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NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

The returns for the September operations of the electrical utilities of the Middle West received by the "Electrical World" show a wholesome growth over the corresponding period of the previous year.

Subsidiaries of the American Light and Traction Co. are reporting good results. Owing to rate reductions and increased taxes with several properties, the consolidated net earnings are slightly below those of last year.

Carrying out the plan of consolidating all electric generating and distributing subsidiaries of Consumers Power, Highway and Light Co. in Michigan, under the Consumers Power Co. of Michigan, stockholders of Grand Rapids Edison Co. at a meeting held in Jersey City, voted to sell the property of the company to the Consumers Power Co. and also to dissolve the old company.

The Northern States Power Company in the twelve months ended October 31, 1914, earned for the common stock \$378,557, which is equivalent to 6.33 per cent. on the outstanding issue and an increase of almost 100 per cent. over the preceding year.

Mayor Fuhrmann, of Buffalo, has requested the upstate Public Service Commission to hold in abeyance for a time the complaint which he filed last February asking for lower rates for gas furnished in the city by the Buffalo Gas Co.

HUNDREDS CROWDED ABOARD TRAINS THAT WERE LEAVING HULL

London, December 16.—A despatch from York says the residents of Scarborough were thrown into panic by the bombardment, hundreds of them rushing to the railway station, where they crowded aboard trains just leaving for Hull and other cities.

This telegram said that the cannonade began at 7.55 a.m. The morning was hazy, but, despite the fog, the German gunners had no difficulty in locating their ranges.

The rumor went around that the Germans were going to land troops, which increased the terror of the fugitives.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—General Hugh L. Scott, Chief of Staff, has been ordered by Secretary of War Garrison to go to Naco, Arizona, immediately and try to induce the warring Mexican factions to stop impeding lives and property on the American side of the border.

This action was taken at the suggestion of General Elias, who, in a message to the War Department, pointed out the possibility of utilizing General Scott's knowledge of conditions on the border and his long experience there in restoring tranquil conditions.

THE WEATHER. Cotton Belt.—Generally clear. Temperature 6 to 38; no precipitation.

Winter Wheat Belt.—Generally clear. No precipitation of importance. Temperature 12 above to 13 below zero.

American Northwest.—Clear. No important precipitation. Temperature 7 to 26 below.

NEWS OF THE PLAYHOUSES

Theatregoers next week will be privileged to see one of the most romantic and refreshing "Made in America" Scotch plays which has been on the Montreal boards for many a long day, and there is little doubt but that one and all will immediately fall in love with "Kitty MacKay."

Its action, beginning in the village of Drumtochty, in the Highlands of Scotland, rapidly transfers to aristocratic London of the mid-Victorian era. It thus passes through two spheres as different as is possible to be found and pride of place, prejudice of birth, pomp of power, Kitty, an orphan of mysterious birth, is a modern Cinderella, who surpasses her counterpart of the fairy-tale in that she is mistress of the philosophy of laughter.

"The Walls of Jericho"—His Majesty's. The now justly famous play "The Walls of Jericho" will be the special presentation of the Del. S. Lawrence Associated Players for Christmas week at His Majesty's Theatre next week.

"The Walls of Jericho" is a play in four acts, from the pen of that clever novelist and dramatist, Alfred Sutre, in which James K. Hackett and Mary Mannerling scored triumphs a few seasons ago, and is a social drama, the locale of which is laid in England.

Gus Edwards at the Orpheum. Advance notices of the Orpheum for Christmas week point to one of the best bills of the season. Gus Edwards, new song revue of 1914, with thirty-five people, including Gus Edwards himself and Little George Washington, a Montreal girl, will be the headline on next week's programme at the Orpheum.

The Harry Hastings Amusement Company will occupy the Gayety Theatre next week, with a larger cast and chorus, a bigger equipment, and a more laughable vehicle. Mr. Hastings personally directed the production of "On and Off the Earth," the new offering of the company.

WINNIPEG ELECTRIC COMPANY'S SERVICE SEVERELY CRITICIZED.

At the investigation of the street car service in Winnipeg held before Public Utilities Commissioner Robson, R. R. Knox, superintendent of the street railway, admitted that he knew that the service last month was not good, and said that steps had been taken to better it.

BRODEUR CONTESTS ACTION

Mr. A. N. Brodeur, president of the Brodeur Co., which came into prominence recently through action taken by a German agency in New York against them, stated that the German firm had taken an appeal in their action which would be taken in their own name not as heretofore in that of a third party.

It will be recalled that this German agency firm took action for some money, alleged to be due their principals in Germany, and made a demand that the Brodeur Company be placed in liquidation.

FORCED RUSSIANS TO RETREAT.

Vienna, via Berlin and Amsterdam, December 15.—An official statement issued at mid-night says that Austrian successes in Galicia continue.

"On December 14," it says, "our army in Eastern Galicia forced the enemy to retreat and caused the ranks of the Russian front in Poland to waver. In Western Galicia, our troops after advancing to the line of Jaslo and Rajbrot, continued to press on."

"In addition to 21,000 Russians taken up to December 14th, we have captured 7,000 more together with 15 guns."

"In the Carpathians we are pursuing the Russian fragments that were unable to retreat with the main forces."

"In Poland the Russians are withdrawing from their position near Piotrkow."

MASSACRED BY TURKS. Athens, December 15.—Greek Christians are being massacred by the Turks at Alvali, Asia Minor. Houses have been pillaged in suburbs, and shops in the town itself have been set on fire.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

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TOMMY BURNS INJURED

Matthewson Says Johnson's Defection is One of the Worst Blows Ever Struck Organized Ball—Ontario's Secure Many Amateurs.

Jack Darragh has come to terms with the Ottawa management. He will get \$1,000 for the season with the addition of a bonus should the team wind up in first place.

The Ontario, it is said, will have the cream of the Toronto amateur hockey talent on its line-up for the coming season.

Eugene Tremblay threw Fred Lapointe with a toe hold in eleven minutes in the wrestling exhibition at the Gayety Theatre last night.

Arguin, who played for Sherbrooke a year ago, has turned out with the Wanderers. On his first appearance in professional ranks he created a good impression.

Tommy Burns, ex-heavyweight champion pugilist, was severely injured by a fall in a sleeping car near Casper, Wyo. In the darkness Burns stumbled, striking his left arm and wrenching his side.

Landrie, who played with Moncton in the Maritime League a year ago, may be given a tryout with the Canadiens this winter.

Willie Lewis, once master of the one-two punch, has discovered a middleweight who he thinks will be somebody some day. Charlie Robinson is the new one's name.

Donald Smith, the fast forward, and Vezina, the crack goal-keeper, have joined the Canadian forces. Smith is heavier than he was. Vezina is in the best of shape.

Skyhawk, the ten year old hunter, winner of the high jump and reserve champion of the hunter class at the Horse Show in Madison Square Garden last week, was sold by auction in New York City for \$97.

At the first of the weekly eubies in the Shamrock A. A. A. the first prize, a pair of gold cuff links was won by H. Ahearn.

Washington and Jefferson will meet Yale in a football game at New Haven on October 23, 1915.

Sir H. Montagu Allan has kindly consented to face the puck in the opening game of the local hockey season at the Arena on Saturday night, which will be played as a benefit for local charities.

According to an Ottawa exchange, the Senators have offered Gregg George to Ontario in exchange for Fred Lake.

"Christy" Matthewson says that the jumping of Walter Johnson was the worst blow ever dealt organized baseball, because of the example the fireball king has set for other players. Matty thinks that many big leaguers will jump before the spring training trips are made.

Creswell, who captained the Victoria team of Regina, which won the Allan Cup from the Winnipeg Monarchs last season, has been elected to the same position again for the coming season.

Unless Larry Lajoie returns to form next season Jack Knight will be used at first base by the Cleveland Americans. Knight has been troubled with a bad arm for several years, but a strenuous course of treatment with "Bonesetter" Reese has restored the old whip. It is predicted that the tall first baseman will experience a genuine "comeback."

JAPANESE TROOPS TO RUSSIA. Petrograd, December 15.—Mikado of Japan has offered to send Japanese troops to fight with the Russians against Germans, according to reliable reports here, and it is understood that the offer has been accepted.

RECEIVES LARGE ORDER FOR FLOUR. Chicago, December 15.—One Kansas milling concern received a contract Monday from Holland for 24,200,000 pounds of flour.

LEADERS OF MARITIME TRADE WILL FOREGATHER

Representatives of All Commercial, Industrial, Educational and Other Interests Plan to Meet at Amherst, N.S.

St. John, N.B., December 15.—The greatest convention of Maritime Province leaders ever held in Canada is projected for to-morrow at Amherst, N.S.

It has its origin at a small meeting of manufacturers and board of trade representatives held a few weeks ago, and which was called for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken to advance the Canadian maritime interests in connection with the changed demands that the war was making upon all parts of the British Empire.

It was felt to be too large a subject for a dozen men to grapple with, and as a more representative gathering was called, to be composed of representatives of all the commercial, industrial, educational and other interests of the Maritime Provinces.

A hearty response has followed the call from all parts of the three provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Sir Robert Borden, Premier of Canada, will attend and deliver an address, and there will be addresses on topical subjects by leaders from all the provinces. A splendid programme has been arranged, covering almost every interest.

It is felt that the convention will give a great stimulus to Canadian Maritime Province trade, and that it will tend to a better understanding of each other by the people down by the sea.

Coming at a time when the war is engaging so much attention, it will serve to emphasize the fact that the Maritime Provinces of Canada are not in the least "down-hearted" and that while the war lasts it will be "business as usual" with them.

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