

GOSSIP OF THE STREET
HOLLAND'S REPORTED BREAK
WITH ALLIES CAUSED FLURRY
Made Prices Decline a Little on Exchange, but Was Not Taken Any Too Seriously

A COMBINATION of report and rumor to the effect that Holland had decided to join Germany against the Allies and had repudiated her agreement to comply with the shipping demands of the Allies had the effect of a slight break in prices on the stock market shortly before its close yesterday.

The news was not taken very seriously in the brokers' offices or on the street generally, as its origin was Berlin and its authority the well-known paper, Lokal Anzeiger, which has so often been discredited.

Of course, the news was seized upon for all sorts of discussions as to what would happen in the event of its turning out to be fact.

One broker said it would mean a naval engagement at once, as Great Britain would lose no time in landing a force in Holland and starting a bombardment of the submarine boat bases, with an attack on the Kiel Canal.

In many quarters it is said that any position Holland may take as a non-neutral has been prepared for long ago; that the Allies are prepared to deal with the situation whether Holland joins them or opposes them.

In fact, a well-known banker said that so thoroughly discounted is either contingency in the case of Holland that any action she may take will only cause a ripple, and he pointed to the slight break in the stock prices on the board as confirmation of his argument.

"Holland and what she may or may not do has nothing to do with the break in prices," was the opinion of one of the best-informed brokers in the financial district.

Generally speaking, the news about Holland was not credited, although many said that nothing would surprise them these days.

It was universally conceded that should Holland join Germany she had much more to lose than she could gain.

When this was pointed out to them, he said, they did not seem to understand and they were surprised when they were given credit for the amount.

Another well-known banker told of having similar experience every day.

Both men are now in Canada, but they will be on hand to tell the people of Philadelphia some of the practical reasons why they should hold every cent they can.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS
GRAIN AND FLOUR

WHEAT—Receipts, 18,000 bush. The market was quiet and prices contained 15.1 per cent moisture to 15.5 per cent moisture.

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TRUST COMPANY MERGER DROPPED
Project Abandoned at Meeting of Guarantee Co. Stockholders
CALLED IMPRACTICABLE

The merger of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company and the Real Estate Trust Company that has been pending, has been abandoned.

At the special meeting of the stockholders of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company, a formal resolution was adopted withdrawing the plan.

Samuel P. Houston, president of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company, explaining the reason for this action, made the following statement:

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The Yellow Dove
A Romance of the Secret Service
By GEORGE GIBBS
Author of "The Fleming Sword," "Madcap," etc.

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TEN BILLION BOND ISSUE IS ASKED
Money for Expenses Between Third and Fourth Liberty Loans

A \$10,000,000,000 bond bill is in the Administration works ready to be launched upon Congress within the next few days, according to word reaching the Capitol today.

The question of interest rates on the new bonds promises to enliven the consideration of the bill.

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EDGE PRAISES JERSEY WOMEN'S WORK IN WAR
Governor Addresses Branch of National Defense Council in Session at Trenton

Trenton, N. J., March 19.—Governor Edge praised the women of New Jersey for having aided the Government in the war and said that all of the resources of the Commonwealth were at their command.

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CHAPTER XI
HAMMERLEY EXPLAINS
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BOY FARMERS HONORED
Maddonfield, N. J., March 19.—A patriotic meeting, attended by 600 persons, was held in the high school auditorium last night.

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DAIRY PRODUCTS
BUTTER—Demand was light and prices were generally lower.

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15 QUALIFY FOR SURVEYOR
Civil Service List Names Eligibles for \$4000 City Job

An eligible list of engineers who qualified under Civil Service tests for the position of city district surveyors was made public today.

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Government's Local Market Reports
This daily report is sent out by the Bureau of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture, Philadelphia branch, with headquarters at 309-313 Independence Exchange Building.

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PHILADELPHIA STEAM HEATING COMPANY
Contracting Jobbing and Repairing in heating, plumbing, ventilating, power piping, steam fitting, sheet metal work, insulation, heat regulation, electric work, motor installations, electric elevators.

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PAULSBORO RED CROSS DONATES AN AMBULANCE
Gloucester County Organization Adds to Patriotic Work by Gift of French Service

The Paulsboro branch of the American Red Cross has donated to the service of the Government a modern Red Cross ambulance, which adds to the splendid work done for the Red Cross and the war success by the people of Gloucester County.

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CLOSING LIVESTOCK PRICES
CATTLE—Receipts, 11,000 head. Steady.

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FIRST WOMAN ARMY OFFICER
Dr. Kate B. Karpelès Will Be Medical Lieutenant

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