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BRITISH FORCE IN FIELD NOW ESTIMATED AT 2,500,000

Official Statement of Numbers Absolutely Refused—Friends of Conscription Cannot Move Government To Adopt Their Plans For Increasing Army.

London, Auesday, April 16—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—It is impossible even for members of Parliament to find out how many soldiers Great Britain has in training. They have put the question in the House of Commons and the war office has refused to answer it, saying that the information would be so valuable to the enemy that it must remain secret.

Preaching Conscription.

Meanwhile the friends of conscription, which include Lord Northcliffe's papers, are preaching of the need of preparing for that form of recruiting, and in the daily papers are such appeals as that appearing today from the recruiting committee for Taunton, which says:

"As all efforts now made to obtain the enlistment of the many hundreds of young, eligible, single men in this town and district fail to meet with success, the Government should start, without delay, some compulsory system."

This the Government, still continuing its poster and newspaper advertising campaign, shows not the slightest disposition to do, apparently satisfied with the present progress which, as Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George has said, has produced the largest volunteer army the world ever saw.

Perhaps 2,500,000.

A prominent official with knowledge of the present situation is the authority for the statement that the British troops so far put into the field, including Canadian, New Zealand, Australian, and Indian units—regulars, territorials, volunteers and all—probably amount to two and a half million men.

As the British, when the war started, told the French they could send but 120,000 men to help them, this seems a large army. Whether it is accurate or is deemed satisfactory by the Government, cannot be said, though it is significant that the advocates of conscription seem utterly unable to drive the authorities toward any form of compulsory service.

DRIFTING ICE DELAYS OPERATIONS ON SUPERIOR

FORT WILLIAM, April 15.—Although the harbor here is free from ice with the exception of a few drifting floes which present no obstacles, no steamers cleared this morning for the East, as definite information has not been received telling of a clear passage at the Soo and until such information is obtained no steamers will clear.

Latest reports from there say that the ice is rotten and drifting, but is of considerable thickness, and, while a steamer might be able to make a passage with no trouble today, tomorrow a change of wind might blow in the ice so as to make the passage impassable. Steamers in the harbor here are busy taking on grain cargo at the different elevators and a large quantity of grain is coming down from the West over the three railroads.

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ITALY HAS NOW 1,200,000 READY

Splendid Force Under Arms and Equipped To Last Button.

MIRACLE, SAYS GENERAL

Soldiers So Eager To Begin Action, Strict Check Necessary.

[Canadian Press.]

On the Italian Frontier, via Paris, April 16—10:55 a.m.—Italy today has 1,200,000 first-line soldiers under arms. They are from 20 to 26 years of age. They are perfectly armed, and equipped otherwise "to the last button."

Gen. Zupelli, the Italian minister of war, speaking on the military situation in Italy, said that a miracle has been accomplished, in that a country which for about twenty years had maintained a military organization merely for the preservation of peace had created what he termed one of the most perfect of war machines. The change was not easy, Gen. Zupelli said, as was proved wherever the same work was attempted. Great Britain, for example, had faced the same problem and, though possessing greater resources, was even less prepared than Italy. The War Minister said that the equipment of the army with weapons was superior proportionately to that of the German army at the beginning of the war.

Eagerness of the soldiers concentrated along the frontier to begin action is so great that their officers are compelled to hold them closely in check, for fear of disturbing border incidents.

In view of the extensive preparations which have been made, the question is asked with increasing frequency why Italy does not enter the war. Men in a position to speak with authority say that a majority of the people prefer and the Government still hopes to obtain territorial concessions from Austria without a rupture of friendly relations.

Weather conditions in the Alps also must be remembered in considering Italy's probable action. Snow still lies deep in the mountains and the cold is intense. Most of the passes are still closed by the snow and ice.

SEEDING OPERATIONS GENERAL IN WEST

WINNIPEG, April 15.—Except in parts of the Red River Valley, where the ground is still too wet, seeding operations are general throughout the province, according to Prof. S. A. Bedford, deputy minister of agriculture.

"By Saturday a large proportion of the rolling land will be seeded to wheat," he says. "Seeding to oats will not be general until about the beginning of May."

HOSTILE AIRSHIPS CAN REACH LONDON

British Capital Realizes She Is Not Immune From Attack.

NO FEAR OF ZEPPELINS

Britishers Still Believe They Can Do But Little Real Harm.

[Canadian Press.]

London, April 16.—German aeroplanes are this afternoon dropping bombs in Kent, within 30 miles of London.

The machines first made their appearance over Herne Bay, to the east of Canterbury, and about fifty miles from London. Within a few minutes they were reported over Canterbury, closer to the capital, and very shortly afterwards they appeared over Faversham, and then over Sittingbourne, not more than thirty miles away, dropping bombs on each town.

This is the third German aerial attack on the eastern counties of England in the last 36 hours. The two previous attacks were made at night by Zeppelin airships. This raid is being carried out by aeroplanes.

French Active, Too.

Aerial onslaughts, however, have not been limited to the Germans. French official reports claim a successful bombardment from the sky of the Imperial German headquarters in retaliation for a Zeppelin assault on Nancy.

A German wireless report credits to a Swiss newspaper the statement that French airmen have dropped bombs on several German towns, unprotected by anti-aircraft guns.

London no longer considers itself immune from air raids of the Zeppelins. It is realized also that even aeroplanes could bombard the city. Zeppelins, on their recent night raids, have travelled further from their Cuxhaven base than the distance from Cuxhaven to London, and aeroplanes 30 miles from the capital and choosing their own course have brought a new conception of the effective range of this type of machine.

Doubt Zeppelins.

Nevertheless, the public is skeptical of the powers for harm of Zeppelins, the trifling damage done during the night raids of Wednesday and Thursday being cited in justification of this feeling. It would appear that the latest air raiders have used bombs of an incendiary more than an explosive character.

In the land operations the French claim a "brilliant" success north of Arras, which completes the gain made near there last month. The German position, according to the report given out officially in Paris, was taken at the point of the bayonet.

Enemy Wants Les Eparges.

On the heights of the Meuse the Germans evidently are beginning a movement to retake Les Eparges. Berlin claims to have repulsed all the French attacks along the western front, thus putting at end to the French offensive which was planned to make St. Mihiel untenable.

On the eastern front neither side seems to be making any headway. The lack of definite news from this arena of the war is filled by a crop of rumors which agree only on one point; that is that great events are impending in the east.

BLENHEIM PLANNING TO BE SPOTLESS TOWN; ERIEAU IS AMBITIOUS

Harwich Township Council To Be Tackled for Much Paving.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

BLENHEIM, April 15.—Blenheim is having a clean-up day, April 20, when all refuse which cannot be burned will be carted away at the town's expense and disposed of.

The local Bowling Club is being aroused by these spring-like days. A number of them were at work today on their fine lawn, giving it its first roll of the season.

The proprietor of the Sheldon House is having a fine improvement made to the building by having built a large balcony on the front, facing Talbot street.

Want Perfect Highway.

The ratepayers of Erieau are out for improvement at this favorite summer place. A large petition was sent up to Harwich council, asking that the council put down a complete system of sidewalks, also that a good highway be built from the entrance to the town up to the store, so that when the new road now being constructed by the great drainage scheme is complete, there will be a good highway to get to Erie Beach and out to Chatham or Blenheim. At present, traveling by rig or auto is nearly impossible. A request has been made that debentures be issued to pay the amount. A large number of Blenheim and Chatham residents are concerned. The council is considering the proposition.

ST. MARYS SPRING FAIR RECORD FOR QUALITY

ST. MARYS, April 15. — The annual spring fair of the South Perth Agricultural Society was held today and was pronounced the most successful induced a large attendance of farmers induced a large attendance of afrmers and others interested in stock breeding. The entries were heavy, stallions and a few other classes being good. There was no doubt of the high quality of the stock, and these entries were more numerous than in recent years. The whole exhibit has never been equalled in spring fairs. Much of the success is due to Secretary B. F. Lancaster.

Prize Winners.

Imported Clydesdale, aged—1, Baron's Luck, owned by William R. Rae, St. Pauls, Downie; 2, King's Champion, owned by William Mossip, St. Marys; 3, Major Muir, owned by William R. Rae, St. Pauls, Downie.

Imported Clydesdale stallion, 4-year-olds—1, Brimston Squire, owned by William Mossip, St. Marys.

Standard-bred roadster—1, won by J. Pinkney, of Stratford; 2, Teddy Bars, owned by William Mossip, St. Marys.

Canadian roadster—1, Albert Belshe, owned by P. S. Riddell, St. Marys; 2 Lindfield Oro, owned by P. S. Riddell, St. Marys.

Best stallion with three of his progeny—1 Baron's Luck, owned by Wm. R. Rae Jun., St. Pauls, Downie.

Heavy draught mare—1 Joseph White & Sons, St. Marys; 2 And. Renecker, St. Pauls, Downie; 3 Arbogast Bros., Sebringville.

General purpose mare—1 Richard Birtch, Science Hill.

Heavy draft mare—1, Joseph White Sebringville; 2 W. Hyslop, Stratford; 3 Richard Hawkins, St. Marys.

General purpose team—1 John Boyes, St. Pauls, Downie; 2 Robin Moore, St. Marys; 3 T. O. Parker, St. Marys.

"Daddy's a Soldier"

Bobbie Brittle, aged four years, a Woodstock militarist. He is the son of Sergeant Robert Brittle, of B Company, 18th Battalion, and with his mother visited his daddy in London yesterday.

BRITISH OFFICERS PLACED IN PRISON

German Retaliation For Britain's Acts Towards Submarine Crews.

[Canadian Press.]

London, April 16.—The foreign office was advised today by Ambassador Page that Ambassador Gerard at Berlin had forwarded to Washington confirmation of press reports to the effect that Germany had imprisoned thirty-nine British officers in military detention barracks.

This action was in retaliation for the decision of the British Government to refuse honors of war to crews of captured submarines. Mr. Page's communication to the foreign office follows previous interchanges between Germany and Great Britain on this subject through the United States Government.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

THE LOCAL MARKET

Threatening weather caused a very small market on Friday, and the few loads of produce that were offered for sale on the square sold at unchanged prices. Buyers also were scarce.

Dressed hogs took a big slump on Thursday afternoon, selling for as low as $10.50 per cwt., a lower price than they have brought for many weeks. The decline was largely on account of the warm weather, and the slack demand for pork, dealers say. Dressed hogs will sell at a much lower figure from now on, however, marketers believe.

Hay, straw, and grain sell at about the same prices as they brought on the first of the week. The supply in all three lines has not been large since Tuesday.

Butter sells at quoted prices, which were reduced slightly several days ago.

Hides are selling also at reduced prices.

Grain, Per Cwt.			
Wheat, per cwt	$2 33	to	$2 33
Oats, per cwt	1 85	to	1 89
Grain, Per Bushel.			
Wheat, per bu	1 30	to	1 31
Oats, per bu	60	to	62
Vetgetables.			
Potatoes, load, bag	45	to	45
Potatoes, per bag	50	to	50
Beets, per bu	40	to	40
Cabbages, each	5	to	5
Radishes, per bunch	5	to	5
Turnips, per bu	25	to	30
Carrots, per bu	40	to	40
Celery, eacn	5	to	10
Parsnips, per bu	50	to	50
Onions, per bunch	5	to	5
Lettuce, per bunch	5	to	5
Rhubarb, per doz	90	to	1 00
Fruit.			
Apples, per bag	70	to	90
Apples, per bbl	1 50	to	2 00
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, per ton	16 00	to	16 00
Straw, per load	5 50	to	6 00
Straw, per ton	8 00	to	8 50
Dairy Products, Wholesale.			
Butter, dairy, lb	33	to	34
Butter, crocks, lb	30	to	30
Butter, rolls, lb	31	to	31
Butter, store lots, lb	17	to	18
Eggs, basket, doz	19	to	19
Eggs, crate lots, doz.	18	to	18½
Dairy Products, Retail.			
Butter, rolls, lb	32	to	33
Butter, fancy, lb	36	to	36
Butter, crocks, lb	31	to	32
Eggs, per dozen	20	to	20
Eggs, per basket, doz	19	to	20
Honey, strained, 10 lbs	1 40	to	1 50
Poultry, Alive, Wholesale.			
Old fowl, lb	8	to	9
Young chickens, lb	15	to	16
Ducks, per lb	10	to	10
Geese, per lb	9	to	9
Turkeys, per lb	15	to	15
Poultry, Dressed, Wholesale.			
Old fowl, lb	9	to	10
Young chickens, lb	10	to	11
Ducks, per lb	11	to	12
Geese, per lb	13	to	13
Turkeys, per lb	20	to	22
Poultry, Dressed, Retail.			
Spring chickens, pair	1 00	to	1 50
Ducks, per pair	1 25	to	2 00
Chickens, per lb	17	to	19
Geese, per lb	14	to	15
Turkeys, per lb	22	to	25
Live Stock.			
Hogs, per cwt	8 50	to	8 50
Small pigs, pair	6 00	to	10 00
Export cattle, cwt	8 00	to	8 50
Milch cows, each	75 00	to	90 00
Butchers' Meats.			
Dressed hogs, cwt	11 50	to	11 50
Veal, per cwt	13 00	to	13 50
Beef, per cwt	9 00	to	11 00
Mutton, per cwt	8 00	to	10 00
Yearling lamb, lb	15	to	16
Hides and Skins.			
Cow hides, No. 1	13	to	13
Cow hides, No. 2	12	to	12
Cow hides, No. 3	11	to	11
Calfskins, per lb	15	to	16
Sheepskins, each	1 00	to	1 75
Tallow and Wool.			
Wool, unwashed, lb	23	to	25
Tallow, rendered	6	to	6
Tallow, rough	3	to	3

GRAIN.

Winnipeg, April 15.—Wheat—Futures opened ⅛c to 1½c higher; oats, ⅛c to ¼c higher and flax unchanged to ⅝c advance. Following the opening there were further advances, but about 11:30 a.m. there was a weaker tone, with a decline from the high points of ⅝c to ⅞c.

Factors causing the strength were: More or less improved inquiry for export, and some good cash wheat sales for opening of navigation, together with some considerable short interest in the distant months.

Exporting houses report cables were strong this morning and following the advance of yesterday, but this morning's advance put thing off the key again, although there was some business worked. The cash demand for wheat and oats was fair, for opening of navigation.

Total inspections on Wednesday were 261 cars, as against 319 last year, and in sight today were 275 cars.

Wheat futures closed ½c to 1⅞c higher; cash ⅞c higner for contract grades; oats, ⅛c to ¼c higher, and flax unchanged to ⅜c higher.

Cash quotations: Wheat, No. 1 northern, $1.56½; No. 2 northern, $1.55¼; No. 3 northern, $1.52¾; No. 4, $1.47¾; No. 5, $1.44¾; No. 6, $1.40¾.

Oats—No. 2 C. W., 64⅜c; No. 3 C. W., 61⅞c; extra No. 1 feed, 61⅝c; No. 1 feed, 60⅞c; No. 2 feed, 59⅝c.

Barley—Feed, 65c.

Flax, No. 1 N. W. C., $1.76½; No. 2 C. W., $1.73½. Futures ranged as follows:

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	$1.56⅝	$1.58	$1.56⅝	$1.57½
July	1.55⅝	1.55¾	1.54¼	1.55½
Oct.	1.20	1.20	1.18⅞	1.19
Oats—				
May	.65⅝	.68⅜	.64⅞	.64⅞
July	.65¼	.65¼	.65	.65
Flax—				
May	1.77½	1.78	1.77½	1.77⅞
July	1.81	1.81	1.81½	1.81
Oct.	1.84½	1.84½	1.83½	1.84

Chicago, April 16.—Unprecedented demand from exporters at Buenos Ayres today gave the wheat market here an upward swing. It was said Italy, Greece and Portugal were bidding freely for the remnants of the Argentine surplus, and that in addition France was buying on a large scale in Liverpool. There were advices also that a good foreign demand was in evidence at the United States seaboard. Opening prices, which varied from ⅛c off to 1⅛c advance, were followed by decided gains all around, and then a moderate setback.

Liverpool, April 16.—Wheat—Spot was steady; No. 2 Manitoba, 13s 9d; No. 3, 13s 6½d; No. 2 hard winter, 13s 6d; No. 2 red winter, 13s 5½d.

Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed, new, 8s 2d; do, old, 8s ½d.

PROVISIONS.

Liverpool, April 16.—Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, 57s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, 62s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, 64s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, 59s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs, 64s 6d; do, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, 64s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, 55s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs, 58s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, new, 51s 9d; American refined, in pails, 53s 3d; do, 56-lb boxes, 51s 9d.

DAIRY.

Liverpool, April 16.—Cheese—Canadian finest white and colored, new, 95s.

OILS AND METALS.

Liverpool, April 16.—Tallow—Australian (in London), 40s.

Turpentine Spirits—37s 3d.

Rosin—Common, 12s 1d.

Petroleum—Refined, 9¼d.

Linseed Oil—38s 3d.

Cottonseed Oil (Hull refined)—Spot, 32s.

FLOUR.

Liverpool, April 16.—Flour—Winter patents, 48s 6d.

HOPS.

Liverpool, April 16.—Hops (in London)—Pacific coast, £3 10s to £4 15s.

LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, April 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000; market strong; beef steers, $6 20 to $8 55; western steers, $5 65 to $7 50; cows and heifers, $2 90 to $8 20; calves, $5 75 to $8 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; market was slow; light, $7 20 to $7 65; mixed, $7 15 to $7 65; heavy, $6 85 to $7 50; roughs, $6 85 to $7 05; pigs, $6 to $7; bulk of sales at $7 25 to $7 45.

Sheep—Receipts, 8,000; market was steady; native sheep, $7 50 to $8 60; lambs, native, $8 to $10 65.

East Buffalo, N.Y., April 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 125; firm. Veals—Receipts, 1,400; active, $4 50 to $9 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,000; active; heavy, $7 90 to $7 95; mixed, yorkers and pigs, $8 to $8 05; roughs, $6 60 to $6 85; stags, $5 to $6.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,400; active and steady; lambs, $6 to $9 85; yearlings, $5 50 to $8 25; wethers, $7 to $7 25; ewes, $3 to $6 75; mixed, $6 75 to $7.

COTTON.

Liverpool, April 15.—Cotton—Futures closed barely steady.

May-June, 5.65½d; June-July, 5.72d; July-August, 5.79½d; October-November, 5.55½d; January-February, 6.01½d; March-April, 6.06½d.

Spot—Good demand; prices, easier; American middling, fair, 6.62d; good middling, 6.06d; middling, 5.70d; low middling, 5.32d; good ordinary, 5.02d; ordinary, 4.72d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 2,000 were for speculation and export, and included 10,000 American. Receipts were 29,000 bales, including 28,000 American.

Futures—Barely steady.

New York, April 15.—Cotton—Futures closed strong; closing bid: May, 9.94c; July, 10.23c; October, 10.65c; December, 10.83c; January, 10.88c.

Spot — Closed quiet, 10.15c. Sales, none.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, April 16.—Money and discount rates were easy today.

Week-end profit-taking in various directions caused some irregularity on the stock exchange, but a good amount of business was transacted in war loans, Japanese and Russian bonds and rubber shares, while coper stocks, especially Rio Tintos and Anaconda, continued active.

American securities were quieter, with a good undertone. United States Steel was the most active stock on the list, the closing was steady.

Closing prices were:

Consols, for money	66 9-16
Amalgamated Copper	77
Atchison, common	106¼
Baltimore and Ohio	79
Canadian Pacific	175¼
Chesapeake and Ohio	48
Chicago Great Western	12½
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul	96¾
De Beers	12½
Denver and Rio Grande	8
Erie, common	29½
Erie, first preferred	46
Grand Trunk	11
Illinois Cntral	112½
Louisville and Nashville	124½
Missori, Kansas and Texas	15
New York Central	91½
Norfolk and Western	108
Ontario and Western	29
Pennsylvania Railway	56½
Rand Mines	7 8-16
Southern Railway	19½
Southern Pacific	95¾
Union Pacific	146 5-16
United States Steel	59

MONEY MARKET.

London, April 16.—Bar silver, 23½d per ounce.

Money, 1¼ to 1½ per cent.

Discount rates—Short bills, 2⅞ per cent; three months, 3 per cent.

New York, April 16.—Bar silver, 49⅞c per ounce.

WALL STREET.

New York, April 16—Wall street, 10:30 a.m.—War specialties were buoyant at the opening of today's stock market. Shares of the American Locomotive Company, New York Air Brake Company and Westinghouse Electric Company, all of which are said to have received large orders from foreign governments, rose 7 to 20 points at the outset of the day's trading. Never in the history of the stock exchange have securities of these companies registered such extraordinary advances.

Air Brake opened at 87, a 9-point advance, which it soon increased to 11½ points, and Westinghouse rose 7 points to 89. All of these stocks soon fell back, however. Locomotive yielding 12 points of its gain.

Bethlehem Steel opened 4 points higher, and among the leaders, Reading, Great Northern and United States Steel rose a point or more. New Haven was the strongest of the railroad stocks, at a 3-point gain. Many specialties, other than those already named, were up 1 to 2 points.

Noon.—Standard stocks reacted from 1 to 2 points in the course of the morning, some declining to or under yesterday's close, while the specialties fell back3 to 12. Locomotive and Westinghouse failed to recover their top prices on the morning, but Air Brake added 5 points to its early high figure. Throughout the morning session there were indications of further profit-taking by substantial interests, Although exact data was not available, it was generally believed that Europe was again extremely active on the selling side. Trading in the first two hours approached the recent high record. Bonds were firm.

1:30 p.m.—The less conspicuous specialties, particularly those forming the steel group, were advanced in the afternoon. Republic Steel, Railway Steel Springs, Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Pressed Steel Car, as well as the sugar shares, rose 3 to 8 points over yesterday.

NEW YORK PRESS ON FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

New York, April 15.—Financial views by experts and important New York financial editors:

FINANCIAL AMERICA. — "Speculative interest is concentrating in Interboro-Metropolitan securities, the copper shares and Rock Island."

WALL STREET JOURNAL. — "Rock Island's advance is due to the belief that all interests will now co-operate in financing the company's requirements, and that these are not very heavy."

THEO. H. PRICE.—"It may be that securities will advance still further before the force of the present speculation shall have exhausted itself, but in the face of the existing uncertainty the importance of getting nearly 11 cents a pound for cotton to be delivered next October should not be neglected."

THOMAS C. SHOTWELL. — "There is no corner in Bethlehem stock nor anywhere else in Wall Street. No trader has been so unwise as to sell short in large quantity."

NEW YORK POST. — "The market for Amalgamated Copper and other copper stocks is also materially helped by the strength of the copper metal market."

NEW YORK SUN.—"Despite heavy realizing sales the list maintains a strong tone. Speculative interest in the coppers is running high. More is heard of the impending scarcity of wheat here during the summer."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

J. M. Young, 18 Dominion Savings building, reports fluctuations in New York stocks as follows:

New York, April 16.

Trunk Lines and Grangers—	Open.	High.	Low.	2p.m.
Baltimore & Ohio	76½	76½	76¼	76½
Erie, com	28⅝	28¾	28⅜	28½
Erie, 1st pfd	45	45	44¾	44¾
Great Northern	121⅛	121⅛	120¼	120¼
Great Western	12¼	..	..	..
Gt. Western, pfd.	34	..	..	..
New Haven	63½	65½	63½	63⅞
Northwestern	130½	130½	129½	129½
New York Central	88	88½	88	88½
Rock Island Ry.	36¾	38	36⅛	37½
St. Paul	94	94	93½	93½
Soo, com	120¾	120¾	120½	120½
Pacifics and Southerns—				
Atchison, com	102¾	..	..	..
Canadian Pacific	169½	169½	168¾	169¼
Kansas & Texas	14¼	14⅝	14¼	14⅜
Missouri Pacific	16	16¼	1 6	16
Northern Pacific	109¼	109¼	109	109¼
Southern Pacific	92	92⅜	92	92⅛
Southern Railway	19	19	18½	18½
Southern Ry., pfd.	98¾	98¾	98½	98½
Union Pacific	131¼	131⅝	130⅞	131¼
Coalers—				
Ches. & Ohio	47	47	46¼	46¼
Lehigh Valley	144	144	143½	143½
Norfolk & West.	104⅛	104½	104⅛	104½
Pennsylvania	109¼	109¾	109¼	109¼
Reading Railway	152⅛	152⅛	151	151½
Traction Shares—				
Brooklyn Transit	92⅛	92¼	92	92
Interboro, com	21⅜	22	19¾	21⅛
Interboro, pfd	74¾	75	71½	72
Third Avenue	57½	57⅝	56	57⅜
Industrials—				
Am. Beet Sugar	46¼	48⅝	46¼	48⅛
American Can	36⅞	38¾	36⅞	37⅞
American Car	55¾	59¼	55¼	59
Am. Locomotive	60	68	56¾	59
American Sugar	109	111⅜	109	110⅝
Amer. Smelters	72⅞	73⅜	72⅝	73⅜
American Wool	20½	21	20½	21
Central Leather	33⅛	33½	38⅞	39
Corn Products	14½	14⅝	14¼	14½
Corn Products, pf.	78	..	..	..
Col. Fuel & Iron	35	36½	33⅞	36
Consolidated Gas	126⅛	126½	126⅛	126½
Distillers	9¼	..	..	..
General Electric	33¼	33¼	33⅛	33⅛
People's Gas	120	120⅛	120	120⅛
Pacific Mail	23	..	..	..
U. S. Rubber	73	73	72¼	72¾
Western Union	68¾	69⅛	68¾	68¾
Westinghouse	85⅛	88	84½	86¼
Copper Shares—				
Amal. Copper	75	75⅞	74⅛	75⅝
Anaconda Copper	36⅝	36⅞	36¾	36½
Miami Copper	26½	26½	25⅞	26
Tennessee Copper	33¼	33¾	33¼	33½
Utah Copper	65½	66	65½	65⅞
Oil Shares—				
Cal. Petroleum	19	20	18½	18⅝
Mex. Petroleum	83	85	82¾	83¼
Steel Shares—				
Bethlehem Steel	134	139½	134	135
Pressed Steel Car	42	43	41	41
Republic Steel	26½	34	26	29⅞
Republic, pfd	85⅝	85	83½	85
Sloss Sheffield	37¾	42	37¾	40
U. S. Steel	57⅝	58¼	57	57¼
U. S. Steel, pfd	108⅞	..	..	..
Money, per cent	2¼	..	..	..

Sales to noon, 601,300 shares.
Sales to 1 p.m., 802,900 shares.

MITCHELL BANDSMAN WILL SERVE AT FRONT

Cameron Geddes to Leave in Three Weeks.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

MITCHELL, April 15.—Cameron Geddes, of the Bank of Hamilton staff, here, has accepted a position with "D" Company, of the 35th Battalion C. E. F., Toronto. Mr. Geddes will leave Mitchell in about three weeks to join the pipers' band. When at the war the members of this band, when not practicing, will be used as stretcher bearers. Mr. Geddes, who has great musical talent, will be greatly missed in town and vicinity. He has an excellent bass voice, is a member of Knox Church choir, a member of the town band and is a piper. Mr. Geddes has a brother now at the front.

W. Abray, of Beachville, has been appointed G. T. R. agent, as successor to J. H. Dore, who has been superannuated, and has taken over his new duties. Miss Dore, who has been acting agent, will continue as assistant agent.

The directors of the Horticultural Society met on Wednesday evening and decided to give each of the members the same plants and bulbs as at the last spring distribution, and in addition three tuberous begonias and one gloxinia. It was also decided to purchase aster seeds to be distributed among the pupils of the school to encourage them to cultivate flowers and to offer a prize at the fall fair for pupils who achieve the best results.

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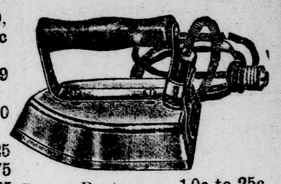

Food Cutters, regular $1.50, for 99c
Electric Irons, guaranteed, for $3.19
Electric Toasters, special for $5.00
Curtain Stretchers, per set ..... $1.00 to $2.25
Ironing Tables...$1.19 to $1.75
Clothes Dryers.....50c to $1.25
Carpet Beaters....10c to 25c

Picnic and Lunch Hand Satchels at ..... 39c and 59c
Lunch Boxes, containing Vacuum Bottles $2.75
Vacuum Bottles, each, $1.25 to $2.50
Oil Stoves, Small, each, 60c to $2.50
Oil Cook Stoves, each, $4.50 to $13.50
Oil or Gas Stove Ovens, $1.50 to $3.50
Oil Polish Mops, each, 79c to $1.50
Dry Chemical Dust Mops, each ..... $1.00 to $2.00
"Livingstone" Vacuum Cleaner and Carpet Sweeper combined; guaranteed; each $8.50
Screen Doors. Some new designs. Complete with fittings. Each ..... $1.00 to $2.25
Screen Windows, hardwood frames..... 20c to 60c
Just to hand, a large assortment of Finest Quality Aluminum Ware at special prices.

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ARGENTINE BATTLESHIP IS FAST ON A SHOAL

WILMINGTON, Del., April 15.—The Argentina battleship Moreno, which sailed from the Philadelphia navy yard today for Hampton Roads, ran aground near Reedy Island in the Delaware River and tonight was fast on the upper end of Dan Baker Shoal.

Officers of the dreadnought do not believe the ship was damaged.

Tugs are standing by and an effort will be made to float her on flood tide early tomorrow. After coaling at Hampton Road the Moreno will proceed to Argentine republic.

The Moreno, which carries a crew of 900 officers and men, draws more water than any battleship ever built on the Delaware and is one of the most powerful fighting ships afloat. She recently was turned over to the Argentine Government by the New York Shipbuilding Company.

PART OF SKULL IS REMOVED TO SAVE QUARRYMAN'S LIFE

GUELPH, April 15. — James Nicol, of Webster street, lies at St. Joseph's Hospital between life and death, as the result of an accident which happened at the stone quarries off Waterloo avenue, this morning. With other quarrymen Nicol had drilled and placed a blast. After adjusting the fuse and igniting it, they ran back to a small shanty some distance from the spot. They heard the explosion, and were about to go out to start work on it, when a piece of rock was blown through the roof of the shanty, striking Nicol on the head, and knocking him unconscious.

When picked up he appeared dead, but a doctor found that he was still alive.

A hurried operation removed part of the skull and Webster has a fighting chance to recover.

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