retire from the game.

The American Bowling Congress is to be held at Peoria, Ill., during the month of March when a tournament with record entries will take place.

Vanocour, leaders in the Pacific Coast Hockey League, defeated Portland by a score of 5 to 0.

Steve Ketchell and Harry Condon will fight ten rounds at the Canadian Club on Friday night.

The Federal League will open its season several days in advance of the American and National League.

All the wrestling and most of the boxing and fencing classes will be represented at the assault-arms in the McGill Union to-night.

It is understood that the Havre de Grace track has applied for fall dates in September. Laurel will race during October, Pimlico the first ten days in November and Bowie the rest of the month.

Harry Bingham displayed better form than he has hitherto shown in his fight with Tommy Houck before the Montreal Sporting Club last night. Instead of standing on the defensive he carried the fight to his opponent.

President James E. Gaffney of the Braves, has announced that work on the club's new park in Boston will be commenced on April 16.

Pringle Seath, who came into prominence as a rugby player last autumn, along with four other McGill students,