

CANADIANS HAVE ALL REACHED FRANCE SAFELY; ANOTHER DARING RAID BY BRITISH AIR FLEET

FORTY BRITISH AIRSHIPS RAID ENEMY'S POSITIONS ON THE BELGIAN COAST

Attack on Zeebrugge, Ostende and Middlekirke — Official Report Says Good Results Attained — Eight French Aeroplanes Attack German Christelles Aerodrome and Prevent Enemy's Air Craft From Interfering With Raiders.

London, Feb. 16.—The air wing of the British navy today made another massed attack on the German positions along the Belgian coast, in an effort to destroy or damage the submarine base at Zeebrugge, the guns at Ostend and Middlekerke and the aerodrome at Ghistelles.

According to the official report good results were attained. Forty machines were utilized today, as compared with 34 in last week's attack.

The official statement concerning the air raid says: "The air operations of the naval wing against the Bruges, Ostend and Zeebrugge district were continued this afternoon. Forty aeroplanes and seaplanes bombarded Ostend, Middlekerke, Ghistelles and Zeebrugge.

"Bombs were dropped on the heavy batteries situated on the east and west side of Ostend, on gun positions at Middlekerke, on transport wagons on the Ostend-Ghistelles road, on the Mole at Zeebrugge to widen the breach damaged in former attacks, on the locks at Zeebrugge, on barges outside Blankenberghe and on trawlers outside Zeebrugge.

"Eight French aeroplanes assisted the naval machines by making vigorous attacks on the Ghistelles aerodrome, thus effectively preventing German aircraft from cutting off our machines. It is reported that good results were obtained.

"Instructions are always issued to confine attacks to points of military importance, and every effort is made by the flying officers to avoid dropping bombs on any residential portions of towns."

While the British airmen were dropping their bombs on the gun positions, the supply tains and barges and the trawlers used in mine-laying and mine-sweeping operations, eight French airmen attacked the Ghistelles aerodrome, thus preventing the German airmen from making any attempt to cut off the British machines. The official report makes no mention of the airmen engaged, so it is presumed that they all returned safely. The day was bright and clear, conditions being more favorable than last week for a raid.

WHOLE FIRST CONTINGENT GONE TO THE FRONT

SIR ROBERT BORDEN IN COMMONS YESTERDAY READ MESSAGE RECEIVED BY GOVERNOR GENERAL THAT CANADIANS HAVE LEFT ENGLAND FOR THE FRONT — PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PATRIOTIC FUND PROVIDES FOR HELPING SOLDIERS WHO RETURN HOME INCAPACITATED.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—At the opening of the Commons Sir Robert Borden read the following message received by the Duke of Connaught from the Colonial Secretary, and dated February 16:—"Your ministers will be glad to know that the whole Canadian Contingent are doing well at the front, having safely crossed over to France."

The announcement was heartily applauded. The following committee was appointed to consider the report of the inquiry respecting boots supplied to the Department of Militia and Defence: Sir James Aiken, Messrs. McCurdy, Middleboro, Rainville, MacDonald, Pictou, Lemieux and Nesbitt. The committee has power to call for papers to examine witnesses on oath, and to report from time to time.

Hon. C. J. Doherty introduced a bill to amend the Canadian Patriotic Fund Act. It is intended to enable the Patriotic Fund Association to assist the wives and dependants of men

CANADA'S NEW TARIFF SAFE AND SANE BUSINESS PROPOSITION

The revision of the tariff in order to provide money for Canada's part in the Empire struggle has met with the general approval of all classes throughout Canada. Business men in all parts of the country have put themselves on record as favoring the new schedule of rates. Some of the opinions of prominent Canadian business men are as follows:

SIR FREDERICK WILLIAMS TAYLOR, general manager of the Bank of Montreal: "We are being taxed to assist in protecting the integrity of the British Empire and therefore the end and unquestionably justifies the means. Hon. W. T. White is facing the most difficult situation that has ever confronted a Canadian Minister of Finance and his endeavor has doubtless been to distribute the burden of taxation as equitably as possible without fear and without favor."

SIR THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY: "It is the duty of all of us, individuals and corporations, to bear our share of the extra burdens, which have been imposed at this time of stress. All these special burdens will be borne, I have no doubt, with cheerfulness by our people, who are ready to do their utmost to aid in the defense of the Empire."

E. L. PEASE, general manager of the Royal Bank of Canada: "The banks will cheerfully submit to the tax. We feel we must do all we can to assist the Government in carrying the burdens resulting from the war at this time."

W. H. GOODWINS of Goodwins Ltd., Montreal: "There will be no shock. The Government will get the \$30,000,000 and the people will not know they have paid it. That is my view of the general effect of the tariff."

W. E. SANBORN, Montreal: "The increase in the tariff is the biggest thing that ever happened for the Made in Canada movement."

ANDREW ALLAN of H. & A. Allan, shipping agents, Montreal: "I should say that it looks like a pretty fair arrangement, and the tax is so well distributed that its burden on the individual will be light."

ROBERT W. REFORM, president of the Robert Reform Co., Ltd.: "It was necessary for the Finance Minister to raise the money and to my mind he has taken the best means."

Other prominent business men expressed their approval of the new schedule.

LAURIER CAUGHT IN LIE, REBUKED BY HON. MR. DOHERTY

Liberal Leader Resorts to Petty Tactics, But Gets Worst of Encounter With Minister of Justice—House Passes 12 Millions of the Appropriations—Trade and Commerce Department Will Have an Expert on Matter of Steamship Rates—Increase in Canada Not More Pronounced than Elsewhere.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—"It is indeed a pitiable sight to see the leader of a political party feeling himself compelled to resort to making statements which certainly he cannot know to be true, and which the documents to the Minister of Justice of the government of which he was the chief, demonstrate to be false, for the petty purpose of being able to make some jeering remark."

Thus was what Hon. C. J. Doherty told Sir Wilfrid Laurier today in the Commons after the Liberal leader had sneered at the Premier's statement that Hon. L. P. Pelletier had felt compelled to resign the post office portfolio on the ground of ill-health while yet feeling himself able to take a judgeship. Everybody knows, and no one better than Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that the post office portfolio is one of the most arduous positions in the country. But Sir Wilfrid seized the occasion to sneer about Mr. Doherty, who he said had resigned from the bench on account of health but was still able to take a cabinet portfolio. That, Mr. Doherty resigned from the bench on account of ill health is false, as the Minister of Justice himself told Sir Wilfrid "absolutely and unqualifiedly untrue."

Mr. Doherty draws a pension under a law which was enacted before he was born. He became entitled to the pension after serving 15 years on the bench.

"I have heard whisperings," continued the Minister with biting sarcasm, "of what the Right Hon. gentleman has said today from other people before. I thought the Right Hon. gentleman was a bigger man than they are, but I find today that he has chosen to put himself on a level with them."

The Liberal leader replied that he should suppose that if a judge found himself equal to the duties of the bench he should continue in office rather than accept a pension. "The law of the land allows a judge when he has served fifteen years, if he does not find himself equal to the task to ask for his pension," he said.

Mr. Doherty shot back this consolatory rejoinder: "I rise for the purpose of saying that the Right Hon. gentleman to bolster up his statement has had to misstate the provision of the statute."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier came badly out of the encounter. He was caught in a plain unvarnished falsehood. Mr. Doherty was angry and the rafters rang with applause when he pronounced the opposition leader.

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BLOCKADE OF GERMAN COAST BY GREAT BRITAIN IS EXPECTED

DEATH PENALTY FOR SLAYER OF SYDNEY WOMAN

John West Found Guilty of Murder of Miss Dunn and Sentenced to Die April 19.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 16.—After a trial lasting about four hours, John West, a native of Halifax, was convicted tonight of the murder of Miss K. C. Dunn, and sentenced to be hanged on April 19. Judge Russell was the trial judge. The jury was empanelled at 2 o'clock and sentence was pronounced at 9.30. The murder of which West is to die was committed at North Sydney on December 21, and was of a particularly atrocious character. West confessed the crime at the preliminary examination.

THE EMPRESS DISASTER IS REVIVED IN COURT

Question of St. Lawrence Currents May be Important Factor in C. P. R.'s Suit Against Storstad's Owners.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—On the question of currents in the St. Lawrence river, it is understood, largely depends the fate of the C. P. R. company's \$3,000,000 suit against the S. S. Storstad for sinking the Empress of Ireland and the C. P. R. sought in the Admiralty court today to show that the current caused the upward bound Storstad to ram the Empress, which was going down stream, both vessels having supposedly been standing still in the fog just prior to the collision.

The C. P. R. finished its side of the case today, when Pilot Bernier, of the Empress, between Quebec and Father Point, testified to the phenomenon of upward currents in the river. He was positive that the Empress steaming gear was working well the night of the collision. He said if there had been anything wrong with it he would have noticed it.

The hearing of the case for the defendant may last several days.

BIG INSURANCE COMPANIES TO AMALGAMATE

Directors of Federal Life Assurance Co. of Hamilton Agree to Re-assurance of its Policyholders by Sun Life Co.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—One of the largest amalgamations in the history of Canadian life insurance if not the largest, was virtually completed today when directors of the Federal Life Assurance Company, of Hamilton, ratified an agreement for the re-assurance of its policyholders by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, with head office in Montreal. The agreement was ratified by the Sun Life board here a week ago, but was kept a closely guarded secret until after the Federal Life meeting today. The Sun Life has over \$218,000,000 insurance in force and the Federal Life over \$28,000,000.

IN RETALIATION FOR GERMANY'S THREAT OF SUBMARINE BLOCKADE—CABINET AND ARMY AND NAVY ADVISORS CONSIDERED MATTER YESTERDAY AND CONFIRMATION BY PRIVY COUNCIL AWAITED—GERMANS PUSHING THEIR OFFENSIVE IN EAST—RETIREMENT OF RUSSIAN ARMY REGARDED AS ANOTHER STRATEGICAL MOVEMENT—BREACH BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE WIDENS—TURKISH MINISTER HAS QUIT ATHENS.

London, Feb. 16.—Great Britain received today, through Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador, Germany's offer to withdraw her threat of a submarine blockade against Great Britain if the British navy would permit the free movement of foodstuffs to the civil population of Germany.

There is no expectation here that the offer will be accepted. In fact, Great Britain already is preparing to retaliate against Germany by placing under more stringent control ships destined to German ports, and a proclamation momentarily is expected declaring a blockade of the German coast, or, at any rate, the prohibition of foodstuffs destined for Germany. The Cabinet, with its naval and military advisers, considered this question today, and it is understood the decision is awaiting the formal confirmation of the Privy Council, from which all proclamations emanate.

In the meantime British and neutral vessels are moving as freely as usual, with the exception of those belonging to a few Dutch lines, which have reduced their number of sailings. The Norwegian and Danish insurance companies have given instructions that steamers insured by them shall have their national colors, the names of the ships and the country of their origin painted on the sides of all vessels.

Holland and Italy, like the United States, have protested to Germany against her sea war zone threat, and have asked Great Britain not to make free use of neutral flags. Similar representations are expected to be made to the two countries tomorrow in a joint note by Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

For the time being questions of diplomacy are arousing more interest than the actual fighting, although military movements of the first importance are taking place, especially along the eastern line. The German offensive, strongly supported by fresh troops is being pushed with great vigor both along the East Prussian frontier and in Poland, north of the lower Vistula. The Russians now have evacuated East Prussia, except for a small area near Lyck, where they are opposing the German advance, and also are apparently falling back in North Poland, for the Germans today announced that they have occupied Plock and Bielsk, which the Russians re-captured from them a short time ago.

While the Germans claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the retreating Russian armies, military men here, and the newspaper correspondents in Petrograd, continue to refer to the Mucavio movement as a strategical retirement to the fortified line which lies along the Nieman river, through Kovno, Grodno and Lomza, and thence southwest to the fortress of Novoe Georgievsk.

Russians Still Hold Carpathian Passes. Heavy fighting also continues in the Carpathians and Bukovina. In Bukovina the Russians also are falling back, but they continue to hold the Carpathian passes further west and are putting up a stubborn resistance to the Austro-German offensive in that region. Here the fighting is taking place in deep snow, and both sides are suffering heavily.

The large number of troops the Germans are using in the East, it is believed by military observers here, will prevent, for some time, any attempt by the Germans to break the deadlock in the west.

General French in the first of the promised bi-weekly reports pays high tribute to the Indians, and of the Territory.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL CASUALTIES TO DATE

London, Feb. 16.—Replying in the House of Commons today to a request for details regarding the total British naval casualties since the outbreak of the war, Winston Spencer Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, gave these figures:

Killed—548 officers and 5,812 men.
Wounded—45 officers and 352 men.
Missing—8 officers and 5 men.
To this list Mr. Churchill said could be added the casualties of the First Royal Naval Division which participated in the defence of Antwerp, which were:
Killed—5 officers and 36 men.
Wounded—4 officers and 184 men.
Missing—7 officers and 868 men.
Interned—39 officers and 1,524 men.

NEW PRUNSWICK'S REPRESENTATIVE IN ENGLAND GUEST AT BANQUET

Speakers from all parts of Province assemble in Moncton to do honor to new Agent General, F. W. Sumner.

F. W. Sumner, the recently appointed agent general for New Brunswick in England, was tendered a complimentary banquet in the Brunswick Hotel, Moncton, on Monday night. Men in all walks of life and from both political parties were present to honor Mr. Sumner and the Board of Trade of Moncton, which was responsible for the dinner and the arrangements for the dinner.

His Honor, Lieut.-Gov. Wood, Hon. Geo. J. Clarke, premier of the province; Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, attorney-general; Hon. J. A. Murray, minister of agriculture; and Hon. Dr. Landry, provincial secretary, besides members of the legislature, were among those seated around the festive board.

E. A. Reilly, K. C., president of the Moncton Board of Trade, presided, and the speeches in connection with the varied interests represented in the toast list, were of a happy and optimistic character, paying well-merited tributes to the man who has been chosen to represent his native province at the heart of the great British Empire.

Mr. Reilly read the following address: Mr. Frederick W. Sumner, Agent General of the Province of New Brunswick at London.

We, your fellow citizens have assembled here tonight to give to you some expression of their appreciation of your own good qualities as well as the honor conferred upon you and them in your selection as Agent General of the Province of New Brunswick at London.

The position is in itself unique. You will be the only official representative of the province in any part of the world beyond our own boundary line. It is therefore fitting that your headquarters should be in the largest city in the world, the Capital of the greatest empire this earth has ever known—London—where sits a parliament and reigns a king who have so recently given proof that the British flag stands for honorable dealings between nations and the highest national ideals.

The position is becoming more important as the years go by and all the provinces of the Dominion now have representatives in London. It is to be regretted that the Maritime Provinces have not occupied of late as prominent a position in the eyes of the mother-

land as in former times. Since Confederation millions of our money and thousands of our most enterprising citizens have been contributing to the upbuilding of western Canada. While we are gratified at the development of any portion of our Dominion, we cannot lose sight of the fact that our own home province has had to occupy a position in the Dominion family of the modest child whose good qualities are being overlooked in the attention which has been given by the more noisy members of the family. We are encouraged, however, to note that the Maritime Provinces today, by reason of their quiet stability, their sound business methods and their resources are beginning to receive more attention and are earning for themselves a well deserved reputation for solidity and strength in the present hour of testing.

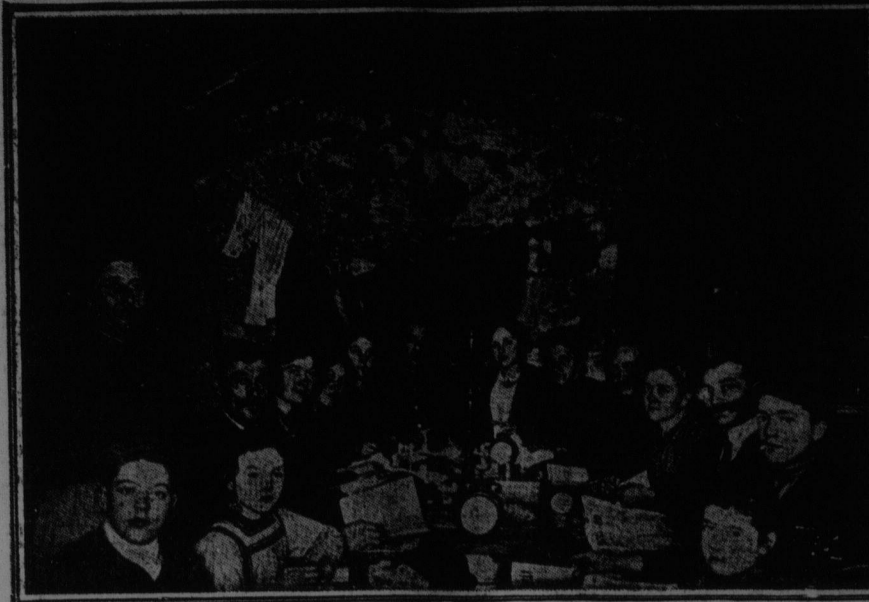
As citizens of Moncton we feel gratified at the selection of our most prominent citizen to represent the province at large in our relations with the motherland. We are confident that nowhere in the province today can there be found a man better qualified in practical experience for so high and honorable a position. Prompt in attention to business, energetic and resourceful in emergencies, inspired with true patriotism, yielding no first place in appreciation of your own native province, broad in your political views, we cannot but feel that you will be a useful agent for the province and will in some measure contribute to a better understanding in London and the old world of the resources, the charms, the general good qualities and future prospects of this loyal section of the Empire.

As a citizen of Moncton with its central location you have been afforded a good viewpoint for observing conditions and feeling the pulsations of our business, commercial and agricultural life.

You have taken a most active part in our mercantile, horticultural and farming pursuits and have also found considerable time to devote to civic and political activities, all which will greatly aid to the equipment which you will carry with you in assuming your new duties.

Our only regret is that your work will make it necessary for you to be absent from our midst for some time, but we still realize that you are interested in a business way in our welfare and we will never be unmindful of the sturdy way in which you have always upheld the prestige of your native city.

LIFE IN THE UNDERGROUND CELLARS OF SOISSONS.



AN UNDERGROUND SCENE AT SOISSONS—FRENCH FAMILIES LIVING IN A CELLAR.

Within the bombarded areas it is an elementary matter of precaution for families who are compelled by force of circumstances to remain in the towns to reside in the cellars of their houses. In the vaulted cellar shown above a number of Soissonais have gathered. They have introduced a table, lamp, alarm clock and other articles of furniture into the cellar.

You go forth with the best wishes of all. We believe there is work to be done and we know that your efforts must bring good results and that some what may the province of New Brunswick will have foremost consideration in all matters affecting its welfare.

We wish you improved health and success in your undertaking and assure you that you will carry with you the good wishes and friendly feelings of your fellow citizens in general and of the Moncton Board of Trade in particular.

Signed on behalf of the Moncton Board of Trade at Moncton in the Province of New Brunswick this fifteenth day of February, A.D. 1915.

E. ALBERT REILLY, President.
W. H. PRICE, Secretary.

The health of the guest of honor was then proposed by Matthew Lodge, Premier Clarke.

In the course of his remarks said: I assure you it is a great pleasure to be here to pay a tribute to Mr. Sumner. He is the only man who received a government appointment, whose appointment did not meet with adverse criticism, which shows the great public confidence that is placed in him

and his work will bring lasting benefit to the Province of New Brunswick. While we have neglected somewhat to pay attention in the past to the Agent General in London, we do not fail to realize that it is one of the most important offices that can be bestowed by the New Brunswick government. It is a position in which the occupant holds the honor of the province. I desire to say that Moncton has a Board of Trade energetic and enthusiastic and it is well represented here. We have all over the province Boards of Trade who are doing good work. The opportunity for the development of New Brunswick first came at the time of confederation, and we in the past have not been spending our time in developing the west, thinking our turn would come and I believe it is coming. (Applause.)

I want to thank you gentlemen for honoring me and I am glad to be present to join in honoring such a prominent citizen.

Among the other speakers were Lt. Gov. Wood, F. C. Robinson, Rev. G. M. Campbell, Mayor J. W. McAnn, Hon. F. J. Sweeney, K.C., Hon. D. V. Landry, R. O'Leary, Dr. C. A. Murray, W. F. Humphrey, M.L.A., P. G. Mahoney, M.L.A., Angus McLean, W. C. Hunter, Hon. J. B. M. Baxter.

BUSINESS BETWEEN RUSSIAN AND GERMAN FIRMS CONTINUE

Copenhagen, Feb. 15.—While the commercial blockade between England and Germany is maintained rigorously, there appears to be no particularly strong feeling against trading between Germany and Russia. Business men from the two countries continue to deal with each other, and commercial travellers from Germany are said to have booked orders for Russia, after meeting their customers by appointment in Denmark or Sweden.

Russian manufacturers established in the Scandinavian countries have supplied large quantities of shoes to Austria, the shipments being made via Germany. German holders of

Threats of Germany Will Not Influence British Govt To Change Its Policy

London, Feb. 16.—Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador, conferred today with Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, concerning the German note offering to cease attacks on British ships, if Great Britain will permit foodstuffs for the civilian population to enter Germany.

Mr. Page and Sir Edward also discussed the steamer *Wilhelmina*, loaded with food for Germany, which is being held at Falmouth for a prize court, and the status of which has not yet been determined.

The British government has evidenced, in many ways, that it is untroubled by threats of attacks on shipping, and that it has no thought of making any concessions to Germany, but on the contrary is preparing

to tighten the restrictions upon freight movements toward that country. Statements in parliament also have indicated that it is the determination of Great Britain to make reprisals if Germany enforces her threat to destroy merchant ships, together with their crews.

Should the efforts of the Commission for the Relief of Belgium to buy the cargo of the *Wilhelmina* fail, the evidence of the owners that the food is destined to the civil population of Germany alone probably would be submitted to the prize court. It is considered unlikely, however, that any evidence could be produced which would induce Great Britain to permit the food to go to Germany without the action of any prize court.

Russian bonds have managed to cash their interest coupons through middlemen here. France watches the commercial situation with a keen eye, and is as careful as England to avoid all trading with Germans. The French consular agent here has just been dismissed from the office which he had held for

The Joy of Good Health Is Now Experienced

Nervousness, Dizzy Spells and Sleeplessness Are Now a Thing of the Past.

This is a cheerful letter from Mrs. Peacock, and it should bring joy to the heart of many a reader of this paper. Dizzy spells and sleeplessness are symptoms of exhausted nerves, and are the bug-bear of many women, who do not know just what treatment to use.



You can read Mrs. Peacock's letter and take courage, for she has proven that Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is a complete cure for these troubles. So pleased was she with the results obtained that she wants other women to know about this food cure. Mrs. Thomas Peacock, 25 Hiawatha street, St. Thomas, Ont., and whose

husband is conductor on the Wabash Railway, states:—"I was quite run down in health, was very nervous, did not sleep well, and had frequent dizzy spells. Believing this to be the result of an exhausted nervous system I began using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and can say that this medicine did me a world of good. It entirely freed me of the symptoms stated above, built up my health generally, so that to-day I feel as if I am quite well again."

In a more recent letter Mrs. Peacock writes:—"Dr. Chase's Nerve Food has done me a world of good, and I would be pleased to tell everybody so." In nearly every issue of this paper you will find letters about Dr. Chase's medicines. If this one does not describe your case watch for others to write to us. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50c a box, 5 for \$2.50, all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

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Late Gossip Of The Sporting World At Home And Abroad

LEAGUES ARE ON VERGE OF A BREAK

Once upon a time two little boys, brothers they were, were playing marbles together when along came another boy and wanted to play in the game. The brothers objected and fistfights supplanted marbles. During the course of the battle the brothers lost marbles from their pockets. One of the brothers realized that his supply would soon be depleted if he continued in the melee. So during a halt for breath he said to his brother: "You can fight him if you want to, but I'm going to quit."

That's where the fairy tale part of this story abruptly ends, for it brings us up to the present situation in baseball. The American and National leagues are very much like the brothers, and the outsider is the Federal League.

No outward signs have been perceived that would lead to the belief that the National and American leagues are not as firmly entrenched together against the Federal League as they were a year ago, but distant rumblings have been heard. Some have asserted that these rumblings are but the assembling of a storm that will have rent the National and American leagues asunder before it has spent its fury. Possibly they are right.

This is the gist of conversations that have been heard at various times lately. It has been talked about for some time, but has not been printed because there did not seem to be any ground for such a report. It has grown in such volume, however, that it has been deemed advisable to record it merely as the text of current talk.

The Time.

According to these stories, just as soon as Judge Landis hands down a decision in the suit brought against Organized Baseball by the Federal League the American League will, as quietly as possible, withdraw from the field—that is, it will quit further local operations in conjunction with the National League. These stories do not assert that the American League will quit fighting the Federal League. It is not generally supposed that it will unless Judge Landis so orders it, but it will conduct its fight against the independence independently.

Most prominent in Organized Baseball who have been questioned regarding these reports assert that they have been circulated by the Federal League and that there is absolutely no ground for such a report.

They waxed very indignant that anyone should place any credence at all

WHITWASH FOR ST. JOHN SCHOOL TEAM

Special to The Standard
Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 16.—Fredericton High School team shut out St. John High School here three to none tonight in the interscholastic Hockey League. The game was played on wet, slushy ice and was slow in consequence of that. There was much hard checking and Referee Fred McLean handed out many penalties, the home team suffering the most.

Fredericton High had the game in hand at all stages and Dewar, the Fredericton goal keeper, had practically no stops to make.

Carter and Jewett each scored for Fredericton High in the first period, and Jewett scored again in the third. Jewett, Carter and Sears did good work for Fredericton High, while Callahan, McAnulty and Moore were prominent on the visiting team.

The teams were:
Fredericton—Dewar, goal; Adams, point; Sears, cover point; Carter, rover; Jewett, centre; Cotwell, right wing; Clark, left wing.
St. John—Donnelly, goal; Gorman, point; Moore, cover point; McAnulty, rover; Callahan, centre; Peterson, right wing; Dearborn, left wing.
Referee, Fred McLean.

LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

FIVE MEN LEAGUE
A rather interesting game was played on the Victoria alleys last night, when No. 2 and No. 5 teams met. The game which was close and full of good playing was watched by a large crowd. These two teams comprise the younger bowlers, who would make an excellent showing among older talent. Although No. 5 team took four points from No. 2 it was by no means a one-sided game. They lined-up as follows:

| No. 5 Team | | No. 2 Team | |
|------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | Tot. Ave. | | Tot. Ave. |
| Featherstone | 101 105 86 | 287 | 93 2-3 |
| Nagle | 82 87 92 | 262 | 87 2-3 |
| Labbe | 75 81 78 | 234 | 78 |
| Teed | 95 83 82 | 260 | 86 2-3 |
| Hill | 102 99 104 | 305 | 101 2-3 |
| 455 455 443 1348 | | | |
| No. 2 Team | | No. 5 Team | |
| | Tot. Ave. | | Tot. Ave. |
| McCavour | 88 91 79 | 263 | 84 1-3 |
| McKee | 79 83 93 | 255 | 85 |
| Stevens | 81 95 76 | 252 | 84 |
| Henderson | 87 96 87 | 270 | 90 |
| Steen | 89 80 98 | 267 | 89 |
| 419 445 433 1297 | | | |

TOUCHING ALL THE BASES ON WAY ROUND

"Hank" O'Day was umpiring. "Steve" Evans was wearing a high collar on a hot St. Louis day. "Hank" asked: "Do you want to make a joke out of this game?" "I'll leave that to you, 'Hank,'" answered Evans as he smashed the ball for two bases.

Several newspaper men cornered Captain P. L. Huston the other day and began firing questions at him about his new team. "Hold fast," said the Captain. "I pay Harry Sparrow and 'Bill' Donovan to know the baseball workings. If you want a drink come with me."

Lee Magee says that this slavery business is getting so prevalent in baseball now that ball players insist upon being served beans occasionally instead of tenderloin and chicken.

Four National League managers spent the better part of four days trying to outwit one another in trades and then all went home convinced that the other knew as much about David Harum as there is to know.

Edward G. Barrow, chief investigator of the International League, is certain that there is no money in the hands of any baseball men, especially among the National Leaguers.

"New York is overrun with baseball," said Harry N. Hempstead, president of the Glaziers, as he gave orders to enlarge the seating capacity of the Polo Ground.

"Jack" Ryder, Cincinnati's baseball historian, says that Federal League contracts are more rock bound than any ever perpetrated by organized baseball. And "Jack" is mighty friendly to August Herrman.

With the Westward marching of the Yankee pitchers the official bulletin can be issued that "Spring has come."

Walker Pipp, who has never played major league ball, and Hugh High, a substitute of one year's experience, are holding out for a regular's salary, just because they are wanted to play with the Yankees. Cold and calculating some of these business methods.

Konetchey, first base, Yerkes, second base; Berghammer, shortstop, and Austin, third base, sounds like a major league infield, but "Barney" Dreyfus says it lacks class.

Since Charles Welch Murphy vaulted out of baseball Byron Bancroft Johnson has had to turn to James A. Gilmore to get rid of the overconfidence enjoyed by the American League and James A. Gilmore takes a keen delight in delving into the archives of baseball deep enough to learn some of the history of Byron Bancroft Johnson.

It's a merry life provided you don't own a ball club in a minor league and have to rely on the patronage of the majors to exist.

Not to be outdone in the publicity market, the National League has accepted the defy of the American and now is prepared to go it alone.

Politically reports have it that the Nationals and Americans are near the severance of relations.

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We offer this—not as a boast—but as certain evidence that proves how Goodyear Tires are winning pluralities throughout the Dominion.

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I MUST SMOKE!

WRESTLING NOTES.
Dan McDonald has announced that he intends bringing some good wrestlers to St. John in the near future.

Harry Luddecke last night said he was ready to meet any wrestler at 160 pounds, and as he is anxious for a return match with Jim Prokos he is willing to meet the latter at any weight.

A CHALLENGE.
The Canadian Express Hockey Team hereby challenge the Dominion Express Company to a game of hockey in the Queens rink. Please answer through this paper not later than February 15th, 1915.

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TAXATION OF VACANT LANDS BEFORE COMMISSIONERS AGAIN

The new Broad Bylaw opposed by delegation - Sugar Refinery workmen and the Head Tax - Some pertinent enquiries by workmen.

The city commissioners yesterday afternoon heard a delegation of bakers and citizens in reference to the proposed changes in the by-law relating to the sale of bread, and postponed the second reading of the by-law until the next meeting.

W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. asked to be supplied with information concerning the purchase of horse, and Commissioner McLellan said he would answer the questions.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The council then went into committee of the whole to hear the broad delegation.

Mr. Robinson spoke on behalf of the delegation and pointed out that bread weighing one pound six ounces was being offered in wrappers.

HIGH STANDARD FOR FAMILIES

Mrs. John A. McAvity Lectured Before Ladies of Natural History Society.

Mrs. John A. McAvity gave a very instructive lecture on the "Family in its Sociological Aspects," before the Ladies' Association of the Natural History Society yesterday.

In her lecture, which was made up of extracts culled from the latest works on this subject, Mrs. McAvity drew attention to the many social evils under the weight of which the human race today is struggling.

The Trades and Labor Council also asked that bread be sold by the weight by all dealers. This was referred to Commissioner McLellan.

That a bill be prepared and submitted for enactment at the coming session of the legislature amending the "Saint John City Assessment Act, 1909," by providing that in making up the assessment for the city of St. John in each year hereafter, it shall be the duty of the board of assessors of taxes for the said city to assess all vacant and unoccupied lands within the city at double the tax rate assessed upon occupied land.

Around the City

Resisted Arrest. Yesterday afternoon the I.C.R. police arrested John Murphy and Wm. Gibson for being drunk in the I.C.R. depot.

Liquor Case Up Today. The charge of selling liquor to soldiers preferred against James Ryan will be heard in the police court this morning at eleven o'clock.

To Film The Soldiers. Arrangements have been completed for taking moving pictures of the 26th Battalion. An operator arrived here last night and on Thursday afternoon the pictures will be taken of the soldiers in action.

Boys' Industrial Home. The A. Y. P. A. of St. Luke's Church went to the Boys' Industrial Home last evening and entertained the boys.

26th to Have Picture Taken. A camera man of the Universal Film Co. arrived from New York on the Boston Express last evening and will take a motion picture of the 26th Battalion Thursday afternoon between two and three o'clock.

A DISORDERLY HOUSE CASE IN POLICE COURT

Sheffield Street denizens arraigned - Officer visited resort on several occasions.

In the police court yesterday afternoon Elizabeth Morrison was charged with keeping a house of ill repute at 111 Sheffield street, while Kate Hamilton and May Thompson were charged with being inmates.

James McBride, a special officer, testified to seeing the defendants in the Sheffield street house. Witness said that Hamilton's reputation was not good, but he could not say anything against the house or the other two women.

The court suggested that in the future if the officer wished to get warm he had better go to one of the lock-ups. The officer said he was not supplied with a key to the lock-ups and he was told he had better get one.

Police officer Young was called and testified as to the bad reputation of the house kept by Elizabeth Morrison. The case was adjourned until noon today.

Ladies' Princess Overalls. A lady that does not appreciate the importance of looking neat and attractive when working around her own home lacks a sense of the fitness for things which is to be regretted.

NEW OFFICERS OF CANADIAN FISHERIES ASS'N

R. O'Leary, W. C. Loggie and Walter Leonard, New Brunswicks Representatives on Executive.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Officers of the new Canadian Fisheries Association, were elected today as follows:

President, D. A. Byrne, Montreal; first vice-president, S. Y. Wilson, Halifax; second vice-president, W. H. Barker, Vancouver; secretary-treasurer, F. W. Wallace, Montreal; executive committee, M. Lapointe, Ottawa; F. T. James, Toronto; J. Bowman, Port Arthur; Ontario, A. H. Whitman, Halifax; H. B. Short, Digby; W. H. Scott, Queensport, for Nova Scotia; Walter Leonard, St. John; R. O'Leary, Richibucto; W. C. Loggie, Chatham, for New Brunswick; Hon. J. McLean, Souris, for Prince Edward Island; J. A. Paulhus, A. S. Brittain, W. R. Spooner, Montreal, for Quebec; A. L. Hager, Peter Wallace, W. H. Greenwood, Vancouver, and H. S. Clements, M. P., Prince Rupert, for British Columbia.

FIVE STEAMERS DUE TO REACH WAR ZONE WITHIN A FEW DAYS

Portland, Maine, Feb. 16.—Five freight steamers, with cargoes including nearly one million bushels of grain, have left this port for England and Scotland since Feb. 6, and are due to be within the German war zone about the British Isles on or after Feb. 18.

BR. STEAMER STRIKES WINE AND SINKS

London, Feb. 16.—A despatch to Lloyds from Fecamp, France, says the British steamer Dulwich, Captain Dudley, bound from Hull for Rouen, was blown up yesterday evening, twenty-five miles off Cape Antifer, by two successive explosions.

The despatch says that seven men of the crew of the steamer arrived in Fecamp last night. They reported that none of the men on board the steamer had been injured, and that all of them could have made their escape in the lifeboats.

The Dulwich was a vessel of 3,289 tons, and was owned by the British Steamship Company.

OBITUARY. William Doherty. The death of William Doherty, formerly a member of the firm of Doherty & Foster, tailors, took place suddenly last evening in his home, 148 Douglas Avenue. Mr. Doherty had been about the city yesterday and last evening at his home when the summons came. He became weak and Dr. Hogan and Father Walsh were summoned. He passed away soon afterward.

Mr. Doherty had been a life-long resident of the city and for forty years carried on a tailoring business in Prince William street with Frank Foster, under the firm name of Doherty & Foster. He is survived by his wife, two sons, William and Frank in Montreal, and two daughters, Misses Julia and Mary at home, and one sister, Mrs. B. Kane of this city. Arrangements for the funeral will be made later.

VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES. The annual meeting of the St. John branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses will be held on Thursday afternoon, the 18th inst., at 4.30 p. m., in Trinity church school room.

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Building or Remodeling. If you are building or remodeling your present home, you will be interested in our line of BUILDERS HARDWARE. Cement, Nails, Beaver Board, Oils, Building Paper, Roofing Paper, Locks, Hinges, Glass, Paints, Mantels, Grates, Tiles, Steel Ceiling, etc.

Emerson & Fisher Ltd. STORES OPEN AT 9 A.M. AND CLOSE EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK AT 6 O'CLOCK. Clearance Sale of Linen Room Odds and Ends Continued Today. Bargains Now in Men's and Boys' Garments At the February Sale of Clothing. There is a Saving of from One-Fifth to One-Third at This ANNUAL SPRING SALE OF MEN'S FURNISHINGS.