

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

David Lloyd-George Outlines Scheme for Raising Necessary Funds for Prosecution of the War

LOAN A SUCCESS

Intending Investors Stand For Hours Outside of Bank of England Waiting For Prospectus of Loan—Canadians Are Ready For Front, Says British Officer.

David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons yesterday, estimated that the cost of one year of the war for this country would be £450,000,000 (\$2,250,000,000), the largest amount England has ever spent on a war and more than twice what was spent in the conflict with South Africa during four years.

The Chancellor proposed, and the House unanimously supported him, that the income-tax should be doubled, but only collected on one-third of the income this year; that an extra halfpenny (one cent) per half-pint should be levied on beer and an extra three-pence (6 cents) per pound on tea.

Already it is evident that the British war loan will be a big success. For hours last evening a crowd of intending investors waited at the Bank of England in the hope of securing early copies of the prospectus, although it was uncertain until the last moment whether its issue would be deferred until to-day.

Everywhere in Great Britain the action of the overseas dominions in sending their best blood to the front for the defence of the Empire has been most keenly appreciated and greatly commented on.

"His Majesty King George, in conversation with me, referred especially to the splendid appearance and qualities of the Canadian soldiers," said British Columbia's Premier. "Canadians, however, cannot possibly appreciate too much the seriousness of the present great struggle."

"Not only do the troops of the first Canadian contingent look like regulars, but they are like regulars and are absolutely ready for the front," was the statement made at the Windsor yesterday by Col. J. C. Gilbert, of one of the British line regiments.

Recruiting for the second Canadian contingent, as far as the infantry is concerned, is now practically completed, but volunteers will continue to be accepted to provide for reinforcements. The artillery for the second contingent are not yet all enlisted.

As the result of the request made by the German and Austrian governments to the United States, Chandler Hale, who has just returned from Vienna and Berlin, will visit every concentration camp in the British Isles and report on the treatment accorded German and Austrian prisoners of war.

The American consul-general at London has cabled the State Department that the British Admiralty has given notice that ships of all countries bound inward to Norway, Denmark, Holland, and ports in the Baltic Sea should go by way of the English Channel and the Straits of Dover.

Chicago, Ill., November 18.—William Wallace Chapin, who in May last became publisher of the Chicago Herald, on a working arrangement with James Kealey, formerly editor of the Chicago Tribune, is out of the Herald, following what is said to be a personal and ostensible disagreement between the partners.

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NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

Street railways on this continent are in every way superior to those of Europe, according to the report of the American Federation of Labor Commission on Municipal Ownership of Street Railways in Europe.

In the continental cities the track mileage is small compared with the United States. This contributes to density of traffic and profitable operation. The same is true of the United Kingdom, whose total street railway trackage is about 3,600 miles, as against 46,470 miles operated in the United States.

Thus the zone fare system contributes to congestion and compels the workers to live in the most uninviting districts. It retards suburban development and adds to the rents of the workers who not only have to suffer the inconvenience of small living quarters, but are denied sunlight and sanitary surroundings as well.

"None of the European systems has a night car service such as we have in our big cities. Nor have they an interurban electric service, that has contributed so much to the development of our rural districts and brought the consumer and producer in close relationship. Nor is there any comparison between the wage of the European tram employee and his brother in the United States.

MILK AND BUTTER PRODUCTION. Report No. 6 of the Canadian Record of Performance for pure bred dairy cattle has recently been issued by the Live Stock Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

Ventilation of Farm Buildings. The title of a recent bulletin prepared by Mr. J. H. Griesdale, B.Agr. Director of Dominion Experimental Farms, and Mr. E. S. Archibald, B.A., B.S.A., Dominion Animal Husbandman, and issued as Bulletin Number 78 of the regular series of the Experimental Farm Bulletins.

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LAMAR'S TRIAL NEXT WEEK. New York, November 18.—The Court of General Sessions dismissed the writ of habeas corpus demanded in behalf of David Lamar who is now in the Tombs prison on the second indictment charging him with representing members of Congress.

OTTAWA CAN LEARN FROM WASHINGTON

Difficulty in Securing Information From Canadian Capital Presents Strong Contrast

GOVERNMENT BOOK STORE

This Department for Dissemination of Information Occupies a Large Building and Turns Out Publications Concerning all Government Activities in Poular Form.

Business men in Canada have frequently complained about the lack of statistical information furnished by our Federal Government. In some cases it is easier to get information regarding Canada through the United States Government bureau than it is from our own authorities at Ottawa.

The Government of the United States of America, in addition to its other almost innumerable bureaus in Washington, D.C., has a Book Store, and a big one, filling the 7-story building on H Street near North Capitol Street, known as the Annex to the Government Printing Office, and overflowing into several stories of the old Printing Office building fronting on North Capitol.

It is not a General Book Store, as it sells the publications of only one publisher. That publisher, however, happens to be the largest of all publishers and the one whose output is the most varied in character and the most practical in use.

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GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

As a result of the European war, toy factories at Birmingham are running twenty-four hours a day.

The Northern Pacific Railroad has bought the Gilmore & Pittsburgh Railroad.

Of Russian soldiers wounded in early battles about 55 per cent are returning to ranks.

Three Chicago Board of Trade memberships have been sold for \$2,000 net to buyer.

The India House, a club organized for the cultivation and perpetuation of American foreign trading traditions, was opened in New York.

The American White Cross Society was founded in New York. The members are unemployed ex-soldiers and sailors.

An initial shipment of 2,000 barrels of Japanese flour was received at Tacoma. It is very poor quality, and not expected to compete with American flour.

Ostriches, weighing 50 pounds each, are being offered for sale in Chicago, as a rival of the Thanksgiving turkey.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, of New York, was re-elected president of the National Woman Suffrage Association, in convention at Nashville.

Edward A. Faust, a son-in-law of the late Adolphus Busch, resigned as vice-president and director of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co.

William G. Sharp will present his credentials as Ambassador to France on Dec. 1, succeeding Myron T. Herrick.

Contract has been placed for \$4,000,000 worth of bullets for Europe with Western Cartridge Co. at Alton, Ill. Ultimate destination is not known.

Citizens of Pennsylvania and New Jersey will file protests with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the increase in fares announced by the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Philadelphia & Reading.

A gift of \$25,000 for the study of cancer at Harvard and other public bequests totalling \$177,000 are made in the will of the late William Endicott, of the firm of C. F. Hovey & Co., of Boston.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Montreal Baseball Club Comes to the Parting of the Ways at Last—Partnership to be Dissolved

THE LATEST VICTIM

Ira Thomas Now Spoken of as Next Manager of New York Americans—That Willard-Johnson Fight May go Through—New Records in the A. A. U.

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The ball club deficit last season is said to have amounted to \$50,000, inclusive of the loss occasioned by the destruction of the grand stand and the equipment by fire.

Ira Thomas is to be the next victim to be offered up on the altar of success as a sacrifice for the New York Americans. In other words, Thomas is to be appointed manager of the Yankees.

It is announced that articles have been signed and forfeits posted that the meeting between Johnson and Jess Willard, to be held somewhere, it is thought, in Mexico, sometime, it is said, in March.

Among the performances that have been accepted by the A. A. U. are several that have world's marks as well as American.

H. P. Drew gets credit for 100 yards in 9.2.5 seconds, which equals the time credited to Dan Kelly, and also made on the Pacific coast, where the sprinter appears able to make faster time than he can show in the East.

The Russian pursuit to win in a couple of months of the German fortresses but when the German army is marching to take strong strategic positions for the great battle that is developing in Poland territory. The advantage lies with Russians who will be able to select the ground on which to fight the Germans being attacked.

GERMANS CONTENT TO WAIT. Berlin, November 18.—While floods are interfering along the front near Ypres, the Germans are strengthening their positions from Ypres to Arras and farther west.

West of St. Quintin and Roye they have gained ground. It is announced here, by continually hammering away at the Allies line. This has been effected by piercing of the Allies here has had no important result.

WAR SUMMARY. Petrograd admits that the Russian advance-guard is falling back between the Warthe and Vistula in face of German offensive.

A German success against the French near St. Mihiel is reported.

Naval engagement is reported from the Baltic between German and Russian squadrons.

The Kaiser is said to have sent a message to the Czech Prince announcing the calling of a Moslem holy war.

These are the principal regular duties. The irregular, occasional (and usually immediate and urgent) calls are frequent enough to keep everybody on the hustle.

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