

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. This man has been a "bull" on the market for a long time and yesterday he confessed himself bearish and said it was the spread of a bearish sentiment which had affected the market and not the news from Europe.

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. Many spoke of the enormous investments which Holland has in the United States and said that, so far as the Dutch ships in American waters were concerned, there was nothing for us to worry over.

Every one acknowledged that Holland has been in a very trying situation since the beginning of the war and that it would be no surprise if the tension should break some of these days; but a majority believe Holland will lean the other way.

What lent some color to the report was the fact that the United States had not formally taken possession of Holland's ships in American ports at noon yesterday as had been anticipated.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS
GRAIN AND FLOUR

WHEAT—Receipts, 16,000 bush. The market was firm. Quotations: No. 1 hard winter, \$2.27 1/2; No. 2 hard winter, \$2.25 1/2; No. 1 soft winter, \$2.27 1/2; No. 2 soft winter, \$2.25 1/2; No. 1 hard spring, \$2.27 1/2; No. 2 hard spring, \$2.25 1/2; No. 1 soft spring, \$2.27 1/2; No. 2 soft spring, \$2.25 1/2.

CORN—Receipts, 11,158 bush. Trade was quiet. Quotations: No. 1 yellow dent, \$1.15; No. 2 yellow dent, \$1.13; No. 1 white dent, \$1.15; No. 2 white dent, \$1.13.

PROVISIONS
There was a fair jobbing market and prices were generally steady. Quotations: Pork, \$11.50; Beef, \$10.50; Lard, \$10.00.

DAIRY PRODUCTS
BUTTER—Demand was light and prices were generally steady. Quotations: Creamery, \$1.50; Sterilized, \$1.40.

POULTRY
LIVE INQUIRY—The market was advanced. Quotations: Chickens, \$1.50; Turkeys, \$2.00; Ducks, \$1.20.

FRESH FRUITS
Demand moderate but values generally were well sustained. Quotations: Apples, \$1.50; Oranges, \$1.20; Lemons, \$1.00.

VEGETABLES
Potatoes of the quality were a shade firmer under fair demand and strong country demand. Quotations: White potatoes, \$1.50; Red potatoes, \$1.20.

CLOSING LIVESTOCK PRICES
CATTLE—Receipts, 11,000 head. Steady. Quotations: \$10.00; \$11.00; \$12.00.

PAULSBORO RED CROSS DONATES AN AMBULANCE
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.

FIRST WOMAN ARMY OFFICER
Dr. Kate B. Karpelès Will Be Medical Lieutenant
Washington, March 18.—Dr. Kate B. Karpelès will have the honor of being the first woman to receive the relative rank of an officer in the army during the present war.

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

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

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

Trenton, N. J., March 18.—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.

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.

Baby Fire Victims Buried
Trenton, N. J., March 18.—Charred beyond recognition, the bodies of the children of a Trenton family who were burned to death in the fire that destroyed their home last night were buried today.

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.

APPLES—Per bush, 40 to 45 quarts. Quotations: No. 1, \$1.50; No. 2, \$1.20.

VEGETABLES—Asparagus—Georgia and North Carolina, per box (1 doz. small), \$1.50.

WATER—Per gallon, \$1.00. Quotations: No. 1, \$1.00; No. 2, \$0.90.

The Yellow Dove
A Romance of the Secret Service
By GEORGE GIBBS

nothing. She learned that I was acting for Germany and, rather than let them fall into my hands, she burned them. It makes the difference to you or to the other, since I have brought the message here, except that my own utility in England is gone."

"I should be sorry to be obliged to believe you."

"General von Stromberg was again examining the cigarette papers, looking for traces of the message."

"Yes, Excellency."

"And where did you make it?"

"In the library upstairs at Lady Heathcote's in Park Lane."

"After my interview with Herr Rizzo he was written hurriedly as you will observe."

"It is written with a pen finer than those usually employed by ladies."

"What was your thought when you made the copy?"

"I thought of my agents would attempt to get it away from me."

"Did it occur to you that your faithful agent had been a knock on the door and interrupted you?"

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

Washington, March 18.—A \$10,000,000,000 bond bill in the Administration was ready to be launched upon Congress within the next few days, according to word reaching the Capitol today.

The Treasury Department is anxious to have the bill passed before the next Liberty Loan is launched. It has authority to issue \$4,000,000,000 worth of bonds under existing law, but it wants the limit raised considerably, according to Senators and representatives in charge of financial legislation.

A measure drafted by the Treasury Department authorizing new bond issues will be laid before the committee by Chairman Knickerbocker tomorrow.

Secretary McAdoo's desire for new authorizations "to be made before the opening of the next campaign on April 6" indicates that the next Liberty Loan will call for at least \$5,000,000,000.

The Ways and Means Committee is expected to report the bill on the new measure without loss of time.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION
HELP WANTED—MALE
BOY wanted, office work, excellent opportunity for advancement. Apply Emp. Dept., 1415 Market St., Philadelphia.

DEATHS
KLEINBERG—March 18, at Stamford, Conn., LOUISA M., wife of William E. Kleinberg, aged 68.

PARCEL POST
PAWNSHOP AT 904 VINE
Walter's Pawnshop, 904 Vine St. BOND TO THE CITY

EDUCATIONAL
PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL OF FILM
810 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

MUSIC
RAGTIME PIANO PLAYING
TAUGHT IN 30 LESSONS
CHRISTENSEN, 1415 Market St., Room 207, Philadelphia.

Deaths
ARBEY—March 18, MARGARETA DALE, wife of Charles O. Arbey, aged 72.

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