LIVE STOCK MARKET

Advance on Beef Cattle Slows Up on Friday—Lambs Are Sharply Higher.

HOGS TWENTY-FIVE UP

Omaha, April 6, 1917.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	6,642	8,825	9,672
Official Tuesday	5,418	11,090	7,409
Official Wednesday	4,487	10,019	9,774
Official Thursday	2,832	6,729	2,218
Estimate Friday	1,500	8,000	5,500
Five days this week	20,029	45,166	29,774
Same days last week	32,246	72,508	57,399
Same days 2 wks. ago	19,935	41,835	45,400
Same days 3 wks. ago	26,961	66,262	50,786
Same days 4 wks. ago	23,156	49,625	47,397
Same days last year	9,562	37,381	27,026

Receipts and disposition of live stock at the Union stock yards, Omaha, for twenty-four hours ending at 3 p. m. yesterday:

RECEIPTS—CARLOADS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	H'r's.
C., M. & St. P.	2	1	..	..
Missouri Pacific	7	..	..	..
Union Pacific	11	24	5	..
C. & N. W., east	4	2	..	2
C. & N. W., west	9	74	1	..
C., St. P., M. & O.	..	5	..	..
C., B. & Q., east	6	..	..	..
C., B. & Q., west	20	14	17	..
C., R. I. & P., east	6	1	..	..
C., R. I. & P., west	1	..	..	..
Illinois Central	6	..	..	..
Ght. Gt. West	5	2	..	..
Total receipts	86	125	22	2

DISPOSITION—HEAD.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Morris & Co.	271	925	.....
Swift & Co.	394	1,847	1,504
Cudahy Packing Co.	357	1,923	2,334
Armour & Co.	520	1,644	2,303
Schwartz & Co.	.....	504	.....
J. W. Murphy	.....	2,249	.....
Lincoln Packing Co.	14	.....	.....
S. O. Packing Co.	5	.....	.....
Wilson Packing Co.	83	.....	.....
Swift, Denver	.....	.....	498
Hunsinger & Oliver	10	.....	.....
W. B. Vansant Co.	10	.....	.....
Benton, Vansant & L.	20	.....	.....
F. B. Lewis	42	.....	.....
J. B. Root & Co.	35	.....	.....
F. G. Kellogg	25	.....	.....
Sullivan Bros.	1	.....	.....
Christie	7	.....	.....
Higgins	1	.....	.....
Huffman	11	.....	.....
Meyers	12	.....	.....
Glassberg	1	.....	.....
Banner Bros.	3	.....	.....
John Harvey	10	.....	.....
Other buyers	92	.....	444
Totals	1,865	9,089	7,078

Cattle—Receipts were light this morning, only sixty-eight cars being reported in, but it was not had for a Friday. As usual, this late in the week, the demand for fat cattle was not so brisk and the trade was more or less uneven, some cattle looking fully steady and some a little lower. On the other hand, cows and heifers were strong and active sellers, everything being cleaned up early in the day. There were no prime fat cattle to make a high top, but there were cattle good enough to bring $12.50.

Stock cattle and feeders were in light supply and about steady.

For the week killing cattle are 50@50c higher than last week's close and feeders fully steady.

Quotations on cattle: Good to choice beeves, $11.60@12.50; fair to good beeves, $10.60@11.50; common to fair beeves, $9.50@10.60; good to choice heifers, $9.25@10.25; good to choice cows, $8.75@9.75; fair to good cows, $7.50@8.75; common to fair cows, $6.50@7.50; prime feeding steers, $9.50@10.25; good to choice feeders, $8.75@9.50; fair to good feeders, $8.00@8.75; common to fair feeders, $6.75@8.00; good to choice stockers, $8.25@9.25; stock heifers, $7.25@9.25; stock cows, $6.00@8.00; stock calves, $8.00@10.50; veal calves, $9.00@12.00; beef bulls, stags, etc., $8.00@9.25; Bologna bulls, $6.50@8.00.

Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
20	664	$8 40	28	632	$9 25
11	823	10 00	20	861	10 35
22	910	10 50	19	1070	10 75
22	1002	11 00	9	948	11 10
23	1054	11 25	24	1154	11 40
20	952	11 50	44	1009	11 75
23	1190	11 80	15	1211	11 85
20	1120	11 80	14	1152	12 00
18	1032	12 05	24	1180	12 10
18	1284	12 40	27	1341	12 45
20	1326	12 50			

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

2	480	$ 50	26	608	$ 85
3	893	10 25	7	848	11 00
23	959	11 60	19	777	12 00

HEIFERS.

1	320	$ 25	5	408	$ 60
25	648	5 50	9	600	9 00
16	890	8 25	6	845	10 50

COWS.

2	840	$ 30	4	616	$ 15
3	1120	5 25	2	925	5 50
1	990	6 75	5	1056	7 00
1	720	7 25	1	1350	7 50
12	920	7 75	1	1160	8 00
4	885	8 50	9	1092	8 70
54	919	9 80	1	1190	9 00
3	1006	9 40	6	1023	9 45
1	1320	9 50	43	1170	9 80
28	1289	10 15	22	1298	10 00
3	1014	10 25			

BULLS.

1	1390	$ 50	1	1020	$ 00
1	1730	10 00	2	795	10 25

CALVES.

12	296	$ 35	1	90	$ 25
1	280	9 50	3	166	11 00
3	200	12 00			

Hogs—Compared with the runs of hogs that were here the early part of the week today's receipts were fairly large for a Friday, estimates calling for 124 cars, or 6,900 head. For the five days supplies have been very moderate, the total being 45,166 head, as compared with 72,508 last week, 41,835 two weeks ago and 37,381 a year ago.

Prices improved sharply again today, the average being not far from 25c higher than yesterday. The market lacked the spontaneity of yesterday's as packers were trying to put on the brakes, and in spots it was actually draggy, but in the end everything was sold at about the advance noted. Shippers did not buy so heavily on the early trade as they did yesterday, but what hogs they did get were 15@25c up. Packers got into the yards early, but it was after 9 o'clock when they began making what sellers really considered bids. Chicago was reporting a big advance, and selling interests did not pay much attention to early offers which were no more than 5@10c up.

When packers finally got down to business and began filling their orders, they paid prices that were 20@25c higher, and in most cases the accent was on the quarter end of the quotation. Some sellers only quoted 15@20c advances, but it was obvious that they were figuring from the high end of yesterday's trade, and had gotten about the hogs that sold on the early low spot. When there were still as many as twenty-five cars left packers began refusing hogs at their earlier bids. Shippers got back in the market about this time to fill a few late orders, and this soon brought killer buyers, who had visions of pinching off a few nickels on the last h[illegible], to time, late sales being fully as good as at any time. Some of the plainer light hogs were neglected all morning, but on the close they found an outlet at the general advance, buyers picking them up to fill out droves.

As noted the average was right close to 25c higher. Bulk sold at $15.35@15.60, and a top of $15.70 was hung up.

Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
107	198	200	15 20	36	188	...	15 25
82	174	40	15 30	92	167	40	15 35
103	162	120	15 35	78	208	160	15 40
79	213	40	15 45	75	215	160	15 50
71	270	120	15 55	69	254	...	15 60
70	256	160	15 65	46	298	...	15 70

Sheep—While there was a pretty good lamb run here for what is really the last day of the week, the market came out of its slump this morning. Offerings were for the most part of a desirable sort and packers who have not had a great deal of stuff to work on at any time this week found that they were in urgent need of everything that was on sale. The result was that movement started early and all the offerings were cleaned up by shortly after the middle of the forenoon. Prices were sharply higher, advances of anyway 25@35c being noted on practically all the sales. Several cars of good Mexicans sold up to $15.55, equaling the record, while most of the desirable lambs, including a good many westerns, sold at $15.00 and better. Nothing of extremely big weights was here, but as heavy lambs have, in the absence of light stuff, been selling at figures that looked high, it can hardly be expected that they would have shown the full strength of the upturn.

Nothing much in the line of aged sheep was here and shearing or feeding lambs were entirely lacking, nominally steady prices being quoted in these two classes. The only mature stock that was offered, two loads of wethers, sold steady at $12.60.

As compared with a week ago, most of the lambs are selling at considerably improved prices, while the activity on this week's close cannot make the outlook anything but encouraging. Sheep have just held their own all week. Declines in killer lambs early in the week resulted in a slump in shearing stock, which at the close of last week looked ruinously high compared to where fat stock was selling and present quotations look a quarter below the high time.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, light and handy, $14.75@15.25; lambs, heavy, $14.25@14.50; lambs, fresh shorn, $11.50@13; lambs, good to choice, $13.00@13.75; yearlings, fair to good, $12.00@13.00; wethers, fair to choice, $11.50@12.75; ewes, good to choice, $11.40@12.25; ewes, fair to good, $10.00@11.40; ewes, plain to culls, $7.00@9.50.

Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
200	fed shearing lambs	82	$14 00
256	fed lambs	57	14 50
466	fed lambs	85	14 35
86	fed ewes	88	11 80
1040	Mexican lambs	75	15 25
479	Tunis lambs	80	15 00
128	fed lambs	80	14 90

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle, Steady; Hogs, Weak; Sheep Are Strong.

Chicago, April 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000 head; market steady; native beef, $9.25@13.15; stockers and feeders, $7.15@9.90; cows and heifers, $4.45@11.00; calves, $9.25@12.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 12,000 head; market weak at 20c to 25c above yesterday's average; bulk of sales, $15.60@15.90; light, $14.90@15.90; mixed, $15.30@16.00; heavy, $15.15@16.00; rough, $15.15@15.30; pigs, $11.00@14.70.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 8,000 head; market strong; wethers, $10.50@12.00; ewes, $9.00@12.40; lambs, $11.75@15.50.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

St. Louis, Mo., April 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 500 head; market steady; native beef steers, $7.50@12.50; yearling steers and heifers, $8.50@12.00; cows, $6.50@10.25; stockers and feeders, $6.00@10.15; prime southern beef steers, $8.00@11.25; beef cows and heifers, $4.25@9.00; prime yearling steers and heifers, $7.50@10.00; native calves, $6.00@10.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 6,800 head; market higher; lights, $15.50@15.95; pigs, $10.50@14.25; mixed and butchers, $15.40@16.00; good heavy, $15.95@16.05; bulk, $15.50@15.95.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 800 head; market higher; lambs, $13.00@15.45; ewes, $9.50@12.25; yearlings, $10.75@14.25.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

Kansas City, Mo., April 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 600 head; market steady; prime fed steers, $12.25@12.75; dressed beef steers, $9.50@12.00; western steers, $9.50@12.50; cows, $6.50@10.50; heifers, $6.00@11.75; stockers and feeders, $7.50@10.50; bulls, $7.50@10.00; calves, $6.00@12.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,000 head; market higher; bulk, $15.35@15.75; heavy, $15.65@15.80; packers and butchers, $15.50@15.75; lights, $15.25@15.60; pigs, $12.50@14.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,500 head; market higher; lambs, $13.00@15.15; yearlings, $12.00@13.65; wethers, $11.50@12.75; ewes, $10.50@12.50.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Sioux City, April 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 500 head; market steady; beef steers, $11.00@12.75; butchers, $9.50@11.00; fat cows and heifers, $7.50@10.50; canners, $5.50@7.50; stockers and feeders, $7.50@10.25; calves, $7.50@9.75; bulls, stags, etc., $7.50@9.75; feeding cows and heifers, $6.50@9.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,500 head; market 10@20c higher; light, $15.20@15.40; mixed, $15.40@15.60; heavy, $15.60@15.70; pigs, $12.00@13.00; bulk of sales, $15.40@15.60.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 100 head; market steady; yearlings, $12.00@12.50; wethers, $11.50@12.50; ewes, $10.50@12.50; lambs, $13.50@15.50.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

St. Joseph, April 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 200 head; market steady; steers, $9.00@12.25; cows and heifers, $6.00@11.25; calves, $8.00@12.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,000 head; market 10@15c higher; top, $15.75; bulk of sales, $15.40@15.70.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 200 head; market steady; lambs, $14.00@14.85.

Live Stock in Sight.

Receipts of live stock at the five principal western markets:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
St. Louis	500	6,800	800
Chicago	1,000	12,000	8,000
Kansas City	600	3,000	2,500
Omaha	1,500	9,000	5,500
Sioux City	500	5,500	100
Totals	4,100	36,300	16,900

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Live Poultry—Broilers, 1½ to 2 lbs., 35c; broilers, 2 to 2½ lbs., 35c; hens, under 4 lbs., 20c; hens, over 4 lbs., 19c; springs, 22c; old roosters and stags, 14c; stags, 15c; geese, 14c; ducks, 16c; turkeys, 20c; capons, over 9 lbs., 24c; capons, 9 lbs. and under, 20c; guineas, each, any size, 25c; squabs, Homers, 14 oz. each, per dozen, $4.00; pigeons, per dozen, 30c.

Butter—Choice creamery, No. 1, 40c; No. 2, 38c.

Eggs—Fresh, No. 1, case, $7.80; No. 2, fresh, $7.20; crax, case, $4.60.

Cheese quotations by Urban & Co.:

Cheese—Fancy domestic, 43c; block, 23c; twins, 26½c; daisies, 27c; triplets, 27c; young Americas, 28c; Blue Label brick, 24½c; limburger, 25c; Herkelmer (N. Y.) white, 25c; roquefort, 65c.

Wholesale prices of beef cuts:

Beef Cuts—Ribs: No. 1, 23c; No. 2, 21½c; No. 3, 18½c. Loins: No. 1, 27c; No. 2, 24c; No. 3, 18½c. Chucks: No. 1, 16½c; No. 2, 14½c; No. 3, 13½c. Rounds: No. 1, 18c; No. 2, 17½c; No. 3, 17c. Plates: No. 1, 14½c; No. 2, 14c; No. 3, 13c.

Onion Sets—Yellow, bu., $4.00, red, $4.25; white, $4.50.

Mammoth celery, per dozen, 95c.

Frozen Fish—Salmon Falls, 14c; Salmon Silver, 18c; trout, 17c; catfish, 18c; Alaska sablefish, 11c; smelts, 18c; whiting, 15c; crappies, 9c; pike, yellow, dressed, 17c; round, 14c; pickerel, dressed, 12½c; round, 9½c; herring, round, 7½c; herring, 8½c; whitefish, dressed, medium, 18c; large, 20c; jumbo, 25c; round, small, 11c; tile fish for steaks, 13c.

Fish—Fresh halibut, per lb., 16c; fresh catfish, 19c; frozen salmon, silvers, 17c; falls, 14c; fresh frozen smelts, 9c; herring, 7½c; pickerel, round, frozen, 8½c; pickerel, dressed, frozen, 10c; yellow pike, round, frozen, 13½c; black bass, 15c; crappies, 9c; yellow perch, 8c; catfish, 16c; roe shad, 80c; black bass, O. S., 25c; medium and small, 20c; large, 17c; smoked whiting, headless, 16c; kippered salmon, 18c; black cod, Alaska sable fish, 11½c.

Smoked, Salt and Spiced Fish—Smoked white chubs, 15c; kippered salmon, 18c; finnan haddie, 17c; codfish, 13c; Puritan cod, 12½c; pollock, 8½c; KKKK herring, 10c; bloaters, 60 to box, $1.75; 100 to box, $3.25; kippered cod, 10-lb. baskets, 20c; whitefish, No. 1, 40 lbs., $5.15; 10 lbs., $1.40; herring spiced, 40 lbs., $3.85; 10 lbs., 95c.

Oysters—"King Cole," large cans, standards, 40c; selects, 45c; counts, 50c.

Prices furnished by Gilinsky Fruit company.

Fruits—Oranges, box: 250s, 288s, 324s, $3.25; 200s, 216s, $3.75; 100s to 176s, $4.00. Lemons, box: Fancy 300s, 360s, $5.00; choice 300s, 360s, $4.50. Grapefruit, box: 36s, $4.00; 46s, $4.25. Apples, box: Jonathans, extra fancy, $3.25; fancy, $2.00; W. W. Pearmaines, $2.25; fancy, $2.00; Ark Blacks, $2.50; Ben Davis, orchard run, $1.60. Bananas, 5c lb.

Vegetables—Potatoes, Colorado, $2.85 bu.; R. R. Ohios, $2.25 bu.; new No. 1, $4.50 hamper; sweet potatoes, $2.65 hamper; seed sweet potatoes, $3.25 bbl.; celery, $1.00 doz.; per crate, $4.50; turnips, carrots, parsnips, rutabagoes, 4c lb.; cabbage, 10c lb.; lettuce, $4.00 per crate; per doz., $1.25; cauliflower, $3.50 per crate; per doz., $2.00; cukes, $2.00 doz.; onions, red, 12c lb.; Spanish, $3.50 per crate; large crates, $10.00 each.

Strawebrries—Probable price, $3.75.

Cider—Motts, $4.25 bbl.

Peanuts—No. 1 raw, 8c lb.; Jumbo, 10c lb.

Honey—24s, $.25 per case.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Business Goes on Without Much Semblance of Disturbance.

New York, April 6.—Tomorrow Dun's review will say:

With the formal recognition of a state of war generally discounted, business proceeds without semblance of disturbance, though with appreciation of the economic changes that must inevitably follow. Additional stimulus to industrial activity is foreshadowed by present and prospective government requirement and for some time preparations have been under way to effect the necessary radjustments in both productions and prospects.

The nature of the federal financing is as yet undetermined, but in banking circles the pending needs are awaited with composure, as funds have been prudently kept in a liquidated position and the nation's monetary resources are unequaled and more skillfully organized. With such solid facts in evidence, faith in the future remains a conspicuous feature and while these are elements of uncertainty in the commercial situation, forward plans testify to sustained confidence in the stability of the leading markets. Many new enterprises have started and the domestic and export demand taxes the capacity of most mills and factories, with the full employment of labor and the further wage advances tending to offset the extreme costs of necessities.

Weekly bank exchanges, $5,324,463,649.

Corn and Wheat Region Bulletin.

At Omaha, for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m., 75th meridian time, Friday, April 6, 1917:

OMAHA DISTRICT.

District.	Temp. High.*	Temp. Low.†	Rain-fall.	Sky.
Ashland	53	42	.00	Cloudy
Auburn, Neb.	59	30	.00	Clear
Broken Bow	64	20	.00	Clear
Columbus	61	31	.00	Clear
Culbertson	N. 71	24	.00	Clear
Fairbury	65	44	.00	Clear
Fairmont	62	28	.00	Clear
Grand Island	66	36	.00	Clear
Hartington	64	27	.00	Cloudy
Hastings	65	27	.00	Clear
Holdrege	69	28	.00	.....
Lincoln	60	33	.00	Pt. cloudy
No. Loup	68	28	.00	Clear
No. Platte†	58	24	.00	Clear
Oakdale	61	34	.00	Cloudy
Omaha	57	31	.00	Pt. cloudy
O'Neill	62	28	.00	Cloudy
Red Cloud	62	26	.00	Clear
Tekamah	59	36	.00	Pt. cloudy
Valentine†	60	36	.00	Cloudy

*Highest yesterday. †Lowest during twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m., 75th meridian time. ‡The lowest temperature for twelve-hour period ending 8 a. m.

Rainfall for last twenty-four hours at Iowa stations: None.

Summary of the corn and wheat region: There were general rains in Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and greater portion of Illinois, being heavy in Ohio, exceeding one inch at a few stations, moderately heavy in Michigan and eastern halves of Kentucky and Indiana, and light in western portion of rain area. Also light to moderate rainfall occurred in Montana and western North Dakota. Temperature is below seasonal normal from the Mississippi valley eastward, being near freezing in the Ohio valley, with frost or freezing in southern Missouri. Temperature is more moderate and rising in the plains states.

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

Omaha Hay Market.

Prairie Hay—Receipts light, market higher on better grades of hay and alfalfa; demand continues good. Upland: Choice, $12.50@14.00; No. 1, $12.50@13.00; No. 2, $10.50@11.00; No. 3, $8.00@9.00. Midland: No. 1, $12.00@12.50; No. 2, $9.50@10.50. Lowland: No. 1, $8.50@9.00; No. 2, $7.50@8.00; No. 3, $6.50@7.00.

Alfalfa—Choice, $19.00@20.00; No. 1, $18.00@19.00; standard, $16.00@17.00; No. 2, $13.00@14.00; No. 3, $10.50@12.50.

Straw—Oat, $7.00@7.50; wheat, $6.00@6.50.

Chicago Produce Market.

Chicago, April 6.—Butter—Higher; creamery, 38@43½c.

Eggs—Lower; receipts, 27,253 cases; firsts, 31@31½c; ordinary firsts, 30@30½c; at mark, cases included, 29@31c.

Potatoes—Higher; receipts, 12 carloads; Idaho, Colorado, Oregon and Washington, $2.70@2.80; Wisconsin and Michigan, $2.50@2.65.

Poultry—Alive, unchanged.

New York Money Market.

New York, April 6.—Mercantile Paper—4@4½ per cent.

Sterling Exchange—60-day bills, $4.71; commercial 60-day bills on banks, $4.71; commercial 60-day bills, $4.70⅝; demand, $4.76⅝; cables, $4.76½.

Silver—Bar, 73⅝c; Mexican dollars, 56⅝c.

Dry Goods Market.

New York, April 6.—Cotton goods markets were strong today with an advancing tendency. Wool traders have agreed to conserve supplies until action can be taken by the government concerning their requirements. Silks were steady and yarns advanced.

Among Prisoners the French Most Subject to Tuberculosis

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

Berlin, Feb. 20.—Exact figures regarding the number and percentage of tuberculosis prisoners of war in the German camps have been collected as a result of the charges widely circulated abroad that prisoners are intentionally infected with this disease. The figures show that the French suffer most of all from tuberculosis, but that the disease on the whole is on the wane.

In the first year of the war there were discovered in German camps 3,542 tuberculosis Frenchmen, or 2 per cent of the number of prisoners; in the second year, 2,094, or 0.75 per cent. In those two years there were transferred to Switzerland 1,592 Belgians, 1,262 Englishmen, 11,316 Frenchmen. Suffering from tuberculosis among this number there were 120 Belgians, 94 Englishmen and 900 Frenchmen. There died later of the disease in Switzerland two Belgians, forty-one Frenchmen and no Englishmen.

Conditions in the camps were sufficiently excellent so that the increase in tuberculosis from the beginning of the war until the end of July, 1916, remained behind that of the civil population of Europe.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

A Dividend of Two Dollars per share will be paid on Monday, April 16, 1917, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Saturday, March 31, 1917.

G. D. MILNE, Treasurer.

HUNDRED MILLION FOR EMERGENCIES

Senate Committee Attaches Item to General Deficiency Appropriation.

MEASURE QUICKLY PASSED

Washington, April 6.—The emergency war fund of $100,000,000 to be used by President Wilson in his discretion was quickly voted by the senate. It must also be approved by the house. The senate then adjourned until noon Monday.

Appropriation of $100,000,000 for a war fund to be used at the president's discretion, similar to the $50,000,000 fund given President McKinley for prosecuting the Spanish war, was attached today by the senate appropriations committee to the general deficiency bill.

The appropriations committee also increased the Department of Justice fund for the prosecution of crime and also that of the secret service.

The $100,000,000 given the president is "for national security and defense and for each and every purpose" and is to be expended "at the discretion of the president" is made available at once and to remain available until December 31, 1917.

The bill now carries a total of $164,853,000.

Cuban Congress Asked to Declare War on Germany

Havana, April 6.—President Menocal this afternoon sent a message to congress asking that body to declare that war exists between Cuba and Germany.

The president's message starts by reviewing the sending by Germany of its notice of unrestricted submarine warfare. Referring to Cuba's reply to the German note President Menocal says:

"In replying to the terms of the alarming note, the Department of State clearly signified the imminence of a definite rupture if the imperial government persisted in its new plan of submarine war, emphasizing our nonconformity thereto in accordance with the sentiment of all civilized nations."

New York, April 6.—With the formal declaration by Cuba of a state of war with Germany the Cuban government, following the course of the United States, intends to seize three German ships now in Havana harbor. This was announced today by the republic of Cuba news bureau here, a Cuban government agency.

London is Prepared for Short Loan Borowing

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

London, March 15.—The £1,000,000,000 loan of 1917, if regarded as a consolidated loan, wipes out the whole of the outstanding floating debt and gives the government a clean slate start for the issue of further short-dated borrowing which is expected to appear soon. Commentators estimate that including the conversion of exchequer bonds and of the 4½ per cent war loan, in addition to the new money obtained, the total capital of the new issue reaches around £2,150,000,000.

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New Observation Balloon Is in Use By French Army

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

Paris, March 25.—Among the latest triumphs of the French aerial service is a new observation balloon, known as Le Caquot. At the beginning of the war observers other than those in aeroplanes utilized kite balloons of the German Drachen type, called by the French soldiers, "sausages." There are still some of these in use at the front, but Le Caquot is much preferred. In shape it resembles a great tadpole.

Whereas the Drachen is inconvenienced by a wind of from fifty to fifty-five feet a second, Le Caquot can remain in the air unless the wind exceeds sixty-five to seventy-five feet a second. It takes fifty experienced men to manoeuvre it for as soon as it leaves the shed great attention must be paid to the wind currents, so as to save the envelope from being torn. Attached to the balloon is a wicker car, in which the observer is installed with his maps, charts, arms, barometers, and telephone, the latter fixed over his ears so as to leave his hands free. He is also provided with glasses and a white silk parachute for an emergency.

When the balloon attains an altitude of from 2,000 feet to 3,000 feet the windlass to which the cable is fixed is drawn by horses or motor-car at a moderate pace to a point near the enemy lines, where a refuge excavated in the soil has been prepared. This accomplished, the observer transmits his instructions by telephone. Two anti-aircraft posts are established nearby, to keep off the German airplanes. If the balloon is menaced the crew brings it down from 5,000 feet in seven to ten minutes.

Observers frequently pass from fifteen to eighteen hours in the restricted space of the balloon cars, communicating with the batteries by telephone, but even strong men are unable to pass more than three days at a time at this exhausting occupation, constantly exposed to the enemy's fire.

London is Not in the Grip of Cocaine Habit

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

London, March 20.—London is not in the grip of the cocaine habit. So says a report of the cocaine committee which has completed an investigation into what alarmists said was a growing curse of the people. "The habit is practically confined to a small section of the Dominion troops and to an almost negligible number of broken down medical men," the report added.

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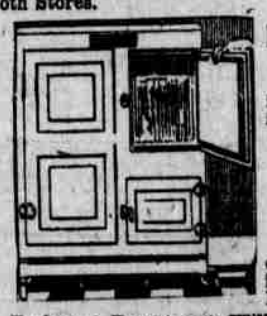

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