

Mexican bank note (state bills) \$9.15
—National—10.15
—Central—11.15
—Bar silver
Monday & Tuesday quotations
Copper \$23.50—Grains lower—Livestock
—Stocks irregular.

WEATHER FORECAST.
El Paso and west Texas, fair, colder;
New Mexico and Arizona, generally fair,
colder.

GERMAN U-BOAT RAIDERS DESTROY BRITISH MESSELS

British Sea Raider Moeve? Blazing Debates

WESSEL IS TAKEN TO TRINIDAD

Wireless Flashes Report Of Capture By Cruisers Off Brazil Coast.

SEIZED SHIP MAY BE ROON, BELIEF

Identity Of Raider Is Not Made Clear By Reports Of the Capture.

BREMEN AIRS. Argentina, March 2.—Press dispatches from Montevideo say a steamer arriving from Europe intercepted near the coast of Brazil a wireless message from British cruisers had captured the German auxiliary cruiser Moeve. The Moeve, it is said, was taken to the island of Trinidad by her captors.

There is some doubt, however, as to the identity of the German vessel reported to have been captured.

Another wireless message is said to have been received from the vessel in question is the German auxiliary cruiser Roon.

Moeve Sunk Many Ships.

The Moeve is the sea raider which left Kiel some months ago, sank a number of British trading ships, off the west African coast and sent the British liner Aqueduct with a prize crew to Hampton Roads, Va.

The Moeve was said by captives on the Aqueduct to be accompanied by a cruiser believed to be the Roon.

Some of the activities of the Moeve became known. It has been ascertained that British warships have been scouring the seas in search for the commerce destroyer.

Periscopes On Mines Is Rise Of Germany To Sink Enemy Ships

Baltimore, Md., March 2.—German strategy has now resulted in placing periscopes on mines for the purpose of sinking British ships, according to Capt. J. R. Keely of the British steamship Hartfield. He says periscopes are placed on the mines to deceive ship masters into the belief that the periscopes are those of submarines. They will then try to ram the submarines, the mines will explode and the ships be sunk.

ITALIAN SHIPS WILL BE ARMED, DESPITE GERMANY

Rome, Italy, March 2.—The Italian ambassador at Washington has been instructed to notify the American government that, notwithstanding German and Austrian claims regarding the sinking of Italian merchantmen, Italian merchantmen will continue to carry armament.

NAVY IMPORTS MESSANGE.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—Count Macchi di Cellere, the Italian ambassador, conferred today with secretary of state Lansing, presenting the views of his government on armament of merchantships.

SAYS WEALTHY AUSTRALIAN GAVE FUNDS FOR RECRUITS

Honolulu, T. H., March 2.—Funds to purchase the discharges of American soldiers recruited later into the British army for war service, were supplied by J. J. Haskahy, a wealthy Australian rancher, according to Guy D. Handall, one of the three men arrested Sunday on a charge of complicity in the alleged plot.

PLACES OF 100,000 MEN TAKEN BY BRITISH WOMEN

London, Eng., March 2.—Over 100,000 women up to now have taken the places of men in British industrial life, releasing as many men for service in the army. These figures have been compiled by the statistical department of the board of trade and fall short of the correct total, as many firms have not yet made their returns. Women now predominate in factories, which they have entered by the tens of thousands and metal lathe and drill quite like old hands.

FOUR MORE SHIPS ARE REPORTED SUNK

London, Eng., March 2.—The sinking of four more vessels was reported today. The crews of three British tankers headed at Lowestoft. Their vessels are said to have been sunk in the North sea.

SHIP ESCAPES AIRPLANE.

London, Eng., March 2.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Christiania says a German airplane attacked with bombs the Norwegian steamer Modalen, bound for England, but that the vessel was not damaged.

AMERICAN HAS A RELIGIOUS TALK LEADS TO RIOT

CLOSE CALL FOR LIFE

Many Are Injured In Chicago Fight Following Lecture By Former Priest.

Chicago, Ill., March 2.—A score of more persons were hurt and about 100 arrests followed a riot which resulted from a lecture on civil and religious liberty given here in a south side hall Wednesday night by Dr. Joseph Slattery, a former Catholic priest, and his wife, Dr. Mary E. Slattery, a former nun. Hundreds fought inside and outside the hall. Police and fire departments were summoned and the fighting was stopped when streams of water were played on the combatants.

Lecturers Escape.

Dr. Slattery and his wife escaped to an automobile and under police protection were escorted to a downtown hotel. According to one of his party, Dr. Slattery and his wife are practicing physicians in Boston, Mass., where he usually speaks on Sundays at the Peoples' Temple. He was ordained a priest by archbishop Croke, it was said, and after serving in Ireland for eight years, quit the priesthood about 25 years ago.

He married a former nun of the Order of Poor Clares. The couple are on a lecture tour and it is said that in their talks on civil and religious liberty, no attacks are made on any religious denomination.

Presbyterian Parsonage Threatened.

The residence of Rev. R. Keene Ryan, pastor of the Englishwood Presbyterian church, who lives near the rail. A brick wall had been driven away a policeman was placed on guard at the house. Dr. Ryan, according to his wife, is in St. Louis.

AMERICAN CRIPPLE ELUDES VILLISTAS; SAVES LIFE

Douglas, Ariz., March 2.—Charles R. Auburn, an American mining man, who was reported to have been executed by Villa soldiers more than two months ago in the Matamoros mine in southeastern Sonora, is alive, it was learned today.

Persons arriving here from that section said Auburn, who is a cripple, had been taken to the mountains. He remained in hiding several weeks.

BRIBERY INDICTMENT IS RESULT OF FRAUD TRIAL

Chicago, Ill., March 2.—Indictments charging bribery, acceptance of a bribe and conspiracy to commit bribery have been voted by the federal grand jury against A. C. Frost, defendant in the Alaskan land fraud case that nearly cost C. W. Bourke, one of the jury who acquitted Frost and his four co-defendants, and attorney Bert Wing, said in a statement today.

GERMAN-AMERICAN TELLS PRESIDENT OF LOYALTY

Washington, D. C., March 2.—Paul F. Mueller, of Chicago, president of the National Association of German patriots, and editor of the Chicago Abendpost, told president Wilson today he believed in the loyalty of German-Americans.

DOUGLAS SMELTER YIELD SHOWS HEAVY INCREASE

Douglas, Ariz., March 2.—Copper Queen smelter's copper output for exceeded January's by more than 100,000 pounds, it was learned today. The smelter's output for 1915 was 12,890,000 pounds. This includes product of custom ores and the Nacozari concentrates.

COAL WAGE DISPUTE NO NEARER SETTLEMENT

New York, March 2.—Bituminous coal miners and operators from the middle West still apart today on the matter of agreeing on an increase in wages for the miners. When the subcommittee of employes and employers met yesterday had anything definite to offer.

CHARGED WITH TAKING SACKS.

Charged with taking cement sacks from the new courthouse, Antonio Lopez was arrested Thursday afternoon after being detained by employees of the J. E. Morgan Construction company. Lopez, a Mexican, is charged with taking sacks from the courthouse and his possession is said to have had six in his possession at the time.

GOVERNOR AT BRENHAM TO MAKE PATRIOTIC ADDRESS

Austin, Tex., March 2.—Governor Ferguson, Capt. J. A. Burns, state superintendent of public buildings and grounds, and John Lester Wroe, private secretary to the governor, are at Brenham today for the Independence Day celebration. The governor will address a speech. While there, he and Capt. Owens will make an inspection of the site of the first capital of Texas at Washington-on-the-Brazos, which has recently been purchased by the state.

RESIGNS PRESIDENCY OF TUCSON'S COMMERCIAL CLUB

Tucson, Ariz., March 2.—Mose Drachman, who has been appointed clerk of the United States district court, has resigned the presidency of the chamber of commerce. In his announcement of resignation he said his new duties would not allow him to devote sufficient time to the chamber of commerce office.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

Debate proposals to warn Americans against passage of armed merchantmen.
Brandis investigation continued.
Agricultural committee continued steel investigations.
House.
Foreign affairs committee called to meet to consider McLeary resolution to warn American against shipping.
Naval committee continued national defense hearing.

U. S. HEALTH OFFICERS COMING

Surgeon of Public Health Service Due Tonight; Typhus Case Isolated.

Another case of typhus fever was discovered by city health officers in the 600 block on South Florence street Wednesday afternoon. The case was a Mexican laborer, who has been isolated, his clothing and bedding burned and all who lived in the same house quarantined, their heads shaved, their clothing burned and they were forced to take kerosene and vinegar baths to destroy any typhus bearing lice.

U. S. Health Officer Coming.

Dr. G. C. Pierce, chief surgeon of the United States public health service, is expected to arrive here tonight from Laredo to assist the local health officers in preventing the spread of contagious diseases brought in from Mexico. He will confer with Dr. J. W. Tappan, the U. S. health officer on the border, and will also consult with Dr. W. C. Klutz, the city health officer, and Dr. G. N. Thomas, the county health officer.

No Embargo.

While an embargo on Mexicans from Juarez has been declared, rigid inspections are being made by inspectors at the bridges and only those free from body lice and who are clean will be permitted to enter. No passengers from the interior will be admitted and those who are in Juarez are barred from crossing to this side.

City Inspected.

The city health inspectors who have been assigned to the south side, are making a careful inspection of every house and room in the Mexican quarter. Wherever lice are found the occupants are forced to take the vinegar and kerosene baths, have their heads shaved and their clothing burned. All eggs are burned and no further rag picking will be permitted. The city health inspectors found but one contagious disease case Wednesday, the first day of the inspection.

Further Inspections by U. S. Officers in Juarez Have Failed to Reveal any Typhus Cases in the Mexican Town.

Mexicans Indignant.

Mayor Manuel Prieto, of Juarez, and Carranza consul Andres Garcia called on mayor Tom Lea Thursday morning and offered to cooperate in every possible way in preserving the health of the border. Mayor Prieto offered to do anything possible to assist the city health officers in preventing contagious cases from coming to the American side and consul Garcia announced that all the stores and places of Mexico would be stopped two miles below Juarez and all passengers from the interior fumigated and inspected.

It is a pleasure to work with two such men as mayor Prieto and consul Garcia," said mayor Tom Lea Thursday. "With such cooperation we can preserve and protect the health of every citizen of both El Paso and Juarez. Mayor Prieto is a young, aggressive man and one who understands conditions and is ready and willing to meet them with us. Consul Garcia's offer to have the trains stopped below Juarez guarantees us protection from that source and with these two officials working with us, we will be able to prevent any disease from being brought to our border."

T. & P. FREIGHT HITS FORD AT VAN HORN; WOMAN HURT

Mrs. T. M. McWhorter, of Light, Ariz., sustained slight injuries Tuesday afternoon when the Ford automobile in which she was riding with her husband, T. M. McWhorter, was struck by a Texas & Pacific freight train near Van Horn, Texas, and demolished.

According to McWhorter he did not hear the train coming and the first indication that he received was the explosion of the engine of the automobile.

The couple were picked up and taken to Van Horn in the caboose of the train. Mrs. McWhorter was found to have sustained slight injuries.

CITY TAX COLLECTIONS TOTAL \$168,875.95 FOR FEBRUARY

City tax collections for February totaled \$168,875.95. This is the largest total of collections for the new year. Of this amount the amount for the current year was \$167,875.95. The remainder is delinquent taxes owing the city. The final date for paying city taxes is March 15.

This amount is to be distributed as follows: City treasury, \$131,225.08; school treasury, \$37,650.87.

W. B. LATTA TO BUILD STORE; \$7500 PAID FOR STORE SITE

W. B. Latta has bought 25 feet frontage on Chihuahua street, between First and Second streets, from R. E. Young for \$7500 and is planning to erect a store building on the property as soon as plans are drawn.

The property measures 25 by 120 feet and is now vacant.

COUNCIL ADJOURNS BECAUSE OF TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

Because of Texas Independence day, the city council met Thursday, heard the minutes of the previous meeting and adjourned until 19 o'clock Friday.

The banks closed all day Thursday, the postoffice closed at noon and the schools were given a holiday.

TO REOPEN COLORADO SILVER MINE

Durango, Colo., March 2.—Silver mines in this region which have been closed for 20 years are to be reopened, according to operators here. The cause for the increased activity, it was asserted, was based on prospects of increased demand for silver.

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GORE SAYS HE UNDERSTANDS PRESIDENT WILSON FAVORS WAR WITH GERMANY.

STONE HEATEDLY DENIES REPORT PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH MINORITY LEADER, BIDDING FOR REPUBLICAN AID.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 2.—The armed ship issue suddenly blazed up in the senate today with the most sensational debate of the new session in which senator Gore, Democrat, and author of a resolution to warn Americans off belligerent vessels, repeated what he characterized as a report that president Wilson had told certain congressional leaders that a war between the United States and Germany "might not be ungrateful and might result in advancing civilization by bringing about the end of the European war by midsummer."

President Wilson, at a conference with congressional leaders today, is understood to have said that, following out the notes of the United States government, diplomatic relations might be broken off with a nation in disregard of international law, and that he had been informed breaking off of diplomatic relations might precipitate war.

Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee emphatically denied that the president had ever expressed any such sentiment in his hearing, and senator James, another administration leader, denied to know why senator Gore had not sought to confirm the report from the president himself.

Gore Hocks Water.

Senator Gore responded that he had hoped the report was untrue; that he had repeated it only as a report as reported by circumstances which gave it credence in his opinion, but that he was glad to hear it denied.

The storm broke in the senate unexpectedly when senator Stone, in announcing that he was not in accord with the president's demand for a defeat of the armed ship resolutions, proposed a motion to amend the Gore resolution to a vote, and senator James announced that the administration forces had the majority.

May Vote on Resolution Tomorrow.

Senator Williams of Mississippi spoke vigorously in support of the president, as did senator Lodge, the ranking republican of the foreign relations committee. The debate ended without action, as the senate adjourned for business with the prospect of taking up the Gore resolution at an early hour tomorrow. Meanwhile the situation in the senate was unchanged, with the administration leaders apparently making no headway toward a vote there.

To Outline His Position Fully to the Republicans in congress, president Wilson conferred this afternoon with Republican leaders in a bid for republican support.

Gore Explains Cause.

Senator Gore explained that at the proper time he would put squarely before the senate the question whether the sinking of an armed merchant vessel by a submarine would be considered sufficient cause for war.

"I introduced my resolution because I was apprehensive we were heading toward war," he said. "My act was based on a report which seemed to me to come from the highest authority that certain senators and members of the house, in a conference with the president, received from him the intimation, if not the declaration, that if Germany insisted on her position, the United States would insist upon hers and that this would result probably in a breach of diplomatic relations and breach of diplomatic relations would probably be followed by a state of war, that a state of war might not be an evil, might not be ungrateful, might end the war by bringing about a submarine blockade. I cannot certify to the truth of the report. I tell the tale as it was told me. There were such extensive reports of the truth that I found that it might be true."

"The senator from Missouri, the chairman of the foreign relations committee will deny it, that will satisfy me. If the senator from Indiana says it is not true, will accept that."

Stone Denies Report.

"I do not know why the senator from Missouri," replied senator Stone, "did not quote the senator," responded senator Gore.

"It is well known that the president has a passion for peace," interjected senator Kern in a tone that indicated that denial of senator Gore's charges. "I have no passion for peace," senator Gore responded. "I do not believe"

GEORGE WASHINGTON FILES A CLAIM FOR INJURY ON FEB. 22

Austin, Tex., March 2.—In a batch of claims for personal injuries received from the state industries today, a claim is one from a man named George Washington, who sustained injuries on February 22, the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, when he was struck by a train while at work on a construction company.

SNOW DERAILS CARS; TWO PEOPLE LOST, MANY HURT

Denver, Colo., March 2.—Two persons slightly hurt and three cars derailed were the known results today of the snowslide that late Wednesday struck westbound Denver and Mo. Grande narrow gauge train No. 312, five miles west of Sapinero, Colorado. The accident occurred in the Black Canyon, where at places the water of the Gunnison river wash the roadbed.

The missing are C. H. Mathews, express messenger, and Earl Levy, of Pueblo.

The communication with the scene of the accident was interrupted by the blizzard, which interfered with the search for the missing and efforts to clear the track.

McFARLAND TO MAKE RACE AGAIN AS MEMBER OF HOUSE

Austin, Texas, March 2.—M. M. McFarland, member of the legislature from Broward county, spent the day here from his home at Alpine. Mr. McFarland announced that he had declined to make a race for the republican nomination as a member of the house in the 25th legislature. Mr. McFarland said that he will introduce again at the next session of the legislature a proposed constitutional amendment which provides that a person may vote in a general election away from home; that in any precinct in which he may be on the day of the election. This proposition was defeated at the special election held last July.

700 MACHINISTS STRIKE; LIST MAY REACH 10,000

Buffalo, N. Y., March 2.—Five hundred machinists of the Pierce Arrow Automobile company went out on strike today. The union has large work orders for motor trucks. Two hundred out of 300 men employed in the Curtis Aeroplane company joined the strikers. Several other small concerns were forced to close when the machinists walked out. Union officials would not state how many men had answered the strike call but predicted that 10,000 would be affected by Saturday.

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