PLAINTS ON PRICES POUR INTO CAPITAL

San Francisco Prevents Increase of Shipping Rates and Watches Stores.

84 PROSECUTORS ALERT

Kansas City Reports No Beet Sugar Is on Market-Data Thus Far Indicate Many Rises Are Made Without Just Cause.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 .- The nationwide Federal inquiry against inflation of food prices was on today in earnest. To the Department of Justice and the Department of Commerce came from 8 number of cities preliminary reports of indications of increases of prices with out cause, and conditions were de-clared in a number of telegrams to warrant a most searching inquiry. A new tactor entered the situation today when word came from Kansas

today when word came from kansas City that there was no beet sugar on the market, although the California refineries were to have started manufacturing beet sugar August I.

"There is no apparent reason why beet sugar should not be on the market," officers of the Department of Justice announced.

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The District Attorney and a special agent working in San Francisco have prevented an increase in freight rates to foreign ports on shipments of canned goods and food sales at San Francisco are being watched closely. The same vigilance is being exercised by \$3 other strength with the conners. district attorneys, with the co-opera-tion of special agents of both the De-partments of Justice and Commerce.

PACKERS ARE CONTRADICTED

Illinois Investigators Deny Unusual Shortage of Pork,

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—Three inquiries as to the causes for war time food prices were in progress here today. The first by James H. Wilkerson, United States District Attorney, the second by Maclay Hoyne, State's Attorney, and the third by James H. Lawley, chairman of the City Council committee on markets.

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Investigators for the state contradicted earlier statements by the meat packers that the sudden advance in meat prices had been the natural results of an unusual shortage in hog receipts at the stockyards. They returned the information that cold storage houses here have a quantity of

turned the information that cold storage houses here have a quantity of pork on hand.

Counsel for Armour & Co. informed Mr. Wilkerson that the packers were ready to appear before the grand jury to answer any questions or to produce their books and explain any entries.

The evidence taken in the trial of the packers charged with violation of the Sherman anti-trust act several years ago will be used as a basis on which the inquiry is to proceed. Mr. Wilkerson said reports had been made to him that thousands of pounds of meat had been rushed over the Canadian border since the beginning of the European war.

Unsettied State of California Land Question Causes Concern in Connection With New Developments of War.

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it will be necessary only to send warships to the seats of government of the Ladrone, Caroline, Marshall and Samoan islands and to Kaiser Wilhelm's Land and Bismarck Archipelago and

M'ADOO WOULD HAVE SYSTEM FOR MERCHANT MARINE.

Committee Is Drafting Bill to Provide Fund to Take Up Ship Insurance for War Time.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15,-Informal conferences regarding the proposal for war risks for American insurance for merchant ships occupied the conference members who remained in Washington today following the big conference of bankers and shipping men called by

Secretary McAdoo yesterday.
Secretary McAdoo conferred with J.
Parker Kirlin, of New York, a member of the war-risk committee of the con-ference, with Julius Meyer, of New York, secretary of the Hamburg-American steamship line, and with Bernard N. Baker, of Baltimore, former steamship president and member of the transportation committee of the con-

main result was the drafting of a tentative bill putting into technical shape the recommendations of the con-ference for a Government marine in-surance fund, for war risks only. This bill, when finally agreed upon, will be introduced in Congress and its imme-

diate passage urged.

The amount of the fund has not been finally determined. Probably it will be in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000. The war-risks committee worked on the draft of the bill today. They fig-ure that the premiums would come in quickly enough to furnish protection against possible losses. The fund would be administered by a bureau in the Department of Commerce and the amount of premiums would be left in the discretion of the board.

Great Britain, France and Belgium now have war-risk governmental insurance. The British government imposes a premium on ships of virtually 5 per cent a year and on cargoes of 4½ per cent a trip. These countries are now belligerents and the United States premiums might not be as high. Secretary McAdoo is gathering information on merchant marine and his formation on merchant marine and his talks with Messrs. Meyer and Baker

were in this connection. Representative Lewis, of Maryland, aircady has a bill pending in the House under which the Government would take over all marine insurance. The war-risks committee, which purposes conferring with Mr. Lewis, contem-plates only Government participation supplemental to the operations of the

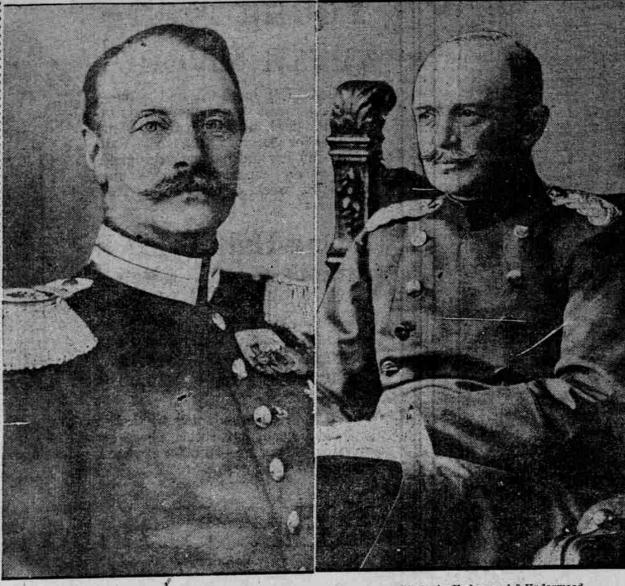
ivate marine insurance concerns. Opponents of a Government w risks project contend there will be a fight on the floor of the House against any such plan, because it would mean private companies would assume od risks and the Government the

DANGER MONEY DEMANDED

Steamship Employes Go on Strike as Vessel Starts for America.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Sailors, firemen and stewards of the Atlantic Transport line steamer Minnewaska, when about

RULERS OF GERMAN PRINCIPALITIES WHO JOIN ARMY IN FIELD



-Photos by Underwood & Underwood. GRAND DUKE OF BADEN, KING FREDERICK AUGUSTUS III OF SAXONY.

Land and Bismarck Archipelago and formally hoist over them the Japanese

sions after the war is terminated re-mains to be seen. It is aparent that Japan will be invited to take part in the congress which certainly will be held and that her claims to consideration must be heard. Herein will enter a fruitful source of discord. Russia will not like the idea of Japan's commanding the capital of China from two points and her control of the Yellow Sea, which this favored situation will

It is not to the interest of the United States for Japan to spread all over the Pacific, and particularly to command the routes to the Philippines and from the Panama Canal to the Far East. Belligerents Disregard Future.

To the belligerents at war sufficient the evil thereof. They want to strike Germany at every vulnerable point. They want to array against her and her ally, Austria, as formidable an aggregation as possible. In other words, they are endeavoring

In other words, they are endeavoring to assure her complete defeat. The future must take care of itself.

The Japanese Ambassador, Viscount Chinda, called at the State Department today and had a conference with Secretary Bryan. When he left the Ambad problems to the conference with the conference with Secretary Bryan. passador declared he had nothing to say concerning the rumors in circula-tion as to Japan's course of action. Secretary Bryan declined to discuss the Ambassador's call.

There is one feature of the relations

between the United States and Japan which is arousing grave concern. The California question has not been set-tled. Japan has been pressing for nonths the demand that the United tates treat her subjects as the equal of the white race.

Britnin's Hands Tied. With Germany preoccupied at home and with the reduction of Germany's possessions a comparatively easy matter, with Russia straining every nerve to defeat Germany and Austria and with Great Britain likewise engaged. Japan can deal with the United States single-handed. Great Britain cannot

assistance of Great Britain the Tokio government would expect Great Britain's aid against the United States, but the United States will not become involved in war if the Administration can help it. If trouble comes it will be absolutely forced upon us. The British colonies of Canada and Australia unquestionably would want the London government to refrain from as-sisting Japan as against this country.

Official Says if Nation Acts It Will Be to Keep Treaty.

NEW YORK Aug. 15.—Cable dispatches from Tokio to the East and West News Bureau, a Japanese news agency, are as follows:
"A high official of the foreign office to leave London today with 250 passengers for New York, went on strike and demanded "danger" money on account of the risk they were taking in crossing the Atlantic.

The trouble was arranged and the boat sailed.

TASK GIVEN JAPAN

Sees no need of any explanation for such an action, for she shall act with a clear conscience in conformity to justice. We are confident that the United States understands full well this position of Japan, and consequently we cannot think for a moment that our good neighbor, America, shall be swayed by any uneasiness by the attitude of Japan.

"Count okuma, Japan's Premier, declared: 'Japan, if forced to join the European conflict, will do so with the single purpose of fulfilling her treaty obligation to her ally, and of upholding the cause of justice. Her object is the maintenance of peace in the Orient.

"'Japan's proximity to China breeds many absurd rumors, but I declare that Japan acts with a clear conscience, in conformity to justice and in perfect accord with her ally. Japan has no territorial ambitton, but hopes to stand as the protector of peace in the Orient.

"This frank declaration of Japan will surely be welcomed by China with appreciation and thanks."

THEY RUN DARDANELLES WITH HIGH HAND, IS COMPLAINT.

Correspondent Notes Fraternizing With Germans and Points to Flying of Teuton Flag by Craft.

LONDON, Aug. 16, 1:30 A. M.—The Mitylene correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company, who has just returned to his post after passing five days in the Dardanelles aboard the steamer Romania, which the Turks are detaining in hope of inducing her officers to surrender her cargo of flour, sends the following dispatch: sends the following dispatch: "I transferred to a small American vessel which left yesterday and arrived

here this (Friday) morning. The German cruisers Goeben and Breslau after escaping the British fleet entered the Dardanelles Monday night. German officers from the cruisers boarded sev-eral ships the next morning and gave peremptory orders that they should not The Germans smashed part of the wireless installations on the French liner Saghalien, which had 600 reserv-ists aboard. Turkish officers visited the cruisers I saw them through glasses fraternizing with the Germans. "The Goeben proceeded eastward Tuesday. The rumor was circulated that she had been purchased by Turkey and that she was seen in the Sea of Marmora Thursday flying the Ger-man flag. The Breslau, also flying the German flag, was still in the Dar-

danelles Thursday.

"According to reliable information the porte apologized to the powers for the arbitrary proceedings, but no ex-planation was forthcoming as to why the cruisers were flying the German

"The Turks are acting most arbi-trarily in the Dardanelles, detaining for days vessels belonging to the countries of the Triple Entente and Italian vessels without explanation. A stric military censorship exists at Constanti

STYLE ON DESPITE WAR Paris Holds Fashion Show on Same

Date as Usual.

PARIS, Aug. 15. - (Special.) - The

single-handed. Great Britain cannot apply any pressure of importance upon Japan to compel that nation to refrain from going too far in representations to this Government.

Great Britain does not want the United States and Japan to come to blows. Under the treaty of alliance which has caused Japan to come to the assistance of Great Britain the Tokio government would expect Great Britain's aid against the United States, but the United States will not become involved in war if the Administration can help it. If trouble comes it will tell the coats from the gowns. These gowns are often of heavy cloth. The flaring skirt is exceedingly short and gives a youthful effect. Sometimes it is pleated and often gored.

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because they realize that if the Japanese enforce their demands on the American people the next step would be to require them to admit Japanese immigrants freely.

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See generally noted that some narrow skirts were shown and in every instance they were closely draped. In evening gowns there is much velvet, lace and silk beading and embroidery of silver cloth and metal lace. For day wear broadcloth rivals serge with wool and velvet plaids and some stripes. There is much fur trim-

some stripes. There is much fur trimming. Moderation is certainly marked. The lines are graceful and the colors are blues, browns, greens, much fawn and tilleul, burgundy and considerable

Russian Officers Interned.

Government to Discourage Financial Aid to Belligerents.

NEUTRALS NOT AFFECTED

Statement Issued at Washington Intended as Reply to Switzerland and to Inquiry Concerning

To cover both inquiries the follow ing pronouncment of policy was issued by Secretary Bryan at the direction of

President Wilson:
"Inquiry having been made as to the attitude of this Government in case UNGLE SAM HALTS BOAT attitude of this Government in case American bankers are asked to make

not be made to the governments of neutral nations, but, in the judgment of this Government, loans by American bankers to any foreign nation which is at war is inconsistent with the true spirit of neutrality."

This principle represents an advanced attitude on the part of the United States on a much-mooted question. Hitherto loans have been floated in the United States, as well as other this afternon intervened in what is beneutral countries, for the benefit of lieved to have been an attempt on the neutral countries, for the benefit of lieved to have been an attempt on the belligerents, as during the Russo-Japa- part of First Officer B. Klocke, of the With the resignation of the military

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the outlaws were killed by the pursuing party, but three probably es-Loan to France.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The United States Government announced itself to-day as opposed to the floating of loans in this country for the benefit of any of the warring nations of Europe.

Switzerland, a neutral country, inquired through her charge d'affaires if she might float a loan in this country, and was informed that the restriction would not apply to neutral countries.

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May Invoked.

about 15, including when the outlews ambushed the posse, two robbers killed tonight when they were sursounded, and the pursuers killed when the posse became disorganized in the darkness and fired into its own ranks. The posse will remain at War Eagle until morning and then try to run down the two bandits there. A posse has been formed to search for Prater of Glen Alum.

Forces Launch Bearing Three Teutons to Turn About.

nestral countries, for the benefit of belligerents, as during the Russo-Japanese war loans for Japan were floated in this country and Europe, while Russia obtained money from different countries in Europe.

Advanced Position Taken.

International authorities have been agreed that while the lending of money is forbidden to any neutral government, her subjects might engage in the practice without involving the responsibility of their government. Many writers, however, have argued that by furnishing the wherewithal to continue war, the lending of money was inconsistent with a true spirit of neutrality, and the Washington Government has decided to adopt this view.

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Six or Eight Dead Is Report of One
Pursuer.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Aug. 15.—After surrounding the five outlaws who
killed three guards and stole the \$15,000 payroll of the Glen Alum mines
yesterday, the posse of Deputy Sheriffs
and mine detectives fired into each
other in the darkness and killed six or
eight of their own number, according
to a telegraphic report received here
late tonight from Judge James Damron, of the Twenty-second Circuit
Court, who is with the posse at War
Dagle.

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STARS AND STRIPES WAVE

Evacuation by Federals Is Completed and All Is Set for Carranza's Assumption of

Presidency Today.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 15. - The national capital is in the hands of the constitutionalists tonight. In accordance with a prearranged plan, General the war in Europe, the following announcement is made:

"There is no reason why loans should ship and big.

Suspected Trip to German war.

Obregon marched in with his army and took peaceful possession of the city to-San Francisco Collector of the Port by the federals was completed today and constitutionalist troops are now quartered in the barracks which the overnment soldiers recently occupied Eight special trains will leave for the government soldiers recently occup SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—(Special.)—United States customs officials come General Carranza, first chief of

MEXICO TAKEN OVER the State Department that the new German steamer Schnaefels, which runs from Calcutta to Boston and New York, has been brought to Gibraltar as a war

BOSTON, Aug. 15.—The capture off Gibraltar August 6 of the new German steamer Schnaefels, from Calcutta to this port with a carge valued at \$1,000,000, was announced teday by A. U. Lombard & Sons, local agents of the Hansa line, owners of the steamer. No details of the capture were given.

Pope Prays to End War.

ROME, Aug. 15.-Via Paris, 4160 M.—This being Assumption day in all the 400 churches of Rome, special prayers were offered by direct instruc-tions of the Pope for the cessation of

the war. The pontiff himself after celebrating mass in his private chapel in the pres-ence of his sisters and niece and his entournge prayed at length for the preof further bloodshed staining



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