

## News Notes

The Bank of Hamilton has opened another branch in the West. This is at Enchant, Alberta, and is in charge of Mr. D. Towers.

After a stormy passage from the Orient the steamer Empress of Japan arrived in port last Tuesday, with 100 passengers in the saloon, and a large list of Chinese in the steerage.

Melbourne, Australia, is expecting between 20 and 30 steamers to arrive to begin on the job of carrying away the surplus wheat of four years.

In spite of Argentina's remoteness from the seat of war and her great surplus of wheat, flour has been selling there for 5 cents per pound.

Louis Wolfe, of the Montreal and St. Lawrence Ports Stevedore Company, is leaving for England on February 22nd on business for his company. He expects to be away about two months. It is his intention to interview shipowners with regard to steamers using the port of Montreal.

The prohibition on the importation of raw hides of all descriptions and weights into Britain has been removed, and dealings in raw hides are now freely authorized.

"The Canada," first of 40 wooden 1,500-ton steamers being built in British Columbia for the French Government, was launched January 24, from the Lyall shipyards, Vancouver, B.C.

The Lyons Fair will be followed by a fair at Bordeaux, France, which takes place from May 31 to June 15, a little over two months later, beginning about eleven weeks after the Lyons Fair closes. The Canadian representative of the Bordeaux Fair is Mr. Emile Lacas, 11 St. Sacrament street, Montreal, who will answer any questions asked by Canadian manufacturers who think of making application for representation at the fair.

A fishing schooner which came into Boston in December, landed an airplane bomb about five feet long that had become enmeshed in her drag net at sea. This is no doubt a relic of the submarine hunting which took place along the coast last summer.

The Standard Oil Company has increased the quarterly dividend by \$1 a share.

A report is circulating to the effect that orders to the extent of two million pairs of boots are about to be placed in Canada for civilian footwear. The order is said to emanate from French houses.

Congress was asked by Secretary Lane for an appropriation of \$13,800,000 to complete construction of the Alaskan Railroad during 1919.

At the recent annual banquet of the International Life Underwriters' Convention at New York, Mr. T. B. Macaulay, of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, gave an address on what had been done in Canada in connection with the great war. The speech is now issued in pamphlet form.

The "War Temiscaming," another lake built steamer for ocean service, was launched at the Polson Iron Works on Saturday. She is 3,500 tons dead weight.

The "Nina," a duplicate of the vessel Columbus used in one of his voyages, which the Government of Spain presented to America in 1893, was burned to the water's edge at her mooring in Jackson Park, Chicago.

The Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association has made arrangements to institute, through the Boy Scouts Association of the Province of Manitoba, a competition along the lines of fire prevention and first aid in fire fighting.

At present, the weather is the great natural enemy of aviation, but before long it will be fully conquered. Two things are needed for victory. One is the multiplication of meteorological stations so that aviators may have fore-knowledge of the weather conditions they are likely to meet on long flights. The second is the use of direction-finding wireless apparatus. This apparatus is a British war-product, and is at present a secret, but we shall soon learn all about the means by which British inventors were able to provide aircraft with instruments which indicated the distance and direction of wireless stations on land. Aircraft so equipped can fix their position frequently, can report to their base at any moment where they are, what course they are steering, and whether they are in any difficulty. Thus the Imperial "wireless chain" will be an indispensable factor in the organization of long-distance flying. The direction-finding wireless instruments will, of course, be of great value to shipping in foggy weather, or when the clouds prevent the steering of a course by the stars.

As the "New Mexico" is the first large battleship fitted on this system, it is generally assumed that the application of electricity to the driving of ships is an American invention. The pioneer work was, however, done by British engineers, notably Captain Durnall, and the late Mr. Mavor, and the first patents for this system were taken out by them. It is to the credit of the American naval authorities that they were the first to try the system. They built a large collier with electric drive and tested it along with a sister-ship fitted in the ordinary way. As a result of these tests, plans were made for much more ambitious equipment on the Dreadnought "New Mexico." Great Britain has, however, to her credit not only the initiation of this revolution, but also the building of an early electrically propelled merchant vessel, the "Wansty Castle."

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Nicolet, December 5th, 1918.

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