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GERMANY GRAVES FOR PEACE STILL HAS HER NEIGHBORS

Chicago, Ill., April 9.—The Washington Tribune says Germany, in a smashing victory, has within the last few hours, informally communicated to the government that she would discuss peace from the Allies.

It is rumored that the terms which are being considered at this time are a restoration in Europe which means no extension of the belligerents. She would distribute the colonies of the belligerents in Africa.

Germany, while evacuating Belgium, pay any indemnity to the latter but to pay a reasonable price for the colonies of the Belgian colony in Africa.

Germany proposes that Great Britain and Germany enter into an agreement establishing the seas and immunity of all attack in time of war.

REPULSED ALL ATTACKS Paris, April 9.—Night assaults by the British army in Northern France against the French trenches were repulsed with success. This information is contained in an official communiqué. At Wednesday night and Thursday night the British and French troops captured by the French at Thiepval were so choked with machine guns that the French did not occupy them. When they took the German position the French captured six machine guns.

TORONTO BANKS NOT LOOKING FOR ANY SAVINGS

Toronto, Ont., April 9.—During the last few days several of the Canadian banks have accepted savings bank deposits of large amounts. In one instance, as high as \$40,000. A local banker states that this is most unusual, though it may have occurred before.

A PURE INVENTION. Washington, D.C., April 9.—A pure invention in Chicago and Philadelphia, the character of which was communicated to this government, which she would be willing to conclude peace.

PROHIBITS EXPORTATION OF BARRILS New York, April 9.—Exportation of other small grains from Roumania is prohibited. This does not include wheat. Germany has been importing large quantities as rolling stock supply permitted even beginning of the war.

"BEST" A recent mail from a Montreal "Enclosed for \$3.00, your paper kind I have

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

With Germany's Consent Austria is About to Sue for Separate Peace

U. S. INTERNS PRINZ EITEL Labor Union Will Try to End War by World-Wide Strike—Poland Gets Municipal Self-Government.

It is learned on excellent authority, says a Rome despatch, that Austria is about to sue for peace, and that Germany, realizing the hopelessness of averting Italian intervention unless a settlement is made by a prelude to the end of the war. This is regarded here as a prelude to the end of the war. The Kaiser realizes his inability to send any more troops into Hungary to resist the Russian advance over the Carpathians, as he needs all his forces to guard his own frontiers. Austria, abandoned by Germany, can make no effective resistance to the Czar's armies, and hence is ready to give up the fight and plead for peace, with the object of saving the empire from annihilation.

The Russian armies in the Carpathians are now well advanced upon the southern slopes of the great mountain barrier of Hungary. Even Austrian official reports, after disguising the progress of the Russian armies for the last couple of months, at length have been compelled to admit some degree of success on the part of the Russians, and their own failure to stop the tide of invasion on the plains of Hungary.

The United States Government at twelve o'clock last night, at the request of Commander Thierichsen, took over for internment the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich to hold her until the end of the war. Commander Thierichsen explained that as the relief he expected has not arrived, the number and force of British cruisers watching the entrance of the bay made it impossible to dash for the open sea with any hope of success.

Secretary Ernest Bohm, of the Central Federated Union, states that international labor leaders in New York are trying to arrange a strike throughout the world of 20,000,000 trade unionists as a means of stopping the European war. The International Federation of Trade Unions, said Bohm, has a membership in excess of this number. A peace meeting will be held in Cooper Union next Thursday. Senator Robert N. La Follette and Samuel Gompers will speak. It is hoped that delegates will be elected then to visit Europe and perfect the plan.

A law just promulgated at Petrograd gives local municipal self-government to all towns in Poland, a substantial earnest of the promised emancipation. The language question is settled on common sense lines. Correspondence with state departments, as well as public bodies, for private persons outside Poland, must be in the common language of the State, namely, Russian.

The largest total of casualties yet recorded in any of the British official lists was shown in a statement given out last night, dated March 22. This list is believed to cover the losses sustained in part of the sanguinary fighting which resulted in the capture of Neuve Chapelle last month. The list includes the names of 1,843 non-commissioned officers and men of 79 different regiments, the killed numbering 573 and the wounded 1,197. Seventy-six died of wounds, and 87 are among the missing.

Easter has been celebrated throughout Russia much as usual, the churches being, if possible, even more crammed with worshippers at this, the greatest of all Russian festivals, than in ordinary years. The great state ceremonials alone have not taken place with the customary pomp, but services have been conducted quietly at Tsarskoe-Selo. A new and most gratifying feature has been the entire absence of the drunkenness and exhilaration which formerly were universal and inseparable from the Russian Easter celebration. Strenuous efforts, of course, were made to obtain alcoholic liquors, but for the most part nothing beyond light red and white wines could be procured.

STOCK MARKET OPENING. New York, April 8.—Stock market opening, Goodrich 49, up 1/2; American Can, 31; Gen. Motors 126, up 1/2; Amal. Copper, 64 1/2, up 1/2; American Cotton Oil, 49 1/2, up 1/2; U. S. Rubber, 68, up 1/2; U. S. Steel opened 100 at 49 1/2, and 400 at 49 1/2, off 1/2; C. R. I. and Pac., 32, up 1/2; New Haven, 59 1/2, off 1/2; Bethlehem Steel, 100 shares at 88 1/2, and 500 at 88.

LIVERPOOL FUTURES IRREGULAR. Liverpool, April 8.—Futures closed irregular, 13 to 13 1/2 points net decline. May-June 5.57; July-August, 5.70 1/2; Oct.-Nov. 5.85 1/2; Jan.-Feb. 5.91.

CHICAGO WHEAT STEADY. Chicago, April 8.—Wheat is steady. Commission house selling subsided. Prospects of rains in the eastern winter wheat belt did not cause much further liquidation. There were some claims of a slightly better export demand at lower basis.

SUGAR FUTURES STEADY. New York, April 8.—Sugar futures opened steady. Prices are unchanged to 2 off. May, 3.78 to 3.80; June 3.85 to 3.87; July 3.89 to 3.90; Aug. 3.95 to 3.97; Sept. 3.99 to 4.00; December 3.78 to 3.82.

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Average price of 12 Industrials—\$4.18, up 0.65. Twenty railways, \$2.38, off 0.12.

Cables from London state that Great Britain is planning to issue \$75,000,000 treasury bills weekly.

Southeast of Verdun the French in their drive at St. Mihiel, have made an important advance.

The total war orders placed in the United States exceed \$1,000,000,000.

Baltimore and Ohio is planning to borrow \$38,000,000.

Prinz Eitel Friedrich interns until the end of the war at Newport News.

Arbitration proceedings in Bay State Street Railway case will cost \$75,000.

The Federal Reserve Board is to establish a gold fund at Washington, for settlements between the Federal Reserve Banks.

Italy's battle fleet has departed suddenly from the Mediterranean naval stations for an unknown destination.

Bayard Dominick, of the firm of Dominick and Dominick, New York City, left estate of more than \$1,000,000.

Nicaragua is on the verge of bankruptcy according to Clifford D. Ham, collector general of customs there.

The New York Senate killed the bill providing for the construction of a new island in New York harbor.

President Wilson told callers at the White House that industrial conditions were constantly improving.

A charter was granted at Dover, Del., to the Colon Gas Co., capital \$250,000, to operate a gas plant in Colon, Panama.

Marconi Wireless Co. passed interim dividend on ordinary shares, due to war conditions, but declared regular 7 per cent. on preference shares.

A sweeping victory for "dry" forces in Michigan was indicated by nearly complete returns from 16 counties that held local option elections.

More than four million pieces of mail passed through the Chicago post office, the largest amount handled in a day since the office was established.

Paris hears that Italy and Austria will reach an agreement which will give Italy the province of Trentino and avert the entrance of Italy into the war.

The Russian armies are steadily descending on the southern side of the Carpathians, and it is reported that the only hope of the Austrians lies in German reinforcements.

Charles Steifel, of New York, will probably have his left wrist amputated as a result of his curiosity. He put his hand between the blades of a ventilating motor in Yorkville court to see if he could stop it.

Official French review of the war places German losses up to the middle of January at 1,800,000 men, of whom about 500,000 were able to return to the front.

Two hundred thousand bales of hay awaiting shipment to one of the warring European nations, were burned when fire destroyed the warehouse of W. L. Edmondson, at Houston, Texas.

New York American figures \$2,495,000,000 of paper money have been put into circulation by European governments and central bank of issue since war began, and only \$343,000,000 new gold has been provided to secure it.

Parcel post service to Argentina, Columbia, Costa Rica, Greece, the Italian Colonies, Dutch West Indies, Panama, Portugal, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela, has been suspended by German postal officials.

Vitagraph Co. of America, Lubin Manufacturing Co., Selig Polyscope Co., and Essanay Manufacturing Co. have organized corporation capitalized at \$500,000 for distribution of moving picture feature films throughout the United States.

London special says there is a faction in the British war department opposed to J. P. Morgan and Co. in placing contracts for war supplies, claiming affiliations are so many as to prevent an absolutely impartial decision. Supporter of present arrangement is Sir George Gibb, one of the leading British railroad managers.

OCEAN RATES TO JAPAN 69 P.C. HIGHER THAN BEFORE THE WAR. New York, April 8.—Ocean transportation rates from Japan have been advanced 25 per cent., according to representatives of the American Trading Co., who do an extensive import and export business with Japan. The further uplift in freight from Japan, due to the death of steamers brings the cost of shipping from Japanese ports to the United States 69 per cent. higher than what it was prior to the outbreak of the war in Europe.

It is understood that all shipping from Japan has been diverted to the Suez Canal. The reason for the diversion of shipments from the Panama Canal and "Frisco" and overland routes is that Japan is desirous of throwing all its shipping to British companies.

Leading importers of Japanese products stated yesterday that ocean freight rates via the Panama Canal and via the Suez Canal were now being quoted on the same basis by the steamship companies. The commodities most affected by the action of the steamship lines in raising their rates are tea, and various drug products, including camphor, menthol, isinglass and several essences.

NEW YORK CURB. New York, April 8.—Curb market, opened firm. Standard Oil, N.J., 395 to 398; Ills. Pipe, 139 to 141; Int. Motors, 10 to 11; Stores, 11 to 12; Riker, 8 to 8 1/2.



SIR WM. MACKENZIE, Chairman of Board of Directors Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co.

THEATRICAL NEWS

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

This summer will probably see a greater number of people remaining in the city than for a long time past. Firstly, the average man cannot afford as many luxuries this year as last, when money was more plentiful, then certain classes of business men will of necessity be forced to remain in town where they can be close to their offices. The poorer classes are no better off than they were last year; their children are suffering very severely and as the warm summer days and nights approach, they will seek relief from stuffy alleys and narrow streets, with their burning pavements, in the parks and on the mountains. For a couple of summers past, the local charities' officials have done much for them; have furnished them with entertainment through the medium of band concerts in the open spaces, certain nights of the week.

This movement should this year be continued and should have a much greater effect than in the past. A great field is open to the civic authorities and local business men to help the movement. The effort would be a worthy one and if carried on in the proper way, would receive the support of every charity and would prove a great boon to social workers.

Not only should every band, both military and private, be given a chance to play at least one night in the week, but a scheme could easily be evolved for getting glee parties and various church choirs to sing in the parks for the entertainment and edification of those who cannot easily fill up an evening. Such a plan would be the direct means of keeping younger people off the street; of providing them with something to do.

A military band is always a drawing card and the evenings upon which such organizations as the Grenadier Guards; the 5th Royal Highlanders; 66th Regiment; Garrison Artillery, or the 3rd Victoria Rifles' bands should contribute, would prove exceptionally pleasing. Regiments training for overseas service who possess hands, would find a weekly concert night a welcome means to stimulate recruiting.

The question of music in the parks should receive greater attention this year than ever it has done for not only would it relieve the monotony for the poorer classes, but would be a drawing card to all classes who remain in the city for the summer months.

MAY DEPARTMENT STORES CO. OPERATIONS ARE MORE COSTLY

New York, April 8.—In his statement to stockholders, President May, of the May Department Stores Co., says:—

In presenting the accounts for the year ended Jan. 31, 1915, it is necessary to refer to the depressed trade conditions throughout the country during the entire second half of our fiscal year.

Sales for the year amounted to a net total of \$25,409,149, representing a decrease of \$905,554, or 3.4 per cent., compared with last year. This has been accomplished in the face of adverse conditions referred to, and your directors feel should be regarded as satisfactory under the circumstances.

Percentage of cost of operation for the year shows a material increase, arising from the necessity of maintaining our organizations and in certain directions of increasing expense in order substantially to hold our volume of business during the period of depressed trade conditions. The resulting decrease in percentage of net profit from trading operations from 8.67 per cent. in 1913-14, to 7.49 per cent. in 1914-15 is not unreasonable. While profits for the year are not as large as those of the previous, the results demonstrate the inherent soundness of the business.

The addition to real estate, building, leases, equipment, etc., during the year amounted to \$505,310, against which \$201,048 has been charged off for depreciation and amortization, resulting in a net increase of \$304,262. This outlay is mainly represented by cost of construction and equipment of an additional building in Akron, Ohio, the completion of the construction and equipment of the addition to the Pittsburgh store, the completion of the equipment of the St. Louis store and fixtures for the new Cleveland store.

The additional building in Akron provides a much-needed extension of selling space. The company's stores are now located in well-constructed modern buildings and are fully equipped with the exception of the last unit, now in course of construction, of the store which is being erected for our occupancy in Cleveland.

Our inventories have been taken on our usual conservative basis and the customary deductions for depreciation and shrinkages have been made. Volume of business since the commencement of the current fiscal year is well maintained as compared with that for the corresponding period of last year when conditions were substantially normal.

WEATHER MAP.

Cotton Belt—Scattered rains in Texas and the Carolinas, also some rain in Oklahoma. Temp. 42 to 62.

Winter Wheat Belt—Rains in parts of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma and Ohio. Temp. 46 to 54.

NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

The contract for the construction of the extension of the Ohio Valley Traction Company's line from Sciotoville to Ironton has been awarded to O. S. Hord, of Marysville, Ky., and A. Keithly, of Huntington, W. Va., on their joint bid. The contract stipulates that the work is to be completed by December 1, 1915.

During 1914 the Portland Gas & Coke Company collected \$1,212,693.97 for the sale of gas, according to the annual statement of the company filed with the city treasurer in compliance with the law passed by the Oregon voters several years ago providing for a special tax of 3 per cent. of the gross receipts of all public service corporations. The statement is filed under protest, a letter accompanying the statement saying that the company waives none of its rights in the case now before the Oregon Supreme Court involving the legality of the measure.

Consolidated gross earnings of the Carolina Power and Light Company for February were \$111,965, compared with gross of \$94,701 in February, 1914, an increase of \$17,264, or 18 per cent. Net earnings were \$62,638, or 37 per cent. ahead of those for a year ago, while the balance after interest charges and preferred dividends was \$21,034, an expansion of \$13,702, or 188 per cent. For the twelve months ended February 28, 1915, gross earnings aggregated \$1,306,804, a gain of \$153,128, or 13 per cent. Net gained 13 per cent., and the balance after interest and preferred dividend disbursements was \$151,139, or \$36,448 better than for the preceding year.

Water rentals in Cleveland this year will be insufficient to pay sinking fund and interest charges upon big bond issues floated by the waterworks and to pay salaries and other operating expenses, according to a statement by Councilman Fitzgerald of that city in offering a resolution in council calling for a report more economical method for conducting the collection and accounting systems of the waterworks and municipal lighting divisions. The shortage must be met by an increase in the present water rent of 40 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, unless retrenchments are made immediately, Fitzgerald says. Salaries and wages paid employees in the municipal lighting division total \$235,000. Of this amount \$40,000 is for clerk hire alone, while the clerk hire item in the waterworks division amounts to \$74,000 per year.

Gross earnings of the Houston Lighting & Power Co. in 1914 were \$723,778.22, according to the annual report filed with the Public Service Commission of Texas. This is an earning above the total operating costs of \$237,349.33. The agreement in 1914 between the city officials and the company, in which the rates were fixed, was based on the belief that the rates now in force would yield the company \$160,000 a year. One effect of the new rates is shown in the fact that the earnings in 1914 were \$42,132.74 less than they were in 1913. The rates for electric light and power which are now in force were in operation in 1914 for nine months, taking into account the refunds made by the company to customers. In the agreement between the council and the company by which the rates to be charged were determined, the company promised that one-half of all the earnings in excess of \$160,000 a year should be paid into the city treasury.

In TWO WEEKS VIPOND WILL BE BREAKING 120 TONS A DAY. Toronto, Ont., April 8.—At the annual meeting of the Porcupine Vipond Mines, held in New York, total assets as of March 31, according to a summary received over Hamilton B. Willis' private wire, were reported at \$41,275, composed of \$15,415 in bullion, \$22,485 in current accounts, and \$3,365 in accounts receivable.

President Ward said that all the liabilities of the company, including the bond issue of \$65,000, would be liquidated within six months, but as he personally held \$50,000 of this issue he was willing to place it in trust for a year. The rest of the bondholders would, if they wished, be paid off in the period specified.

Mr. Poirrier reported that the mill within two weeks would be breaking 120 tons a day. The total development on the property he placed at 5,481 feet, and he also said that every round of shots fired in the Davidson vein at the 300-foot level put 250 tons of ore in sight.

Mr. Poirrier estimated total ore reserves at 48,300 tons, worth approximately \$430,000.

VANCOUVER BONDS PURCHASED. The \$1,118,947 4 1/2 per cent. bonds which the city of Vancouver recently sold, were purchased jointly by Messrs. Aemilius Jarvis & Co., Toronto, and Messrs. Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo, O.

RUBBER GOODS MFG. CO. EARNINGS. New York, April 8.—The earnings of the Rubber Goods Mfg. Co. for the year ended December 31st, 1914, were: Net, \$2,193,220, a decrease of \$132,724. Bond redemption shows a decrease of \$15,817. Dividends \$2,143,984, a decrease of \$318,534. Surplus \$49,236, an increase of \$201,617. Previous surplus \$8,576,510, a decrease of \$152,381. Transferred to reserve \$377,296, an increase of \$377,296. Profit and loss \$9,005,042, an increase of \$426,532.

COBALT MAKES TWO MORE SHIPMENTS OF BULLION

Cobalt, Ont., April 8.—Nipissing is again shipping bullion, two consignments having gone forward since Saturday to New York. The Saturday shipment consisted of 41 bars containing 50,218.19 fine ounces, and was valued at \$25,109.10. The second shipment was of the same number of bars, containing 50,195.48 fine ounces, the value of the consignment being \$25,097.74. Dominion Reduction also shipped a consignment of 44 bars going to London, Eng. This shipment would contain approximately 49,764 ounces, with a value of \$24,882.

Shipments for the year to date are as follows:

Table with columns: Mine, Ounces, Value. Rows include Nipissing, Dom. Reduction, Crown Reserve, Caribou Cobalt, O'Brien, Mining Corp., Trethewey, and Miscellaneous.

Total 1,696,805.75 \$826,406.91

BOSTON STOCK MARKET.

Boston, Mass., April 8.—Market opened firm. Butte & Superior, 46 1/2, up 1/4; Copper Range, 49 1/2, up 1/4; United Shoe, 62 1/2, up 1/4.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Lacrosse Situation in Canada is Still Much Crowded as Regards Coming Season

JESS WILLARD WILL REST

Arrangements for New Grand Stand at Atwater Park—New Duck Pin Record Created—Minto Cup Holders May Play Again.

Jess Willard has been offered \$20,000 for a fight with Frank Moran, but has decided not to defend his title again for at least nine months. He has been in training now for a year and a half, and desires a rest. In the immediate future he will indulge in some theatrical exhibitions.

If the big league clubs find it too cold for training in Texas and Florida, why don't they try Mexico? They have hot times down there 365 days of the year.

Regarding the lacrosse outlook, it is said in Toronto that President Caron, of the Nationals, is flirting with an idea to have Rosedale and Toronto at the Western end of the circuit, and the Nationals and M. A. A. at the Eastern end.

The new grand stand at Atwater Park will be erected by Messrs. T. S. Hudson and Company. Work is to be started at once. The stand will be on practically the same site as formerly, and will seat 2,500 persons. A total of 7,000 spectators may be handled by means of the bleachers.

Jack Johnson was granted American passports at Havana after he had sworn that he had never been convicted of a felony in the United States, that no charge was pending against him, and that he was not subject to arrest if he returned to America. Johnson will now return to France, where he is to take up farming.

Pitcher Alex. Graham and Utility Player Monte Prieste have reported to Manager Clymer, of the Toronto team. Pitcher Blanning is the only player now on the roster of that club who has not joined the colors.

The Tecumseh Lacrosse Club, of Toronto, will not play in a league that is made up the same as last year, and are in favor of either a city series or an amalgamation of all the teams of the "Big Four" and the N. L. U.

Major Heron, president of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, will retire this year. Sandy Cameron, of Ottawa, the vice-president, may succeed him.

Jim Coffey, of Dublin, weighing 200 pounds, and Carl Morris, of Oklahoma, weighing 228, both of whom have challenged Willard, met in a ten-round bout at New York. The former had the latter groggy at several junctures, administering a severe beating.

Jimmy Eschen, the Jersey City outfielder, who was with the Yankees a couple of seasons ago, has been unconditionally released by Manager George Wiltse.

The Montreal Lacrosse Club has decided to stick with the National Lacrosse Union the coming season. Word has been received from the other affiliated clubs of last season, Cornwall, Shamrocks, and Rosedale, that they will send delegates to a forthcoming meeting to discuss the lacrosse situation.

A new duck-pin record for the city was created by Alf. Moir, who, in a practise match, rolled three strings of 162, 160 and 166 for a total of 488. He also made a single string of 178.

"It said that Jess Willard got only glory out of the fight. We'd like to have a binocular 10 per cent. interest in what's coming to the new champion. It would help to defray the gasoline bill somewhat."

Guelph in the Canadian Baseball League, will likely get first call on any players turned loose by the Toronto management.

New Westminster, holders of the Minto Cup, may again figure in the British Columbia Lacrosse Association. Con. Jones, of Vancouver, is willing to admit New Westminster, provided those back of the team put up a bond for its appearance in all scheduled matches.

Joseph Mayer, who recently won the amateur National billiard championship of the United States, has announced that he will become a professional player. His first match in that capacity will be a six-days' contest against Albert G. Cutler, in New York.

Hon. W. T. White, the Finance Minister, has donated a shield with silver mountings, to the Leeds County Hockey League, to be emblematic of the championship of that district. Seery's Bay team, as winners of the 1914-15 series, will be the first holders of the trophy, as well as the Senator Taylor cup.

Jess Willard has never used alcoholic stimulants or tobacco in any form. He says: "I won because I have lived right. I hope to be champion for many years by living right. Fighting the booze doesn't make champions—it destroys them. Jack Johnson was and is a physical marvel, but his strength has been undermined. Disipation will wreck any man, no matter how strong his constitution."

Paradis threw Benard twice at Somner Park last evening. The bout, which was witnessed by the largest crowd of the season, was particularly clever. Benard was very good on the defensive, but Paradis used the toe-hold to advantage.

Jack Johnson declared at Havana that he was offered \$200,000 for his half interest in the moving pictures taken of his fight with Willard.

URGES CO-OPERATION OF FARMERS.

Washington, D.C., April 8.—The Department of Agriculture in a statement, urges farmers to co-operate in minimizing car detention and car shortage evils.