

# VEIL DRAWN OVER OPERATIONS ON EAST FRONT

## ANOTHER BIG RUSSIAN STROKE TO BE LAUNCHED ON THE EASTERN FRONT?

**Laconic Reports that "Nothing of Importance has Occurred" Only News from Eastern Theatre for Past Two Days—Cadorna Straightening Line before Final Drive for Trieste.**

Something of a mystery exists as to the situation on the eastern front. For two consecutive days the Russians have confined themselves to brief statements that nothing of importance had occurred. The Austrian and German war offices have been almost equally uncommunicative. The only fighting mentioned by Vienna was the repulse of Russian attacks on the lines of General Von Boehm-Ermolli, who is in command of the Teutonic forces retiring from the Tarnopol front. Berlin reports the repulse of Russian attacks south of Brody. The lull in the Italian operations against Trieste is unofficially explained from Rome as due to General Cadorna's desire to straighten his lines before proceeding with a general offensive against the great Austrian seaport. Austrian seaplanes have again raided Venice, but Rome says that they caused only slight damage.

**Berlin's Report.**  
Berlin, Aug. 17, via London, 4.52 p. m.—The Russians are attacking fiercely in Eastern Galicia in an attempt to overcome the resistance of the Austro-German forces in the region of Zalocze.

They have been repulsed completely, the war office announced today. The statement follows:  
"Fierce Russian attacks continued into the night against Batkow and Harbusow, west of Zalocze. They were repulsed completely.

"On the front of Archduke Charles Francis the enemy yesterday made fruitless efforts north of the Dniester, near Tustobay and Konczani. We took 154 prisoners. In the Carpathians, Starawipozyna Height, north of Capul, has been captured.

"Balkan front: Southwest of Lake

Dobran weak Bulgarian advance guards drove back enemy detachments which attempted to push forward from Doldiele."

**Massed Russian Attacks.**

Vienna, Aug. 17, via London.—Massed Russian attacks against the lines of Gen. Von Boehm-Ermolli, between Peraplinaka and Pinski, were repulsed by the Austrians, according to an official statement issued by the war office today. For twelve hours yesterday the Russians endeavored, in vain, to penetrate the Austrian entanglements.

Near Manajoa the Russians penetrated the Austrian trenches, but were driven out by reserves, the statement says. The successful defense is attributed to the excellence of the German and Austrian batteries.

## OFFICERS OF THE A.M.E. CONFERENCE

Addresses at Yesterday's Sessions—Officers Elected for the Year.

The session of the N. S. and N. B. conference of the A. M. E. church was continued yesterday at St. Paul's church. There was much interest taken in the proceedings both in the morning and evening. Rev. J. P. Stephens, of Halifax, delivered the usual conference sermon in the evening, taking as his theme the need of service, to the end that each should aim to follow in the footsteps of the Saviour. In eloquent language the speaker referred to the need of increased effort to live according to the teachings of the Man of Sorrows. After the sermon Bishop Smith spoke on the subject of "Immortality." In a forceful and impressive way he pointed out the benefits to be derived by doing right. He said he had been forty-seven years in the ministry, and fifty-one in public life, and had become more than ever convinced that true Christianity was in every way essential for all that is worth while.

Rev. Dr. Franklin gave short addresses and announced that Rev. S. King, of Woodstock, would preach to night in the church.  
At the morning session Bishop Smith delivered the opening conference address, taking as his subject "Christianity of the Times." Rev. C. W. Dockrill, of Brookline, also spoke, stating that in his church colored men had always received the same treatment as white men. Rev. Mr. Pinckney was elected secretary of conference and Rev. Mr. King assistant secretary. Both in the morning and in the evening there was good music and interest in the work of the conference has been kept throughout.

**WILLIAMS TO RETIRE.**  
Rev. Williams, the bantamweight champion, is going to retire. A year from next December he will be 24 and plans to be out of the flat game by then.

## THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY MEETING

Loss of \$165,000 in 1914 was Transformed into a Profit of \$115,000 in 1915—Interesting Conditions in Canadian West.

(London Daily Express.)

A general court of the Hudson's Bay Company was held recently in London. Mr. R. M. Kinderley (the governor) presiding.

The governor said that the profit on fur trading amounted to £23,000, compared with a loss of £23,000 in the previous year. Sales of furs and other trading showed a profit of £247,000, compared with £247,000. From the land profits it was proposed to make a distribution of 5 per cent, which would absorb £50,000 and the carry forward on land account would be £29,271, against £54,835 brought into the account. This correspondingly larger amount, however, was being carried forward on the general business of the company. The result of the land department, looking at all the circumstances, must be considered satisfactory. Both in the number of acres sold and in the total sale price the figures were the largest since the year 1910-11. The fur department had given the directors a considerable amount of anxiety, having regard to the fact that 50 or 60 of their fur post managers had joined His Majesty's forces. The absence of these men had led to a considerable incursion of American traders, who for the time being had been successful competitors in the fur trade. This was, however, the largest profit derived from trading—even if they included past profits from furs—in the history of the company. With regard to the current year, much depended on the outcome of the western crop, but unless anything disastrous occurred in that direction there was every reason to believe that this portion of the business would prove remunerative and that the net results would show a further improvement. The land commissioner, in a cablegram just received, stated that the steady demand for farm land in an ever-widening area continued, and with a good crop harvested this might be expected to increase. The fur trade commissioner reported that the fur collections due to arrive were expected to maintain, if not exceed, the quantity of the previous season, in spite of the comparative failure of the Labrador hunt. The stores commissioner reported satisfactory increases in sales for the first six months' trading, the volume of which was the largest on record.

The report was unanimously adopted.

## PRELIMINARY WORK FOR NEW ELEVATOR.

The preliminary work in the erection of a grain elevator on the Water street site was begun yesterday when a crew of men under the direction of A. C. Selig, began boring for foundations. Today more boring apparatus is expected from St. Andrews and the work will be completed as quickly as possible. The general impression when the council refused to grant permission for the grain conveyors to cross the street was that the project was killed for the present, but it is now believed that the elevator will be built at once, so as to be ready to handle at least a portion of this winter's grain traffic.

## NEWSPAPER VIEWS OF THE SITUATION

(McDUGALL & COWANS.)

New York, Aug. 17.—Journal of Commerce: "The news indicates an extensive cover and more than a moderate inquiry from investment sources."

Sun—"The stock market movement has the indications of becoming a big speculation."

Wall St. Journal—"The optimism in the stock market situation comes largely from the professional speculators."

Financial American—"Reading accumulation is in steady progress."

Tribune—"None of the American securities mobilized by Great Britain have been tied up."

Funerals.

The funeral of Mrs. John W. Walker took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 14 Harding street. It was largely attended. Rev. Hammond Johnston conducted the services at the house and at the grave. At the house a special choir sang "Abide With Me" and "Asleep in Jesus." Interment was made in Fernhill. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent by friends, a list of which follows:—The Misses Kirk, Messrs. Thompson and Betts, Miss Florence Baster, Miss Annie Maber, Mr. and Mrs. Short, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Alward, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Russell, Mrs. S. D. Granville and others.

The funeral of George E. Cowan took place yesterday afternoon, Rev. David Hutchinson officiating; interment took place in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Mrs. Thos. Daughney took place yesterday from the home for incurables at Fernhill cemetery, Rev. H. P. McKim officiating.

Harry Reichenbach leaves World Film for Frohman Amusement Corporation.

## TACOMA MANAGER "SMOKES" HIS BALL TEAM TO VICTORY

Russ Hall has a Little Way with His Cigars Which, He Declares, Helps His Team to Win.

"I've seen a lot of superstitious ball players but Russ Hall, manager of the Tacoma Tigers, is the daddy of them all. He has a system with cigars he smokes between games that he would not divulge for any amount of money. During a tight battle, when the opposing club goes to bat he refuses to puff or relight his cigar, preferring to let it die a natural death. When it is out he chews vigorously on it. This, he says, prevents the other team from acclimating. "Occasions have happened, he says, when he unconsciously puffed on the cigar and sure enough the opposing team started a rally. When his team is at bat he lights and puffs at the cigar to bring good luck to his side."

## PERSONAL

Miss Dony, who has visited several times in St. John, has lately come from her home in Germany to the United States. She came via Sweden and writes that "the voyage was quite uneventful. There is plenty of food in Germany and an overflow of soldiers."

Mrs. Richard Kiernan and daughter Mrs. Wm. Harrington, are spending a few days at Chapel Grove. Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Marvan and daughter of Lynn, Mass., are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Melvin, Princess street.

Misses Eva Kegan, Annie Tracy and Mamie Bradley are spending their vacation at Chipman, N. B. Miss Katherine E. Butler of New York is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Butler, Milford.

Miss Anna Gormley, R. N., of the Carney Hospital, social service department, Boston, accompanied by her cousin, Master George E. Cummings of Fitchburg, Mass., is visiting

## CANADIAN CLEARINGS

Montreal, August 17.—Bank clearings for the week ended today totalled \$28,925,923, as compared with \$22,322,179 for the corresponding week in 1915, and \$44,928,181 in 1914.

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Toronto, August 17.—Bank clearings for the week ended today were \$42,973,847, and for the corresponding week last year, \$38,503,589, and \$32,919,395 for 1914.

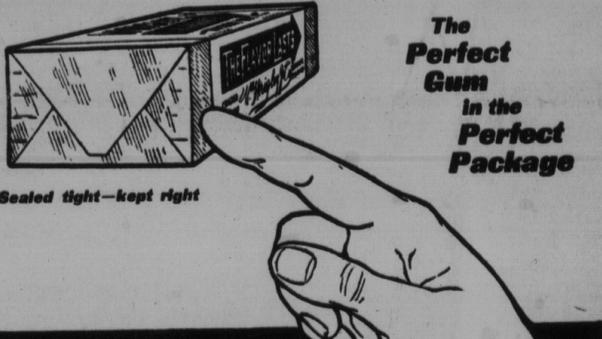
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4) Song of Silence	George Formby	18076
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# CANADA IN THE SEA

## Canadian Naval Overseas in the Dominion, the Course of Instruction Training Depots—

**SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD**  
Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 17.—A Canadian naval training depot is to be organized which will take the same as Canadian soldiers. Thanks to the Liberals who have no ships in the North Sea, to take its place in the British submarines, etc.

The men will be enlisted in Reserve and will be loaned to the rate of pay and will be paid scattered through the British Canadian forces.

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**  
The call for volunteers will be via department. Details of the junction with officials of the A. officers, but only men in the experience as sailors or stokers without experience at sea will be in the British naval training depot.

## COST OF LIVING IN CANADA SHOWED A SMALL DECLINE LAST WEEK

Upward Trend of Wages Continued, Half the Increase Being in Favor of C. Employees.

## CANADA'S WEALTH.

Canada's great wealth now in the Western Harvest fields, first excursions to reach Winnipeg will be from the Maritime Province Government representatives and are well on hand, and most employment with good wages assured. If the great demands being made upon Canada in the good products are to be fully met it is the important duty of every farmer to produce as much as possible that can possibly do so to lend a hand in gathering and taking care of the enormous crops now at the maturity. Let the farmer of the East share the work and the with his fellow farmer of the West. Let the farmers of the Maritime income be found in great number the harvest fields—an occupation will be of material benefit to selves, and add to the productivity and prosperity of the entire Dominion. Excursions by C. P. R. Aug. 26

**CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND**  
Single Anniversary Collection King Square, Aug. 4th, by invitation of Central Finance Committee, \$275.35. Monthly: W. M. A. \$5; W. P. Hatheway, \$25; T. G. (3 months), \$3; J. O. Porter, (2 60c.); Mrs. D. Hargrove, \$25; Mr. T. Crawford, \$25; Mrs. E. H. W. (3 mos.), \$10; Mrs. E. H. Black (2 mos.), \$5; P. Sweeney (3 mos.), \$5; Harry Weaver, \$1; H. A. 75c.; W. J. Ambrose, \$10; Mr. J. Ambrose, \$5; M. V. Paddock (2 mos.), \$5; E. T. Dykeman (2 mos.), \$5; J. Roy Campbell, \$6; J. Brown, \$1.