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HONOLULU DEPOSIT

LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS		
	Cents	Dollars
96° Centrifugals N. Y. Per lb. Per ton.	4.80	\$96.00
Price, Hawaiian basis	4.80	\$96.00
Last Previous Quota-tion	4.765	\$95.30

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WASHINGTON WANTS MINES CLEARED OUT OF SEA LANES

United States Suggests To Great Britain and Germany That This Would Be In the Interest of Humanity and Neutral Shipping

LEGITIMATE COMMERCE ENTITLED TO SAFETY

Downing Street Considers Latest American Note Regarding 'War Zone' and Proposed Embargo On Foodstuffs Export Trade

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, February 26.—The United States has suggested, informally, to the governments of Great Britain and Germany that, in the interests of humanity and for the safeguarding of legitimate commerce using the waters of the English Channel and the North Sea, the mines which have been spread broadcast by the belligerents in their hostilities be removed.

AREA IS DEFINED

It is not suggested that the mines planted for the necessary protection of the coasts of the belligerents or for the defense of their harbors be removed, but only those upon the seas and the waters used by neutral shipping.

This informal suggestion is not to be confused with the secret note sent to Great Britain, which deals with a wider matter, the nature of which will not be given publicity until some formal reply is received from Great Britain and her allies.

WAR RISK RAISED

In view of the extra hazards now imposed upon neutral shipping approaching British ports, all these reports have been included as among those requiring special rates for insurance in the war risk government insurance bureau. An order to this effect was posted yesterday by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

LATEST NOTE CONSIDERED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) LONDON, February 26.—The latest American note dealing with the safety of American shipping in British and German waters, the contents of which are being kept secret, was taken up for discussion in the cabinet meeting yesterday. It is known that the note deals with the question of the establishment of the German war zone of all British and French waters and the effect of the threatened British embargo upon all foodstuffs consigned to Germany, either by direct shipment to German ports or to German consignees through neutral ports.

ATTITUDE OF BRITISH

No intimation of the attitude to be taken by the government has leaked out, but the press and the public, taking for granted that the American note suggests that Great Britain do not carry out its threatened embargo, Germany in return to cease its efforts to enforce its submarine blockade of the British ports, have already expressed their disapproval of any such suggestion.

The British editorial writers take the ground that the advantages in the food situation are all on the side of Great Britain, and that its command of the sea is a grip on the throat of Germany which it would be foolish to loosen at this time.

TWO MORE SHIPS LOST

Yesterday two British steamers were sunk, by mines or torpedoes, one, the Deptford, south of Shields, near Newcastle, the other, the Western Coast, off Beachy Head. One sailor of the Deptford was lost, the others of the two crews being landed safely.

SUBMARINES SHIPPED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) GENEVA, Switzerland, February 25.—Three German submarines have been shipped overland to operate in the

ERUPTION OF PUNCHBOWL MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE

CRATER of Famous Old Punchbowl In Eruption, As Seen Last Night By Thousands of Carnival Revelers In City



Flames Belch Skyward From Crater While Repeated Explosions Rock Carnival City

SINISTER suggestions that the eruption of Punchbowl was almost due proved to be correct last night when the startled populace saw the crater suddenly burst into flame. The eruption was preceded by a severe explosion, these distinct craters shortly afterwards opening in different places near the crest and as many lava streams rolling down towards the Punchbowl and Makiki districts.

In spite of these alarming portents, however, the display, as once spectacular and terrifying, was greeted by cheers and no panic was evident. The prompt occurrence of the eruption at the exact time predicted at once gave rise to the idea that the King Carnival had something to do with it.

The Punchbowl eruption now has become worthy to be included among other volcanic phenomena, this being the third annual recurrence of it.

ERUPTION AFTER CONCERT

Chief Carnival Volcanologist James D. Dougherty, upon comparing notes with his trained observers, previously had announced that the eruption could be expected at a quarter past ten o'clock last night, the volcano having accommodately consented to wait until the massed band concert was over before it cut loose. The eruption did actually occur at twenty minutes past ten.

And for an hour thereafter the casual observer, say, ten miles out at sea, would have seen a spectacle sufficiently terrifying, for with experience of two past performances to their credit, H. M. Dennison's committee saw that Punchbowl did itself proud last night, putting on its very best eruption for the city. And this, by the way, was an event that

VIENNA LAYS CLAIM TO SUCCESSES IN WAR

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, February 26.—Reports given out at the Austro-Hungarian embassy, based on official dispatches from Vienna, state that the Austro-German forces have captured several Russian positions east of Krylow, taking five hundred and sixty prisoners. Vienna also reports that further progress is being made against the Russians south of the Dniester, where on February 21 and 22 the Russians lost heavily in killed and wounded, and had ten officers and 3338 men taken prisoners.

CAPTAIN ROTSLER KILLED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) BERLIN, February 26.—Capt. Kurd Rotsler, the general secretary of the German Olympic games, was among those killed in the recent fighting against the Russians in the Masurian Lakes district.

Adriatic Sea and the Mediterranean in assisting the Austrian submarines to operate against any shipping flying the British, French or Russian flag.

SENATE AGREES UPON NAVAL PROGRAM

Provision Is Made For Two Battleships, Additional Gunboat and Hospital Ship

HIGH POWER RADIO STATIONS INCLUDED

One of Them Will Be Built At Base in Pearl Harbor

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, February 26.—The senate yesterday agreed to the two-battleship program as contained in the Naval Appropriation Bill and made provision for the building of an additional gunboat and a hospital ship.

Among the items passed by the senate was one allowing \$5000 a year for the expenses of an advisory committee for the army and navy aeronautic corps and one of \$400,000 for the erection of high power radio stations to be operated in connection with the navy.

FOUR RADIO STATIONS

Four such stations are provided for, one at Panama, one on the coast of Southern California, one at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and one at the naval station at Sampa. These stations will operate with the Arlington station at Washington.

Among other legislation advanced by the senate yesterday was the passage on third reading of the Agricultural Appropriation Bill, with a total of \$8,800,000. In the bill is an item of \$250,000 with which to carry on the campaign for the eradication of the foot and mouth disease. Farm credits were included in the measure as it passed, these being added as an amendment.

EXTRA SESSION POSSIBLE

The possibility of an extra session of congress developed in the senate, where there are still a number of treaties and nominations to be considered.

President Wilson sent the senate the nomination of C. F. Holcomb as American district attorney at Shanghai.

WAVE OF DISTRESS SWEEPING AMERICA

President Sproule of Southern Pacific Says Clamor Against Public Business Is Cause

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

CHICAGO, February 26.—The United States today is in the midst of a period of unemployment and distress "the like of which the nation never saw before," said William Sproule, the president of the Southern Pacific western system, in the address delivered last night at the annual dinner of the Traffic Club.

President Sproule said that the present predicament of the American people may safely be attributed to the long continued clamor against all sorts of public business, which has been enacted in legislation and into various moves against business enterprises.

He predicted that the end of the present period of business depression will come only when conditions are altered so that returning prosperity for employers will spell prosperity for the employed.

STATE-WIDE PROHIBITION IS RESTORED BY IOWA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

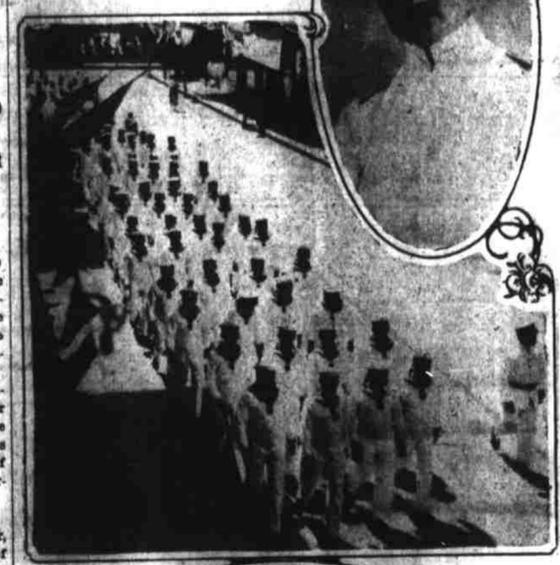
DES MOINES, Iowa, February 25.—Iowa will return to statewide prohibition in 1918. Following the state return the Governor signed the anti-saloon bill, which he had previously vetoed.

IDAHO IN LINE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) BOISE, Idaho, February 25.—The legislature today voted the state dry in 1918.

OFFICER OF CRUISER GEIER LAID AT REST WITH HONORS

PAYMASTER WALTER BRANDT, Whose Tragic Death Occurred Aboard German Cruiser Geier: Crew of Interned Warship Marching To Funeral: Pallbearers With Floral Offerings



Body of Paymaster Walter Brandt Buried In Nuuanu With Naval Ceremony

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WITH the simple but impressive burial service of the Kaiser's navy, the body of the late Walter Brandt, paymaster of the German interned cruiser Geier, was laid at rest in Nuuanu cemetery yesterday. The funeral was held from Williams' undertaking parlors at two o'clock in the afternoon. Capt. Graushof of the Geier officiating. He was assisted by Capt. Eismann, Lieutenant Portwich, Lieutenant Metzner, Lieutenant Mueller and First Engineer Hildebrand, also of the Geier.

Three hundred or more officers and members of the crew of the Geier, as well as the officers of the interned German vessels now in port, all in white uniform, followed the hearse to the cemetery. The pallbearers were members of the crew of the Geier, with whom Paymaster Brandt had been a great favorite.

Others who attended the services and marched in the funeral procession were Geo. F. Rodiek, German consul, and Herman P. Schultze, consul for Austria-Hungary.

Immense masses of floral tributes neatly covered the flag-draped casket. Floral offerings came from many

GERMANY CONFISCATES BUSINESS OF BELGIUM

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

BERNE, February 26.—A Brussels dispatch says that General von Bissing, the military governor of Belgium, has authorized the sequestration of all business enterprises in Belgium which are the property of the citizens of any country with which Germany is at war. These confiscated properties and businesses are to be administered in the interest of the German government.

VILLA TAKES GUADALAJARA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

MANZANILLO, Mexico, February 25.—General Villa today occupied Guadalajara. The Carranzistas are in full retreat before Villa.

ALLIES EXPECT BOTH RUMANIA AND ITALY TO JOIN IN WAR

London Reports That In West French Are Winning Fresh Territory, While British Monitors Resume Activity Along Coast

GERMANS ARE BLOCKED AT PRUSSIAN FRONTIER

Von Hindenburg Now Turns His Attention To An Attempt To Reach Warsaw From Northwest: Muscovites Oppose Him

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, February 26.—Foremost in the public attention now is the possibility that both Italy and Rumania will be actively in the war before more than a few weeks, the discussion of this phase of the war situation taking precedence in the press over the news of the fighting that is going on fiercely in both theaters of war.

In the west the French aggressive is winning them fresh territory almost daily in the Champagne and Argonne districts, while the British monitors have resumed their activities along the Belgian coast, yesterday shelling a number of German positions. The British heavy artillery also is active west of Ypres.

ANOTHER GERMAN MOVE

In the east, the Germans, having found it impossible to make headway from the East Prussian border and having been driven back in a number of places in their attempt to penetrate Russian territory, have turned their attention to an attempt to reach Warsaw from the northwest, through the Plock-Ostrolenka line.

Reports from Berlin state that this drive has carried the Germans as far as Przasnysz, which is sixty miles almost due north of Warsaw. This attempt, to be successful, means that the strong fortifications of Gorkovsk, twenty miles north of Warsaw, at the junction of the Vistula and Bug Rivers, must be reduced, a task regarded by Petrograd as an impossibility. The Berlin claims are that Przasnysz has been taken and that ten thousand Russians have been captured there.

HEAVY LOSSES IN SOUTH

The general fighting along the Russian southern front, in Western Galicia and the Carpathians, is continuing. Both sides are losing heavily in these engagements, the reports by way of Geneva stating that the Austro-German losses have been particularly severe.

The Evening News reports that the Russians have reinvaded Bukovina and reoccupied Saldagora. A battle is impending at Csernowitz.

PRZASNYSZ CAPTURED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) BERLIN, February 26.—Official.—"We have stormed and taken Przasnysz, with 10,000 prisoners and fifty cannon."

In Champagne the enemy's desperate efforts are unavailing. North of the Vistula we have taken 5000 Russians.

"The Russians have advanced south of the Vistula, greatly outnumbering us."

Constantinople claims to have won a victory in Transcaucasus against the Russian army.

GERMAN LINE BROKEN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) PETROGRAD, February 25.—Official.—"Two regiments of the Twenty-ninth division broke through the encircling Germans in the Masurian Lakes fighting and rejoined the main forces."

"The Germans' claim that the Russian tenth army has been annihilated in the East Prussia fighting is categorically denied. Fighting is general from the border to Bodzanow."