

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Civil War Rages in Portugal and 3,000 Troops Prepare to Storm Capital

ITALIAN CABINET REMAINS

King Declines to Accept Resignations—Washington Believes Germany Will Offer to Suspend Attacks Without Warning on Merchant Ships Pending Negotiations.

A despatch from Lisbon says the revolt spread to Santarem, 44 miles northeast of Lisbon, and that the rebels triumphed. Seventeen soldiers and seventy civilians were killed and over two hundred persons were wounded.

Official announcement was made at Rome yesterday that King Victor Emmanuel has declined to accept the resignation of Premier Salandra. The Salandra cabinet is to be retained without change.

Without word from Ambassador Gerard as to the attitude of the German Government toward the recent American note, official Washington attaches more significance to the intimations in diplomatic quarters there friendly to Germany that the latter country in its reply might offer to suspend attacks without warning on merchant ships while the United States renewed its informal proposals for the unrestricted passage of foodstuffs in civilians in Germany.

A telegram from Lugano, a Swiss city near the Italian border, says that Italy now has 1,700,000 troops mobilized and equipped. It is also said that the Austrian Government has confiscated the property of the Rothschilds, as well as that of various English, French and Russian families.

"Dr. Dernburg is going to leave the United States," Count von Bernstorff, the United States German Ambassador says. "I do not know where he is going. He is leaving of his own free will, and volition." Ambassador Bernstorff's statement confirmed rumors which have been in circulation for the last few days that Dr. Dernburg's speeches and statements, seeking to justify the sinking of the Lusitania, would make his further presence in the country impossible.

Immigration from Europe having greatly diminished since the war, every effort is being made by the Canadian immigration authorities to encourage that from the United States.

The London Morning Post publishes this despatch from Bern, Switzerland: "Immediately after the sinking of the Lusitania was announced, the German press propaganda bureau supplied the papers of neutral countries with different statements, containing variously worded apologies for Germany. The Wolff Bureau is now sending out these statements as voicing the opinion of the neutral press."

BOSTON STOCK MARKET STRONG.

Table listing various stocks and their prices, including Algonk, Zino, Arizona Common, Boston Elevated, etc.

LONDON SPOT COPPER.

London, May 17.—Spot copper £17 1/2, off 1/2; futures, £18 1/2, off 1/2; electrolytic £18, unchanged. Spot tin, £143 1/2, up £1 1/2; futures £143 1/2, up £1 1/2.

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HAPPENINGS IN THE AUTOMOBILE WORLD

More than 300 members of the Montreal Automobile Trade Association with 51 cars took part in the first excursion of the season, held yesterday at Bluff Point, a short distance from Plattsburg. All branches of the automobile trade, and a big percentage of the various makes of cars sold in Montreal were represented.

Figures supplied by the traffic committee to the directors of the U. S. National Automobile Chamber of Commerce showed April shipments of automobiles in that country to have been the greatest in the history of the industry. There were 17,084 cars shipped, as compared with 14,122 cars in the same month last year, showing an increase of nearly 25 per cent.

Summer outings for orphans are being arranged by the association. Cars will be secured for certain days and parties of children made up from the various city schools. The excursions will be mostly to places on or near the island, Ste. Anne de Bellevue being included.

A large number of associated members have already joined the Automobile Association under its new plan. Among the objects, as announced by the association are to unite in one body all local motorists and to advance their interests; to advocate and obtain city, provincial and federal aid in the construction and maintenance of good roads; to encourage and support reasonable and just legislation; to encourage touring and to secure, prepare and distribute complete and detailed information relating to roads, routes, hotels, garages and customs; to have an employment bureau for competent chauffeurs and skilled mechanics; to promote periodical meetings of auto owners also to have a series of social runs and outings.

In connection with the city's recent decision to limit the speed of motor trucks to a rate of four miles an hour, the Montreal Automobile Trade Association has addressed a strong protest to the City Council, pointing out that this by-law will work great detriment to the motor truck business. It is almost impossible for any motor truck to travel at four miles per hour unless it be on first speed and this particular by-law is not only going to hinder the selling of motor trucks but will also hurt dealers in the city of Montreal. A large auto truck concern, in proof of this, states that it has just received letters from prominent buyers saying they would not consider the purchase of motor trucks because of the fact that the by-law would prohibit them from using them for quick delivery purposes.

Trainloads of automobiles for the Russian Government fill the freight yards at Tacoma and Seattle, Washington, awaiting shipment to Vladivostok. The cases are labelled "Jeffery," "Pierce-Arrow" and "Case" manufacture.

The Cadillac Co. has given out figures on the production through April of its eight, and they indicate that up to the first of May the concern had shipped 8,288 cars of the 1915 type, and of this number 2,325, or over a quarter, were turned out in April.

EUROPEAN BANK RATES.

The following table shows last week's official minimum discount rate of all the European state banks, with the respective dates at which the present rates were established and the rates at the corresponding dates in previous years:

Table showing European bank rates for various countries including Bank of England, France, Germany, Holland, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Russia, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark.

FORM JITNEY ORGANIZATION.

Rochester, N.Y., May 17.—A call for a meeting to be held in Rochester on June 3 to form a State organization of jitney drivers and owners has been sent out by President William Cross, of the Rochester Jitney Association. It is expected that delegates from every city in the State where jitneys are running will be present.

UNFAVORABLE CROP REPORTS.

Chicago, May 17.—Trade is flooded with bad crop reports covering all portions of the winter wheat belt. Clement Curtis' reports says that Southern and Eastern Kansas lost 20 to 60 per cent. from the Heslian fly. Missouri is reporting 25 to 50 per cent. loss from fly and bugs, and several counties in Illinois have lost from 10 to 40 per cent. from insects and dry soil.

SUGAR FUTURES.

Table showing sugar futures market open quiet and steady with columns for Bid, Asked, and various sugar types.

AMERICANS IN LONDON.

Table showing American stocks in London with columns for Name, Bid, Asked, and Changes.

Heard Around the Ticker

Women's fashions play a larger part in the prosperity of textile mills than most people imagine. During the hobble-skirt period of a few years ago earnings of textile factories on the continent fell to the minimum. The recent announcement that the 1915 skirts are to be very full is hailed with joy by manufacturers. Such a decree on the part of Dame Fashion means prosperity.

Teutonic nerve, as well as efficiency, is again demonstrated by the fact that for years the authorities at Berlin, through the embassy and consulates in the United States, have kept an annual census of the Germans in the adjoining Union, showing what each possessed and earned and enabling the government of the Fatherland to levy a war tax upon them. This tax was 10 per cent. of wages or income. These contributions amounted to over \$5,000,000 in August and September and never have fallen below \$600,000 monthly since.

It was certain that something would happen when Dr. Dernburg refused to talk. He is going home from a land of protests to the headquarters of organized crime.

There has been a noticeable falling off in steel orders during the past week, across the line, due to developments incident to the sinking of the Lusitania. Very few orders are coming in from domestic consumers but export business continues good. Mills continue to operate from 70 to 75 per cent. of capacity, but a continuation of poor domestic business would force a reduction from the present level of operations. Some shading of prices in sheets, structural and plates is reported, but bar prices are holding well. Car orders are few and delay in placing Pennsylvania rail order is a disappointment to the trade.

Blessed success! Count von Bernstorff in an interview confirms the report that Dr. Bernard Dernburg will leave the United States. "But, on second thought, you rarely can believe a German."

The German Government announces that it will immediately make comprehensive reprisals if the measures announced by the British Government for internment all Germans are adopted. The German Government can scarcely indulge in more brutality and beastliness than it has already made evident. German and Austrian sympathizers with the enemy in the Mother Land must be placed where they can do no further harm. Here in Canada they will be left unmolested so long as they behave themselves.

Because of the depletion in the staffs of the London banks, a proposal was made to conclude banking business at 3 p.m. daily instead of 4 p.m. Business must also be falling away.

The London Stock Exchange has reinstated a few German members whose sons are serving with the British forces. Belonging to the Exchange are 208 foreign born members, of which 148 are German, 17 Dutch, 16 Austrian, 7 American, 6 Swiss, 3 each French and Belgian, 2 each Russian, Italian and Greek and 1 each Turk, Hungarian and Venezuelan.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt will certainly weep a lot of briny tears. His name has been dropped as an honorary member from the roll of League of Old German Students and of General German Language League.

Many of the Germans being interned in Great Britain have been placed aboard steamers fitted up for the purpose. They do not float them against a Teutonic submarine so that the Huns may get some idea of what it feels like?

Venezuela, which has been brought somewhat prominently but unfavorably to the attention of Canadians through the Venezuela Iron Ore Company, did a foreign trade last year of \$87,381,000, of which \$55,056,000 represented exports and \$32,325,000 imports. The United States led with total trade of \$29,700,000. Great Britain second with \$12,200,000 and Germany third with almost an equal amount. Last year Canada exported goods to Venezuela to the value of \$90,615 and imported goods therefrom valued at \$55,638.

Anti-German feeling throughout the world has been slow in mellowing. The process of subsiding will be even slower.

The Germans should not be too sure that the United States will not fight. Nor should they make the mistake of imagining that if the Americans go to war they will be unable to inflict any damage upon their enemies. Both these errors have been made by other nations in the past, and this is an instance in which history is sure to establish a precedent by repeating itself.

News of the cancellation of the sailing of the Cunarder Mauretania caused much joy and pride in German naval circles. It doesn't take much to stimulate either of these sentiments in the breast of a baby-killer.

It is said to think that the Corporation of Trinity Church in New York City, with receipts from all sources for the past nine months of \$1,062,472, should again show a deficit. Those who think of this great Anglican parish as possessing inexhaustible wealth will receive a rude jar. But that it is far from the real estate assessed for taxation purposes at \$15,462,700. All its assets are valued at \$16,098,252. There are \$4,000,000 notes outstanding against the corporation.

The Reichstag is to re-convene to-morrow for three or four days' work. Why keep up the pretense of responsible government?

The coal trade in the United States is already beginning to profit by Great Britain's order prohibiting the export of coal except to British possessions, Russia and France. Bituminous cargoes for the first week of May exceeded the rate in April. A Madrid cable says coal is so scarce in Spain that the government is willing to guarantee payment of orders placed across the line by opening a credit of at least \$200,000 in New York. Last year Spain imported about 3,000,000 tons of coal.

The Germans in the United States are commencing to get wise but not a minute too soon. Since the sinking of the Lusitania the number of Germans applying for naturalization in New York City has increased nearly 300 p.c. Up to that time Russians had been filing most applications.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Transylvania has arrived at Greenock, Scotland.

President Wilson has arrived in New York.

American liner Philadelphia has arrived safely at Liverpool.

John D. Rockefeller's income tax is estimated at \$3,800,000.

London hears that Austrian troops have crossed the Italian border.

The New York Coffee Exchange will be closed Saturday, March 25.

Italy has placed embargo on export of olive oil to all countries, effective May 2.

In East Galicia the Russians are preparing to make a stand along the River San.

Seymour H. Knox, vice-president of Woolworth Company, is dead.

Petrograd reports further successes against the Austrians in Bukovina.

Kansas State Crop Report puts the condition of wheat at 92.8, against 96.5 a year ago.

The French report a brilliant local success in Champagne, which Berlin denies.

Average price of twelve industrials \$1.87, up 2.04; twenty railroads, 92.06, up 1.31.

British troops have captured two miles of the German trenches northwest of La Bassee.

International Cotton Congress to have been held in England this year has been abandoned.

A portion of the Emden's crew has arrived after six months' wanderings at Damascus, Syria.

The Manila Shanghai Cable was repaired restoring direct communications between New York and China.

It is reported that Austria has asked Italy whether the retention of the Salandra Cabinet means war.

United States bank statement shows an increase in actual surplus of \$10,847,390, bringing the excess up to \$173,241,230.

A membership of the New York Coffee Exchange was sold for \$3,500, an increase of \$150 over the last previous sale.

Lake Superior Copper Companies are reported to have made a large contract with the United States Government for copper.

James Carlin, of Chapinville, N. Y., was fined \$50 for cutting off the curls of Walter Norris, aged four, who threw a tin can in Carlin's yard.

The Rhode Island Locomotive Works, at Providence, are reported to have received a large shipment order from one of the belligerents in Europe.

French coal production in 1915 will be cut down from 49,000,000 to less than 25,000,000 tons. Decrease must be made up by imports, some of which will probably come from the United States.

Construction of United States navy's first dirigible has been authorized by Secretary Daniels, who awarded contract for its manufacture to Connecticut Aircraft Co. of New Haven, on a bid of \$45,636. Balloon is to be delivered within four months.

Chain of 200 grocery stores, to be operated on profit-sharing plan, with capital of \$2,000,000, of which \$1,400,000 will be offered to public at \$1 a share, is being planned for others will be rapidly opened.

Expert constructor at Navy Department is quoted as estimating that at least 50 submarines of the K and L type now being used in navy could be turned out of American yards within eight months, and that thereafter American plants could launch them at rate of 100 every six months.

Yorkshire Post announces that nearly 200 firms in the Leeds district are manufacturing footwear for the armies and navies, their weekly output being about 250,000 pairs. Military demand is seriously interfering with the ordinary boot trade and price of the average workman's shoe has advanced nearly 50 per cent.

In March and April value of goods imported by the United Kingdom reached higher than ever before recorded for those months. In April imports amounted to £73,878,000, exports of British products to £32,170,000 and re-exports to £9,857,000. Imports were greater by £6,000,000 than in January, before German submarine blockade went into effect.

Loans issued and capital raised in London since outbreak of war total £450,728,800, omitting £123,000,000 treasury bills outstanding, and taking no account of issues of bonds under funding schemes. This compares with £270,000,000 as-year's record of new capital issues in 1910.

National Aniline & Chemical Co., as a result of its statement that it was ready to produce direct black dyes, has received contract orders amounting to 60 per cent. of normal consumption of direct black in this country. Of a normal consumption of 30,000,000 pounds of all kinds of dyes annually in the United States, 5,000,000 are of direct black. Present price of 60 cents a pound is three times normal figure.

NEW YORK CURB.

Table showing New York Curb market with columns for Bid, Asked, and various commodities like Alaska Juneau, Inter-Petroleum, etc.

N. Y. COFFEE MARKET.

New York, May 17.—Rio coffee market off 50 cents, stocks 396,000 bags, last year 192,000. Santos unchanged, stocks 594,000 bags, year ago, 1,097,000 bags. Port receipts 26,000, last year 14,000; interior receipts 17,000, year ago 17,000. Rio exchange on London 12 1/2-3/4, off 5-3/4.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Seven Horses Have an Almost Equal Chance to win King's Plate at Woodbine

JOE LALLY ON LACROSSE

Local Baseball Season, Owing to Inclement Weather, Will be Opened To-morrow Instead of Today, with Newark Lined up Against the Royals.

Frank Nelson says in the Toronto Globe: The King's Guinea will be run for this year under circumstances unprecedented in more respects than one and it is doubly unfortunate that general interest cannot be concentrated, as in former seasons, on a race which includes the best material that has furnished the Plate competition in a score of years, if not in its whole history. The year of the great war finds breeders offering a lot of horses that represent the results of a steady improvement in the quality of their output. So many good horses are found among the entries for this year's race that the unique condition exists of practically no choice among about eight owners, though this is written only a week before the decision of the event, and all of the prominent candidates were seen in action last season. The winner may carry the colors of Messrs. Dryden, Seagram Hendrie, Giddings, Crew, Millar, Dolan or Krausmann, and at this moment there is little to choose among them.

The opening of the baseball season in Montreal, scheduled for to-day, has been postponed until tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock. Bad weather is the reason assigned. Newark will be opposed to the Royals.

Charlie George and Donald Smith, who last season played with the Irish-Canadians, have announced that they will play for Shamrocks in the N. L. U. this summer. They will give their services gratis.

There should be something doing at Solmer Park to-night, when Frankie Fleming and Kid Julian met in a ten round bout. Both scrappers are in the best of form, and have agreed to weigh in at 126 pounds. Three years ago Julian knocked Fleming out in a couple of rounds, so that the present match is in the shape of a return engagement.

The Royals have rarely enjoyed a more successful initial trip in any season than that which they concluded yesterday by a defeat of Providence, scoring three to the home team's one. On Saturday Montreal was defeated by the same opponents by a score of 4 to 1. The Royals have now a firm hold on second place in the International League standing, with Providence one game ahead.

Joe Lally, of Cornwall, has just concluded a week's round of the public schools of Toronto, undertaken in the interests of the National Game. In five days he addressed between 12,000 and 15,000 youngsters in sixty different schools. A similar round in Montreal might prove quite as advantageous.

The King's Plate is the talk of racing circles, and the consensus of opinion is that it is the most open race in years. At least seven of the entries are conceded a good chance to win. Lady Curzon, Hampton Dame, Okemus, Pepper Sauce, Splutter, Fair Montague, Smithfield, are all in the public eye, all having shown their worth in public races and private trials.

William E. Crawford, aged 5, was killed by a pitched ball during a ball game in Hanover, Pa.

Some of the players who will figure on the Reede and Tecumseh teams this summer have received big money in the past, and these are the players who are the most willing to play for the fun.

Twenty-one events are billed for decision at the M. A. A. grounds on Wednesday, July 22, when the Montreal Police Amateur Athletic Association holds its annual meet. A medal is being offered, as in former years, to the police athlete who scores the highest number of points in the various events.

The Toronto Star says that the Royals did the best of any of the road teams on the initial trip. The Greys, who are still at the top, had an advantage in that they were playing on their home grounds.

In a lively tennis match, Miss Molla Bjurstedt of Norway, won the women's metropolitan singles championship at Forest Hill, N.Y.

A field stand, similar to those on many tracks across the line, is to be erected at Dorval for the spring meeting, which opens on Monday, May 31st.

TRUST AND LOAN COMPANY.

London, May 17.—The financial statement of the Trust and Loan Company of Canada, for the six months ending 31st March last, shows net profits amount to £61,087, compared with £62,459 six months ago.

The statutory reserve fund has been increased by £18,865, bringing this fund up to £419,834, while the special reserve fund has been increased to £129,000, being an increase of £5,000.

The directors recommend the usual dividend at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum.

JUTE IS DORMANT.

New York, May 17.—Jute is dormant, and 450 cents is nominally quoted. The mills are holding off for advice on the new crop prospects. Supplies are fairly liberal. Calcutta is weakening, but freights are hard to obtain.

BUYS MINING PROPERTY.

New York, May 17.—The New York Curb Market Association has been notified of the purchase by Tonopah Extension Mining Company of all property of Tonopah Merger Mining Company and of Tonopah Victor Mining Company.

N. Y. METAL EXCHANGE.

New York, May 17.—Metal Exchange quotes the market quiet. Five ton lots offered \$38.00 to \$40.00. Lead \$4.17 1/2 to \$4.22 1/2. Spelter not quoted.

BOSTON STOCKS.

Boston, May 17.—Stock market opened strong: Butte & Superior 63 1/2 Up 2 1/2; North Butte 51 1/2 Up 1 1/2.

WEATHER: VERY COOL.

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GERMANS LOST MANY IN RETREAT ACROSS FRANCE.

Paris, May 18.—Heavy losses were inflicted on the western front of the German army by the western to the eastern bank of the north of Ypres near Steenstrate and in accordance to an official communique in French War Office to-day, 2,000 Germans by the terrific bombardment of the Allies.

North of Arras the Germans are still gaining some of the ground lost to the French assaults of Teutonic troops were repulsed.

THAW TRANSFERRED FROM NEW YORK, MAY 18.—Harry K. Thaw is today in the custody of Sheriff Griffith taken from the Tombs to Ludlow street 1.

In making the ruling, Justice Hendrie Thaw was not a criminal and he saw no Thaw should not make his abode in a jail. The judge then adjourned the hearing until June 7th.

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