

INGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

cted That New Park Being ed for Boston Braves will be Ready by July

Y LALONDE UNSIGNED

raw Will Take the New York Giants arly in the New Year—Johnny Daly ects to Defeat Kid Williams.

nds of the Braves in Boston will be mo- he Tigers' home in Detroit, but, of far more commodious. James E. Gaff- for a single left structure that will ac- 000. He hopes to have the new park Braves before July.

will make their first appearance in a when they play the Ontario in Tor- day evening. Ten men will make the

boxers Snowy Baker engaged in Paris ad experiences in Australia. They did hle, but have taken a lot of beatings

ig and Harry Condon, both of New pear in a ten-round bout before the ting Club on Monday night.

as gone to Texas in the hope that his old time pitching skill by the time e teams begin to prepare for next mpany, but if he fails in this he will berth as a minor league manager. ee agent. Connie Mack gave him his release.

ode wants \$100 more than the Cana- ed to give him. He has not yet signed

raw has decided to visit Cuba some- first of the year. Perhaps his base- been aroused by the report that Pal- is kid pitchers, delivered a no hit game a few days ago.

place Ronan on the salary list so soon is rendered in his case.

id Kid Williams has knocked out three e of nine rounds doesn't alarm John- more like a champion as the days e to our Christmas Day fight," says ipped him once and I'll do it again. us is certainly going to hand little t that day and don't you be surprised in crown."

Football Association, after an inter- War office authorities, has decided to Scottish Cup Ties this season.

won the weekly bridge whist competi- A.A.A. last night, while E. S. Harding

rk Americans are anxious to secure now as their manager. He is now Providence Internationals.

WILL PROBABLY BE OPEN SATURDAY. December 23.—To-day is a regular meet- Board of Governors of the New York e, but it is not likely that the days mas and New Year's day will be ruled governors act only when a petition is presented asking for holiday and on has been started.

tribution of this stock will be made record January 2nd. Certificates will about February 1st. Books close at 2nd and re-open at 8 a.m. February

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GEORGE BURN TO BE PRESIDENT CANADIAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION

Mr. George Burn, the General Manager of the Bank of Ottawa, is to be the next President of the Canadian Bankers' Association.

Mr. Burn, who was born in Scotland, has been in the banking business nearly all his life, having joined the staff of the Royal Canadian Bank of Toronto in 1886.

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RUSSIANS CLAIM SUCCESSES. Petrograd, December 24.—Success over the Teutonic Allies are reported from Mlawa, from the Nida Valley, from the Dunajec, from the district east of Lodz and south of Lowicz, between the Bzura and Pilica Rivers, from the region of Skiermiewice, and from the northern slopes of the Carpathians.

GERMANS CONCENTRATING AROUND SOCHACZEW. Berlin, December 24.—A statement from the War Office says: "The Germans have concentrated a strong force around Sochaczew, which is described as the key to the Russian right wing. If the Germans succeed in breaking through here the Russian right wing will be cut off from the centre."

At the Big Gift Store

THAT PUZZLING CHOICE Christmas Day is on Friday and you have not yet made up your mind over that gift.

ALLIES CONTINUE MAKING GOOD GAINS In Ten Days They have Advanced From Four to Ten Miles; Offensive Still General

Strategic Movements in East Necessitated Withdrawal From Craoow of Russians—Front Extends From Right Bank of Nida, Where Heaviest Fighting is Taking Place.

Paris, December 24.—New gains by the Allies reported to-day place the Allied lines from four to ten miles in advance of the positions they occupied ten days ago along the entire battle front.

According to official reports the French, resorting to the bayonet, have taken a long line of trenches, there was a desperate struggle in the wood of La Jurrie, northwest of Verdun, where progress was made foot by foot.

By opening a new offensive in Flanders, the Allies drew German support from the whole line, a distance of approximately sixty miles between Verdun and Rheims and the most serious fighting of the present aggressive movement is expected in this quarter.

The Berlin statement confirms the reports of the fighting in these districts, but says the attacks were repulsed, with heavy loss to the French at Sillars southeast of Rheims and at Soudan.

While the Russian official report refers to the unqualified success on all fronts, particularly on the Nida and Dunajec Rivers and in the Carpathians, the Petrograd correspondents of London papers refer to a strategic abandonment of operations before Craoow.

Next to the destructive battle along the line from Sochaczew to Skiermiewice, the greatest activity reported is in the vicinity of Mischow and Androw, just northeast of Craoow, where the objective of the Austro-German forces appears to be Radon.

BERLIN STILL HOPEFUL. Berlin, December 24.—A Vienna telegram to Berlin stated that the Austro-German operations at Craoow were progressing successfully for the Teutonic Allies.

AUSTRIAN BANK RATE LOWER. London, December 24.—Reuter's Vienna correspondent says that the Austrian bank rate has been reduced to 5 1/2 per cent.



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DROPS BOMB AT DOVER

London, December 24.—A German aeroplane made a successful raid over Dover to-day and dropped a bomb.

The German aeroplane was seen over Dover by persons in the city at 10.55 o'clock. It dropped a bomb which exploded in a garden. The aeroplane was seen for only a few seconds, when it disappeared in the fog, sailing towards the North Sea.

GERMANS WITHDRAW DEMAND FOR \$100,000,000. London, December 24.—The correspondent in Amsterdam of the Daily Express telegraphs that the Germans at Brussels have withdrawn their demand for a new war contribution of \$100,000,000.

Men in the Day's News

Dr. George C. Creelman has just returned to his home in Guelph after a 26,000-mile tour of the Antipodes and the Orient, undertaken in the cause of agricultural education.

The Hon. J. R. Stratton, who had contemplated a trip to the Southern States, is at present recovering from a severe illness at Clifton Springs.

The withdrawal of Joseph Russell, M.P., for the riding of Riverdale in the Ontario Legislature, from the Mayoralty contest in the City of Toronto, is said to leave the campaign to Controllers McCarthy and Church.

Mr. J. J. Carriek, M.P. for Port Arthur, who has just returned from the Old Country, was fortunate, while abroad, in securing credentials which enabled him to visit most of the scene of the war in Belgium and Northern France.

L. M. Wood, who is at the Windsor Hotel, is quite as well known in Montreal as he is in Toronto. In both cities he has had a wide experience in financial circles.

WAR WILL END WHEN GERMANS SURRENDER

Germany Cannot Hold Out Many Months, Says Prominent American—Is Besieged on Every Side ONE NATION MUST GO DOWN

Germany Has Everything to Lose and Great Britain Everything to Gain; and She is Entitled to it All, Says C. W. Barron, Because She is Fighting for Western Civilization.

New York, December 24.—Clarence W. Barron, President of the Wall Street Journal and manager of the Boston and Philadelphia News Bureaus, returned on the Lusitania, after a trip to England and the Continent to study the financial aspects of the war.

Mr. Barron said: "I return to America more than ever convinced that the United States is the greatest country in the world from every point of view. Germany has contributed a lot to the sciences of the world, but as respects freedom and the individual, and politics, and government, she has not right thought."

"The German people have believed that government was a thing apart from the people, and that the code of morality as applied to the individual does not apply to the government. Germany will pay heavily for this false belief."

"She is willing to add five thousand million dollars or five times our national debt, to her present indebtedness, to see this war through to a finish; and it is not King George who is at war. It is the whole of England and the people of the British Empire who are willing to put their all in the fire of war for the defence of English civilization."

"It is worth a trip across the ocean to see, the united, determined spirit of the English people. There is no limit to the sacrifices they will make, and they do not look for a short war. They welcome a long one. They have a contempt for compromise in this matter, and sneer at arbitration."

"They are determined to use up everything that is necessary in life and treasure to insure that their children and their children's children shall be free from the menace of the German war making machine. There will be no end until German militarism and the spirit that invokes it are dead beyond resurrection."

"England is not looking for any financial indemnity from Germany. She thinks that it will take all that Germany can give to repair the damage in Belgium, and the British Lion is determined that Germany shall repair that damage to the last penny, as far as money can repair it."

"The English people are not shooting, are not boasting, are not talking. They are simply in a state of grim determination—a determination of which Germany has no conception, or she would never have attempted to invade France by way of Liege and Louvain."

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RUSSIAN LINE STILL HOLDS Petrograd, December 24.—Official despatches from Warsaw and Galicia assert that the drives of the Austro-German forces on the 200 mile battle front from Iwów, 24 miles southeast of Plock, near the Vistula River, to the Dunajec River, have at no point pierced the Russian lines.

Operations around Craoow are progressing according to the plans of the Russian general staff. It is said, and reinforcements are being moved in various numbers toward Kozeyrn.

Siege operations at Craoow are meeting with greater resistance than at any previous time, but Grand Duke Nicholas is sanguine that the arrival of reinforcements and fresh artillery south of the Vistula will force a retirement of the Austro-German forces.

Americans abroad are in full sympathy with the Allies, and openly declare their belief that the Allies are fighting a battle for civilization, and for the United States as well as themselves.

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