

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Britain Concedes Principles of U. S. Contentions but Note Indicates Attitude Will Remain Firm

GERMANS EVACUATE LILLE

Great Britain's preliminary reply to the note from the United States Government, was made public at Washington and London yesterday. It concerns in the view of the United States that commence between neutral nations should be interfered with only when imperatively necessary. While conceding the principles of the American Government's contentions the note points out difficulties in actual practice, refers to alleged fraudulent practices by shippers, and cites statistics showing an increase rather than a decrease in certain neutral commerce, in support of Great Britain's suspicions that Germany and Austria have been indirectly obtaining contraband through neutral countries. The note promises, however, that "Great Britain will make redress" whenever the action of the British fleet may unintentionally exceed the limits of international law.

A despatch from Boulogne asserts that confirmation has been obtained of the rumors that the Germans have evacuated Lille and that the city is now virtually in the possession of the British. German civilians are leaving Ostend because the Allies have now advanced to within nine miles of that town, according to a despatch to the Amsterdam Telegraaf from its Stias correspondent.

The Times of today says that sixteen German submarines were seen over the English Channel yesterday morning, and it is evident that a raid on England was contemplated. Having got so far, however, the pilots apparently found weather conditions too bad to continue their journey, for they turned their machines and steered in the direction of Dunkirk.

Announcement has been made at Ottawa of an important relation of the censorship, which will permit the exchange of telegrams in code between Canada and other dominions and colonies, more especially Australia, New Zealand, Newfoundland and the West Indies. Four codes are permitted, A.B.C., Lieber's, Scott's and the Western Union. The new conditions come into force on January 15.

A semi-official statement from Petrograd regarding the recent naval activity in the Black Sea, says that on Christmas Eve (January 6, modern calendar), Russian warships in the Black Sea engaged the enemy's cruisers Breslau and Hamidish, inflicting considerable damage. East of Surneh four of the enemy's ships in the harbor of Rizeh were destroyed. The warships also bombarded the port of Khops.

La Prensa of Buenos Aires publishes the report that an engagement has taken place off Rio Grande de Norte, Brazil, between the British battle cruiser Invincible and the German battle cruiser Von der Tann, adding that the Von der Tann has been sunk. The Havas Agency has received no confirmation of the reported naval battle. Naval officials at Rio de Janeiro place little credence in the report.

More Canadian regiments now stationed at Salisbury Plain will soon leave for the front, according to an inviolable soldier who returned to Halifax, N.S., on the steamer Misanable from Liverpool. He said the men of the 5th and 6th Battalion were under orders to leave for France on January 12. The 5th Battalion will go intact, but the 6th Battalion has been re-formed into cavalry regiments.

Sir Ernest Shackleton cabled to New York this morning from South Georgia that he is off to battle with Antarctic ice.

Capt. von Muller, commander of the German cruiser Emden, has arrived in England, and is a prisoner in one of the officers' detention camps in Wales. The place of his internment is kept a secret.

**SEIZURE OF OIL PROPERTIES
MAY INDUCE COMPLICATIONS.**
Washington, January 11.—The Neco and other border problems were considered settled by administrative officials, a report practically to that effect having been made by General Scott and the situation in the interior of Mexico furnished the most vexing questions for them.

This situation was viewed with some concern both in official and diplomatic circles. The recent edict of Carranza seizing all oil properties in the republic especially gave cause for worry, as it was expected to result in diplomatic complications with Great Britain and Holland in particular.

PEOPLE'S GAS COMPANY.
New York, January 11.—People's Gas, Light and Coke Company declared regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent., payable February 25th. Books close January 20th, re-open February 10th.

REDUCTION IN GASOLINE.
Boston, January 11.—The Standard Oil Company has announced a one cent per gallon reduction in the wholesale price of gasoline to 12 cents a gallon; also a one-half cent a gallon reduction in Kerosene to eight cents.

VISITING HOSPITAL GOVERNORS.
The visiting governors to the Western Hospital for the ensuing week are: Messrs. David McGill, Joseph McLaughlin, Francis McLennan, D. McLennan, and A. R. McMaster.

SIR CHARLES IN BETTER HEALTH.
Stewart Tupper, K.C., of Winnipeg, eldest son of Sir Charles Tupper, is ill in England, where he is under the care of Sir William Osler. Sir Charles, who is at Besley Heath, is in better health this year than he was last winter.

Halifax, N.S., January 11.—Premier Murray has received a cablegram announcing the safe arrival at Rotterdam of the steamer Calcutta, the third relief ship from Halifax, with supplies for the Belgians.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Supreme Court meets at noon.
Amsterdam Stock Exchange re-opens to-day.
Text of Great Britain's reply to America's protest regarding shipping is friendly and conciliatory.
United States Steel Corporation unfilled orders on hand December 31st, were 3,886,842 tons, an increase of 512,951 tons compared with November 30th last.
Rail orders last week totalled 50,000 tons. New car orders totalled 2,300.

Australia threatens to restore embargo on wool export if the United States continues to export wool and woolsen products to Germany.
Building operations in New York City, \$43,471,000 in 1914, as against \$73,970,000 in 1913.

New Haven Railroad November deficit, after charges \$170,754, decrease, \$60,188.
Berin says that the French attempts at Newport and Solbosons have failed.

Eight Turkish army corps is said to have left Damascus for the Egyptian frontier.
Another attack on Dunkirk by 12 German aeroplanes is reported.

A Boulogne despatch says that the British have occupied Lille.
An average of six ships a day pass through the Panama Canal.

President Poincare signed an order, which bans absenteeism from France forever.
The Eclipse and Alice mines of the Pittsburgh Coal Co. have resumed operations in full.

The French Government has ordered from a Pittsburgh firm 30 tons of cocoon for the use of its soldiers.
John J. Mitchell was elected president of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, for the 36th time.

The Spanish Government's financial statement for 1914 shows a deficit of \$41,400,000 due to the shrinkage of revenues from the war.
Belgium will exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco. France will bear the entire expense of Belgium's representations.

The Carolina, Greenville & Northern Railroad Co. has been organized to build an electric line between Newport and Kingsport, Tenn.

The appointment of Naval Constructor L. S. Adams to be industrial manager of the Portsmouth Navy Yard was announced by Secretary Daniels.

The Matz Tire & Rubber Co., of Akron, Ohio, founded nine years ago, will be taken over by the Goodyear concern, which owns 50 per cent. of the stock.

W. C. Collins, president of the Keystone Steel & Wire Co., announced that his company has refused an order from French Government for 100,000 steel arrows to be used by aviators.

The Etna Explosive Co., of New York, will take over the Etna Powder Co.'s two plants at Thosias, Ill., dynamite mills at Etna, Ill., and factories at Xenia near Gary, Ill., and 650 acres of land.

HALIFAX SHOWS INDOUBTABLE SIGNS OF WAR-TIME ACTIVITY

(Special Staff Correspondent.)
Halifax, N.S., January 11.—Of all Canadian towns, Halifax shows the greatest evidence of war-time activity. The streets are thronged with the khaki-clad soldiers of the Second Nova Scotia Contingent, the garrison manning the forts around the harbor and sailors from the warships and the naval patrol.

All ships entering the harbor are held up and examined by the small state port guardship stationed at the entrance to the port every craft from fishing boats to a lumber schooner to a while an officer boards and overhauls the ship's papers. Failure to stock means a shot across the bows.

At night, powerful searchlights are playing across the western passage—the only entrance to the port as the eastern passage has been closed up by sinking a schooner across it—and in the dimming glare it would be impossible for even a row boat to enter unobserved.

A number of Admiralty chartered colliers are anchored off in the stream and the naval might of the Empire is represented by the somber painted battleship "Glory," the Canadian cruiser "Niobe," and the converted auxiliary cruiser "Caronia." In the Canadian naval service there is a vast flotilla of tugs and small craft engaged in coast patrol and mine sweeping making their headquarters here.

The new dock for the mail liners which has been in course of construction for the past two years, is practically completed and will be ready within two months. Without a doubt, this 700 foot dock and warehouse is the finest of its kind in Canada and will be a noteworthy addition to the equipment of the port.

The dock is built upon concrete piles and the shed is designed with wide spaced pillars and double tracks through the centre for freight handling. The upper floor of the shed is being fixed up for the examination of immigrants entering the port. When the new terminals further down the harbor are completed, the Immigration Department will be located there. A relic of the old Canadian sailing ship days remains in the bark "Calurga," which is lying at anchor in the stream. The bark is the last Nova Scotian built square rigger afloat. She was built of wood in Matland, N.S., in 1878, and one noteworthy feature about her is her fitted royal masts. The "Calurga" is at present for sale. Another wooden sloop arrived this week. The Norwegian bark "Aeolus" from Harbardsund to load deals for the United Kingdom.

ASK EXTENSION OF TIME.
Ottawa, November 11.—The Canada Preferred Insurance Co. is applying to Parliament for an extension of time for taking out its license to do business. The National Wood Distilling Co. is also applying for extension of time for commencing operations with its special patent process.

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WILL LEGISLATE ON FARMING OF FOXES

Want to Safeguard Industry and Make it Better Understood by Outside Capitalists

FEELING OF UNREST

Has Been Created in the Minds of Fox Breeders and Shareholders in the Fox Companies, Because War Has Temporarily Checked Enterprise.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., January 11.—During the past week three important meetings of fox men were held throughout this province. At Montreal, at Summerside and at Charlottetown and at each one phase of fox farming were discussed. The main object was to appoint delegates to meet in Charlottetown, at a date to be fixed upon, to prepare legislation for presentation to Parliament at the next session to safeguard the industry in every way, and to provide for the incorporation of such factors as will help to make it better understood by outside capitalists. At all meetings a resolution covering the situation was adopted. This resolution referred to the effect of the war in temporarily checking enterprise, adversely affecting many industries and greatly depressing business in general. The result has been the creation of an understandable feeling of unrest in the minds of fox breeders and shareholders in the fox companies. Despite this, the fox business has not been so seriously affected as many other industries, as is proved by the large dividends, ranging from ten to two hundred per cent., thirty-five companies having already declared dividends averaging forty-eight per cent. on the business of the present year.

That the island produces the finest fox fur in the world is shown by the fact that in 1910 a consignment of twenty-five Island silver fox pelts to the London furriers, Lampton and Company, brought an average price of £255 sterling, three pelts selling for over £200 each and one bringing the unprecedented figure of £340.

The unique soil and favorable climatic conditions of Prince Edward Island were referred to, and it was shown that there will be for a number of years a ready sale at highly remunerative prices for native Island silver foxes for breeding purposes. It was reviewed in the opinion of the meeting that there was no reason for anticipating any permanent decline in fox values, and that there are no grounds for holding that the present abnormal trade conditions arising from any inherent weakness in the industry, but rather for a cause which affects universally the selling prices of all kinds of stocks and bonds.

In the Island market of December 28th appears a page article giving a very valuable and comprehensive review of the fox business. Many statistics are given and the language is moderate and the facts presented in such a manner as to appeal to the hard-headed, practical business man. Some of the points brought out may be briefly set forth as follows:

(1) The temperature of the Island, free from extremes of heat and cold, is admirably adapted for the production of the finest fox fur in the world.

(2) The scarcity of lime and minerals in the red island soil prevents the fur from becoming coarse, brittle and brownish in color.

(3) The insular position of this province has permitted the development of a distinct type of species of foxes.

(4) The industry is steadily increasing, respectability and permanency in spite of the vicissitudes and systematic "kneeling" which it is receiving. This kneeling has originated with interested parties seeking to discredit the Island fox with the object of booming foxes of other and inferior breeds, in which they themselves are speculating.

A lengthy table is submitted, showing the average price from 1900 to 1911 at which the black fox pelts sold on the London market. It shows that the average is \$778.74 for every one of the 200 pelts sold by a single Island rancher during the above fourteen years for all pelts in the world is only \$226.96.

In comparison with the above, it was shown that the average of all pelts sold by the Hudson Bay Company during the years 1900 to 1911 is \$196.08, which is the same average for the same years for the Island rancher is \$748.87.



HON. W. G. MITCHELL,
Provincial Treasurer, who announces a Government surplus of \$376,000.

THEATRICAL NEWS

Emma Calve, the prima donna, has arrived in New York from Marseilles to make a concert tour of the United States and Canada. She was the only first-class passenger on board. When the liner called at Providence, R.I., on Saturday morning, Madame Calve sang at an informal concert for the benefit of the French soldiers. This realized \$1,500. During her stay in New York, the prima donna said, she hoped to hear Geraldine Farrar sing in "Carmen" at the Metropolitan Opera House.

To such an extent has the dancing craze taken hold of New York after theatre pleasure seekers that even the elaborate cabarets at some of the theatrical amusement halls no longer suffice. So Flo Ziegfeld, Jr., is giving in the early morning hours a new entertainment at the Danse de Folies, atop the New Amsterdam Theatre.

The entertainment is entitled "Nothing But Girls," and more than twenty-five of the Ziegfeld girls take part in what is a miniature musical show. Stars from other stages, including Ray Cox and Will West, appear. The entertainment is staged by Ned Weyburn. The book is by Gene Buck and the music by Dave Stamper and Louis Hirsch. The frolic starts shortly after midnight.

There are catchy songs, good music, dancing and a big climax when the chorus ends with a parade on top of a glass platform overhanging the diners.

Oscar Hammerstein, the impresario, 62 years old, was married to Mrs. Mary Emma Swift, 32, on the afternoon before New Year's, in a lawyer's office in Jersey City, according to the return which was filed Tuesday.

In his office over the lobby of the Victoria Theatre the impresario refused to admit the marriage and postponed the evening in dodging friends who called to congratulate him.

Mr. Julien Daoust, of Quebec, and a company of players, will present at the Canadian Francaise Theatre, St. Catherine east and St. Andre streets, a play dealing with the invasion of Canada by Germans.

The first performance of Japanese opera in aid of the institute is being given in Stanley Hall to-night, under the direction of Mr. Leslie Tedford, Prof. Shea, Miss Moylan and Prof. Norman. There are to be forty singers, some of the principals from St. Paul's Church choir; and twenty-five dancers, trained by Prof. Norman. Chorus from "The Mikado" and "The Geisha" and a scene from the second act of "Madame Butterfly" comprise the opera performances, while the dances include the Sailor's Hornpipe, an which Miss Olive Waters, a dainty little sprig with a clear, sweet voice, sings "Jack's the Boy" and "Splash Me"; and Japanese dances, in which Miss Frances Dalby, who is already known to Montreal audiences, will dance the solo parts.

LONDON SHOWING GOOD TONE ON SMALL INVESTMENT ORDERS.

London, January 11.—(2 p.m.)—Markets are showing good tone on many small investment orders. Home falls and Americans show upward tendency. Com. 98 1/2. Bar Silver 22 1/2. Active Americans at 2 p.m. New York equivalents follow:

Atchison	93 1/2
Ches. & Ohio	41 1/2
Erie	29 1/2
New York Central	47 1/2
Northern Pacific	101 1/2
Penn. Ry.	105
Union Pacific	117 1/2
United States Steel	51 1/2
Canadian Pacific	155 1/2
Amal. Copper	34

STEEL PLANTS OPERATING NEARLY SIXTY PER CENT. OF CAPACITY.

Youngstown, Ohio, January 11.—Operations in the steel plants of the Valley for the coming week will reach nearly 60 per cent. of capacity.
The upper, lower and Ohio plants of the Carnegie Steel Company will reach 60 per cent. the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company over 50 per cent. the Republic Iron and Steel Company will operate 25 per cent.
At the bi-monthly settlement of the bar iron scale between the Amalgamated Association and the Western Bar Iron Association, held on Saturday, the rate of puddling for the first time in years reached the base price, which is \$5.50 per ton on a one-cent card rate.

MILLIONS OF ACRES AWAIT PRE-EMPTION IN B.C. SAYS MINISTER

For Last Two Years, 3,643 Acres Pre-emption Records Were Reserved Which is Four Times the Number Recorded in Five Years.

The Hon. W. J. Bowser, the Attorney-General of British Columbia, has just made public figures which give a striking picture of the agricultural development of that Province, particularly in the districts opened up by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Before the railroads in British Columbia were built, he says, the Government withdrew from the market many large tracts of agricultural land. Following the reservation of these lands they were surveyed so that the pre-emptor could go on and select his land without danger of rival and overlapping claims which had caused confusion where there had been no surveys.

This had been done along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific and in the last two years there had been filed at the land offices at Prince George, Fort Fraser, Hazelton, and Prince Rupert no less than 2,643 pre-emption records in the land so reserved; which was four times the number of pre-emptions recorded in the whole of the province five years ago.

There were other thousands of acres of land waiting for the settler, surveyed and still under reserve. In four years the Government had surveyed for settlement no less than 3,789,372 acres, and the total amount of the land surveyed and ready for the pre-emptor and the pre-emptor alone, amounted to 91,128,567 acres. One-third of the total area of land under cultivation in the Dominion of Canada, he said, was only 26,000,000 acres, and yet in British Columbia the Government had provided three times that area and it stood ready for the pre-emptor to-day.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

All Three Hockey Matches on Saturday Went Overtime to Determine Result

INDOOR BOWLING SCORES

Three Important Golfing Fixtures are Announced, as Also Contests for Amateur Skating Championship of United States.

The various teams in the National Hockey Association have now rounded approximately into their top form, as was indicated in the result of the matches which took place on Saturday night. In all three instances overtime was necessary to determine the result.

In the indoor bowling match between the directors and the bowling department executive of the M. A. A., the former were successful by a margin of 204 pins. The bowling department allowed their opponents a handicap of 111 pins per man, which was too large for the "regulars" to overcome. The latter rolled 2,937, while with their handicap the Directors amassed 2,141.

The contest between the Canadiens and the Wanderers, as had been anticipated, was one of the most sensational that has taken place in this city for many years. The presence of "Newsy" Lalonde on the lineup of the former worked wonders. Overcoming a three-goal lead, the Canadiens sailed ahead and were only held out at the wire. Score, 6 to 4.

Captain J. F. Foulkes, of Victoria, is awarded first place in the 1914 official ranking of the North British Lawn Tennis Association. He is one of Canada's foremost players and is now with the first contingent at Salisbury. H. M. Garrett, of Victoria, ranks second.

Both the Ottawas and the Torontos were inclined to rough it when they met at the Capital. Darrah was not able to play for a week. Wilson required medical aid after a collapse on the ice. The Ottawas, following a gruelling experience, were the victors—1 to 1.

Before the Montreal Sporting Club, in the gymnasium on Prince Arthur Street East, Harry "Buck" Ledwith, lightweight champion of Canada, and Jack Reed, lightweight champion of Australia, will go ten rounds to-morrow night. The complete program follows: Condon and Reed, 10 rounds; Cohen and Watson, 8 rounds; Cleavers and Lewis, 6 rounds; Labelle and Smith, 6 rounds; Caveney and Dougherty, 6 rounds.

The Ottawans provided a surprise when they defeated Quebec in the Queen City by 2 to 2. Quebec fell up a hard and a bitter fight, but the Queen City lads would not be denied. Dave Ritchie and Joe Malone were both injured, the former having a tendon in his ankle cut and the latter spraining his ankle.

Nap. Labelle still retains his lead in the averages of Class "A" of the Montreal Bowling Association, with 186.9, and at the present he looks to be on his way to his third straight prize for the most consistent bowling. Two of his team-mates, Meunier and Boullanne, are second and third respectively.

The Toronto Wanderer game here on Wednesday and the Wanderer-Ottawa fixture at the Capital on Saturday should provide all followers of hockey with something to talk about.

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BETHLEHEM STEEL MADE A NEW HIGH RECORD AT 53 1/2

New York, January 11.—Towards the end of the first hour the stock market became somewhat irregular and on the whole a little reactionary. There was, however, a tendency to relapse into dullness on the recession and prominent interests seemed to be well satisfied with the course of the market.

Bethlehem Steel made a new high record by advancing to 53 1/2, a gain of 1 1/2. It was quite generally conceded that there was justification for the stock's advance. For 1913 earnings were equal to about 25 per cent. and it is estimated that results for 1914 were equally good. Furthermore there is a practical certainty of still larger earnings in 1915. The increase of orders for equipment was reflected by an advance of a point in Dressed Steel to 37 1/2, and of 1/4 to 46 1/2 in American Car and Foundry.

RUMLEY COMPANY.

Chicago, January 11.—According to the Economist the Rumley Company has a cash balance on hand sufficient for its immediate needs if the notes due March 1st are extended, but the bankers dare not make any further extensions until the negotiators who remained out of the last extension agreement reveal their attitude.

NOTED HUMORIST PASSES AWAY.

St. Paul, Minn., January 11.—Marshall P. Wilder, the author and humorist, died at a hotel here early to-day.

AMUSEMENTS.

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WEATHER: Local Snowfalls

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FRENCH ARTILLERY FIRED WITH GREAT PRECISION

Paris, January 12.—The official afternoon statement follows:

"From the sea to the Oise there has been an interminable cannonade very slight at some points. To the north of Soissons some violent combats have been fought around the trenches captured by us on January 8th and 10th. The enemy during yesterday made several counter-offensive movements, which we repulsed and we gained new parts of the trenches.

"From Soissons to Rheims there were artillery duels, but heavy pieces responded effectively to the batteries and bomb throwers of the Germans.

"In Champagne in the region of Souain, our artillery fired with great precision on the opposing positions.

"Near Perthes the field forts, located to the north of Perthes-sur-Aire, was the scene of a sanguinary battle.

"The enemy succeeded in establishing a trench in the middle of the works of which we hold the salient. The battle continues.

"In the Argonne and as far as the Meuse there is nothing to report.

"On the heights of the Meuse two German attacks were made in the environs of Consvoye; the other at Bellefontaine, were repulsed.

"To the southeast of Elpes, Sir Vonzeux, one of our foremost snipers and last year's champion of a German sniping which was piloting the village of St. Saur.

"In the Vosges and in Alsace the day was quiet, but weather and a blizzard continues."

FRENCH ATTACK WITHERED BEFORE THE GERMAN FIRE.

Berlin, January 12.—The afternoon official report follows:

"In the western theatre insignificant engagements were occurring south of the canal of La Bassée.

"The French last night attacked our troops south of Verdun but were repulsed with heavy losses. Early in the morning the battle recommenced in this district.

"A French attack which was started yesterday in the region of Perthes withered away before our fire. There were heavy losses.

"In the battles in the eastern Argonne we have captured since Friday one major, three captains, 13 lieutenants, and 1,600 men. The total losses of the French, including killed and injured in this limited battle are estimated at 3,500.

"French attempts to attack Ailly, south of St. Mihiel, have failed.

"In the eastern theatre there is nothing new to report.

"Russian advances in Northern Poland were unsuccessful.

"Our attacks in the district west of the Vistula have progressed notwithstanding the bad weather.

"The situation on the east bank of the Pilica is unchanged."

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