

# LAUREATE URGES CHECK ON FOOTBALL

### Robert Bridges Tells Britons Apathy Toward Crisis Is Traitorous.

## GAME GOES MERRILY ON

Record of 4700 Matches on Single Saturday Shows 140,000 Men of Suitable Age for Army Were Engaged in Sport.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The warfare between those who want professional football continued during wartime and those who think that the players and employees of the football clubs ought to be at the front, has been going on merrily, with the poet laureate as the latest contributor to the discussion. Recently the playing of international matches was discontinued.

The chief argument of those who oppose the discontinuance of the games, which have drawn every Saturday evening larger crowds than the American baseball world's series contests, is that the loss of the millions of dollars which the football "magnates" pay out for salaries and other expenses would be a crushing economic blow to a large class.

### Sporting Writer Defends Game.

The sporting editor of the Daily News, for instance, said: "I contend that football is an absolute necessity to the community. Stop it and you will drive the men who are making guns, ammunition, uniforms, boots, etc., into wilderness of the drink-shops Saturday afternoon. The men who are fighting and will fight later on, or who are doing the Nation's urgent work at home, have selected professional football as their mode of weekly relief from the worries of their labor."

The other side of the argument was presented in an open letter from Dr. Robert Bridges, the poet laureate. He said:

"I voice the feeling of the country in declaring it is high time professional football should be discontinued. The sightseeing crowds are not so much to blame, I hope, as they appear to be; I take it they are ignorantly misled by the small body of men who cater for them.

### Poet Would Call Halt.

"The whole nation is mourning for those falling in defense and I would suggest that the horrible death of Lord Roberts is such an occasion as may well serve these football managers as a motive for fixing the term for the cessation of their public entertainments. Our enemies calculated on finding the mass of our people apathetic. If any class is showing itself so, they are traitors and more dangerous than the Germans themselves. It is high time that our footballers let the world see what they are really made of.

As showing the extent to which football still holds the attention of a large public, on one Saturday recently there were 4700 matches played in the British Isles, not including boys' matches. It follows that over 140,000 men of the right sort for recruiting were kicking a football about over here, more patriotic comrades were being heavily shelled in Flanders.

## SUBMARINES IN VIEW

### AMERICAN BUILDERS EXPECT CONTRACTS AT HOME.

Schwab Tells Bryan He Will Seek Contracts Abroad for Armor Plate, Which Is Not Objected To.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The probability that the United States Navy will be in the market next year for a considerable number of submarine torpedo boats is deterring American shipbuilders from seeking contracts among the belligerent nations for underwater fighters. E. J. Powell, president of the Fore River Ship Building Company, one of the allied concerns of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, told Secretary Daniels today his firm did not intend to build submarines for any European power.

"We are just now busy," Mr. Powell said, "building submarines for the United States Navy. It is understood that the probability that Congress will appropriate for more than eight submarines and possibly for 15 has been taken into consideration by American builders.

A communication has been received by Secretary Bryan from Charles M. Schwab, of the Steel Corporation, in reply to the Government's recent inquiry as to the extent to which the corporation planned to export materials for warship construction. Until he has had time to prepare a statement of the Department's views on the neutrality questions involved, Mr. Bryan refused to disclose the contents of the letter. It is understood, however, that no reference to submarines was made, the letter indicating the Corporation's intention to look abroad for contracts for armor plate, against exportation of which, it is said, no obstacle has been raised.

## GERMANS AVOID OFFENSE

Insults of Rulers of Enemies Condemned Semi-Officially.

BERLIN, Nov. 25.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—A semi-official request has been issued to the press through the North German Gazette, to avoid insulting language about the rulers of the countries with which Germany is at war. It quotes Treitschke's words: "War is a sacred matter," and says the present war has called forth and intensified all the noble qualities lying dormant in the souls of the people.

The newspaper declares that caricatures of King George, the Czar and President Wilson are often exhibited in shop windows which do no credit to the dignity of the German people, and it contends that Germany must show itself superior to her foes, not only on the battlefield, but also in the intellectual weapons of warfare employed.

## FAIR IS ON, DESPITE WAR

Moore Says Exposition Will Open Promptly February 20.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—So many inquiries have reached the Panama-Pacific International Exposition from correspondents all over the country who have heard that on account of the European war it had been decided

to postpone the Exposition, that the following statement was issued here tonight by President Moore:

"Before the beginning of the European conflict there were 43 states and territories participating in the Exposition. There has been no withdrawal and Japan, the Netherlands and Argentina have asked for additional space.

"Both Great Britain and Germany, although never officially participating, will have large and important buildings and exhibits in spite of the war, as will France, Italy, Turkey, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Japan. "Three months before the opening day exhibits have arrived from England, Cuba, China, Japan, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, Argentina, the Philippines, Hawaii and the Netherlands. A United States Government vessel is en route with exhibits from several countries in the war zone. "The Exposition is 27 per cent completed and will be 100 per cent completed on the opening day, February 20, 1915. At this time the weekly attendance averages more than 60,000. The largest day was November 8, when all pre-exposition records were shattered with a total of 87,100."

## PLAGUE IS CONTROLLED

### CATTLE QUARANTINE LIKELY TO END BY FIRST OF YEAR.

Cost to Federal Government Already Estimated at \$1,200,000—Houston Says Panic Is Unjustified.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Officials of the Department of Agriculture believe the foot and mouth disease among cattle will be completely under control by the first of the year. F. Johnson, of Denver, manager of the Western National Stock Show, scheduled to be held next January, discussed the situation with Secretary Houston and Dr. Melvin, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, today. Both officials, Johnson said, urged that the show be postponed three or four weeks to make safety certain.

Mr. Johnson said he had been informed the present outbreak already had cost the Government nearly \$1,200,000, largely in payment for the slaughter of infected cattle and to maintain a force of 700 inspectors in the field. The Government pays half of the appraised value of such cattle, the rest being cared for by the respective states. An emergency appropriation to meet the expenses of this outbreak was under consideration by Secretary Houston. Mr. Johnson said and also the possibility of the creation of a contingent fund for use in future epidemics. Secretary Houston declared there was no reason for panic and the slaughter of breeding animals, Johnson said, and urged patience among cattlemen, as a few weeks would see the disease stamped out.

## WOMAN SHOTS AT GRAVE

Friend's Burial Unnerves Miss Who Falls Across Mound of Earth.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—As mourners turned from the grave of Richard R. Levin, buried at Oakwoods Cemetery today, Miss Maude N. Gregg, 29 years old, shot herself and fell across the mound of freshly turned earth. She was carried to an automobile, which had been part of the funeral procession, and hurried to a hospital, where it was reported later she probably would die.

Levin, who was 33 years old, was secretary of a roofing company and a close friend of Miss Gregg. He was killed Wednesday morning when an automobile in which he was riding was struck by a motor passenger train.

Miss Gregg had attended the funeral with her mother and a cousin.

John Carlson, Clackamas, Passes.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special)—John Carlson, a native of Sweden, but a resident of Clackamas County for many years, died at his home in the Colton district Tuesday night after a long illness. He is survived by a widow and several children.



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Dainty Shadow Lace All-overs in a wonderful variety of patterns. Good wide widths suitable for caps, yokes, waists, etc. Regular 48c line, priced for this sale at 25¢.

Our Store Opens 8:30 A. M. Daily Saturday At 9 A. M.



Our Store Closes 5:30 P. M. Daily Saturday At 6 P. M.

**Shadow Laces, Yard 10¢ 25c and 35c Grades**  
12 to 18-inch Shadow Laces in a fine assortment of patterns especially suitable for flouncings, overskirts and drapes. Regular 25c and 35c values, priced at 10¢

# Great Crowds of Xmas Shoppers Are Coming Now

## Christmas Gifts For Men



For the past month we have been making careful preparations for the finest display of appropriate gifts for men possible to obtain. It is therefore with the greatest confidence that we invite your inspection of our splendidly selected stocks, and call your particular attention to the following under-priced offerings:

**Men's Silk Four-in-Hand Ties**  
Made with wide open ends. All new patterns and colorings. Best 39¢ 50c grade, on sale at . . . . .

Concerning the advantage of making selections here and now, we can scarcely speak with too much assurance. These are all brand-new Ties, made of fine durable silk and shown in a full assortment of patterns in neat and attractive colorings. They come in the popular four-in-hand style with wide, open ends and are the kind sold everywhere at 50c, on sale here at 39¢.

**10c Handkerchiefs, 8¢; 3 for 45¢**  
Men's Linen-finished Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and with embroidered initial in corner. Regular 10c grade at 8¢ each, or 6 in a fancy holiday box for . . . . . 45c

**15c Handkerchiefs, 12½¢, 6 for 70¢**  
Men's Linen-finished Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and with embroidered initial in corner. Regular 15c grade at 12½¢ each, or 6 in a fancy holiday box for . . . . . 70c

**Bath Robes, \$7.50 Grade at \$5.98**  
Beacon Blanket Bath Robes for Men, shown in styles with shawl-collar, button-front and pockets; many patterns and colorings. Regular \$7.50 grade, priced for this . . . . . \$5.98

**Suspender Sets, \$1.25 Values at 99¢**  
A fine lot of Men's Suspender Sets, all-elastic Suspenders with Garters to match. They come in many colors and in fancy holiday box. Regular \$1.25 values, priced for this sale at . . . . . 99c

## Come Select Your Dolls Here, Now!

And Profit by These Price Reductions  
Don't wait until everyone else has had the pick of the stock and the best are gone; make your selections now, and they will be carefully wrapped, put away and delivered when desired. This lot of special offerings for tomorrow and the next day:

- \$3.00 Large Jointed Doll, 25 inches high, at . . . . . \$1.98
- \$2.50 Large Jointed Dolls, 24 inches high, at . . . . . \$1.49
- 20-inch Kid Body Dolls, reduced to . . . . . 79c
- 20-inch Kid Body Dolls, specially priced at . . . . . \$1.00
- 24-inch Kid Body Dolls, specially priced at . . . . . \$2.25
- 35c Character Dolls, all kinds, priced at . . . . . 25c
- Teddy Bears, 25¢ to \$3.50; \$1.00
- Stuffed Animals, 15¢ to . . . . . \$1.00
- Rubber Balls, 15¢ to \$1; 50c
- Children's Books, 5¢ to . . . . . 50c

Every department is busy now and growing more so every day, which means that our untiring efforts to fill the store with the BEST in Christmas merchandise are appreciated by our store friends throughout the city and vicinity. May we offer a very important suggestion for your benefit as well as ours? Don't delay your Christmas shopping. There are many reasons why it is to your advantage to come and make your selections from our stocks at once. Perhaps the most important is, while we have crowded every part of our building with beautiful gift things, the very choicest must necessarily go to those who come first. Don't wait until you have decided upon what you are going to give. You can decide at once when you come here—inspired by the sight of the magnificent showing of acceptable articles.

## Another Out-of-the-Ordinary Showing and Sale of the Most Beautiful New Silks

Charming and dainty patterns and the most wanted plain shades in weaves and colorings suitable for waists, dresses, trimmings and all sorts of fancy work. **Regular 85c to \$1 Qualities at 69¢ Yd**  
Come Early. First Choice Is Best  
Here is proof positive that holiday buying can be accomplished here with the maximum of comfort and minimum of money. You have choice from regular 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 Silks tomorrow at the remarkably low price, the yard . . . . . 69c

## December Price Reduction Sale of Women's Winter Coats at ½

The latest models in Arabian and Baby Lamb, Cravenetted Balmacaan, White Chinchilla, etc.; all sizes in **\$12.50** values up to \$25, clearance price for choice. . . . .  
Just ahead lies the "furious" part of Winter and just now is when the opportunity is given you economical, outdoor women to meet it safely, and at a saving. Each Coat embraced in this December Price Reduction Sale was planned with a view to practicability, to meet the purpose a Winter Coat is intended to meet, namely: **Satisfaction in Service.** Included are the latest and best models in Arabian and Baby Lamb, Cravenetted Balmacaans, White Chinchillas and a great many Novelties in high-grade fabrics. All sizes in values up to \$25.00, priced for **\$12.50**  
A Great Holiday Display of Bath Robes and Kimonos at All Prices From 98¢ Up to \$10.50

Wisely choosing is early choosing, so don't delay your visit to our Ready-to-Wear Section. We are offering the most attractive values in Women's Bath Robes, made of the popular Beacon Blankets. They come in various styles and patterns and in many colorings; all prices, **\$2.50 to \$8.50.** Kimonos also make a very acceptable gift. Our stock is complete, containing as it does all desirable styles, patterns and colorings in Crepes, Flannelettes, Messalines and Near Silk. All sizes at all prices from **98¢ up to \$10.00.**

## Entire Stock Xmas Gloves

One may feel absolutely safe in giving Gloves, for even if she receives duplicate pairs, yours will be quite as welcome. It is gratifying to know in advance that your gift will be appreciated—so give Gloves. For street and dress wear, and in a pretty holly box. These stocks respond nobly to the one who seeks superlative values in Christmas Gloves.  
**The La France Glove, made of high-grade French lambskin.** They are shown in black and white and all the best shades. All sizes. Priced for this sale . . . . . \$1.00  
**The Eudora Glove, made of fine French kid and shown in all colors, including black and white.** All sizes, priced for this sale at . . . . . \$1.50  
**Pique-Sewn Gloves, with Paris point or embroidered back.** a heavy, serviceable Glove, priced for this sale at only . . . . . \$1.50  
**Reynier Suede Gloves, pique sewn or overseam, shown in all the popular shades, priced for this sale at, the pair . . . . . \$1.50**

## Best Possible Values in Our Women's Hosiery

The most reliable makes are here in generous assortments. No matter what your particular Hosiery may be, plain knitting or novelty effects, you'll find in our Hosiery Section the best possible selection to be had—and by far and away best values.

**Phoenix Silk Hose, Guaranteed—All 75c**  
Sizes in Black and Best New Shades  
The Phoenix Hosiery is fully guaranteed to wear to your satisfaction. The Stockings in this sale are made full fashioned with double heels and toes and are shown in all sizes in black and in the wanted new colors.  
**Long-Wear Hose for Women Specially Priced at Three Pairs for \$1.00**  
Full-fashioned Stockings, made from a fine mercerized yarn and with six-thread heel and toe. They come with a perfect-fitting leg and foot and in all sizes in white, black and the best shades of tan. 3 pairs **\$1.00—pr. 35¢**