

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Ottawa Has Been Warned of German Invasion When Detroit River Freezes Over

SEVEN MILLION STARVING

Three Thousand Tons of Food Required Every Day to Feed Belgian Victims of German "Culture."

Warning was received by the Ottawa Board of Control yesterday of a threatened German invasion of Canada as soon as the Detroit River freezes over sufficiently to allow the invaders to cross on the ice. The board decided to refer the "warning" to the Militia Department.

The County of Grey, Ontario, will give two thousand bags of flour to the Belgian Relief Fund, as a first contribution on the part of the county. A resolution to this effect was passed by a unanimous standing vote of the county council at its sessions held yesterday at Owen Sound.

"The situation at present does not demand legislation for the suppression of football," said Premier Asquith in the House of Commons yesterday, replying to a question as to whether such a move was under way. The Premier added that negotiations with the football magnates were progressing, from which satisfactory results were expected.

The agitation against football because it is interfering with recruiting continues in the British press.

Thanksgiving Day in the United States found 7,000,000 starving persons in war-torn Belgium crying out for bread and only half enough food on hand to appease their hunger. Three thousand tons of food are required each day to feed the sufferers, yet to date the United States, upon which the Belgians must depend in the main for sustenance, has furnished less than half that amount. Ten ounces a day will save a human being from death by hunger.

The foregoing epitomizes a statement yesterday by the American Commission for the Relief of Belgium, carrying a plea for the small quantity of food specified for each inhabitant of the stricken land.

The Swedish Government is making energetic representations in Berlin to get the declaration of wood as a contraband cancelled. A great number of steamers have been stopped by Germany in the Baltic at the entrance of the Sound, and ordered to return to Swedish ports and discharge their cargoes, nearly all of which were intended for Great Britain.

An auspicious opening of the Westmount Rifles' new miniature ranges in the basement of the Riding School which is now used by the regiment as an armory, was made last evening when Mayor McKernan hit the bullseye with the first shot fired from one of the Ross rifles with which the armory has been equipped. The ranges were then declared opened for use, and the mayor made a stirring speech to the men, who had gathered 432 strong for the occasion.

It is understood that Mr. Chas. B. Gordon, of Montreal, with other prominent Canadian business men, has made a formal offer to the Government to equip a machine gun section for the second Canadian contingent, which is now training at various divisional centres throughout the country. It is reported from Ottawa that this offer has been made to the Militia Department, and that the section will be commanded by Edward Holland, of Ottawa, who won the Victoria Cross in the South African War.

Generous measures are being taken by the Government for the relief of settlers in the drought-stricken areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta. At yesterday's Cabinet Council orders-in-council were passed providing a sum of \$150,000 for the direct relief of the settlers and providing \$1,000,000 for the purchase of seed grain.

The districts which suffered most severely from the lack of rain are West of Moose Jaw in Saskatchewan, and in the southern part of Alberta. The \$150,000 set apart yesterday will be spent in furnishing supplies of various kinds for the settlers themselves and fodder, etc., for their cattle.

The million dollars to be used in the purchase of seed grain will enable the settlers in the affected districts to start afresh next season and take their share in the production of the great wheat crop made possible by the preparation of large tracts of new land this fall. The Government has received from Mr. Bruce Walker, immigration commissioner in the west, an estimate of an increased wheat acreage in the three prairie provinces of no less than forty per cent.

Under the authority of an amendment to the Succession Duty Act, made at the last session of the Legislature, it is understood that the succession duties branch of the provincial treasury will appoint a committee to conduct an inquiry into the estates of the late Hon. Geo. A. Cox and E. W. Cox.

According to the inventory filed in the estate of the late Senator Cox, the total valuation was about \$900,000, while that of his son was placed at \$499,000. The Provincial Treasurer apparently is not satisfied with either of these valuations, and both estates running into large figures, he is taking the method of naming a commissioner rather than various items in the schedules of the inventories.

This is the first time that the new provision in the law has been invoked.

NEW COTTON MILL AT THREE RIVERS.

Three Rivers, November 27.—Reports that Belgian interests will locate a large spinning plant here are premature. It is true that negotiations have been in progress during the past year through the Agent-General of Quebec in London, but nothing definite has been done and the reported references are most inaccurate. The town is offering certain inducements which, it is hoped, will be accepted as soon as business conditions become brighter.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

British battleship Bulwark was blown up near the mouth of the Thames. Loss of life 801.

British Admiralty says accident was due to magazine explosion.

Dixmude said to have been re-taken by the French marines.

Earl Kitchener in the House of Lords said the Germans had been defeated in Poland with the greatest losses they have ever suffered.

Berlin announces the repulse of the French at St. Mihaire and a gain for the Germans in the region of Verdun.

The Czar has sent an envoy to Serbia to patch up the quarrel between Bulgaria and Serbia and win over Bulgaria's support.

Maharaja of Idar, fifth of Indian princes to go to the front, said India would furnish England an army as large as Russia's, if necessary.

Pay of British army officers has been increased 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. Daily rate for captain is raised from \$3 to \$3.50, and lieutenant from \$2 to \$2.50.

The War Department at Washington, with the approval of President Wilson, states that no discarded United States army rifles will be sold during the present war in Europe.

Russian diplomat says what Russia wants is annexation of Galicia, conquest of East Prussia, neutralization of Bosphorus and Dardanelles, and independence of Armenia.

Dividend and interest disbursements for December, according to the Journal of Commerce, will total \$101,462,889, as against \$113,847,898 a year ago, a decrease of \$12,384,009.

London cable says King George has denied Sir Edgar Speyer and Sir Ernest Cassel access to minutes of Privy Council, from whose meetings they were "excused" at beginning of war.

Criminal test case will be tried to ascertain constitutionality of law forbidding employment of alien labor on public works. A ruling by Court of Appeals is hoped for within three weeks.

Scarcity of barley in Germany seriously endangers beer supply. Country uses 13,200,000 pounds of barley annually in brewing of beer, half of which ordinarily comes from Russia.

Department of Agriculture at Washington estimates that 486,000 acres of beets yielding 5,147,000 tons of beet sugar will be harvested this year. Total sugar production is expected to be 64,000 short tons, about 52,000 less than in 1913.

Turkish government has absolutely forbidden exportation of gold, and all foreigners have been ordered to give up keys to their strong boxes in banks. Object is to prevent removal of gold deposited with banks for payment of coupons on public debt.

New Jersey Board of Assessors has levied taxes of \$1,465,584 upon 325 corporations and individuals exercising franchises to operate on public highways. Tax is computed upon gross receipts of \$49,303,492. Public Service Corporation of New Jersey will pay \$1,059,594, or 72 per cent of total tax.

The New York World says that for actual working time spent by Mr. Bryan at his desk in State Department since October 11 he has been paid at rate of \$191.50 a day. Salary is \$1,000 per month, or \$38.50 a day of 26 working days. One week in middle of November covered all time Secretary of State has been at department since October 11.

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NAVAL STORE MARKET

New York, November 27.—The situation in the naval stores Wednesday was much the same, though there was a firmer tone remarked in some circles. It was pointed out that Savannah was again higher for turpentine with larger sales, despite the increasing receipts.

However, most local dealers were repeating the old price of 47 1/2 cents for the spot spirits, and not finding an active inquiry, even at this figure.

Nothing new was reported in tar, for which the inquiry was light, and prices were merely steady. For kilm burned \$6.50 was asked, with retort held at the same figure. Pitch was steady at \$4.

Rosins were practically unchanged at the basis of quotations, though the tone was none too firm and some shading was reported. Common to good strained is \$3.75.

The following were the prices of rosins in the yard: B. C. \$2.80; D. \$3.95; E. \$4.00; F. \$3.95; G. \$4.00; H. \$4.05; I. \$4.35; K. \$4.00; M. \$5.25; N. \$5.90; W. G. \$6.25; W. W. \$6.50.

Savannah, November 27.—Turpentine, firm, 45 1/2 cents. Sales, 183; receipts, 415; shipments, 300; stocks, 33,229.

Rosin, firm. Sales, 1,451; receipts, 769; shipments, 401; stocks, 121,829. Quote—A, B, C, and D. \$3.40; E. \$3.42 1/2; F. \$3.45; G. \$3.50; H. \$3.55; I. \$3.55; M. \$4.85; N. \$5.40; W. G. \$5.60; W. W. \$5.95.

London, November 27.—Turpentine spirits 35s. 9d.

ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT.

Wilmington, Del., November 27.—Wm. Du Pont has been elected vice-president of E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Power Company to fill a vacancy.



HON. DR. BELAND, Postmaster-General in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Cabinet, who has been wounded in Belgium.

NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

The Edmondson Electric Company, organized by the Edmondson Bros. of Southwest Virginia is building a hydro-electric plant near Bristol, Tenn. The first plant of the kind was erected by the Wantauga Power Company on the Wantauga River near Elizabethtown, Tenn., and is now the property of the Doherty Operating Company, of New York. It supplies Bristol with current for lighting and manufacturing purposes. The dam being constructed by the Edmondson Electric Company is across the Middle Fork of Holston River, near Emory, Va., 25 miles east of Bristol. The machinery will be installed in the spring. The plant will have a maximum capacity of 2,000 horse power and will supply such towns as Chilhowie, Meadowsview, Emory, Glade Spring and Abingdon.

The Public Service Commission of Indiana has ordered the residential lighting rates of the Indianapolis Light & Heat Company reduced to a level with those in effect by the Merchants' Heat and Light Company. The provisions of the order compel the Indianapolis Company to provide lighting current at a 7 1/2-cent rate with a 50-cent minimum monthly charge instead of the former one dollar minimum and gives the chance to the patron to obtain his current for seven cents a kilowatt hour if he pays his bill before the 10th of the month succeeding that in which he uses the light. It was announced by the commission that the order was issued pending the final decision in the lighting cases before the commission on petitions by Jesse C. Moore and others.

Extra cash amounting to \$75,000 has had to be provided for the installation of the hydro-electric system in Windsor, Ontario, and the City Council has passed a by-law authorizing the issuing of debentures for that amount. The original estimate, made five years ago, was \$100,000. Since that time the city has grown to such an extent that the engineers of the commission found it impossible to complete the work for that amount. Many miles of additional wiring and pole lines will have to be built over the amount figured in the first estimate. The debentures have already been disposed of to the Dominion Securities Co. of Toronto.

That the city of Chicago's loss through its partnership with the traction companies will amount to \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000, as the statement made recently by a prominent city official. This loss, he said, was due to the accounting systems employed by the Chicago Railways Co. and the Chicago Railway Co. with the full approval of a majority of the Board of Supervising Engineers. Accountants have the matter in hand. The answer of officials of the railway companies is that under the 1907 ordinances they are permitted to charge certain expenditures, such as paving, replacements and renewals and purchase of new material, against the capital accounts instead of listing them as operating expenses.

Lockport, N.Y., must give up any hope of natural gas. Henry F. Thurston, manager of the company which was given a franchise by the city some months ago with the condition that natural gas be delivered within a year, has advised the mayor and common council that he cannot fulfill the requirement and will not be able to accept the franchise. Thurston drilled for gas at several points south of the city. He found a small flow on one farm, but unable to strike enough to supply the city.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

National Hockey Association Inaugurates its Season Saturday December 26th

JOE LALLY ON LACROSSE

Ottawa Hockey Club Covets Services of Art Ross—Eason Defeats Simard—Curling at Toronto.

The National Hockey Association has issued its schedule for the coming season. The opening games will be played on Saturday, December 26. There will be two series of games played each week until March 3rd, when the schedule is brought to a close. Joe Lally, the apostle of amateur lacrosse, and chairman of the Mann Cup trustees, says that lacrosse is beginning to show in the amateur ranks was only a beginning. "Why double that," Joe predicts confidently. And Joseph also predicts that the Mann Cup will move from Vancouver to Calgary in the near future. It will be remembered that Vancouver, after being thrown out by the trustees for playing ineligible players, refused to give up the Cup. Joseph predicts that if they don't get busy soon they'll find themselves in a legal fight that may cost them money as well as the Mug.

Frank J. Marshall, who holds the chess championship of the United States, and has represented that country in many international tournaments, will visit Montreal in a few days. Marshall was a resident of this city for ten years, and when only sixteen years old he won the championship of the Montreal Chess Club.

The Ottawa Hockey Club is making an effort to secure the services of Art Ross. Shaugnessy has offered Ross terms, and secured from him an agreement not to accept terms from any other club until he has dealt with Ottawa. Shaugnessy is of the opinion that Ross would be an acquisition to the Senators, and a contract will be tendered to him on Shaugnessy's return to the Capital.

Thomas E. Black, the New York sprinter, has decided that he will not go to Belgium to help carry on the work of the relief committee. Black, with two other Columbia University students, tried to gain a leave of absence to take part in the humanitarian work.

Dr. Laurie Roberts has been secured to coach the hockey aspirants at McGill. Three years ago he produced a championship team with second rate material, but has been so busy since he could not possibly give anything like full attention to the same. This year he hopes to repeat his previous success.

Freddie Welsh feels the criticism that the papers have heaped upon him throughout the United States because he left England when the call to arms was loudest. Freddie proposes to give a big benefit at the Garden in New York City, for the Welsh sufferers in January, and says he will meet the toughest man they can pick out for him to add to the drawing power of the show.

The Ottawa Rugby Club are about \$1,400 behind on the season, and the St. Patrick's have dropped \$700.

The Ontario Hockey Club of the N. H. A. is on the market. President Jas. A. Murphy admitted that he was prepared to dispose of the team and franchise free from all claims if it is sold. He hopes the purchasers will be Toronto people.

Jim Essen, the husky Scotch grappler, was awarded the decision over Charlie Simard, the local policeman-wrestler, in their bout at the Gaiety Theatre last evening. The men went on the mat agreeing that the first one to secure a fall would be the winner. Simard fought hard to make up for the defeat that the big Scot gave him at Sohmer Park a short time ago, but the latter was too strong for him.

Skene Ronan, who was drafted by the Patriots at the close of last hockey season, has never been tendered a contract by the Coast Club. President Quinn, of the National Hockey Association, says that he will wire to the coast for a ruling on the case at once.

Notwithstanding the fact that Hamilton has protested that the Tigers were not given a fair deal last week, there will be no change in the officials for the Argonaut-Hamilton game in the latter city tomorrow. Percy Roberts is the man to whom objection is offered.

C. M. Brown, former Harvard end, says in the Los Angeles Times: "When the schools stopped playing football and took up rugby I was a senior at Harvard, having played for two years as end on several of her famous teams, which lost only to Yale. I was very much dissatisfied with the American game at that time, and favored a change, which has taken place, and putting our college game so far in advance of rugby there is really no comparison. I have played both games, and know what I am talking about."

Jim Buckley says that he has received a wire from Jim Coffroth, asking not to sign up either Tommy Murphy or Gunboat Smith until he gets word from him. "Coffroth is sure the game will go on and I've sent him word that I'll reserve my opinion for the time there is a possible hope for the continuation of the game there," said Buckley.

President Lichtenhein, of the Wanderers, states that he has signed another player. The newcomer is W. Windsor, who played in the Cobalt league a year ago, and comes to Montreal well recommended as a player.

The Toronto Telegram says that Toronto, Queen City's and Granites are all said to be in favor of putting the Single Rink over the top in February. That means that friendly curling will boom, as Granites alone have over a hundred new men breaking into the game this year.

STANDARD OIL OF KENTUCKY DIVIDEND. Louisville, Ky., November 27.—The Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky has declared its regular quarterly dividend of \$4 a share, payable January 2nd. Books close December 15th and re-open January 4th.

DECEMBER DISBURSEMENTS. New York, November 27.—Total dividend and interest disbursements for December in United States are estimated by Dow, Jones and Company at \$100,000,000, compared with \$94,000,000 last year.

It is unofficially reported that the German government is preparing to retire from Western Flanders.

No official statement of the Russian victory in Poland has been made, but the Russians are being pressed onward with the idea of enveloping German advance column near Lodz.

Germany is rushing reinforcements to East Prussian front.

Paris, November 28.—A Petrograd despatch that a German cruiser, believed to be the Hertie, was sunk near Libau, and that the German ship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse has been torpedoed and sunk in the Baltic.

CORRESPONDENTS IN POLAND. London, November 28.—It is reported from Lagen that all correspondents who were allowed to accompany the German army into Poland have been strictly forbidden to communicate with their relatives.

BRITISH HAVE SWEEPED THE SEAS. Ottawa, November 28.—The Government has received a list from the Colonial Office of over 400 men and Austrian steamers, which have been captured or bottled up by the British fleet since commencement of the war.

THE FRENCH STATEMENT. Paris, November 28.—It is officially announced that the French artillery yesterday brought to capture a German bi-plane carrying three aviators, one of whom was killed and the other two made prisoners.

The heavy German artillery is showing less activity in Belgium. The official French statement further says: "In Belgium the artillery engagements continued during the day of November 27th without particular incidents. Heavy German artillery is showing activity."

There was a single attack by the infantry to the south of Ypres which our troops repulsed. "In the region of Arras and farther to the north there is no change. The day was very calm. "In the region of the Aisne in the Champagne the our heavy artillery inflicted very serious losses on the enemies artillery. "From the Argonne to the Vosges there is no report."

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