

WOMEN PREPARE TO MEET ANY EMERGENCY WHICH MAY ARISE

Determined Members of All Classes Form an Emergency Corps--Are Taught Signaling, Despatch-riding, Field Cooking and Regular Infantry Drill.

London, Jan. 28.—We read in despatches that at least fifty German women fighting in the trenches in men's clothing have been taken captive by the Russians near Warsaw. If the Germans ever invade Great Britain, and the situation becomes desperate, they will be faced by an army of English Amazons, carefully drilled and trained to the use of the rifle, compared to which these Teutonic women warriors are a mere bagatelle.

When I first heard of the Women's Volunteer Reserve, I thought it was a joke, or rather a new ebullition of the suffragette class, but after a visit to Old Bedford College and a view of the determined women perspiring through their military drills, I must confess that my feelings have changed.

It is not to be concluded that the women will rush to the coast and fight the moment the Germans make a landing. They will take up the rifle only when Great Britain is in desperate straits. Till such an unhappy time the Reserve will simply act as a disciplined body of women, skilled in first-aid, cooking, despatch-riding on motor cycles, signalling, and the care of horses.

"At the same time the rifle is not being neglected," said Viscountess Castlereagh, the Colonel-in-Chief, of the Women's Emergency Corps. "All the women are spending time in the private rifle ranges and there are some astonishingly good shots among them. There is no reason in the world why a woman cannot be as good a marksman as a man."

commissions are granted except for merit. When women are adjudged competent to teach the drill the regular army officers drop out in their favor.

"The Reserve is strictly non-partisan and non-sectarian. No women of wealth are permitted to buy commissions, although there have been many attempts of this sort.

"I can show you a titled woman and one of her own servants drilling here side by side. This is not an isolated instance either, there are several such."

Prevents Foolish Action.

At first the fear was expressed that if women were taught the use of a rifle, the Germans would charge "snapping" and ferocious reprisals would be the result, but now it is realized that the organizing of the women will prevent, instead of encourage, foolish individual action, such as is certain to take place in moments of great danger among an unorganized populace. The helpless rabble of Belgium women and children refugees fleeing they knew not whither, will not be repeated in Great Britain.

No woman is permitted to enter the Reserve without a careful physical examination. Women doctors from the city hospitals see to this in their hour off. The women of the Reserve must be over 18 and under 40 years of age.

Special attention has been paid to signalling practice, as this is an important branch of warfare in which it is unanimously agreed that the female sex may be of service. There are many professional women telegraphers in the Reserve. Instruction is given in Morse and semaphore signalling by flags and also by sound. Other branches of instruction include open air cooking, despatch-riding, carpentering, fencing and Swedish drills.

The movement is spreading all over the islands, rapidly overcoming the indifference which it generally met at first. A vivid description of the condition of women in the war districts of Belgium and France and an explanation of how their sufferings might have been mitigated by proper preparation and organization is usually sufficient to convert every "doubting Thomas."

Branches are especially active in centres where there is a large population of working girls. Of course, there is a large proportion of the militant suffragettes. The latter have transferred their energy in this direction. The suffragettes believe they can, by their conduct, in case of an invasion of Britain, present an unanswerable argument for the ballot.

The sight of women drilling may be seen at many big halls in London. Two favorites are Knights Bridge Hall and the Armory of the London Scottish at Buckingham Gate. The majority of the women are clothed in khaki. Their suits consist of skirt, coat, brown shoes, spats puttees and hats. The cost of this uniform is \$12.50. Most of the women buy their own suits. The reserve is so far entirely self-supporting.

Government Permission.

The government has not as yet given permission to the women to carry rifles. The women do not anticipate trouble in this direction, however. They say they hope the necessity for their shouldering the musket

THE SPORT REVIEW

INTERCOLLEGIATE SKI CARNIVAL AT DARTMOUTH.

McGill Will Compete—Whitby Ladies' Hockey Team Claims To Be the Best in Ontario.

John M. Ward, who has withdrawn from the business management of the Brooklyn Federals, says that in due time there will be another major league circuit to work in harmony with the Federals, and that some day there will be two world's championships to be decided in the fall.

President Gilmore denies a report that Fred Falckenberg, pitcher for the Indianapolis Federal league team would be transferred to the Brooklyn club.

The Detroit News publishes a picture of Freddie Welsh wrestling with a calf as a training stunt. Throwing the calf is a new one for a boxer; usually it is the bull he throws.

Arrangements have been completed whereby the McGill Ski Club will compete at the winter carnival to be held at Dartmouth on February 11th. This is to take the form of a big intercollegiate meet and is to be held under the auspices of the Dartmouth Outing Club. Many universities will be represented at this meeting, including Yale, Harvard, Minnesota, Dartmouth, McGill. The meet will include snowshoe races and ski races both in the sprints and longer distances. These races will be open to any students of any American or Canadian university. The feature of the meet will be a four-mile ski relay race between Dartmouth and McGill, over an eight-mile course. This race is confined to the two universities.

Toronto News: Winners in three Junior O. H. A. groups have been declared. Varsity, despite their defeat by T. R. and A. A., last night, are easy winners in their section, Berlin Union Jacks have qualified in Group 9, while Hamilton Juniors have reached the second round. The big surprise was the downfall of "Jim" Sutherland's Frontenacs, who had the tables turned on them by Kingston C. I.

Varsity will likely use Wilkinson, the Galt recruit, in the nets in the intercollegiate series. Levesque, the good net guardian in the O. H. A. series, is not eligible for the college games.

The Whitby ladies' hockey team probably the speediest team of girls in Ontario, are ready to play the ladies' team in Ontario at home or abroad. Robert Deverell is manager. On the team are the sisters of two of Whitby's star players, Artie Blanchard and "Dinner" Smith. The team consists of Miss Gates, Miss Amy Ross, Miss May Thompson, Miss Nellie Blanchard, Miss Lena Smith, Miss Flo Ward, and Mrs. Bryant. Miss Blanchard's stick-handling is the feature of the Whitby team's play. They have been together for several years, and in that time have beaten Stirling, Haileybury, Cobalt, Ingersoll, and Oshawa. Mr. Deverell is anxious to have his team meet the best ladies' seven in Toronto.

When the 1915 season opens the White Sox will have Bert Shotton, St. Louis Brown, centre fielder, or one of the Monnd City's left-handed twirlers, if plans of Manager Rowland of Chicago, and Manager Ricky, of St. Louis are completed.

St. Catharines will be represented at a meeting to be held at Hamilton on February 6th to form a new semi-professional soccer football league composed of teams from Toronto, Hamilton, St. Catharines, and Galt.

Jess Willard arrived at El Paso, Texas, yesterday to begin training for his fight with "Jack" Johnson in Juarez, March 6th, for the heavyweight championship.

Seven stakes events for a total of \$7,000 features the annual ice club meet of the Hull Driving Club, which will take place on the Ottawa river from Jan. 28th to Feb. 3rd. Three races will be run off each day, the best three out of five heats settling the events, as usual. Each day

IT WILL COST \$8,000 TO PUT THE OLD FAIR GROUNDS IN SHAPE.

City Property Committee Will Ask the Fair Association What Financial Offer It Has To Make.

The fair grounds discussion was resumed on Wednesday afternoon when the city property committee met. At a previous session a sub-committee, including Aids. McCann and Clugston and the city engineer was appointed to make an inspection of the fair buildings and report at this meeting. This was done, and the city engineer stated that \$8,000 would place the buildings and fence in good condition.

This would be too much money to spend on such a proposition Aid. Wormwith said. The Kingston Industrial Fair Association does not offer enough inducement to go ahead with these repairs.

It was decided to ask the fair association what it would be willing to do if the city made the repairs.

Aid. Gardiner thought it would be a good scheme to get all the smaller fairs held about Kingston, amalgamated into one. Brockville has done so said Aid. Gardiner and made a wonderful success of it. This is what Kingston should do. Aid. Gardiner said that unless this is done there is no use spending money on repairing the buildings at the fair grounds.

Those present at the meeting were: Aids. J. S. R. McCann (chairman) Wormwith, Gardiner and Clugston.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

A Newark, N. J. Bank Cuts A \$7,000,000 "Melon."

Newark, N. J., Jan. 27.—A special dividend of 350 per cent. totalling \$7,000,000, was declared by directors of the Fidelity Trust company.

The declaration of the dividend was due primarily to the sale of approximately 20,000 shares of stock in the Prudential Insurance company of America, which was recently mutualized.

In addition to declaring the extra dividend, the directors voted a bonus of 10 per cent. of salaries to all employees.

Less Than 50 P.C. Capacity.

New York, Jan. 27.—The mills of the United States Steel Corporation continue to operate less than 50 per cent. capacity, but there is likely to be an increase before the close of the month.

Since January 1st incoming business has been at the rate of about 25,000 tons a day, compared with 30,000 in December. The corporation in full operation produces around 45,000 tons.

Had a Fine Year.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—The annual meeting of the Hollinger Gold Mines, Limited, will be held in Montreal on Feb. 2nd. During the year the company made profits amounting to \$1,786,679.66 and that during the year \$1,170,000 was paid in dividends. The total amount carried forward to the credit of the profit and loss account is \$1,136,743.

Lumbermen After Business.

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 27.—It is being urged among lumbermen on the Pacific Coast that samples of the woods of British Columbia be sent to England that they may be shown to be as good, if not better, than the lumber which English dealers are purchasing through their United States agents.

Company To Develop Coal Mines.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 27.—In order to develop the immense fields of lignite coal in the southern part of Saskatchewan, the formation of a company, composed of Regina business men, is being proceeded with.

Commercial Notes.

New York bankers hear that a loan of \$100,000,000 will be made by United States interests to Canada.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works has received an order from the French government for 100 locomotives for immediate delivery.

An advance in Jupiter shares on the Standard Exchange, Toronto was due to a report that the Crown Reserve is negotiating for an option on the property.

A Chicago Board of Trade membership has been sold at \$2,450 net to the buyer, up \$50 from the last previous sale.

A syndicate composed of some prominent Montrealers has just secured the Canadian rights for what is known in the United States as the "Spangler Cap" to take the place of cork and other stoppers now in use on bottles.

At Sydney, Australia, at the wool sales, the auctioneer refused a German buyer's bid for a certain lot of the material. A dispute followed, and when the lot was re-submitted for sale it was knocked down to a French firm at the price the German had offered.

The man who can make children smile does not need to worry over his inability to preach sermons.

GERMAN CUPERS.

General Made False Statement in Interview.

Berne, Jan. 28.—General Von Falkenhayn's statement in an interview to a representative of the Associated Press, that Germany has no copper mines, is incorrect. Germany has large argentiferous copper mines, principally near Mansfeld, Saxony. Twenty-five thousand German workmen are employed in refining copper alone.

Commander Refused To Leave.

Paris, Jan. 28.—Details of the loss of the French submarine Saphir show that she penetrated the Dardanelles on January 17th, as far as Narzo. Diving to pass under Turkish mines, she struck the bottom of the channel and was badly damaged. Her commander skillfully brought her to the surface, saving the crew, but refused to leave the boat himself and went down with the submarine, which sank quickly.

REOPEN PARIS MUSEUMS.

Many Art Treasures Did Not Leave City.

Paris, Jan. 28.—Despite the semi-panic in this city, resulting from the approach of the German army in August, it seems, according to the Figaro, that many of the most famous art treasures in the Paris museums never actually left the city, though they were removed from their usual positions.

Over thirty immense chests filled with pictures, were sent to railway stations for trans-shipment to the provinces, but the greater part of them never started. The Figaro does not say whether the authorities regarded the journey more dangerous than the Germans, but concludes with the hint that the cases were guarded with due care.

The authorities are now restoring them to the museums, which they hope to re-open toward the end of February.

FOOTWEAR FOR FRANCE.

1,500,000 Pairs of Socks Ordered in Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Jan. 28.—The French government has ordered 1,500,000 pairs of woolen socks a Sharon (Pa.) mill, according to reports current in street circles here to-day. The order is for French soldiers, and quick delivery is requested, in order to fill the order in time, the company has leased a knitting mill at Corry and another at Niagara Falls. That the French government is also in the market for shoes is reported from Philadelphia firms who have been asked to quote prices.

TO HOODWINK BRITISH.

New German Society Will Ship Wheat as Gift.

Berne, Jan. 28.—Learn from Berlin that the German government has organized a powerful society in the United States, composed of German and German-Americans, to insure the import of feedstuffs ostensibly for the use of the civil population in Germany.

In order to hoodwink the British naval authorities, the shiploads if necessary will be sent as gifts.

Herr Ballin, managing director of the Hamburg-American line, is primarily responsible for this organization.



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It was also pointed out to me by one of the officers of the Women's Reserve that women bear certain forms of hardship better than men. It is a well-known physiological fact that women are less susceptible to cold and wet than the stronger sex. Their bodies are better protected by fatty tissue. This is seen on the bathing beach where women are able to enjoy themselves on chilly days when most of the men seek the clubhouse. The same conditions should be true in dumpy trenches. It is also accepted that a woman, once her nervousness is over and her determination inspired, can stand more physical pain than man.

"In fact," said my woman informant, "the only way the women would be inferior to men soldiers would be in the long marches."

At Old Bedford College, which is the headquarters of the Women's Emergency Corps, I found Col. Viscountess Castlereagh and the Hon. Evelina Haverfield, Honorary Colonel at work with their recruits. Mrs. Haverfield is remembered for her carefully organized remount camp, which she built up at the time of the Boer War.

Nearly a hundred women were going through the regular army infantry drill. They were not women of leisure either. Most of them had put through a day's toil already in an office or along some professional line. Several regular army officers in uniform were present to assist in the work. The war officers at first took a contemptuous attitude towards this movement, but they have come to see the value of it just as the usefulness of the Boy Scouts is now generally recognized.

I had an interview with Capt. Adair-Roberts, the woman drill officer. "We are following the regular army rules throughout," she said. "No

Some Goats, Jeff, Yes Indeed, Some Goats : : : : : By "Bud Fisher"

