

## FRENCH FORCED TO GIVE GROUND IN AISNE VALLEY AFTER TWO DAYS FIERCE FIGHTING

### ALLIES RECEIVE PARTIAL SETBACK IN THE WEST

#### But General Position Will Not be Affected by It - Germans Force French to Yield Ground After Two Days Fighting Near Vregny - Destruction of Bridges by Floods Made Operations of Allies Precarious - Kaiser On The Firing Line - Russians Advance on Right Bank of Lower Vistula.

A reverse of the Allies along the River Aisne, in the neighborhood of Soissons, is admitted in the latest French official statement, although the possible effect of the German advance is officially minimized.

After continuous engagements, which lasted nearly two days, the Germans forced the French to yield in front of Vregny, to the east of Crouy. It is explained by the French war office that the flooding of the river Aisne destroyed several of the bridges and thus rendered precarious the communication of the troops operating on the right bank. These troops were withdrawn, as it was thought impossible to send reinforcements to their support.

"The success is a partial one for our adversaries," says the French statement, "but will have no influence on the operations as a whole."

Emperor William himself was present at these operations, which resulted in the capture of several thousand French prisoners, and were continued throughout January 12 and 13.

Petrograd claims that the Russian troops have progressed on the right bank of the lower Vistula, where the German cavalry was repulsed. On the other fronts the fighting is made up largely of skirmishes and artillery duels.

The general staff of the Caucasus army devotes a statement to the operations in Azerbaijan, where, it is explained, it became expedient to regroup the Russian forces, necessitating the evacuation of certain places previously occupied. No important action took place, only an engagement by the Russian advance guard.

British aviators, early in the week, dropped bombs on the German position in Antwerp, according to a Netherlands newspaper despatch. The damage done by the bombs has not been ascertained.

A Geneva reports that members of the Austrian nobility and aristocracy and Viennese financiers are depositing large sums of money in Switzerland, and also giving orders for the purchase of quantities of American securities.

The American Secretary of State has acknowledged, in a friendly speech the receipt of the preliminary reply of the British government to the American note protesting against the treatment accorded neutral commerce by the British warships. No comment is made by the Secretary in view of the fact that it is Great Britain's intention to reply later in detail.

Havana, Jan. 14.—The British cruiser which has lain off the port for several days, and the name of which is still not known, was joined today by a British chartered collier, from which it coaled.

**Turks Claim Progress in Persia**

Amsterdam, Jan. 14, via London.—There has been received here an official communication given out at Constantinople by the Turkish authorities as follows:

"Assisted by Persian troops, our army is steadily advancing in Azerbaijan Province, in order to deliver the country from the Russian yoke.

"We have had further notable successes, occupying advanced positions of the Russians in the vicinity of Tabriz.

"A number of tribesmen of the British army of occupation in Egypt have surrendered to our vanguard."

**200 German Prisoners of War**

London, Jan. 14.—Upwards of 200 German officers and men, rescued after the naval engagement between the German and British squadrons off the Falkland Islands, in the Southern Atlantic, on December 8, arrived today in England and were taken to detention camps. As the German sailors marched through the streets they appeared to be quite contented, cheering their comrades as the squads separated.

**Eighteen Russian Generals Dismissed**

Berlin, Jan. 14 (by wireless to Sayville)—A statement given out by a German news agency credits the Hamburg Fremdenblatt with the assertion that eighteen Russian generals have been dismissed from important positions.

**A Partial Success Which Does Not Effect General Situation**

Paris, Jan. 14.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office tonight:

"Last night our troops were successful in a sudden attack with the object of overwhelming the trenches recently constructed by the Germans

### BRITISH ARMEN RAID THE GERMAN MILITARY STATIONS AT ANTWERP

#### Not Learned Yet What Damage Has Been Done, Amsterdam Paper Says—Petrograd Explains How Re-arrangement of Forces in Caucasus Was Successfully Carried Out.

Petrograd, Jan. 14.—The official report from the Caucasus army, issued tonight, follows:

"To avoid any false understanding of our operations in Azerbaijan during the last few days, the general staff of the Caucasus army deems it expedient to give the following explanation:

"From the beginning of the decisive action in the principal region of this theatre of the war it appeared necessary to re-group our troops. In accordance with this we proceeded in Azerbaijan to concentrate our troops at certain places, which demanded the evacuation of several points we had occupied previously.

"This re-arrangement of our forces was not under pressure of the enemy, but in accordance with a specially devised plan. During this operation no important action took place, except an engagement which our advance guard had near Mianouss. Thus we did not evacuate Azerbaijan, but adopted changes in position answering better the new developments."

Amsterdam, Jan. 14, via London.—The Telegram, in its issue of today, says it has learned that British aviators last Monday dropped bombs on the German positions at Antwerp.

The damage inflicted has not been learned.

Geneva, via Paris, Jan. 14, 6.55 p. m.—A new Zeppelin airship left Friedrichshafen yesterday on a trial flight of an hour. After skirting Lake Constance the airship disappeared over the Grand Duchy of Baden, and later returned safely to its shed. Prior to making the trip a German aeroplane made a scouting tour in order to prevent a surprise by French aircraft.

### HON. MR. HAZEN ACTING MINISTER OF MILITIA

#### During Absence of Gen. Hughes in West—Very Capably Arranged for Mobilization of Second Contingent and His Carrying Out of Details Elicited Great Praise.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—General Sam Hughes left for the West tonight to inspect the mobilization of the second contingent from Port Arthur to Victoria, B. C. Hon. J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, becomes acting minister of militia and defence during the absence of Canada's war lord.

On former occasion when General Hughes was in England for several weeks Mr. Hazen had charge of the militia department. This was at a crucial time in the militia affairs of this country. The first contingent had just set sail and no decision had been reached regarding the second contingent. However, under Mr. Hazen's administration orders were sent out for the recruiting of the second contingent. Everything was done quietly but speedily and effectively. There was no blare of trumpets. Mr. Hazen was at his office from early morning until late at night and the tremendous mass of detail which was necessary was handled effectively and wisely.

A new policy had to be laid down. The first contingent had mobilized at Valcartier, but with winter coming on this was impossible for the second contingent and so it was decided while Mr. Hazen was in charge to assemble the new recruits at the headquarters of the various divisional areas throughout the Dominion. This was a convenient arrangement and has proved successful.

When General Hughes returned to Canada he expressed the utmost satisfaction with the manner in which the business of the militia department had been conducted while he was away, and so when he decided to go west upon this occasion Mr. Hazen was again asked to take over the reins.

The Minister of Marine is one of the busiest members of the government and the assumption of the additional duties of the militia department makes his task at Ottawa a mammoth one. Mr. Hazen is capable of the work.

### G.T.P. WILL NOT ACCEPT GRAFT ROAD

#### Reported that Laurier's Wastefully Built National Transcontinental Railway is Too Costly to Operate.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—E. J. Chamberlin, president of the Grand Trunk Railway, after a two days' visit to the capital, during which he had interviews with Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways and Canals, and other members of the government, returned to Montreal today without, it is understood, an agreement having been reached regarding the taking over of the National Transcontinental Railway by the Grand Trunk Pacific, which was specified in the contract made between the Laurier administration about ten years ago and the Grand Trunk.

While the parties concerned preserve absolute silence as to the negotiations, it is well understood that the Grand Trunk Pacific authorities have refused to take over the road, except under very modified conditions. They should have taken over the N. T. R. on November 10 last, but as there was nothing to be gained by attempting to operate a line during the winter months through territory

### CANADIANS NOT GOING TO THE FRONT FOR ANOTHER MONTH

London, Jan. 14.—(Gazette Cable)—Although the intention of the authorities was to send the Canadian troops to the front next week, a change has been made in the plans, and a delay of at least a month is now probable.

### GETTING BACK TO NORMAL IN RUSSIA

#### Gradually Resuming Freight Traffic on Railways and Clearing Financial Situation Labor More Productive.

Petrograd, Jan. 14.—The following official statement was given out here tonight:

"The Minister of Finance declares that the completion of the mobilization has made possible the gradual restoration of freight traffic on the railroads of the country. The traffic in November, 1914, was only 23 per cent. lower than that of November, 1913.

"The postponement of the payment of debts which had reached maturity, and the various financial restrictions imposed, caused considerable commercial difficulties during the first weeks of the war. The situation, however, soon became better, and the unfavorable effect of the war upon commerce is becoming less and less, thanks to the measures for aiding credit and restoring merchandise traffic on the railways.

"Unemployment in the various industries is not noticeable, except in the regions where the war is in progress. Except in the small portion of Russian territory occupied by the enemy, industrial activity shows no important slackening.

"The comparatively favorable showing is due, in the first place, to the greater productivity of labor following the cessation of the sale of spirits. Productivity has increased from thirty to fifty per cent. and this, to a large extent, makes up for the shortage of labor consequent upon the calling of the workers to the colors."

### OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS RUSSIA

Petrograd, Jan. 14.—The following official statement was issued from general headquarters tonight:

"Yesterday we made progress on the right bank of the lower Vistula, our troops changing positions in a manner favorable to them."

"The cavalry of the enemy operating in this region was repulsed leaving Serpents in the possession of our vanguard."

"On our other fronts nothing has occurred other than skirmishes and artillery duels. Our reconnoitering parties have been active."

"On the left bank of the Vistula isolated German attacks were easily repelled by our fire."

"On various portions of our Austrian front the enemy tried to cannonade our position with heavy guns, but the efficient fire of our batteries soon silenced the Austrian artillery."

Battalion, with pneumonia. Next of kin, Mrs. Sarah Gardner, 15 West Street, Grove Road, Essex, Eng.

Private William Henry Phillips, Royal Canadian Dragoons, with pneumonia. Next of kin, Miss Lillian Phillips, Seaford, Ont.

Private Charles R. MacKenzie, Fifteenth Battalion, with pneumonia. Next of kin, John R. MacKenzie, Beaverton, Ont.

### News Filtering from Stricken Towns and Villages Show Death Toll Greater Than at First Believed - Avezzano An Immense Cemetery, With Thousands of Dead and Injured, Buried Under Ruins - Only 100 Survivors Out of Population of 12,000.

Rome, Jan. 14.—The toll of dead and injured in the great earthquake that has swept over central and southern Italy has not yet been made up, but all advices reaching Rome indicate the ever growing extent of the disaster.

Towns with thousands of inhabitants have been overthrown, and from some of these come details which show an immense loss of life. The estimates ran tonight from 25,000 to 50,000 dead and injured, and yet there are several sections, which undoubtedly felt the earthquake in full measure from which no estimates can be obtained.

In the ancient territory of Marsi, which includes Avezzano, the victims are placed at 20,000. Only a small number of the inhabitants of Avezzano, some 10,000, are left. Fifteen other towns and villages in that section have been laid waste.

King Victor Emmanuel is on the scene at Avezzano, and thirty thousand soldiers have been despatched to the various centres where the force of the disturbance was greatest.

Italy, as a nation, has arisen again to give succor, as she did at the time of the Messina earthquake, six years ago, to those who have fallen in this latest catastrophe from which the country has suffered.

While the vasty greater part of the damage was done by the first earthquake, which occurred Wednesday morning at 7.55, there has been at least one severe shock since then, which resulted in the collapse of many of the structures which escaped the first, and it is estimated that more than one hundred shocks, for the most part of a minor nature, occurred during the 24 hours after the disaster.

Rome, Jan. 14.—Demolished or partly demolished towns dot the map of Italy from Naples northward to Ferrara, and crosswise on the peninsula the Mediterranean to the Adriatic Sea, over which the earthquake of Wednesday passed. Thousands of dead lie beneath the mounds of debris which once were dwellings, churches and public institutions, which crumbled under the earth's vibrations.

Not even an estimate of the aggregate fatalities is yet obtainable, owing to the severance of telegraphic, telephonic and railroad communication. It is known, however, that Avezzano is a necropolis, and that in Sorra, some 25 miles to the southeast a large number of lives were lost. In Avezzano and vicinity, it is estimated that 15,000 persons perished, and that the dead in Sorra will total 1,000.

So far as is known about twenty towns have been absolutely levelled, while an almost equal number suffered serious damage. In all these places persons were killed or injured. The workers throughout the day volunteers worked heroically, endeavoring to extricate wounded or rescue the bodies of the dead. King Victor Emmanuel himself directed the work at Avezzano caught beneath wreckage could be plainly heard.

It is estimated that in Avezzano 4,000 persons are buried alive, some of them school children in an institution which collapsed. Only four soldiers of the garrison of 400 in the town escaped when the barracks fell.

Sorra, with its population of 20,000 was almost entirely destroyed. All the municipal and government authorities perished. Four hundred and fifty bodies already have been taken from the ruins there and large numbers of injured are under treatment.

Trains arriving in Rome from the east are bringing hundreds of injured into Rome, where they are being taken to hospitals and private houses for treatment.

Heartrending Appeals from Those Buried Under Ruins.

Avezzano, via Rome, Jan. 14.—Avezzano is filled with dead and wounded and wrecked houses. It is like the ruins of a cemetery. Those who escaped the destruction of the earthquake went heroically to work to rescue those penned under the fall of the walls. They could not seem to understand the delay in despatching aid to them from Rome and other centres, forgetting that more than 12 hours passed before knowledge of the gravity of the disaster reached the outside authorities.

Nearly all the civic officials of Avezzano, including the mayor, the under prefect, the judges, the commandant of the carabinieri, and parish

### Many Buried in Ruins.

Rome, Jan. 14.—Trains are running from Avezzano to Tivoli, without interruption, taking the injured there for treatment. Survivors arriving in Tivoli say many persons are under the ruins in Avezzano. Thousands of cubic metres of debris are piled in the town, making rescue work very difficult.

The latest information received here confirms previous reports that the greater parts of Santelimo, Paterno Pescina, Gerchio, Colliarmele and San Benedetto were destroyed.

**Temperature at Venice Lowest in Years.**

Reports received from Naples say that the fears that the province of Potenza, which was isolated, had been destroyed, are unfounded. Some damage was done there, mostly in the villages in the vicinity of the extinct volcano Vulturno. No fatalities have been reported from this region.

Ancona, on the Adriatic, 134 miles northeast of Rome, reports that a tempest accompanied the seismic disturbance, and there was exceptional tides coincident with the disturbances at Naples. At Venice the temperature was the lowest in years, and was accompanied by a violent snowstorm. In the Alps the thermometer went to fifteen degrees below zero.

The ministry has approved the plans undertaken by the authorities to send aid to the localities affected by the earthquake.

**Many of Town Officials Killed at Avezzano**

London, Jan. 14.—A news despatch received here from Rome says that the members of the Chamber of Deputies forced liberty has telegraphed to the capital that the disaster of yesterday surpasses the Messina catastrophe. The ruin is more widespread, and the injury to life and limb will be greater.

An employe of the municipality of Avezzano, one of the few survivors of the city, says the dead include the sub-prefect and the members of his family, the whole staff of the prefecture; the staff of the law courts; the Mayor and all the members of the municipal council. Ninety-five out of the one hundred soldiers who comprised the total garrison lost their lives; four out of the seven customs officials, and eight out of the nine local policemen.

This man was on the street when the shock came. To him it seemed as if everything fell to pieces at once. An immense cloud of dust arose from the ruins and completely veiled the sky.

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### THE CASUALTY LIST AT SALISBURY PLAIN

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—The following casualties among the members of the Canadian expeditionary force are announced by the Militia Department:

Seriously Ill.

At Number 1 Canadian General Hospital, Netherlands:

Lt. Col. R. H. Labatt, Fourth Battalion, with duodenal ulcer. Next of kin, Mrs. Isabelle Labatt, Hamilton, Ont.

Private Wm. H. Gardner, Thirteenth



ENGLAND-TURKISH WAR TAKES  
SUEZ CANAL TO THE FRONT

Passage of Waterway is  
considered necessary pre-  
liminary step to the suc-  
cess of any Egyptian Ex-  
pedition.

(Special Correspondence of The Christian Science Monitor.)

Berlin, Germany, Jan. 14.—By the advance of the Ottoman troops upon Egypt, wrote Fritz Zuercher in the Berliner Tageblatt recently, attention generally is focused on the Suez canal, the passage of which by the Turks may be regarded as the necessary preliminary to the success of the Egyptian expedition.

When the canal was opened in 1869 with unprecedented splendor in the presence of numerous royalties, the Khedive of that time summed up the importance of the new waterway for Egypt with the words, "Mons pays n'est plus en Egypte; nous faisons partie de l'Europe."

When it is considered in what circumstances these words were spoken, when one reflects that they fell from the lips of a luxury-loving, oriental prince, the tremendous revolution which they indicate may be rightly appreciated.

Exceeded Expectations.

Moreover, the extent to which the traffic on the canal has subsequently developed has exceeded all expectations, and although Egypt belongs geographically to Africa, it has, owing to the Suez canal, attained an importance far above any other country in northern Africa. If Egypt is not actually a part of Europe, it is at all events the corridor between Europe and Africa.

The nations soon recognized that the piercing of the isthmus of Suez, that land bridge of only 112 kilometers in breadth between Africa and Asia, and the establishment of communication between the Red sea and the Mediterranean, was of high military and economic significance.

As early as the fourteenth century B. C. excavation work was begun on a large scale under the Egyptian kings, Sesostris I. and Sesostris II. Later on repeated efforts were made to pierce the isthmus, but the great work was never brought to a successful conclusion.

It was reserved for the Austrian engineer, Negrelli, during long years of difficult work, to prepare the plans for this great engineering feat. His work was completed by de Lesseps, whose breadth between Africa and Asia, and the establishment of communication between the Red sea and the Mediterranean, was of high military and economic significance.

The French were not destined to remain long in undisturbed possession of the water course which their money had brought into being for the British government, rightly estimating the brilliant future of the undertaking, bought up the impetuous Khedive's shares, which amounted to \$4,000,000 sterling, thereby obtaining a controlling share of influence in the company.

Not to Remain Long.

Portage Vale News

Portage Vale, Kings Co., Jan. 14.—Rev. Mr. Beck gave a lecture and lantern show in the hall at Anagnone Tuesday evening, along the Lord's Day Alliance work.

White France is less actively interested in the canal from a commercial than from a financial point of view.

Do not forget to attend the Great Fur Sale at H. Mont Jones.

HERO OF RAID ON GERMANY WAS  
TAUGHT TO FLY BY MOTHER



MRS. MAURICE HEWLETT AND THE BLUE BIRD

American lady weds nephew of the Kaiserine.

No authority for the statement, says minister of trade.

Hopes borrowing in U.S. will not lead to over-speculation.

Masons at St. Martin's install officers.

Life sentence instead of hanging for Vancouver murderer.

Code messages permitted.

Cowans solid chocolate maple buds.

Piles.

THINK GERMANS SHOULD HELP  
SERIOUS FIRE AT SACKVILLE

Norwegian Paper Says Germany Must be Held Responsible if Belgians are Lacking in Food.

Christiana, Norway, Jan. 13.—Much has been said and a great deal has been accomplished in connection with providing the assistance so urgently required by the Belgian refugees.

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THE ALSATION BECOMES A  
FLAGSHIP

London, Jan. 14.—An exceptional honor has fallen to the Allan liner Alsatian, which appears in the latest navy list as the flagship of Rear Admiral Dudley De Chair.

Montpellier, Vt., Jan. 14.—James L. Martin, United States district judge for Vermont, dropped dead at a railway station here today.

Washington informed of resignation of Count Berchtold.

Official Notification From Vienna—No Change in Policy, Officials at Austrian Embassy Say.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Announcement of the resignation of Count Berchtold as Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, reached the embassy here today from Vienna.

Brillia, Ont., firm gets contract for shrapnel shells.

There is no possibility of any firm continuing in business and selling tea of the quality of "Salada" for less money.

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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.

ECONOMY OR DEVELOPMENT?

The large number of citizens of St. John who feel that the Commissioners have not acted wisely in desiring to increase the civic estimates this year, by a sum approximating \$170,000, have an opportunity today of recording their protest.

And that the departments over which they preside must be developed if the best results are to be obtained. The public will agree that high efficiency means expense, but there is also a very general belief that it is more advisable now to forfeit some of the projected improvements and keep the tax rate down within reasonable limits.

In former years increasing the assessed valuation of properties has been followed by action on the part of property owners in the direction of making their properties more productive. Higher rents have been the result.

It is interesting to note that the civic estimates for 1915 are less than in previous years, and that the estimated increase for 1916 is only \$100,000.

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THE NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL

It is sincerely to be hoped in the interests of Canada that the report that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company will not take over the N. E. T. R. on the ground that it was so extensively and wastefully constructed that, under the contract with the Laurier Government, it could not be operated successfully, will prove unfounded.

The commission which investigated conditions in connection with the building of the road in which fortunes were made and reputations lost, reported that the waste and extravagance had been shameful.

It may be remembered also that the estimate of the cost of the road presented to the House of Commons by Hon. W. S. Fielding was \$61,000,000, while it is now found that the actual cost exceeded that sum by more than \$150,000,000.

Since the presentation of the large augmented estimates to the City Council and attention publicly directed to them, there has been much opposition on the part of men who do not come in the class to which the Times makes contemptuous reference when it says that there are some people who "will always grow about the taxes," but progressive, good citizens, willing to pay their fair share of whatever may be required, but who are of the opinion that the watchword of the Commissioners this year, and until more settled conditions obtain, should be rigid economy rather than expansion and development.

The war is raising some queer constitutional problems in regard to hospital for soldiers. It is thought that this conversion may help to popularize it.

ENGLISH SIDELIGHTS ON THE WAR

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It is proof of the depressing effect of the war at Oxford that there were no candidates this year for the Craven Derby, or Oxford scholarships.

Dublin Castle is to be turned into a hospital for soldiers. It is thought that this conversion may help to popularize it.

are amenable to the orders of the British Agent.

Austrian buyers of fur skins suggest that walrus skins, of which there are large quantities available in London, could be utilized for the troops as warm clothing.

Thanks to private generosity, Sir Frederick Treves has been able to carry out, through the British Red Cross Society and the St. John Ambulance, a much-needed improvement in the medical service of the British army at the front.

An English military writer says: "Sir John French and his corps commandants usually inhabit comfortable quarters at all times when the army is upon the march.

British Jewry is proud of the response made by its members to the call to arms. On the outbreak of war there were about 500 Jews in the British forces.

A number of wounded Indian soldiers under treatment at the new British Red Cross Hospital at Nately, in the misthorne in the course of transfer from the front to Nately, lost their purses, and were not at all enthusiastic about the head wrappers provided as a substitute.

At a meeting of the Farmers' Club in London, Prof. Wrightson said that, since 1854, Great Britain has not produced enough wheat to feed its population. In the year mentioned the population numbered 20,000,000, and its wheat requirements were, by home production, exceeded by 2 per cent.

Do not forget to attend the Great Fur Sale at H. Mont Jones.

ENGAGED TO WED.

MISS HENRIETTA THAW

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Thaw, of Pittsburgh, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Henrietta Thaw, to Mr. Lawrence Slade, of New York.

Mr. Slade's home is in New York. He is the Paris representative of the Equitable Trust Company and is now in Paris. He is a member of an old New York family.

Little Benny's Note Book.

In going to be aloud to give a party at our house next week, and yesterday I sent out the invitations, sending invitations to everybody but Puds Simkins, sissy cussin Persey, and me started to look at the names I was sending invitations to, and she sed, But you havent sent any to little Persey.

No man, I aint going to, I sed. The idee, wats the recin yuro note, sed ma. Hes nothing but a old elsey, I sed. O, is that so, well if you were aspuite as he is you mite have moar to brag about, sed ma. Persey is a perfect little gentillman and if you dont send him an invitayshin there will be no party.

ISLAND REPORTED USED BY GERMAN FLEET WAS ROBINSON CRUSOE'S

(By a Christian Science Monitor special correspondent.)

London, Jan. 9.—Some prominence has lately been given to the romantic island of Juan Fernandez by the reported disregard of the neutrality of Chile as shown by the German South Pacific fleet in their alleged using of this lonely island many miles distant from the mainland as a convenient base for coaling and repairs.

More than 150 years later, Commodore Powell of the British navy, commanding the frigate Topaze, disembarked at Juan Fernandez and erected a commemorative tablet of iron, which still occupies its conspicuous position in the side of the Yunque mountain, on a site named by the sailors "Selkirk's Lookout," as it was from that point that the solitary islander daily scanned the horizon.

The island of Juan Fernandez, is some 300 miles off the coast of Chile, about due west from Valparaiso, and comprises an area of about 100 square miles. The higher part of the island is fertile, covered with forest, and of picturesque aspect, rising to a height of nearly 3000 feet, with the peak of Yunque the only snow-capped mountain in the shape-towering above the surrounding country.

The famous buccaneers who ravaged the ports of the Pacific during the seventeenth century made frequent calls at Juan Fernandez; and at a later date the island served as a penal settlement for political and other classes of prisoners.

The Best Quality at a Reasonable Price.

Buying Pearls from Indian Rajahs.

Pearl fisheries for many years have not yielded a supply equal to the demand for irage gems and dealers have been drawing on the supplies of fine pearls formerly hoarded by Indian Rajahs and other Oriental potentates.

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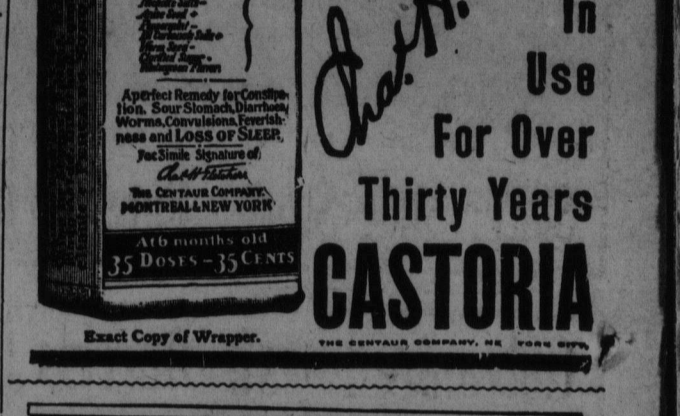
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ONLY ACTIVITY WAS AT FINAL HOUR

Irregularity on Wall Street yesterday—News of B. & O. dividend brought recovery before closing time

New York, Jan. 14.—The tone of today's stock market ranged from irregular to firm, with a total output of moderate proportions.

The only real activity of the session occurred in the final hour, at which time the directors of the Baltimore and Ohio road were deliberating on the common dividend.

Other news of the day included a new high price for May wheat, with an unusually urgent export demand and completion of the financing attending the St. Paul bond issue.

Monetary conditions showed a preponderance of cash over demand with resultant greater ease in three and four months loans.

High grade bonds more than maintained their recent gains, but obscure issues were again reactionary.

United States government bonds were unchanged on call.

Produce prices on Montreal Market. Montreal, Jan. 14.—CORN—American No. 2 yellow, 81 @ 82.

STOCK QUOTATIONS ON N.Y. EXCHANGE

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes items like Amal Cop, Am Beet Sug, etc.

CLEARING OF THE CANADIAN BANKS

The bank clearings for the week ended January 23, 1915, were \$1,628,817; for the corresponding week of last year the clearings were \$1,378,799.

RECORD HIGH PRICE ON WHEAT MARKET

Unprecedented scenes on Chicago Exchange—Lowest price during day 140 1-2 per bushel.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—The wheat market closed in great excitement this afternoon with heavy bidding at \$1.42 3/4.

World's Shipping News

Table with columns for ship names, destinations, and dates. Includes items like MINIATURE ALMANAC, JANUARY PHASES OF MOON, etc.

London: Manchester Merchant, Manchester, Eng. Gulfport, Miss. Jan. 10.—Arrd schr Hartney W. Sentago.

New York, Jan. 12.—Arrd schr Mosma, St. John. Rockland, Me. Jan. 11.—Sld schr Warner Moore, St. George, N. B.

Delaware Breakwater, Jan. 12.—Anchored off stmr Crown Point, London for Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—Arrd stmr Manchester Exchange, Manchester via St. John N. B.

Mobile, Jan. 12.—Sld schr W. M. Richard, Tucaro, Cuba.

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ELDER-DEMPSTER LINE. South African Service. S. S. "KWARRA" sailing from St. John about January 20th for Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban and Delagoa Bay.

MANCHESTER LINE. From Manchester. To St. John. Jan. 20 Man. Spinner Jan. 27 Jan. 16 Man. Mariner Jan. 25 Jan. 23 Man. Citizen Feb. 10 Jan. 23 Man. Miller Feb. 8 Jan. 30 Man. Inventor Feb. 24 Feb. 6 Man. Port Mar. 3 Steamers marked (\*) sail via Philadelphia.

FURNESS LINE. From London. To St. John. Dec. 15 Graciana Jan. 5 Dec. 20 Start Point Jan. 12 Jan. 8 Sagamore Jan. 24

DONALDSON LINE. GLASGOW-ST. JOHN SERVICE. Leave Glasgow. To St. John. Dec. 30 S. S. "Cabotia" Jan. 16 Jan. 11 S. S. "Parthenia" Jan. 28 Jan. 23 S. S. "Torr Head" Feb. 13

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# LATE SPORT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD

## BOHEMIAN BOXERS ARE MANY

Quite a number of men of Bohemian blood have won fame as boxers. Bob Moha, the Milwaukee human balloon, was long prominent in the middleweight and light-heavyweight ranks, and whipped such good fellows as Alec Grogans, Frank Craig, Australian Jim Ryan, Dan Creedon, Tommy West, Kid Carter, George Gardner, Marvin, Hart, Jim Flynn, Kid McCoy, and Dick O'Brien, besides fighting a draw with Tommy Ryan. Kid Taylor is another Bohemian who has given a good account of himself. Perhaps the best of 'em all, however, was George Memmie, who finished his active ring career a couple of years ago. Memmie was also known as Jimmy Burns, was born in Streator, Ill., thirty-three years ago today, January 11, 1882. In ten years he took part in more than three-score bouts, meeting many of the best lightweights. In 1903 he fought a draw with Young Corbett. Later he defeated Adam Ryan at Denver and again at Fortia, and knocked out Charlie Neary in the second round at Los Angeles. In 1907 he fought Joe Gans for the lightweight title at Los Angeles, and stayed the full twenty rounds with the "Old Master," but lost the decision. After fighting Ad Wolgast a ten-round draw, he was matched with Ad for the title at Los Angeles in 1911, but was knocked out in the ninth chapter. Memmie's last important bout was at Medford, Ore., in 1912, when Bud Anderson knocked him out.

### WRESTLING SALE GOOD

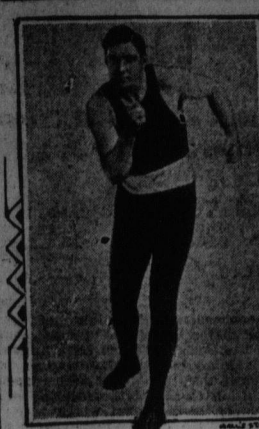
The sale of seats for the big wrestling match on Saturday night opened at the Opera House yesterday morning and a great number of seats were purchased and quite a few of these were taken by members of the fair sex who were anxious to witness a wrestling match. The advance sale was even better than was anticipated by the management and there promises to be a bumper house tomorrow night. The preliminary bout between Mattison and the Bulgarian is creating considerable interest, while the fans are having a hard time to pick a winner in the Ludecke-Prokos bout as both men went a solid hour on New Year's Day without a fall and appear to be very evenly matched. The seats are reserved, and intending purchasers will do well to get their tickets today and secure the best positions in the theatre to witness the battle.

## GEORGE CARPENTIER 21 YEARS OLD TUESDAY

This war, beyond all others, has been "shrouded in mystery" and enveloped in secrecy, but the greatest mystery of the esoteric conflict is the fate of Georges Carpentier, the great French boxer, who was 21 years old Tuesday, Jan. 12. He was born in Lens, France, January 12, 1894. More wild rumors have been circulated about the conqueror of Gunboat Smith and Bombardier Wells than about any other individual in Europe. Several times he has been reported killed or seriously or fatally wounded, but these rumors have always been speedily followed by others. Dame Rumor has pictured the handsome French lad in the uniform of a general, gallantly leading a regiment or a division into action, and slaughtering Germans by the thousands. We are also told that the French are so fearful that something might happen to their hero that they keep him in a bomb-proof palace far from the scene of battle, with a guard of soldiers to protect him from harm. Whatever the truth may be, all boxing fans will hope that Georges will escape unscathed and able to continue the practice of that profession in which he has so far been so successful.

Carpentier is perhaps the handsomest lad in the history of professional pugilism, and it is small wonder that the smart women of France have made him their hero. When it comes to looks, a Greek god hasn't anything on Georges. Carpentier came of a poor family, and in his boyhood was a pit boy in a coal mine. He was only thirteen when he entered the professional ring. Since then he has established a unique record by fighting in every division of the game. He was by turn a bantam, a feather, a lightweight, a welter a middleweight and a heavyweight, and he won the French title of all those classes. As middleweight and heavyweight he held the European title. When he fought Wells and Smith he was the youngest fighter who ever took part in a bout for a world's championship. As a pit boy Carpentier dragged down the tremendous salary of fifty centimes, or ten cents, a day. In 1909 he made \$184 as a boxer. In 1910 he topped off \$460, and in 1911 his ring earnings were \$6,600. His income in 1912 was \$35,000, and in 1913 he earned \$44,000. During the first six months of last year he grabbed enough of the needful to bring his total ring earnings up to \$100,000. Owing to his popularity, Carpentier was enabled to postpone his military service of three years, and when the war broke out he had no army training. According to the most authentic of the reports, he was given a job driving military automobiles.

## TO FIGHT JOHNSON.



JESS WILLARD

"Jack" Johnson and "Jess" Willard will meet in a forty-five round bout for the heavyweight championship at Juarez, Mexico, on Saturday, March 6 next. Final arrangements to this effect were made after other bids were received from Havana, Cuba, and Tijuana, Mexico.

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## 1914 GOES DOWN AS MARKING EPOCH IN HISTORY OF BASEBALL

Nineteen hundred and fourteen will go down in history as a most memorable year in baseball. The stability of the game itself was threatened by the entrance of the Federal league into the field, the validity of the contracts has been questioned, many ball players have forgotten that there was such a thing as integrity, while magnates have vied with each other in attempting to induce players to disregard their pledged word and also break contracts.

Financial depression also made itself felt to no small degree, and ball clubs that made money almost can be counted upon the fingers of the two hands. Where one club was financially successful there were a hundred that lost money.

The entrance of the Federal league and its declaration of war upon organized baseball was uncalled for, and the outlaws have accomplished little except to inflate salaries and place a premium upon contract breaking. Cleveland was affected by the Federales especially, three pitchers, Falkenberg, Cullop and Hagerman, jumping to the outlaws. The loss of Falkenberg was a severe one, as it left the club without a dependable hurler at the start of the season. Other mischances followed, and Cleveland, for the first time, finished last in the American league.

Aside from the failure of the Federal league to blow up, the big surprise of the year was the wonderful work of the Boston Braves, who starting on July 19 moved up from last place to the championship of the National league, supplementing that feat with a phenomenal victory over the Philadelphia Athletics, taking the world's title in four straight games.

The slippings of Hans Wagner and Nap Lajoie and the asking of wagers on Pitches Bender and Plank by Connie Mack were other surprises of the year, while in the sale of Eddie Collins to Chicago by Philadelphia, the record purchase price was set at a figure that may never be eclipsed.

The coming year is believed to have better things in store for Cleveland. It is claimed that much of the poor work of the Naps of 1914 was due to lack of harmony. It is now alleged, however, that the disturbing elements have been eliminated. If so, one alibi must be placed upon the shelf, for Manager Birmingham will have only youngsters working for him. The Naps will take the field with the youngest team it has ever had, just what it will do remains to be seen. It cannot do any worse than the 1914 aggregation.

## LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

### THE CITY LEAGUE.

On Black's alleys last night in the City League the Sweepers took three points from the Tigers.

The scores follow:

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McIlwain . . . 84 85 111-280 83 1-3  
Harrison . . . 100 92 87-273 87 2-3  
Pererson . . . 83 89 88-269 86 2-3  
Sullivan . . . 115 75 121-311 103 2-3

Tigers.  
Boylea . . . 88 93 91-272 90 2-3  
Gilmour . . . 85 89 123-297 89 1-3  
McDonald . . . 88 88 87-263 87 2-3  
Moore . . . 83 77 88-248 82 2-3  
Coogrove . . . 94 105 86-285 95

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Those Coogrove won the roll-off with a score of 126.

Tonight the Ramblers and Elks will play.

### THE HENLEY REGATTA.

The abandonment of the famous English Henley regatta for 1915 will leave the principal trophy, the Grand Challenge Cup, in America for another year at least. The classic prize for eight-oared crews was won by the Harvard University second crew last summer and under ordinary conditions would have been returned for competition again this spring in accordance with the deed of gift which made the Grand Challenge cup a perpetual prize. This trophy, the oldest and most famous of the six Henley awards, was awarded in 1839, the initial year of the regatta. It anti-dates all other trophies, and has been raced for each year since the first contest, more than seventy-five years ago. Although won by Belgian and Australian crews in past years, it is a strange coincidence that the first break in the annual regatta should come the season following the triumph of an American eight.

Ed. White, the Chicago sport promoter, is looking after Snyder's affairs and is willing to let his boy box anyone in the world at 133 to 135 pounds.

## TWO JIMS TO COACH WILLARD

New York, Jan. 14.—When Jess Willard crawls through the ropes at Juarez, Mex., March 6, he will have his head full of Johnsonian tricks and 230 pounds of brawn and punching ability to help him carry them out, according to Jack Curley, promoter, who announced last week Willard will have the advice of Jim Jeffries and Jim Flynn during his preparation.

Willard and Tom Jones, his manager, left Friday for El Paso, Tex., where the big Kansan will put in his training ticks. Curley remained in New York to finish a few minor details for the big battle.

Willard left here weighing 240 pounds, but expects to take off about fifteen in training. He will be coached and primed in the art by Jeffries and Flynn, both of whom have fought the glib black—to their sorrow.

Johnson has already started training, according to reports received here from Buenos Aires, where he has been for several weeks. He was booked to leave the South American metropolis last Friday for Vera Cruz.

## LATEST BOXING IDOL HAS NAME OF SNYDER

Mike Snyder is the name of a new cleverest boxers in the business; Joe O'Keefe, a Philadelphia product of quite a reputation; Mickey Gallagher and Goats Doig, the Spring Valley wonder, who met and best twice. O'Keefe and Gallagher he beat by the knockout route and the others by referee and popular decisions.

In appearance, build and action Mike is almost a duplicate of Charlie White, but differs from his noted rival in one important way. He does no stalling, but fights continuously from bell to bell, with very little clinching. He is not of the slugger type of boxer, but uses clean short punches that land with telling effect. His favorite blows are straight lefts, followed by short right crosses that travel about six inches with terrific force. Occasionally he varies this style with a short left hook (a la Chadlie White), and a right uppercut to the chin.

The Chicago lad is one of the cleanest living fighters in the game. He never uses liquor nor tobacco in any

## FANS FALL FOR ANYTHING.

"At the time I ran the Wolgast and Ritchie fight I reproduced on my half sheet posters facsimiles of the tickets to be used for the fight," Jim Coffroth told a group of friends. "This was to protect my patrons against fake tickets. These reproductions were three or four times larger than a real ticket and were printed on cardboard. Well, to prove that Barnum was right, will you believe me when I tell you that some fellow went around and collected a lot of those cards, cut out the reproductions neatly and sold them outside the arena at \$2 a smash? We had an awful time trying to convince these people that they had been bunked."

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