

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Premier Asquith Announces That He Expects Satisfactory Solution to Home Rule Problem

TO REMUNERATE VOLUNTEERS

Question of Adequate Pay for Canadians Being Considered—Will Not Allow Germans or Austrians to Sail from New York.

On moving the adjournment of the House of Commons for a fortnight, Premier Asquith last evening intimated he was hopeful that in the interval he might be able to make proposals regarding Irish Home Rule which would meet with something like a general acquiescence in the solution of the question.

As the work of recruiting proceeds, a number of problems incidental to the sending forth of a Canadian contingent are being taken up. One is the matter of remunerating volunteers for their services in the field. In the case of civil servants, this was solved by an order-in-council issued last night providing full pay during active service for members of that body who volunteer.

Bearing homeward hundreds of reservists, English and French, the steamer Rotterdam, of the Holland-American Line, sailed at 1 o'clock yesterday morning from Hoboken for Plymouth, Boulogne and Rotterdam. No Germans were accepted as passengers. All who could not display proofs of Dutch, English, French or American citizenship were denied passage, and all persons who could not show that they had business on the pier were rejected. The passage money was refunded to those Germans who had bought tickets.

A Cape Town despatch to the London Morning Post shows that the Dutch leaders there are intent on supporting the Imperial Government in the present crisis. After a meeting, attended chiefly by Dutch Afrikaners, there was sent to General Botha for despatch to the Imperial Government a resolution declaring that local Afrikaners could be depended upon to defend the Union Jack to their last cartridge.

While a very strict cable censorship has been established between Canada and European points, and it is impossible to get cable communication with either Germany or Austria-Hungary, it was stated at the city post office yesterday that no steps had been taken to censor mail matter, either going to or coming from hostile countries.

Funeral services for Mrs. Woodrow Wilson were held in the east room of the White House at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, after which her body was taken in a special train to Rome, Ga., for burial, beside those of her father and mother. Prayers were said and a simple, brief funeral service was conducted in the presence of a small company, to which the committees of Congress and members of the Cabinet were the only ones admitted beside the family.

NO SHIPS NO BUSINESS

No Matter How Profitable the Prices U. S. Could Not Benefit Without Ships.

New York, August 11.—The National Foreign Trade Council at 71 Broadway met yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce to consider commercial conditions in general and the prospects of American shipping during and after the war in Europe. Mr. James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation, presided. He considers the situation serious and strongly urged concentration on the accomplishment of practical results.

"Even if steel could be sold for \$1,000,000 a ton and wheat for \$10 a bushel, it would do us no good so long as we lack ships in which we could send these products into foreign markets," said Mr. Farrell.

The Canadian News, a Japanese newspaper of Vancouver, has issued an extra edition, calling on Japanese in that city either to go home and join their regiments or else to form a regiment in Vancouver to fight under the direction of the Government of Canada.

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GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Thomas E. Rush is to be named by President Wilson as Surveyor of the Port of New York.

Revere Rubber Co., Providence, has laid off night shift and further curtailment is likely.

The North Sea has again been closed to the fishing fleets until further notice.

Canadian civil servants who take part in the present war will be paid their regular salaries.

A syndicate will make an offer for coal lands in Pottsville County, Pa., held by Delaware & Hudson.

Empire Steel & Iron Co. has laid off its night shift of 100 men. Orford Copper Works, at Bayonne, laid off nearly 1,000 employes.

Otis Elevator Co. has laid off more than 1,000 of its employes in its Yonkers plant. Its Berlin and Paris plants are also closed.

Copper Queen and Calumet and Arizona smelters have reduced wages of 2,000 men 10% and have laid off 500 men.

The Hamburg-American line steamer Cap Ortegall, with \$5,000,000 in specie aboard, has been captured by the British.

Interment of the body of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson takes place this afternoon at Rome, Ga., beside those of her father and mother.

A German, who thought it was nobody's business what he was doing around the Lachine Canal, has been fined \$20 and costs.

French, Russian and Serbian reservists in the United States have made application to be allowed to join the Canadian contingent.

Sir Richard McBride was directly responsible for securing to Canada the two submarines which were built at Seattle for the Chilian Government.

European war will mean shortage of German toys this Christmas. Last year United States imported \$8,556,000 of German toys, nearly half of which arrived in August and September.

Sir Edward Anwyl, professor of Welsh and comparative philology in the University College of Wales, at Aberystwyth, is dead. Professor Anwyl was widely known as an educator.

Bombay reports business almost at a standstill. Government has decided to issue no more gold, following drafts of \$1,500,000 in two days by Indian princes and money lenders.

Officials of Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. and Western Union report that European war has brought the largest business in their history. Germany is isolated from the rest of the world.

The relieve urgent needs of 52,000 depositors of closed east side banks State Superintendent of Banks Richards has arranged for advances to be made in small accounts on passbooks.

A number of independent steel companies will substitute spiegeleisen for ferro-manganese, a large portion of which is derived from Germany. The substitute product can be manufactured in this country.

Syndicate of New York, Scranton and Wilkesbarre capitalists is prepared to offer Delaware & Hudson \$1,000,000 more than the company paid for its coal lands in Pottsville, Pa.

H. S. Mundheim, manager for the Cement Products of Canada, Limited, who was being held at the Citadel in Quebec as a prisoner of war on account of his being a German subject, has been released on parole.

The White Star liner Cedric, which put into Halifax last Thursday to avoid a German cruiser, reached New York after the longest voyage she has ever made from Liverpool.

The graduate nurses of Toronto decided to raise \$1,000 towards the fund for the hospital ship to be presented by the women of Canada to the British Government.

The Remington Typewriter factory at Ilion and the Monarch and Smith Premier factories in Syracuse, which were to have been opened August 17, will not be opened, on account of the European war.

Approximately 82% of population of Europe is at war. Of 495,473,000 persons in all Europe, nations having 407,073,000 inhabitants are fighting against each other with a total army strength in war of about 15,700,000 men.

London special says it is observed there that the Kaiser in his proclamation to the German people has made a threatening gesture toward United States in the statement that there was "a latent hostility to the east and to the west and beyond the sea."

Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of Southern Pacific Co., states there is no truth in the report that negotiations are in progress between United States and Pacific Mail S. S. Co. for transfer of steamships Manchuria, Mongolia, Corea, Siberia and China for transatlantic service.

Nine companies to carry on moving picture enterprises have been incorporated at Albany with \$11,321,000 aggregate capital. Duke of Manchester is a director in three companies, largest of which is International Educational League, capital \$10,000,000.

New York Herald says Europe will stagger under war debts for 50 years. Year of fighting will cost \$18,250,000,000. Wealth of five nations at war is \$750,000,000,000, and in 13 years cost of armies and navies, naval construction, etc., exceeded \$20,000,000,000.

Mutual Life Insurance Co. acquired at foreclosure proceedings for \$25,000 19-story building at 22 and 34 Broadway and 69 and 71 New street. Property was assessed at \$950,000 and encumbrances were \$12,000 over purchase price.

Racing stables and stud farms of Americans in England, France, Germany and Austria, with horses valued at \$2,000,000 may be seized by countries in which they are located. It is reported that Alfred Vanderbilt has already donated his famous "all gray" coaching team to England.

GREAT WRITING OF WAR CORRESPONDENTS

Present War Will Not be Recorded by Pens of Pressmen at the Front

SOUTH AFRICAN MASTERPIECE

Description of the Burial of Highlanders as Written by London Daily News Representative Takes Place in Forefront of Descriptive Writing.

The present war will be conducted without the presence of war correspondents. In most of the great wars of the past, the war correspondent played an important part and some of their writings, such as those of Russell in the Crimean War, furnished by all odds the best account of that great struggle. Through his writings, Russell was able to mould public opinion and force an inefficient government to properly equip and look after its soldiers.

In more recent times, the war correspondent has been shoved to one side, until in the Balkan War he played little or no part. Even in the Russian-Japanese War very little latitude was furnished the war correspondent. In the South African War, correspondents were given more latitude and some very fine and patriotic writings resulted from the presence of these men with the army. As a matter of fact, one of the finest pieces of descriptive writing ever penned appeared in the papers during the Boer War. This was from the pen of the correspondent of the London Daily News and depicted the attack of the Highland Brigade upon Magerfontein and the subsequent burial of General Wauchope and his slain soldiers. The story of the burial follows:—

Three hundred yards to the rear of the little township of Magerfontein, just as the sun was sinking in a blaze of African splendor on the evening of Tuesday, the 12th December, a long, shallow grave lay exposed in the breast of the veldt. To the westward the broad river, fringed with trees, runs murmuringly; to the eastward, the heights, still held by the enemy, scowled menacingly; north and south, the veldt undulated peacefully; a few paces to the northward of that grave fifty dead Highlanders lay dressed as they had fallen on the field of battle; they had followed their chief to the field, and they were to follow him to the grave.

"How grim and stern those men looked as they lay face upward to the sky, with great hands clutched in the last agony, and brows still knit with the stern will of the strife in which they had fallen. The plaid draped to every Highland clan were represented there, and as I looked out of the distance came the sound of pipes. It was the General coming to join his men. There, right under the eyes of the enemy, moved with slow and solemn tread all that remained of the Highland Brigade. In front of them walked the chaplain, with bare head, dressed in his robes of office; then came the pipers with their pipes, sixteen in all, and behind them, with arms reversed, moved the Highlanders, dressed in all the regalia of their regiments, and in the midst the dead General, borne by four of his comrades. Out swelled the pipes to the strains of "The Flowers of the Forest," now ringing proud and high, until the soldiers' heads went back in haughty defiance, and eyes flashed through tears like sunlight on steel, now sinking to a moaning wail like a woman mourning for her first-born, until proud heads dropped forward till they rested on heaving chests, and tears rolled down the wan and scarred faces, and the choking sobs broke through the solemn rhythm of the march of death.

"Right up to the grave they marched, then broke away in companies, until the general lay in the shallow grave with a Scottish square of armed men around him. Only the dead man's son and a small remnant of his officers stood with the chaplain and the pipers while the solemn service of the Church was spoken.

God Help the Boers. "Then once again the pipes pealed out, and "Lochaber No More" cut through the stillness like a cry of pain, until one could almost hear the widow in her Highland home moaning for the soldier she would welcome back no more.

"Then, as if touched by the magic of one thought, the soldiers turned their tear-damp eyes from the still form in the shallow grave towards the heights, where Cronje, the "Lion of Africa" and his soldiers stood. Then every cheek flushed crimson and strong jaws set like steel, and the veins on the hands that clasped the rifle handles swelled to almost bursting with the fervor of grip, and that look from those silent armed men spoke more eloquently than ever spoke the tongues of orators. For on each frowning face the spirit of vengeance sat, and each sparkling eye asked silently for blood. God help the Boers when next Highland pibroch sounds: God rest the Boers' souls when the Highland bayonets charge; for neither death, nor hell, nor things above, nor things below, will hold the Scots back from their blood feud.

GUN POWDER AND FACE POWDER

Advances in Price of Former Sends Latter Up Sixteen Per Cent.

Boston, August 11.—As a result of the gun powder demands in the European war, the price of imported face powder has been advanced 16 per cent. Imported perfumes are also advanced to an average of over 25 per cent, with little or no stocks on hand. One of the largest importers of perfumes in Boston states that he sent a representative to New York early this week to purchase a large supply of imported perfumes, who reported absolutely none to be had. Brushes are also likely to experience a sharp advance in price as the result of the foreign war as the best brushes are imported and it is an interesting problem to know that one importer alone received over \$200,000 of imported tooth brushes and \$400,000 of perfumes at the port of Boston last year.

Attar of roses, which sold at \$7.50 an ounce a week ago is now unobtainable at \$5. It will be remembered that two years ago during the Balkan war Attar of Rose more than doubled in price from \$7 to \$15.

There are six steamships in transatlantic service whose title to American nationality is undisputed—the St. Louis, St. Paul, New York and Philadelphia of the American line from New York to Europe—all mail-subsidized auxiliaries of the United States—and the Finland and Kronland of the Red Star Line.

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GERMANY CONTROLS THE POTASH OF THE WORLD

Is As Much Dependent Upon American Phosphates As the United States Are on Her Potash-Fertilizer Industry Basis.

Boston, August 11.—W. H. Bowker, director of the American Agricultural Chemical Co., says: "At this moment I do not think that the European war can have any serious effect on the consumption of fertilizers in this country, nor any material effect upon the earnings of the fertilizer industry. It is true that Germany controls the sole source of available potash of the world. It is a tremendous source of profit and revenue to Germany. She may let it out and she may not. If she lets it out there is a question if we can get ships sailing under neutral flags to bring it to this country.

"All high-grade, complete fertilizers contain potash. It is one of the three essentials to the production of maximum crops, but it is believed that many soils are well stocked with potash and that good crops can be grown for a time with fertilizers containing little or no potash. It is also believed that farmers will take fertilizers without potash for next year's use, and because there will be an unusual demand for food stuffs from this country, there should be a larger sale of fertilizers.

"This country is the home of phosphate, which is the basis of fertilizers. Germany imports our phosphates extensively. She is almost as much dependent on our phosphates as we are on her potash. This country also has a good supply of sulphur for the manufacture of sulphuric acid, with which to dissolve the phosphates and make them available for immediate crop assimilation. It also produces a large amount of nitrogen-bearing products, such as sulphate of ammonia, fish and meat tankages, seed meals, etc. It is dependent upon Chile for its nitrate of soda. Nitrate of soda for agricultural purposes is not contraband, and Chile should let it out freely, but the question is, can we secure neutral vessels to bring it to this country.

"Knowing that we have sufficient phosphates, and assuming that we shall obtain sufficient nitrogen, there is every reason to believe that the sale of nitrogenous, soluble, phosphatic fertilizers will be equal to that of any year, and there is every reason to believe that profits will not be impaired.

"The fertilizer industry is basic. It deals in plant food or fertility. It is essential to the agriculture of the older parts of the world. It can be affected only temporarily by wars."

SILVER MEN ARE WORRIED

Not Lack of Demand Which is Causing Flurry but Insufficient Insurance Protection.

(Special Correspondence.) Cobalt, August 11.—It is not lack of demand of silver that is causing a flurry in camp, but rather the means of getting bullion to market, since bars may be seized as contraband of war, and insurance cannot be obtained, an attempt is now being made to market silver via San Francisco direct to China. Bullion shipments have ceased but ore shipments this week were well up to average, Coniagas shipping four cars to smelter, Trethewey two, McKinley Darragh two, Dominion Reduction one, Penn. Canadian one, and Temiskaming one. Two mines only have shut down as a consequence of war conditions, these being Kerr Lake and Drummond fraction.

GERMANS LOSE PATENTS.

London, August 11.—Walter Runciman, secretary of agriculture, a member of the cabinet, announced that the Board of Trade is now considering releasing for the use of British manufacturers all patents owned by Germans that have been registered in the United Kingdom. This will mean great losses to German manufacturers.

EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

New York, August 11.—Asked what the government would do in event that the European war resulted in a heavy decrease in revenues, Oscar Underwood said: "Several months will elapse before the effect upon our revenues becomes appreciable to the extent that we will have to find other means of revenue. There is no immediate necessity of emergency legislation."

Flaxseed trading has been resumed on Duluth Board of Trade.

The fact that permission may now be obtained for the shipment of coal from England to Norway and Italy is taken to indicate that there is no danger from foreign warships.

Lieut.-Col. D. M. Robertson, formerly of the 48th Highlanders, Toronto, has forwarded the following telegram from his home, in Williamstown, Gloucestershire, County, to Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia: "Offer my services in any capacity they can be used in the interests of the Empire and allies."

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Giants Beat St. Louis and Boston Jumps into Second Position Through Cards' Defeat

ATHLETICS WIN AGAIN

Clean up at Cleveland Gives World's Champions Hundred Points Lead in Race—Sinigaglia Would Turn Pro.

There were no games scheduled in the International but there was an interesting game in the National which the paper fan watched in lieu of the real contest.

The Giants didn't wait until the last inning to hit St. Louis pitching yesterday, but by the fourth inning had it 3 to 1 on the Cards. Then in the 8th there was another break by which the Giants scored four more.

Larry Doyle broke Perdue's heart with a homer in the fourth and Perdue had to be rushed out again to save the franchise that followed. This defeat was a serious one for the Cardinals, for it meant a drop from second to fourth place.

The Cubs lost as well as St. Louis and Boston, four weeks ago tall enders are now the Giants' nearest contenders.

The Athletics made a clean sweep of the series with Cleveland and now stand just one hundred points ahead of Boston.

Sinigaglia, the giant Italian sculler, who defeated the best that England and America could produce at Henley, and won the Diamond Sculls, is anxious to enter the professional ranks, and has issued a challenge to Ernest Barry.

The Shamrock IV, conveyed by the steam yacht Erin, sailed into Bermuda on Sunday safe and in good condition after an eleven-day journey from Funchal, the Azores, her last stopping place, and from where she sailed for New York.

WORLD'S MERCHANT MARINE.

Total of 39,059 Vessels, Sail and Steam, and Tonnage of 23,241,000.

The Insurance Almanac gives comparisons of the Merchant Marine of the world, the returns being those of the Bureau Veritas, the French maritime reporting agency. The table covers all steam vessels of more than 100 tons burden and all sailing vessels of more than 50 tons burden for the year 1913-14:

Table with columns: Country, No. Vessels, Net Tons, No. Vessels, Net Tons. Includes Great Britain, Germany, United States, Norway, France, Italy, Japan, Holland, Russia, Sweden, Belgium, Austria-Hungary, Spain, Greece, Denmark, and Various coun.

PROBABLY CLOSE FOR 30 DAYS YET.

New York, August 11.—The question as to when the Stock Exchange will re-open continues to agitate Wall Street minds. It is impossible to foretell when business will be resumed but due notice will be given by the Board of Governors when the step is contemplated. Discussion among Stock Exchange interests and influential financiers would seem to indicate that there is little likelihood of business resuming within the next thirty days.

Norcross Bros. & Co., Worcester, have struck natural gas on Cleveland property, yielding about 2,500,000 cubic feet daily.

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ALL FIRE INSPECTORS APPOINTED WERE COMPETENT

Board of Control Decides that All Inspectors Must Qualify as Regular Firemen of the City Brigade.

By decision of the Board of Control yesterday afternoon all those who have been engaged as fire inspectors must qualify as regular firemen of the city fire brigade. There are 37 of these inspectors and, according to remarks made by Chief Tremblay, a number of these taken on cannot pass an examination as they are too old and another was 62 years of age. Mayor Martin stated that one-half of the men were engaged while he was away from the city, and what he understood was that Acting Mayor Blumenthal had approved a number of names from Deputy Chief St. Pierre, all of which the Board had approved. It was discovered that all were not properly qualified. That was suggested by Controller McDonald was that the men be examined and those not up to the standard be dispensed with.

The necessity of having such inspectors, who are to be themselves familiar with buildings in their district, was emphasized by Chief Tremblay, who further remarked that it was his plan to change the men and thus employ different firemen at each station for the work of inspecting the larger buildings. As the Board has already approved of the project, it was decided to authorize Chief Tremblay to prepare a report giving the result of his examination with the further understanding that those found unsatisfactory would be replaced by others. The Board was amused by hearing of the youth of 17 who had managed to get himself employed as an inspector of buildings. He is said to be the son of an alderman.

DENIES RUMOR.

New York, August 12.—Vigorous denial was made yesterday by Julius P. Meyer, vice-president of the Hamburg-American Line of the report that Herr Ballin, chairman of Hamburg-American board of directors had been expelled from Germany on account of pro-British propaganda. Mr. Meyer arrived from Europe on the Potsdam. The Potsdam came from Rotterdam and Cologne. It carried 228 first cabin passengers, 103 second cabin and 239 steerage.