

Mexican bank notes, state bills, 9@27 1/2; pesos, old 77 1/2; new, 45c; Mexican gold, 52c; nacionales, 25c; silver, 1.10; H. & H. quotation, \$1.01 1/4; copper, 15 1/4 @ 15 1/2; grains, higher; livestock, steady; stocks, higher

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THOUSANDS STRIKE IN SYMPATHY WITH TELEPHONE WORKERS

Boston Girl Operators Claim Majority of 12,000 Cable Splicers, Test Room Men and Other Associates Have Joined Them; Ask Wilson to Settle Strike; Charge Burleson Wrecking Party; National Walkout.

BOSTON, Mass., April 17.—The telephone strike assumed a new phase today with the entry into the fight of thousands of men, members of unions affiliated with the telephone operators in the general organization of the New England local Council of Electrical Workers.

The girl operators hailed the new support with delight and promptly announced that the dispute had now gone beyond their authority to settle and that postmaster general Burleson would have to deal jointly with them and the general body. They claimed that the greater number of the 12,000 cable splicers, test room men and other associates had joined them and that further support would be forthcoming.

The appeals of the girls for sympathetic action have not been confined to telephone employees. Favorable responses have been received from other Boston labor locals and the situation is threatening.

Appeals to President. Another appeal was made to president Wilson today afternoon, Francis J. Plimpton, president of the Democratic club of Massachusetts, and 21 members of the legislature called to Paris a request that the postmaster general be removed from office. The message read:

"Burleson wrecking the party. Remove him and settle this strike. Foster Nationalism. Springfield, Ill., April 17.—Overwhelming majorities favoring the calling of a national strike of electrical workers in the United States are being received here, according to J. P. Young, acting secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, whose headquarters are located here.

The whole responsibility, if the strike becomes effective, will rest with postmaster general Burleson. Mr. Noonan said today. He has refused time and again to recognize the Telephone Employees' union, even after president Wilson has turned over the matter to a federal arbitrator. He has appealed to him 12 times, but he has taken no action. We appeal to the new labor board and the department of justice to feel sure that these two bodies did what they could in our behalf.

Mr. Noonan said the official canvass of the vote of the electrical workers on the strike issue will not be completed until May 11, but from present indications of the vote received from the various states, the great majority are in favor of the walkout.

There are 120,000 members in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which includes linemen, trouble makers, telephone operators, telephone and telegraph operators.

Burleson Acts for Girls. Washington, D. C., April 17.—Postmaster general Burleson announced today that he had broken the deadlock caused by a refusal of striking New England telephone operators to submit their wage demands to general manager Driver, of the employing company, he had decided to "act for three telephone girls himself," and had placed their application before Mr. Driver with instructions to hear them.

DEER HARBOR STRIKE. New York, April 17.—The general strike of New York harbor workers, which has been in progress since April 15, was postponed for 48 hours under an agreement by officials of the Marine Workers' affiliation in conference with J. L. Hughes, federal mediator.

ALBANY SERKS FREEDOM. Albany, N. Y., April 17.—Premier Clemençon, as president of the peace conference, asking for confirmation of the complete independence of that country. Here, too, there is a willingness that the United States should assume control of government affairs until the little country has organized its political situation.

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The refusal of Stephen Pichon, the French foreign minister, to divulge the details of the provisions of the proposed treaty while speaking in the chamber of deputies yesterday and the failure of premier Lloyd George to speak in more than general terms before the house of commons indicates that no institution of the treaty will be made public at present.

IT WAS announced at a meeting of the council in Paris yesterday afternoon that various articles of the new treaty are in the hands of the drafting committee and that the remaining articles would be disposed of today.

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MEXICAN TROOPS KILL GEN. BLANQUET AND TAKE ALVAREZ, VERACRUZ REPORT

Report Of Blanquet's Death "Propaganda," Says Roberto Gayon

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, April 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Gen. Aureliano Blanquet, war minister in president Huerta's cabinet, who recently was reported to have landed in the Veracruz region for the purpose of starting a revolution against the Carranza government, was killed yesterday in a fight near Chaxtalia village, according to press reports from Veracruz, which quite a report from Gen. Francisco L. Urueta, chief of military operations in the region of Cordoba and Orizaba.

According to telegrams given out by Gen. Urueta, the commander in the district of Chaxtalia, Gen. Sanchez, met a party of rebels under Blanquet late yesterday afternoon, defeating them. The dead body of Gen. Blanquet was found later, Gen. Sanchez telegraphed that he was being held prisoner by the rebels. Gen. Francisco Alvarez was taken prisoner by the rebels, and a family of Pedro Garcia, one of the most active lieutenants of Felix Diaz.

Veracruz papers have recently been printing numerous stories regarding Gen. Blanquet's proposed revolt. These stories have been published in the United States, but Gen. Blanquet's claim that he had 40,000 men, with artillery and an airplane, and that he was allied with other factions, has been refuted.

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ITALIAN CLASHES BRING MANY CASUALTIES

Socialist and Anti-Socialist Groups Fight At Milan; Four Are Killed.

MILAN, Italy, April 17.—Four persons were killed and several wounded during disorders between Socialist and anti-Socialist groups.

The offices of the Socialist newspaper, Avanti, were wrecked in the fighting.

The workers of Milan, Bologna, Turin and Genoa, the principal manufacturing cities of northern Italy, began a 24 hour strike today.

SWISS WILL RECOGNIZE NEW GERMAN GOVERNMENT. Bern, Switzerland, April 17.—(Havas.)—The Swiss federal council, it is said, has decided to recognize the new German government on the condition that it was elected legally by the national assembly, which was reported by the vote of the people. The report has caused a sensation in political circles here.

“Arrogant Officeholders” Drive Men Out Of Democratic Party, Says Bailey To Attorney General

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—Joseph W. Bailey, former United States senator from Texas, has made public an open letter to attorney general A. Mitchell Palmer in which he discusses their respective views of Democratic principles and attacks the brand of Democracy represented by the arrogant office holders of this administration. The text of the letter follows:

“A friend has sent me a copy of the Pittsburgh Post containing an interesting article by you, which appears to have been telegraphed from Washington under date of April 8. The particular part of that interview to which I desire to call your attention is the following:

“Former senator Bailey, of Texas, a former distinguished Democrat, is a striking example of this situation. He lost the values of Democratic principles. Three times after his defeat he tried to recover his lost prestige. Each time he was repudiated by his state and his party. Now no longer recognized as a leader, hardly as a Democrat and entirely out of sympathy with the party, he departs in sorrow and newspaper statements that he will again represent his views. That time will never come. His departure from the Democratic party. There are others who ought to do the same thing. The party would be better off without them.”

“Should Stick To The Truth.” “I never object to a discussion of my opinion or of my conduct,” wrote Bailey. “But I have a right to insist that when a man discusses what I have said or done he shall state the truth. My acquaintance with you renders it difficult for me to believe that you would deliberately do otherwise, but whether intentionally or unintentionally, you have grossly misrepresented me in that part of your interview which I have quoted above. It was when you were defeated three times after his defeat he tried to recover his lost prestige. Each time he was repudiated by his state and his party.”

“You Were Repudiated.” “The statements are without any basis.”

“I felt until recently that the real Democrats of this country were so utterly demoralized that they would make no further content for the principles which they cherished. If you could see the letters and messages which have come to me within the last month, you would realize that I have not been so demoralized as to give all of those who have not ‘progressed’ away from the principles of our fathers to ‘get out of the Democratic party.’

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STARTS BLAZE ON TRANSPORT CARRYING 2000 U. S. SOLDIERS

FIRE DISCOVERED AS STEAMER NEARS BOSTON; EXTINGUISHED

BOSTON, Mass., April 17.—A German agent, allowed on the transport Patricia to look out for German property, attempted to set fire to the vessel last night as it was nearing Boston with more than 2000 American soldiers, according to Maj. Frank W. Cavannagh, of the 102d field artillery, one of the officers on board.

Says Name Is Fisher. The man had been locked in a stateroom because his actions were suspicious. When a guard left the room, the

German, whose name was given as Fisher, is alleged to have manipulated electric wires in such a way as to start a blaze in the stateroom. The guard found a lively fire burning when he returned.

Members of the crew extinguished the fire and Fisher was placed in irons. The German was one of five of his countrymen placed on board the Patricia by consent of the allied governments to watch the Hamburg-American line's property.

The Patricia is one of the first German merchant ships turned over to the allies.

Iowa County Already Is Over Top In Loan

Burlington, Ia., April 17.—Des Moines county, including the city of Burlington, claims the honor of being the first county in the state and nation to subscribe its full quota of the Victory Loan. The quota assigned the county was \$1,561,850. Wednesday 16 banks of the county underwrote the entire amount and a check for the amount was as originally planned. The banks will not resell to their customers.

Managers Will Ask Mexicans Be Allowed to Cross The Border Freely.

Leading Juárez families and prominent citizens from the interior of Mexico may be permitted, though not holders of permanent passports, to attend the automobile show to be given in Liberty hall, May 8, 9 and 10, if the plans of the show directors being started Thursday are carried out.

The plan which Glen Curtis, president of the El Paso Automobile Trades association, has formulated will provide for the opening of the border for visiting the show. He stated that arrangements made during the recent stockmen's convention when Americans were permitted to attend the ball game in Juárez.

Mr. Curtis, accompanied by O. W. Youngblood, chairman of the show committee, and Edwin Gardiner will call on E. A. Dow, American consul in Juárez, Thursday afternoon, at which time he will discuss the plan. The first of his kind ever proposed in El Paso.

Following his visit to Mr. Dow, the officers of the Juárez chamber of commerce will be interviewed with a view to seeing how they will cooperate in the show. The El Paso chamber of commerce sponsored in a similar way the show given at the city of Juárez when they were permitted to go over to Juárez during the cattlemen's convention.

Meets With Favor. “The proposition has met with favorable comment on every side so far,” Mr. Curtis said. “It does seem that we should be able to get this permission when Americans were allowed to visit the show on day at the stock show. And, if anything, the automobile show will be even a larger affair than the stock show.”

With the growing harmonious relations with the Mexican federal government and between many prominent Americans and Mexican cattlemen, the granting of our request should not establish a serious precedent.”

WILL STUDY TRADE RELATIONS. The Mexican government has sent three commercial agents to the United States with a view to studying the prospect of trade relations, according to information from Mexico City.

The Herald Closes At 3; No Night Edition Today

OUT of respect for the late W. M. Laughlin, advertising manager for The El Paso Herald for 16 years, The Herald office will close this afternoon at 3 o'clock for his funeral. There will be no Night Edition of the paper today.

“Fit To Fight” Free To Men, Liberty Hall

“FIT TO FIGHT,” the government film, will be shown at Liberty hall tonight at 8 o'clock under the auspices of El Paso Rotary. This film contains an interesting story, and also teaches a lesson which the government wishes every man in the country to heed. The film is being sent out by the United States Public Health Service.

The El Pasos who are to be guests of the club, will be welcomed by Frank Farrell and a committee of Rotarians.

The doors will open shortly after 7 o'clock, and the performance is free, even war tax being eliminated. Everybody is invited to attend.

The Victory Loan Must Be “Put Over” In The Regular El Paso Manner