

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Jews Were Driven out of Jaffa at Point of the Bayonet by Barbarous Turks

APPEAL FOR SERBIA

Heavy Fighting on Eastern and Western Fronts, but No Material Change—German Victory Was Sheer Invention.

The expulsion of Jews from Jaffa was accompanied by many acts of barbarism and robbery, according to a cablegram from Cairo, Egypt. It says that 600 refugee Jews from Jaffa have just arrived at Alexandria on the Italian steamer Vincenzo Florio.

An appeal on behalf of the Serbian relief fund, signed, among others, by Lord Curzon of Kedleston, the Bishops of London and Oxford, the Rev. Dr. F. B. Meyer and Sir Valentine Chirol. It contains a strong indictment of the Austrian policy in the recent disastrous invasion of Serbia.

Heavy fighting is taking place on both eastern and western fronts, but without producing any material change in the positions of the opposing armies. In France and Belgium, the allies' offensive is being pressed, and while some ground has been gained at widely separated points, other attacks have been repulsed by the Germans from their strongly entrenched positions.

General W. A. Boukhomiloff, Russian Minister of War and Adjutant of the Czar, has issued a statement to the effect that all information given out by the Germans about their so-called brilliant victory in Poland is sheer invention.

The Bulgarian Minister at Petrograd has announced that an agreement had been reached between Rumania and Bulgaria under which Rumania will restore to Bulgaria the province of Dobruja and most of the other territory which she acquired from Bulgaria as a result of the second Balkan war.

Preparations for celebrating Christmas are in full swing among the Canadians at Salisbury. About three thousand have obtained leave varying from eight to seven days, according to the distance they intend travelling. Several thousand more will get one day's leave.

The Hobson resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for national prohibition to the State Legislatures of the United States was defeated in Congress, 197 members voting for and 189 against it. An affirmative vote of two-thirds was required to adopt the resolution.

The British Ambassador at Washington had another conference at the State Department yesterday in pursuance of the effort which is being made to secure an amelioration of existing conditions regarding embargoes and re-exportation from America of products from Great Britain's dominions. The British Government, while not willing to raise the embargo wholly, is ready to permit rubber from the British colonies and from London to be shipped to America if the manufacturers in this country who use the raw product can give satisfactory guarantees that neither the raw material nor the manufactured articles will be sent to Germany or Austria.

The belligerent armies in the field of war to-day number, all told, nearly 15,000,000 men, or 28,000,000 with all reserves and "new" troops counted, according to the French statistician, M. Yves Guyot.

Word has been received in Montreal that the Hon. P. E. LeBlanc, K.C., has been named at Ottawa as the successor of Sir Francis Langelier, as Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec. Sir Francis, who is now seriously ill, finishes his term in the office on January 17th next.

WEATHER MAP.

Cotton Belt.—Light to moderate precipitation in parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia. Temperature 26 to 30. Winter Wheat Belt.—Partly cloudy. No precipitation of importance. Temperature 4 to 24. American Northwest.—Partly cloudy, light scattered precipitation. Temperature 16 below to 3 above. Canadian Northwest.—Partly cloudy. Temperature 24 below to 22 above.

TRADE ENQUIRIES

The following were among the inquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada, 17 Victoria Street, London, S.W., during the week ending December 11th, 1914: A North of Ireland firm of tobacco and cigarette manufacturers seek supplies of pure tin foil and ask for names of Canadian manufacturers. A Birmingham firm manufacturing water gauge glasses, glass tubing, etc., are desirous of corresponding with Canadian importers. A London firm make inquiry for names of Canadian manufacturers of round wire nails. An Antwerp firm, the members of which are now in England, desire to enter into relations with Canadian exporters of grain for their presentation on the conclusion of the war. A Manchester firm ask for names of Canadian producers of magnesite. A Winnipeg firm manufacturing macaroni and vermicelli, wish to get in touch with United Kingdom firms open to import condensed and evaporated milk. A financier at Toronto asks to be placed in touch with a first class practical linen manufacturer willing to consider the question of locating in Canada. A Montreal firm desire to get into touch with manufacturers of tin foil, lead bottle capsules, and proprietary and patent medicines not already represented in Canada. A Toronto sales agent stated to have an extensive connection in electrical lines, would like to obtain a sales agent for a United Kingdom firm manufacturing tungsten lamps. He is prepared to place large contracts orders and pay cash.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Minimum prices lowered on three more stocks.

Polity loan insurance agreements not subject to war tax.

Paris hears that General Joffre has retired 24 French generals.

International Mercantile Mariner's voting trust to terminate February 23rd.

Jobbers and commission merchants report trade better than usual for this period of the year.

Average price of twelve industrials 74.90, off 0.41; twenty railroads \$9.73, off 0.40.

United States Steel Corporation to make no general wage cut. Sees evidences of changes for better in business situation.

Russian Minister of War is quoted as saying that reported victory of the Germans in Poland is sheer invention.

An unconfirmed report from Rome says that the French and English fleets have forced the passage of the Dardanelles.

In North France and Belgium the Germans continue their violent counter-attacks against the Allies' advance.

Russian army which crossed into East Prussia from North Poland is said to be menacing the main German railroad line to Thorn, and threatening the left flank of Von Hindenburg's army in Poland.

Tobacco workers in Germany receive \$1.50 a week for unemployment, and 50 cents for the support of families of those drafted for war.

Herman Frasch who died in Paris May 1 last, formerly chief chemist of Standard Oil, left estate worth \$5,560,573.

Victor Talking Machine Co. will spend \$1,000,000 on its Camden, N.J., plant; company is operating 24 hours daily and employing 6,200 hands.

Odd Fellows' Hall in Hoboken, N.J., was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$50,000.

Well for a while, but have taken a lot of beatings plying 1,200 men, will resume operations in full on January 1.

A large column of dense smoke arose from Mount Kanaka, near Redding, Cal., giving rise to the belief that the mountain is a volcano.

Mrs. Ira Nelson Morris, wife of the American minister to Sweden, has sent to the front hospital equipment for the care of 60 patients.

Safe blowers worked five hours in a Chicago theatre before they cracked the safe and escaped with \$4,000, leaving the watchman gagged and bound.

Mrs. Louisa Waterman Carpenter, the oldest member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, died at her home in Worcester, Mass., aged 108.

United States Worsted Co. has received from one of the warring countries an order for 250,000 pieces of uniform cloth, each piece to contain 50 yards. Mill has been running half time, but now the 2,000 employes will go on full time.

MONTREAL CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK IS CHARITABLE.

The Montreal City and District Savings Bank has just distributed the same amount as last year, viz: \$9,350, among the following Charitable Societies, being the interest on the Poor Fund:—

Table listing various charitable societies and their amounts, including Asile des Aveugles, Bethelhem, des Sourdes Muettes, du Sacre Coeur, etc.

Pure Clean Economical "SALADA" Tea is absolutely pure, is cleanly prepared, and it costs no more than ordinary Tea.

NOTES ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

The output and gross of the Western States Gas & Electric Co., Richmond, California, Division for the month of November were the largest in the company's history at that point exceeding the record for December, 1913, the largest previous month's business.

The city of Stockton, California, has accepted bid of the Western States Gas & Electric Co., for street and boulevard lighting for a term of five years from December 15. The contract will cover the present system and certain additional lighting.

For the first time since the installation of the New Liskard water system, the commissioners announce that the year will end with a balance on the right side of the ledger. Chairman W. A. Taylor stated that a cheque for \$500 would be given to the town council, that amount being the profit derived from his department for 1914.

The Indiana Public Service Commission has agreed upon an order authorizing the Union Traction Co. of Indiana to adopt what is known as its "copper zone" method of passenger rates. At the same time it was announced that the Indianapolis, Terra Haute and Eastern Traction Co. had petitioned for authority to place the same schedule of rates in effect on its lines.

Considerable rate reductions have been recommended by the Provincial Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario. In face of decided reductions put into effect a year ago, the municipalities in the hydro circle, with an investment of \$11,000,000, showed a profit during the past year, after paying all operating, power, maintenance and sinking fund charges, of well over a million dollars. This surplus, by the policy of the provincial commission, goes back to the consumers in reduced rates. By the new adjustments the municipality of Port Arthur receives a reduction of 25 per cent. Georgetown and New Hamburg receive 20 per cent., fifty-five municipalities receive over ten per cent., and under 20 per cent., and 14 municipalities get a ten per cent. reduction. The municipalities receiving the lowest rates are Ottawa, London, Port Arthur and St. Thomas.

TO EXCHANGE STOCK FOR VOTING TRUSTS. New York, December 23.—Another "Morgan Voting Trust" ends shortly, the International Mercantile Marine Company, having decided to issue common and preferred stock certificates in exchange for the voting trusts now outstanding. The trust will expire on February 23rd. Last June the Southern Railway voting trust certificate holders were requested to deposit their holdings in exchange for stock.

The Mercantile Marine voting trust agreement was entered into between the company and the late J. P. Morgan, and was extended so as to expire October 1st, 1917, but the trustees using their discretionary powers have decided to end it on February 23rd next. Surviving voting trustees follow: J. Bruce Ismay, P. A. B. Widener, Chas. Steeles and Lord Pirrie.

REGULAR DIVIDEND.

New York, December 23.—Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company declared its regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/2 per cent on preferred and 1 per cent on common stock.

NEWS OF THE PLAYHOUSES

WAR PICTURES AT PRINCESS.

From a non-theatrical point of view, probably the offering of most interest to the general public at the playhouses New Year's week will be the Belgian war pictures to be offered at the Princess. These pictures are of actual warfare and were taken at very great personal risk to the camera man. They are shown, under the sanction of the Belgian Government and produced with the stipulation that 50 per cent. of the profits be turned over to the Belgian Red Cross Fund. From the beginning of hostilities, to the occupation of Antwerp by the Germans, the pictures cover many incidents and engagements in the most graphic manner, and were taken under the direct supervision of James Madill Paterson, who was at the front when war broke out.

"THE GIRL IN THE TAXI"—HIS MAJESTY'S.

Another favorite will occupy the boards at His Majesty's next week, in "The Girl in the Taxi," well-known to all theatre-goers, and which is an adaptation from the French. Montrealers have been privileged to see the comedy several times, but never before in stock. The Del S. Lawrence company has been particularly fortunate in securing the rights to produce this, as the rights were only let this year. The comedy is backed by long runs in practically every city on the American continent and its original producer, Al. H. Woods, cleared up a neat little fortune in handling it. The following week, "A Fool There Was" will be offered.

MUCH VARIETY AT THE ORPHEUM.

Next week at the Orpheum will be featured by a "bottle" matinee, which is something of a novelty in Montreal. This will be given at 5:15 New Year's Day and will show the complete performance. Hanlon Brothers and Company will present their pantomime comedy, "The Haunted Hotel," "Baby Helen," who appeared here last season, has been given a return engagement. Dolly Connolly, the singing comedienne, and Percy Wenrich, composer of "Rainbow," "Silver Bell," "Moonlight Bay," "Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet" and a score of other songs, will present a bright act. "The Lady of the Press," a comedy play by Edgar Allan Woolf, will be presented by Miss Flo Irwin, comedienne, who created Mrs. Peckham in George Ade's clever farce, "Mrs. Peckham's Carouse." The Three Leightons, in "The Stranded Minstrels," have a bright skit. La Hoen and Dupree, with several other acts and the latest war pictures, will complete the programme. For Sunday three or four of this week's acts and exclusive photoplays will make up the concert programme.

Annie Russell, with Oswald Yorke as her leading man and Ffoliat Paget and Frederick Ward in the cast, is to appear in a new comedy after the holidays. It is entitled "His Royal Happiness," and Miss Russell is the author.

The "kiddies" in "Chin-Chin" are to have their Christmas party on the stage of the Globe Theatre, New York, between the matinee and evening performances Christmas Day. There is to be a large tree and an even larger dinner.

In the opening performance of "Poor Little Thing," Mrs. Humphrey Nichols, a New York society woman, will make her professional debut with the New York Play Actors Company.

"The Juggernaut," a weekly newspaper edited by and devoted to the interests of the chorus contingent of "Watch Your Step," now playing in New York, will appear next Saturday. The circulation will be restricted to 200 copies. It will be a four-page sheet, six columns wide, and as all the editors are of the female sex it probably will be pro-suffrage. Esther Lee is editor-in-chief, Paula Sterling is art editor, and Dorothy Banks, business manager.

Miss Elsie Janis is to have Jack Norworth as a "partner" in some forthcoming appearances in the varieties.

The failure of Andreas Dippel's costly production of "The Lilac Domino" is reported to have so discouraged his backers, members of the board of the Metropolitan Opera House, that he will make no more ventures this season. His plans, as announced last season, included a season of light opera in conjunction with Pavlova and her troupe. He is known to have held the American rights of new operas by Puccini—a work called "The Swallow"—and Leoncavallo, but is said to have disposed of both pieces to the Metropolitan.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

It is Expected That New Park Being Prepared for Boston Braves will be Ready by July

NEWSY LALONDE UNSIGNED

Manager McGraw Will Take the New York Giants to Cuba Early in the New Year—Johnny Daly Expects to Defeat Kid Williams.

The new stands of the Braves in Boston will be modelled after the Tigers' home in Detroit. But, of course, will be far more commodious. James E. Caffrey has plans for a single tier structure that will accommodate 45,000. He hopes to have the new park ready for his Braves before July.

Wanderers will make their first appearance in a league fixture when they play the Ontarios in Toronto on Saturday evening. Ten men will make the trip.

The French boxers Showy Baker engaged in Paris have had varied experiences in Australia. They did well for a while, but have taken a lot of beatings since.

Johnny Lustig and Harry Condon, both of New York, will appear in a ten-round bout before the Montreal Sporting Club on Monday night.

Jack Coombs has gone to Texas in the hope that he will acquire his old time pitching skill by the time season. Coombs is hopeful that he will be able to sign in fast company, but if he fails in this he will try to find a berth as a minor league manager. Coombs is a free agent. Connie Mack gave him his unconditional release.

Newsy Lalonde wants \$100 more than the Canadiens are inclined to give him. He has not yet signed his contract.

John J. McGraw has decided to visit Cuba some time about the first of the year. Perhaps his baseball blood has been aroused by the report that Palermo, one of his kid pitchers, delivered a no hit game in the island a few days ago.

Ottawa will place Roman on the salary list so soon as a decision is rendered in his case.

The fact that Kid Williams has knocked out three opponents inside of nine rounds doesn't alarm Johnny Dale. "I feel more like a champion as the days bring me nearer to our Christmas Day fight," says Johnny. "I whipped him once and I'll do it again. Old Santa Claus is certainly going to hand little Johnny a present that day and don't you be surprised if it is an old tin crown."

The Scottish Football Association, after an interview with the War office authorities, has decided to proceed with the Scottish Cup Ties this season.

R. H. Angus won the weekly bridge whist competition at the M.A.A.A. last night, while E. S. Harding was second.

The New York Americans are anxious to secure "Wild Bill" Donovan as their manager. He is now managing the Providence International.

EXCHANGE WILL PROBABLY BE OPEN SATURDAY.

New York, December 23.—To-day is a regular meeting day for the Board of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange, but it is not likely that the days following Christmas and New Year's day will be ruled holidays. The governors act only when a petition from the floor is presented asking for holiday and so far no petition has been started.

A pro-rata distribution of this stock will be made to the stock of record January 2nd. Certificates will be mailed on or about February 1st. Books close at 12 a.m. January 2nd and re-open at 8 a.m. February 1st.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS THE MOST USEFUL. You can possibly give your wife the "A.B. NEW IDEAL" Gas Range. Its value to her in years of lightened labor and added convenience will repay the cost many, many times over. Its handsome appearance will make a decided improvement in your kitchen. Call at any of our showrooms and we will gladly demonstrate it to you. PARTICULARS: Well made and finished in enamel, with nickel-plated fittings. Easy to clean and keep clean. Just the right height for comfort in use. Oven accommodation for roasting, baking, broiling, plate warming. Four to six burners for frying, etc., etc. Absolutely odorless. Far more economical than coal. PRICES \$21.00 TO \$60.00. The Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company.

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