

HIGH COST OF LIVING MAY BE JOLTED

BIG DROP IN FOOD PRICES ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY

Present Low Levels of Foreign Exchange Continue, Exports Will be Reduced and Goods Dumped on Market. Sudden Stoppage of Buying From Europe Will Bring Lower Prices, But Might Close American Factories.

Ralph F. Couch, United Press Staff Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—A big drop in prices of necessities is only a few weeks away, government officials said here today, if the present record levels of foreign exchange continue. France and Italy will be all their purchases in American dollars. This means a reduction in volume of American exports and dumping of goods into the American markets. Meats and dairy products now are being shipped abroad at the rate of nearly \$4,000,000 a day. American growers, packers and exporters, government reports show, dumped suddenly into the domestic market, such a vast quantity of food and quickly force down prices, officials said. Official opinion is divided, however, as to whether in the long run this current of exports will be beneficial to the United States. Although there is a tendency to hold that a reduction of the present high prices is not as urgently desired, many officials and economists declare that the present foreign exchange situation holds a real peril for the American consumer. Sudden decrease of European purchasing in American markets would have a tendency to close factories and throw workmen out of employment, officials say. America, they say, is able to produce more than it can export. The present record volume of exports is about evenly divided between the question of possible permanent benefits that may result from the situation and the curtailment of exportations that has begun is indicated to a great extent in the reduction of exports in December as compared with the same month of the previous year. The idea of the quantities in which goods might be released in the domestic markets if foreign exchange continued at present low levels was gained from an inspection of reports at which the United States is shipping food abroad. In December the total value of exportations of meats and dairy products was \$119,000,000. This total divided as follows: Beef, 9,500,000 bushels valued at \$90,000; flour, 1,200,000 barrels, valued at \$14,375,000. Fresh beef, 6,000 pounds valued at \$1,198,000; oil, 6,008,000 pounds, valued at \$2,000. Bacon, \$8,982,000 pounds, valued at \$15,724,000. Lard, 63,645,000 pounds, valued at \$18,406,000. Condensed milk, 76,783,000 pounds, valued at \$1,238,000. Buy No More Cotton Webb Miller, United Press Staff Correspondent. LONDON, Feb. 5.—The stoppage of cotton imports is one of the first most telling effects of the exchange situation between Great Britain and the United States, he declared today. (Continued on page 2.)

NOT HAVE TREATY IN CAMPAIGN

Republican Intention is to Eliminate This From Platform or Resolutions at Convention. DISPOSE OF IT BEFORE

One Reason is to Take Fire Out from Under Senator Hiram Johnson's Political Pot. [By L. C. Martin, United Press Staff Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Will H. Hays has issued confidential instructions to members of republican committees on platform and policies to keep hands off the treaty in making suggestions for the republican platform. Hays' instructions said that republican senators would supply any necessary information on foreign affairs to the resolutions committee to be appointed by the republican national convention. The republican chairman's emphasis of this point in his talk with congressional members of the special committee, was taken today as further evidence of his desire to keep the treaty out of the campaign. He has been assured by leading republican senators who agree with him on this point that the treaty will be disposed of long before convention time. One reason so much effort is being expended on getting the treaty ratified and disposed of so far as the senate is concerned, before campaign time, senators said, is that such action will lessen the importance in the party of Senator Hiram Johnson, a bitter foe of the treaty and an aspirant for the nomination for president. Johnson, Borah and the other irconcilables are now a force to be reckoned with, as Senator Lodge, the republican leader learned recently, senators pointed out. But with ratification accomplished, Johnson would be without an issue except withdrawal from the league, it is stated and this issue would not get him anywhere in the belief of senate republican politicians. It is regarded as highly important for the solidarity of the party to keep Johnson from becoming too powerful. Johnson, back today from a stumping trip in Missouri, definitely announced that he will call up his amendment to equalize the votes of the United States with votes of the British empire. Johnson said he believes Viscount Grey's letter has wiped out opposition to the amendment. Democratic Caucus. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Senator Hitchcock today called a meeting of democratic senators for Saturday morning to discuss the democratic position on Senator Lodge's motion to ratify the treaty next Monday. Hitchcock, who returned today from Nebraska, said the meeting Saturday will be attended by "friends of the treaty." He declined to comment on the Viscount Grey letter, nor would he discuss the report that he received a letter from President Wilson a short time ago in which the president somewhat modified his position on the Lodge reservations. (Continued on page 2.)

THIRTY MILLION PRINTED SPEECHES

More Than Million Pounds Paper Used in Public Documents Sent From Washington.

Senator Sherman Says It is Time to Use Hatchet to Prevent Propaganda at Government Expense. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—A deluge of speeches, 30,144,362 copies in all, has been poured through the mails upon the American people at government expense, of more than half a million dollars, Senator Sherman, Utah, told the senate today in discussing shortage of news print paper. Smoot presented figures showing that this flood of speeches flowed from government departments. No speeches of senators or congressmen were included in his figures which showed that more than 1,000,000 pounds of paper, including news print and manila for envelopes were used in sending out the speeches between July 1, 1916, and July 15, 1919. Senator King, Utah, suggested a law creating a board to revise and restrict printing of documents by legislative departments and to prevent government money being used in departmental propaganda. Senator Sherman said it is time to "use the hatchet" and declared that Senator Newberry is on trial because he has introduced a resolution although Wm. G. McAdoo, "who thought he was a candidate for president," paid his campaign bills at the expense of the government, by posting his name throughout the country on circulars and notes issued while he was director general of railroads. (Continued on page 2.)

DISTURBED FINANCIAL CONDITION

Present Situation May Become Quite Serious Unless Foreign Exchange is Stabilized.

WARNING FROM SENATOR Thomas of Colorado Asks for International Monetary Commission to Straighten Out Matters.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Disturbed financial conditions in the United States are inevitable unless a speedy stabilizing of exchange rates is brought about, Senator Thomas, Colorado, declared today, in discussing his plan to have congress take steps for remedying present monetary conditions. Thomas' resolution for an international monetary commission of seven to cooperate with similar commissions from Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan which he will call up next Tuesday in the senate is certain to cause animated discussion, it is believed. "Our export trade already has been impaired and is in danger of destruction," said Thomas today. "Impairment of export trade means lowering of production, that means idle mills and that means workless men. The only evil worse than great inflation which can befall a country is sudden deflation and that's what we are facing." Thomas declared the present exchange situation is in some measure due to the complete disappearance of 273,000,000 English pounds, gold, in India. This money went there when Great Britain sought to put India on a gold standard and once gold goes to India it never gets out, he said. "In 1918," said Thomas, "Great Britain faced the real financial crisis of the war. She was met with a demand for silver to redeem the rupees of India, but she did not have the silver. The United States saved Great Britain then by passing the Pittman bill, which did as much to win the war as any measure congress enacted. That bill authorized the melting of our silver dollars into bullion and this was used by Great Britain to tide over her money crisis." Representative Cordell Hull, Tennessee, member of the house ways and means committee, said there are three ways to meet the exchange problem. "If Europe could export goods that we need in exchange for our exports, foreign exchange would soon begin climbing," he said. "The second possible way is for Europe to send us gold. England has some gold, but has forbidden its export. "The third possible way is extension of credit by this country to Europe or for the building up of credits by some international body. In either case this country would bear the burden and it might be better for the United States to do it alone so as to keep control of the situation." Spoke for Himself Alone. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—A statement from the British government declaring that Viscount Grey spoke for himself alone when he wrote his famous letter to the London Times, urging treaty ratification with reservations, may be forthcoming shortly, it was learned here today. It is generally understood that such a statement would be pleasing to President Wilson. Although the white house was silent on reports that Wilson, angered at Grey's letter, had instructed Secretary Lansing to protest to Britain, it was reported elsewhere the administration felt ordinary courtesy between governments should have insured the president being consulted before such a letter was made public. Young Turks on War Path. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, Feb. 5.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin quotes advice from Constantinople as saying the Young Turks "red" army will reach Constantinople and soon free the city of the enemy. The Young Turks expect to start a holy war against Great Britain in the spring, according to the report. (Continued on page 2.)

WILL RESIST TO UTMOST AGAINST THIS NEW SHAME

Berlin Newspapers Protest Violently Against Turning Over German War Guilty Demanded by Allies.

THREE SONS OF KAISER ON LIST

Von Bernstorff, Von Hindenburg, Von Tirpitz, Bethmann-Hollweg and Many Others are Named as Guilty.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BERLIN, Feb. 4.—The list of accused Germans whose surrender for trial by allied tribunals is demanded, began arriving here today. The former crown prince, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, General Erich Ludendorff, General von Falkenhayn, Admiral von Tirpitz, Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, the former chancellor and former Foreign Minister Zimmermann were among those whose surrender is demanded. The list of names began arriving in Berlin at eleven a. m. Count von Bernstorff, former ambassador to the United States, was among those whose surrender is demanded. Other names on the list included: Princes August and Eitel Frederick, sons of the former Kaiser; Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria; Princes Oscar and Frederick of Prussia; Prince Ernst of Saxony; Count Bismarck, Admirals von Schee and von Trotha; Prince Ratibor; Enver Pasha, Turkish leader; Taalat Pasha, the grand duke of Hesse; the crown prince of Bavaria; the duke of Mecklenburg; Otto von Below, Admiral Capelle and nearly all of the famous grand headquarters generals including Von Buelow, Von Behler, Von Arnim, Von Hutier, Von Gallwitz, Von Bothmer, Von Marwitz, Von Kluck, Mackensen, Von Moltke and Von Hausen. "The German people will not bear this new shame," the Lokal Anzeiger said today, protesting violently against the allied insistence for delivery of German war guilty, as provided in the peace treaty. "The newspaper in an editorial said it 'was convinced the German people will gather the last remnants of their strength to resist to the utmost.'" The allied demand, the Lokal Anzeiger added, involves "not the fate of a single group of individuals, but the fate of the nation." "This question," the newspaper said, "is to decide whether the peace treaty may be changed to enable us to live morally and materially." "Everybody must be aware that the crisis is beginning today," the Tagliche Rundschau asserted, adding it "hoped thousands of Von Lersners could be found in Germany." Vorwaerts, under a headline "Germany cannot deliver," expressed hope that "calmness would get the upper hand in the entente nations." Three Sons of Kaiser. PARIS, Feb. 5.—Three sons of the former emperor of Germany are included in the allied list of German war guilty, which Baron Kurt von Lersner yesterday refused to transmit to Germany. Besides the former crown prince, the allied demand includes the former Princes Eitel Frederick and Oscar. Other prominent Germans whose surrender for trial by the allies is demanded in the list of more than 800 names transmitted to Berlin, include: Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, the duke of Wuertemberg; Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, former imperial chancellor; Field Marshal von Hindenburg; Generals Ludendorff, Mackensen, Von Sanders, Von Kluck, Von Buelow, Von Bissing, Von Der Lancken. Admirals Von Tirpitz, Von Capelle, Von Mueller, Von Scher, Von Cassel, Von Mantuffel, the brothers Niemeyer, Majors Von Goertz, Von Buelow, Lieutenant Wernerand, the Submarine Commanders Valentiner and Forester, for the sinking of hospital ships. Baron von Lersner left last night for Berlin. Punishment for Von Lersner. [By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent.] PARIS, Feb. 5.—A second note will be dispatched to Berlin shortly demanding that the German government punish Baron Kurt von Lersner for his refusal to transmit the allied list of German war guilty with its accompanying covering note, it was believed here today. A French diplomatic messenger, it was learned, left on the same train with Von Lersner for Berlin late last night carrying copies of the list and the covering note. He will deliver them to M. Demareilly, French diplomatic representative who will take them to the German foreign office. Von Lersner notified the French foreign office yesterday of his refusal to transmit the list and the note, adding that he had resigned his position as head of the German delegation in Paris. Cabinet May Resign. [By Carl D. Groat, United Press Staff Correspondent.] BERLIN, Feb. 4.—(Night)—Resignation of the German cabinet as result of the allied demand for German war guilty was forecast here tonight. The cabinet went into session soon after receipt of the list of accused, with the covering allied note, from Paris. The meeting was expected to last throughout the night. Political observers said the coalition undoubtedly would break up. The number of democrats and centrists opposed to delivery of the accused was believed sufficient to overthrow the cabinet. The list of accused, with the covering note will be published at noon tomorrow, when the cabinet's decision also probably will be made known. Did Not Carry Note. PARIS, Feb. 5.—The French courier did not carry the allied note which was to have accompanied the list of war guilty. The council of ambassadors decided to modify the note's terms. The text will be telegraphed to (Continued on page 2.)

WILL ARGUE TOMORROW

Murder Trial is Nearing End With Testimony of Defense Completed at Noon Today.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MARYSVILLE, Calif., Feb. 5.—Testimony of the defense in the trial of Mrs. Gertrude Wilson, charged with the slaying of Charles Brown, will be completed by noon today, her counsel announced. Dr. Fred P. Clark of the Stockton state hospital, will be the first witness today. More depositions will be read on the subject of Mrs. Wilson's mental status and also concerning her good character. Rebuttal by the prosecution will conclude the testimony. Arguments probably will commence tomorrow morning and the case is expected to be in the hands of the jury by noon Saturday. Mrs. Wilson on the stand declared her mind was a blank from the time she fired two shots at Brown until her brother Frank McCormick, took her by the arm and led her toward the house. McCormick is to be tried for Brown's murder soon after his sister's trial is over. "I saw Brown shooting at the feed house door. Then Mrs. McCormick screamed, 'Hurry, Charley is going to kill Frank.' I fired twice. That's all I remember," the defendant testified. Favorable Report. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The senate agricultural committee today ordered a favorable report on the Grona bill to discontinue the United States grain corporation. (Continued on page 2.)

NON-UNION BUMPER USED

Theory is That New York Italian Was Imported to Kill Labor Leader by Rival Union Members.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—A New York Italian imported for the job "bumped off" Maurice ("Boss") Enright, labor leader and gun man, Tuesday night, according to the latest theory of the police and State's Attorney Macley Hoyne. Michael Carozzo, president of the Street Cleaners' union, was partially identified late yesterday by the janitor at Enright's apartment building as the driver of the black car in which the slayer escaped after shooting Enright with a sawed-off shotgun. Enmity between "Big Tim" Murphy, president of the Gas Workers union, and Enright was uncovered yesterday by the police. They established the fact that Murphy had threatened "to get Enright" on several occasions in the past month or two, they said. (Continued on page 2.)

Dollar Day Advertisements

Copy for advertisements for Dollar Day must be in the hands of the printer not later than Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock. Copy received after that hour will be accepted at the risk of the advertiser. Shortage of print paper and labor makes it absolutely necessary that the advertisements be in the office not later than the hour named.

TELEGRAPHIC TABLOIDS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Short and Snappy Items Which Make News Wire Sparkle. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, Feb. 5.—Cigarette makers in the high school here defeated by the Penny club's offer of financing. One moose, one m to be applied on another pack. Government by Filivianism. LONDON, Feb. 5.—Opposition to government by filivianism appeared here when P. B. Publico wrote his paper that scraping snow from streets must be stopped to help the filivers. Interfere with bob-sledding, he said. Lost by a Hare. ROCKFORD, Ill., Feb. 5.—G. E. Poulos, market man, lost a court decision by a hare today. Contrary to the game laws he exposed the animal's cadaver for sale after January 30. Sure Way to Save. KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 5.—Geo. H. Harris found a way to beat O. H. C. O. L. He has just completed a twenty-eight day fast. (Continued on page 2.)

THOUGHT WAVES OF SPIRITS NOW SENT BY WIRELESS

communicated with the living by taps on the wall. These taps after years of study were interpreted. In a few years these wireless messages, now laughed at and ridiculed by the public, will be interpreted by spiritualists. "These communications come from the spiritualist realm which envelops the earth and other inhabited planets. The spirits do not need a wireless apparatus to send their messages. The communications travel on thought waves in the same way the taps reach the world. Although we are able to receive messages from the spirits in this manner we will never be able to communicate with them through the wireless as they have no apparatus to receive them. They always know what we are doing and thinking without our sending messages to them." Old Time Rapping on Walls is Not Up to Date Enough. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—The supposedly uninterpretable messages received by wireless stations throughout the world are thought waves from spirits, Alonzo M. Griffen, spirit-alist and trustee of the National Spiritualist association, declared today. "These messages are another form of communication to spiritualists," Griffen said. "Heretofore spirits have communicated with the living by rapping on the walls. This rapping after years of study were interpreted. In a few years these wireless messages, now laughed at and ridiculed by the public, will be interpreted by spiritualists. "These communications come from the spiritualist realm which envelops the earth and other inhabited planets. The spirits do not need a wireless apparatus to send their messages. The communications travel on thought waves in the same way the taps reach the world. Although we are able to receive messages from the spirits in this manner we will never be able to communicate with them through the wireless as they have no apparatus to receive them. They always know what we are doing and thinking without our sending messages to them." (Continued on page 2.)