

NEW RATE SCALES ON U. S. RAILWAYS

Equal Charges From New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore to Canada.

APPROVAL APPLIED FOR Standard All-Rail Schedule to Apply on Part Water Routes.

Canadian Press Despatch.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Scales of rates to be used in making the general increase of five per cent. in class rates recently granted the eastern railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission have been submitted to the commission and include the following:

To Canadian destinations the first class rate from New York will range from 69 cents to 73 cents a hundred pounds; and it will be the same from Philadelphia and Baltimore. From Albany to Canada the first class rate will range from 44 cents to 63 cents; and from Syracuse and Rochester from 41.3 to 55.2 cents. The tariffs provide that from New York to all Canadian points, via People's Line steamers and rail via House's Point, N.Y., not less than standard all-rail rates shall apply.

To points taking higher than 78 per cent. of the class rates on traffic moving by way of Long Island Sound, New London, Conn., or Boston, Mass., or Portland, Me., a differential of eight cents a hundred pounds lower than the standard all-rail rate is established, with proportionately lower differentials on other classes.

COMMANDERS FOR NEW BATTALIONS

Lt.-Cols. Stewart and Preston
Gazetted to Third Con-
tingent Corps.

Special to The Toronto World.
KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 28.—It was announced at military headquarters today that Lieut.-Col. R. G. Stewart of the 43rd D.O.R.L., of Ottawa, and Lieut.-Col. J. A. V. Preston, R.O., of the 48th Durham Regiment, with headquarters at Port Hope, have been chosen as officers commanding the new infantry battalions to be established in this division for the third Canadian contingent. These battalions will be of four-double companies, similar to the 22nd Battalion, now mobilized here. Lieut.-Col. J. R. Munroe of the 5th P.L.D.G., of Ottawa, has been chosen as officer commanding the two cavalry squadrons that are to be established for the third contingent.

In response to the call for volunteers, already seven of the 14th Regiment officers have volunteered for overseas service with the new infantry battalions of the third contingent. Those who have volunteered are Lieuts. G. S. Bowerbank, T. C. McGill, A. J. Dalton, F. A. Smythe, E. D. Carruthers, F. D. M. Hammond and J. E. Muecke.

CAFES NOT TO PAY ANY LICENSE DUES

Paris Proprietors Who Sell
No Spirituous Liquors to
Be Given Relief.

Canadian Press Despatch.
PARIS, Dec. 28.—(11:15 p.m.)—Proprietors of cafes who give an undertaking to sell no spirituous liquors will be exempted from license dues after Jan. 1. The chamber of deputies today voted to exempt all cafes, despite the opposition of the government and the budget committee of the chamber, who consider that the measure constituted a bounty to liquor sellers, whose numbers the government is striving to decrease, and a direct exemption, in addition, it is pointed out, will represent a loss to the treasury of 37,000,000 francs (\$7,400,000).

The senate took the government's view, and refused to ratify the measure. Finally a compromise was reached by the two houses, whereby only the sellers of beer, wine, cider and non-alcoholic beverages come under the exemption clause.

CARRIES REFUGEES DOWN INTO EGYPT

U. S. Cruiser Tennessee
Transports Five Hundred
From Jaffa.

Canadian Press Despatch.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The United States cruiser Tennessee, with the permission of the Turkish Government, and at the request of the American ambassador, is transporting 500 refugees of various nationalities from Jaffa, Syria, to Alexandria, Egypt.

Capt. Decker of the Tennessee reported the departure of his vessel from Jaffa in a message filed last night, and received today at the navy department. Secretary of the Navy Daniels summarized the report in this statement:

"The Tennessee is transporting about 500 refugees of different nationalities from Jaffa to Alexandria. These refugees were unable to get passage from Jaffa by any other means. Capt. Decker states that his action was taken at the request from the consuls, which requests, approved by the American ambassador to Turkey, had been made after permission had been given by the Turkish authorities."

DEPOSITORS ORGANIZE TO PROTECT INTERESTS

Canadian Press Despatch.
WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.—There are between 350 and 400 depositors in the Dominion Trust Co. in Winnipeg, and a movement is on foot to organize to protect their interests in the liquidation proceedings.

G.T.R. GIFTS TO SOLDIERS.

Mrs. H. E. Wittenberger, wife of the general superintendent of the Grand Trunk Ry., shipped yesterday a consignment of clothing for the Canadian soldiers at the front, and another consignment for the Belgian refugees, all of which was supplied by the wives of Grand Trunk officials at Toronto and Barrie.

PRISONERS OF WAR NOT BADLY TREATED

Germany Has Four Hundred
and Fifty Thousand Confined
Altogether.

Canadian Press Despatch.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Chandler Anderson, who as special attaché of the American embassy in London, made an investigation of military prison camps in practically all the European belligerent countries, declared today that there was no substantial difference in the treatment of prisoners of war, and that probably in every case they were cared for as well as their captors could afford, considering their own military necessities.

The Germans at the date of Mr. Anderson's departure from Europe had about 450,000 prisoners of war. About 200,000 were Russians, an equal number French and about 17,000 British, the remainder being Belgians. The prisoners were given the regular army ration and their principal lack was clothing, suitable for the season and opportunities for bathing. Most of them had been arrested in summer and fall, wearing light clothing.

In England the German and Austrian prisoners had been confined to the race courses, but more recently have been transferred to ocean liners on the vessels are good, with every facility for keeping the prisoners warm and properly fed.

Conditions in Austria, Mr. Anderson believes, are very like those in Germany, and the same is true of Russia.

ON VAGRANCY CHARGE.

Arthur Johnston, 28 Frankish avenue, and James McLaughlin, 78 West Lodge avenue, were arrested on a charge of vagrancy by Detectives Cronin and Mitchell last night.

STORM RISES IN TURKEY'S INTERIOR

Proclamations Call on All
True Turks to Rise Against
Germans.

Canadian Press Despatch.
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A London Daily Express despatch from Athens to The Herald says:

There is every indication that a storm is gathering in the interior of Turkey. The police have seized thousands of proclamations in the barracks in Constantinople, calling on all true Turks to rise against the Germans and the committee of union and progress, in order to save Turkey, "because the enemy is at her gates."

Consternation is widespread in the governing circles in Turkey, and there is general dissatisfaction over the lack of military successes. It is feared the fleet cannot be trusted and Enver Pasha and Field Marshal Der Goltz have prepared the way for drastic changes. Talat Bey's party is working in the direction of proposing peace on the basis of maintaining the status quo. This neutrality is not acceptable to many of the Turkish people.

DEFENCES OF PARIS NOW IN READINESS

French Capital Has Been
"Dug In" in Elaborate
Style.

PITS COVERED OVER

Ditches Will Prove Deadly
Traps to Any Attacking
Force.

Canadian Press Despatch.
PARIS, Dec. 28.—The army of excavators, who early in September began to dig Paris in where a German siege was threatened, have completed their work.

The General Confederation of Workers alone sent 3,000 volunteers, who provided their own digging tools and were merely recompensed by a daily ration of food. Thousands of Belgian refugees hunted from their own land have also assisted in the work.

The city now lies in the centre of an entrenched camp, whose diameter is about 60 miles, and whose circumference is nearly 200 miles. This is surrounded by row after row of trenches, covered in with logs and turf thru which loopholes have been left for rifle fire. All of them communicate with each other and contain banks of earth to prevent their being enfiladed by infantry or machine gun fire. Out beyond them are rifle pits and barbed wire entanglements placed in all positions where an attack might originate.

Ditches Deadly Traps.
Still other precautions have been taken in front of the advanced line of trenches by digging deep ditches whose existence is hidden by a light covering of branches and turf, making them invisible to approaching cavalry, infantry or artillery, and forming veritable traps into which an attacking force might fall a prey to the defenders' machine guns and rifles.

The approach to the trenches from the rear consist of subterranean galleries which permit the reliefs to be made without any exposure of the men.

All along this front posts of observation have been established, each of which is conveniently occupied by at least three men provided with powerful field glasses and in direct telephonic communication with headquarters in the immediate vicinity. The emplacements of these batteries are known to the headquarters staff and to the men who serve the guns, all of which are buried in the earth, and their muzzles protruding. For the benefit of the gunners the ranges of all prominent objects in the front have been measured.

Many Motor Cars.
Behind the lines of trenches runs a light railroad line for the purpose of bringing up ammunition and food, and if necessary, reinforcements of men to any point which might be menaced. Further provision for the conveyance of reinforcements is at hand in the large numbers of automobiles of all kinds which can make the journey speedily from any one point to another, carrying groups of armed men.

The existing forts also have been strengthened, but now only serve as supporting points and depots for large trench duty.

NOTED ICE JOCKEYS ARE AMONG SLAIN

St. Moritz Will Miss Them at
Future Bobsleigh
Runs.

Canadian Press Despatch.
GENEVA, Dec. 28.—The famous Cresta bobsleigh run at St. Moritz will never again see any of its well-known "ice jockeys," whose exploits excited intense interest among the visitors, including the Crown Prince of Germany and the heir to the Austrian throne.

The grand national bobsleigh crowds, composed in a great part of English officers, have been decimated by war. During the retreat to the Marne and the advance to the Aisne, Captain Bentley, Captain R. S. Dawson and Lieut. E. Quick were killed and Captain J. Webb-Bowen was seriously wounded. All four of them steered bobsleighs to victory in the grand national several winters, beating the Crown Prince with his German crew. Captain Sutt, the well-known Alpinist, a daring Cresta runner and young Lord Carberry, who revolutionized bobsleighing at Saint Moritz by introducing the prone position of the crew, are among those killed. St. Moritz will be "dead" this winter and perhaps for many winters without the elite of the English sportsmen.

The Crown Prince of Germany was a personal friend of all the English officers mentioned, and on frequent occasions during his winter visits to Saint Moritz in the last few years they were his guests at dinner and luncheons.

COURAGE OF WOUNDED IMPRESSES LONDONER

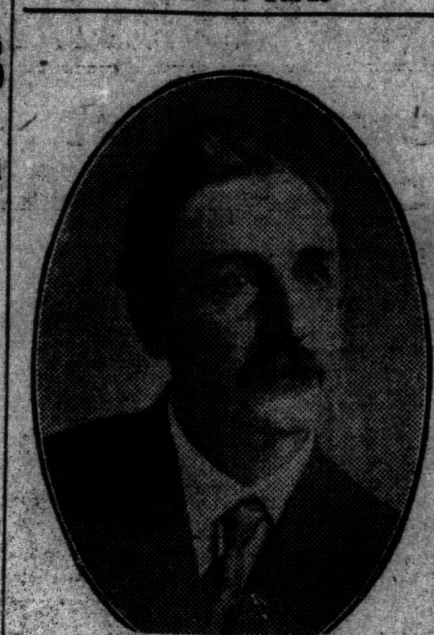
Many Soldiers Have Frozen Feet
When Taken to Hospital.

Canadian Press Despatch.
LONDON, Ont., Dec. 28.—"This is entirely a shell and shrapnel war," writes Lieut. Dr. J. Cameron Wilson of this city, who is attached to the headquarters of the British Red Cross at Boulogne. Dr. Wilson adds that a surprising number of his patients have frozen feet, and that the grit and courage of the wounded is wonderful. The writer speaks of a 15-year-old bugler whose feet were frozen and who was "chock full of shrapnel."

AGAINST THE COLD.

This is the season when good and warm underwear is an absolute necessity. Stores, in these strenuous times, that offer really cold-resisting qualities at moderate prices are conferring a real favor on the public, and one that cannot but be highly appreciated.

Election Cards

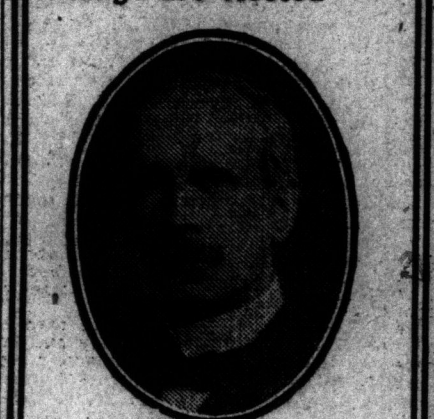


H. H. BALL

Believes that the present is a time for prudent economy rather than rigid economy. During the year 1915, necessities and not luxuries will have to be provided for. BALL undertakes if elected as alderman for WARD 2 to vote and work against any unnecessary expenditure and hopes for a reduced tax rate. He further undertakes to give sufficient time to public business to get a first hand knowledge of civic questions.

ASSESSMENT REFORM

Will come more quickly
if men in favor of a
change are elected



WARD ONE VOTE TO ELECT W. H. MARTIN

Board of Education
A Business Man for a Business
Position. Make sure of Martin.
712845

VOTE AID. WANLESS Controller

6 Years' Municipal Experience

WARD 4 Re-elect Fairbairn

FOR
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ratepayers of Ward 7
Vote For

Thomas Roden
For Alderman, 1915

Electors of Ward 6

RUSSELL NESBITT
Asks your support for election
to the Board of Education, and
promises a more economical
administration of the Board's
finances.

WARD 1
Vote For
GEO. J. SMITH
As Alderman
For Ward 1 for 1915

Ward 3 1915
Vote to Elect
JOHN M.
SKELTON
AS ALDERMAN

Ward 4
VOTE FOR
John A. Cowan
As Alderman for 1915

RE-ELECT
ALD. SINGER
IN WARD 4

Among them that of Hickey's, 97
Yonge street, is conspicuous for a re-
cently steadily built up and consist-
ing of the most reliable and consistent
of the city and all citizens. It
will count for economy, home-
esty, and progress.

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