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Average price of copper for week ending Feb. 16—26.80.

Arizona—Unsettled, probably rain south

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COMMONS IN HUGE WAR CREDIT VOTE

Big Fund May Finance War Until End of May; Asquith Defends English Financial Policy in Loans.

CLAIM AMERICAN SHELLS DEFECTIVE

French Repulse Germans to South of Somme; Many Aerial Actions; Germans Check British Attempts.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The House of Commons passed new votes of credits for 420,000,000 pounds with which it is expected to carry the war to the end of May, bringing total war credits to 2,082,000,000 pounds sterling and which is, according to Premier Asquith "not only beyond precedent, but actually beyond the imagination of any financier of this or other country."

The point emphasized by Asquith is not the totals, but the fact of carefulness in holding down expenditures below five million pounds per day, which it is thought unlikely to be exceeded at any time. Touching the loan of England to her allies Asquith said it had grown nearly 169,000,000 pounds which must be added to the loans made by the Bank of England at the request of the government. The Chancellor of the Exchequer said: "The criticism has been made that we are not taking proper care to maintain credit, in particular of American exchange. We merely ask the House to compare our American exchange with that of any of the other belligerents. The present rate is four and seventy-six hundredths and the government does not wish to higher than that. It is still ten cents below normal, discouraging imports by keeping the exchange below par and checking export of gold."

Sir Joseph Warton, criticized the government for not carefully inspecting American shells, saying he was "informed that of twenty-eight shells recently fired by a howitzer at the front only four burst."

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The Germans were repulsed near Libons, south of the Somme River, by the French in an attack extending four and one-third miles. The offensive was preceded by a heavy bombardment of asphyxiating gas. When the Germans attempted to come from their trenches the French fire held them in check. The Germans in Artois were prevented from occupying the crater of a mine in a counter-attack by the French. There is much artillery activity in Champagne, the forest of Ardennes and the entire region of Verdun.

The Germans report additional repulses of British grenade attacks against captured positions on the Yser Canal, also the defeat of an Entente offensive on the Lens-Arras road. Numerous fights between German and French aviators are reported and aeroplane raids by French and British squadrons on the German aviation field at Habsheim, Mulhausen and the munitions factory at Pagny-sur-Meuse. British aircraft bombarded Don, southwest of Lille.

Little fighting is reported on the Eastern and Austro-Hungarian fronts. The Albanians are fighting for the Touts reported to have reached the Adriatic Sea west of Kavaya. Reports indicate the Austro-Hungarians and their allies are completely surrounded at Durazzo. In Asia Minor the Russians are persistently following the Turks who fled from Erzerum and also are pushing northward to the Black Sea to establish a base for warships and transports. A Turkish power station east of the Suez Canal was blown up by a British aviator.

COL. HALFORD SPEAKS
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Lieut. Col. Halford, an executive committee member of the Laymans Missionary Movement and Fred B. Fisher, for several years a missionary in India, were speakers at tonight's session of the Bay Cities Convention.

TO BUY JAP SHIPS
TOKIO, Feb. 21.—Russia is negotiating with Japan for the purchase of several warships captured in the Russo-Japanese war.

PRECEDENT HAD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Anthracite operators and representatives of 175,000 miners conferred on the arrangement of a new agreement to replace the one, expiring at the end of the month of March. The men's demands were referred to a joint sub-committee which organized and adjourned to meet Monday next. Thus, for the first time in history of joint hard coal wage conferences, the demands of the miners were not promptly rejected when formally presented. The mine workers were cordially received by the operators. The best of feeling prevailed.

REPUBLICANS START THEIR CAMPAIGN

Warren District Republican Club is Organized and Steps Taken to Nominate Ticket for City Elections.

W. R. TONKIN WILL HEAD THE BALLOT

Other Strong Men Are Selected for Aldermanic Berths. Vigorous Effort to Be Put Forth During Contest.

Launching what is termed by the leaders "A Winning Campaign in a Winning Year," Republicans, representing every ward in the city of Bisbee and others from points outside the city limits, met and organized last evening, the Warren District Republican Club. Though the meeting was not known to but a few, the attendance of both women and men was large and most enthusiastic.

W. R. Tonkin, of Ward 1, one of the best known of the younger men in the Warren District and for several years a leading light of the party, was urged to become the candidate for Mayor on the Republican ticket. At first, Mr. Tonkin was much averse to taking the nomination and not until much pressure had been brought to bear by his many friends did he agree to make the race. The petition for his nomination was practically signed last evening at the meeting.

In Tonkin the Republicans feel they have the winning timber. Though he has been active in politics for several years in Bisbee he has been a candidate in city politics but once. That took place two years ago when he was the Progressive candidate for Mayor. Upon that occasion he polled a large vote, which testified to the esteem in which he was held, personally and politically.

Many names were considered for the aldermanic ticket by the Club. In Ward 3, Bertram L. Smith, head of the produce firm of Buxton-Smith, appears to be the unanimous choice of most of the Republicans. As his running mate several are being mentioned. Griff Williams, who has already served on the council, is one possibility. L. M. Overlock is another and Frank Bennett is another. From this array of timber the Republicans feel that they will be able to select such that will make a fine line-up in the final election on May 22.

In Ward 2, C. W. Ruth is the favorite. Other possibilities in this ward are M. C. High and several whose names have not been put before any considerable number of voters.

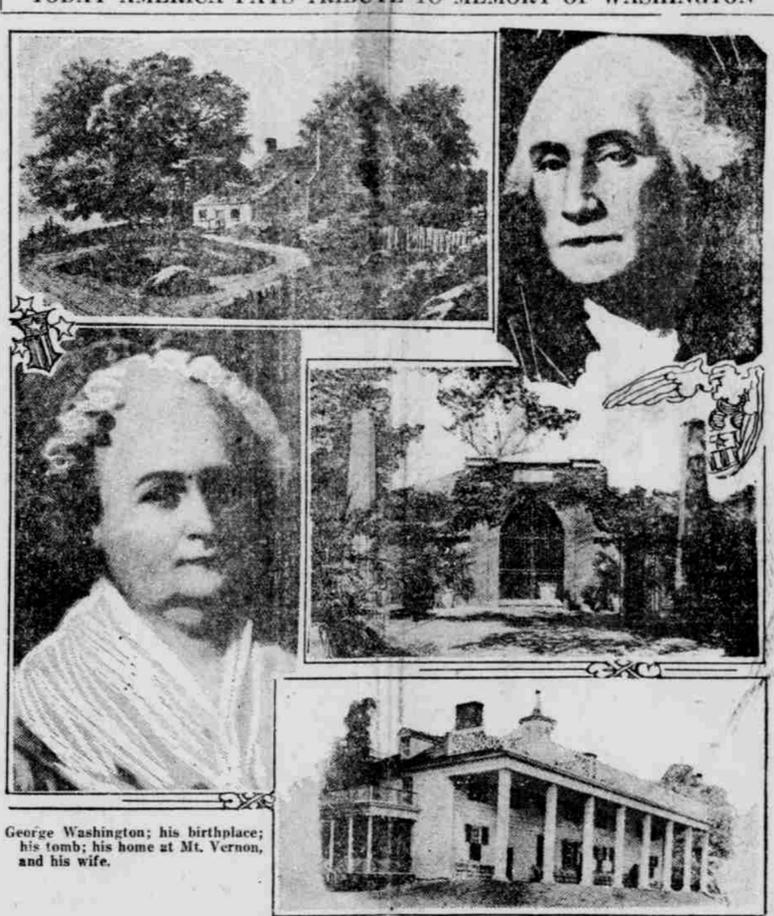
In Ward 1, Will White is being urged and there is little doubt but that he will become a candidate. Other men being mentioned in this ward are Geo. Bunker and Charlie Holtz.

For the city offices that of City Clerk already has an aspirant in the person of M. L. Butler. There is hardly any possibility that the incumbent will have any opposition in the Republican primaries. He is considered the logical candidate and the strongest man that can be put forward.

For street superintendent John T. Quick and R. W. Totson are candidates. It is not known whether there will be any other candidates for this place.

No candidate has been mentioned for city marshal though the name of Bassett T. Watkins is rumored as a possibility. It is known that Watkins does not take kindly to the suggestion from his many friends that he become a candidate for the office. On the other

TODAY AMERICA PAYS TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF WASHINGTON



George Washington; his birthplace; his tomb; his home at Mt. Vernon, and his wife.

WASHINGTON

What words can add to his unending fame?
What verse can praise, tho' writ in script of gold?
Who rose victoriously in days of old
And put the tyrant overseas to shame;
Today his land is gathered to acclaim
The gift he gave of freedom, liberty,
And, at the sound of that illustrious name
They stand uncovered, sons of men by him set free.

A greater land than e'er he dreamed of, stands
To render reverence to him who gave
A country to their fathers, o'er his grave
North, South, East, West, are joined in clasping hands,
And, as we read of him who held the strands
Of all dissension to one issue, we
Strive with our might to follow his commands
To our forefathers giv'n, and their posterity.

He, who might well have dwelt in sheltered ease
At country's bidding followed fire and field
With Faith and Hope emblazoned on his shield,
Uncowed by loss, not rash with victories;
Till, at the end, his foes across the seas
Yielded to right, not might, and since that end
We hail him, with his flag that fronts the breeze,
Not only Father of his Country—but its Friend.

Bisbee, Ariz., Feb. 21st, 1916. J. O'C.

ARGUMENTS PUT OFF.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Oral arguments on the West Virginia liquor cases, involving the constitutionality of the Webb-Kenyon liquor law, which subjects interstate shipments of liquor to statutes of the state to which the liquor is consigned, were indefinitely postponed by the supreme court. The case was first argued a year ago. They were restored to the docket for second argument before the entire court. The hearing was set today. As there was a vacancy on the bench, and Justice Day was ill they were again postponed.

AVIATION ARM OF ARMY TO BE PROBED

The Senate Military Committee Recommends That a Thorough Investigation of Aero Dept. be Made.

ROBINSON SUBMITS FURTHER DETAILS

Col. Reber and Capt. Cowan Figures Prominently in the Charges. Lincoln Beach-Beachey's Opinion Cited.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Senate Military Committee recommended a Congressional investigation of the Army Aviation Service. The decision was reached after Senator Robinson, who introduced the resolution proposing the investigation, submitted further evidence supporting his charges of general inefficiency. Robinson said that in eight years fifteen aviation officers had been killed, eight of them at the North Island station, near San Diego. The resolution would appropriate \$10,000 for the injury to create an investigation committee, consisting of three representatives and two senators.

Robinson produced before the committee last week photographic copies of letters alleged to have passed between Lieutenant Colonel Reber, head of the aviation service, and Captain Cowan, in charge of the San Diego station, in which the senator revealed that the service was "contemptibly inefficient."

In a supplementary statement today he declared that of the twenty four officers who qualified as fliers fifteen had been killed and several were losing their lives "because they were required to attempt flights in antiquated biplanes known to be defective." He said that few of the so-called fliers had ever done military work. Only one or two had maneuvered an aeroplane with bombs attached.

The War Department has already ordered an independent inquiry. Robinson said it was a "well known fact that Lincoln Beachey, a short time before his death, visited the North Island station and pronounced it outrageously defective in equipment. Beachey communicated a bitter protest which came to the knowledge of the War Department."

HOUSTON AND LANE OUT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The President virtually eliminated Secretaries Houston and Lane from consideration for the war portfolio. It is said in official circles he believes both are so eminently fitted for their present positions he is reluctant to transfer them. Several middle west lawyers are under consideration.

MAYOR GILL LEADS

SEATTLE, Feb. 21.—Early returns of the primary election give Mayor Gill a two to one lead over his nearest two opponents for the nomination for mayor. Former Chief of Police Griffith has a slight lead over Councilman Erickson for second place.

PLEASED WITH ALLIES.

ATHENS, Feb. 21.—General Sarraill, French commander in the Balkans, arrived here from an audience with King Constantine. Afterwards the King received an Associated Press correspondent and informed him that he was delighted with the result of the interview, which he was thoroughly confident would prove the first step for clearing the differences between Greece and the Entente powers.

DEFENSE PLAN FOR ARMY IS COMPLETE IN HOUSE

Military Committee Reaches a Practical Agreement As to the Terms of the Bill to be Recommended.

COMPROMISE MADE BETWEEN TWO IDEAS

Total Peace Strength and Regular Guard, Contemplated, Numbers 375,000 Men Other Figures Given Out.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—National preparedness legislation was advanced when the House Military Committee reached a practical agreement on the outline of the army bill as it will be unanimously presented for passage. Chairman Hay was authorized to frame the measure as a compromise on the Continental army plan advocated by Garrison and the President.

The bill provides for a complete federalization of the National Guard as a substitution for the Continentals. The measure will grant virtually the plan mapped by Garrison of a regular army. The total peace strength of regulars and guard will be 375,000 men with reserves to double this number.

The expense of the whole establishment this year is estimated at \$174,000,000, exclusive of Panama defense, which is carried in another bill, and the proposals for additional military schools in all states. The first year of the Garrison plan would have called for \$182,000,000. Whether the new bill is acceptable to the President has not been indicated. The committee believes the plan will override every objection by the substitution of the National Guard for the Continentals and that Congress has full authority in the accomplishment.

To complete the bill the plan will authorize an increase in the regular peace strength to 147,000, the addition of ten regiments of infantry, four regiments of field artillery, fifty two companies of coast artillery, fifteen companies of engineers and four aero squadrons. The regular army will have an organization capable of being expanded to 275,000 war, and 75,000 reservists, annually obliged to return to the colors on call. It will double the cadete thirty cadete companies, attached to regular regiments and will train officers for entry into the reserve corps. The house bill will provide for peace pay for privates of \$18 annually, second lieutenants \$250, first lieutenants \$300, captains, captains \$500 and higher officers proportionately.

CHARGE GRAFT

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Allegations of graft were made by Alderman Rodriguez, who asserted that Mrs. Frazz Walker, lecturer and author and head of the bureau of social survey, had been compelled for months to pay approximately a third of her salary to Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, commissioner of the Bureau of Public Welfare. The payments it is alleged, were always made in cash. They were said to be for the benefit of needy relatives of Mayor Thompson. The charges were made in committee meeting of the city council. An investigation was demanded.

DECREES ANNULLED.

DOUGLAS, Feb. 21.—The recent decrees of Military Governor Calles of Sonora, one of which ordered the confiscation of property belonging to enemies of the de facto government and another the disfranchising of citizens who bore arms against Carranza, have been annulled by the central government, the Mexican consul here announced. The matters will probably be submitted to the state congress of Sonora after the constitutional elections.

BANK RESOURCES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The total resources of all the National Banks of the United States as reported to the comptroller the last of December, 1915, are \$13,467,887,000. This is an increase of over two billion in a year. The deposits reached \$10,379,000,000, an increase of over two billion.

WIRELESS TESTED

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Feb. 21.—The skill of 20,000 licensed, amateur, wireless operators in the United States was tested when a message appropriate to Washington's Birthday was sent by William Kirwin of Station "9F" for transmission throughout the country. The message was picked up by all stations three miles from Davenport and relayed in every direction for transmission to the governors of each state and the mayors of the principal cities.

HELD TO GRAND JURY

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—William Orpel, the University of Wisconsin junior, was held to the grand jury in connection with the death of his former sweetheart, Marion Frances Lambert, on recommendation of the coroner's jury.

RUSSIANS REPORT VICTORIES

PETROGRAD, Feb. 21.—Folowinzw is an official statement: "Our artillery drove a considerable body of Germans from the defenses of Scholossberg, near Dvinsk, and occupied the works. At Hloknst we exploded mines under five German blockhouses and maintained craters despite a severe attack. In the Black Sea our torpedo boats destroyed thirteen sailing vessels on the Anatolian coast.

Near Erzerum we took seven hundred Askeris prisoners. A detachment of Cossacks met Tukur infantry and artillery in the mountains and dispersed and captured three batteries of field artillery and a number of caissons. In the Dnestor region and district of Uselenczo, our fire effectively stopped the enemy's approach to our trenches.

WILL DECIDE TODAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Former Governor Francis of Missouri, offered the ambassadorship to Russia, will inform the President in the morning whether he will accept. The impression is current he will go to Petrograd