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CANADA SEIZES TWENTY MILLION **BUSHELS WHEAT**

Government Commandeers All Wheat in Elevators From Ft. Williams to the Sea-Is Move to Get Hold of Wheat and Ship Before Navigation Closes-Fair Prices Promised.

WINNIPEG, Man., Nov. 29.-Suspension of wheat trading on the Winnipeg grain exchange, as a result of the government order commendeering twelve to fifteen million bushels of wheat, probably will be of short duration. A meeting of the grain exchange council will be held late toexchange council will be held late today for discussion of the necessity of further suspension.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29 .- Awaiting the opening of the board of trade this morning, Chicago gram dealers discussed the action of the Canadian government late Saturday in commandeering nearly twenty million bushels of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 northern wheat in elevators from Fort William to the sea.

ed and deaerls promptly paid.

Still Large Quantity

It is estimated that there is still in the hands of farmers and dealers in western Canada about 130,000,000 bushels available for export out of a total crop of about 350,000,000 bushels in the Dominion.

George E. Marcy, president of the Armour Grain company here, predicted that the Canadian government's action would release greater quantities of wheat for immediate delivery and thereby bring about a drop, if anything, in prices.

Experts said the price of grain had two reasons. The first, they said, is the enormous supply both in the Unit. ed States and Canada, and second, the absence of competitive bidding. Most of the supplies for Great Britn and its allies have been purchased through one agent, they asserted.

Move to Get Supply

"Evidently the action of the Canadian government is just a move to get hold of the wheat and ship it to the seaboard before the price rises and before navigation closes for the winter," said Mr. Marey. "The grain was held by speculators and had to he moved out of the elevators to make room for winter wheat coming in. The embargo may mean that pressure is to be brought to bear in certain quarters for politican reasons-possibly in Greece,'

Wheat Jumps in Price

Wheat jumped in price today as a result of the Canadian government's scizure of twenty, million bushels. Predictions, however, that a five-cent advance would be added to values here right at the start were not verified, the extreme opening changes being 21/2

Reactions from ten figures quickly took place. Pulls were to a large extent held in check by opinions industrionsly circulated that the Enghish government would probably do WOMEN OF BERLIN all of the British, French and Italian business.

The market here opened excited with December delivery at 105 to 106, as against 10312 at the close Saturday and with May at 107 to 1081/2, as against 106 to 1061/a. Commission houses and shorts were the most active buyers.

Sellers were scattered, although one of the largest firms holdly took (Continued on page two.)

DENIES SEIZURE OF WHEAT

LONDON, Nov. 29 .- The official press bureau made the following statement.

"With reference to the announcement from Ottawa on November 28 that the Canadian government had commandeered 16,000,000 bushels of wheat at the request of the British government, the board of agriculture states that the English government has made no such request and that at present they have no information on the aubject.



HOTELS OF AVALON CATALINA ISLAND

Captain K. Boy-Ed

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 29 .- Fire which destroyed the principal business houses of Avalon, port of Santa An official statement from Ottawa Catalina island, threatened the ensaid the price would be fairly adjust- tire desturction of the town early today. Two fire boats from San Pe- has wanted to do is to submit all the dro and a channel steamer were sent facts in the case bearing on this into combat the flames. Wireless mes- dietment." sages stated that the people of the town, taking food and elothing, had sought refuge in the hills back of the

The fire, which lighted the 23miles channel lying between the island and the mainland, began before 5 o'clock while the inhabitants still trial until tomorrow, announced that were asleep. No lives were lost, according to latest available wireless tion at the forenoon session tomorreports.

From the higher points in Los Angeles, nearly fifty miles from the isl- present its evidence in case the moand, the glare was plainly visible be- tion to dismiss should be denied. been kept down so far this year for fore dawn. People thought some ship was in flames.

The wireless operator at Avalon sent out calls for help. One fire boat already was at the island. Another immediately contained to the containing the contai immediately got under way from San LIDUFID DV Pedro, with the steamer Hermosa, owned by the Banning company, which also owns the town of Avalon,

CARRANZA TO PUT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—General Carranza's agency here today announced receipt of advices from Mexico City that the race track concession at Tia Juana, Lower Califor- preme court. nia, which is conducted by wealthy Americans, most of them Californians, and also the race track-conobtained from the Villa state government. No new concessions of that character will be made, it was announced.

REPORTED RIOTING

LONDON, Nov. 29.—Renter's Telegram company's Amsterdam correspondent forwards the fellowing:

"The Telegranf is informed on good authority that serious rioling took place in Berlin last Saturday, in which several thousand women gath ered before the imperial eastle and demanded the return of their husbands from the front and improvement in food conditions. The crowd was finally dispersed by the police." No confirmation of this Amsterdam dispatch has been received here.

KITCHENER WELCOMED

PARIS, Nov. 29.—Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, British secretary of state for war, arrived in Paris from French front, according to an an- Athens. Italy today. He was given an ova- nouncement made this afternoon by tion by soldiers and travelers at the the French war office. There have Greek government's request for prestation when he stepped from the been some engagements with hand cise information as to what was

ASK IF BOY-ED IS CONSIDERED

Defense in Hamburg Liner Case Calls on Prosecution for Information-Government Takes No Position Is Reply-Merely Submitting All the Facts in Case.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 .- The government was called on today to state whether it considered Captain Karl Boy-Ed, German naval attache, in the light ofta conspirator with Hamburg-American line officials in dispatching relief ships to German eruisers at sea early in the war.

The demand was made by William Rand, Jr., counsel for Dr. Karl Buenz and his three subordinate officials in the course of their trial for alleged conspiracy in the United States district court here.

"The government has taken no position in that matter," replied Roger B. Wood, assistant district United States attorney in charge of the prosecution, when pressed by Mr. Rand for a reply.

"We have brought nobody's name into this case unless it had to be brought in. All that the government

After examining several witnesses who testified to minor matters at the afternoon session, the government rested its case.

Counsel for the defense made a motion that the indictment be dismissed and the court, adjourning the it would hear arguments on this morow. The jury was excused until 2 p. m. tomorrow, when the defense will

OLHFIN RA LENFKY SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.-The Nebraska drainage law today was upheld as constitutional by the supreme court. The Missouri drainage law also was upheld as constitutional, The South Dakota state tax im-

posed in 1910 on the Wells Fargo and the American Express companies was held invalid today by the su-The New York anti-alien labor law

of 1909, under which it was made compulsory to employ only citizens in cession at Juarez, probably would be the construction of public works was declared forfeited because they were today held constitutional by the supreme court.

The court in its printed opinion declared that the state as guardian and trustee of the people's money may prescribe the conditions upon which it will permit public money to be spent either by itself or by its governmental agencies, such as the city.

New York subway contractors contested the law, claiming that they could not continue work under it.

VILLA'S WHEREABOUTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—General Obregon, commanding the Carranza troops at Nogales, Mex., has promised Major General Funston to co-op crate with the American forces to suppress marnading bands of Villa American ferritory since they were driven out of Nogales.

No definite information as to the present whereabouts of Villa's main orce has reached General Function.

Quiet Night on French Front

PARIS, Nov. 20 .- Generally speakgrenades in the Artols district.

Monarch Who Keeps Greece Neutral CIVILIANS FLEE



without adopting measures contrary to the interests of the entente powers,

TRUSTY CONVICTED

OF SLAYING WIFE

OF JOLIET WARDEN

JOLIET, Ill., Nov. 29 .- Joseph

Campbell, a negro convict, was today

The verdict fixed the punishment

at hanging. It was returned after

fourty-four hours deliberation by the

Mrs. Allen, a former musical com-

in the warden's suite at the state

prison on the morning of June 20

last, after a fire which was supposed

to conceal his crime, was extinguish-

Suspicion fell on Campbell, a negro

trusty, serving an indeterminate sen-

tence for the murder of a Chicago

Allen introduced the honor system

into the Joliet prison and obtained a

convicts. He had befriended Camp-

As the law would not permit him

to live elsewhere and continue in of-

Sayville Emperor William arrived

in Vienna today and paid a personal

visit to the Austro-Hungarian mon-

arch, Emperor Francis Joseph at

The German emperor was received

at the railroad station, says the Over-

seas News Agency, by Archduke

Charles Francis, the heir to the

throne, and Archduke Franz Salva-

tore and Archduke Charles Stephen.

greet the German emperor and cheer-

"An immense crowd gathered to

Schoenbrun castle.

The news agency adds:

KAISER WILHELM

led to the murder theory,

WARSAW SUFFERS FROM STARVATION AND DEVASTATION

WARSAW, Nov. 12, via London, Nov. 29.—Hundreds of thousands of the civil population in the Warsaw found guilty of murdering Mrs. Maidistrict of Poland are suffering for zie Odette Allen, wife of former Warwant of food. A considerable per. den Allen, in the warden's apartcentage of this number still are home. ments of the state penitentiary here. less, living in huts, caves and abanoned trenches.

The situation is more serious because of the jumense number of persons thrown out of work by the almost complete paralysis of Polish in- edy star, was found dead in her bed dustries. Some workers have emigrated to Germany, where employment is plentiful, but the great majortly prefer to remain near their to have been started by the murderer homes in the hope of better days.

Such flour as is now on hand is ed. Her skull was fractured and this being distributed by the Germans under the bread card system, but only potatoes are available in quantities, while there is an acute shortage of dried vegetables, meat fats and con- negro janitor. He was the last man densed milk. Prices all over Poland in the Allen apartments, and he teshave risen to unprecedented heights, tifted that an hour before the fire

Suffering is especially acute among the families of Russian reservists and removed her pet dog for an airwho formerly received regular pay- ing. ments from the government. Pensioners now are ent off from their former incomes and the Russians are charged with having taken with them the funds of savings bank depositors. The country districts of Poland are

battle-searred and oarren. In the Warsaw governmental district alone it is estimated that 4000 villages were burned by the Russians,

Thousands already have died of starvation and disease. In Warsaw and Lodz women rise at 3 o'cloc's in the morning to get good places in the bread lines. The horror of the situ ation is increased by a serious short-

AT PRESENT UNKNOWN GREECE READY TO ? SATISFY DEMANDS

LONDON, Nov. 29 .- The Greek government is ready to discuss the soldiers who have been raiding in propositions made by the entente powers and satisfy all demands which will not compromise its neutrality. says an Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

PARIS, Nov. 29 .- The Greek government's reply to the latest note of the entente powers was delivered on ing the night passed quietly on the Sunday, save a Havas dispatch from

The note was in response to the

MONASTIR AS BULGARS NEAR FOR DEMOCRATS Serbs Declared to Be Unable Long Indiananan Authorized to Name New

to Withstand Enemies in Battle Now in Progress-Winter Sets In in Balkans-Serbs Retreating Into Montenegro and Albania. ATHENS, Nov. 29 .- Monastir has

ben evacuated by the civilian population. There is a prospect that the man of the democratic senate caucus Serbian town will be occupied by Bul- and floor leader by unanimous vote garlans, as it seems likely, accord- today of the caucus of senate demoing to reports received here that the crats. Serbs will not be able to resist long in the battle now in progress between Prilep and Monastir.

The northern Serbian army continues to retire toward the Albanian the rules were postponed until Wedtown of Scutari.

Early Winter Sets In

PARIS, Nov. 29 .- The effect of the unusually early winter in the Balkans is emphasized in a message from Saloniki to the Havas Agency. It says all operations along the Anglo-French front have been halted by snowstorms and bad weather.

BERLIN, Nov. 29 .- Army headquarters announced today that in the Serbian campaign 502 cannon were

Bulgarians Advance

PARIS, Nov. 29 .- A further advance by Bulgarian troops in the di-Serbia is reported in a dispatch filed gress have arrived here. Saturday crossed the River Carassou, of the senate caucus was revision of to the north of Monastir, which city the rules to provide for cloture of extending four miles in the direction are said to favor cleture, although

"The entry of Bulgarians into Monastir is considered possible," the dispatch says.

British Still Hopeful

public is not inclined to grant the tant committee vacancies, mostly German contention that the Serbian the republican side, also are to be campaign of the central powers has filled, as well as committee places been brought to a successful conclus- found for new democratic senators.

The hope is expressed here that the wintry weather will give time for reinforcing the Anglo-French troops until they are strong enough to assume the offensive before the invaders have consolidated their posttions in Serbia. Russia is counted on to play a part in the operations.

In the meantime the only active military operations seem to be centering around Monastir, the fate of which is obscure. The many contradictory reports on this subject vary from the assertion that the city is he took Mrs. Allen the merning paper still in the hands of the Serbians to the claim that the Bulgarians, accompanied by detachments of Austrians and Germans, have occupied the city.

Retreat in Albania testimonial of gratitude from the Further to the north, it is reported the Serbian armies, divided into two sections are retreating into Albania and Montenegro. It is not yet apparent whether Austro-German fice he resigned as warden so he morces are to be sent against the Anwould not have to reside in his old glo-French lines north of Saloniki, but at the other extreme of the Balkan front the Montenegrins are expecting a heavy attack from the Aus-

The entente ministers at Athens are said to have received the reply of Greece to their second note. Greece is reported to have promised to meet all demands which do not threaten BILLARD FAITHFUL BERLIN, Nov. 29, by wireless to to compromise her neutrality.

An unmistakable full has set in along the eastern front. From the west come officials reports of a lively air and sea skirmish off the Belglan

ALLIES DRIVING OUT GERMANS IN KAMURUN

ed with indescribable enthusiasm and joy. The entire city of Vienna had campaign of the Franco-British forces former New Haven directors to the in the German colony of Kamerun, effect that Billard willingly gave up been decorated with bunting for the "The meeting between the emper- ther advances following the capture actual profit of \$150,000. ors, who had not seen each other of Tibati, announced last week. An since the outbreak of the war, took official statement of today says that for \$450,000, but he gave up \$300,place in Schoenbrunn castle and was the Puge river has been reached and 000 of it to Frank Brown, a Conneca most cordial one. The monarchs that the French have taken Maconcould hardly master their emotions." do.

Senate Steering Committee-Practically All Members of Both Houses on Hand-Owens to Submit Cloture on Debate Resolutions.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29,-Senator Kern of Indiana was re-elected chair-

Selection of a vice chairman, president pro tempore of the senate, committee assignments and the report of the special committee on revision of nesday.

Senator Kern was authorized to name a new steering committee of eight members to be approved by the conference Wednesday.

Chairman Owen of the special committee to revise the rules will submit a report Wednesday recommending a modified form of cloture on debates. Upon that a division of opinion is expected and discussion may prolong the conference several days.

All Members Present

With senate democrats in cancus and the house ways and means committee in session today, organization of the sixty-fourth congress, which convenes a week hence, got under way. Practically all the majority rection of Monastir, in southwestern members of both branches of con-

yesterday at Saloniki to the Havas | One of the most important ques-Agency. It is said the Bulgarians on tions which awaited the consideration is being covered by Serbian positions debate. A majority of the democrats some are expected to vigorously oppose it.

The re-election of Senator Kern as majority leader; Senator Clarke of ... ad Arkansas as president pro tempore mant and Senator Lewis of Illinois as a acceptant LONDON, Nov. 29.—The British party "whip" was forecasted. Impor-

House Problem Difficult

House democrats are confronted with a more difficult task because of the reduced democratic and increased republican membership! Not only are there many democratic vacancies on most of the important committees, but the increased republican membership necessitates the early ratio of nearly all committees to provide for the enlarged majority. There probably will be, however, few changes in chairmanship of important commit-

Before the house ways and means committee, Republican Leader Maun appeared and stated what the repubheans wanted in representation. In view of the increased republican membership it is possible they will be allowed one member on the more important committees, though democrats are opposed to increasing the comber of republicans on any committee which deals with party meas-

It was decided to leave selections to Mr. Mann himself, or the republican caucus. The republicans will caucus Thursday night and the demoerats will pass upon their own selections Saturday night.

FRIEND TO NEW HAVEN

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 .- John L. Billard, a Meriden coal dealer, was such a good friend to the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, Charles S. Mellen testified today, that "if my directors had asked me to take a pound of flesh out of him he would

have willingly gone off bleeding." This characterization of the man who held the New Haven's shares of Boston & Maine stock came during LONDON. Nov. 29 .- The new testimony at the trial of the eleven Western Africa, has resulted in fur- a nominal profit of \$2,750,000 for an

> The New Haven settled with him ticut lawyer, who had helped to get the charter of the Billard company.