

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

U. S. Government Sends Note to Britain Upon Better Treatment for American Commerce

MILITIA MEN SHOT TWO

The United States Government has dispatched a long note to Great Britain insisting upon an early improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet.

One American was instantly killed and another seriously wounded by Canadian troops patrolling the Canadian border at Fort Erie, Ontario, opposite Buffalo yesterday.

A violent storm has temporarily put a stop to military operations of an important nature along the greater part of the battle front in Belgium and France.

A great gale and snowstorm swept over the larger part of Great Britain and Ireland last night. There was considerable loss of life, and much damage was done.

The German Government has formally notified the State Department at Washington that American consuls in Belgium must be acceptable to the German military authorities and it is desirable that some of the consuls be withdrawn, for the present at least.

Still more stringent measures will be adopted to prevent espionage on the east coast of England. Aliens, it is now stated, will be prohibited from entering or remaining in an area extending eight miles back from the coast.

President Wilson's first night began receiving messages from rulers of foreign countries congratulating him on his 58th birthday anniversary. The first to arrive was from King George.

Six thousand westerners were reviewed by Sir Robert Borden at Winnipeg yesterday afternoon.

ACKS \$1,800,000 OF MORSE FOLK HAVE VIOLATED SHERMAN LAW

New York, December 28.—Suit for \$1,800,000 damages under the Sherman anti-trust law has been brought by the Greater New York Film Rental Co. in the Federal District Court against an alleged combination of moving picture manufacturing and rental concerns which, the plaintiff alleges, constitute an illegal combination controlling 95 per cent. of the moving picture business of the country.

The defendants are the General Film Co., the Motion Picture Patents Co., the Vitagraph Co. of America, the American Mutoscope & Biograph Co., the Biograph Co., the Edison Manufacturing Co., T. A. Edison, Inc., the Kalem Co., Pathe Freres, Lubin Manufacturing Co., Gaston Melies, George Kleine, Essanay Film Manufacturing Co., Selig Polyscope Co., Armat Moving Picture Co., Frank L. Dyer, Henry N. Marvin, Jeremiah J. Kennedy, William Felzer, Samuel Long, Jacques A. Berst, Albert E. Smith, William T. Rock, Siegmund Lubin, William N. Selig, George K. Spoor, and Percival Waters.

Many of these concerns have already been named as defendants in the Government's Sherman law suit to dissolve the moving picture combination which, according to the complaint in the present suit was formed in 1908 when the chief defendants entered into the "Edison license agreement." This it is charged, was merely "a cloak and cover-under which the combination carried on its illegal policy."

BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO

New York, December 29.—British American Tobacco Company year ended September 30, 1914—(figures in pounds sterling). Net profits 2,177,822, increase 25,186.

DOMINION COAL COMPANY logo and details.

Awnings advertisement for THOS. SONNE, Sr.

A Revelation of Real, High-Class Quality. "SALADA" TEA, used by Millions Daily.

NEWS OF THE PLAYHOUSES

GOOD COMEDY AT HIS MAJESTY'S.

An unusually well filled house greeted "The Girl in the Taxi," as played by the Del. S. Lawrence Associated Players, at His Majesty's Theatre last evening, and seemed to enjoy the farce immensely throughout.

Mr. Luce's portrayal of Percy Peters, the young married man, who has a likeness for the great white man twice yearly, was very clever, while Louis Westcott, as Alexis, and Mr. James Mitchell, as Bertie Stewart, pleased the audience with their respective parts.

Next week the attraction will be "A Fool There Was," which will be followed by "His Last Dollar," and "If I were King," a variety which should be well received.

REAL WAR PICTURES AT PRINCESS.

The exceedingly high quality of the Belgian war pictures at the Princess Theatre this week is very commendable and it can easily be said that they are the best pictures of actual warfare that have been shown in this city.

The pictures, it can easily be seen, were taken at very great personal risk to the operator. An open attack by the Belgians is shown in one scene—shells exploding overhead, while in the distance can be seen a building struck by a shell and demolished.

In other scenes, the Red Cross are seen at work, showing the moving of the German and Belgian wounded. Scenes which are still more familiar to theatregoers are also shown—the transportation of troops and life in the trenches.

By special arrangement with the Belgian Government, permission was granted James Madill Paterson, who secured the pictures to exhibit them, but with the understanding that fifty per cent. of the profits would be turned over to the Belgian Red Cross Fund. This is being done regularly.

EXCELLENT HOLIDAY BILL

As a holiday entertainment, the performance at the Orpheum is unusually good this week, and although there are no really prominent names on the programme, it might easily be said that it is just a little better than the average and that it speaks well of every turn.

An act which was looked forward to but did not quite reach what was anticipated, was Flo Irwin's one-act comedy sketch, "The Lady of the Press." The skit looked punch and therefore much effort was lost.

While Percy Wenrich occupied the stage, ably assisted by Miss Dolly Connelly, the house was favored with many familiar numbers with which the former is credited. Such one-time hits as "Put on Your Old Grey Bonnet," "Rainbow," and many others were created by him, as is also the score of the "Crisoline Girl" Julian Eltinge's new presentation.

Baby Helen, a very naive and youthful little thing, monologist and yodeler as well, acquitted herself excellently. Three Leightons got much fun out of their skit, "The Party of the Second Part," although there is nothing strikingly original about the conception.

The "little matinee," beginning at 5.15 on New Year's afternoon, is becoming popular, many reservations having been made.

REGULAR DIVIDEND

New York, December 29.—The United States Industrial Alcohol Company declared the regular dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. on preferred stock, payable January 15th to stock of record January 5th.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Harry Condon Earned the Decision Over Johnny Lustig at Montreal Sporting Club's Bout

NEW MARINE MOTOR

Frank G. Robinson, owner of the N. H. A. Toronto, looks to see the World's Champions Repeat—Curlers Indulge in Friendly Matches.

Glenn H. Curtiss has been working for some time on a new marine motor. His experiments have been so successful that several boats of a type which has been tried out on the Pacific coast by Mr. Curtiss may be built and raced in the East.

Gordie Roberts, of Wanderers, and Tommy Smith, of Ontarios, lead the N. H. A. scorers with four goals each.

Frank G. Robinson, the owner of the Toronto in the N. H. A., says that, in his opinion, the Wanderers are the most dangerous team in that organization. With the addition of a top-notch goal-keeper they will be hard to beat.

Before the members of the Montreal Sporting Club last night Harry Condon earned the decision over Johnny Lustig, Condon seemed to have the better of the ten round go throughout and had Lustig on the ropes to save himself many times.

The best of the preliminaries was between Patsy Dougherty and Young Cohen, the latter winning, as the bout was stopped by the referee in the seventh round.

Before the game Saturday night at Toronto, Tommy Smith received a wire that he had been ordered to the Coast. However, it is learned that the Patriots will not press the claim owing to the lateness of the season, and he will remain with the Ontarios.

President James E. Gaffney of the world's champion Braves, has gone to Boston to complete final details for his new park. Architects have submitted plans for a single deck stadium that will seat 40,000 people.

Fully two thousand attended the City Hockey League's matches at the Arena last night. Two of last week's winners, the Victorias and the Nationals were again victorious; the former defeating Laval 2 to 1 and the Nationals beating the Shamrock 7 to 0.

Owner Frank Robinson is not worrying much about his champion Toronto this year. He is leaving it all to Jack Marshall, and says that with only one hole to plug Marshall should have an easy time of it.

Robert McLean, international speed skating champion and holder of all amateur records from 220 yards up to two miles has been professionalized. McLean admitted that he received \$75.00 weekly for exhibition skating.

Wanderer players say Lesueur has gone back. It is unfair to judge the goal minder on one game, and that played without practice, with the team he was assisting.

A programme, headed by a ten-round bout between Charlie McCarthy, the Wanderer hockey player and boxer, and Patsy Drouillard, the Windsor lightweight, will be offered to-night at the Canadian Club gymnasium.

Thirty-two curling rinks competed last night at six of the local curling clubs in the first series of scheduled friendly matches of the season. The Heather Club are thirteen shots up on Caledonia, with eight more games to play.

That Quebec victory cost Ottawa something. Joe Hall handed Eddie Gerard a hard slam, and Gerard's bad knee went back on him. He is not likely to be in the game against Ontarios on Wednesday at Ottawa.

The double back flip of Walter Johnson to the Washington club has been the signal for organized baseball to get busy in the interest of keeping within the fold those of its players who had shown an intensive ear to the dulcet jingling of outlaw gold.

Tarrytown, N.Y., went dry when the automatic check valve at the reservoir froze.

While the siege of Cracow has been lifted, a new Russian offensive following the Austrian defeat is expected to threaten the city again.

Stanley Townsend, 27 years old, the champion all-around athlete of the Y. M. C. A., of South New Jersey, was drowned when his ankle boat upset near Atlantic City.

There will be no competition for the vacancy among the immortals caused by the death of Count Albert de Mun. The academy has decided to reserve the vacancy for General Joffre.

The Japanese embassy at Washington received official advice from Tokyo stating that Russia has ceded to Japan its half of the island of Saghalin, in exchange for some heavy guns.

Dr. C. M. Hall, inventor of the electrolytic process by which aluminum was reduced in cost from \$25 to 8 cents a pound, and founder of the aluminum works at Niagara Falls, died at Dayton, Pa.

Statistics prepared for Association of Life Insurance Presidents, show average life insurance carried by each of 22,000,000 families in United States is \$92. About \$20,768,000,000 life insurance is in force in this country.

Seven thousand employes in the mills of the Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Co. at Yonkers are out of work during the holidays on account of the closing of the plant for the annual inventory. The mills will re-open January 4.

Girard Trust Co. and Girard National Bank of Philadelphia announce they have written off investment losses incurred during the past year. The trust company has marked down undivided profits \$1,100,000. The national bank has reduced surplus \$500,000.

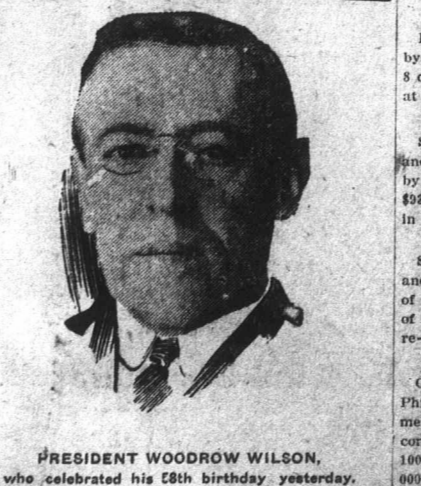
THE MONTREAL CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK advertisement. What More Acceptable Gift Than a Savings Bank Account? THE MONTREAL CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK. ESTABLISHED 1846.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Krit Motor Car Company, of Detroit, bankrupt. Admiral George Dewey celebrated his 77th birthday. A fifty pound catfish was captured at Lockhart, Tex. Boley, Okla., is the largest negro city in the United States. New York Central restrained from issuing \$50,000,000, 4 per cent. bonds. Minimum prices reduced on Atlantic Coast Line and Reading 2nd preferred. Colonel Roosevelt has been invited to make a tour of China and "write her up."

NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

If plans for work formed last week at Lakewood, N.J., will be connected with Trenton by trolley by May 1. The contract for the line has been let by the Trenton, Lakewood and Seacoast Railway to the Vandergrift Engineering Co. The line will run from Point Pleasant through Lakewood, Imlaystown and Yardville to Trenton, a distance of 20 miles. Work will be started immediately in Youngstown, Ohio, on the construction of a new light, heat and power plant by the Mahoning County Light Company, says Harry Engle, secretary and treasurer. The State Utilities Commission has granted the company permission to issue \$600,000 of twenty-year six-per-cent bonds at not less than 90 per cent. of par and \$100,000 of stock at par. M. Liebel, former Mayor of Erie, Pa., is president of the company which intends to bid for the new municipal light contract. The Supreme Court of Ohio has been asked to review the case involving a five-cent fare between Pleasant Ridge, a suburb of Cincinnati, and the business section of the city, over the Interurban Railway and Terminal and the Rapid Railway Companies' line. The companies, through Receivers Charles M. Leslie and Charles S. Thrasher, sought to bring the case up from the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, where the five-cent fare ordinance passed by the village of Pleasant Ridge before being amended by Cincinnati was upheld. Public utilities in Ohio including steam and electric railroads, telephone and telegraph companies, waterworks, electric lighting, pipe line and express companies will pay taxes for 1914 on a total valuation of \$1,095,848,080. This is shown in figures made public by the State Tax Commission. They represent a net increase over 1913 of \$37,551,419. With its public utilities assessed at an aggregate value of \$126,678,829, showing an increase of \$9,228,500, Cuyahoga ranks next with a utilities valuation of \$23,419,920, an increase of \$2,199,200. Franklin County is third, utilities contributing \$18,288,199 to her duplicate an increase of \$1,204,950. Confident that business will warrant increased activities, the Dallas (Texas) Automatic Telephone Co. will spend \$200,000 in improved equipment, labor and construction within ninety days after the first of the year. Besides the expenditure, the company will undertake to increase its number of subscribers in Dallas to 20,000. Several cable extensions to enlarge the scope of the company's facilities, are planned. One of these will be made to the Southern Methodist University. Employment for at least 100 men will be furnished by the company in carrying out its improvement schedule. Twenty men are to be added to the soliciting department, about twenty to the installing department, thirty in the instrument department and ten in the mechanical department. A systematic advertising campaign will be conducted along with the completion of improvements. Cost of new equipment will amount to \$100,000. Majority of the remainder of the proposed expenditure will go to labor and construction. AEMILIUS JARVIS & COMPANY Messrs. Aemilius Jarvis and Company officially announce the dissolution of the partnership which has existed for several years under that firm name. Messrs. Albert Oakley and Morgan Jellett retire, and the partnership is continued by Messrs. Aemilius Jarvis and A. D. Morrow, under the firm name of "A. Emilius Jarvis and Company."



PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON, who celebrated his 68th birthday yesterday.

WEATHER: Fair and Cold.

THE MOLSONS advertisement. Vol. XXIX, No. 199. THE MOLSONS, Incorporated 1855. Capital Paid Up... Reserve Fund... Head Office—MONTREAL, 52 Branches in Canada. Agents in all Parts of the World, Savings Department at... LETTERS OF CREDIT ISSUED TRAVELLING CHEQUES ISSUED DRAFTS AND MONEY ORDER A General Banking Business Transacted.

Reserve Your Table Now for Ritz-Carlton New Year's Eve SUPPER Thursday, December 31 AT 11 p.m. Dancing After 11 o'clock. \$4.00 per person at the Last Session. Phone, Up. 7190 Corner Sherbrooke & D.

MANAGE OF PAPER CURRENCY IN Some World Have the Federal Government Work the Press Over-Time C.N.R. AFTER FUNDS Interests Behind Road Expect Government Realize in Some Way Upon Bonds Guaranteed at the Last Session.

Canadian Legal Tenders. One of the gravest dangers that the people of Canada have to face to-day is the demand in quarters that the printing presses shall be work turning out paper money. It will be that the government can issue paper money, that, moreover, on a twenty-five per cent. reserve of legal tender money to the bank. There are rumors in certain well-informed quarters that the government is being pressed to legal tender money on the same conditions as step promoters and contractors. No more date step could be taken. The inevitable result is an inflation of the paper currency of this country with consequent depreciation of money and prices. Two Sets of Prices. Indeed, we should then have two sets of prices: Canada—gold prices and paper prices. (Continued on page 5.)

THE MAPPING advertisement. The Mapping Standard in Jewelry, Goods, is internationally known as design and workmanship. An inexpensive gift as a New Year carries with it the Mapping mark. There is an exhaustive stock of "The B MAPPING CANADA St. Catherine St.

HIS MAJESTY'S advertisement. Main, Wed., New Year's, and Sat. 15c. - 25c. DEL. S. LAWRENCE STOCK COMPANY In the Last and Success The Girl In The Taxi Next week: "A FOOL THERE WAS."