HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

All-Star Rugby Players in Toronto Easily Defeated by Argonauts at Toronto Saturday

OTTAWA'S EXPERT, STEVE RONAN

Walter Johnson Says While Federals Offered Him Three Years' Contract at $17,500, and Bonus of $6,000, Washington's Best Was $12,500.

Big Fred McKay, the Annette Kellermann of the prize ring, was standing up at the Fairmont fight last week in New York, when some one said: "Fred, you're a big husky Canadian, why don't you join the Allies?" "Tut, tut," said McKay, "impossible—I'm too tall for the trenches."

Levigne, who came from the Midland amateur hockey team, has been released by the Wanderers. The pace was too fast for him.

Such managers as McGraw and Stallings view with alarm the policy against early training adopted by the National League. A new rule prohibits spring exercises before March 1.

The Ottawas fully expect to be accorded the services of Skene Ronan.

Walter Johnson has written a friend the inside facts of his negotiations with the Federal League. The Coffeyville cyclone says Washington's best offer was $12,500. The Chicago independents gave him a bonus of $6,000 and a three years contract at $17,500 a season.

The first curling of the season was indulged in by the Montreal West Club on Saturday night; the ice was in good condition, neither soft nor shelly.

The All-Star rugby players from the Varsity, Toronto Athletic and St. Michael teams were easily defeated by the Argonauts at Toronto on Saturday afternoon, by a score of 23 to 5. The proceeds were for the Patriotic Fund. The attendance was small.

Willie Ritchie, former world's lightweight champion, is to be matched shortly to fight the winner of the Burns-Neff bout at Seattle next Tuesday. Burns recently won the Canadian lightweight title from Johnny O'Leary.

Ken Crane, the former Stratford boy, now with Argonauts, is a clever stick-handler. If he settles down to hard work and gets into condition he should prove a valuable man for the Oarsmen.

President Wilson played golf in Washington during a snow flurry.

Pacific Coast Amateur Lacrosse officials have received official word from the A. A. U. of C. to the effect that Vancouver officially hold the world's amateur championship. Joe Lally's decision is to be ignored. The Mann cup is still in Vancouver.

Tom Phillips, the former Kenora star, who is now residing in Hamilton, will coach the Hamilton Rowing Club juniors at hockey this season. At present Phillips is not in Hamilton, but will return after Christmas.

Playing their final game of the season, Vancouver and Victoria Rugby football teams played to a draw on Saturday afternoon with 3 points each. In the first named played at Victoria the Vancouvers won easily.

Captain Johnny Evers, of the Boston Braves, who is ill with pneumonia is reported somewhat better.

The applications of the Parkdale Canoe Club asked for reinstatement of their club to the senior series for the season 1915, and of the Balmy Beach Canoe Club asked that they be given a senior franchise for the season 1915, were left over to be considered by the incoming executive at the annual meeting of the Ontario Rugby Football Union on Saturday.

Owner Sam Lichtenhein, of the Royals, entertained Manager Dan Howley over the week-end.

The McGill Ski Club has elected the same officers as last year, Norm. Williamson being elected president and Lee Strathy secretary.

"Glad" Murphy has a mild attack of blood-poisoning, in one of his arms as the result of a slight football injury. He will not play hockey for a week or more, if at all this season.

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NEWS OF THE PLAYHOUSES

Princess—Marie Dressler in "A mix Up."
His Majesty's—Del. S. Lawrence Stock Co., in "The Squaw Man."
Orpheum—Variety.
Imperial—Max Figman in "What's His Name."
Gayety—High Class Burlesque.

Results of the Madame Donalda concert given in the Imperial Theatre on November 26 have been announced. After all expenses were paid, $4,028.30 was the total realized. Extreme satisfaction has been given voice to in all directions at the report. Mr. Louis H. Bourdon, Mme. Donalda's manager, has handed over to Major H. B. Yates, president of the Quebec Provincial Branch of the Red Cross Society, two cheques for $2,014.15 apiece, one for the Red Cross and the other for the Emergency Bureau for Unemployed Women and Girls.

Miss Laura Nelson, of Harrison Fisher fame, is numbered among the unemployed because of the failure of "What it Means to a Woman."

"Lady Luxury," the new musical comedy by Rida Johnson Young and William Schroeder, which received such favorable comment when it was here recently, will have its first New York performance at the Casino, Christmas matinee. Ina Claire heads the cast and others are Harry Conor, Forrest Huff, Alan Mudie, Emilie Lea and Alice Moffat.

Lydia Lopokova, the famous dancer, will made her metropoiltan debut as an English-speaking actress on December 23. She will be presented by Harrison Grey Fiske in "Just Herself," a comedy by Ethel Mumford.

Rehearsals have begun for "The Song of Songs," Edward Sheldon's dramatization of the Sudermann story. A. H. Woods announces that the premiere will be during Christmas week. John Mason heads the cast and others are Thomas A. Wise, Dorothy Donnelly, Irene Fenwick, Ernest Glendinning, Cyril Keightley and Forrest Winant.

According to a Berlin newspaper, about 2,000 flutists, oboists, cellists, violinists, harpists, drummers and other players of orchestral instruments in that city have been thrown out of employment by the war.

STANDARD BANK OPENS HERE

The Standard Bank of Canada, whose head office is in Toronto, to-day opened its initial Montreal branch in the Yorkshire Insurance building, 136 St. James street.

For some little time the Eastern business of the bank, which, up to the present, was represented solely in Ontario and the West, has been steadily growing, so much so that a Montreal branch became imperative.

Mr. E. C. Green, formerly of the Ottawa branch, will be Montreal manager, and his staff will include Mr. W. H. Wigg, formerly of the head office, Toronto, as accountant, and Mr. H. W. Hemer, formerly of the Parkdale branch, as teller.

NO SERIOUS TIE-UP IN NEW YORK.

New York, December 14.—The Up-State railroad lines are practically crippled by a blizzard that swept the northern part of New York State during the night. The snowfall is decreasing, however, and no serious tie-up of traffic is anticipated.

Buffalo and Utica report six inches of snow. Rochester and Syracuse more than a foot and Saratoga eight inches.

FAVORABLE TERMS FOR POWER.

St. Thomas, Ont., December 14.—The new Hydro-electric lighting rates are announced. A reduction is made from 4 to 3 cents per hundred square feet of floor space, and from 2½ to 2 cents per kilowatt hour, with 20 per cent. discount for prompt payment. This is said to be the lowest rate in the Hydro Power Union.

COPPER EXPORTS.

New York, December 14.—Exports of copper from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore for the week ending November 12th were 5,266 tons, which taken with the 7,056 tons previously reported for the period from November 1st to 5th makes a total of 12,322 tons from November 1st to November 12th.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC AGREEMENT.

Kingston, Ont., December 14.—The City Council is asking the Hydro-Electric Commission to make a contract for Kingston with J. M. Campbell, who offers power from Kingston Mills at three-quarters of a cent a kilowatt hour for any amount the city may want to use. The agreement is to be made by tomorrow.

BROOKLYN RAPID TRANSIT.

The annual meeting of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. will be held at noon, January 29. Transfer books will close January 5, and reopen January 30. Five directors are to be elected to serve three years; otherwise, routine business.

MONTREAL MINING CLOSE

(Reported by E. L. Doucette.)

Cobalt Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Bailey	1½	1¾
Beaver	19	20
Buffalo	85	115
Chambers Ferland	13	15
Coniagas	5.50	5.85
Crown Reserve	70	80
Dome Lake	33	35
Dome Mines	8.00	9.00
Dome Extension	7	9
Foley O'Brien	17½	20
Gould	½	1
Hargrave	..	2
Hollinger	18.90	19.50
Jupiter Mines Ltd.	9½	10
Kerr Lake	4.50	5.00
La Rose	65	75
McKinley Darragh	68	74
Motherlode	10	15
Nipissing	5.25	5.75
Peterson Lake	25	27
Porc. Crown	70	80
Porcupine Gold Mines	23	25
Rea Consolidated	17	25
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Tretheway	15	..
West Dome	4	9
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An Open Letter To Santa Claus

This is the first time I have ever written you a letter though, as the father of a growing family, I have at different times answered letters addressed to you. But to-day I am really, truly writing to you myself. I am taking my typewriter in hand to write you these few lines to let you know what I would like to have you do for me this Christmas. Do not be afraid. I am not going to hang up my stocking. My stockings are so big that the children always steal them to hang up on Christmas Eve. But that isn't what I want to tell you.

It has occurred to me that as most of the toys you have been in the habit of giving have been made in Germany you might be a little puzzled about what to give the children this Christmas, since the Germans have gone out of the toy business for the time being. But even if they were still providing toys you could do what I want you to do. I have noticed that it is your habit to begin filling a stocking by putting a large orange in the toe of it to keep it open. Now, oranges cost good Canadian money that goes away to far countries, and never comes back. Don't you think that this year, when times are hard, you could put an apple in the toe of every stocking instead of an orange. I have figured out that it would take about twelve thousand barrels of apples to put one in the stocking of every child in Canada. Your big strong Reindeers wouldn't mind hauling around a little matter like that.

Besides, if you ask your doctor he will tell you that apples are really better for the children than the oranges, for they not only contain delightful flavors, but also have a food value. All the children except those who know that apples are not so expensive as oranges will like them every bit as well.

Then, see the colors you can get in apples. You can get them green and yellow, and pink, and red and purple, and I am even told that there are black apples. If you felt like givins several, you could make a stocking full to show all the colors of a rainbow, and the colors are all harmless. They are even more harmless than the paints used on the animals in the Noah's Ark of my childhood. I can still recall the feeling of childish wonder and disappointment that overcame me when I found that the yellow tiger in the ark did not taste nearly as good as it looked. I can still remember the taste and somehow I always associate that oily, bizarre flavor with Christmas, and it almost takes away my appetite for turkey and plum pudding. I should hate to have my children or other children who like to eat highly colored things, have such a flavor to remember at Christmas time. That is why I want you to give them nicely tolored apples, for the apples taste even better than they look and create an appetite instead of spoiling it.

Moreover, my dear Santa, if you put an apple in every baby's stocking this Christmas you will put a roll of bills in the stocking of many a father, including myself, who happens to be a producer of apples. Feeling that a word to the wise is sufficient, and knowing that you are very wise, I leave this matter in your hands.

Yours hopefully,

PETER McARTHUR.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER,
Who addressed a largely attended meeting at the Reform Club on Saturday night.

BOOTH FISHERIES BONDS.

Increase in earnings of the company has led the friends of Booth Fisheries bonds to point out their position. One commission house, Babcock, Rushton & Co., has issued a circular in which they say the concern's business has increased in five years from $10,000,000 to $17,500,000 last year. While the authorized issue of bonds is $5,000,000 the amount outstanding is $3,500,000. The sinking fund retires $150,000 each year.

The bonds, while the direct obligation of the company, are not a mortgage, though nothing may be placed ahead of them. The bonds bear 6 per cent.

OHIO CANNERS PROGRESSIVE.

Columbus, Ohio, December 14.—During the past year 170 canneries were inspected in Ohio by the Food Commissioner, some of them a number of times. Nine new plants came into existence, nine were discontinued, five moved into new buildings and two were burned out, but have resumed business. The inspector views it as significant that of the eight going out of business five were of the worst type. This illustrates the rapid elimination of the unfit, under stringent regulation, in all lines of food products. The inspector takes occasion to commend the co-operation he has received from canners.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

The German cruiser Dresden is reported at Punta Arenas, on the Straits of Magellan.

The Supreme Court of United States meets at noon to-day.

It is unofficially reported that the French advance in the centre is nearing the Metz.

Reports from various sections of the country show that business is much below normal.

Two German attacks on the Allies' lines northeast of Ypres have been thrown back.

Unofficial Berlin dispatches say that the Kaiser must submit to an operation on the throat.

Copper is quoted at $600 a ton in Germany, with very little procurable.

Lucien Lopez, 14, of Montclair, N.J., was fined $1.00 for having in his possession a dead starling.

Secretary Daniels says in case of emergency, ten dreadnoughts could be built in the United States in two years.

In a Christmas tree fire in a school in Portland, Ore., the principal, a teacher, and eight pupils were burned, some fatally.

Standard Naval Stores Co. of Savannah, which succeeded American Co. will dissolve on Jan. 1, on account of lack of business due to European war.

French reports a substantial gain near St. Mihiel and it is unofficially reported that the German line of communications in that region has been cut.

Pullman Company's industrial payroll now averages 6,500 men, or 50 p.c. of maximum. The company's freight car plant is closed.

Secretary Wilson, in the annual report of the Department of Labor, emphasizes the importance of mediation in labor difficulties.

Cigar presented by German Emperor to Lord Lonsdale, sold at London auction sale in aid of Red Cross Hospital, brought $72.50.

The German army dashing forward to Warsaw from the north is said by Petrograd to have been defeated and compelled to retreat.

Practically all plate glass plants throughout the United States which closed down six weeks ago, will resume operations within two weeks.

As an evidence of the "Cheer up" tendency in England, King George has asked that the holiday season be appropriately observed.

An $800,000 fire destroyed the E. W. Ewing breaker and washery at Port Griffith, near Pittston, Pa., throwing 2,500 men and boys out of work.

The Russian Academy of Sciences elected Henry Sienkiewicz, author of "Quo Vadis," an honorary member. The honor is considered unique for a Pole.

A Philadelphia coal company has juts taken an order for 250,000 tons of coal for export to South America. This order may be increased to 1,000,000 tons.

One of the changes in the rules and regulations of the Connecticut State Prison is the abolition of the word "convict," in referring to prisoners.

The World says the Inter-State Commerce Commission has voted the 5 per cent. increase in freight rates and that the decision will be announced next Saturday.

In suit against alleged moving picture trust at Philadelphia, the United States Government claimed that on an investment of $10,000 each, ten manufacturers made a profit of 1600 per cent. in 1911.

London special says that a recent private meeting of the stock exchange authorities the opinion was expressed that the London Exchange could reopen early next year.

Lieut. Ignacio Enriquez, Mexican Consul-General of New York, applied for permission to carry a revolver, saying he is continually being trailed by hired gunmen.

Announced that Harry P. Bonties and John C. Wood will be general manager and treasurer respectively of newly organized H. B. Claflin Corporation, which will conduct the jobbing business.

Washington dispatch says Charles M. Schwab, at instance of President Wilson, agreed not to deliver to Great Britain any of twenty submarines for which he has contracts, but may ask British government for authority to continue work on boats and deliver them after war. Mr. Schwab's contract calls for payment of $350,000 per vessel.

LIBERAL PARTY WILL KEEP TRUCE DURING WAR

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Tells Reform Club Members to be Patient Until Time Comes—Will Continue to Support Government in Any Effort at Defence.

In his address before the Reform Club on Saturday night, Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared that so long as the war lasted he and the Liberal party would continue to support the Government in any effort for the defence and well being of the Empire. He had, he said no great love for the Conservative party, but he loved his native land as well as France, the land of his ancestors, and England, the land of liberty, therefore he would prefer to retire from public life rather than embarrass the Government at the present time.

There was no political issue at the present time, and Sir Wilfrid said he could not believe that the Government, even if it were advised to the contrary by certain persons, would appeal to the country just now. The time would come, however, when there would be domestic problems to discuss and solve, and in the meantime the leader asked the young men of the party to have patience.

As for the talked of invasion of Canada, that could not happen as long as Britain was mistress of the seas. "I will say, however," Sir Wilfrid stated, "that if Canada had to be saved, I would not have recourse to the Monroe Doctrine, although I might accept assistance from our neighbors."

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

German Report Indicates That Their Lines of Communication Were Carried by French

CANADIAN MADE SUBMARINES

Armstrong Whitworth Company Opened Big Plant on South Shore.—Surgeons Claim to Have Restored Dead Woman to Life.

The official French and German reports contain evidence that the allies' offensive movement is beginning to gather impetus, and is being stubbornly resisted. The French have been particularly active in the Woevre region. The German report shows that General Joffre's men have reached a point midway between St. Mihiel and Pont-a-Mousson, so they must have cut across the German line of communications, but they are said to have lost 600 men in prisoners and a large number of killed and wounded.

Submarines for the British Government may be constructed in the plant of the Western Drydock Company at Port Arthur, Ont. Representations are being made to the Imperial authorities by the Dominion Government that facilities are available at Port Arthur for the speedy assembling of the under water craft.

Italy has reiterated her urgent demand for satisfaction to the Sublime Porte for the forcible removal of G. A. Richardson, the British Consul at Hodeida, from the Italian Consulate where he had taken refuge, and for his immediate liberation. It is believed that Germany has advised the Constantinople Government to satisfy Italy's demand and thus avoid complications.

The German cruiser Dresden, one of the squadron engaged by the British warships off Falkland Islands and which took to flight, is reported to have stranded on the Patagonia coast near the Port of Gallegos. A later message from Buenos Ayres stated that the Argentine Government received word that the German cruiser Dresden has arrived at Punta Arenas, on the Strait of Magellan. A despatch from the Port of Gallegos says that a vessel has been sighted near there surrounded by British ships.

According to three prominent surgeons of Los Angeles—Drs. P. M. Williams, C. S. Fletcher, and W. S. Holmara—Mrs. Walter W. Algeo was restored to life at the Good Samaritan Hospital after she had been dead for at least ten minutes. She died during an operation and was the surgeons say, restored to life by contracting and dilating the heart in imitation of its natural action.

The Armstrong Whitworth Company of Canada, Limited, opened their new plant at Longueuil on Saturday, a representative gathering of Montreal and South Shore business men being present.

The switch conducting the power to the hundreds of machines throughout the great plant was thrown in by Mr. George Buchanan Foster, son of George G. Foster, K.C., vice-president of the company. The visitors were then conducted through the Plant.

The opinion voiced on Thursday night at the meeting of Westmount Municipal Association held in the Westmount City Hall, made itself felt on Saturday last in a strong demand for a referendum on the proposed change in the method of levying that city's taxation.

The date fixed for submission of the question to the vote is next Saturday, December 19.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association on Saturday night, Mr. John E. Wright, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was elected president; W. J. Irving, 1st vice-president; M. H. Hackett, 2nd vice-president; Max Murdock, treasurer. The board of directors for the year will be composed of A. A. Markus re-elected, L. L. Bernard, W. Drysdale, R. Bisaillon, W. G. Leddy, George A. Mann, James Armstrong, J. P. Harrison, J. Felix Bernier, J. T. Smith, and A. Gladmeyer.

The death occurred in Cape Town yesterday of Major-General Sir Edward Newd Brabant, who gained fame as the commander of a division of Colonials, known as Brabant's Horse, in the Boer war.

The 24th Battalion Victoria Rifles, marched to church yesterday afternoon, to the only service the battalion will attend as a body before leaving for the front with the second contingent. Rev. A. P. Shatford, rector of the church, and chaplain of the battalion, preached in the Church of St. James the Apostle.

A Customs official at Gravesend on Saturday found a German officer concealed in a huge box which was about to be shipped to Rotterdam. The case was labelled non-poisonous safety matches.

Major James Cooper, of the Crown Reserve, has been gazetted brevet lieutenant-colonel. He is in command of the 1st Grenadier Guards of Canada.

CHILI'S NITRATE PRODUCTION.

London, Eng., December 14.—According to the London "Statist" about 65 per cent. of the nitrate produced in Chili is consumed on the continent of Europe, and consequently it is evident that the present year will be one of considerable anxiety to the trade and that a greatly reduced traffic must be anticipated. How severely the industry has already been affected by the war is demonstrated by the October statement of Messrs. Henry Bath & Sons. In this they show that the exports of nitrate to Europe for the month amounted to less than 49,000 tons, as against over 200,000 tons last year, while the United States took less than 13,000 tons, as compared with 46,340 tons for the same period last year. On November 1, it is true, the estimated loadings for the United States amounted to 8,240 tons, as against 5,460 tons, but those destined for Europe were estimated at only 38,030 tons, as against 163,810 tons last year.

RECORD SUGAR EXPORTS.

Washington, December 14.—With a gain of nearly a quarter of a billion pounds, the record for exports of domestic refined sugar was broken in the three months ended October 31st last, the Department of Commerce reported. Shipments totalled 229,618,744 pounds. This compares with 44,000,000 pounds in the entire fiscal year 1913, and 125,000,000 pounds in 1910.

No less than 94 foreign lines are listed as plying from the port of New York to all parts of the world.

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ALLIES PREPARED TO MEET RIGORS OF WINTER CAMPAIGN

London, December 15.—"Everything has been prepared to meet the winter campaign which is upon us," writes a member of the staff of Field-Marshal Sir John French, Commander of the British Forces on the Continent.

"The number of our trenches has been increased, drainage systems have been installed, provision has been made for having apparatus to keep the men warm, and, in short, everything possible to make living conditions more comfortable in the trenches has been arranged.

"The organization of our supply and transport service has been brought to a much higher state of efficiency."

VIENNA STATEMENT

Vienna, via Berlin, December 15.—The Russian forces that tried to reach Cracow from the south have been driven back nearly 50 miles, according to an official statement issued to-day, saying that reports were officially denied to-day. It was declared that the campaign against the Servians would be carried out to a successful conclusion.

The Austrians have been pursued as far as the Plain of Allen. The Austrians are taking many prisoners and inflicting heavy losses in killed and wounded upon the enemy.

The recent reverses of the Austrians in Servia are attributed to the withdrawal of troops from that country to reinforce the Eastern Galicia forces. The offensive will be resumed in Servia as soon as the Galician campaign is decided. Rumors that Austria had attempted to arrange a separate peace with Se

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