

PEACE TALK GAINS IN LONDON, WHILE CASUALTIES GROW

English Economist Sees Difficulty in Russian Aim at Constantinople

NO BIG BLOWS POSSIBLE

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LONDON, May 24.—Those whom I consulted on President Wilson's Charlotte speech attach as to importance to it, but only two or three sentences have yet been published here.

United States newspapers have afforded a neutral zone for discussion between the warring nations.

The view that the war cannot be ended by Napoleonic blows gains ground as increasing numbers believe that the status quo is a fair settlement, especially a ground for a secure settlement, especially a ground for a secure settlement, especially a ground for a secure settlement.

The difficulties of reaching a settlement of Eastern problems would be very great if Russia pressed the view of the Democratic Convention of the Duma, which insisted on the acquisition of Constantinople and the Straits.

Edwin Pears reminded me today that Constantinople has a population of more than a million, including mainly Greeks, Turks and Armenians. It has only about six hundred thousand Slavs, including, perhaps, 50 Russians.

The establishment of a free port with no fortifications appears to be the ideal solution. Meanwhile peace talk continues in the financial district, and the stock markets show a quiet, but not a very active, movement.

Bulgarian 6s sold yesterday at 71 Brazilian. The fall in silver may indicate that the high price brought out the metal.

Daylight saving has been introduced without friction or inconvenience, except for some grumbling by farmers. We all rise and retire an hour earlier than usual, and only complain that it was not done in April.

Watering of streets is raising protests, for water carries disease. The weather is generally fine, but with some showers.

Foreign Exchange. NEW YORK, May 24.—The Foreign Exchange market during the first hour of business today was very dull and for the most part heavy in tone.

Gold. Demand sterling, 4.75 1/2 @ 4.76 1/2; cables, 4.74 1/2 @ 4.75 1/2; checks, 4.73 1/2 @ 4.74 1/2; Reichsmarks, 75 1/2 @ 76 1/2; lire cables, 6.31 1/2 @ 6.32 1/2; Swiss franc, 5.23 1/2 @ 5.24 1/2; German marks, 12.30 1/2 @ 12.31 1/2; rubles, 41 1/2 @ 42 1/2.

Bank Clearings. Bank clearings today compared with corresponding day last week were: New York, \$11,458,127; Philadelphia, \$4,986,127; Chicago, \$2,622,771.

Rates for Money. New York, Call, 1/2 @ 3/4; Time, 1/2 @ 3/4; Philadelphia, 1/2 @ 3/4; Chicago, 1/2 @ 3/4.

Sugar Futures Dull and Lower. NEW YORK, May 24.—Sugar futures opened dull and lower this morning, first prices showing declines of 6 points to an advance of 1 point, with sales on the call at 119 tons.

Cotton Market Weakens After Rally at the Start. Bears Maintain that Drought is Broken Effectively in the East.

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PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

GRAIN AND FLOUR

WHEAT—Receipts, 128,017 bush. The market closed in a steady decline. Quotations: No. 2 red winter, 1.07 1/2; No. 2 hard winter, 1.07 1/2; No. 2 soft winter, 1.07 1/2.

RYE—Receipts, 268,886 bush. and 3,081,194 bush. The market closed in a steady decline. Quotations: No. 2, 1.07 1/2; No. 3, 1.07 1/2.

PROVISIONS. The market closed in a steady decline. Quotations: Lard, 10.00; Butter, 20.00; Eggs, 1.00.

REFINED SUGARS. The market was quiet but steady. Quotations: No. 1, 11.00; No. 2, 11.00; No. 3, 11.00.

DAIRY PRODUCTS. BUTTER—Demand was fair and prices ruled steady. Quotations: No. 1, 20.00; No. 2, 20.00; No. 3, 20.00.

POULTRY. LIVE—Fowls were well cleaned up and again further slight decline. Quotations: Chickens, 10.00; Turkeys, 15.00; Ducks, 12.00.

FRESH FRUITS. Choice select fruit with fair sales and values generally ruled steady. Quotations: Apples, 1.00; Oranges, 1.00; Lemons, 1.00.

VEGETABLES. The market ruled steady under moderate demand and fair demand. Quotations: Potatoes, 1.00; Cabbages, 1.00; Carrots, 1.00.

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TRUMPET BIRD AND POISON TOADS

South American Rarities, on Way to Detroit, Home of Henry Ford, May Be Used in Political Campaign.

Bird Lives to Be 60 Years Old. A rival of the Colonel's bewhiskered nut-eating Trinidad bird is in town today.

The trumpet bird, from Columbia, South America, which sings like a bugle and lives to be 60 years old, rumor has it will be taken to Detroit, where Henry Ford lives.

The manerger is owned by Dr. Henry Stensrud, of Detroit, who is at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. He has proved that T. R. was not the only man who could come home from foreign climes with singular birds.

The trumpet bird caused quite a ripple of interest in the lobby of the hotel. "Lemone den animal sohn," demanded a visitor from Columbia, Pa. "Es las nicht, sua bird in mein home town."

WHEAT TAKES DROP JUST BEFORE CLOSE. Last Prices Are a Little Better Than Yesterday—Shorts Help by Buying.

CHICAGO, May 24.—After showing strength for the greater part of the session the wheat market today declined near the end, and final prices showed gains of from 1/2c to 1 1/2c over the high.

The early advances were brought about by disappointing reports from Oklahoma, where hot weather caused damage, as it followed so closely after the recent dry spell, and this brought about buying on a general scale, which was led by the Southwest.

After showing advances of 1/2c in the leading options, they declined 1/2c to 1c in the late part of the session. There were favorable advices from the crop country.

The report of the Price Current issued today, was considered bullish at the time it was received in the market. In addition there were numerous private reports of damage, but all this was overshadowed by the attention attracted to the German situation in the last hour.

Wheat—Open, High, Low, Year's High, Year's Low. May, 1.08 1/2, 1.09 1/2, 1.07 1/2, 1.10 1/2, 1.06 1/2.

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BRADY ANNOUNCES SCENARIO CONTEST

World Film Corporation to Offer Prize of \$1000 for Best Script

By the Photoplay Editor. This week's Saturday Evening Post will bear among its advertising pages the announcement from William A. Brady, of the World Film Corporation, of a big money-prize contest for scenarios.

In addition to the capital prize, there will be 12 other prizes. The first prize of \$1000 will go to the winner, of course. To those fortunate enough to write material sufficiently interesting, awards will be made for the following classes:

Second prize, \$750; third prize, \$500; fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh prizes will be \$250, \$400, \$300 and \$200, respectively, with prizes of \$100 each to the next 12 best stories or scenarios accepted by Mr. Brady.

The first announcement is an expression by William A. Brady of the fact that, in his opinion, the stories and scenarios submitted are actually visualized during the past several years have been, in the majority, trash; that he wants live, present-day society and human-interest life stories and scenarios every one of which, if elaborated upon and built into a plot or series of plots would make interesting screen material.

Six secretaries will handle the incoming stories. They will be divided into four classes—the logical, illogical, impossible and improbable. The material not accepted by Mr. Brady will be returned over to the author.

The contest will close September 15th, and the awards made as soon after that as the material can be ready for production. The contest is open to writers of all kinds—professional, amateur and those who can only jot down their series of incidents. The scenarios do not have to be in regular form so long as they form a basis for the picturing of the story.

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Coal Company Shortens Hours. POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 24.—The Reading Coal and Iron Company has announced that it will shorten its hours at Pottsville repair shops will hereafter work only nine hours for a day's wages, instead of 10 hours. An additional concession of two hours a week on Saturdays will be granted. The company also announced that a raise in wages has been agreed to all machinists, effective immediately.

Religion in Shakespeare. A general meeting of the Catholic Theatre Movement in honor of the Shakespearean centenary will be held at the Catholic Girls' High School, 19th and Wood streets, this evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. John J. Wheeler, Henry will discuss "Religion in Shakespeare," while Rev. John J. Wheeler, general secretary of the theatre movement, will make a brief address.

Berks County Coroner Dead. READING, Pa., May 24.—Dr. L. G. Hain of Shillington, Coroner of Berks County, died suddenly here last night in a hospital following an operation for appendicitis. He was prominent in Democratic county politics for many years.

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JERSEY REPUBLICANS PLAN CHICAGO TRIP

Delegates Will Leave June 4 on Special Train for Convention. TRENTON, May 24.—Chairman Hughes, of the Republican State Committee, has issued a call for a special meeting to be held here next Tuesday to elect a member of the National Committee.

Plans have been completed for the trip of the New Jersey delegates to the Chicago convention. Among politicians who gathered at the State House yesterday, the impression seemed general that Hughes' sentiment is gaining ground in New Jersey, with a probability that a majority of the delegates will be favorable to Hughes without opposition.

Most of the New Jersey contingent will go to Chicago by a special train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, leaving Jersey City Sunday afternoon, July 30th. The train will consist of six private cars, one of which has been chartered by each of the four delegates-at-large and two additional Pullman cars. The train will stop at Newark, Elizabeth, Trenton and Philadelphia, the south Jersey contingent boarding it at the latter point.

Colonel William Harbour, of Paterson, one of the delegates credited with being behind the Roosevelt boom, will go to Chicago on his own private car by the way of the Erie Railroad. He will be accompanied by a party of friends, among whom will be a number of Roosevelt supporters.

The majority of the delegates will reach Chicago at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, and will be met at the Hotel Hamilton by the Pennsylvania Railroad. The meeting for organization will be held that night. At that time will be determined the rival claims for the chairmanship in the contest now between Chairman Hughes and David Baird, of Camden.

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