

TODAY'S PRICES

Mexican bank notes, state bills, 90/100; pesos, 68c; Mexican gold, 52 1/2; nacionales, 17 1/2; silver, 17 1/2; H. & R. quotations, 85 1/2; copper, 82.50; grain, lower; livestock, strong; stocks, higher.

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El Paso and West Texas, fair, colder in Panhandle; New Mexico, fair south, snow north portion; Arizona, fair, colder. (This is a weatherless day.)

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REPUBLICANS ELECT HAYS AS CHAIRMAN; ADAMS PRO-GERMAN?

Charge of Disloyalty Made Against Iowan, Who Is Candidate, Followed by His Withdrawal From Race and Hays Is Elected; All Members of National Committee Also Resign; New Members Will Be Chosen.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 12.—The Republican national committee this afternoon elected Will H. Hays, of Indiana, chairman. He was nominated by John T. Adams, of Iowa, and the nomination was seconded by committee man King, of Connecticut. Mr. Adams earlier in the afternoon announced his withdrawal from the contest for chairman.



WILL H. HAYS

Gov. Goodrich, of Indiana, said he expected the national committee would appoint an absolutely new executive committee, giving the party new leadership. He said that after Mr. Adams became convinced that he could not be elected, he resigned the editorship of the Dubuque Telegraph-Herald. Mr. Adams earlier in the afternoon announced his withdrawal from the contest for chairman.

The resignation of all the members of the executive committee was accepted. The committee adopted a resolution that national committee members should be regarded as heads of the party in their districts, which was decided that the national committee should meet once a year.

Professing "Peace Loving" Germans. "I will make the assertion," the letter continued, "that there are no more peace loving people in the world than the Germans. From the Kaiser himself to the humblest citizen, and there are no people further in all that is best in cultured civilization.

Business Russia and France. "It is now perfectly clear to all of us who have been living in Germany that when Russia and France were secretly plotting to punish the Serbian assassins, the occasion for a sudden attack on the German border, these

FRENCH BREAK THROUGH TO FOE'S FOURTH LINE, DEMOLISHING TRENCHES

WITH THE French Army in France, Feb. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—In the course of three successful trench raids yesterday, the French advanced as far as the fourth German line between La Prete and Mort Mare woods, in the Woerwe district, and took prisoners belonging to the Ninth Bavarian and the 94th landwehr divisions.

The German entanglements had been destroyed by the French artillery and the progress of the assaulting column was favored by a heavy mist. As soon as the French reached the first positions the Germans opened a sweeping machine gun fire as well as an artillery barrage, but the French penetrated the shell curtain almost without casualties, demolished all the enemy shelters and emplacement and returned to their own positions with most valuable information.

171 Tuscania Victims Buried; 164 Of Them Americans And Names Of Nearly All Are Given

A SCOTCH SEAPORT, Feb. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Up to Tuesday night a week after the disaster, 171 victims of the ill-fated transport Tuscania had been laid to rest at different points on the Scottish coast. These were divided as follows: Americans, 131 identified and 32 unidentified; crew, four identified and three unidentified.

The Associated Press correspondent cooperated with the American army officers in obtaining these figures, which go forward to Washington as the most accurate and complete list obtainable. The last 17 of these bodies recovered—all Americans—were buried yesterday afternoon, villagers again coming many miles in a downpour of rain to pay their simple tribute to the American dead. The bodies were brought to the burial place on one big motor truck which was followed along the route several miles long by a long line of 25 khaki-clad American survivors and the village mourners. One of the villagers carried the Union Jack while an American soldier held aloft the Stars and Stripes.

LOYD GEORGE BRITISH GOVERNMENT APOUSED, FACES ACCUSERS

Challenges Parliament to Form New Government If Not Satisfied.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 12.—Parliament assembled yesterday on tiptoe with curiosity as to how premier Lloyd George would meet president Wilson's latest declaration and the dissatisfaction manifested by a section of the press and public over the Versailles council, and also as to how far H. H. Asquith, the former premier, would respond to the demand of the extreme wing of his followers for the abandonment of the policy of benevolence toward the government in favor of active opposition based on disapproval of the general war policy, and especially the enlargement of the functions of the supreme war council, which has assumed executive powers in order to meet the great German blow impending.

The House of Commons was not disappointed for the former premier, with reference to president Wilson's speech, while Mr. Asquith endorsed fully the president's view, premier Lloyd George did not even mention Mr. Wilson's last speech and declined to see in count Cardin's statement any nearer approach to reasonable terms than in count von Hertling's. Moreover, the premier regarded the German chancellor's demand that Great Britain give up her coalfields as proving fully that the controllers of German policy were in no mood to discuss reasonable terms of peace.

Will Not Retract. Declaring absolutely that he would not yield on the matter of revealing more about the Versailles conference on the ground that it would be revealing military secrets, premier Lloyd George challenged the House, if dissatisfied with the government's conduct of the war, to put another government in its place.

GERMAN ARMY SAYS SPAIN ATTACK NANCY

Three Civilians Killed and Five Wounded; Artillery Combat Is Heavy.

Paris, France, Feb. 12.—There was fairly heavy artillery fighting last night in the neighborhood of Pion on the Alsace front, says today's war office statement. Northwest of Belms the bombardment also was lively. German aviators last night threw bombs on Nancy, killing three civilians and wounding five.

ITALY WILL JOIN, SAYS PREMIER ORLANDO

Nation Is Of Necessity In The Fight to a Finish, He Declares.

PEOPLE NOW FULL OF FIGHT War Loan Is Great Success, Despite the Defeat of Last Fall.

ROME, Italy, Feb. 12.—Enthusiastic applause and cheers for America met the declaration of premier Orlando at the opening of the parliament today that the war situation was growing better, due to help from the United States in replacing Russia.

Swiss In U. S. Urged To Support Peace Aim Of President Wilson

New York, Feb. 12.—Because the United States is concentrating its efforts on war, Swiss residents in this country have decided, it is announced here, to defer "until a more suitable time" the holding of a meeting of the United States branch of the Nouvelle Societe Helvetique, an organization which aims to promote the solidarity of the Swiss people at home and abroad.

REGISTER BY TONIGHT OR BE INTERNED, GERMANS WARNED

Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—Register by tonight or be interned. This is the situation which faces unarmored Germans in the United States who have not registered with the police or postmaster. The department of justice today issued a final warning to those who have not registered.

AUSTRIA MAY MAKE A SEPARATE PEACE IS BELIEF

London, Eng., Feb. 12.—According to the lobby correspondent of the Daily News, facts are known which bring the possibility of a separate peace between Austria-Hungary and the entente allies much nearer.

EGG DEALERS, PROFITEERS, LOSE LICENSE DURING WAR

New York, Feb. 12.—Announcement was made that the food license of R. Duff & Sons, Inc. of this city, has been revoked for the period of the war. The company is a wholesale dealer in poultry and eggs. The order was based on the charge that the Duffs sold eggs for 51 cents a dozen when the government fixed price was 48 cents.

MAKES KNITTING RECORD

Woodland, Calif., Feb. 12.—It takes F. H. Pierce, manual training teacher in the grammar school here, just three evenings to knit a sweater for a soldier. Pierce is proficient in knitting, putting and repeating, and ready has made several pieces for "the boys." He learned the art while an invalid.

1917 CONSTRUCTION IS 1,163,474 TONS, BONAR LAW ASSERTS

NEW SHIPS TOTAL FAR MORE THAN TONNAGE OF SHIPS SUNK

Construction in 1918 Is to Be Very Much Greater, It Is Announced, While, in Addition, the United States Is Expected to Contribute Several Million Tons to the War Uses of the Allies.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 12.—During the year 1917 there was built in Great Britain 1,163,474 tons of shipping and 170,000 tons were secured abroad, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced today in the house of commons.

This is far greater than the total destruction of British ships by submarines or mines. It is the admiralty's answer to the U-boat challenge. Shortages of shipping now are due to the immense tonnage necessarily diverted to the United States army for transportation of troops to Europe, for supplying them with provisions and materials and for the transportation of other materials for construction work in connection with the United States army's camps and communications in Europe.

The figures given by Bonar Law are the first to be made public and refute the German claim that Great Britain was being reduced to impotence because all her shipping was being destroyed by the German submarines. Announcements heretofore have stated that construction of shipping this year would be much greater than that of last year. In addition, the United States is looked to produce several million tons of ships before the end of the present year. Some of the new American merchant ships already have been commissioned for service and are making regular trips.

Families Of Soldiers Are Cold, Hungry

Allotments Held Up Cause Suffering, Red Cross Reports Say.

Reports from various army officers are reaching Red Cross headquarters here that on account of the new insurance law, which is holding up the pay of the soldiers, there is a great deal of suffering among those who have families. An officer brought in word Tuesday of three such families huddled together in one small house trying to save fuel and of many others who were in want of food. It is said that some of the soldiers have not received any pay for as long as three months.

The committee of the local Red Cross society known as the home service section, of which Mrs. S. P. Skinner is chairman, has had a notice posted in the bulletin board at Fort Bliss, directing any soldiers who have had difficulty on account of failure to receive their allotments, or who wish information in regard to the new law, to call at once at the headquarters of the Red Cross society in the Roberts Barracks building, a worker from the home service section there all day ready to receive applicants for help or to give information in regard to allotments.

Mrs. Skinner is asking for volunteers to help in the work. She estimates at least 15 more members are needed for this committee work.

OHIO CLOTHIERS ASK FIXED PRICES ON WOOL

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 12.—A resolution asking that the government prohibit speculation in clothing by fixing prices of wool and cotton is expected to receive the endorsement of the Ohio Retail Clothiers and Furnishers' association convention.

ARIZONA LEADS DRIVE FOR JUNIOR RED CROSS

San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 12.—Arizona leads California and Nevada with 55 percent of its school organizations in membership in the Junior Red Cross.

LEARN HOW TO CONSERVE FOOD TO HELP WIN WAR

SUPPOSE Mrs. El Paso Housewife, that you were immediately called upon to put into practice many of the regulations now applying to cooking in hotels and restaurants? Could you intelligently carry them out?

THE WAR AT A GLANCE

COUNT VON HERTLING, the imperial German chancellor, it is reported unofficially, will answer president Wilson's address to congress in the German Reichstag next Tuesday. President Wilson saw a difference between the chancellor's recent statement and that of count Cernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister and declared that count von Hertling had not withdrawn from his position that peace should be made on Germany's terms.

El Paso Must Keep Busy At Washington If We Want A Cantonment Here