

Mexican bank notes, state bills, 9@16c; pesos, 68c; Meridian gold, 52 1/2c; national bonds, 17 1/2@18 1/2c; bar silver, H. & H. quotations, 85 1/2c; copper, 42 1/2c; grains, lower; livestock, steady; stocks, holiday.

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ALLIES ARE CERTAIN GERMANY CAN'T BREAK THROUGH WEST FRONT

Military Men Believe Germany Has Already Stripped East Front of Most of Its Effective Forces, That En- teente Still Has Preponderance of Men and Material on West Front, That Germany Will Get Beating.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—How Russia's complete withdrawal from the war will affect the allies and the United States in a military way cannot be accurately estimated at this time, officials here believe, despite the fact that on paper the Russian collapse would seem to give the Germans a great numerical superiority of troops on the western front.

Officially, there is nothing to be said on this subject, because the government has no official information. Probably no definite official pronouncement of how it affects the situation could be made anyway, without agreement among the co-belligerents and that is considered unlikely.

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Germania Clear For Action.—The enemy continues to make intense preparations for what has been advertised as the "great offensive." German troops and guns keep pouring into the western front and there are indications that a few Austrian units are in Flanders.

Certain areas back of the German front have been cleared of troops, and daily bodies of troops have been practicing attacks under the tutelage of experts. Prisoners say that leave for the soldiers was stopped January 20.

Business Stripped of Effectiveness.—The 147 Austro-German and Bulgarian divisions on the Russian front which will entirely be released by a separate peace, are regarded as already having been stripped of their effectiveness, which have been abandoned to the military experts say, in addition, that Germany would

FIGHT HARDER AND LONGER BRITAIN'S KING; CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Munich is Jealous; Demands Tank Like The One Berlin Has

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Feb. 12.—Jealous of Berlin's possession of a British tank, Bavaria is demanding that Munich must have a tank like the one now on exhibition in the Prussian capital. To this demand, the Neueste Nachrichten of Munich adds:

"We want not in good condition, because the people of Munich will not be satisfied unless they can see the wheels go around."

opportunities for debate in any session.

May Cover Whole Field of War.—The proceedings on this occasion may cover the whole field of war effort. Political circles have been buzzing the past few days with various rumors, showing that severe criticism of the government is expected in the debate. One rumor is to the effect that a hostile amendment concerning the Versailles treaty has moved from the front opposition bench.

Ministers Interfering.—Complaints that ministers have interfered with the military chiefs have been resuscitated recently and voiced outspokenly in a section of the press. This subject will be brought to debate in association with the demand for an expansion of the emergency powers of the council at the recent meeting at Versailles.

In this connection, it will be recalled that former premier Aquilino last week propounded a question concerning the Versailles treaty, and it is understood that he will bring up this topic again. It is assumed that the Versailles treaty will be an important subject.

Labour Members to Urge Views.—Before the conclusion of the debate, the radical and labor members will again urge their views. They may also move an amendment criticizing the policy of the Versailles treaty, whose official statement referred to vigorous prosecution of the war as the only immediate task of the allies.

A joint allied statement of war aims may also be demanded.

The submarine menace, food rationing and the dispute with the English in which we are engaged has reached a critical stage which demands more than ever our united efforts.

September Morn Revised.—Chicago, Ill., Feb. 12.—If cost Nicholas Mellish \$25 to expose a "reviled" picture of "September Morn" in the Chicago Tribune, the "war" picture of the same name here sold tonight if the reports of a separate peace by Russia are true American facts a crisis.

There are 1,500,000 Austro-German prisoners in Russia who are in good fighting condition, he said. These, together with 147 divisions of German fighters will be thrown against the allies on the western front.

Speeches by World's Leaders
Are Real Peace Negotiations
Without Roundtable Secrecy

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Actual peace negotiations of a new type and on a greater scale than heretofore known are seen by old school diplomats in the recent series of addresses by spokesmen of the warring nations outlining terms.

Although president Wilson's latest address to congress is regarded as a clear reiteration of America's determination to continue to fight until the military masters of Germany are ready to consider peace in principle, the king's address, which is being broadcast on a vast scale really are going on.

No Secrecy or Round Table.—These "extra official negotiations," as they are called by diplomats, denote a change in the ancient and accepted practices of diplomacy.

Instead of being conducted in the seclusion of a round table conference, which was the aim of the central powers in the early stages of the war, the great issues are now being expounded and critically analyzed in the light of publicity and the world's forum.

Austrian vs. German Views.—The president's address was intended to clear up any confusion resulting from the recent speeches on peace terms by count von Hertling, the German chancellor and count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister. In the address of count von Hertling, the president's proposal to end the war on German terms, the Austrian premier, however, stressed the right to peace as the fundamental elements of peace with clear vision and proposal would have gone further had it not been for Austria's dependence on Germany.

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Will Be Caught In Catalina Or Rincon Mountains, Officers Believe.

250 MEN ARE IN PURSUIT OF THEM

Murderers Of Sheriff And Two Deputies Making For Mexican Line.

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 12.—Thomas and John Powers and Thomas Sisson, who shot and killed sheriff R. F. McBride, of Graham county, and two deputies at Aravaipa canyon early Sunday morning, will make their last stand against the posse pursuing them in the Rincon or Catalina mountains, near Tucson, is the belief of officers who have been pursuing them for 48 hours.

The last word from the hunted men comes from settlers along the San Pedro river, and indicates that the men have crossed this stream and are headed south, probably in an effort to cross the Mexican line. The northern passes are being watched by armed civilians, while a number of posse members are being kept in jail.

Try to Surround Bandits.—Sheriff Rye Miller, of Pima county, Arizona, last night withdrew his men from the north and are endeavoring to surround the Powers brothers and Sisson, having been the mountains at Aravaipa, Happy Valley and other places.

Powers Are Heavily Armed.—The Powers are heavily armed, are young men, and Sisson, a former convict, are expert pistol shots and are heavily armed with automatics, a machine gun and guns of the officers they killed in resisting arrest on a charge of evading the draft. They are mounted on the officers' horses and have a thorough knowledge of all the feeding places and passes of the southern Arizona mountains.

The number of men in the posse now pursuing them is nearly 350. An authentic account of the killing of sheriff McBride, of Graham county, and his deputies, which occurred here from Safford last night, says that sheriff McBride and deputies Mark Kempton and T. Kane Wootan were killed Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock in battle with Tom Powers, John Powers, alleged draft evaders, and Tom Sisson at the home of the Powers boys.

Deputy United States marshal Frank Haynes, father of sheriff McBride, and Deputy Sisson, and Wootan left Safford Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock to get Tom and John Powers.

Powers Open Shooting.—They reached a house near the mine of John Powers, father of sheriff McBride, about daybreak Sunday morning, surrounding the house. John Powers, the father, came from the house with a gun and ordered the officers to hold up their hands, and just then one of his boys opened the door and started firing on the officers. Powers senior dropped, shot through the right shoulder.

About 15 minutes later, according to the officers, McBride was shot by Tom Powers and Kane Wootan was shot by John Powers. Kempton came around the house and was shot by Tom Powers, who was shot by Tom Sisson, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years and was paroled by Gov. W. P. Hunt. He lived with the Powers boys.

Haynes Escaped Unhurt.—Haynes accompanied Tom and went to Kiondike for help. A party from Kiondike started Sunday afternoon for the Powers camp to bring back a number of flags which were used in the attack.

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INFANTRY COLUMNS CHARGE POSTS; ARE TORN TO BITS

ALLIED ARTILLERY BEARS BRUNT AS GERMANS DISPERSE ENEMY

Austrians Are Decimated by Terrific Fire Before They Have Opportunity to Develop Any Important Action; Berlin Claims Minor Advantage and Asserts Aus- trians Captured a Few Less Than 180 Men.

ROME, Italy, Feb. 12.—The Austrians yesterday renewed their attacks on the northern front west of the Brenta river, but were held in check by the Italians. The Austrian columns were torn to pieces by the Italian artillery and the attacks were stopped, says today's official statement.

Infantry Is Decimated.—The communication follows: "The increased fighting activity continued yesterday morning on the southern slopes of Monte Sasso Rosso and east of the Presnola valley. The enemy pushed forward important infantry forces which were located in good time and decimated by our ar-

tillery so that they could not develop any important action. "In the afternoon the situation was normal again.

Germany Vaguely Claims Success.—Berlin, Germany, by way of London, Feb. 12.—(British Admiralty press Wireless Press.)—After a day of lively artillery fire on the Sette Comuni plateau on the Italian front the Austrians attacked south of Sasso Rosso clearing supporting positions and capturing nearly 150 prisoners, army headquarters here announced today.

Six Officers Captured.—The statement reads: "Italian front—there was lively firing all day on the Sette Comuni plateau. The Austro-Hungarians attacked and cleared enemy support positions on the southern slopes of Sasso Rosso, capturing six officers and 178 men."

RUSSIA WON'T SIGN A TREATY
BUT REPEATS THE WAR IS OVER

Only a Few of the Younger Russian Troops Will Be Left to Guard the Frontier; Rest of the Army Will Be Demobilized; Demand of Germany for Ter- ritory Causes Break in Negotiations.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 12.—Confir- mation of the German report that Russia has withdrawn from the war is contained in an official Russian statement received here today.

The negotiations of peace with the central powers have been ended, the statement says. The Russian delegation refused to sign a treaty providing for annexations by Germany. Nevertheless, Russia will not continue the war with the Germans and Austrians, workmen and peasants like ourselves.

A statement received yesterday and accredited to Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik foreign minister, said that the Russian workers and peasants like ourselves, won't renew trade agreements.

New York, Feb. 12.—Negotiations for the non-renewal of German trade relations conducted at Brest-Litovsk simultaneously with the discussion of the peace, are reported in recent issues of German newspapers reaching this country. The content of the first seven days of negotiations made in the main committee of the reichstag by director Johannes of the foreign office show the Russian viewpoint of the Russo-German trade relations of 1894 and 1904 as the old capitalistic order. The Bolsheviks were unwilling to renew these relations, which they considered were forced upon Russia during periods of financial depression.

Former State Engineer
COBB TO CONTINUE FIGHT

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 12.—The attack of former state engineer Lamar Cobb on the state commission of public institutions is to be continued, as filed two actions. That in which he represented the state engineer undoubtedly would be continued, as filed in the state court. Cobb has announced that he would push the suit himself and by due court action endeavor to secure the attorney general's participation.

CROCKETT MAN ELECTED
STATE MINE BOARD HEAD

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 12.—John Legroy, of Crockett, was today elected chairman of the state mining board, at a meeting held here. He succeeded W. A. Avery, of Austin, resigned. William Wimberly, of Newcastle, was elected secretary.

Herald To Tell Women
How To Conserve Food

EVERY woman in El Paso knows Mrs. Edna J. Evans, the great expert in the greatest of domestic arts, cooking. And every woman in El Paso knows well the importance of the Herald's "Cooking" feature, which is a constant utility and knowledge with pleasure. This is the fourth annual cooking school conducted by The Herald and Mrs. Evans for the fourth consecutive time will give a series of lectures and demonstrations on "Cooking" lasting from February 23 to March 2, inclusive, in the auditorium of the Woman's club building on Mesa avenue. Owing to the exigencies arising out of the "war" world conflict now going on to make the world "safe for democracy," Mrs. Evans this year will confine her lectures and demonstrations to the "Conservation of Food."

Surely there has never been a time when this word carries so much meaning and command as now. Every woman should realize as never before that now is a time when conservation is imperative and necessary. It is a matter of wanting to conserve; it is a matter of having to conserve. There is no other way to conserve. The Herald is affording the opportunity to the women of El Paso to learn how to conserve food and material intelligently in their households. There is no charge whatsoever. Just come and make yourself at home.

REGULARS AND PROGRESSIVE WING EMPHASIZE NEED FOR HARMONY THROUGHOUT.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 12.—The executive committee of the Republican national committee today took up the Tennessee contest between Jesse L. Littleton and John J. Gore.

Relectioneering for chairman of the national committee continued preparatory to the meeting of the full national committee this afternoon when a chairman will be chosen.

It was predicted last night that in the interest of harmony, both Will H. Hays, Indiana, and John T. Adams, Missouri, would withdraw their candidacies, leaving the field open.

Progressive wing of the party, represented there by George W. Perkins of New York, John C. Shaffer and Harold Lickon, Indiana, and the Indiana delegation, opposed Adams all day and spokesman for that faction announced that it appeared that Adams' withdrawal would be a certainty.

Emphasis Need for Harmony.—His speakers today stressed the necessity for harmony and for a chairman whose election would leave no bitterness of factionalism behind. All, too, insisted that in the crisis of the war the president must be supported and that the support already given him by the minority party would be more effective from a Republican majority.

Senator Tamm issued a statement criticizing the coal administration and the "bestowal of autocratic powers on the president."

The executive committee was in session part of the day. It voted for but did not name an advisory committee of women.

Frank Stanley, of Wichita, national committeeman, issued a statement today as a dark horse candidate for national chairman. Meanwhile, the supporters of John T. Adams, of Iowa, and William Hays, of Indiana, renewed the battle for them.

Approve Suffrage Amendment.—The resolutions committee drafted resolutions for presentation to the full committee. These endorsed the stand taken by Republicans in congress voting for the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment; suggest that the administration at Washington avail itself of the assistance of the ablest men in the country regardless of political party; and that the support already include a tribute of "gratitude and affection" to Theodore Roosevelt, and pledge support in the prosecution of the war.

Attention Message to Roosevelt.—The Roosevelt resolution follows: "We, the representatives of the Republican party, in duly constituted official conference assembled, send you in this hour of crisis and adversity a tribute of our gratitude and affection. We take courage and strength from your example in constant and earnest preparation against aggression on land and sea, and in fearless maintenance of American honor and the face of all mankind. We fervent-

Vanderbilt in Coal Line
Newport, R. I., Feb. 12.—Mrs. French Vanderbilt stood in line with hundreds of other residents at the office of the fuel administration seeking cards to obtain quarters in portions of coal. Mrs. Vanderbilt's magnificent home, Harbor View, was without fuel of any kind.

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