

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

St. Lawrence Bridge Sextette Annex Championship Manufacturers' Hockey League

LACROSSE AMALGAMATION

Billy Sunday Made Home Run on St. Patrick's Day - Wanderers Won Their First Game From Canadians in New York.

The championship of the Manufacturers' Hockey League, which carries with it the McMillan trophy, has been won by the St. Lawrence Bridge sextette, which defeated the Montreal Light, Heat and Power by 3 to 1.

Ontario is to be well represented at the Canadian boxing championships in this city. Elimination trials are to be held in Toronto. The expenses of the boxers will be defrayed if they lose good enough to meet men of class.

After twenty-four years' absence from the diamond, "Billy" Sunday, the noted evangelist, on St. Patrick's Day, stood up to bat before Ben Shille, owner of the Athletics, on the diamond of the Phillies grounds, knocked out a "home" the first crack and circled the bases in 16 seconds. "I've still got some of the old pep left," he said after it was all over. "If I'm not as good as I used to be, I'm sure I could trim up in a short time and make a living on the diamond, if necessary."

The Wanderers, playing at the St. Nicholas rink in New York City, defeated the Canadians in the first of two games by 7 goals to 6. Whichever team has the most goals totals credit after the second game will meet the Quebecs next week in the deciding events.

The spring aquatic championships of the M. A. A. A. are now in progress. The feature of last evening's events was the defeat of Frank McMillan by the senior 100 and 50-yard events. In the 100-yard L. Miller, with a handicap of three seconds, won in 1 minute 12 seconds; while in the 50-yard senior race, Paul Earl, with a handicap of 7 seconds, nosed McMillan out for first place.

Bob Williams, who caught the unusual number of 14 games last season for the Rochester club, has sent in his signed contract for 1915.

James Murphy, president of the N. L. C., says that he has heard nothing from the East in regard to the proposed amalgamation of the "Big Four" and the N. L. C. Mr. Murphy will call a meeting of the N. L. C. the first week in April.

The Montreal Baseball Club has already signed 18 players for the coming season. Halstein, the latest accession, is a utility infielder. He played all three leagues last season, but may be needed for the initial sack this year, as Jack Flynn has not as yet come to terms with President Lichtenhan.

Hannes Kolehmainen, the great Finnish distance runner, may lose a leg on account of blood poisoning. The Finnish trouble started with a ball between his toes, which he tried to doctor himself. His leg is swollen to the hip, and he is in great pain.

Huffman and the two Beckings are said to be billed for Toronto Shamrocks next year, and Toronto are counting on a couple of St. Nicholas's men.

Connie Mack expresses the hope that his team may win the American League championship the coming season. He hopes that they will. He believes that his young twirlers will more than make good, and that what remains of his 1914 team will be out there working like the champions of old. Optimistic Connie!

Fabre, the French-Canadian runner, is preparing for the Boston Marathon, Jameson, the Hamilton Indian, will also run there.

Our own "Scotty" Bidding went out with his associates on the Heathers last night, and rolled up a pretty fair score at duck pins. He accumulated 33; only one player did better. But you really discover "Scotty" with the rods on him often when he is trailing the big balls on the tee-pins.

A major league training camp is an institution for training players for the minor leagues. A major league scout is a man who travels about selecting men to fill the upper berths in Pullman cars.

Baker, the good defense player of the Irish-Canadians, is still in Toronto. He tried out with the Toronto Hockey Club this winter, and would like to stay there and play lacrosse with either the Toronto or Teumehes.

PORTO RICO TELEPHONE CO. INCREASED ITS NET \$25,000.

The constituent companies of the Porto Rico Telephone Company report combined net earnings for the year ending December 31st as follows: Gross earnings \$2,222,214.14; Operation, maintenance and taxes 1,074,662.52; Net receipts 1,147,551.62; Interest on bonds, etc. 25,961.18; Depreciation 17,723.31; Amortization fund 3,736.38; Net earnings 1,121,936.99.

This is sufficient to provide dividends on the new preferred stock at the rate of 8 per cent., and shows earnings of nearly 7 per cent. on the common stock, or more than two and a half times the amount required for the preferred dividend.

Compared with 1913, gross earnings show an increase of \$19,000; operation, maintenance and taxes a decrease of \$6,000, and net receipts an increase of \$25,000.

LIVERPOOL CASH WHEAT.

Liverpool, March 19.—Cash wheat opened firm up 1 to 1 1/2. No. 2 Northern 12s 1/2d. No. 2 hard winter 12s 4d. No. 2 soft winter 12s 3d. Cash corn opened steady, up 1/4. American mixed in 1/4. 14 Plata 7s 1/2d. Futures opened up 1/4. March 7s 4 1/2d.

ARGENTINE WHEAT STATISTICS.

New York, March 19.—Argentine weekly cable to produce exchange says: Shipments of wheat 5,138,000 bushels, 1,559,000 cwt. 1,000,000. Argentine wheat visible increase 1,101,000 bushels. Corn decreased 1,194,000 bushels.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Twelve Industrials 7 1/2, decline 0.05.

James J. Hill Dredgers 70 cent wheat is 1914.

Twenty active railroads 89.16, decrease 0.11.

London Stock Exchange has issued new minimum prices.

Great Britain stops the export of tin except under special licenses.

The French War Office announces "sensible gains" in the Champagne region.

The Equitable Life has sold in the market its \$50,000 Third Avenue stock.

French Chamber of Deputies has increased the war bond issue from \$700,000,000 to \$800,000,000.

Active military preparations are under way all along the Austro-Italian border.

The election of the London Stock Exchange committee will be held tomorrow.

A charter was granted at Dover, Del., to the Kane Irrigation Co., capital \$2,000,000.

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NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

Permission has been refused by the Ohio Public Utilities Commission to the Union Gas & Electric Co. to extend the time for the completion of its appraisal of its electric light plant and service in Cincinnati from March 15 to May 1. The company has been working on the appraisal for several months, with the State board checking and verifying its figures.

The California Railroad Commission has authorized Southern California Edison Company to issue and sell at not less than \$5; \$2,500,000 five-year 6 per cent. debentures. The company also was authorized to issue \$2,750,000 common stock for the purpose of taking up or refunding the \$2,500,000 of debentures on the basis of eleven shares of stock for each debenture of the face value of \$1,000.

The Waterbury (Conn.) Gas & Light Co. is about to take over the Waterbury Gas Co. and the Naugatuck Gas Co. to each of which it is now furnishing gas. The company has gone to the state legislature for permission to issue \$1,000,000 additional stock for the purpose and intends using \$350,000 of this amount to take up outstanding debts left when the United Gas Improvement Co.'s lease of the Waterbury property terminated. It also intends to use \$200,000 of the amount for the erection of another gas container in Waterbury.

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., the principal operating subsidiary of the Central States Electric Corporation, shows increased earnings for January. Gross for the month was \$117,559, a gain of \$8,890. Operating expenses were curtailed 239 per cent. After allowance for interest charges preferred stock dividends and amortization, with \$41,155 for depreciation, there was a balance applicable to the common stock of \$145,837, an increase of \$12,228. For twelve months ended January 31, 1915, gross earnings expanded \$207,765 or 5.12 per cent. over the preceding year, while net increased 2.47 per cent. with a balance after charges of \$115,439, an increase of 1.19 per cent.

Wednesday, March 24, was the date arranged for the hearing of the case of the Cobalt Board of Trade vs. the Telemarketing Telephone Co., Ltd., in regard to their rates and the Railway Commission was to have come to Cobalt on that date to adjudicate on the matter. Mr. W. G. Matheson, President of the Local Board of Trade, informed the Nugget this morning that a postponement of the hearing had been asked for, as one of the members of the Board, who had been assisting in the preparation of the case against the telephone company, has been able to devote sufficient time. However, the Board's case is almost complete, and when the hearing is held, the Cobalt business men hope to give a complete presentation of their contentions.

Indications of a slow improvement being under way in the territory served by National Railway and Light and Chattanooga Railway and Light operating subsidiaries of the Tennessee Railway, Light and Power for January, 1915, were the cause for the percentage of decrease in gross earnings being slightly less than for recent preceding months. The former company for the initial month of this year reported a decrease of 1.7 per cent. in gross, but operating expenses were less by 15 per cent. than for January, 1914 so that there was an increase in net of \$15,593 and a surplus after charges of \$35,652, an increase of \$17,719, almost double the surplus of January last year. Chattanooga Railway and Light for January, 1915, had a gross less of \$17,302, or 18 per cent. than for the same period in 1914, while net earnings showed a decrease of \$19,729 and there was a deficit in interest charges for the month of \$8,577 as compared with a surplus after charges of \$13,238 for January, 1914.

METEOR MINE DEVELOPMENT WILL CROSS-CUT PENN.-CANADIAN LINE. Cobalt, Ont., March 19.—Exploration work at the Meteor is being steadily pushed and drills are now driving both north and south along the Savage line from the bottom of an 82-foot winze below the second level, or at a total depth from the surface of 162 feet. The workings here are at the bottom of the conglomerate, and there are 1320 feet of exploration work to be done in this section of the property. On the second level the management is cross-cutting to intercept the Penn.-Canadian line. In this work 60 feet has already been cut, and there remains 300 feet more to do. The shaft level here is 80 feet below the valley level, and 320 feet below the hill. On reaching the Penn. line, cross-cuts will be run north and south along the boundary.

SOUTH AFRICA SHORTAGES. Capt. Town, S. A., March 19.—The South African Government is facing a shortage of \$13,500,000 in 1915-16. General Smuts, in introducing the budget, announced that customs, excise duties and income tax would all be increased.

WAR EXPENDITURES MAKE HEAVY INROADS IN INDIAN TREASURY

London, March 13.—The financial statement of the Government of India compares as follows with the budget estimate published in March, 1914: Imperial rev. \$24,237,300 \$2,492,700 \$4,309,900; Provincial rev. 30,842,100 3,028,900 613,200.

Total \$55,079,400 \$28,156,300 \$4,923,100; Imperial expend. 52,986,800 5,269,000 311,800; Prov. expend. 31,048,000 3,244,500 1,652,500.

Total \$83,127,400 \$8,511,400 \$1,914,300; Deduct: Drawn from provincial bal. 3,205,900 221,600 989,300.

Total expend. met from revenue of the year \$80,921,500 \$8,289,700 \$925,000; Imperial surplus 1,256,900 2,741,600 3,998,100; Imperial deficit 2,741,600 3,998,100.

War conditions have left their mark almost everywhere. The increase in salt revenue is due to advance payments of duty under apprehensions of enhanced salt tax. The increase under assessed taxes occurs chiefly in Bengal and Bombay and is attributable to cautious estimates having been adopted in the budget in view of the banking failures and commercial depression of 1913-1914. The higher revenue from major works arises from increased demand for canal water in the United Provinces owing to the deficient rainfall of 1913-1914. Under railways, the falling off in gross receipts is \$2,094,000, while the saving in working expenses is insignificant. The fall in land revenue is shared by all provinces, except the United Provinces, where the satisfactory monsoon of 1914-1915 affords the expectation of increased collection of arrears, and is due to the economic depression resulting from the war and to damage to crops in limited areas. The reduction in the opium revenue is due to lower prices and smaller sales than were anticipated in the budget. The decline under interest is partly due to reduced home business and partly to changes in transactions with railway companies. Part of the decrease under forests is due to delay in introducing a scheme for the supply of sleepers to railways in the United Provinces and to counterbalancing by savings in expenditure. Under customs, the revenue from silver and petroleum will exceed budget expectations; on the other hand, there will be important decreases under manufactured articles, sugar, rice, piece goods and metals.

COFFEE MARKET HIGHER.

New York, March 19.—Rio market up 75 reis, stock 600,000 bags, against 350,000 last year. Santos up 100 reis, stock 1,363,000 bags, against 1,509,000 a year ago. Port receipts 29,000 bags, against 20,000. Interior receipts 31,000 bags, against 14,000. Rio exchange on London 13 1/2, up 1-1/2.

MILWAUKEE BONDS AWARDED.

New York, March 19.—Milwaukee has awarded \$400,000 4 1/2 per cent. 20-year serial park bonds, to the First National Bank of Milwaukee, and Wm. R. Compton and Merchants Loan & Trust Company of Chicago at 102 1/2.

LONDON METALS.

London, March 19.—Spot tin \$115 off 2 1/2. Futures \$167 off 55-100. Strains \$211 off 1/2. Sales spot tin 20 tons, futures 10 tons. Decline is due to British government order stopping exports of tin except under special licenses.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE IMPORTS.

New York, March 19.—Imports of general merchandise for week ended March 13th, totaled \$19,885,977, decrease \$675,477, compared with a year ago.

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

German Raider Killed Refugee and Damaged Notre Dame Cathedral at Calais

PREPARING FOR INVASION

Austria Strengthening Frontier Defenses—U. S. Still Uncertain About Blockade—Appalling British Losses Being Concealed is Charge.

Exactly at 12.30 last night another Zeppelin raid was made on Calais. A thick fog hung in the air and the beams of the searchlights were unable to penetrate the mists to any great distance. Quick-firing guns were kept blazing away at the straggling and some shrapnel shells even were aimed at her. The first volley of bombs from the Zeppelin did no damage but later found a target, killing seven men and wounding nine others. This fell upon two second-class railway carriages, in which a number of mechanics, belonging to the Northern Railway Company, were sleeping. These mechanics were refugees from Lille, who, having no homes of their own, had made a temporary habitation of the railway carriages. One bomb one of the chapels and causing irreparable damage to the glass of its Gothic windows. This same bomb sent debris flying into the courtyard of Le Maréchal Hospital, in the Rue de la Riviera, full of Belgian wounded, who were being attended by English nurses.

It is learned from Trieste that squads of Russian prisoners and Galician refugees have been sent into the Trentino, where they are working on the defensive fortifications, digging trenches along the frontier and clearing away snow from the mountain passes. Heavy guns are being mounted in the passes on specially erected concrete platforms. Masked batteries are being placed extensively close to the frontier, for the Austrians will not rely on the permanent fortifications which are well known to the Italians. The Austrian plan is to set up a secret defense against the invasion which they consider inevitable.

The United States Government considers that Great Britain and France, in the British order-in-council and in the accompanying notes, have not answered the questions propounded to them as to what warrant there is under international law for the establishment of an embargo on all commercial intercourse, direct and indirect, between Germany and neutral countries. It was stated officially at the State Department that the government still does not know whether the action of the Allies is intended as a legal blockade, or whether the ordinary rules of international and non-contraband are to be the legal basis for future detentions.

Evidence is accumulating of the heavy British losses in the recent fighting in Flanders. Lord Curzon, Hamilton, addressing a meeting in London last night said that the papers were not giving full lists of the losses. His own regiment, the Grenadier Guards, he declared, lost their colonel and sixteen officers, killed and wounded, and of 1,100 men, the finest in the army, only 300 survived.

An appalling story of conditions in Serbia was related by Ernest Bicknell and Henry James, Jr., of the war relief committee of the Rockefeller Foundation, on their return to London after a tour of inspection through that country. They said that several diseases were epidemic in Serbia. Typhus, the most deadly of these, already has caused the death of sixty out of four hundred native doctors of the country. The foreign Red Cross units have suffered great losses. The American and one British units have been compelled to suspend their regular work because of typhus. Nine American nurses and two physicians have contracted the disease.

The next important battle on the western front is believed, will take place along the River Yser, held on one side by the recently reorganized Belgian army, and on the other by the Germans. As the floods have subsided, the Belgians, supported by the warships of the allies, have already pushed their line slightly forward, and this is almost certain to lead to counter-attacks by the Germans and a general re-arrangement, as has been the case when similar movements were initiated elsewhere along the front. An artillery duel in the way of preparation has commenced.

Reports received from Vienna say that some thousands of the population of the Austrian capital are unable to obtain bread last Tuesday, the new device restricting production by one fourth having caused a general dislocation of the entire baking trade. The supplies of bread made were everywhere specially sold out, especially in the suburbs, and late customers unable to obtain their portions, are said to have stormed the bakershops in several districts.

WESTERN FLAX AND FIBRE CO. WILL LOCATE AT SASKATOON.

Saskatoon, Sask., March 19.—Directors of the Northern Flax and Fibre Company, a large American corporation, with headquarters at Great Falls, Montana, are to make a visit to Saskatoon in the near future, to arrange for the immediate installation of a flax mill here.

The President of the company states that the directors intend to proceed with the construction at once, in order that farmers may be induced to seed a large acreage to flax this spring. This object is not in any sense in the nature of a promotion scheme, several of which have been rejected by the Board.

COPPER EXPORTS.

New York, March 19.—Exports of copper from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore for week ending March 13th, were 8,728 tons, since March 1st, 1915, same period last year 30,348.

HIS MAJESTY'S MATS, WED. THURS. SAT. 15c. Mat. Today 25c. Everybody's opinion of 50c. GIRLS

PRINCESS ALL THIS WEEK Mat. Tues., Thurs., Sat. Matinee—1000 Seats at 25c. Evenings—15 to 75c. "The Red Mill" Next Week

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WESTERN ELECTRIC CO.

Chicago, Ill., March 20.—Earnings of Electric Company for the fiscal year ended in 1914, were equal to 1.75 per cent on capital stock compared with 2.11 per cent on hand January 1, 1915, were 11 per cent on January 1, the previous year.

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