

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Rebels Again Attack Durazzo but are Checked by Shells From Italian Warships in Port

GERMAN CAPITAL SHELLED

British Ships Attack Colony—Exchange of Wounded Prisoners Arranged—German Submarine Claims to Have Sunk Formidable.

A despatch from Durazzo, Albania, states that on Sunday the rebels demanded that the French and Servian Ministers be handed over to them. At 12.30 a.m. they began an attack on the city. Essad Pasha immediately went to the trenches, asking the Italian legation to give him all possible help.

The British battleship Goliath and night cruiser Fox have carried out successful operations against the German submarine U-10, which was sunk in the English Channel off Plymouth the British battleship Formidable.

A despatch from Berlin by way of Amsterdam says the first exchange of wounded prisoners of war will take place in Geneva this month.

An announcement made public through the German Official Press Bureau, says: "A German submarine boat reports by wireless to the Admiralty in Berlin that it has torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel off Plymouth the British battleship Formidable."

It is stated definitely that there will be no Government legislation outside of war measures at the coming session of Parliament at Ottawa. A report that the Civil Service Bill and one or two others left over from last session would be put through is without foundation.

The English House of Lords reassembles on Wednesday. The House of Commons stands adjourned until the first week of February. The present intention is that the House shall only sit on two days, Wednesday and Thursday, and then be formally adjourned for a period.

Interesting ministerial changes are likely to follow the death of Percy Holden Hingworth, chief Liberal whip, according to the Daily News, which says it is probable that Augustine Birrell will retire as Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and be succeeded by Herbert L. Samuel, Postmaster-General.

Government purchase of ships as proposed in the United States administration bill to create a shipping board, finance a \$10,000,000 shipping corporation and expend a sum not to exceed \$30,000,000 for the purchase or chartering of ocean carriers, has become the foremost issue before Congress.

The British Government reply to the American note concerning contraband probably will be sent before the end of this week. An outline of the reply has been submitted to France, which is greatly interested because of the activity of French ships in searching Mediterranean cargoes.

Local option contests were held yesterday in 21 municipalities throughout Ontario—namely, in four towns, eight villages and eleven townships in straight fights for local option and in nine municipalities for repeal.

GERMANS FORM SOCIETY TO SUPERVISE FOOD CONSUMPTION. The Hague, via Paris, January 5.—The Frankfurter Zeitung announces that the Prussian Government has formed a new cereal society. With the co-operation of towns of over 100,000 inhabitants and representatives of the corn trade the society will buy large quantities of bread and cereals and supervise their consumption during the critical months preceding the new harvest.

SPECIAL RATES FOR SOLDIERS. The C. P. R. Telegraph Company announces that a week-end cable service at five cents per word is now in force from Ontario and the East between relatives and soldiers, nurses and sailors of the expeditionary forces in Great Britain.

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GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Berlin says that a submarine sank the Formidable. Directors of Miami Company again take no action on dividend.

Stock Exchange reduces minimum prices on nine more securities. Bradstreet's reports 16,759 failures in 1914, against 14,553 the year before.

Petrograd flatly contradicts reports of German victories along the Ploica River. Thirty persons were killed in New York city streets during the month of December.

In 1914 1,279 companies were incorporated in New Jersey compared with 1,743 in 1913. Average price of twelve industrial 75.55, up 0.88; twenty railroads 89.63, up 1.17.

Stock Exchange authorities listing of \$249,590,000 capital stock of New York Central Railroad. Over 14,000 Grand Trunk Railway employees decline to accept a reduction in pay and may strike.

R. C. Bonne, of Fredericksburg, Texas, butchered a Tamworth pig that weighed more than 500 pounds. Howard Elliott, of New Haven, says that the road's proposed bond issue depends upon future legislation.

United States Government expected to announce plan to-day whereby American cargoes may be certified. Government approves sale of interned Hamburg-American liner Dacla and the ship obtains a American registry.

Thomas A. Edison predicted that 1915 will be a most prosperous year for manufacturing in the United States. The Kaiser has been advised by his physician to undergo an operation at once for curbing of the throat.

Russian troops have swept the length of Bukovina and are reported less than a mile from Roumanian territory. Two San Francisco newspapers have advanced their price from one to two cents, due to increased cost of paper.

Dr. Fritz H. Tallot, of Boston, announced that he has discovered a method to cure children of asthma by inoculating them with white of eggs. A bequest of \$50,000 for establishing a chair of gynecology at Harvard Medical School is contained in the will of William Baker, of Waltham.

International Harvester plant at Auburn re-hiring employees who have been idle for months. The plant is expected to be running full capacity soon. The Mexico Petroleum Co. has plans under way for a reinforced concrete oil plant to be constructed at Mariners Harbor, S.L. at a cost of \$1,500,000.

Ghent, in effort to meet German levy, has placed a tax on bachelors, ranging from five francs for those of 27 years of age to 20 francs for those of 50 years. The Bureau of Immigration reported a decrease of nearly 500,000 immigrants arriving in the United States during the five months of the European war.

The Anti-Saloon League of New York State will attempt to get the Legislature to pass a bill requiring that all advertisements of alcoholic beverages be labelled poison. Never in the history of the fruit trade was grapefruit as cheap as it is to-day. The best can be bought in New York for \$2 a box. The average is about sixty grapefruit to the box.

Production of petroleum in the United States in 1914 was greater than ever before, according to preliminary figures by the geological survey, the output being estimated at 292,000,000 barrels. The Nevilship Manufacturing Co. of New Brunswick, N.J., will start night and day forces to work continuously for seven months to fill a \$1,000,000 contract for the Russian Government for horseshoe calks.

Missouri Supreme Court has refused to reconsider its decision in the St. Louis "mill tax" suit, which decreed that the United Railways Co., operating the St. Louis street railway lines, must pay \$2,500,000 to the city. L. M. Bowers has resigned as chairman of the board and treasurer of Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. No successor has been appointed. Mr. Bowers resigned to devote his whole time to personal affairs of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Westinghouse Co. at Pittsburgh is reported to have received order for 152,000 shrapnel shells, costing \$720,000, from the Washington Ordnance Co., of Washington D.C. Nevilship Manufacturing Co., of New Brunswick, N.J., is working night and day on large order from Russian government for horseshoes, horse shoe calks, and calks.

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NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

In vetoing an ordinance of the city council of Seattle appropriating money for extending the municipally operated electric lighting system to enable it to serve three suburban communities, Mayor H. C. Gill of Seattle, sent a message to council in which he scored municipal ownership as practiced in Seattle.

"Under this theory of outside extensions there is no reason why the city of Seattle should not engage in any other commercial business and conduct grocery stores, dry goods stores and other profit making concerns."

"If I believed in this theory I believe I should have the courage of my convictions and announce myself to be a Socialist, pure and simple."

"All there is embodied in this bill is pure Socialism and opportunity given to settle the grievances of certain persons arising from real or imaginary grievances against a private corporation."

"Contrary to the statements of Councilman Erickson the lighting plant was not built from the proceeds of the plant, but from the proceeds of several bond issues, which are a lien against every foot of property in Seattle."

"Even though the lighting fund has paid the interest on these bonds up to the present time, there is no assurance that such earnings will continue to do so, particularly in view of the fact that the fund at the present time owes the general fund several hundred thousand dollars."

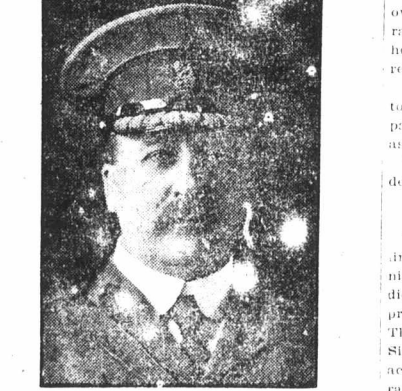
"The financial condition of our lighting department at the present time is due to gross financial mismanagement by its commissionaire body for the past three years."

"The council refused to comply with the recommendation of former Chief of Police Austin J. Griffith and myself and light department allies, acting as a reason that you had no money, although you are now proposing to become 'net' managers for suburban districts outside the city limits, although far worse off financially now than then."

"I always have maintained that the plant should seek a fair return on the money invested and the amount so earned expended within the city of Seattle to the end that all our people should have light at the lowest cost consistent with good business management."

"The tax rate of the city during the past few years has increased at a highly unprecedented rate, and we have nothing to show therefor except a street car line which was not intended to accommodate the public and which did not even accomplish the purpose."

"Principal promoters of harassing a private concern, and upon which we are now losing thousands of dollars each month. As a matter of fact there is no money in the light fund. The appropriation attempt is an illegal one, and has been from its inception."



COL. CHAS. A. SMART, Commanding 4th Mounted Brigade, recruiting for which has just commenced.

SIX CALLS IN YEAR FOR THE CONDITION OF NATIONAL BANKS

New York, January 5.—In issuing a call for the condition of National Banks as of December 31st, the Comptroller of the Currency will have called for six reports in one year, something that has not been done before in the history of the National Banking System. Previous calls in 1914 were for January 31st, March 4th, June 30th, September 12th and October 31st. The law requires that there shall be "not less than five reports during each year," so that the Comptroller is vested with authority to increase the number if he so desires. So far, however, Comptroller J. S. Williams has been the first to break the precedent established by his predecessors.

The call for the condition of the National Banks as of December 31st will be the first National Bank report after the opening of the Federal Reserve Banks and will be based upon the new calculation of reserves.

"JACK" EATON'S WAR GIFT. Toronto, January 5.—J. C. Eaton has offered \$100,000 to provide 15 armored motor cars for the Second Canadian Contingent. The idea is that 50 cars in all be provided, the Government to put up the other 35.

CANADIAN ALMANAC FOR 1915. The Canadian Almanac for 1915, in addition to the information of previous editions, has a list of officers of the Canadian contingent, a synopsis of the Workman's Compensation Act and other timely articles.

THEATRICAL NEWS

"THE THINGS THAT COUNT."—PRINCESS. "Just what is this life minus 'The Things that Count?'" is the question every member of last night's audience at the Princess asked him or herself after the final drop of the curtain and invariably the answer which has a more far-reaching appeal to the human nature than filthy lucre, something without which this life is as nothing. Money-love and dog-love may have their respective places in the make-up of the universe but Mother Love stands out supreme and more beautiful, by comparison.

"In 'The Things That Count,' there is an old, very old theme dwelt upon but it cannot be said that the theme is distasteful, nevertheless. Writers have played upon this topic from the birth of the pen, but seldom before has it been brought out in a more appealing and natural manner.

The comedy-drama tells of a self-loving "unchanceable" quirkotic and very human old lady and her henpecked husband living in luxury in their mansion on Washington Square, the memory of their son still lingering but his survivors banished from their near sighted eyes, how the realization is brought home to them and how in turn their aid is refused by the wife of the son. The story goes on showing the young wife barely making a living as seamstress and supporting her child, the "princess," through her illness. But why say more of the plot, for it is well-known.

In the second act, the joy of giving is graphically told and the joy of receiving is also shown. The husband that was there too and did a whole lot to overtaking the strength of the "princess," who succumbed to the excitement. This brings about a very acceptable climax and an easy excuse for several couples to find that life was impossible without one another. Mother Love, Love with a capital L, and just plain ordinary love were there and all kinds were realized to the full.

It is well-nigh impossible to lay upon the shoulders of one particular member of the company, the honors—for the whole company was excellent, and in picking out one member for mention the others would be done an injustice. Sufficient it is to say that if Agnes Findlay as Mrs. Henchery, Evelyn Wiedling as Isobel Randolph, Hilda Hellstrom as Ingeborg or any others of the feminine cast are praised, they will reserve it. In the male section the honors might justly rest with Wallace Erskine, who portrayed in a most believable and excellent manner the butler of an austere and staid exterior but containing a heart too large for one of his position. Although having a difficult part as a hen-pecked husband, George Paige handled it skilfully and in no instance was it overdone in the least. As Dr. Marsball, Francis Gillen made a good doctor and an excellent friend and lover. Comparing the "beastly that raves" Florence Mack may, an excellent Irish woman, Louise Mathew, was real, the German widow, Frau Bundeiferer and Nicky and Lucretia Cotton as Signor and Signora Vandi could not have been improved upon.

In the juvenile section of the cast, Grace Dougherty deserves much praise for her portrayal of Daintie, a sick little "princess." Nick Long, Jr., and Maxine Hiclas as Mrs. O'Donovan's children and Edna W. Hooper as Elvira Vanni must also be mentioned as helping a whole lot to the ultimate climax of the play.

The Princess was last night favored with a large audience and it would not be surprising to see the "O.T." sign hung at the door several evenings during this week.

"HIS LAST DOLLAR"—HIS MAJESTY'S. "His Last Dollar," presented at His Majesty's last night by the Lawrence Players, should receive well filled houses for the balance of the week, as it is well put on and is exciting as well as interesting.

The story of the melodrama which is well known to theatre-goers, includes all the excitement of the race-track and Wall Street. Mr. Lawrence, as Joe Graxton, the millionaire gambler, ex-jockey and cowboy, played the part as though he had played it for months.

Miss Baker, as Elmer Downs of Kentucky, the owner of "Montrel," the last of a famous string of race horses which failed to bring a bid at a sale of her father's racing stable, was at her best with a real southern accent.

Mr. Luce, as Tom Lanson, the villain, who set out to get Braxton's bank roll and almost did, gave the part the right touch, as did his partner, Miss Kellen, as Viola Shambrugh.

The piece was much enjoyed by the audience and deserves good support for the balance of the week.

FAIR BILL AT ORPHEUM. "A night in a monkey music hall" was the headliner in an average programme at the Orpheum last night. It was at times highly edifying and the audience enjoyed it thoroughly, "the little animals" providing far more amusement than human acts. The monkeys are managed by Miss Maud Rochez, Sidney L. Mason and Marie Vaughan presented a one-act farce, "Don't Do That," which was amusing and rather well done, save that Marie was unnecessarily noisy. Miss Juliet Lane assisted, adding considerably to the humor. A French artist named Bellow proved a most remarkable personage, playing fairly recognizable tunes by striking his cheeks, mouth and other neighboring portions of his anatomy. James McCormack and Eleanor Irving appeared in "A Nautical Breeze" with considerable breeze in it. Other entertainers were Harry Cooper, Leon Kimberley and Hansley Mohr in "Clubland"; six military dancers and the Arco Brothers, novelty acrobats. The Orpheum pictures were worth remaining for.

G. N. W. NOW HAS DIRECT CONNECTIONS IN THE WEST. The Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, having taken over the operation of the telegraph lines of the Canadian Northern Railway, is provided with a direct service to Western Canadian points.

Mr. L. S. Humes, formerly District Superintendent of the G. N. W., has been appointed District Superintendent with jurisdiction over all offices in New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario east of Kingston.

Mr. J. E. McCann, formerly Assistant Local Manager, assumes the position of office manager at the Montreal office.

STATE OF MISSOURI HAS 8843 RETAIL LIQUOR DEALERS. Jefferson City, Mo., January 5.—There are 8,843 retail liquor dealers in Missouri, according to information gathered by the bureau of labor statistics from Government revenue reports. Included in this number are saloons and fraternal and social clubs.

Missouri ranks seventh in the United States in the number of retail liquor dealers. It has more than Illinois, but fewer than California, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, or Wisconsin.

CALL MONEY AT NEW YORK. New York, January 5.—Call money lending and receiving 2 1/2 per cent.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Newsy Lalonde Has at Length Joined the Canadian Hockey Forces

BOXING IN NEW YORK

Charge Against Vincent Doran, the Ottawa Hockeyist, Will Not Be Pressed in Cleveland.

Three games were played in the City Hockey League series last evening. That between the Nationals and the M.A.A. sextettes concluded in a draw—3 to 3. The Victorias defeated McGill 6 to 2 while Laval downed Shamrocks by a similar score.

Newsy Lalonde has at length made his appearance with the Canadiens, while Moyneux, released by the Ontarios, has also joined the speedy Frenchmen.

Vincent Doran, the Ottawa hockeyist, held at Cleveland on a charge of assault with intent to kill, has been discharged. Elmer Irving, of the Cleveland Athletic Club, refused to prosecute.

The meeting of the National Baseball Commission which was to have been in Chicago yesterday, was postponed because of the absence of President Johnson of the American league, who is still in New York.

The Toronto Telegram says that the Quebec team looks dangerous. On paper apparently outclassed, they are a bunch of fighters that never quit trying.

Ernie Russell has made his appearance with the Wanderers. Ulrich was injured in practice. Players will be out of the game at Quebec to-morrow.

In the friendly series at curling last evening the following were the results: St. Lawrence 63, Cobolting 41; Outremont 57, Montreal West 27; St. Andrew's 61, Heather 61.

Torontos and Ontarios, tied in the league race, will fight it out in the Queen City to-morrow night. Ontarios, on the strength of their last two games, will not be the least fancied. Torontos are a light outfit and will not take any too well to the heavy going.

Fifty-one new boxing clubs were licensed during the past year in New York State, making a total of 132. The total receipts were approximately \$200,000 of which the State secured \$22,000.

Jack Fournier, the Ottawa College defense man, may join the Ontarios prior to the game with the Canadians here to-morrow evening.

The New York Nationals have secured the services of Hans Lobert, third baseman of the Philadelphia Nationals, as the result of a trade consummated in Philadelphia.

Willie Beecher gained the decision over Team Murphy in a hard-fought ten-round bout at New York. Beecher led in every round except the third, in which Murphy had a small margin.

Ritchie, who replaced Munnery at Quebec, is reported to be the "find" of the season. He played great hockey against Torontos.

During the past year 25,000,000 spectators attended amateur and professional sports in the United States. A total of 9,999,999 is attributed to baseball.

Frankie Fleming will be in good condition for his ten-round bout with Tommy Hoack at the Club Canadian Friday night.

The Cleveland-Ottawa college hockey riot is unfortunate. It gives Cleveland hockey a black eye but it will be some time recovering from, though of that such mix-ups are not entirely unknown.

UNITED STATES BUSINESS

IN NAVAL STORES LIGHT. New York, January 5.—It was too soon after the holidays to expect activity and business in naval stores was light. Some jobbing orders were filled at steady prices, but nobody cared to anticipate the future.

Disappointment was expressed that the embargo upon exports to neutral countries had been confirmed by Great Britain, though previous shipments will not be subject to the regulation. The hope of relief from Washington still persisted, however, in some quarters.

Spot turpentine was quoted at the basis of 1914 with a small hand-to-mouth inquiry filled. Tar is repeated at the old basis of \$5.30 for kiln burned and \$7.00 for report. Pitch is dull at \$1.00. Rosins are nominally unchanged at quotations which, however, can be shaded on actual business. Buyers are confining purchases to actual requirements.

The following were the prices of rosins in the yard: B. C. D. \$3.70; E. \$3.85; F. G. H. I. \$3.80; K. \$4.01; M. \$5.50; N. \$5.75; W. G. \$6.10; W. W. \$6.40.

NO SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE. Washington, January 5.—Comptroller Williams says that the sixth call for the condition of the National Banks during the calendar year 1914 has no special significance.

He simply wanted to know how the banks stood at the end of the year.

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Politically American Financiers Consider Them Like Trusting Children

MUCH GRAFT AND FRAUD

Fifth of a Series of Articles on "The Audacious War" by C. W. Barron, President of the Wall Street Journal.

(Exclusive Leased Wire to Journal of Commerce.)

New York, January 5.—The position of France to-day cannot be compared with that of any other country in the war. The French people have a distinctive genius all their own. They are still the greatest people in art in the world. Nothing in sculpture or painting in the outside world yet rivals the art of France. Politically the French are trusting children, vibrating between empires and republics, and following only the rule of success. In finance they were accounted great a generation ago. In savings they have been found to be world leaders.

Yet today French political life is of doubtful character. When the stern reality of military necessity suddenly confronted France five months ago it was the stern reality of graft, fraud, and a deceived people.

An Iron Hand. That the military authorities have gripped France with an iron hand. The military traitors and crafters are in jail. The workhorses in the official line have been castrated. The politically undesirable have been given foreign missions.

There was political as well as military wisdom in the return of the government from Bordeaux to Paris. The French people were shocked when they learned that the boasted military defences of Paris covering 400 square miles were unprovided and indefensible, that the government had fled and that there was no army to save Paris.

Paris Offered in Sacrifice. Limited the authorities had determined to sacrifice Paris to save France. General Joffre had no men to spare to be bottled up in that city. He determined that his armies should be kept free on the field.

You may ask anywhere in France, Belgium or England why the French did not come to the relief of Belgium, why Paris was undefended and what saved it after Von Kluck had led seven armies of 1,000,000 men down to its very gates and you will get no satisfactory answer.

But when you have studied the situation and the record you will see that no simple answer can be readily given. A brief one would be French mobilization plans were imperfect and, therefore, Belgium could not be defended by the French; but motor houses did what the railroads were unprepared to do and finally saved Paris and France.

Faulty Mobilization. The French had been warned many months publicly and privately that their mobilization plans would be found faulty with any sudden hostilities. Their railways moved perishable goods at the rate of miles a day while German and Austrian railways bore military trains at the rate of 30 miles an hour.

So ill prepared were the French mobilization plans that they actually summoned to arms the men who were to man the railways. The citizens responded (Continued on Page 5).

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