

Happenings in the World of Automobiles

Many Firms Report Big Sales Resulting From Show--The Prospects for the Year--First Woman Taxi-Driver--New Type of Car Body Increases Speed--New Agency.

One of the accomplishments of that excellent motor show, whose body has passed away but whose spirit is active and missionary, has been to demonstrate the fact that there are still individuals with sufficient money to buy even the most costly cars. Furthermore, it has been demonstrated that these individuals are not so scarce as was thought, and that, although many of them have been turned into purchasers of automobile there are still others on whom the gentle methods of the salesman may work good and pleasing effects.

The sales which actually occurred at the show reports of which are now beginning to filter through, indicate a series of decisive victories for the dealers. The McLaughlin Carriage Company apparently led the attack, as 43 of their cars were disposed of. This is the record. Notable achievements were also made by Mr. Hector Grothe, the agent of the Oakland car, Mr. J. Gadbois, who sells Overland cars, and a large number of others distinguished themselves as well.

The tire and accessory people sold quantities of their merchandise and were entirely satisfied, which opinion has also been expressed by those who bought. All this, however, was just the beginning of the year. Quite apart from the sales which took place at the show are the sales that are to come and they, it is said, will be bigger and greater and more numerous than for many years past.

The commercial car industry of course will receive much impetus from the Government orders, and as announced by the Hon. Louis Coderre on the opening night of the show, every possible step will be taken to help the Canadian industry. The agents and all others concerned are almost unanimous in predicting a bet-

"the body is built according to the latest laws of aerodynamics."

The Detroit Electric Company has taken the entire premises recently vacated by the Ford Company at 246 St. Catherine street west. An elaborate service station will be opened.

Protests from certain employees of the Ford Motor Co., at Atlanta, Ga., because their salaries under the profit-sharing system were reduced, were answered by Mr. James H. Lee, chief of the sociological research department of the industry. The Atlanta investigators cut certain salaries when they learned that the recipients were wasting money, not properly sharing it with their families, or making no effort to save. "This is being done for the common good," he said. "We expect the recipient of the extra salary to be a credit to himself, the community, and to do the best by those dependent upon him. But there have been some lapses, in Atlanta and elsewhere, where men dropped below the standard we expect them to maintain. Continuing to pay them the high rate wage would be unjust to them and would defeat the ends we are trying to reach."

Quebec is to have a motor show of its own this year. It is reported that the firm of P. T. Legare, Ltd., general distributors of Studebaker and Hudson types, will hold in Quebec an important automobile show of their 1915 models, chassis, and automobile accessories. The Legare firm was the largest exhibitor at the Montreal show and, as the same cars are going down for the Quebec Exhibition, it should be a great attraction.

The Reo Motor Car Co. is equipping all Reo cars with "Nobby Tread" tires on rear wheels. It is only in recent years that motor car companies have begun equipping their cars with anti-skid tires, but the ever-observant automobile manufacturers saw not long ago that the anti-skid tire met with great favor with motorists.

Among new agencies announced, the Detroit Electric Co. has become the agent for the Maxwell car. The Keeton trucks will be handled here by the Garneau Motor Co.

NEWS SUMMARY.

Average price of twelve industrials, 74.98, off 0.61; twenty railroads, 26.08, off 0.80.

London wheat sells at 60 shillings a quarter, the highest price in fifty years.

American Thread Works to resume operations on full time.

Nevada Consolidated year ended December 31st, 1914, total income \$2,208,831; decrease \$1,816,542.

Standard Oil of Kentucky profits for the year ended December 31st, 1914, \$704,375, against \$1,002,457 in 1913.

Iron workers agree to accept cut in wages from 8 to 10 per cent. subject to approval by vote by the Association.

Comptroller of Currency demands that National Bank of Commerce of New York make good certain losses sustained several years ago by bank through stock transactions.

Germans are reported to have lost 30,000 men in their attempt to break the Russian lines in front of Warsaw, and the Russians have assumed the offensive and crossed the Bzura River.

THEATRICAL NEWS

TRINITY PLAYERS IN UNIQUE COMEDY. The Trinity Dramatic Club made its first appearance in an uptown theatre yesterday afternoon when a successful performance of Jerome K. Jerome's comedy "Fanny and the Servant Problem" was given in aid of the Western Hospital. The talented organization gave little evidence of being an amateur company. As the ex-actress Fanny, Miss Ella Dixon achieved a distinct success. H. O. Wynne, as the butler, gave a careful depiction of the old-fashioned retainer. Mr. E. L. V. Hughes, as Lord Bantock, the husband of Fanny, played with a good appreciation of the part.

MASON COMEDY BY MCGILL PLAYERS. In the convocation Hall of the Royal Victoria College last night, the McGill seniors presented A. E. W. Mason's comedy, "Green Stockings" before a large audience. Stage management was in the hands of Miss Mary Macoun. The Undergraduate Orchestra directed by C. Williamson, was in attendance. The players deserve much praise for their capable work.

DID NOT BECOME PICKLED. Our friend Houdini, succeeded in avoiding an ale-gry grave much to the astonishment of an S. R. O. audience at the Orpheum last night. Houdini got into the large barrel—the cover was put in place and secured by two clamps with four Yale padlocks. Then a curtain was drawn around the barrel. Within two minutes, Houdini appeared on the stage, minus the barrel, and with beer-soaked clothes, but happy withal.

BUSONI TO RETURN TO ITALY. Those music-lovers who do not hear Busoni at His Majesty's Sunday afternoon, may not be given another opportunity for some time, as on Sunday last, he received a cable from the Italian Government asking him to continue the organization of the Bologna Symphony Orchestra, and act as conductor, for which service the stipend was a very remunerative one. Busoni accepted and will leave for Italy in May, where he will take up his residence.

JOINT REGITAL AT PRINCESS, MONDAY. The programme of the joint regital of Maggie Teyte, Mark Hambourg and Guido Ciccolini has already been published and it is one of very excellence, inasmuch as it seems to be one that will bring out the qualities of each artist to the fullest extent. A Mozart aria, "The Magic Flute," will serve as a motive for Miss Teyte. From Tchaikowsky to Chopin is a rather big step, but Mr. Hambourg will do this and at the same time, the audience will be given an excellent opportunity of enjoying his wonderful technique. Signor Ciccolini will render various selections in his wonderful tenor.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Ottawa Will Have 300 Supporters on Hand at Game Against Wanderers Tonight

CON JONES IN MONTREAL

Portland Defeated Vancouver for the Second Time—Willie Brown Was Defeated by H. Drysdale from Three Rivers—Jack McBrearty With McGill Sixers.

The Wanderers and the Ottawas will meet for the third time this season at the Arena this evening. Both have hitherto secured a game, and the saw-off should provide no end of excitement for the fans. The race so far for the championship has been a very even one, and promises to remain so for some time.

The annual meeting of the Province of Quebec Football Association is to be held on Saturday night, February 27th, when a number of amendments to the constitution are to be considered.

So great is the excitement in the capital over the match against the Wanderers that three hundred enthusiastic followers of the Ottawas will be on hand to cheer their favourites. One thousand excursionists could have been secured had they been assured of accommodation.

After breaking even in the first period, Portland gained the lead in the second, and finally wound up on the long end of an 8 to 3 score against Vancouver. It looks as though Vancouver had struck the toboggan.

A great surprise was afforded curlers last evening when H. Drysdale's quartette from Three Rivers, succeeded in defeating Willie Brown's crack rink from Montreal by the close score of 14 to 13. Too bad that Willie should have been up against the hard-luck number.

Sergeant W. Blues, Secretary of the Brantford-Paris soccer league, has left Brantford for service abroad, and takes away a pipe presented to him by the league.

Campbell, a husky player on the La Casquette hockey team, will not abandon the amateur ranks this season, but is likely to turn professional next year. He has been given a try-out by the Canadians.

Con. Jones, who is now in the city from Vancouver, says that there will be a two-club lacrosse league in the West next summer. New Westminster will be dropped, and a series of twelve games will be played between Victoria and Vancouver. Arrangements are to be made for playing a world's series in lacrosse each alternate year in the East and the West.

Says the Toronto Globe: If the N. H. A. inquires into the financial relations of newspaper men and some of the professional hockey teams it may assure itself of a certain condition of affairs which the public already suspects.

Jack McBrearty has been appointed boxing instructor at McGill University in the place of Charlie McCarthy, who was unable to go on with the work owing to his hockey engagements. Over forty men are in the classes.

The hockey team of McGill University, of Montreal, last evening defeated the Harvard team 1 to 0. Marston scored the Canadians' goal.

That's a bright idea of Con. Jones' to operate a lacrosse league on the Pacific Coast, with two clubs, and New Westminster left out. It's almost as bright as the idea which suggested the Big Four in the East with the big four—Shamrocks, Montreals, Ottawas and Cornwall—left out.

Some are looking to see the Canadians hand out a defeat to the Torontonians in the Queen City to-night. While the former had a comparatively easy time against Quebec on Wednesday, the latter were badly used up as a result of their encounter with Ottawas. The All-French team has got together, and may hand out another surprise.

Lawson Whitehead is coaching the Sarnia, Ont., hockey team, who expect to go close to the top or right there before the season is over.

The committee in charge of the boxing championships of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada will meet next week, when the dates will be fixed for the tournament which is likely to take place in April.

Art. Ross, who has had his knee in a plaster cast for the past three days, will not be played by the Ottawas to-night.

CARNEGIE INCLINED TO GRANT ALL THE DEMANDS OF LABOUR.

New York, February 6.—Andrew Carnegie, in testifying before the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations, said: "If it were necessary for me to return to the calling of manufacturing I would not consider the problem of labor as at all difficult."

He then went on to outline his method of maintaining amicable relations between employer and employee. He suggested arbitration conferences for the settlement of disputes and advocated the institution of investment bureaus by corporations in which workmen could place their savings and receive generous interest.

Mr. Carnegie was asked to explain his conduct during the Homestead strike when he was accused of cowardice for remaining in Scotland. The witness produced a letter to show that he did not hear of the riot until after it had occurred and that his business associates had not sent for him because of his inclination to grant all demands of labor.

LUNENBURG MARINE RAILWAY. Yarmouth, N.S., February 4.—At the annual meeting of the Lunenburg Marine Railway. A very creditable financial report was presented showing that the gross earnings for 1914 had been \$6,289, a gain of a thousand dollars over 1913. A net balance of \$2,221 was left to the credit of the company which was placed to rest account. The directors are: President—S. W. Oxner. Manager and Treasurer—A. H. Zuricker. Secretary—H. H. MacIntosh. Alex. Nickle, G. A. Smith, E. Fenwick Zwicker and D. J. Rudolf.

CANADIAN TRADE INQUIRIES

The following were among the inquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada, 17 Victoria street, London, E.W., during the week ending January 22nd, 1915:

A London firm of paint manufacturers seek supplies of strontium sulphate and would like to hear from Canadian producers.

An Englishman stated to have lived in Canada ten years, and offering Canadian bank references, is prepared to undertake sales agencies for Canadian goods.

A firm in South Wales are in the market for supplies of Canadian wire nails, and hoop iron, and would like to hear from manufacturers in the Dominion.

A Belgian correspondent is in the market for supplies of Canadian railway sleepers for delivery in Belgium at the earliest practicable date.

A Coventry firm manufacturing cycles wish to appoint agents in Western Canada.

A Vancouver firm stated to be in touch with the British Columbia lumber industry wish to get into communication with importers in England, France and other countries in Europe.

A Toronto correspondent who is opening a factory for the manufacture of wood handles for brooms, hammers, picks and shovels, etc.; also clothes' pegs, etc., wishes to get into touch with parties in the United Kingdom willing to undertake to sell these goods.

A Canadian firm manufacturing corundum and adamite grinding wheels and machinery wish to get into touch with wholesale hardware jobbers and supply house in Russia willing to handle their goods.

A Toronto Custom House broker and general forwarding agent is open to undertake agencies for United Kingdom firms wishing to do business in Canada.

A Canadian firm manufacturing bentwood chairs and other furniture, and stated to be able to ship large supplies of a type similar to those of Austrian make, wish to be placed in touch with United Kingdom importers.

A Vancouver firm stated to be in a position to quote for large quantities of railway sleepers would like to get into touch with United Kingdom and Continental importers.

A correspondent at St. John, N.B., wishes to secure an agency for a United Kingdom manufacturer of vertical oil engines, both marine and stationary.

A Montreal correspondent who represents a well-known English insurance house is desirous of securing an additional agency.

NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

The Walkerton Electric Light Company has offered free power to any firms securing contracts for the manufacture of war material.

Although the number of passengers carried by the street railways of St. Thomas was over 3,000 less than the same month a year ago, the receipts were greater by \$20, the difference being due to the increase in cash fares.

In an action, brought against the Toronto Street Railway Company by Mrs. Mary Wainburge, to secure damages for personal injuries sustained in an accident, the jury found there was no negligence on the part of the company and the action was dismissed.

Gross earnings of the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation for 1914 were \$4,878,774, an increase of \$108,563. Expenses and taxes were \$702,115, a decrease of \$126,634, while net earnings were \$1,144,859, an expansion of \$239,193. Surplus after interest charges was \$961,769, a gain of \$181,741 over 1913.

A. H. Bickmore and Company announce that the \$1,500,000 first mortgage 6 per cent. bonds of the Kentucky Utilities Company which were recently offered by a syndicate composed of themselves in New York City and several other prominent houses in Chicago have been entirely sold.

The Capital Traction Company of Washington, D.C., reports for the year ended December 31, 1914, gross earnings of \$2,255,992, compared with gross of \$2,310,166 in 1913. Net earnings were \$1,150,192, compared with \$1,179,269 and surplus after interest charges and dividends was \$37,126, compared with a surplus of \$3,904 in 1913 and of \$47,126 in 1912.

The City Council of Sault Ste. Marie, at a recent meeting sold water and light debenture bonds valued at \$500,000 to a Cincinnati firm, by private bargain, without the intervention of an agency. The bonds are for thirty years, are a five per cent. issue, and considering the present condition of the money market, sold at a very good figure.

The Toronto Street Railway Employees' Union, in its annual statement for 1914, reports having paid \$9,087.81 in sick and death benefits, \$4,123.81 for medical assistance, and \$3,600 in death claims. There are now 2,184 members in the Union, which places it at the head of local unions in Canada, so far as numbers are concerned.

The Lethbridge Municipal Railway in its monthly report shows earnings for December of \$3,858.00, while the actual cost of operation was \$2,086.64, leaving a balance of nearly \$2,000. The average daily receipts amounted to \$124.45 and the total number of passengers carried for month was 33,473; the average daily 2,692. The total deficit for the year 1914, including overhead charges, is \$37,000 when the estimate was placed at \$41,000. The total overhead charges amount to \$24,324, so that the actual deficit on operation is only \$2,676.

The four public utilities of Providence, R.I., for the three months ended December 31, 1914, had gross earnings of \$1,093,456, an increase of \$30,000 over gross for the corresponding quarter of 1913. Union Railroad Company gross was \$489,890, as compared with \$496,565 for the last quarter of 1913; gross of Narragansett Electric Light Company was \$312,806, as against \$284,483; gross of Providence Telephone Company was \$269,434, against \$266,992; gross of Providence Cable Tramway was \$17,851, as compared with \$18,471 for the three months ended December 31, 1913. The franchise taxes paid on gross earnings by the companies to the city for the quarter aggregated \$35,014, or \$9 less than for the last quarter of the preceding year.

Bradstreet's trade reports indicate slow progress in business circles, with sentiment as to future more optimistic than actual orders are prominent.

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

French Troops Nearing Important Railway on Which Enemy Depends for Supplies

RUSSIANS VICTORIOUS

U. S. President and Cabinet Discussed Effects of German Proclamation on Shipping—Belgium Protests—U. S. Naval Appropriation Bill Passed House.

The activity of the French troops in the Champagne district between Rheims and the Argonne is attracting attention because of the strategic importance of relatively small advances. The French are struggling to reach the east and west line of railway, which runs behind the German front. Once this railway is reached, the whole German line will be deprived of the feeder which supplies food and war material, and the invaders would be compelled to surrender a wide extent of territory which they have clung to for five months. The French are getting nearer and nearer to the railway.

Every fresh stroke in the terrible struggle raging in the bare, frozen region of the rivers Bzura and Rawka makes it clear that this is one of the very great battles of the war. The concentrated fury of the incessant German attacks came to a climax by noon on Wednesday, when, from the confusion of bursting shells, point-blank slaughter by rifle fire and the bayonet, and the overwhelming mass of poisonous chemical smoke, the Russians emerged victorious and charged three lines where the Germans had entrenched themselves after Sunday's tremendous fight.

President Wilson and his Cabinet yesterday discussed the possible effects on neutral shipping of the German proclamation declaring as naval war zones the water areas surrounding Great Britain and Ireland, and bordering the north and west coasts of France and a portion of the Netherlands. Inasmuch as the text of the German Admiralty's proclamation had not arrived, no conclusions were reached, and no consensus of opinion developed as to what diplomatic steps should be taken by the United States Government. Should the communication fail to arrive by to-morrow, Acting Secretary Lansing will direct Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to make the customary inquiry at the German Foreign Office as to the authenticity of the published report.

Over a strenuous protest from Majority Leader Underwood, the House of Representatives at Washington, in passing the naval appropriation bill last night, retained provision for the construction of two new dreadnoughts. The bill as it goes to the Senate carries \$144,648,902 and authorizes the construction of two battleships, \$7,800,000 each, exclusive of armor and armaments; six torpedo-boat destroyers, \$25,900,000 each; one sea-going submarine torpedo-boat, \$3,900,000; eleven submarines, \$55,000 each; one oil ship, \$1,140,000. Mr. Underwood pleaded earnestly for economy, asserting that the nation was in no more danger of war now than it was a year ago.

It is understood that a number of leading officers of the United States army residing in Canada are considering the formation of a regiment or brigade of their compatriots for overseas service in the cause of Britain.

The Earl of Aberdeen, retiring Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, whose announced intention of assuming the new title of Marquis of Aberdeen and Tara, proved strong protests from Ireland, has reconsidered his decision in view of this criticism. It is announced that he will style himself the Marquis of Terrac, a name which is anciently associated with the historic Hall of Tara.

AMUSEMENTS.

HIS MAJESTY'S MATS—WEDS. THURS. SATS. All Seats Reserved

15c. Last Time To-night 25c. A WOMAN'S WAY 50c. Com. Monday Evening, Feb. 8. MATS, WEDS, THURS, SAT. REX BEACH'S Famous Novel Dramatized by E. W. Presbury

THE BARRIER A Story of the Northwest Week of Feb. 15—"MY FRIEND FROM INDIA." It is To Laugh. Don't Forget A.O.H. KERRY GOW, St. Patrick's Day SUNDAY APT. 3.30, FEB. 7

FOURTH DONALDA MUSICALE BUSONI A FEW BEST SEATS LEFT \$2.50 World's Greatest Pianist - Composer Red Cross will benefit by this concert.

PRINCESS THE SPOILERS TWICE DAILY 2.15 and 8.15 Mats., 15c, 25c. Evens., 15c, 25c, 50c.

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MAJOR PAUL HANSON, a former treasurer of the Montreal Automobile Trade Association, who is with the Canadian Contingent. He has just been promoted from the rank of captain.

fer year in the pleasure car business than ever before. The show has provided the necessary beginning and no opportunity of following it up is likely to be lost.

A car that proved very popular at the show was the Grant "six," shown by Mr. C. A. Gareau, of Phillip's Place. It is of streamline design and is equipped with an excellent motor. Mr. Gareau has been appointed Canadian sales manager.

The president and directors of the Montreal Automobile Trade Association have received a card from Captain Paul Hanson, who is with the Canadian contingent at Salisbury, telling of his promotion to the rank of major. He expects to leave for the front shortly.

The first woman taxi driver has happened. Her name is Wilma K. Russey, and she was sighted on East 50th street, New York. She is the possessor of the usual license and has been informed by the police that there is no reason why she should not take up her stand with the other taxis. There was something of a sensation among the chauffeurs when they first observed the feminine invasion, but Miss Russey is now said to have ceased to be regarded as unduly remarkable.

A definite decision about those much-discussed motor trucks which the Government is still hesitating about is expected soon.

A new car of a most revolutionary type and freakish appearance has just been produced. It is the invention of Count Marco Ricotti, of Milan. The body of the car is a cross between a submarine and a Zeppelin in shape. The blunt end travels first and has a glass front. The amazing thing about the affair is that without the body the chassis has a maximum speed of 66 miles an hour. With the addition of the body it can, it is claimed, travel at a speed of 80 miles an hour. The explanation given is that

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WOULD ANNEX MAISONNEUVE IF DEBTS ARE GUARANTEED

Delegation of Aldermen Leaving for Quebec to set City's Interests—Governor of the Province May Report Mayor.

Discussion of the Maisonneuve annexation opened at this morning's meeting of the City Council. It was decided to send another delegation to Quebec to protect the city's interests and to provide for the annexation to Montreal before the Private Bills Committee in the House of Commons.

The consensus of opinion appears to be that the Maisonneuve should be accepted as part of the City of Montreal. It is understood that the condition that provision be made for the debt of the city should be met by the Maisonneuve. This would mean that the city would be practically free of financial obligations. Part of the delegation left on the 13th inst. is going to Quebec on the night train. It is said to have some private business, so is requesting Sir Leger Goulet to delay the signing of the annexation bill until his arrival in Montreal. The Governor of St. Helen's represents him.

FAMOUS MARKSMAN DEAD

Frederick, N.B., February 8.—Christopher, at one time the most famous marksman in Canada, passed away at McAdam's Junction, day, where he had been for upwards of years employed in the C. P. R. workshops.

He was a member of the first Canadian team to Wimbledon in 1871, and it was his brilliant marksmanship that the Kolopovs completed for in that year was won for the match was shot by English and teams—eight men on a side.

Old flint rifles were used and the contestants were compelled to stand at the two hundred yard range, the first seven men there could finish the match. Johnson was put up to finish the match, which was won by the English team. He defeated by four points at the King's regatta and was a champion at the King's regatta.

SENDING OUT AGREEMENTS.

New York, February 8.—The preferred stock committee of the M. Humely Co. of which N. Buckner, vice-president of the New York Stock Exchange, is sending out to all holders of class of stock a deposit agreement, circulating the agreement urges the prompt deposit of the outstanding shares, as immediate steps are necessary to conserve the best interest of the shareholders. Among the provisions of the agreement is that the committee has no power to incur any liability in behalf of the depositors, and that the committee is not liable in excess of the par value of the deposited stock.

RENEWAL OF FILIBUSTER.

Washington, February 8.—Administrative orders have a majority of one in the Senate to arrive of Senator Smith, of South Carolina, propose to move to re-commit the Ship Bill with instructions. This will mean a renewal of the filibuster.

It is understood that Democrats will put effort of endurance and then it appears cannot succeed they will replace the bill by the Harbor Bill. This break is expected Thursday night.

CONFEDERATION IS PROPOSED.

Washington, February 8.—Objects of the proposition proposed by Senator La Follette is: "Early cessation of hostilities, and establishment of peace, consideration of uniform regulations of armaments, and nationalization of factories of all equipment and supplies available for military purposes, consideration of prohibition of export of arms, armor, artillery, war vessels, armor plate, torpedoes, other things designed to be used exclusively for naval purposes from one country to another; establishment of an international bureau where any nation may be heard on its national life, a tribunal whose decrees, enforced by enlightened judgment of the neutral nations in the adoption of rules or actions which will provide for the neutralization of inland waters and maritime trade routes."