

# NEWS IN WORLD OF FINANCE

## MORATORIUM DECREE EXPIRES NOVEMBER 4

British Moratorium Modified in Several Particulars—Russia Paid Bills Promptly When Ban Was Lifted.

New York, Oct. 22.—The time is approaching when the protective financial measures decreed by foreign governments will expire. The most notable instance is the British moratorium, which expires November 4. This decree has been modified in several particulars in the meantime, but it is understood to be the intention of the British government to arrange matters so that the complete ending of the moratorium can take place on that date.

In certain provisions of the French moratorium the suspension has already expired. Regulations regarding bills of exchange, etc., expire November 1. It is not believed there will be an extension of the French moratorium after that date.

The Russian moratorium expired October 8 and all demands upon the banks were paid promptly on and after that date.

The German moratorium on drafts made out in foreign countries was extended in the first place until October 1. It is not known whether an extension beyond that date has been declared.

Austria declared a moratorium on bills of exchange until the end of November.

The Italian moratorium on bills was postponed until November 10.

The Belgian moratorium expired originally October 2, but undoubtedly the decree has been extended. In the present chaotic condition of the country little is known what governmental action has been taken.

The moratorium in Denmark expired October 10. In Norway the moratorium was ended September 6. Sweden's moratorium has also expired.

The Portuguese moratorium terminated October 11.

Bulgaria—Original moratorium expired October 31.

Egypt—Moratorium expired September 15.

The Brazilian moratorium has been extended until December 14.

Most of the other South American republics declared moratoria of 30 days or more, but the government conditions in that part of the world were not unusually strained it is not believed they have been generally extended. At present, the situation in Colombia government to its legation at Washington was to the effect that no moratorium had been necessary in Colombia on account of the European war, either for internal or foreign obligations.

Holland—No moratorium was declared here, but the government took certain steps to protect persons in temporary financial difficulties.

Switzerland declared a restricted moratorium until September 30.

China took some protective steps, the extent of which is not known.

Spain—Banking facilities here were temporarily suspended in sympathy with the moratorium in France, but it is believed that financial conditions are normal again.

The new railway line from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Asuncion, Paraguay is equipped with restaurant cars which are provided with pianos, and that passengers may enjoy music while traveling. These cars are handsomely designed, and are adorned with palms and decorative plants.

## QUOTATIONS IN THE ST. JOHN MARKETS

There have been several recent changes in the prices of commodities. In the majority of cases prices have become easier, but sugar has advanced twenty cents a hundred pounds. Ontario flour has dropped about forty cents. Bran, in ton lots, middlings, in car lots, and cornmeal are all quoted at somewhat easier figures.

Yesterday's wholesale quotations were as follows:

Groceries	
Sugar, standard	\$7.20 @ \$7.30
Rice	4.50 @ 5.00
Beans	7.50 @ 8.00
Yellow Eye	3.75 @ 3.80
Hand picked	2.15 @ 2.20
Cornmeal, gran	4.00 @ 4.10
Cream of Tartar	0.50 @ 0.53
Currants, cleaned	0.08 @ 0.09
Molasses	2.84 @ 2.90
Peas, split, bag	3.30 @ 3.40
Barley, pot	7.00 @ 7.10
Raisins	
Choice, seeded	0.09 @ 0.10
Fancy, seeded	0.10 @ 0.10 1/2
Salt, Liverpool, per sack, ex store	1.00 @ 1.10
Soda, bicarb	2.20 @ 2.30
Canned Goods	
Beef	
Corned 2s	5.55 @ 5.90
Corned 1s	3.00 @ 3.40
Beans	
Baked	1.20 @ 1.40
String	0.95 @ 1.00
Clams	4.00 @ 4.10
Corn	0.95 @ 1.00
Herring, kippered	4.50 @ 4.75
Oysters	
1s	1.50 @ 1.55
2s	1.25 @ 1.35
Pineapple	
Sliced	2.00 @ 2.05
Grated	1.55 @ 1.60
Singapore	1.55 @ 1.60
Peas	0.95 @ 1.00
Peaches, 2s	1.30 @ 1.35
Peaches, 1s	1.10 @ 1.15
Pumpkin	1.00 @ 1.05
Strawberries	2.00 @ 2.25
Salmon	
Flakes	5.00 @ 5.10
Cheese	6.50 @ 6.60
Red spring	8.25 @ 8.35
Tomatoes	1.50 @ 1.25 1/2
Flours	
Manitoba	7.55 @ 7.60
Ontario	6.85 @ 6.90
Oatmeal, rolled	6.00 @ 6.75
Oatmeal, standard	6.00 @ 6.75
Provisions	
Pork, Can. mess.	23.00 @ 23.50
Pork, Am. clear	23.00 @ 23.50
Beef, Am. plate	28.50 @ 29.00
Lard, pure	0.13 1/2 @ 0.14
Lard, comp. tub	0.11 @ 0.11 1/2
Fish	
Boilers, boxes	0.85 @ 0.90
Co-d	
Medium	5.75 @ 6.00
Small	4.50 @ 4.75
Prussian haddies	0.90 @ 0.97
Herrings	
Or. Manan. bbls	6.00 @ 6.50
Kippered, boxes	0.80 @ 0.85
Haddock	0.09 @ 0.04
Halibut	0.00 @ 0.12
Meats, etc.	
Beef	
Country	0.07 @ 0.09
Butchers	0.12 @ 0.14 1/2
Western	0.12 @ 0.14 1/2
Butter	
Tubs	0.26 @ 0.28
Roll	0.28 @ 0.30
Creamery	0.32 @ 0.34
Eggs, fresh	0.00 @ 0.12
Eggs, case	0.28 @ 0.32
Cheese, Can.	0.16 @ 0.18
Powder, per lb.	0.00 @ 0.20
Lamb, per lb.	0.00 @ 0.12
Mutton, per lb.	0.08 @ 0.10
Pork, per lb.	0.10 1/2 @ 0.13 1/2

## World's Shipping News

### MINIATURE ALMANAC.

October Phases of the Moon.			
Full moon	4th 1h 59m a.m.		
1st quarter	12th 5h 33m p.m.		
New moon	19th 2h 33m a.m.		
3rd quarter	26th 8h 44m p.m.		
Day of week			
Sun	Sun	High water, a.m.	Low water, p.m.
3 Fri	6:56 5:23	2:04 14:24	8:21 20:55
4 Sat	5:57 5:21	3:01 15:25	9:21 21:54
5 Sun	6:55 5:20	4:06 16:21	10:27 22:50

### PASSENGER RATES.

Since the war began the rates on the Atlantic passenger steamships have fluctuated considerably. At first the rates were advanced and afterwards dropped again. The C. P. R. and the Allan Lines have just increased the dollar passages \$10, while the Dominion and Cunard Lines have advanced second rates \$5 and the steerage \$2.50, this change bringing the fare to Europe nearer to the pre-war rate. What change will be made in passenger rates on steamers coming to Portland the coming winter is as yet unknown, as everything in relation to the sea route is uncertain, and immigration will certainly be very light during the first part of the winter.

### ANIMAL SHIPMENTS.

Portland, Me., Oct. 21.—The Bureau of Animal Industry has just issued an order modifying the shipping regulations relating to the exportation of cattle, horses and the like. These have heretofore been so stringent in comparison with the requirements from Canada that cattle shipments have practically ceased from most Atlantic ports and went from Halifax by the new railroads cattle may be carried on the upper decks and there is some easing in the sanitary requirements. The order was made to apply to New York and New Jersey ports, but on application Portland would doubtless be given the same privileges should there be any cattle shipments from this port during the coming winter.

### NOTICE TO MARINERS

Notice is hereby given that the "Larcher" Shoal Automatic Whistling buoy has been reported adrift. It will be replaced soon as possible. J. C. CHESLEY, Agent, Dept. Marine and Fisheries.

## MARINE INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS MEET

War Risk Situation—Would Further Cut Rates—Fear Mine Fields.

New York, Oct. 22.—At a meeting of the American Institute of Marine Underwriters of War Risk Insurance the situation was discussed. It was the opinion that conditions tended more favorably toward the reduction of rates on shipments of freight in British and French steamers.

The spreading of explosive mines in the English Channel, resulting in damage to two steamers of the Holland-America Line and also the destruction of the British steamer Admunt, is regarded by underwriters as being serious, and unless England takes steps to furnish pilotage through the mined fields, rates for war risk insurance will go up.

For the east coast of Scotland and England, north of Dover, the institute decided that three per cent should be demanded.

Underwriters still think that there is an element of danger in the Bay of Bengal, where the German cruiser Emden made several raids a few weeks ago. Four per cent is the ruling rate to Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Straits Settlements, China and Japan, by all routes. This is a reduction from six per cent.

While the capture of the Hamburg American liner Markomann, which accompanied the Emden, is felt to indicate that England is again giving protection to shipping in Indian waters, the fact that the Emden is still free to keep rates up.

The absence of reports of losses along the Brazilian coast has lowered rates from five to three one-half per cent, while to Argentina and Uruguay four per cent is asked instead of five per cent.

Reductions have also been made in rates to the west coast of South America, three one-half per cent, being the rate via the Panama Canal, and five per cent, via the Cape, against five per cent and seven one-half per cent, respectively previously charged.

### SPY TOOK AMERICAN NAME FOR SAFETY

London, Oct. 21, 5:40 p.m.—The alleged German spy who was believed to be an American citizen, and whose case came up for a hearing at Wellington Barracks, London, today, is in reality a German subject by the name of Lody. This man assumed the name of Inglis and pretended to be an American.

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## CANADIAN LUMBER CONDITIONS QUIET

Little Prospect of Extensive Building During the Winter and Sales Will Be Small.

Toronto, Oct. 22.—Clearings of Toronto for the week ended today were \$27,616,978, as compared with \$26,956,255 last week and \$40,149,661 for the corresponding week a year ago and \$46,027,507 two years ago.

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It is reported that, while the reduction in the number of logs cut in the bush will not be as great as was at one time feared, nevertheless the wood harvest this year will be only 60 per cent of normal. Lumbermen are fearing too great stocks on hand.

Ontario mills hear with considerable satisfaction of the proposed reopening of several wood-consuming establishments which were closed down at the beginning of the European troubles, but the principal trade is with the farmers, who, with better than average prices for their produce are undertaking various improvements before the winter.

In Quebec and the Maritime Provinces some slight stimulus is given to trade by the demand in Britain for temporary large supplies of lumber for various uses connected with the war. Liverpool reports a certain buoyancy in trade, and the demand all over England for packing case material and other emergency supplies is giving to conditions in other lumber trade centres a fair degree of firmness.

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