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#### GERMAN FREIGHTER DAMAGED

The Deutschland, the German cargo submarine, which arrived at New London, Conn., November 1, slipped out of the harbor at an early hour on Friday, November 17, bound for Bremen. She left her pocket at the State pier at 1.30 o'clock, and was towed down the harbor by two tugs. The voyage had to be abandoned thru an accident. The Deutschland collided with its conveying tug, T. A. Scott, Jr., sinking the tug, with a loss of five of the crew. There was only one survivor from the tug. The extent of the damage to the submarine is not known. The Deutschland's cargo consists of nine carloads of nickel, averaging forty tons to a car and ten carloads of crude rubber, averaging eighteen tons to a car, making a total shipment of 540 tons. In addition to this material, the Deutschland has in her hold three carloads of a chemical known as chromium and one carload of vanadium, both used in the process of hardening steel.

All the nickel aboard the Deutschland is part of a large consignment which was purchased in November, 1914, from the International Nickel Company at Communipaw, N. J. The Providence Journal discovered that this consignment was taken by the purchasers, ostensibly German-Americans, but really men acting for Dr. Heinrich Albert, fiscal agent of the German government in the United States. It is believed that the nickel purchased from the International Nickel Company, reached that corporation from Sudbury, Canada, thru the Canadian Copper Company.

#### CANADIAN CATTLE BREAK RECORDS

A record that is not likely to be again reached in range cattle sales was that attained at Chicago on Monday last (Nov. 13), when A. E. Cross, of Calgary, Alta., sold 35 head of 1,432-lb. strictly range heaves at the record smashing figure of \$10.75, and 68 head, averaging 1,413 lbs., at what is the next record high price of \$10.40 per cwt. These cattle were Hereford-Shorthorn grades and all horned. There were also 38 head of this strain which averaged 1,315 lbs. and sold at \$9.75, with 17 tailings, averaging 1,362 lbs., at \$9.25, a no mean figure for "tailings." There were also 22 head of Galloway-Shorthorns that averaged 1,409 lbs. and sold at \$9.75. Thirty-seven head of cows and heifers of from two to four years old, averaging 1,128 lbs., sold at \$8.00, and 23 head, averaging 1,104 lbs., at \$7.35.

It is quite needless to say that these cattle attracted wide attention in the yards. They had not had one bite of anything but range grass since the first year of their life. They ran on the range in Alberta and their sustenance was purely the native prairie grass. Mr. Cross maintains three ranches. These are his breeding grounds and here the cows and calves are kept until the latter, having reached the yearling stage, are turned out upon the range to grow into beef. It has been Mr. Cross' policy to blend the blood of the Shorthorn and Hereford. Each year he makes a purchase of eight to fifteen pure bred bulls. For two years these will be Shorthorns and the third year Herefords, repeating

this method. With a new lot of bulls each year he is thus able to breed his sires to the same females for a succession of years, and in this way inbreeding is avoided. Twelve years ago Mr. Cross purchased a small number of Galloway bulls which he bred to Shorthorn heifers, his idea being to infuse to succeeding generations a strain of this hardy blood. The 22 steers already mentioned, selling at \$9.75, were from the cows originating from this cross. Upon the home ranches Mr. Cross raises some alfalfa, but largely native prairie hay and also oats and barley to take care of the cows and weaker stuff during the rigorous part of the winter. In this way the cattle get a good start in life and are able to go out upon the open range with a good foundation. They are usually marketed the third year as four-year-olds. Quality of blood, hardness of constitution and a good early foundation constitute the trinity upon which Mr. Cross pins his faith.

#### KELLY SENTENCED

Thos. Kelly, formerly contractor on the new Manitoba Government buildings, was on Saturday, November 18, sentenced to two and a half years imprisonment for obtaining large sums of money by false and fraudulent representations in connection with the construction of public buildings in Manitoba.

#### CALGARY SHOW AND SALE

The Annual Fat Stock Show and Auction Sale of Beef Females and Fat Stock Show Entries will be held at Calgary, December 12 to 15. The auction sale will be held on December 14. Special passenger rates on single fare for the return trip will be in force from all Alberta points. The entries for the show close on December 2, and any stock entered in the show may also be entered in the auction sale. The Calgary Poultry Show will be held at the same time. So far 32 Shorthorns, eight Herefords and 75 Oxfords and Shrops have already been entered. Prize list, rules of sale and catalogue of entries may be obtained from E. L. Richardson, secretary of the Alberta Livestock Associations, Calgary.

#### NATIONALIZATION OF RAILWAYS

W. F. Maclean, M.P., of the Toronto World, in an address before the Toronto Canadian Club on Thursday, November 13, urged the importance of the public ownership of railways and all common carriers, including steamships. He advocated the immediate nationalization of the entire railway system in Canada. In the course of his remarks he said that the state that owns its railways can assist therewith in promoting foreign trade in giving the best freight charges on her exports and on her raw products from other countries needed for her manufacturers. Germany uses this to great advantage. National railways have made Germany able to defy the world. He pointed to the action taken in Great Britain immediately war commenced when the government stepped in and took over the whole of the railway system in that country and he declared that Canada should have at the same time and for similar reasons followed the Imperial government's example. He referred to the example set by Australia and New Zealand where state ownership of railways has been in effect for many years and further pointed out that the clear cut position taken by the Australians in the war was made easier for them by their advanced legislation in the past, especially in regard to railways. Referring to the metal question he showed that this had been dealt with in Australia in a settled and startling way because they had already learned the art of putting the public interest before everything else. Mr. Maclean further stated that the transportation problem could not be settled by government ownership of railways alone, but that water transportation should also be included. In conclusion he stated that in his opinion not a single water power in any part of the Dominion should be hereafter alienated to a private company if it were needed for the railway services in Canada.

#### DISABLED CANADIAN SOLDIERS

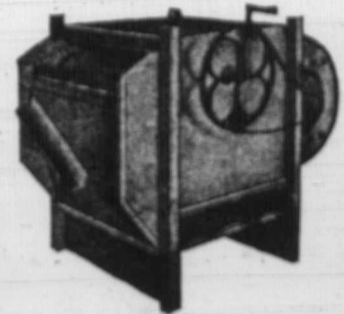
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mission, Ottawa, at the beginning of November. Of these 426 were in sanatorium for tuberculosis, and 1616 in convalescent hospitals, 682 of the latter being out-patients, while 39 members of the force were in asylums for the insane. Of the 426 cases of tuberculosis almost exactly half were discovered in time to prevent them from leaving Canada for the seat of the war. According to a statement prepared by the Militia department up to October 5, 1916, the number of soldiers sent back to Canada on account of medical unfitness was 6,208. Of these 961 were suffering from wounds, shell shock, or the effect of gas, 122 were insane, 245 affected with tuberculosis, while the remainder, 4,880, were suffering from other diseases and disabilities.

#### PROF. MITCHELL PRESENTATION

The members of the dairy staff of the Manitoba Agricultural College on Tuesday, November 14, presented Prof. W. J. Mitchell with a handsome locket set with diamonds on the occasion of his leaving Winnipeg to take up the duties of dairy commissioner for New Brunswick.

#### SEED GRAIN LOANS

Ottawa, Nov. 16—Approximately three million dollars of the twelve millions lent to Western farmers for the purchase of seed grain two years ago have been repaid to the government. Payments this year practically double those of last year.

#### BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

Previously acknowledged	\$7,781.79
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