

GOSSIP OF THE STREET

FINANCIAL WORLD SEEMINGLY EXPECTANT OF A LONG WAR

Impression Grows That Russo-German Negotiations Are a Farce "Made in Germany." Doubt Wisdom of Post-War Boycott

THE local stock market was generally uninteresting yesterday. Brokers' offices were almost deserted.

The news from Great Britain did not inspire any hope for an early cessation of hostilities. In fact, they are to have another conscription, with the possibility of trouble in Ireland, where the convention is believed to have broken down.

Some financiers expressed a doubt as to the wisdom of the move of the National Chamber of Commerce in submitting to a "national" referendum the question of a commercial boycott of Germany after the war.

Activity in Liberty Bond Selling

With the second installment on the Liberty 4 due today there was activity in these bonds in the banks and brokers' offices yesterday.

Westinghouse Company's New One-Year Notes

Notwithstanding the discussion which is going on in reference to Government supervision of new financing, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the Chase Securities Company and the National City Company have sent out a brief notice to the effect that they are receiving subscriptions.

"Efficiency, Co-operation and Economy" Slogan

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STEP UP AND MEET THE ODD MOROPUS

This Strange of Beasts Seems Part Horse, Rhinoceros and Camel

SKELTON PUT ON VIEW

Breaks Cuvier's Law by Having Claws Where He Should Have Hoofs

A skeleton of the Moropus, one of the oddest beasts of all times, was placed on exhibition recently in the American Museum of Natural History, New York city.

The animal is a strange combination of horse, rhinoceros, camel or giraffe in its general appearance, but with an enormous claw on each front foot and a smaller claw on each hind foot.

General is this rule that for many years it was thought to be a universal law of nature.

The Moropus is a prehistoric contradiction of Cuvier's law.

Another comparatively small issue is announced by the representative in this city of Lee Higginson & Co., of Boston.

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The meeting of seventy railroad presidents, representing 177 railroads, which aggregate 90 per cent of the 250,000 miles of the nation's railroads, in the Grand Central Terminal, in New York, on Sunday, was certainly an event of prime importance.

Germany's Big Blow to Fall by April 1

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be felt on land is not known. The British expect it will come against their lines. The French take the contrary view and look for it against one of their fronts.

General Pershing has denounced the probable offensive in his reports to the President for his own and with-held, but the officers who know declare he is certain that Germany's efforts will fail and that when they do the offensive will definitely pass to their enemies.

HUGE LOSSES DISCOUNTED

But the losses must be stupendous, and it is because these losses must be made good that President Wilson recently has taken over the shipping program of the United States.

The French and British authorities have anxiously inquired from the White House whether the shipping program, and it was to make certain of this that the President yesterday went to see the British ambassador, Lord Curzon.

Sleet and Snow Tie Up Traffic

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toppling several trees. Yellow lakes formed by the flood near the Sixty-ninth street terminal.

BACKING WATER HALTS TROLLEYS

WOMAN'S POOR TASTE DUJLIS MODERN NOVEL

H. Leon Wilson Says Feminine Reader Lacks Cultivated Literary Sense

EFFECT UPON FICTION

Publishers Follow Her Demands to Detriment of Books, Declares Author

The lack of a cultivated taste in women readers of fiction is the cause of the dullness and insincerity of American novels, according to Harry Leon Wilson, author of "Baker Beach," "Ruggles of Red Gap" and many another popular novel and co-author with Booth Tarkington of several successful plays.

Wilson was asked by Joyce Kilmer, of the New York Times, what, in his opinion, was the influence most harmful to the development of literature in America.

"I know little about literature," he replied, "but if you mean the novel, I should say the intense satisfaction with it as it is of the maker, the seller and the buyer.

Wilson says the novelist who wants to write a best seller this year will pattern his book after the one which last year did the best among women.

HOW ENGLAND PLANS TO SAVE MORE FOOD

England must husband her food supply if her people expect America to economize in food for their sakes, is the plea of a "League of National Safety" which soon will be launched from the headquarters of the director of the league will be advised that the people of the United States cannot be expected to save food for the benefit of England.

GATHERING JOKES TO INFLECT ON SOLDIERS

That the boys in the trenches shall not suffer for humor and amusement is the University of Wisconsin are making collections of all available jokes, near-jokes, "old ones," yarns and all the bits of fun and frolic right from the footlights to be sent to fighting men as tokens of cheer during the grim interludes of warfare.

U. S. Seeks Aides of Spy Suspect

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The magazine editors fired on him, but he returned the following day. An officer making his way past several sentries spoke in German to Sporemann.

BROTHER OF PRISONER TAKEN AT BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 15.—Immediately after the arrest of Walter Sporemann, German spy suspect, in Norfolk, Va., Federal agents got busy and arrested his brother, Frederick H. C. Sporemann, on a charge of violating the alien enemy regulations requiring aliens to give notice of removal.

ASHTABULA, O., TRIES NEW PLAN FOR COUNCIL

Each Political Faction Given Representation on Proportional System

Under new government by proportional representation at Ashtabula, O., every faction of voters totaling more than one-eighth of the votes cast, has one representative in the City Council.

A Confession

I am a Socialist, and of course an internationalist; but I have misconceived, in the past both my Nationalism and my internationalism, as tens of thousands of Socialists in this country are doing today.

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HOW HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Letter of Napoleon's Secretary to the Von Kuhlmann of His Day

The Spectator, which specializes in correspondence, has rarely published a more interesting document than that forwarded to a recent issue by Horatio Brown. It is a letter written by Napoleon's Secretary of State (Baron Bassano) to the Von Kuhlmann of the day, whose name was Baron von Krummerk—Frederick William of Prussia's envoy.

State Big Factor in War Efforts

Pennsylvania will manufacture one-sixth of all the munitions used by the army during the war and pay one-tenth of all the industrial taxes levied to finance the war, according to a statement made by Joseph B. Crumrine, president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association Casualty Insurance Company, at the annual meeting of the company.

FAIR WARNING

Ready for Delivery HOLMES FEDERAL INCOME-TAX

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A Prisoner of War? No—

A Wounded Soldier! Read why a cage like this will soon be placed in every American War Hospital.

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French their ability to return to their own country. Prussia fore up as possible the Treaty of Berlin, closed six weeks previously, for the solemn oath of Potsdam, betw Russia as she had betrayed France, entered into new engagements with But from these eternal changes of Prussia a veritable anarchy. A nation so took possession of the mind of men that the Prussian Government was unable to control it. Prussia speaks of her desire to reach an established peace on a solid basis. But how is it possible to reckon upon a solid and lasting peace with a power that believes itself justified when it breaks its engagements according to the promptings of the moment? Today M. le Baron, what remains for Prussia she has done nothing for her ally she will do nothing for peace. A power whose treaties are only conditional cannot be a useful intermediary; she guarantees nothing whatever. —London Globe.

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