HAPPENINGS 1

Wanderers and Ottawas are Once More Tied for First Place in N.H.A. Race

YALE DEFEATED McGILL

uebec Branch of the Canadian Amateur Heckey Association Has Been Formed—Toronto Base-ball Club Will Likely Train in Florida.

Wanderers, through their defeat of Ottawa on Saturday, are now tied with the Senators for first place in the N. H. A. race, each having won nine and lost Torontos are in third place with seven wins and

Babe Borton, the first baseman who was so very instrumental in tearing the ground from agement of the Los Angeles club will be tendered to

Torontos were defeated by the Canadiens by four to three. The Flying Frenchmen are tied with Shamrocks for the celiar position in the N. H. A.

Haroid Janion, Secretary of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, states that their roll of honor at the present moment totals 117 members, of whom two have been killed in action and one accidentally killed while on duty.

The National Hockey Association has decided that the same awarded to Wanderers by default on the part of Shamrocks must stand as originally decided by President Quinn.

Philadelphia writers declare that Bill Donovan has sounded Connie Mack on the possibility of securing Outfielder Rube Oldring. They add that the Bronx slugger is likely to come to New York. Donovan says the deal is all news to him.

Tale's hockey seven, playing a brilliant game. de feated the McGill University hockey team in New York in a fast game by the score of 7 to 8. The Am ericans outplayed the Canadiens at every stage of the

Charles H. Ebbats, according to latest reports, is hesitating between two old loves. He doesn't know whether to put Jimmy Sheokard in charge of his Newerk Indians or to sell the team to Ed Reulbach

Mr. T. Yates Foster has been elected president of the Quebec branch of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

So enthusiastic is William Donovan over the virtue of Ocale, Fla., that Jim McCaffery is likely to take previously. the Toronto club to that city the middle of March.

Gordie Roberts is still the premier goal-getter in the | dend. N. H. A. He has 24 tallies to his credit. Pitre, of the Canadiens, comes next with 23. Tommy Smith, who now with Quebec, is third, with 22.

Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, is expected to reach Havana, Cuba, this week. The American immigration authorities have been instructed to arrest him should be attempt to reach Mexico through that

Tommy Smith's work around the nets was the feature of the game between Shamrocks and Quebec, the little fellow getting five of Quebec's nine goals.

The annual speed skating championships will be held by the M. A. A. A. Toboggan and Skating Club on Saturday afternoon in conjunction with the races of the Snowshoe Club at the Westmount rink.

Ottawa is disposed to give the Wanderers complet credit for their brilliant victory on Saturday. The ore-3 to 1-indicates how the Senators were played

Jos Malene and Dave Ritchie, who have been ou of the game hearly a month through injuries, returned to the ice, at Quebec on Saturday, but were only

Harry Bingham, the clever featherweight boxer -morrow evening at who is to meet formany house to-morrow evening at the Montreal Sporting Club, will finish his training to-day for the bout. Bingham showed a marked im-shares were \$8,581,000. Today, as every one knows, sive fighter with a har punch, and he sure will give Bingham a hard fight.

NOVA SCOTIA STEEL WILL PAY FULL RATE OF WAGES.

New Glasgow, N.S., February 8 .- The Nova Sc Steel and Coal Company has decided to restore to the men the 25 per cent. wage cut which they received in July last at the outbreak of the war.

t time ago asking for restoration of the 25 per reduction made in their wages on July 31st of last year. The matter was considered, and it we decided to restore the rates which were prevalent be fore the outbreak of the war."

ZINC ORE CLAIMS

Nelson, B.C., February 8,-It is intended to begin work in the early spring on the zinc ore claims or The promotor visited the claim recently, and sees a great prospect of sinc ore, with croppings here and there of high grade sliver ore. In places the ore runs from 30 to 50 per cent. sinc. claims so under the names of Black Jack and

AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVE

New York, February S.—American Locomotive pre-

previous sale made January 20th.

This is the minimum price established by change Committee.

AMERICAN BANK CLEARINGS. ork clearings, \$245,719,814; Increase \$48,028,

his clearings, \$19,005,702; décrease \$1,288,

clearings, \$16,817,674; decrease \$1,469,215.

NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

******************** The Southern Public Utilities Company has sold \$2,660,600 of its first and refunding mortgage 5 per cent. sold bonds, due July 1, 1943, to William Morris Imbrie & Co., who have been appointed the com-pany's fiscal agents. The Southern Public Utilities Company owns and operates electric power and lighting plants, gas plants, electric atreet railway lines and water works, supplying sixteen cities and towns in the Pledmont section of North and South Carolina

It is controlled by the same interests which control th

uthern Power Company.

William P. Bonbright & Co. report gross earnings of the Colorado Power Company for the calenda year 1914 at \$746,369, an increase of \$54,284, and ne \$475,712, an increase of \$15,418. The balance available for interest on the first mortgage bonds of the company was approximately two and one-half times

The Laclede Gas Light Company reports for the year ended December 31, 1914, gross earnings of \$4,-629,689, an increase of \$96,197 over the previous year. After payment of interest and preferred stock beneath denns, there was a balance of \$877,447 for the com-Frank Chance's feet, is trying to purchase his release mon, an increase of \$3.847 over the previous year. from the St. Louis Federals. If successful the man Common stock lividends amounting to \$749,000, or 7 per cent. were paid during the year. Surplus at the end of the year was \$181,591

AMERICAN SUGAR DIVIDEND

New York, February 8 .- A prominent financier ys: "I have not been informed as to what American Sugar directors intend to do regarding the dividend the common stock but I shall be surprised if they make a change. Trade conditions have been against the company for some time but in past years the surplus earnings were greatly in excess of the 7 per cent. lividend paid and as they belong to stockholders. think they should now be drawn upon in order to bridge over a temporary deficiency. Cash and quick assets of American Sugar Refining Company are equal to the amount of preferred stock outstanding, nd, while it is in the preferred only that I am interested, I think the company can well afford to continue the present distribution on the common

CHEESE EXPORTS.

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•	1 3 1 1 1 1	Local.	Thro'.	Total
•	Liverpool	. 1,528	8,564 .	10,092
	London	3,106	5,322	8,428
9	Hristol		419	419
	Manchester	367		367
	Betth to		250	250
•	Belfast		450	450
	IK.			
5	X 4	5,001	15,005	20,006
	Same week last year	1.901	8.343	5.243

GERMAN BANKS IN DIFFICULTIES

Berlin, February 8.— The Berliner Tageblatt says learns t.at the Dresden Bank will pay a six per eent dividend this year instead of 8% per cent

It is also stated that the National Bank Deutschland has announced that it will pass its divi This bank paid 6 per cent, last year.

WEATHER MAP

Cotton Belt-Clear. Temperature 30 to 50, No preci

Winter Wheat Belt-Generally clear, light su parts lows and Ohio. Temperature 4 to 26 American Northwest-Generally clear. Tempera

ture zero to 10 above. No precipitation Canadian Northwat-Partly cloudy. 22. No precipitation

EXPECTS WAR WIL

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a while longer, into betterments and improvements and surplus.

Bethlehem

C. M. Schwab, of course, is by far the largest owner of Bethlehem securities. In 1911 James B Brady, a keen judge of business propositions as well as of diamonds, prophecied that if Schwab kept his health he would be worth in twelve Bethlehem's net profits in 1912 were \$4,-877,000 and it paid no dividends. Its profits the folnt of form on his last appearance here and is the preferred is a 7 per cent stock and earnings for looked to by his followers to give a good account of the common are three times as much. If the Bethlehem Company is the bonanza exp lts business has only begun to grow. There may be nothing improbable in the Brady forecase. Certainly the company has made a fine start towards fulfillment.

The Investment Market

The bond market is still vigorous, notwithstanding reaction in prices generally. Low interest rates con tinue in its favor. It looks as if this month see a flat 3 per cent rate for six months money. Un-Colonel Thomas Cantley, the general manager of the company, said: "A petition signed by nearly all is little likishood of any serious falling off in the the men at the plant here was presented to us a demand for good bonds.

The Laird of Skibe

Andrew Carnegie before the Commission on In dustrial Relations looked well. Physically he showe the good effects of those walks round the big lake which lies across the road from his home—otherwise the Central Park Reservoir. And mentally he wa alert and communicative. He had a little patho with him too. Read what one veracious chronicle unicative. He had a little patho says of the Laird of Skibo's appearance on the wit ness stand in this inquisition. "He was a little emo tional when referring to the Homestead strike riots His voice sank when he said, "It was too late! refer ring to his eforts which might have averted the riots." Old steel men who remember the bloody pro-longed conflict between labor and capital at the Homestead plants of the Carnegie concern back in the 90's must have smiled when they heard about the old iron master's testimony and recalled what actually happened during the Homestead troubles. "Andrew Carnegie," said of of them, "was not present at a conference nor did he set foot in Home stead during the strike. When the clouds began to gather he found Bannoch a pleasane refuge. While month for the current year, but also the lowest month the surgeons were probing for an assassin's in Henry C. Frick, who won the great fight at Homead by his ability and bravery, Carnegie was in Europe thousands of miles from the seat of war. But, then, the little Scot always had a sense of humor. He no doubt had a good laugh over the reporter's



MAYOR THOMAS CHURCH, better shape than at the present time. Mayor Church has been in Montreal for a few days.

THEATRICAL NEWS

inspiring, poetical, noble and altogethe wonderful, was the music of Ferruccio Busoni, at the fourth musicale of the Donalda Series, at His Majesty's Theatre, Sunday afternoon. Intengible as it is, there is a difference in the great musician's playing to when he was last heard here. eems that he is more finished and less effort to hold his audience and where at one time, his playing was of the more forceful nature now savors of the emotional, poetle rythm, for which he has become famous the world over.

The programme consisted throughout of the less known works of the masters, some of which have never before been heard in concert in this city. may be that this fact was appreciated by the audience, for there is no denying that it was held spell bound for seconds after the playing had ceased, then it broke into storms of applause and although it is not customary for Busoni to give encores, it was necessary yesterday, the audience remaining in their seats and continuing the tirade of encores until he at last consented.

The programme opened with a Bach number, one Shipments of cheese from Portland and St. John which has never been played in concert in this for the week ended February 4, 1915, showing combeloved brother. Bach is a difficult writing to place before an audience at all times, opinion being much divided as to its merits. Busoni, however began in a most sympathetic vein carrying the senti ment through the action, in a most vivid manner and, it seemed, when he has stopped, that each one had bidden farewell to a speeding friend. The interpretation was a most interesting one and the theme and effect was most elaborate

> Beethoven's last sonata, Op. 111, followed and proved a wonderful contrast to its predecessor. In this, the shading was wonderful and from the overwhelming maestoso effects to the flowery beauty of the ariette one was carried with the most profound feeling. Magnificent breadth and much tonal value added impressiveness to the noble theme. As an exponent of Beethoven, Busoni is wonderful and original in a great

A Schumann suite made up the second part of the programme and Buson proved himself to be complete master in every way. " Des Abends," "In der Nacht," master in every way. and "Ende vom Lied," proved the most acceptable The latter was a wonderful rendering, and in feeling tion. was unsurpassed. Busoni showed himself the maste Much feeling was displayed and the spirit of the motive was never lost in mere mechanical

Cripping and masterful as his previous efforts were, his final Liszt suite was by far the greatest of the afternoon. Opening with the "19th Rhapso dia" little of which is known to local concert-goers. he gave a new insight into the works of this great master. It was typical and contrasty and melodious in the extreme and contained ample scope for the capital \$12,500,000, was granted articles of incorporafortissimo and pianoissimo effects. "Sonette de tion at Dover, Del. Petrarca" followed, most charmful in its poetic rythm and fanciful in its theme. Busoni's audience was fast carried away from the mortal to the immortal,

this feeling only to be intensified by his rendition of the "Polonaise E Major," spell-binding and broad Once more, Busoni showed his great scope in this most difficult work. in the Circuit Court there. several times, at last playing again, this time the

"Campaneila." Familiar as this is to the average concert-goer, a new light was cast upon it and his octave treatment, his shading and his wonderful feeling left a lasting impression on an altogether delighted house

Montreal music-lovers have been priviliged to hear Busoni, but those who had heard, had not forgotten, with the result that there was a large house and although the more expensive seats were not all sold, there was not a cheaper 000 from the French government. seat to be had, shortly before the rise of the cur Standing room was at a premi

Next Sunday, the artists will be Miss Myrna Shar ow, prima donna soprano; Mr. Norman Notley, the well-known English baritone, who for some time past has been residing in Montreal, and Mr. Max Selinsky

BRITISH IMMIGRATION

London, February 8 .- A revised return has been

London, February 8.—A revised for the state of British and showing that the total number of British and shows loans aggregating \$2,262,663,000 in actual constant of the state alien emigrants who left the United Kingdom in December was 6,881, as compared with 9,526 in the cor esponding month of 1913;

gross total was 221,190, as compared with 399,126 in the year ended December, 1913. The total for 1914 included 214,138 British subjects The total number of persons who arrived from

For the twelve months ended December last the

places out of Europe to take up permanent resince in the United Kingdom in December last was 10.510, as compared with 8,842 in the corresp nonth of 1913. In the twelve months ended December, 1914, the

with 89,468 in the preceding year.

UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION

New York, February 8.—The total immigration for December was 20,944 compared with 95,387 in Decem-

Average immigration for December in past ter vears has been 68.433.

Total for the past December is not only the lowest in many years past.

Total for calendar year 1914, was 688,495, compare with 1,387,318 in 1913, and the average of approximately 1,000,000 a year in past ten years.

All French soldiers are being inoculated with lock-Jaw serum.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES NEWS OF WORLD

Supreme Court does not meet to-day

Germans are hurrying reinforcements to Norther.

Berlin reports the capture of the French trenche

Eastman Kodak plants to resume operations

A. Louisville, Ky. firm received a \$40,000 harness of der from Belgium

full time to-day

eeds 50,000 people daily

D. W. Ranlet & Co., grain brokers of Boston, were

Turkey has made full amends to Italy and The American soup and bread kitchen in Brusse

The American Sumatra Tobacco Co. took over th siness of A. Cohn & Jo The Du Pont Powder Co purchased 600 acres

six miles from Butte. The New York Stock Exchange reduces on three more stocks

wenty railways 90.11, up 0.02.

Tokio dispatch says Japan has sold \$20,000,000 wort of arms and munitions to Allies Italian and French Westinghouse plants will be sold

the British Westinghouse Co. A membership on the Chicago Board of Trade was old for \$3,100, an advance of \$400

New Jersey is threatened with a deficit of mor

be rebuilt to a 2,000-barrel capacity. Miss Billie Burke, the actress, was operated on New York. Her condition is excellent.

Dacia arrives at Norfolk, Va., and expects to o-day with cotton cargo to Rotterdam. The New Orleans Cotton Exchange will be close

Tuesday, February 16, and Monday, February 22. A New York Stock Exchange membership was post ed for exchange for \$42,000, an advance of \$2,000.

Singer Sewing Machine Works announces return of all men in one department on full time to-day William R. Harris, former vice-president of Ameri-

an Tobacco Co., left an estate valued at \$2,000,000.

With starting of rail mill to-day all departments of Gary plant of Illinois Steel Company will be in opera-

Senator Clark's motion to recommit the Ship Purchase Bill without instructions probably will be

indicates number of unemployed in New York City 18, 1015. Every enemy merchant ship found in this about 357.000 The United States Concrete Products Corporatio

ing the attempt of the Germans to break the Russian centre in front of Warsaw. Suit for the appointment of a receiver for the Central Life Insurance Co. of Lexington, Ky., was filed imperilled

Resumption of operations on full time was ordered at the Calumet & Hecla Co., at Calumet, Mich., and chy reigns in Albania, which is continually augment all its operating subsidiaries.

The Remington Arms factory at Bridgeport, Conn., is running day and night to fill orders for millions of rounds of ammunition for the Allies

order for 2,000 field cooking ranges, valued at \$1,000,-

after he had assaulted a young woman.

The acreage of onions in the principal onion growing section of Texas for 1915 is estimated at 7.820 an increase of nearly 22 per cent, over 1914.

dition and combined demand and time deposits amounted to \$2,236,281,000. Largest ever reported by the Clearing House institutions

Nine constituent companies of Brooklyn Rapid Transit system re-elected retiring directors. Ex-Gov. Falls here that the "Bomb" is only a Briquette of Foss of Massachusetts was elected a director of New | coal. York Municipal Railway Corporation and Brooklyn Heights Railorad Co. filling vacancies

PURCHASE OF ERIE BONDS

New York, February 8.— The Guaranty Trust Comtotal of immigrants was 108,930, as compared pany states that Drexel and Company, of Philadelphis. are associated with them in the purchase of \$7,400,000 Eric and Jersey Railroad first mortgage 6 per cent. bonds, and it is expected that an offering will be made within a few days nois Trust and Saving Bank and Kean, Taylor

and Company will join in the offering in Chicago.

REPUBLICAN IRON AND STEEL

Pittsburg, February 8.— Republican Iron and Steel company announces that the Hannah furnace and a Merchant stack will be in blast February 16th and of the Hannah furnace will place every stack owned by the Republic Iron and Stee Company in Youngstown in co

At the Ohio works of the Carnegie Steel Company the operations will be on a basis of 100 per cent. normal capacity next week.

British Liner Lusitania Evading Germ Submarines Steamed Into Liverpool Flying U. S. Flag

GERMANY SAVING ITS NAVY

Won't Fight Without Guarantee of Victory— Twe Emperors Watch Battle—Italy Indignant at German Methods—Anarchy in Albania,

The British steamer Lusitania, of the Cunard Line, which sailed from New York January 30 and arrived at Liverpool on Saturday atternoon, flew the American flag from the time she passed Queenstow until she entered the Mersey. This is vouched for by American passengers, who crossed on her. The Lusitania received a wireless message from the SS. Baltic, of the White Star Line, that two submarines has been sighted from that vessel. In a statement issued last night the Foreign Office points out that the use of a neutral flag is, within certain limitations stablished in practice as a ruse de guerre

Grand Admiral Von Koester, president of the German Navy League, in an address at Kiel University yesterday, declared that the Germans were full of the firmest confidence in their fleet, but know that sea battle means death or victory, and that a destroyed fleet cannot be replaced in the course of the war, even if it lasts for years. We must, therefore he said, under all conditions, be cautious in our pro cedure and allow ourselves to be incited to no deed which might eventuate in our defeat. For what would the situation be if a sea battle took place to-more in which each one of our ships took a hostile ship t the bottom with it, and perhaps some others? We should be without a fleet, and England could proceed gradually in its attacks against our coasts. coast from Emden to Memel would be most severel threatened. Landing attempts, if they were suffi-The Cayuga Lake Cement Co., at Ithaca, N.Y., will clently well prepared, could succeed at places most uncomfortable for us. Our fleet must protect us under all conditions, and may accept battle only

> With the German and Russian Emperors as eye. with the German and Russia and Germany are witnesses, the armies of Russia and Germany are still contending for the positions which protect the Polish capital of Warsaw from the invaders. The Russian Emperor has been at Russian headquarters for several days, and the German report announce that the German Emperor has joined his generals, and has actually visited some of the troops trenches. Nothing has been disclosed as to the progress of the battle which, when the last reports were received, was raging with unabated fur

it can reckon on victory.

The extention to neutral vessels of Germany's threatened reprisals against British shipping is severely condemned in Italy, although it is regarded a an intimidation. It is officially stated that Italy will A Detroit knitting company secured contracts for not submit to arbitrary imposition on neutral ships, 00,000 pairs of army socks for delivery next winter. as Germany has means of ascertaining the nati of merchant ships by exercising the right of search.

Germany' officially has given out the full text of vhat it calls "the memorandum of the Imperial German Government concerning retaliation against the neasures taken by England in violation of intern tional law to stop neutral sea commerce with Germany," It states that the waters around Great Britain and Ireland, including the whole English Chan Canvass made by Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. nel, are declared a ware zone on and after February war zone will be destroyed, even if it is impossit to avert dangers which threaten the crew and passengers. Also, neutral ships in the war zone are in danger, as a consequence of what Germany is the misuse of neutral flags, "ordered by the Brit ish Government," and in view of the hazards of para warfare, it cannot always be avoided that attacks meant for enemy ships endanger neutral ships. Shipping northward, around the castern North Eea and in a strip of at least thirty nautica miles in breadth along the Netherlands coast is not

The following note has been issued by the Mont negrin Consul-General in London: "Complete anar ed by the intrigues of the Austrians and young Tuskit. Albanian bands kill and pillage all Montenegrin subjects, who are obliged to traverse Albanian terr All the merchandise transported along the river Eo yana is confiscated and held at enormous ransom, de The Mesker Bros. Iron Co. of St. Louis received an spite the incontestable right of Montenegrin naviga tion of this river."

In the face of the emphatic stateme cratic leaders in the United States Senate that the Dr. A. S. Culbertson, a practising physician of Ship Purchase Bill would be held before the Sensi Evans, Ga., was shot and killed by a posse of citizens until March 4, there was growing talk on Saturday that after one more effort it might be displaced by the annual supply bills.

There was an impressive scene in St. Peters. Rome. yesterday afternoon, when Pope Benedict intened his prayer for peace. The great edifice was thronged with worshippers when the Pontiff, surrounded by twenty-two cardinals, mounted to the Papal altar.

BOMB WAS ONLY COAL.

St. John, N.B., February 8 .- Chief of Police Simp. on declares in the matter of the finding of an alleged bomb at the Suspension Bridge over the Reversion

It was found at the side of the road near the bridge last evening by one of the guards who have been on duty there since the Vanceboro scare and under the influence of the sensation caused by the Vance boro attempt gave rise to suspicions of a local ef-

MUST GIVE A REBATE.

Calgary, Alta., February 8 .- The City Council of Calgary are considering the wages of workmen employed by them on city relief works, and an offer has been made on behalf of the corporation, by Comissioner Garden, of 70 cents per hour for bricklayers engaged on the relief sewer, provided a 10 cent. rebate is paid back into the city's relief fund.

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MUCH GRAFT CHAR Sir Rebert Borden Does Not Consider Distributing Party Literatus

(Special to the Journal of Comm Ottawa, February 9 .- The Conservat helr first caucus of the session to-mor general sessional programme and other be discussed. It is expected that the of considerable duration and that many have been more or less controversial bet

ment members will be under considera Prohably the most important of thes stion of contracts and of how far th s prepared to go toward providing fund toward permitting Parliamentary e

Premier Borden yesterday stated that nt of expenditure since war broke tabled in the House at an early date.
will contain the various detailed contr ne of the contractors, together with nts, is not known.

So far the departments have refused to acts awarded on the grounds that th of such a list might create jealousy an

Yesterday Sir Wilfrid Laurier presse digating of the boot question. In this pert Borden did not seem inclined t uch an investigation was necessary, sta bools had been manufactured upon spe-the possession of the Department of Milit years. He also stated that the weather Salisbury that no type of boot would he

It was further hinted by E. M. Mac s purchased in the Maritime Provi uch a poor standard that they were not while there are indications that the purc have not been up to standard an as been made from the purchases. William Smith, a prominent horseman for South Ontario, is authority for the st

many horses purchased in Ontario were use at the front. Whether these and other matters will full light of day is a question which the

lled upon to decide. The Minister of Militia and his general lon of the department will be the centre able discussion. It is a matter of general that Toronto members, and also certain rs from the West, at one time urg

renuously opposed Sharpe, of North Ontario, clashe on and the camp under exceedingly str ons so far as his relations with the M

The question of permitting the distribut out the country of party literature in the Clark's protest last evening will also be No date has yet been set for the first

us, though it is expected that it will b time during the week. EXPORTS FROM NEW YOR

York, February 9.—Exports of g s from New York for the week et totalled \$23,514,547, a decrease pared with a year ago.