

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

President Wilson Makes it Clear That United States will not Fight

CHARGE KAISER WITH MURDER

Verdict of Coroner's Jury at Lusitania Inquest Includes Emperor, German Government and Submarine Officers in Condemnation.

President Wilson gave to a gathering of 4,000 naturalized Americans in Philadelphia last night the first intimation of the course which the United States Government probably will pursue in the situation resulting from the loss of more than a hundred American lives on the British liner Lusitania.

When the inquest over five victims of the Lusitania had been concluded yesterday at Kinsale, the Coroner's jury returned a verdict finding that the appalling crime was committed contrary to international law and the conventions of all civilized nations.

"This war was begun by Germany with a flagrant breach of a treaty and it has been carried on with a progressive disregard of convention and of previously accepted rules of warfare," said Premier Asquith in the British House of Commons yesterday.

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Athens says that the Turks are making desperate attacks every night on the Allies' positions in the Dardanelles, but without result thus far.

The sorrow pervading at last night's Canadian memorial service at St. Paul's Cathedral was accentuated by the tragedy of the Lusitania, and the Bishop of London, in his opening sentences, alluded to this further diabolical act.

Ninety-two passengers of the Cunard line steamer Lusitania, who formed part of that handful of maimed, dead and dying brought ashore with the survivors of the disaster that followed the attack on the vessel by a German submarine last Friday, were buried yesterday at Queenstown.

BOSTON MARKET STRONG.

Table listing various commodities and their prices in Boston, including American Zinc, Aluminum, and various oils.

PERSONAL.

THE REV. M. O. SMITH, B.A., Instructor in the Languages and Mathematics After April at No. 544 Sherbrooke St. West.

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GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Reports of western railroads show crop conditions excellent.

Director of Inter-Met. says the merger plan is assured.

Russia is to place an order for 2,000,000 pairs of army boots with New England shoe manufacturers.

One million persons are expected to visit the Atlantic fleet during its ten-day stay at New York.

A representative of large metal interests says Germany's supply of copper is exhausted.

Average price of 12 industrials \$1.44, off 2.98; 20 railroads \$1.75, off 1.34.

It is estimated that casualty companies in the United States will lose at least \$1,000,000 by the sinking of the Lusitania.

De Pont powder mills at Haskell, N.J., are running 24 hours a day in eight-hour shifts, employing 1,800 men.

Dispatches from Buffalo estimate the estate of Elbert Hubbard, who was lost on the Lusitania, at \$500,000. Life insurance policy will yield \$57,000.

Total lake commerce through the canals at Sault Ste. Marie and Ontario for April was 1,435,000 tons, against 775,000 tons for April a year ago.

It is reported that the Austro-German army is reforming for a new offensive against the Russians in West Galicia.

German headquarters reports that the British and French have brought up four fresh army corps for an attack upon the German lines north of Arras.

President Wilson, in a speech at Philadelphia, said the example of the United States must be that of peace.

The Cabinet meets to-day, when President Wilson may reveal the course he has decided to take with Germany.

The net number of idle cars in the United States on May 1st, was 289,627 compared with 327,084 on April 1st, and 228,879 on May 1st, 1914.

Pennsylvania Railroad has placed orders for 20,000 to 25,000 tons of steel, mostly plates, for 2,100 cars to be built at Altoona.

Dr. John Braun, Pittsburg, says that the Lusitania carried 250,000 pounds of tin tetra-chloride, consigned to the French government for use in making gas bombs.

Officials of the University of Michigan refused to permit Prof. G. W. Kirchwey, of Columbia University, to speak in any of the university buildings, fearing his pro-British utterances.

Comptroller of Currency, Secretary of Treasury, and United States Treasurer, named in Riggs Bank suit, has filed a motion to dismiss the injunction on the ground that the court has no jurisdiction.

A statement issued at the Russian Embassy in Washington says that as a result of the fighting in Galicia, the Russian right flank fell back 30 miles and one division withdrew from the Hungarian slope of the Carpathians.

Sailors from German vessels in Boston say that within a month a desperate effort will be made to destroy London by fire. Men who made this statement are the same ones who said three weeks ago that the Lusitania would be torpedoed.

Public Service Commission of New York announces that within seven or eight months third tracking of elevated roads in Manhattan and the Bronx will be partially completed, and the new express service will be begun on some parts of the system.

American naval officers are of the opinion that the torpedo which sank the Lusitania was fired at a range of not more than 1,000 yards, but probably travelled at a speed in excess of 40 knots. Extreme range of torpedoes is about 4,000 yards.

Lehigh coke ovens at Didier, Pa., built three years ago by the Didier-March Co., at a expense of about \$5,000,000, are being dismantled, and Bethlehem Steel Co. will install an entirely new battery of ovens at the plant. They will cost about \$6,500,000, and will furnish work for over 600.

Commission for Relief in Belgium announces total amount of relief to date, in cash and cargoes, is \$60,644,855. Total value of food stuffs delivered in Belgium is \$28,874,335. Number of destitute in Belgium is placed at 1,500,000, who need 15 francs a month apiece to live.

Jacob H. Schiff says that Lower California ought to be acquired by the United States. Detachment of Lower California as related to Mexico, he pointed out, renders it of little value to that country. From Mexico it may be reached only by a water route or by a roundabout journey through United States territory. It produces little or nothing, and has, as related to Mexico, small value of any kind.

WILL CONSTRUCT PIPE LINE.

New York, May 11.—Ohio Oil Company has recently ordered 35 miles of line pipe for a line to be constructed from the Grass Creek field of Wyoming to Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad.

MAXWELL MOTOR CAR CO. DIVIDEND.

New York, May 11.—Maxwell Motors declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. on first preferred stock, and an additional dividend of 3/4 of 1 per cent. on account of accumulated back dividends on the first preferred. Dividends are payable July 1st to stock of record June 10th.

AMERICAN SUGAR REFG. CO. DIVIDEND.

New York, May 11.—American Sugar Refining Co. has declared the regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/2 per cent. on the preferred and common stocks, both payable July 2nd to stock of record June 1st.

Heard Around the Ticker

The Dominion Textile Company, Limited, whose annual meeting is announced to be held on May 26th, own practically the whole of the capital stock in four of the largest cotton mills in the country and has leases for a considerable period on the property of two other concerns of large dimensions.

The feeling of resentment against Germany over the sinking of the Lusitania was so strong on the London Stock Exchange that the British members united and boldly put out of the house members and clerks of German origin. Why stop there? Go ahead and break their sanguinary necks!

"If the United States does not go to war, I will renounce my citizenship and take out Canadian naturalization papers," declared a well-known American financier now living in Montreal. This expresses the sentiment of Americans around the "Street."

Holders of stock in the Toronto Street Railway will not be tickled to death to know that, concurrent with the inroads that the jitneys are making into the company's earnings, the employees contemplate asking for an increase in wages. The present three-year agreement expires on June 18th next, and an advance of one-half cent an hour all round will be demanded. This would make the scale: Motormen and conductors, 24 cents an hour the first year of service; 25 cents an hour the second year; and 28 cents an hour the third year and after. Shed foremen want 28 cents an hour; assistants and car-washers, 25 cents; motor and truck repairmen, 24 cents for the first year, 26 cents for the second, and 28 cents for the third.

Certainly there is one woman in the United States who knows how to size up the Teuton character admirably. Asserting that her husband is a German spy, an ingrate and a swindler, Mrs. Emil Braun of Lakewood, N.J., obtained a warrant for the arrest of her missing spouse.

If our American cousins are not by the authorities at Washington permitted to fight for the United States in defense of the honor of that country and of civilization they will fight just the same. Seven Americans are reported wounded on a casualty list from Ottawa.

The American Banker, after an exhaustive study of economic conditions, comes to the conclusion that the war is going to be a long one, and that in the last analysis it will be ended through the exhaustion of Germany. It ridicules the idea that the British, French and Russian debts will be repudiated.

The Germans everywhere, up to the time they displayed the cloven hoof, were welcome visitors; for generations they now will be Ishmaelites—branded with the brand of Cain.

Every time the season comes around when the quarterly dividend of the C. P. R. is to be declared, there are always rumors in the air of a contemplated reduction in the rate. Constant iteration never appears to tire the croaker, who, no matter what the conditions, is always there with his prognostications of impending disaster. Again these lamentations have been stilled for another three months.

There was nothing peculiar in the action of the German at Vancouver, who killed two men and then committed suicide—the German nation as a whole is afflicted with brain-storm.

There is a peculiar coincidence in the fact that two of the wealthiest men in the United States should have been victims in two of the world's greatest tragedies of the seas. John Jacob Astor went down to death when the Titanic on its initial voyage struck an iceberg and Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt lost his life when a band of German pirates assailed the Lusitania with a torpedo. Both men were worth in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000.

Lloyd's are asking odds of 94 1/2 to 5 1/2, or, roughly, 17 to 1 on the termination of the war by August 31. Even money opinion at Lloyd's is that the war will end in January, 1916.

Barcelona Traction, which has been showing renewed activity, is one of the "foreign" companies promoted by Canadians. Barcelona is one of the largest cities in Spain but is "a long way long from Toronto," where it was promoted. Other ventures made by Canadians in foreign fields are Mexican Light & Power, Mexican Northern Power, Brazilian Traction, Venezuela Ore and a number of electrical and power propositions in the West Indies.

It is said that President Wilson is to send a "strong and solemn" note to Germany, demanding American safety on the seas. He sent a strong, if not a particularly solemn, protest before and the answer was the assassination of over one hundred of his fellow countrymen.

The most recent dividend payment made by the Hollinger Mines, Limited, bring its distributions to shareholders up to 107 per cent, making an aggregate of \$3,210,000 paid out in this manner. Since January the company has paid in dividends \$600,000, or 20 per cent., composed of five dividends of 4 per cent.

Frank Tower, fireman on the Lusitania, has survived the three greatest marine disasters of history. He was a fireman on the Titanic and escaped; on the Empress of Ireland and escaped and has now escaped from the Lusitania. Must have the reputed nine lives of a cat? Or is it that he was born under a particularly lucky star.

Houston's Bank Directory of Canada for May just issued shows that in April ten branches were opened by Canadian chartered banks and seven closed, a net gain of three for the month. The bank now have 3,239 branches, of which 2,144 are in Canada, 20 in Newfoundland and 75 elsewhere.

The Toronto Star wants to start a real war on Germany; up to the present, one infers, our efforts have been half-hearted. "It but remains for every Government in the Empire," says our contemporary, "not only the British and those of the Dominions, but those of the Provinces and municipalities, to place all other matters second and concentrate every effort on making through war on these venerated savages." That's it—down with all thieves and assassins!

THEATRICAL NEWS

A new war play "It's a long way to Tipperary," at His Majesty's Theatre this week, provided a large audience last night with more thrills than it has probably experienced for a considerable time. It deals with the present war, has the usual hero, villain, plans and traitor, with a full measure of love scenes. These exciting incidents are varied with a little light entertainment such as the execution of a traitor who is not a traitor and a fight in the dark. There are other events but these are among the more prominent. The last act has a number of songs—quite well sung—sandwiched between its thrills, but in the other two they are fairly concentrated. The Westmount Rifles attended in full force, the occasion being military night, there can be no doubt of the success of the entertainment.

The presentation of the piece, as is usual with His Majesty's Players, was capable. Miss Louise Randolph did excellent work as the widowed mother of the hero, while Miss Marion Barney made the most of a part which did not give her very great opportunities, that of Kathleen. Mr. Dingle was an heroic hero and had a nice singing voice. Mr. Alden, as an Italian, made a decided hit and Mr. Weiffort was at times impressive as Colonel Dempsey. Any fault apparent was in the lines rather than the acting. Miss Page was satisfactory as the adventuress—of course there was an adventuress—and Mr. Granby was the villain. He has done better work with better roles.

BENEFITING FROM WAR.

New York, May 11.—A steel manufacturer says there is no way to accurately estimate the benefits of United States Steel Corporation through war orders. United States Steel is making no munitions of war. Its war material is confined to its armor plate plant and forgings for shrapnel. It has sold millions of dollars of barb wire to the belligerents and has shipped thousands of tons of steel used for the manufacture of shrapnel, etc.

The steel manufacturer says the benefits of United States Steel from the war to date amount to at least \$50,000,000. However, losses sustained through drop in export orders from beginning of the war up to a short time ago were large. Recently there has been a revival of export demand, shipments now being at a rate comparing favorably with what they were early last year.

WILL INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK.

New York, May 11.—San Antonio Traction Company, a subsidiary of the American Light and Traction Company, will increase its capital stock to \$2,500,000. The \$1,000,000 new stock will be taken by American Light and Traction Company in payment of advances made at various times to the subsidiary for purposes of capital improvements and betterments.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Textile Co. will be held May 26, at 11.30 a.m., at the offices of the company. Transfer books will be closed from May 20 to 26 inclusive. Dominion Cotton Co.'s annual meeting will be held May 26, noon. Transfer books will close May 21 to 26 inclusive.

ARGENTINE LOAN ISSUE.

Chicago, May 11.—Local members of Argentine Loan Syndicate report that about half of \$25,000,000 issue has already been sold. Subscriptions received here are said to be satisfactory under existing conditions, the west holding its own or better in regard to the offering.

TIME MONEY MARKET STEADY.

New York, May 11.—Time money market is steady though less active. Rates are unchanged from previous day at 3 per cent. for 60 days; 3 1/2 for 90; 3 1/2 per cent. for 4, 5 and 6 months, and 4 per cent. for over the year.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Ottawa Amateur Athletic Association, After Tempestuous Career, has Closed Down

LACROSSE MEN PRACTISE

Jeanette Played with Johnson Too Long at Sohmer Park, and so Lost the Decision in a Ten-Round Bout.

Montreal is still a game behind Providence in the race for leadership in the International League, both teams having won yesterday. Montreal defeated Jersey City 9 to 1, while Providence confounded Toronto by 6 to 4. Victories in the other games in the series were also secured by a wide margin, Rochester winning from Newark by 10 to 3, and Richmond defeating Buffalo by 11 to 8.

The Ottawa Amateur Athletic Association, after a tempestuous career of thirty years, which it developed many of the leading athletes of the country, has closed its door, the building having been taken over by the Militia Department. In recent years the Association several times has been in financial difficulties.

Bill O'Hara stubbed his toe and lost a game for the Leafs. That's a new one, anyway.

The three city teams in the National Lacrosse Union were out to practice for the first time yesterday, and will continue the work three times a week until the season opens. The Nationals, Montreals, and Shamrocks all have plenty of candidates for their line-up, and three strong combinations are likely to result.

In a ten-round bout at Sohmer Park last evening, Battling Jim Johnson succeeded in displaying his superiority over Joe Jeanette, though that superiority was more apparent than real. The latter was generally favored before hostilities commenced, but the former, nevertheless, had the better of the first six rounds. Johnson is a bad actor in the ring, forcing the fight at most stages. It was only toward the last that Jeanette became aggressive.

The Canadian Aquatic Polo Association is unable to decide whether to increase the number on a side to seven, according to the requirements of the Olympic rules. The size of most of the tanks in Canada is the stumbling block. The other rules are easy to comply with, they ordering the use of a wider goal and a canvas-covered ball.

Perhaps the Leafs aren't a road team. Maybe they'll get "the breaks" at the Island.

The Shamrock A. A. A., owing to the loss of the grand stand through fire, experienced a deficit in its treasury. The various affiliated clubs did well in their different contests. The following is the Executive for the ensuing year: Hon. president—Hon. C. J. Doherty; president, P. J. McCrory; vice-president, P. Kenahan; general manager, J. J. Ryan; honorary treasurer, J. M. Kennedy; directors, F. Mahoney, T. S. Conroy, C. A. Singleton, W. J. Ryan, T. Fitzgerald and J. J. Carrick.

A cable from London says: The Jockey Club has decided to stop racing at Newcastle, Stockton, Redcar and other places in that district at the request of the North-East Coast Armaments Commission, who have declared that such sports hinder armament work.

New Telephone Directory!

A new issue of the Montreal Telephone Directory is now being prepared, and copy will close on MAY 12th

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GERMAN STATEMENTS SAYS RUSSIAN OF

Petrograd, May 12.—War Office "Our troops have fallen back with positions assigned them. There the enemy's impetuous attacks which ended disaster to a large part of the Russian lines are intact or not a single point has the foe our front."

The German official reports leading misleading information in regard to the Russian front. German as to the capture of 12 guns during the last week. The artillery division consisted of only four guns, which the Germans neither inflict the Russians nor achieved any general success. Parts of the Russian line are being forced to retreat, offensive gains daily from 10 to 50 yards. "The report that Russian attacks against the Tzansky were repulsed is untrue."

"As regards battle in Galicia the progress of the enemy in an attempt to Russian division, fighting for the conquest of uniformly frontal attacks against the Russian front; a post-Germans gradually occupied, but if they were great the enemy's were evacuated. In the direction of Oly we count Turks who are retiring south, south have evacuated district of Tortum. "In the direction of Alashkert - Turks in the region of Doutank and same district on the left bank of the cavalry successfully engaged Kur in the direction of Tapaniz we occupy."

GERMANS RE-TOOK TRENCHES

Paris, May 12.—Official admission trenches captured by the French were taken by Germans in a furious battle. The French War Office official communique shows that a great number of trenches were captured. The fighting since the capture of the trenches has been very hard. Germans have taken up strong positions along the La Basse-Lens Railway. At some points they had massed an unexpected number and were able to assume the offensive. A French aviator made a daring attack on German lines, destroying bridges near Courrières and Douai. The village has been completely destroyed by persons being killed. So terrific is it by the Germans that all villages in front have been deserted.

KAISER'S VIEWS PREVALENT

Amsterdam, May 12.—Emperor Wilhelm was responsible for the concessions in Austria, according to advices received here. These reports stated that in a final interview with the Allies, the Kaiser and Vienna and held a conference with Joseph II.

The Kaiser's views were accepted and immediately notified the Italian Foreign concessions granted.

CONTINUE CASE UNTIL MARCH

Washington, May 12.—On the morning of the 12th, the case of the Treasurer of the Treasury National Bank against the Treasury, McAdoo, Comptroller Williams, and Treasurer Burke, was set for trial Monday in the Supreme Court of Columbia.

JAPANESE CRUISER RE-FLOATED

Tokyo, May 12.—The Japanese armament, which ran ashore on the coast of Korea, has been re-floated. The Asama today is to be re-floated. The Asama is docked and repaired at San Francisco.

BIG SHELL ORDER FOR SCOTLAND

It is officially announced that Naval and Coal Company, has received new orders for \$3,600,000 from the Imperial Government.

RUSSIAN SECOND INTERNAL LOAN

Petrograd, May 12.—A government-made public instructs the Ministry of Finance to issue a second internal loan of 1,000,000,000 (100,000,000,000).

FRENCH ADMIT GERMAN INTRIGUES

Paris, May 12.—French admit German intrigues.

ANTI-GERMAN RIOTS IN LONDON

London, May 12.—A special cabinet was called as a result of anti-German riots are growing in London. Pitched battles are being fought in mobs and police. Many have been arrested. Special constabulary organized for service will be called to protect German subjects if Zeppelin attacks London.