

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Montreal International Baseball Team Commences Its 1915 Season on April 29th HUDSON YACHT CLUB

No Race is Likely Between Frank Hagney and Eddie Duran—Professional Lacrosse Tangled By No Means Straightened Out.

Montreal will open its season in the International League on April 29th with a series against Newark, while Rochester goes up against Jersey City. On April 27, Toronto will open the season at Richmond, Va. Buffalo will play at Providence, April 26th.

The Nationals have decided to break with the Dominion Lacrosse Association and to go back to their old love, the National Lacrosse Union. The former organization, since its inception four years ago, has been a losing proposition. Even when winning championships the clubs met with deficits.

New York fans are all enthused over Giants' new "Big Four," viz., Mathewson, Touseau, Marquard and Ferrit.

The Hudson Yacht Club, of which J. T. N. Hughes is the Commodore and F. W. Wallace, the Vice-Commodore, is in the enviable position of having paid its regular dividend for the past year. There are over one hundred members. Of these eight have enlisted for active service with the Canadian Overseas Contingent, some of whom are on the firing line.

That was a new one Lee Magee pulled in Brooklyn, using a player behind the bat that had already been taken out of the game. Unless President Gilmore wants to have his hands full of trouble all season he will throw out that game in a hurry.

Tom Flanagan, who saw Frank Hagney at Havana and tried to complete an agreement for a race here with Eddie Duran, says that Hagney has no backing, so the race is unlikely. Now it is rumored that Ernest Barry, the world's sculling champion, will come over and row Duran.

The New York Americans to-day released James Ring, pitcher, and Angelo Aragon, infielder, to the Richmond Club, of the International League. Both principals may be recalled at the end of the season.

The Vancouver Athletic Club would be better advised if they turned the Mann cup over to Calgary, as desired by Trustee Lally. They were caught with the gods and played two professionals in the series with Brampton and should take their medicine.

No matter who they are, Ed. Barrow's umpires for 1915 couldn't be as bad as Mr. Cauliflower, who was on the staff last season, and who has been dropped this year. The official with the vegetable name was a quince as an umpire.

The members of the Outremont Ladies' Curling Club, having achieved distinction in that game, are now anxious to take up lawn bowling. They have appointed a special committee, consisting of Mrs. H. MacKenzie and Mrs. George Clark, to look into the matter.

President J. J. McCaffery, of the Toronto International League Club, announced the purchase for cash of Catcher Konnick from the Binghamton Club of the New York State League.

It is a great old tangle in the professional lacrosse arena, and by present appearances it will take some great manipulation to straighten it out. If the two leagues keep on in the present state professional lacrosse will soon be at an end.

C. T. Chapin, Rochester; J. J. McCaffery, Toronto; S. E. Lichtenhan, Montreal; J. J. Lannin, Boston, and Alvin M. Smith, Richmond, Va., have been elected a new board of directors for the International League.

Fifty-four trios, representing ten clubs and including three unattached competitors, comprises the list for the annual city amateur boxing and wrestling championships to be decided at the Peel street club house of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association this week.

BRADSTREETS WEEKLY GRAIN REPORT. New York, April 13.—Bradstreets visible wheat in the United States east of the Rockies decreased 1,189,000 bushels; west of Rockies decreased 170,000. Wheat in Canada increased 883,000. All American decreased 476,000. Europe and Africa decreased 890,000. World's wheat decreased 976,000. Corn, American decrease, 3,492,000. Oats, American decrease, 486,000.

ALASKA JUNEAU STRONG. New York, April 13.—Alaska Juneau was strong on curb, selling up to 14%, compared with previous closing quotations of 12% to 13%. Weakness developed in World Film stock which changed hands from 4 to 2 1/2, off 1/2 from previous close.

HYGIENIC CHEMICAL CO. LIQUIDATES. Trenton, N.J., April 13.—The Hygienic Chemical Co. of Ellensburg has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the U. S. District Court. The company's liabilities are \$120,642, and the assets are placed at \$191,097.

C. W. HARRIS AND COMPANY. New York, April 13.—Charles W. Harris and Samuel S. Frankenstein have formed a partnership under the firm name of C. W. Harris & Co., to deal in unlisted securities.

PARIS WHEAT. Paris, April 13.—Spot wheat up 1/4 from Monday at 163 1/2c.

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NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

The Northern Ohio Traction and Light Company reports for February gross earnings of \$399,451, as compared with \$398,800 for February, 1914, an increase of \$651. Operating expenses and taxes increased \$16,107, and net earnings amounted to \$36,344, an increase of \$2,987. Surplus for the month was \$44,611, a gain of \$1,514 over February of last year. For the first two months of the current year gross earnings aggregated \$841,289, an increase of \$82,322. Net earnings increased \$1,886 and surplus for the month was \$93,326, or a decline of \$66, compared with the first two months of 1914.

The New Albany Water Works Company has been ordered by the Indiana Public Service Commission to install within sixty days a filtration plant. The commission also gave the company permission to increase its rates, but not in excess of 10 per cent. of the current rate, so as to provide a fair return on the additional investment in the property.

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company has closed power contracts representing a connected load of 11,650 horse-power since January 1. Included in these are two steel mill installations of 2,000 horse-power each. The White Company has taken 3,000 horse-power for use in its automobile plant.

Earnings of the Southern California Edison Company for the first two months of the current year show \$156,120, a gain of \$5,000, available for the gross and common stocks after depreciation. Profits, however, have not been on the increase in the last two months, disclosing a loss of \$14,584, compared with the same months of 1914, but operating expenses have been curtailed sufficiently to offset the decline.

THEATRICAL NEWS

MRS. WIGGS AT HIS MAJESTY'S. "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," is a familiar friend of Montreal theatre-goers, both patrons of the high priced and often alleged attractions, and of stock companies. She appeared at His Majesty's last night and will continue to do so during the week with probably as great success as on the first night. Comparisons are inevitable in the case of a play so well known here—it has now been seen in all the principal local theatres—and His Majesty's Players had rather the best of the comparison. The company was augmented for the event, and the result was that the rather large cast necessary for the play was so well balanced that the success was as much due to this as to the individual acting of the principals.

The story of Mrs. Wiggs is well known; her quaint philosophy, her terrible match-making, and her unselfish helpfulness have amused many audiences here. Miss Marion Barney gave a most pleasing portrayal of the part, and the audience, which was of fair first night proportions and possessed of an appreciative disposition, thoroughly enjoyed it. The Miss Hazy of Miss Louise Randolph, was an excellent piece of acting, her misfortunes producing constant mirth. Mr. Byron Alden played Mr. Stubbins with great success. The scene in which his "B" occurs was one of the funniest that has been seen on the stage of this theatre in many weeks, and won him hearty applause.

Miss Mildred Page as Lovey Mary, provided the pathos and did it well. Miss Ruth Groner was very charming as Miss Lucy. Mr. Louis Ancker was at his best as Billy Wiggs. Mr. John Riney had the part of Bob Redding. The remainder of the company were satisfactory, there being scarcely a weak point in the entire cast. The staging was as usual, good, the departure of Mr. Stubbins by freight car, quite an ambitious undertaking, being well accomplished. Next week His Majesty's Players will temporarily abandon comedy for "Bought and Paid For."

CARTOON-LIKE COMEDY—PRINCESS.

If George McManus had drawn life-sized cartoons of Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Mahoney, and by some weird power, imbued them with the five human sense powers, they could not have been more like the original newspaper cartoons than when seen on the stage of the Princess last night. The make-up and the costuming of the pair is clever; their actions are typical and unmistakable, even to father's feet. "Bringing up Father" does just what was expected of it, whatever that may be, for it brought an unusually large audience, and from start to finish, they made absolutely no effort to conceal their keen appreciation. Just what the play might be styled and classified as, it is extremely hard to say; it is not burlesque, although it verges upon it sometimes; it is not extravagant, although it might easily pass as that, with a few embellishments; it is not comic opera, although the song numbers which it contains are particularly catching. However, it pleased an extra large attendance, and kept them merry, so we will call it a "gloom dispeller."

It cannot be said that the company boasts of any particular talent, and outside of John E. Cain, who personified father, the central characters were no more than they should have been. Miss Lida Kain was typically Irish, and her efforts to educate Father were extremely interesting. Miss Grace M. Hanson, as the eldest daughter, possessed a rather good voice, but little else. Probably the most notable actor on the stage, however, was Edward Kirby, who could sing in a beautiful rich baritone voice, comparable in many ways to George MacFarlane. He was not given as many song numbers as one would wish. One would much prefer to hear him than Tom Meade, whose voice was grating, although he had a more prominent part. Robert G. Rice as Os—Wald, a butler, provided much mirth.

"Bringing up Father" will no doubt continue to play before full houses the entire week. Next week will see "A Country Girl," an English comic opera, given by the M. A. A. Operatic Society.

TRADE BALANCE \$17,679,267. Washington, D.C., April 13.—Secretary Redfield reported to the Cabinet that favorable trade balance for last week was \$17,679,267, compared with \$22,000,000 for the previous week.

During the same period 103,967 bales of cotton were shipped from the United States, making a total of 5,845,480 bales shipped since August 1 last.

FEBRUARY COAL SHIPMENTS. New York, April 13.—In February, the total shipment of coal over Chesapeake & Ohio were 1,589,868 tons, an increase of 238,129 over year ago. Eight months shipments were 14,090,825, an increase of 2,101,159 tons.

Heard Around the Ticker

The Steel Company of Canada, whose annual report has just been issued to the shareholders, came into existence in its present shape in the summer of 1910. It was formed by an amalgamation of the Hamilton Steel and Iron Company, Limited, the Montreal Rolling Mills Company, the Canada Screw Company, Limited, the Dominion Wire Manufacturing Company, Limited, and the Canada Bolt and Nut Company, Limited. Of all these concerns the oldest established was the Canada Screw Company, which came into existence in 1868, while the Montreal Rolling Mills Company dated back to 1862. The other component parts of the organization were of later origin, the Dominion Wire coming into existence in 1884, the Hamilton Steel and Iron in 1896, and the Canada Bolt and Nut in 1910. The products of the combined companies consisted of all kinds of steel materials from locomotive axles down to various classes of wire. The stock is listed on the London, Montreal and Toronto exchanges.

What's the use of having a job, anyhow? Charles G. Dawes, a Chicago banker, announced that he will build a \$100,000 hotel for unemployed men in Boston. Let's leave this futile grind, and apply for a suite!

Laurentide, which has been showing strength during the past few days, is one of the best managed pulp and paper concerns in Canada, while the securities are closely held. Doubtless the reason for the strength in the stock is due to the increased demand for newspaper. The demand for war news calls for extra editions and this has greatly increased the consumption of newspaper paper. The company will shortly receive good profits from their power plant. Laurentide's fiscal year ends June 30th, and is expected to show very satisfactory returns.

It's a wonder that so many people survive the ordeal of reading the contradictory reports from Europe published in most of the daily papers. Frank Rip, a German tailor of Mount Vernon, N.Y., has been driven insane by reading about the war.

Very satisfactory results were indicated in the operations of the Brazilian Traction Company in the month of February. Computed in native currency the earnings show an increase both in gross and net indicated a substantial increase—a condition that has not been in evidence for some time. Coincident with this satisfactory development the operating costs were also greatly reduced. The only fly in the ointment just now appears to be the fluctuations in Brazilian exchange at London, which, however, it is generally anticipated, will prove only a temporary condition.

When you recall what your German cook used to do to you it is natural for you to entertain the notion that the Hun could commit any atrocity.

The attention being paid to the stock of the Dominion Textile Company on the local exchange is undoubtedly due to the increased activity of the company's plants during the past month or six weeks. Since the increased tariff went into effect the business of the company has materially improved and the mills are now operating 85 to 90 per cent. capacity, compared with 50 to 75 per cent. early in the year. This is due to the fact that the higher duty makes it possible for the company to compete favorably on a wider range of lines, as well as the shortage of lute for which cotton fabrics has been substituted. The orders now on the books are considerably ahead of this time last year.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will once more give evidence of that goodness of heart for which he is famous by visiting the city hospitals during his stay in Montreal next week.

The Steel Company of Canada, like all the great industrial corporations in the Dominion, suffered a particularly pronounced decline in revenue last year after the outbreak of hostilities. During the first six months of 1914 the profits were quite appreciable. Conditions now, however, are looking up and there is on the books at the present time a volume of orders that will represent much profitable business. During the depression which followed the declaration of war by Great Britain, the company, rather than impair its organization by laying off all its skilled men, undertook to accomplish a number of extraordinary repairs and improvements, the result being that its plants are now in a high state of efficiency. With the higher prices which are now being secured, combined with the expanding volume of output, the directorate naturally is looking forward to the future with confidence.

"I expected to see you putting up your shutters," said a Journal of Commerce representative to a Tramway official to-day. "No, not yet," was the reply. "We are still doing business at the old stand, and expect to keep right on. We are not worrying." The advent of Jitney buses has not scared the holders of Tram-Power. The stock was active and strong both yesterday and to-day. Yesterday nearly 1,700 shares changed hands around 40 1/2 to 41, while to-day's noon closing was 41.

British Columbia Packers, which advanced five points yesterday and was firm to-day at 110, is reflecting the position of the market for canned salmon at the present time. Practically all the fish put up last year has been marketed and there is little worry being displayed over the demand for the coming year, according to the best authorities. In the principal coast cities, stocks of nearly all salmon were never as low as they are at present; this means an increased market. With light stocks on both the coast and in jobbers' hands, and in view of the fact that the season for heavy consumption has not yet opened, the question that faces packers on the coast is "Where is the supply to come from to fill the summer demand?" England has been a heavy buyer and has practically taken every parcel of red salmon that has been offered. Were shipping facilities at a reasonable rate available, England would to-day, take all the unsold red. The situation for sockeyes, as far as flats and halves are concerned, is very strong. During January, England bought all the halves that were unsold and practically all the flats. The unsold sockeyes now consist of tails and heads are in firm hands. As we have two short years ahead of us there is little chance of a decline in sockeyes.

Steel is the great trade barometer. Men on the "Street," therefore, were glad to see their old friend Dominion Steel come to life. It sold up yesterday to 29 1/2. Dominion Steel sold up as high as 69 1/2 in 1912, and as low as 37 1/2 in 1914. It is probably too much to expect it to become a second Bethlehem, but it has a good many friends around the "Street" and throughout the country.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Subscriptions to Germany's latest loan are reported to have reached total of \$2,149,000,000.

Average price of twelve industrials 56.73, off 0.08. Twenty railroads 95.67, off 0.77.

Copper exports for the week ended April 3 are valued at \$1,569,000.

Russia is to be given \$250,000,000 credit by Great Britain and France.

According to Petrograd despatches the whole Austrian line is threatened.

Advices from London say that the British Government is inclined to reject peace talk now.

President Gonzalez Garza of Mexico, issued an order prescribing the dress that must be worn habitually by judges.

Willmantic plants of American Thread Co. have gone on full time and 2000 more hands are employed than on Dec. 31.

In March, 16,316 car loads of automobiles were shipped in the United States compared with 13,117 in March, 1914; increase of nearly 25%.

Following an arbitration agreement, employees of the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Electric Railway Co. returned to work after nine days' idleness.

Dr. Reeder, a surgeon at the Ancon, Panama, Hospital, used the membrane of an egg to draw a broken eardrum together. The operation was successful.

Taxes to amount of \$1,000,000 have been imposed on mine owners in state of Oaxaca, Mexico, 85% of whom are foreigners and 60% are Americans.

The Russians find that no reinforcements are reaching the Austrian forces defending the approaches to Hungary.

Julius Kruttschnitt, back from his Western trip, says the sentiment toward railroads seems to be distinctly better all over the country.

Nathan L. Amsters has been elected to Rock Island Board. The other new directors are: W. Emmet Roosevelt, Wm. J. Mathewson and Charles Haden, Governor Whitman and Republican legislators are to levy a direct tax of \$15,000,000, of which New York City will have to provide approximately 75 per cent.

Riggs National Bank of Washington has filed a suit to prevent Secretary McAdoo and the Controller of Currency from continuing the alleged attempts to wreck the institution.

Cliveden, the home of Major and Mrs. Waldorf Astor, near London, loaned to the Red Cross will be extended to house 500 soldiers, instead of the 100 now there.

Mme. Paller, the woman aviator, aided by five other well known European air-women, recruited 150 women chauffeurs at an organization meeting of the Women's Military Aviation Corps in Paris.

Despite the threat of a general strike on all surface car lines in Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo, the Auburn & Syracuse Railroad intends to operate its line from Syracuse to Auburn with strikebreakers.

Plants of Lackawanna Steel Co. at Ellsworth and Cokesburg, Pa., resumed operation Saturday, and fires were lighted in 500 coke ovens. The resumption gave employment to about 2200 men.

"Economiste Europeen" carries article by Edmond Tery favoring export of French to re-establish normal exchange conditions rather than borrowing abroad at rates in excess of what the country pays its own people.

Berlin special says newspapers Vossische Zeitung states that one-fifth of Bethlehem Steel stock is owned by Germans and urges that they sell their holdings at once because Bethlehem Co. has sold \$1,000,000 war materials to allies.

Berlin municipal administration is undertaking big enterprise of buying and conducting Berlin electrical works, and council has appropriated 120,000,000 marks (\$32,000,000) for purpose of acquiring street car system.

WIND UP McCUTCHEON BROS.

Calgary, Alta., April 13.—An application to wind up the firm of McCutcheon Brothers, Limited, the well known firm of Calgary real estate operators, the members of which are at present involved in criminal proceedings being brought against them for fraud in Toronto, has been issued on behalf of the Western Planning Mills.

The applicants, in their petition, state that inasmuch as they recovered judgment last December for \$250 and issued writs of execution against the firm which still remain unsatisfied, and as other writs and statements of claim by other parties aggregating \$30,000 have been issued against the firm during the last year, the concern is insolvent, and should be wound up. The company was incorporated April 3, 1913, and capitalized at \$500,000.

WILLYS OVERLAND CO. DIVIDENDS.

Toledo, Ohio, April 13.—The Willys-Overland Co. has declared the regularly quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 p.c. on the common stock and in addition a 5 p.c. stock dividend. Both dividends are payable May 1 to stock of record April 22. Willys-Overland, since the incorporation of the present company in November, 1912, has paid 7 p.c. on preferred stock and 6 p.c. regularly on its \$20,000,000 common stock. Furthermore, in August, 1913, an extra cash dividend of 5 p.c. was declared on the common stock.

WHEAT BARELY STEADY.

Chicago, Ill., April 13.—Wheat was barely steady after a sharp early advance. There was bearish talk on account of declining premiums at western points but there appeared to be further export demand again this morning. Advices from Illinois and Indiana are that further rains will be required soon. Corn was steady at a slight decline from the opening. Although domestic cash demand was quiet there was no pressure of country offerings. Oats met with better support at a lower level. There was no evidence of foreign buying, however.

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Battle of Carpathians Nearing End and Russians Moving Into Hungary

HIDEOUS BLUNDER RUMORED

British Losses Attributed to Some Extent to British Artillery at Neuve Chapelle—Cruiser Wilhelm Needs Extensive Repairs.

With the capture by the Russians of almost all the main chain of mountains, the battle of the Carpathians, which has lasted upwards of eighty days, is apparently reaching a termination over one extensive front, and the Russians are said to be moving at various points by railways and roads and along the rivers and streams down the southern slopes towards the plains of Hungary.

The early rumors ascribing the heavy British losses at Neuve Chapelle to some extent to British artillery are now finding their way into print in England. It is said that the artillery was directed to fire at certain points, but owing to a deranged field telephone service and a fog, the angle of fire was not raised when the impetuous troops took the German lines. In the early accounts no mention was made of this mistake, but the Times now editorially speaks of the "experience of Neuve Chapelle, which has been so incompletely explained."

The German merchant raider Kron Prinz Wilhelm will not be permitted to go into dry dock at the shipyard at Newport News until Lieut. Captain Thierfelder, her commander, makes formal request for time to complete such repairs as he deems necessary to make his vessel seaworthy. Experts who examined the ship found her leaking slightly and her boilers in bad condition. Unofficially it was learned that the vessel would require extensive repairs. That was taken to indicate the ship eventually might be forced to intern.

The opinion was expressed yesterday by Mr. Pierre L. Bark, Russian Minister of Finance, that, economically considered, the war has been a blessing to the people of this country. Discussing the financial and social aspects of the conflict in an interview with the Associated Press, Mr. Bark said that notwithstanding the depressing and paralyzing effect of the war, the Russian peasant class is more prosperous than at any previous time in the history of the country. It is not difficult to account for this unusual prosperity. By virtue of the allowance made by the Government to the families of soldiers, which exceeds the earning power of the soldiers, the total income of these families is greater than in times of peace.

According to a report from London, England has laid down a new battleship of amazing proportions, which will be by far the most powerful craft afloat. It will mark a change in battleship construction, exceeding that which came when the first dreadnought was built. It will necessitate the adoption of new methods in battleship construction by all nations and will halt the construction programme of the United States.

A despatch from Amsterdam says that the German Government has decided to make reprisals against British officer prisoners for the treatment that is being accorded the prisoners of German submarine boats in England. For each prisoner of a submarine crew, and for the duration of his harsh treatment which it is contended is contrary to international law, it has been resolved by Germany to treat a British officer likewise without distinction of person. Accordingly, thirty-nine British officers were imprisoned in the military detention barracks.

The State Department has been notified by Ambassador Page from London that the contents of the owners of the cargo of the American steamer Wilhelmina, detained at Falmouth, England, have been accepted as a basis for the settlement of the Wilhelmina case by the British Government. Under the basis of settlement now agreed upon, the Wilhelmina's cargo will be requisitioned by the British Government and the owners of both ship and cargo will be paid for the delay occasioned by the action of the British authorities in sending the case before the prize court.

USE OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

The Montreal Postmaster is informed by the Department at Ottawa that postage stamps may be used for the preparation of War Duties on bank cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes, etc., on express money orders, and on proprietary or patented medicines, perfumery, wines and champagne, as well as upon letters and postcards, postal notes and post office money orders.

OIL INTERESTS CHEERFUL.

London, April 13.—Interests connected with Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd., are cheerful regarding the company's affairs. It is well known that the company has benefited greatly as a result of the war. While officers decline to say anything definite regarding next dividend declaring that it is impossible to state prospects midway in the half year, they speak optimistically.

LONDON WAS UNCHANGED.

London, April 13.—In trading in American stocks between 1 to 2 p.m. there was no change in quotations.

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AMUSEMENTS.

PRINCESS MATINEES WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY FIRST TIME IN MONTREAL "BRINGING UP FATHER" Prices: EVENINGS, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00; MATINEES, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00.

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