

**TODAY'S PRICES**

Mexican bank notes (state bills), \$4.00
Mexican pesos 45.00—National bills 45.00
Cash—Cotton 10.00—Wool 10.00—Hides 10.00
Copper 12.00—Grains lower—Livestock steady—Stocks higher.

**GERMAN U-BOATS ATTACK U.S. SHIP**

**Threaten Turks Defy New Russian Attack**

**FOR LINES FOR FIGHT IN HILLS**

**Armenian Thousands Savagely Slaughtered Before Erzerum Evacuation.**

**MOST OF TURKISH ARMY IN FLIGHT**

**Russia Rejoices As News Of Victory Reaches Cities and Hamlets Of Nation.**

**P**ETROGRAD, Russia, Feb. 19.—The great army of Turks driven out of Erzerum, Turkish Armenia, may attempt to make a second stand at a favorable location in the hills about 15 miles west of Erzerum, but it is not believed they will be able to erect any extensive fortifications before an avalanche of Russians is hurled upon them. Today's advice again is that thousands of Armenians were put to death in Erzerum by the infuriated Kurds before the city was evacuated, but there are no further details.

**Turks Realized Defeat Certain.**

The first attack in detail of the capture of Erzerum by the Russians reached Petrograd early today. It is believed that complete cooperation of Russian troops over a wide area, which would ensure resistance on the part of the Turks. Apparently the Turks realized the fall of Erzerum was inevitable and withdrew most of their forces before the final onslaught, leaving the garrison of the widely separated forts to their fate.

**Howling Preceded Bayonets.**

The campaign began to reach its climax in the last days of January. Troops from the north and east moved against the first line of forts under the most severe weather conditions. The Russians dragged their artillery to the heights surrounding the fortress, and when all was ready began to bombard the forts Kara Guzek and Dahan Geza, preparatory to the bayonet assault.

**1000 Guns Taken.**

A semi-official news agency says: "The exact number of Turkish troops captured at Erzerum is not known, but a greater part of the garrison got away, as the fortress was not invested, but was carried by assault. The number of guns captured reaches 1000, and certain British say a dozen, possibly massacred thousands of Armenians."

**German Forts Excellent.**

"The city's defensive works were organized by the German commander Fossel, and are spoken of as admirably arranged and embodying all the resources of modern military art and engineering."

**Russia Rejoices.**

The capture of Erzerum has aroused the greatest enthusiasm throughout Russia. Towns, large and small, are the scenes of democratic parades and celebrations. The most imposing demonstrations took place at Tiflis, where the grand duke Nicholas in person announced the news of the fall of Erzerum. The whole town was lavishly decorated and the grand duke appeared several times in response to the exclamations of the crowd.

**GERMAN TROOPS AGAIN MOVE THROUGH BELGIUM**

Amsterdam, Holland, Feb. 19.—During the last six days great German troop movements have occurred in Belgium and central Belgium, says a dispatch from the frontier to the Telegraf.

**ITALIAN BANKER'S HOME BLOWN UP; WOMAN HELD**

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 19.—A bomb exploded today at the home of Modestino Mastrogiovanni, an Italian banker, and blew out the front of the house but injured no one.

**LANSING EXPLAINS U. S. ATTITUDE**

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—Bureau of War Reliefs, charge of the Austrian embassy here, conferred today with secretary of the state, and it was understood Mr. Lansing explained to the charge why the United States did not acquiesce with the announced intention of Germany and Austria to sink armed merchantmen after Feb. 25.

**S. E. STILES QUILTS CITY**

L. B. HUMPHREY GETS JOB

S. E. Stiles, chief inspector for the health department, has resigned his position and L. B. Humphrey took his place.

**CHINA'S PROVER LAUGHS AT FOES; CALLS REBELLION THERE SPANISH**

**P**EKIN, China, Feb. 19.—In an exclusive interview with the correspondent of the Associated Press at the palace today, president Yuan Shi Kai minimized the importance of the rebellion now in progress and expressed confidence of the ability of the government to suppress the uprising when adequate troops reach the upper Yangtze Kiang.

**Embroiderment Is Delayed.**

Discussing his epithet, he said:

**UPPER VALLEYS SEND COMMITTEE**

**Will Confer With Commissioners About Road Construction Plans.**

Vinton, Texas, Feb. 19.—A number of citizens from the upper valley will go to El Paso Monday to attend the meeting of the county commissioners regarding the question of the class of road construction to be used north from El Paso. The majority of the property owners are in favor of building paving roads that can be put down as cheaply as concrete, with the same guarantee.

**WOMAN REVEALS AN AX MURDER**

**Chicago, Ill., Feb. 19.—An ax murder, planned so carefully that even the grave for the victim was dug before he was slain, was revealed today, the police say, in a confession by Mrs. Teofil Zdrovicki.**

**OKLAHOMA LEGISLATORS DEPLORE THEIR OUTBREAK**

**OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 19.—Little hostile feeling was evident today when the lower house of the legislature reassembled after Friday's tumultuous scenes, when Democratic and Republican members engaged in a battle of inkwells and books.**

**FELIX TIBILAR LOSES 65 HEAD OF HORSES AND MULES**

**Felix Tibilar, who lives in East El Paso, has notified the sheriff's office of the theft from him of 65 head of horses and mules.**

**THIS DAY IN CONGRESS**

**Senate.** Agricultural committee continued its hearing on a resolution to direct an inquiry into control of Yucatan's sisal output.

**HIGH OFFICERS WILL CONDUCT INQUIRY**

**Inspector General, Adjutant General, Head of War College Comprise Board.**

**INEFFICIENCY IS SPECIFIC CHARGE**

**Aviation Officers Wanted Automobiles Under Sundry Appropriation, Alleged.**

**WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—**An army investigation of senator Robinson's charges that the aviation service had been conducting the aero corps in an inefficient manner, has been ordered by the war department.

**WACK DESCRIBES HOLDUP OF BANK**

**Chicago, Ill., Feb. 19.—**Just how he and his associates robbed the Washington "Bank National Bank of \$15,000 was graphically described to a jury Friday by Eddie Mack, old time pickpocket, who turned bank robber. Mack, on promise of immunity, appeared as a state witness.

**DANIELS ASKS MILLIONS FOR BATTLESHIP REPAIRS**

**WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—**A \$2,500,000 emergency appropriation for immediate necessary repairs of machinery in battleships, torpedo boat destroyers and submarines, to increase the supply of mines and for the first time to equip battleships with anti-aircraft guns, was asked of congress today by secretary Daniels.

**ACIDS MIX; EXPLOSION WRECKS ANILINE PLANT**

**Plainfield, N. J., Feb. 19.—**The plant of the Middlesex Aniline Chemical company, said to be a German owned company and one of the best plants manufacturing aniline in the country, was destroyed by an explosion and fire today.

**SAYS PHILIPPINE BILL WILL INJURE AMERICANS**

**WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—**The Philippine bill, as passed by the senate, would result, by giving the islands independence within two to four years, in expatriating American and driving the American capital out of the islands, according to a protest filed with chairman Jones of the house insular committee by Charles M. Swift, president of the Philippine Railway company.

**LAREDO WISHES TO CURB THE INFLUX OF MEXICAN REFUGEES**

**Austin, Tex., Feb. 19.—**Dr. H. C. Hall, quarantine officer at Laredo, and Dr. O. J. Cook, city physician of Laredo, reached here today and had a conference with the governor and state health officer Collins, relative to plans for checking the upland influx of refugees from Mexico into Texas at Laredo.

**SENIATORS ASK BANK UNWISHED?**

**Demand Statement of Harvester Co.'s Deposits; Bank is Obdurate.**

**WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—**The senate agricultural committee today decided to call upon the Continental and Commercial National bank of Chicago to submit a statement showing the deposits of the International Harvester company for the last three years in order to determine the truth of charges that the Harvester company had disclosed the Chicago bank for extending financial aid to the sisal growers of Yucatan.

**WOMAN BURNS SELF AND GIRLS**

**Rock Island, Ill., Feb. 19.—**Crazed by domestic troubles, it is said, Mrs. Veronica Pelski, aged 25, at Kewanee early Friday night, during the absence of her husband and three sons, locked her two daughters, aged five and seven, in a room, set fire to their clothing and then touched a match to her own garments. All three burned to death.

**Tombstone Court Hears Three Divorces In 15 Minutes; Nearly Record**

**Tombstone, Ariz., Feb. 19.—**Judge Lockwood in the superior court is believed to have nearly approached a record for the trial of divorce cases when he disposed in 15 minutes of three divorces.

**SMOKING IS BARRED ON COLLEGE CAMPUS**

**State College, N. M., Feb. 19.—**Smoking on the campus of State college is barred. The student body, by resolution, has ordered the ban on campus smoking, fixing the penalty, which is to be levied on the offender in the horse court.

**CHICAGO MEN BUY BIG LAND TRACTS IN THE PANHANDLE**

**Dalhart, Tex., Feb. 19.—**Information has reached Dalhart of increased activity in land sales in Oklahoma and Kansas counties. No less than 100,000 acres have changed hands in the last 60 days, according to information received here.

**FLOOD MAROONS 2000 WITH NO FOOD AND SCANT SHELTER**

**New Orleans, La., Feb. 19.—**Increased apprehension was felt today for the 2000 or more persons crowded around New Orleans without food and with but scant shelter. Most of them are negro plantation laborers.

**READS ABOUT CABRIA IN HERALD**

**Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 19.—**Manager Texas Grand Theater, El Paso, Texas.

**THE MASKED WOMAN WITHOUT HER MASK**



Photo by Stephen Haderer, ISS JEAN GENTY.

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**FORMER GOV. FRANCIS IS OFFERED PETROGRAD POST**

**WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—**President Wilson has offered to former governor David R. Francis of Missouri the post of ambassador to Russia to succeed George T. Marry, resigned.

**PREPARE FOR TRIAL OF SEVEN IN EASTLAND CASE**

**Chicago, Ill., Feb. 19.—**Preparations were begun today by the state's attorney to bring to trial the seven men indicted by the state grand jury and charged with responsibility for the loss of more than 500 lives in the Eastland disaster last July.

**MT. FRANKLIN RIFLE CLUB IS CHARTERED AT AUSTIN**

**Austin, Tex., Feb. 19.—**Three El Paso concerns were incorporated today by the state. One was Crombie & Co., which was incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000.

**FIND CYANIDE OF POTASSIUM KILLED MARIAN LAMBERT**

**Chicago, Ill., Feb. 19.—**Cyanide of potassium was the poison which killed Marian Frances Lambert, Lake Forest high school girl, according to a report made to the coroner today by Dr. Ralph C. Webster of the Chicago laboratories.

**BRITISH TRY TO RECOVER APPAM**

**WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—**Attorneys for the British owners of the liner Appam, which was captured by a German crew, have brought an admiralty proceeding under the prize law to regain possession of the ship.

**STEAMSHIP CHINA, OUTBOUND FROM SHANGHAI, IS HELD UP IN THE PACIFIC.**

**THINK CRUISER IS LAURENTIC**

**State Department Hears Of Seizure and Protest Is Believed Probable.**

**BRITISH AGAIN ATTACK IN VAIN NEAR YPRES**

**Berlin, Germany, Feb. 19.—**Another fruitless attack by the British south-east of Ypres, where the Germans recently captured several hundred yards of trenches, was announced today by the war office.

**BRITISH ANNOUNCE ENTIRE CONQUEST OF THE KAMERUN**

**London, Eng., Feb. 19.—**The complete conquest of the Kamerun, the German colony in equatorial Africa, was officially announced this afternoon.