

THE WEATHER: Generally fair with rising temperature Friday; Saturday fair and warmer.

BULL SOLD FOR \$50,000, WORLD RECORD PRICE.

Chicago, March 20.—What was declared to be a world record price of \$50,000 for a pure-bred Hereford bull was announced today by J. B. Ferguson as having been paid by Ferguson Brothers of Canby, Minn., for "Richard Fairfax," a 5-year-old registered animal.

FOOD PRICES DECLINE 6 PER CENT DURING MONTH

Washington, March 20.—Although food prices showed a decline of 6 per cent during the month ending last February 15, the prices were 9 per cent higher than those prevailing in February, 1918, and about 75 per cent higher than the price average of 1913.

MEMORIAL TO BE HELD IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY

London, March 20.—A memorial service for American soldiers and sailors who fell in the war is to be held in Westminster Abbey April 4.

SECRETARY GLASS MAKES APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM

Minneapolis, March 20.—Appealing confidently to the patriotism of the American people make to a success of the coming Victory liberty loan, Secretary of Treasury Carter Glass today declared the loan could not be floated on a strictly commercial basis.

BAILEY RENOUNCES DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Newark, N. J., March 20.—Asserting that the democratic party has "ceased to support democratic principles," former United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas today declared in an address that he would "never again vote for the candidate of any party which constantly reduces our liberty and unnecessarily increases our taxes."

PETROGRAD WOMAN EXECUTIONER EXECUTED

Copenhagen, March 20.—A bolshevik newspaper in Petrograd publishes a long list of persons executed in connection with the counter-revolution. Among the names is that of Madame Sternberg-Jakoleva, president of the committee dealing with executions, who herself had been held responsible for thousands of executions.

PRICE STABILIZATION ADVOCATED BY HOOVER

New York, March 20.—A cablegram from Herbert Hoover, director general of the international relief organization, expressing regret that this country had abandoned stabilization of hog prices and turning to a policy of free trade in sugar, cottonseed products and wheat, was discussed at a meeting here today of executive officers of the food administration.

STOLEN POCKETBOOKS FOUND IN DEACON'S LOOT

Minneapolis, March 20.—Stolen pocketbooks still containing the money lost by their original owners were found today in the heap of loot accumulated by George Hyatt, Anoka printer and deacon, when an "identification party" was held at the Anoka jail, attended by nearly every resident of the village. Hyatt, who was indicted by two grand juries today, claims he made no effort to dispose of stolen goods which he "accumulated" in the last 10 years.

Omaha Jurist Takes Hand in Investigation of Promotion Frauds

Chicago, March 20.—Thorough investigation which may result in wholesale indictment of persons involved in stock promotion frauds was promised today by United States District Attorney Clynne, who said his office is already preparing for prosecution of officials of three corporations. Indictments already have been obtained in one case.

CHARLES MAY FIND REFUGE IN SWITZERLAND

Geneva, March 20.—The Swiss government has received a formal demand from former Emperor Charles of Austria requesting permission for him to live in Switzerland. As the allies through Arthur Balfour, British foreign secretary, when sounded on the subject, recently, made no objection to such residence, there quest probably will be granted.

REDUCTION OF HOURS IN MINES GRANTED

British Government Accepts Report of Commission Supporting Demands of Colliery Workers.

London, March 20.—Andrew Bonar Law, the government spokesman, in a statement in the house of commons tonight said that the government had accepted the report of the special commission, of which Justice Sir John Sankey is chairman, including its undertaking to report on the question of nationalization by May 20 and to issue interim reports from time to time on the problem of improvements in the coal industry.

Grant Two-Thirds of Demands.

With reference to the Sankey report, which he explained was signed by three representatives of the employers not directly concerned in the coal industry, and granted the miners two-thirds of their demands in wages, Mr. Bonar Law said that the miners of the report recommended a further reduction in hours in 1921 because they assumed that by then the output of 1913, namely, 287,000,000 tons, would be produced. The estimated cost for the current year was \$215,000,000.

Seven-Hour Day Favored.

The interim report to the coal commission, of which Justice Sir John Sankey is chairman, issued tonight, recommends seven hours of work underground, instead of eight, from July 16, next, and six hours from July 13, 1921, subject to the economic position of the industry. The report recommends an increase in wages of two shillings per shift for colliery workers now under sliding scales, and an advance of one shilling for workers under 16 years.

INDICTMENT FOR DR. WILKINS ON MURDER CHARGE.

Long Beach, N. Y., March 20.—Dr. Walter Keene Wilkins, whose wife was killed with a hammer on the night of February 27 and who told the police that burglars had committed the deed, was indicted today by the Nassau county grand jury for murder in the first degree.

Accused Physician Maintains Composure When Accused of Killing Wife.

Washington, March 20.—National observance of Arbor day through the planting of trees dedicated to soldiers who died during the war was urged today by Secretary Houston in a letter to governors of the states.

Dividends Will Be Met by Issuing Certificates

Washington, March 20.—Dividends and interest on railroad stocks and bonds due April 1, amounting to approximately \$70,000,000, will be met by the railroad administration by issuance of certificates of indebtedness for amounts due from rentals and other sources. The war finance corporation will make cash advances to the companies on the certificates.

Thomas Johnston, Ex-Soldier, Omaha Boy, Stricken Blind While Walking Along Street

Young Man, Gassed While Working in Government Laboratory in Washington, Loses Sight of One Eye and After Discharge and Return Home, Vision Fails Entirely; Darkness to Be His Lot.

And suddenly there was darkness! This is a story of the light that failed! The story of sudden darkness, in place of light, which came to Thomas S. Johnston, ex-soldier, Omaha, who suddenly on Farnam street found himself totally blind, found that a life of blindness was the toll that his war god had demanded.

Johnston was gassed while in a laboratory in Washington. He was sent to a hospital. He was pronounced fit for discharge, and in this condition was discharged from the army.

Unscathed in War, Soldier Loses Eye by Motor Car Crank

Charles Seldman, Omaha soldier boy, who returned recently from France, after serving without a scratch throughout the campaigns that beat the Huns and ended the war, lost his right eye in Council Bluffs while cranking his automobile.

Call Meeting to Discuss Excessive Building Cost

Three Thousand New Dwellings Are Needed in Omaha, Realtors Declare—Mayor Appoints Committee to Investigate High Cost of Building Material.

INDICTMENT FOR TREE MEMORIALS FOR SOLDIERS KILLED IN WAR.

Chicago, March 20.—Prof. Octave Laurent, M. D., of Paris has been invited to make his future home in Chicago, as the result of the pledge of an unnamed philanthropist to finance an "Institute of Life" for the famous heart surgeon.

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CUT MADE IN PRICES OF PIG IRON AND STEEL

Agreement Upon New Schedule for 1919 Reached by Representatives of Mills and Industrial Board.

Washington, March 20.—Agreement upon a new schedule of steel prices providing a reduction in the present quotation for the commodity was reached late tonight by representatives of the steel industry and the industrial board of the Department of Commerce.

Reduction 10 to 14 Per Cent.

The prices made public tonight represent reductions from the present prices of from 10 to 14 per cent. The reduction on pig iron was \$4.25 a gross ton, on billets \$5 a gross ton, and on plates, bars and structural shapes \$7 a net ton.

Prices to Remain Stable.

"It is expected that prices during 1919 will not be any lower and our present intention is to make no decrease in wages except, perhaps, at some mills where there is contract between employers and employees providing for a scale."

CONFERENCE AT POSEN BROKEN OFF BY GERMANS

Hun High Command Breaks With Cabinet and Refuses to Respect Armistice With Poles.

Burleson Blames Agitators for Unrest Among Wire Workers

New York, March 20.—Postmaster General Burleson, in a letter made public here today, to Secretary of Labor Wilson regarding the labor situation in connection with the government's control of telegraph and telephone wires, charges that a few agitators are continuously conducting propaganda which engenders unnecessary dissatisfaction among employees.

Howell Bill Postponed as Result of Compromise

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—(Special Telegram.)—As a result of the compromise agreement entered into by R. B. Howell, manager of the Metropolitan Water board, and the Nebraska Power company, House Roll 450, known as the "electric light" bill, was indefinitely postponed in the house today by a unanimous vote.

Who Fired Shot That Killed Louis Young, Youth Found In Janous' Barber Shop?

Of Ten Bullets Shot Out of the Revolvers of Numerous Policemen, All But One Went Wide of the Mark; Police and Detectives Detail Various Stories Concerning Affair, But None Lay Claim to Kill.

Who shot and killed Louis Young, alleged boy burglar who tried to be good? Three detectives and a policeman opened fire on Young and an unidentified partner as they emerged from the rear door of Joe Janous' barber shop, 1826 Sherman avenue, at 5 o'clock Thursday morning.

Detectives say the boys opened fire first from the garage door in an effort to escape arrest. The police say the two youths had robbed three stores less than an hour before.

Bolsheviki Ready To Deposit \$200,000,000 for Purchases in U. S.

New York, March 20.—As the first step toward obtaining recognition by the United States, the Russian soviet government is prepared to deposit \$200,000,000 in gold with American and European banks for the purchase of supplies needed in reconstruction work, according to a formal statement issued here tonight by L. C. A. K. Martens, American representative of Demidoff iron and steel works in Moscow, through the "bureau of representatives of the Russian socialist federal soviet republic."

CLAIMS AGAINST HUNS CUT DOWN TO 40 BILLION

Wilson, Clemenceau and Lloyd George Having Difficulty in Reaching Accord on Reparation and Frontiers.

By the Associated Press.

Paris, March 20.—President Wilson, M. Clemenceau, the French premier, and David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, are holding a series of meetings for the adjustment of differences between them they conferred at the residence of Mr. Lloyd George today, the session lasting from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until late in the evening.

Refuses to Accept Petition.

Olympia, Wash., March 20.—Attempt today by John F. Murphy of Seattle to file a petition for a referendum at the next general election on the action of the recent legislature in ratifying the national prohibition amendment met with refusal by the assistant secretary of state to accept the petition. Court action to force acceptance of the petition will follow, it was said.

Case Against Bull Editor Will Go to the Jury Today

New York, March 20.—The government's case against Jeremiah O'Leary, former editor of the anti-British magazine, Bull, who has been on trial in federal court for nearly eight weeks on a charge of violating the espionage law, will go to the jury today.

FLUENZA DISAPPEARS

Washington, March 20.—Influenza has disappeared from a majority of the army camps in this country and the general health of troops both at home and abroad continues to show improvement.

REVIEW OF BOOZE BAN BY COURTS IS SOUGHT

Distillers' Counsel to Attack Constitutionality of Both Federal Amendment and Wartime Act.

New York, March 20.—The committee of distillers of the United States, representing the entire distilling industry, announced tonight that steps were being taken to attack the constitutionality of the federal prohibition amendment and the wartime prohibition act.

People to Decide Question.

Mr. Mayer advised the committee that in states having referendum laws and whose legislatures have ratified the amendment, the ratification would have no effect unless a majority of the votes cast in the elections favored the amendment.

Attack Wartime Act.

The distillers' attack on the wartime prohibition act follows the lines laid down by counsel for the brewers in their suits, filed here yesterday, alleging that the law, having been enacted in violation of the national prohibition amendment, was unconstitutional and void.

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