British People Discontented, Dealers Rebellious and the Markets Are Denuded.

FARMERS HOLD SUPPLIES

Police in Ireland Visit Growers and Warn Them Not to Charge More Than Shilling for 14 Pounds. Disturbances Are Feared.

LONDON, Feb. 18 .- Premier Lloyd George, an official announcement says, has telegraphed the lord-mayor of Manchester as follows:

"The war cabinet has considered the difficulties which have arisen in cer-tain districts in connection with the operation of the price of potatoes under the order of January 1. That order was issued by the food controller to insure that the price was not inflated unduly that the price was not inflated unduly in consequence of a shortage in supplies. Recent prolonged frosts have reduced the stocks and interrupted distribution and, accordingly, it has been necessary to readjust the interests of all parties. The departments concerned, therefore, at my request, conferred with representatives of the wholesale and retail trades and submitted proposals which were approved by the war cabinet."

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The Weekly Dispatch says that the potato famine is due to the non-arrival of stocks on the market, owing to the alleged withholding of stocks by farm-ers for better prices.

MOLYBDENUM MINE OPEN

Nevada to Increase Output of Metal

At Empire, Colo., 1 per cent of molybdenite is being mined at a profit and in San Diego County, California, a large plant is being installed to concentrate 1 per cent ore. The Nevada owners say their ore runs 5 per cent.

Molybdenum is used principally for making hi *-speed steels.

OREGON HEN IS IN LEAD

Agricultural College Bird Makes Record at Pullman.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—In the

HOLLAND GETS APOLOGY

Berlin Says Shelling of Vessel Was "Accident of Force Majeure."

LONDON, Feb. 18.—In reply to a protest by the Dutch government regarding the shelling of the Dutch steamer Oldamdt, December 29, by German coast batteries while the steamer was being taken into Zecbrugge, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to Reuter's, the German gov-ernment says the shelling was "acci-dent of force majeure."

The German government, the dispatch says, expresses sincere regret that subjects of a friendly power were killed or injured and expresses readiness to

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casualties. At no place did the at-tacking forces reach the British line and the British suffered no casual-ties. The British captured 780 offi-

Trench-raiding operations and artil-Trench-raiding operations and artillery duels still continue on various sectors of the front in France and Belgium. In Champagne, near Ripont, according to Berlin, the French have actively shelled the Germans in the positions captured from the French last week, but have been unable to launch infantry attacks owing to the terrific artillery reply of the Germans.

Except for isolated attacks, the most violent of which was delivered by the Russians against the Teutonic allied positions in the Oltuz Valley, in Roumania, and which Berlin says was repulsed, little fighting is in progress in the eastern theater.

Petrograd admits the entry of Germans into Russian trenches south of Dvinsk, but says later they were driven out. In the Carpathians a strong Aus-tro-German work south of Okna has been captured by the Russians.

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Grewers' Prices Fixed.

Premier Lloyd-George then detailed the proposal, whereby the growers are entitled to charge nine pounds a ton to dealers until March 31 and 10 pounds a ton the dealers until March 31 and 10 pounds a ton the potato crisis is regarded by the Sunday newspapers as an eleventh hour effort to avert the potato war which has been threatening for some time.

Lloyd's Weekly News says that people everywhere are discontexted over the dearth and dearness of potatoes, while retailers are rebellious and refuse to assume the duties of counsellor of the Embassy.

Money Cabled by Lansing.

The second indication arises from the fact that Secretary of State Lansing yesterday cabled here, on behalf of various Hebrew charity organizations, the sum of \$250,000, donated by American Hebrew societies. At the Embassy here the opinion was expressed the United States Government might not have transferred this sum has developed from men who for years had a break between Washington and have been active at their particular trade and who oppose any proposition to dislodge them.

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OF 40-DAY FAST NOT CLEARLY KNOWN.

Object Is to Induce Introspection by Self-Denial and Good Deeds Are

Anglican churches wherever they be found. Just what the origin of Lent is ap-years to be clouded, but Origen and Tertuilian, two of the Church's earliest biographers, evidenced the practice of fasting two days preceding Holy Week. Later it grew to a week and at the time of the Council of Nicaea, in the

sarly part of the fourth century, Lent was an established custom. The name Lent finds its derivative n the time of year it is observed. It omes from a number of sources. The middle English lente, lenten and leynte; in the German, lenz; akin to the Dutch, lente; and the Anglo-Sax-on, lengten, lencten—all mean Spring

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE.
Puliman, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—In the
Northwest egg-laying contest, now in
progress at the state college, the January record for egg production goes
to Barred Rock No. 1198, owned by
the Oregon Agricultural College, the
hen laying 27 eggs during the month.
Among all the pens in the contest,
the S. C. White Leghorn pen owned by
J. A. Hanson, of Seattle, leads with
1854 eggs. Second place among the pens
goes to the quintet of White Leghorns
owned by the Oregon Agricultural
College, with 232 eggs. saved by such sacrifices be put to some good sociological use.

BAGGAGEMASTER CANDIDATE FOR RAILWAY DIRECTOR.

Controversy Over Adequacy of Goo Material at Home for Higher Positions Is Reviewed.

the Associated Press.)—W. S. Webber, a baggagemaster at the Lea Bridge station of the important Great Eastern Progress of the War.

Progress of the War.

The Germans in the Miraumont sechave striven hard to regain the positions taken from them by the British on Saturday, but their attempts were founted saturday, but their attempts were founted for a tent of the Attacking in waves, the Germans came under the concentrated fire of the British guns and were swept fire of the British guns fire fire of the British guns fire fire fire fire fire fire fire fi

English railway employes. Climbing the ladder in the English railway service is a laborious process, and no one deprecated that fact more than Lord Claud Hamilton, the head of the Great to Falmouth. Eastern, when, in defending the appointment of an American manager, he roused bitter public resentment by saying that there was an acknowledged dearth of first-class men capable of filling even the minor positions.

Mr. Webber replied in the newspapers that there was plenty of good material. The ship was the control of the process of English railway employes. Climbing that there was plenty of good material on the Great Eastern, but that he had observed most good positions on the road were given to men "simply be-cause they were musicians."

Official Circles and Ambassador Penfield Think Rup-

Much Faith Is Put in Assumption That United States Would Be Unable to Develop Army Before War Was Over.

GERMANY WOULD ENFORCE MEASURE AS LAST RESORT.

Socialization of Business of Nation Regarded as Possible if War Is
Continued Much Longer.

BERNE, Feb. 18.—(Staff Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—All indications are that Germany eventually will adjust herself to the conditions brought about by the civil service law passed last Fall. The German War Bureau points to the huge number of applications for employment received from all clauses, which seemingly desire strongly to serve in a civil carbon to the basis of returns, the number of the Embassy.

VIENNA, Feb. 17, via London, Feb. 18.

—Despite the fact that some newspapers take a gloomy view of Austro-American relations and the situation brought about by the severing of relations between the United States and Germany, official circles in Vienna are inclined to believe that the situation is not entirely hopeless. This also is the view of Frederic C. Penfield, the American ambassador, who is doing everything possible to assist in reaching a friendly solution of the situation. At this moment there are two indications which permit of the conclusion that Washington is not contemplating an immediate break with Austria-Hungary. One is the transfer to the Embassy here of Joseph C. Grew, ex-secretary of the Embassy in Berlin, who arrived here tonight from Switzerland to assume the duties of counsellor of the Embassy.

ple everywhere are discontexted over the dearth and dearness of potatoes, while retailers are rebellious and retuse to sell at the price fixed by the controller.

Serious famine exists in virtually all the large Lancashire towns, particularly Manchester. The usual weekly output from the Ormskirk district of Lancashire is between 3000 and 4000 tons, but this month not 100 tons has been glanned for this month has been delayed because the German government are more than 20,000 tons of potatoes within a 10-mile radius of Ormskirk.

Acting under orders from Dublin, the police in Ireland visited the markets at Drogheda, Midleton, Limerick and elsewhere and ordered the farmer sellors not charge more than a shilling for 14 pounds of potatoes in an effort to prevent disturbances which are expected to result from the farmers' demands.

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There seems to be no doubt that of-ficial circles and the entire House have become thoroughly reconciled to the step the dual monarchy has taken jointly with Germany. With the exception of a few radical with the exception of a few radical Germanists, nobody has shown much bitterness here against the American government, though what has been termed "the unfairness of Washington" has resulted in much disappointment. The House and the Government alike take the stand that President Wilson has denied the central powers the right of self-dense the stand that the stand for High-Speed Steel.

TONOPAH, Nev., Feb. 18.—(Special.)
—A mining company at Belmont, Nev., will erect a 100-ton mill on its property to increase the output of molybdenium. This metal is now worth twice as much as tungsten.

The mine is believed to be the first molybdenite mine opened up in Nevada. At Empire, Colo., 1 per cent of molybdenite mine opened up in Nevada. At Empire, Colo., 1 per cent of molybdenite mine opened up in Nevada. At Empire, Colo., 1 per cent of molybdenite mine opened up in Nevada.

other quarters on the presumption the United States would be unable to put a large army in the field in a short time and the war in Europe will be over before the military strength of the United States could be developed.

WIFE OF PITTSBURG MAN TO DROP DIVORCE SUIT.

Lloyd Holton Ceases to Figure in Affair and Woman Denies Engage-

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18 .- (Special.) -Mrs. Felix Modjeski, wife of a son of the late Madame Modjeska, is here to consult with her attorney and it is understood that she may drop her di-vorce suit and return to her husband, now in business in Pittsburg. Some months ago the couple separ ated, the husband objecting to the al leged too ardent attentions of Lloyd A. Holton to his wife, Mr. Modjeski transferred his attention to Mrs. Dor-othy Dorpols, wife of a Chicago tailor,

and the Chicago man attained some notoriety by "giving" his wife to Mr. The couple soon separated and it was rumored that Mrs. Modjeski was to secure a divorce and wed a motion picture actor, although she denied the engagement. The Dorpols have now been divorced, Mr. Heiton is no longer a figure in the affairs of the two families and it is said that the Modjeskis are about to reconcile their differences.

ITALIAN STEAMER WARNED

selves into the water. The men were then rescued by the U-boat and later were transferred to the Dutch steam-ship Gesterland, which carried them



British Report Success of Attacks on Ancre.

COUNTER ATTACKS

Germans Said to Have Suffered Heavily in Efforts to Regain Lost Ground-Tales of Individual Heroism Are Told.

pulsed with heavy casualties to the attackers. Some German companies opposed to the British were completely wiped out in the attack, all those not dead or not wounded being made prisoner. The highest total was 85 prisoners from one company.

were fransferred to the Dutch steam—ship Gesterland, which carried them to Falmouth.

The foregoing Berlin dispatch contains, the first announcement to reach this country of the sinking of the Bismanuth records as having sailed from Genoa, January 5, for Villarcos, Spain. The ship was 201 feet long sind was built at Dumbarton in 1884. She was owned in Genoa.

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The British troops are greatly pleased with the success of the attack in view of the fact that the Germans had any of the fact that the Germans had any ticipated some such forward movement and prepared what prisoners say was believed to be an unbreakable defense.

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The British troops easily attained the first objectives. Then they continued to go forward, just south of Miraumont, in all effort to gain entire control of all the higher ground. The first fog in five weeks interfered with the artillery. British airplanes ventured boldly into the fog banks but could see nothing by which to direct gunfire.

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one of the most daring incidents of the day's operations came toward the close of the preliminary bombardment, when an artillery officer crawled out of the trenches with a telephone, sta-tioned himself forward in a shell-hole and calmly directed the fire which cut the German barbed wire to pieces.

An English sergeant losing his way was captured and was being escorted back by two Germans when the British barrage crept up to them. The captors fled and the sergeant returned to his own lines directly through the curtain of fire. He was wounded badly but managed to reach a dressing station unaided, where he was able to give valuable information concerning the German positions.

FLETCHER IN MEXICO CITY United States Ambassador Welcomed

by High Officials. MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18 .- The American Ambassador, Henry P. Fletcher, arrived here late last night. He was met by officials from the Mexican Foreign Office, members of General Car-ranza's staff and a big delegation of government officials, headed by a mili-

Ambassador Fletcher expressed his appreciation of the courtesies sho him on his journey through Mexico,

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DEBATE LIVELY IN CORTES

Negotiations That Would Injure Friendships or Neutrality Declared Impossible-Reformists Lean to Entente.

MADRID, via Paris, Feb. 18 .-- Span-

ish neutrality was the subject of animated discussion in the Cortes last night, when several Deputies, including Senors Rodes and Garcia, questloned the Premier, Count De Romanones, on the attitude of the government in the war. Deputy Rodes demanded an explicit statement upon what the government proposed to do. The Premier said that the government had shown its attitude distinctly in the action taken in connection with several moves by the United States, one, the invitation to intervene for the re-establishment of peace, and anoth-er, an invitation to declare war against

Germany.

Deputy Rodes, interrupting, said this declaration was incorrect, because the United States had never invited Spain

Senor Cambo, chief of the Catalonians. ade a similar declaration

Radical Favors Intervention Alejandro Lerroux, chief of the Radcals, declared for intervention, which would secure respect for the opinions

The Chamber declared that in Spain hatred did not exist toward any country, but that individual sympathies had been attracted toward those countries which had shown friendship to

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