

NEWS OF WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF

Germans Took Russian Port of Riga and Naval Battle in Baltic Reported

THE NATIONAL MINISTRY

Expected to be in Power in Britain To-day—Italian
Ex-Ministers Regard Parliament's action as Virtual
Declaration of War.

A despatch from Copenhagen says: "It is stated that the Germans have captured Riga, on the Gulf of Riga in Northwest Russia. A private despatch reports a big naval battle in the Baltic. Riga is Russia's principal port on the Baltic side from Peirgrad. The town lies at the head of the Gulf of Riga, 312 miles southwest of Petrograd. It is an important industrial and commercial centre, its industries being the manufacture of machinery, railroad cars and tobacco. It has a population of about 300,000, many of whom before the war were Germans.

Britain's national ministry will probably be in being to-day. Discussions among Premier Asquith, David Lloyd George and various members of the Liberal and Unionist parties, who were called into consultation at historic No. 10 Downing Street yesterday, progressed satisfactorily. All who met in consultation were in entire agreement on the one main point at issue—the vital interests of the British Empire were at stake, and no party which endangered them by petty considerations of personalities or partisanship retain any chance of political existence when the war was over.

All members of the Italian Cabinet maintain absolute silence regarding what step will follow the action of the Chamber of Deputies in conferring upon the Government full power to make war. Former ministers and other men prominent in public affairs declare, however, that the action of Parliament virtually was a declaration of war. The Chamber of Deputies adopted the bill conferring full powers on the Government. The vote was 497 against 74. One member abstained from voting.

The operations along the Yser Canal in Belgium, ending in the complete repulse of the enemy on the evening of May 17, are described in a narrative written by the official observer with the French army at the front. It is said the Germans, who had gained momentary success in using asphyxiating gas, were finally and definitely mastered by the continued pressure of our offensive.

There has never been in Europe a bigger or fiercer battle than that which is now being fought on the San River. The Russians are maintaining an heroic resistance under the storm of the German artillery. The enemy is effecting its main advance by means of big gun fire, the shells being followed by a close barrage of 150,000 men.

A despatch from Athens, dated Thursday, says:—"The British battleship Queen Elizabeth, posted in the Gulf of Saros, supported the Allies with her big guns during a battle on the north of the Gallipoli Peninsula yesterday, according to despatches from Mytilene. The forts and batteries at Nagara are undergoing ceaseless bombardment. Fort Kild Bahr is resisting feebly. General H. J. E. Gourard, the French commander-in-chief, has issued an army order congratulating his army on the results they have obtained.

VISITORS TO GENERAL HOSPITAL.
The visiting governors to the Montreal General Hospital for next week will be: Messrs. R. C. Holden; G. W. Birks, Lawrence McFarlane, and Watson Jack.

A SESSION OF THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH (Crown Side), holding criminal jurisdiction in and for the DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, will be held in the COURT HOUSE, in the CITY OF MONTREAL, on Tuesday, the FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT, at TEN o'clock in the forenoon.

In consequence, I give PUBLIC NOTICES to all who intend to proceed against any prisoners now in the Common Goal of the said District and all others, that they must be present then and there, and I also give notice to all Justices of the Peace, Coroners and Peace Officers, in and for the said District, that they must be present then and there, with their Records, Rolls, Indictments, and other Documents, in order to do those things which belong to them in their respective capacities.

L. J. LEMIEUX, Sheriff,
Sheriff's Office,
Montreal, 14th May, 1915.

NEW YORK PRESS COMMENT

SUN.—An aspect of more aggressive strength, though not pronounced, characterized the stock market yesterday. Trading was on a larger scale than the average of previous sessions this week, although about half of the day's volume was owing to the transactions in the first hour. The net result of the dealings was a small average gain, with numerous substantial advances, in more or less special descriptions.

TIMES.—Trading on the Stock Exchange yesterday was a little more active than it had been the day before, but the market was still controlled by the indisposition of traders and the public at large to enter into fresh commitments on any extensive scale in the face of the uncertainty which exists concerning the outcome of our recent note to Germany. The expectation of the immediate participation of Italy in the war was accepted as good news by the market for precisely the same reasons as led it to show satisfaction over news of a victory by the Allies. It is looked upon as promising a shortening of the war and a clearer issue when peace is made.

ONTARIO'S MINING RETURNS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER.

Toronto, Ont., May 21.—The Bureau of Mines has received returns showing the production of the metalliferous mines and works of Ontario during the first three months ending March 31, 1915. The figures show gains in gold, nickel and iron ore, as compared with the corresponding period of 1914, but decreases in silver, copper, pig iron, cobalt and cobalt and nickel oxides.

	First three months, 1915.	Increase or decrease.
Gold	\$1,563,043 Inc.	365,641
Silver	2,483,909 Dec.	1,060,647
Copper	526,338 Dec.	65,650
Nickel	1,496,622 Inc.	59,610
Iron ore	50,592 Inc.	37,664
Pig iron	1,158,462 Dec.	1,344,988
Cobalt	3,718 Dec.	5,180
Cobalt and nickel oxides	19,686 Dec.	149,279

BOND APPLICATIONS HEAVY.
New York, May 21.—Robinson & Company announces that applications to exchange St. Louis, Rocky Mountain and Pacific Company's first mortgage 5 per cent. gold bonds for Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company, Rocky Mountain Division, new first mortgage 4 per cent. bonds have been received to an amount of \$1,500,000. The St. Louis, Rocky Mountain and Pacific Company has decided to grant these applications and the new Atchison bonds will be delivered in exchange for Rocky Mountain bonds about June 1st.

BOSTON QUOTATIONS.
Zinc 47 3/4, up 3/4
Copper common 73, up 3/4
Butte and Superior 70, up 1/2
Calumet and Arizona 63 3/4, up 3/4
Calmumet and Hecla 500, up 5
Copper Range 51 3/4, up 3/4
Franklin 5 3/4, up 3/4
Granby 50, up 3/4
Lake Copper 12 3/4, up 3/4
Miami 24 3/4, up 1 3/4
North Butte 31 3/4, up 3/4
Superior 29, up 3/4
Shoe 60, off 3/4
Smelting 36 3/4, up 3/4
Wolverine 57 3/4, up 1 3/4

WILL PROTECT BOND INTERESTS.
New York, May 21.—A committee is being formed for the protection of interests of first and refunding mortgage 4 per cent. gold bonds of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway.

This committee will consist of Chas. A. Peabody, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company; Allan B. Forbes, of Harris, Forbes and Company; W. A. Day, President of the Equitable Life Assurance Society; A. J. Hemphill, chairman of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago.

This will make the fifth protective committee formed for protection of various Rock Island issues since the railway company was placed in the receivership.

NEW YORK CURB.
New York, May 21.—The curb market opened irregularly.

	Bid.	Asked.
Amn. Zinc	45 3/4	47 3/4
Tri. Bullion	9 1/4	9-16
Chile Copper	13 3/4	13 3/4
Bonds	112	113 3/4
Penna. 4 1/2's	96 3/4	97 3/4
Anglo	18 3/4	17
Profit Sharing	3-16	3-16
Stores	9 3/4	9 3/4

MR. BERGERON'S RETURN.
Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, the new postmaster of Montreal, who has been on a visit to Panama and San Francisco since the end of March, has returned to the city.

Heard Around the Ticker

S. H. Mundheim, general manager of the Cement Products Company, of Quebec, who, since the outbreak of the war, despite his pro-German attitude, was permitted to roam at large, has been arrested in this city on instructions from the Minister of Justice at Ottawa, and is to be immediately interned at Fort Henry, Kingston. This action has been taken none too soon. Mundheim, whose company erected extensive works on the Island of Orleans, had given great offense to the Quebecers by his expressions of opinion adverse to the cause of the Motherland. It has been generally assumed in the Ancient Capital that the cement concern was merely a blind to cover concrete foundations to be used for guns should the Germans invade Canada. Certainly the Island of Orleans would be the last place in Canada to choose as the location of a cement works if the production of cement were the only object in view. Mundheim was careful to associate with himself in the enterprise a number of prominent Canadians the use of whose names would naturally divert suspicion from the real purpose of his enterprise.

In these days of hand grenades and other things one has to be careful what one accuses the other man of throwing. August Aaronson indignantly denied in court in Boston that he hurled the family Bible at his wife, as she asserted in her divorce action.

Says the Gazette's Paris correspondent in reference to the words of a Frenchman in praise of Canada's troops: "I quote the verbatim in the graceful language in which they were written—Cos descend ans des solzants mille colons Français. It looks as though someone had sacrificed something of grace for the sake of being super-verbatim.

Mayor Martin has had another "statement" This latest ebullition tells of the growth of the city in the past and expresses undying faith in the future. But in spite of the wonderful increases of past years the city rulers managed to muddle up the finances pretty thoroughly. Doubtless they will do the same in the future if not suppressed. So the only hope in the Mayor's statement is for those who are going to spend the people's money. For the people it is just a forecast of more waste, more reckless expropriations, more borrowings and finally more taxation.

A "Princess" who was arrested in company with several others on a charge of operating a gaming house in London, tearfully protests that she doesn't believe in chemin de fer. The conversion is common to those in her predicament.

Our friends, the gentle Huns, are up against it once more. No sooner does a despatch from Paris describe the new French 37-centimeter guns as more powerful than the German 42-centimeter gun than along comes another report from Rome to the effect that the Italian army possesses the most powerful machine gun in existence. It is capable of firing 1,400 bullets a minute, covering an area of 500 square yards. No matter which way you look at it the guileless Teuton is due to be shot up some.

The official announcement of the new Dome Mines stock issue states that the new stock is offered to shareholders of record June 25—a month after the meeting—at par, \$10 per share. Each shareholder will be entitled to subscribe to an amount equal to one-seventh of a share of new stock for each share of their present holdings. The interesting information is given that no dividends will be paid on fractional warrants. The funds are said to be required for carrying on the extensive development work contemplated "without using for that purpose the moneys properly applicable to the payment of dividends."

Just as though the British army hadn't enough "horseshoes" already. An American firm is reported to have received from the Imperial Government an order for 1,000 tons of horseshoes for delivery to the British forces in France. The order calls for 800,000 to 1,000,000 shoes.

Italian warships are reported to have "entered" an Austrian port. This is believed to be an act of war, although details of the event are lacking. If Italy has really taken this method of opening hostilities there will be a world wide feeling of relief that her months of uncertainty are at an end; but if she does not wage war with more certainty of purpose than was shown in her preliminary manoeuvres there will be little doubt of the outcome. The reported system of starting a war and declaring it afterwards should, however, be effective.

And yet they say that the American navy would not be any great shucks in a fight. Refused a drink in a Brooklyn saloon, Frank Doonan, 24, a sailor on the battleship Arkansas, bombarded the establishment from a nearby brick pile, doing \$800 damage.

The war in Europe has naturally affected detrimentally the settlement of the Dominion. Since the outbreak of hostilities 30,000 settlers from the United States have taken up homes in Canada. Immigration from Great Britain to Canada has practically ceased. From August 1 to April 30, only 12,000 immigrants from Great Britain and 3,700 from the Continent have arrived.

According to an American just back from Germany the question of the hour there among financiers is the ability of the German nation to stand isolation from the rest of the world. German students of economy, he said, are even going so far as to say that the economic position of Germany today is as sound as it ever was and that with her foreign trade gone and cut off from communication with the rest of the world she can live indefinitely within and upon herself without impairing her financial standing. His own answer to all such attempts to convince him was to compare the German position to the following anecdote. Two Irishmen, joint owners of a bottle of whiskey, set out to a fair in a neighboring town with the intention of retelling the whiskey at a shilling a drink. The way was long and the sun hot. Soon one of them suggested that a drink would do no harm and there would be still plenty to sell to the strangers. The second refused and insisted that his partner should pay his shilling like a regular customer. The drink was taken and the money changed hands. Presently the power of resistance of the second was weakened by a whiff of his neighbor's breath and he too had and paid for his drink. To shorten the story both came to themselves many hours later to find their bottle empty and each with exactly the same money in spite of the fact that each drink of whiskey had been bought and paid for in the regular way.

GLEANED FROM MANY SOURCES

Foreign exchange has marked a new low record. Reported that a \$1,000,000 cotton mill is to be built in Lynn.

Berlin claims the defeat of the Russians south of the River Niemen.

Italy is expected to send 48 hour ultimatum to Vienna to-day.

Average price of twelve industrials \$3.00, up 0.36; twenty railroads \$2.47, up 0.31.

It is estimated that \$7,000,000 worth of natural gas is wasted annually in West Virginia fields.

Since start of European war 30,000 settlers from United States have taken up homes in Canada.

About 1,000 men will be placed at work in the zinc mines at Webb City, Mo., by August 1.

The Western States are visited by unusually cold weather with floods in parts of Kansas.

Petrograd hears that the Russian situation along the San River is exceedingly grave.

Saul E. Rogers was appointed temporary receiver for the Century Opera Co., of New York.

Chesapeake and Ohio is to purchase 24 Mallet Locomotives and 700 steel under frame box cars.

The Russians are fighting desperately to maintain their positions along the San River in Western Galicia.

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The 700th anniversary of the granting of the Magna Charta will be celebrated by the Constitutional Convention at Albany on June 15.

Miss Harriet A. Graham was retired on a pension by the Pittsburgh Board of Education after having taught for 53 years in the local schools.

The directors of Chesapeake and Ohio have deferred action on the dividend until the regular monthly meeting on June 17th.

Standard Oil of Ohio has declared its regular quarterly dividend of \$3 and an extra dividend of \$3, the same disbursement as made in the past five quarters.

London Daily Telegraph declares that the London railway strike is seriously hampering the work of the Woolwich Arsenal, where 46,000 men are now employed.

The total catch of the Newfoundland seal fishery season just closed is estimated at 46,894. Last year's catch was 23,768. Adverse ice conditions caused the loss.

An estate of \$745,000 was left by Jacob P. Bates, member of the firm of Cobb, Bates & Yerxa. \$700,000 was personal property. All was left to members of his family.

Edward J. King, fugitive cashier of the Dugger, (Ind.) State Bank, who disappeared leaving an alleged shortage of \$34,000 in his accounts, surrendered in Sanborn, Ind.

HAPPENINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Twenty Rinks Took Part in the Opening Lawn Bowling Competition at Westmount

RICHMOND TROUNCED ROYALS

Eleven matches were scheduled to inaugurate the regular playing season at the Westmount Bowling Club last evening, but one of these, that between H. E. Suckling and J. B. Bell, was postponed until Tuesday, May 25, when the balance of the first round will be completed. The ten games played were particularly well contested, the bowlers showing good form for so early in the season. The games between the rinks skipped by H. Rees and Alf. Wood and A. W. D. Howell and O. Mowatt were decided by one and two points respectively. Wm. Abbott, James Baillie, Willie Brown, C. P. Creamer, W. S. Moore, H. Rees, Norman Stewart, A. W. D. Howell, F. H. Gardner and J. McNaught were the other successful skippers.

The incline surface on the toboggan seems to be pretty good! The Royals dropped the first game in their series with Richmond by a score of 7 to 4. Almeida, the Cuban player, reached the city yesterday and went to right field in the last inning after Smith had injured his ankle. Richmond, as a result of their victory, are now in first place.

Over 800 lacrosse sticks have already been distributed in Toronto, and it is anticipated that before the end of the month two thousand boys will be playing the National Game in the Queen City.

Prospects for a championship go between Freddie Welsh and Charlie White are assuming healthy proportions. Welsh wants the promoters to raise his end £2,000. Denver impressarios are dickering for the bout, which, if arranged, will be on July 5.

A unique match will be played at St. Matthew's lawn in Toronto to-morrow, when eight rinks of the Royal Canadian Club carpet bowlers will play eight rinks of St. Matthew's turf artists. The return game on the carpet will be watched with interest.

Cyril Denney is sure of a place on the Rosedale lacrosse team in Toronto, while his brother Corbett is said to be a star with the Tecumsehs. "Brotherly love" will likely be forgotten when they meet on the field.

Racing in England is a moveable feast with short jumps and frequent meetings. Nowadays the railways are almost completely required for the moving of troops, which explains why all racing, excepting at Newmarket, will be discontinued.

The Canadian Government has accepted the offer of Ban Johnson, President of the American Baseball League, to contribute baseball paraphernalia for the use of Canadian soldiers at the front. Reports from France indicate that baseball, introduced among the French and British soldiers, by Canadian troops who learned the game at home, is taking a firm foothold back of the trenches. The French are described as enthusiastic rooters.

Fred Winter, the Kaiser's English jockey, who is interned at Ruhleben, near Berlin, stated in a recent letter home that he drew Alf Slopier in a Grand National sweep among the prisoners, and won 30 shillings, which, he added, "came in very handy." A previous letter from Winter asked for bread and suits to be sent to him, which suggests that the food supplied to prisoners is not abundant.

REDUCING THE DIRECTORATE.

The Dominion Textile Company has called a special meeting after the annual meeting on May 25 to sanction decreasing the number of directors. There are nine directors holding office at present.

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The Montreal Journal of Commerce has completed its first year as a daily Journal, under the presidency and editorship of Hon. W. S. Fielding, and the managing editorship of Mr. J. C. Ross, and it is gratifying that, under discouraging conditions the venture has been a success. In addition to full reports of the business and industries of the country, it gives in condensed form the news of the world, and many able articles on general questions, which make it desirable for every business man to be a subscriber. The Beacon hopes that the Journal will be able to make the improvement which the management says the outlook warrants, and thus make it a still more valuable factor in the commercial world.

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RUSSIANS FORCED ENEMY TO RETREAT

Petrograd, May 25.—Smashing attacks against the Austro-Germans at the Danube River in Galicia have driven troops back fifteen miles, according to reports. The Czar's troops are still in this region, their progress threatens centre on the San River. In the last week the Russians have prisoners, 45 guns and large quantities of supplies.

DAMAGED

Constantinople, via Berlin and Athens.—A cruiser of the Anglo-French Dardanelles was so badly damaged by the Turks land batteries, and bombed an aeroplane off Gaba Tepeh on S. that it had to be towed away by five tugs according to an official statement Turkish War Office. The statement in land fighting on Saturday in the Bahr the Allies lost 4,000 killed and

TO DECIDE ON WAR

Bucharest, May 25.—Conversations in a plain manner and envoys of Bulgaria are now going on. Their result is expected to be the adoption of the Sofia terms.

GERMAN AEROPLANE

Hatfield, England, May 25.—A German plane was lost in the North Sea yesterday, and a mechanic forming an aeroplane saved by a British destroyer and brought to-day.

COMMUNICATION WITH ROME

Paris, May 25.—Telephone communication between Paris and Rome was cut off by telegraph wires are still in operation only because of the great mass of steel and the slowness of the Italian

U. S. PROCLAIMS NEUTRALITY

Washington, May 25.—The proclamation on the part of the United States between Italy and Austria was issued to

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