

TODAY'S PRICES  
Bar silver (Gandy & Harmon quotation) 48 1/2—Copper, 14 1/2—Grains, high—Lowest, 14 1/2—Mexican, 14 1/2—Cable, 14 1/2—Carranza, 14 1/2—Stocks, higher.

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## GERMAN SUBMARINES TERRIFY BRITONS

# Heavy Reduction Due On Insurance

### \$45,000 PER YEAR CAN BE SAVED

Only Necessary to Make Proper Claim Before State Fire Board at Austin.

EASY TO FURNISH FIGURES NEEDED

Official Recital of Fire Losses and Premiums Paid Would Bring the Result.

EL PASO property owners, merchants, and manufacturers are entitled to a heavy reduction in the premiums they have been paying for fire insurance—a reduction of which they have not had the benefit because proper representations have not been made to the state insurance board by the officials charged with this duty.

The reduction which is due is estimated to amount to the huge sum of \$45,000 per year, as applying to the current year, and the excess premiums in recent past years are believed to amount to almost or quite as much.

Heavy Tax on Staleness.  
The reduction to which El Pasoans are entitled means that a man who pays \$100 insurance premium per year pays \$150 excess unnecessarily. The man who pays \$1000 in premiums per year pays \$1500 excess unnecessarily. Many business concerns pay annual premiums running into the thousands, and they have been paying hundreds of dollars excess each year which ought to have been saved in them if the proper steps had been taken to secure the reduced rate for 1915.

Equity Total Budget Fund.  
The chamber of commerce will be asked to make use of this matter and use its influence to bring about the heavy reduction in insurance rates to which the city is entitled. It is interesting to note that the excess premiums paid this year alone, according to estimates, would equal the entire budget fund of the chamber of commerce.

"Key Rate" Not Everywhere.  
The fact that we have the lowest "key rate" of any town in the state, and the frequency with which it has been allowed to have had many people in El Paso to believe they were being particularly favored in the matter of low insurance. This, however, does not cover the case of "key rates" of a town is not the rate at which insurance is written, but is in reality the basis upon which the individual rates are built up.

Formerly, in order to arrive at a correct basis for insurance rates, towns were classified and designated as "first

## DISTRICT CLERK JOE ESCAJEDA INDICTED ON POLL TAX CHARGE

### Reported that 1000 Poll Taxes Will Be Invalidated by the Investigations the Grand Jury Is Now Making; Poll Taxes Paid For Dead Men; Probe Is to Continue.

JOSE A. ESCAJEDA, clerk of the 21st and 22d district courts, has been indicted by the grand jury, now in session, on a charge of looting money with which to pay poll taxes. This action follows a probe the grand jury has been making for several weeks of charges that illegal methods of securing the payment of poll taxes have been employed.

When seen Monday morning Mr. Escajeda admitted that an indictment had been returned against him, charging that he had looted money with which to pay poll taxes, but declined to make further comment. From the sheriff's office it was also learned that the indictment had been returned and the capias served.

It is rumored that perhaps 1000 poll taxes are liable to be invalidated as a result of the present investigation as having been paid illegally. Some poll taxes are said to have been paid in dead men's names.

The investigation of charges that irregularities in the matter of paying poll taxes have occurred has been kept on for some time by the grand jury. Several indictments have recently been returned charging false swearing, and one against an indictment was returned charging looting of money with which to pay poll tax. The investigation is still under way and other indictments are likely to be returned before the inquiry shall have been completed.

## AMENDMENTS TO BE LEGALIZED IN NEW BILL

### Commissioner of Petroleum Proposed by Senator Bailey.

### SLATE FOR NEW STATE PROPOSED

### El Paso County Men Would Hold Places in State of Jefferson.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 1.—Amendments to the charters of cities in Texas having charters under the so-called "home rule" law of the last legislature, are to be validated in a bill introduced today by representative Bruce.

No amendments to the charter of El Paso are now pending and there is no question in the minds of legislators concerning the legality of the amendments heretofore adopted, but the bill proposed is intended to validate amendments in cities where there is a question of validity, and to validate future amendments.

Regulate Pipe Lines.  
Senator Bailey, of Harris, introduced a bill to the senate today providing for the regulation of oil pipe lines in the state of Texas.

A petroleum commission is created in the proposed bill, which is general, the commissioner of insurance and banking, and the commissioner of petroleum, the latter to be appointed by the governor and to receive a salary of \$4000 per annum. The bill was designed to meet the objections raised by the independent operators against the proposed company bill now pending in the senate.

Cattlemen in Conference.  
President Joe D. Jackson, of the Texas Cattlemen's association, W. C. Wadwell, former chairman of the livestock sanitary commission, and J. H. Avery, who has just been appointed to succeed Mr. Wadwell, are here today relative to a new cattle quarantine bill which is soon to be introduced in the legislature.

They are to have a conference in which a suitable measure is to be agreed upon. One of the changes proposed, says Mr. Wadwell, is to make the livestock quarantine law apply to sheep and goats. He also is to urge the enactment of the sheep and bounty bill, a measure offering a bounty for the scalps of predatory animals which prey on goats and sheep.

The house held a brief session this morning, meeting at 10 o'clock and adjourning until 3 this afternoon. Speaker Woodruff announced the appointment of a committee composed of representatives Dove, Turner and Furr to visit the Confederate home.

In France, as shown by the French and German reports, there was no important fighting Sunday. FRENCH TORPEDO BOAT SUNK.—The overseas news agency of Berlin announced that reports had been received from Paris that a French torpedo boat had been sunk off the Belgian coast.

## An Army of Englishwomen Preparing For War Service



Members of the women's volunteer reserve on their first route march through London. The object of the corps is to train a body of women skilled in first aid work, cooking, signaling, riding, driving, management of horses in general and marksmanship. When the corps is fully trained it will be offered for service to the war office.

## THE WAR AT A GLANCE

HEAVY fighting has been resumed in Poland after a lull of comparative inactivity. An official communication from Petrograd describes battles along the Vistula near Berdinev, where, it is said, the Germans were dislodged with bayonets from trenches they had captured, two companies of their soldiers being almost annihilated. The Germans later undertook an attack on the Russian advance trenches and gained one position.

GERMANS STRIKING AT WARSAW.—The violent German attacks in Poland along the Warsaw front are interpreted by Russian military authorities as an indication that the German commander, field marshal von Hindenburg, has determined to inaugurate a general offensive and strike once more at Warsaw. The Berlin official report of today asserts that the Germans have made progress in northern and central Poland.

SENATE RESUMES ITS LONG FIGHT  
Both Sides Line Up, Prepared to Carry Ship Bill Contest to Finish.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—When the senate met today to resume consideration of the government ship purchase bill, the true in the historic legislative contest over the measure was declared off and Democratic and Republican senators alike, refreshed after a recess of 34 hours, were ready to continue the fight.

Preparations for continuing the fight were apparent at the outset. Both sides arranged for relays of speakers throughout the day and night and Tuesday. The senate assembled at 10 o'clock, but so many were late that it was more than half an hour before a quorum was present.

"We propose to keep the senate in continuous session," declared majority leader Keft. Senator Stone, from the Democratic side, announced he proposed to give the floor to the Democratic side Tuesday if he could find an opportunity to wedge in on the Republican speeches. Prospects of a cloture rule of the reluctant opposition of Republicans should continue, were being discussed in Democratic circles.

## EL ENGLISH VESSELS BEING SUNK

### Germans Attempt Blockade of Coast Ports, Is Belief; Belfast Is Closed.

### SUBMARINE U-29 HAUNTS IRISH SEA

### Germans Again Attempt to Take Warsaw; Russians Hold the Carpathians.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 1.—Hearing out reports Germany is attempting a blockade of British coast ports by use of submarines, the German submarine U-29 was reported sighted today off Southampton. Southport is a port on the Irish sea, 18 miles from Liverpool. The effect of the sinking of five merchant ships by the Germans in the past few days has been to close the port of Belfast. Liverpool has not yet been closed.

Two Big Ships Sunk.  
The two British merchant steamers, Takomaru and Isaria, torpedoed Saturday by Germans off Havre are the latest commercial vessels that have fallen victims to German submarines. The three ships sunk in the Irish sea were small craft.

Submarine Sinks Three.  
The U-29, which sank the British submarine U-21 in the Irish sea Saturday afternoon in the Irish sea in the vicinity of Liverpool, still stands at three ships—the steamers, Dan Cranchon, Elgin, and Isaria, with a loss of 24 lives, and a small vessel. The crew of the Isaria was landed on the Isle of Man Sunday by a coastwise steamer.

Has Sunk Many Others.  
This underwater monster in the same vessel which last September torpedoed in the North sea the British cruiser, Hesperus, with a loss of 24 lives, and later destroyed two British steamers off Havre. She found numerous vessels in the waters of the English Channel, and later destroyed two British steamers off Havre. She found numerous vessels in the waters of the English Channel, and later destroyed two British steamers off Havre.

Five Ships Torpedoed.—The view that Germany has entered definitely on a policy of destroying England's maritime commerce by the use of submarines is corroborated by German newspapers which speak of the sinking of British merchantmen during the past few days in a new course of action which it is hoped will produce striking results. Five vessels have been torpedoed, three in the Irish sea and two in the English Channel.

The German papers lay stress on the long range of the submarines whose ability to operate as far as 1000 miles from their base distinctly increases the menace to shipping.

Resumption of Tabris.  
Reports of Russian operations over a vast area continue to come from the front. The Russian occupation of Tabris, in Persia, has been confirmed and the Russian army which pushes the Turks out of this provincial capital of Persia, after their brief stay there, is sweeping to the south and to the west.

In the Carpathians sharp fighting took place Sunday the forests where the Russians are striving to retain command of the passes which keep open the way behind them. Berlin says the situation in all parts of the Carpathian theater of war is favorable.

In France and Flanders the situation shows no striking change, although hard fighting has continued for 24 hours near La Bassée and in the Artois.

The allied armies will be largely reinforced with new troops in the next fortnight.

German Attack Checked.  
The French war office at Paris gave out today an official report on the war which reads in part: "The day of January 31 was marked by artillery fighting which was particularly spirited in all the northern region.

## "2020"

### TWO-OWE-TWO-OWE, PLEASE!

THE HERALD has but one single telephone number now and hereafter, instead of the nine different numbers (seven listed, two not listed) given in the current directory. This is because The Herald has now installed a Private Branch Exchange, "Number 2020," with five trunk lines and 18 branch lines. The new system will give the public very much better service, but it also requires a degree of cooperation by the public to make it most efficient. The public will please note carefully the following suggestions:

First, call 2020 when you want to transact any business with The Herald or any department or employe.

Second, when The Herald's exchange operator answers your call, state clearly to her what department you wish to talk to, or what is the nature of your business, or the purpose of your call. She will promptly connect you with the department or employe wanted. In order to save your own time and give you quick and efficient service, whenever you call The Herald:—

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  - "Information."
  - "Circulation" Department.
  - "News" Department.
  - "News Ads." or "Classified" Dept.
  - "Society Reporter."
  - "Advertising" Department.

## British King's Champion Attacks His Cook; She Routs Him with Umbrella

London, Eng., Feb. 1.—Frank Seaman Dymoke, the king's champion, whose duty it is at a coronation to ride clad in resplendent armor into the arena, banged his gauntlet from his charger, flung down his gauntlet and challenge to mortal combat any one who should deny the king's right to throne, has been fined 20 shillings for assaulting his cook.

According to the testimony given in the police court today, the champion came home after stopping into four different bars on the way and found his wife in an altercation with the cook, who had been discharged. Marion Noel, the cook, testified that the champion entered her bedroom and caught her by the throat, but was routed by an umbrella which she wielded with good effect.

CHANGE JUDGES FOR TRIAL OF MINE UNION OFFICIALS  
Trinidad, Colo., Feb. 1.—Judge C. C. Butler of Denver has accepted the call of Judge A. W. Mollenhauer of the third judicial district to preside at the trials of the cases growing out of the coal strike disorders in Las Animas county.

This announcement was made at the opening of the court this morning when the cases scheduled to be called today were continued until February 2.

There are pending for trial more than 80 cases in which officials and members of the United Mine Workers of America are charged with murder and arson on many counts growing out of the battles of Ludlow, Forbes, Hastings, Tabasco and in the Aguilar district and more than 100 union defendants are involved in the cases resulting from grand jury bench warrants.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—The day in congress.

- Senate.
- Fight on administration ship bill resumed by Republicans.
- House.
- Miscellaneous bills considered.

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Possibly Your Neighbor Would Like To Have a Slice of Your Trade