# PROPOSES OUTFITS FOR PRISONERS

## Von Rantzau Thinks It Would Be Nice if Allies Would Provide Them.

## ASKS FOR RECIPROCITY

### Regards Stipulations So Far as One-Sided in Favor of Allies.

Paris, May 12.—Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, German foreign minister and chief of the German delegation, in addressing a note to Premier Clemenceau relative to repatriation of prisoners, asks that the details of the transfer be entrusted to commissions.

The German foreign minister states that the German peace delegation "has noted with satisfaction" that the draft of the treaty recognizes in principle the repatriation of German war and civilian prisoners with great expedition and says that special commissions might carry on direct oral discussions which would include all belligerent states, it being pointed out that even during hostilities this has proved a most effective way of solving difficulties.

The note says that this work should be much easier, now that the war is over, and would remove differences of conception or lack of clearness on particular points, such as legal conceptions in individual countries. The German delegation, it is said, considers it indispensable that those war and civilian prisoners detained or undergoing punishment for other than disciplinary offenses should be unconditionally repatriated.

"Regarding war and civilian prisoners of allied and associated powers in its hands," the note says, "Germany has recognized the same principle. It appears self-evident to the German delegation, therefore, that on grounds of fairness certain alleviations in the treatment of prisoners should be agreed upon, pending their return."

**Demand Reciprocity**

The note then proceeds: "In a one-sided manner, some feel, the stipulations have been made in favor of the allied and associated governments. For instance, those regarding the surrender of personal property, the search for missing objects and the care of graves might be cited. It is assumed that in these questions a demand for complete reciprocity is founded on general human rights."

The note then refers to a number of minor points and proposes that deliberations by commissions should be begun speedily to clear up preliminaries in readiness for the time when shipping and similar difficulties may be solved and the removal of the prisoners may be possible. It alludes to the importance to Germany that the prisoners return home under orderly conditions, insuring their reinstatement into economic life with the greatest possible despatch and says that this seems only possible if everything is done to "raise the moral and physical state of those returning."

**New Outfits for Prisoners**

Since Germany's economic position prevents her by her own strength from providing the requisite guarantees, the delegation suggests that the deliberations of the commissions might extend to the question of how far it would be possible on the part of the allied and associated governments to help Germany in the matter and, for example, in return for the repayment of the cost, to provide the prisoners with new outfits, underclothing, civilian suits and boots, before their return. The note concludes, "Accept, Herr President, the expression of my most particular esteem."

**Labor Problems**

In his note dealing with labor questions, Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau says the German government agrees with the allied and associated governments that the greatest attention must be paid to these problems.

"Internal peace and human progress depend on how these questions are handled," the note says. "The demand for social justice repeatedly drawn up in this connection by workers of all lands (only partly find endosement in principle in this section of the allied government's draft of the peace terms. These high demands have for the most part already been carried out in an admittedly exemplary fashion in the German empire."

Referring to the draft of an agreement on international labor compiled by the German government and proposed by the league of nations, the note says: "In order that the interest of all humanity, to put these principles everywhere into practice, the acceptance of the German delegation's proposal is certainly requisite. We consider it necessary that all states should join in this agreement, even if they do not belong to the league of nations.

**Hold Labor Conference**

"In order to assure the workers, for whom these proposed improvements are destined, co-operation in shaping these principles, the German delegation considers it necessary to convoke representatives of the national organizations of the labor unions of all the contracting parties to a conference at Versailles, even during peace negotiations, to deliberate and make decisions on international labor law. It considers it would be advantageous that the proceedings of this conference be based on decisions reached at the international trades union conference held at Berne from Feb. 5 to 9, 1919. We append a copy of these decisions which have been accepted by the representatives of trades union organizations in Bohemia, Bulgaria, Germany, Denmark, Great Britain, France, Greece, Holland, Italy, Canada, Norway, Austria, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain and Hungary. We have been charged to do this by the unions of Germany."

## PETITION KING ALBERT TO SAVE BELGIUM

Brussels, May 12.—A demonstration organized by a number of patriotic societies has sent addresses to King Albert expressive of the Belgian people's disappointment to find the country has been "gagged and mutilated" and is obtaining neither the guarantees nor the reparation promised by the allies. The addresses complain that indemnities provided are inadequate and ask the king to "save Belgium from the ruin which threatens her."

## SPARTACANS AGAIN ACTIVE IN GERMANY

Berlin, May 12.—The Spartacans and Independent Socialists are again active in central Germany. At Eisenach on Saturday they forced the major of the district and the district director to march at the head of the parade of the radicals, carrying the red flag. Afterwards the officials were beaten by the crowd. Gustav Noske, the minister of defence, was asked to send government troops to restore order, and has agreed to do so. The Thuringian Workmen's Council at Erfurt, however, has threatened to bring about a general strike if the troops come into the district, and if those now there are not removed.

# INVEST CANADIANS WITH DECORATIONS

## King George Presents Soldiers of the Dominion With Honors.

London, May 12.—The following received their decorations at the hands of his majesty at a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace:

Knight Commander of the British Empire: Colonel George MacLaren Brown, Canadian locals; Commander of the British Empire: Lieut.-Col. George Johnson, forestry; the Distinguished Service Order: Lieut.-Col. Joseph Hayes, medicals; Officers of the British Empire: Lieut.-Col. Frederick Anderson, forestry; Major Harold Orr, medicals; the Military Cross and Bar: Major Angus Macaulay, engineers; Capt. Frederick Campbell, medicals; Capt. Henry Dyde, 50th Batt; Capt. James Milne, 2nd Batt; Capt. Charles Morris, engineers; Military Cross: Majors Herbert Cumming, medicals; William Maybin, 15th Batt; Captains Robert Adams, engineers; Roydon Barbour, 25th; Thomas Cowan, 15th; Sydney Fellows, engineers; John Ferguson, engineers; Adrian Forsythe, artillery; Arthur Futcher, 15th; Allan Lyons, 16th; Abram Neelands, engineers; Thomas Plumer, infantry; Harwood Steele, infantry; Harry Thain, 75th; Carleton Warner, machine guns; Geoffrey D'Easum, chaplains; Frank Taylor-Bailey, engineers; Frederick Baragar, artillery; Wilfred Denton, 15th; Alexander Donald, infantry; De St. Denis Duchesnay, artillery; Frederick French, infantry; Hilary French, 102nd; Robert Haldenby, 15th; Samuel Harrison, machine guns; David Justice, engineers; Edwin Langton, 2nd; Garnet Macklin, 15th; Gerald Malone, 15th; Herbert Martin, machine guns; James Rodgers, 16th; Charles Smith, 29th; William Ulens, 15th.

# DRAMATIC SCENES WHEN OLYMPIC SAILS

## Leaves Southampton for Canada Amid Cheers of Thousands—To Dock on Thursday.

London, May 12.—The Olympic sailed from Southampton on Saturday evening with 5,600 Canadian soldiers on Board. The circumstances combined to give her quite a dramatic departure, for, in addition to the civic farewell by the lord mayor, and a great crowd of cheering people in the gathering twilight, the huge steamer had no clear without the aid of tugs on account of a strike of their crews, which had led to the expectation that the liner might not sail. The captain declared boldly that no question of tugs was going to prevent his getting the Canadian boys home and at 8 o'clock the Olympic cleared under her own steam and started on her voyage amid a scene of the greatest enthusiasm.

The Olympic will dock at Halifax on or about May 15.

The Scandinavian sailed on Saturday from Liverpool for Quebec with 29 officers from London, 10 warrant officers, 33 sergeants and 231 other ranks from Buxton with their dependents, 416 wives, 160 children and 42 repatriated officers from Bramshott.

## LIVE STOCK INTERESTS SEEK OVERSEAS MART

### At a Conference in Ottawa it is Stated That Poland is in Need of Half a Million Horses.

Ottawa, May 12.—At a gathering of representatives of the live stock interests of the Dominion here today, plans are being considered for the finding of a market for Canada's surplus of animals, more particularly of range horses in the west.

Mr. Arkell, Dominion live stock commissioner, who returned recently from a trip to England, where he went to make a study of live stock conditions, reported to the committee among other things that there is a market in Poland for half a million horses, if transportation could be arranged.

## ONE-HEADED EAGLE ON AUSTRIAN ESCUTCHEON

Zurich, May 12.—The German-Austrian government has introduced in parliament a bill for an alteration in the Austrian escutcheon, says a Vienna message. Henceforth the eagle will be single instead of double-headed. The bird will bear a crown and hold in one claw a scythe, as an emblem of agriculture, and in the other a hammer, as an emblem of industry.

## Triumphal March of Allies Billed in Paris for June 6

Paris, May 12.—A triumphant march of the allied armies thru Paris will take place on June 6, according to the present understanding. The event will occur on that date, it is believed, even should the peace treaty not have been signed at that time.

## First Volunteer Contingent Leaves England for Russia

London, May 12.—The first contingent of the volunteer army raised to relieve the men who are fighting in North Russia, left Newcastle today for Archangel. Fifteen hundred men, including a machine-gun company, were in the party. Two other contingents will leave for North Russia during the week.

FLORIDA CUCUMBERS, TOMATOES, ASPARAGUS, SPINACH, FRENCH ARTICHOKES
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ORANGES, PINEAPPLES
POTATOES, CABBAGE
MEXICAN TOMATOES
DAWSON-ELLIOTT Colborne and Market Sts. MAIN 1471.

## WHOLESALE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

**Tomatoes.**—A car of especially choice quality Mexican tomatoes came in yesterday to White & Co., Limited, and Chas. S. Simpson. They are really of splendid quality, very different from any heretofore received from Mexico, and are proving a ready sale at $6.75 to $7 per case of thirty pounds.

**Pineapples** arrived freely yesterday, several cars coming in, both from Cuba and Porto Rico, the former selling at $6 to $6.25 per case, and Porto Rican at $6.75 to $7, and a very few at $7.25 to $7.50 per case.

**Cucumbers** were very plentiful, the Leamington hothouse selling at $2.25 to $2.50 per 11-quart basket for No. 1's, and $1.50 for No. 2's. The Florida outside-grown brought from $4 to $5 per hamper, according to quality.

**Cabbage.**—New cabbage is more plentiful, the California variety selling at $6.50 to $7.50 per crate, and southern at $9 to $9.50 per larger crate.

**Chas. S. Simpson** had a car of Mississippi cabbage, selling at $9.50 per crate; a car of Florida cucumbers at $4 to $4.50 per hamper; a car of Porto Rican pines at $7 per case; a car of Cuban pines at $6 per case; a car of lemons at $5 per case; a car of Cuban grapefruit at $5.50 to $7.50 per case.

**Dawson-Elliott** had a car of Ontario potatoes, selling at $2 to $2.10 per bag; a car of Cal. cabbage at $6.50 per crate; Florida cucumbers at $3.50 to $4 per hamper; pineapples at $6 to $7 per case; Mexican tomatoes at $6.75 per case.

**H. J. Ash** had a car of oranges selling at $5 to $7 per case; Porto Rican pines at $7 to $7.50 per case; lemons at $4.50 to $5 per case; grapefruit at $5.75 to $6 per case; strawberries at 28c to 30c per box; new potatoes at $9.50 per bbl.; cabbage at $9 to $9.50 per crate.

**McWilliam & Everist, Ltd.**, had a car of Florida tomatoes, selling at $7.50 to $8.50 per six-basket crate; a car of Cuban pines selling at $6 to $6.50 per case; a car of Ontario potatoes at $2 per bag.

**A. A. McKinnon** had a car of Ontario potatoes, selling at $2 per bag.

**D. Spence** had Mexican tomatoes at $6.75 to $7 per case; Porto Rican pines at $7 to $7.25 per case; Texas onions at $5.50 per crate; Ontario potatoes at $2.10 per bag; Ontario Irish Cobbler seed at $2.25 per bag.

**Peters, Duncan, Ltd.**, had a car of Florida cucumbers, selling at $4 per hamper; imported hothouse cucumbers at $3.50 per basket; Cuban pines at $6 per case; Florida celery at $8.50 per case; new potatoes at $9.50 per bbl. for No. 1's, and $7.50 per bbl. for No. 2's.

**W. J. McCart Co., Ltd.**, had a car of Cuban pines, selling at $6 to $6.50 per case; Porto Ricans at $7.25 to $7.50 per case; Florida cucumbers at $4 per hamper; green peppers at $1.25 per basket; cabbage at $7 per crate.

**Whit & Co., Ltd.**, had a car of Mississippi cabbage, selling at $9.50 per crate; two cars of Cuban pines at $6 to $6.25 per case; a car of Texas onions at $5.50 per crate; heavy shipments of asparagus at $6.50 to $7 per crate; Leamington hothouse cucumbers at $2.50 to $1.50 per 11-quart basket; Cuban grapefruit at $7 per case; mushrooms at $3 to $3.25 per basket.

**Jos. Bamford & Sons** had a car of Ontario potatoes, selling at $2 per bag; Porto Rican pines at $6.75 to $7 per case; Cal. lemons at $4.75 per case.

**The Union Fruit and Produce, Limited,** had a car of Ontario potatoes, selling at $2 per bag; Mexican tomatoes at $7 per case; Texas onions at $5.50 per crate.

**Manser-Webb** had Florida cucumbers, selling at $5 per hamper; Mexican tomatoes at $7 per case; pineapples at $6.25 to $7.25 per case; leaf lettuce at 30c to 35c per dozen; hothouse rhubarb at $1.40 per dozen; outside-grown at 50c to 75c per dozen; cocoanuts at $9.50 per sack.

**The Longo Fruit Co.** had Valencia oranges at $5 to $6.50 per case; lemons at $4.75 per case; cabbage at $9 per crate; celery at $8.25 per case; strawberries at 25c per box; Dromedary dates at $8 per case.

**Stronach & Sons** had a car of Porto Rican pineapples, selling at $7.25 per case; cabbage at $7.50 per case; a shipment of choice carrots, selling at $2 per bag; outside-grown rhubarb at 50c per dozen.

**Wholesale Fruits.**

Apples—Ontario, $6 to $14 per bbl., $3 to $3.75 per box, 75c to $1.25 per 11-quart basket; Winesaps, $5.50 to $6 per box.

Bananas—7½c per lb.

Grapefruit — Florida, $6 to $7.50 per case; Cuban, $6 to $7 per case; California, $2.75 to $3 per half-box, $5.50 to $6.50 per case.

Lemons—California, $4.50 to $5 per case; Messina, $4.50 to $5 per case.

Oranges—California navels, $4.50 to $7.25 per case; late Valencias, $4.50 to $6.75 per case; Mediterranean Sweets, $5.50 to $6.75 per case.

Pineapples—Porto Rico, $6.75 to $7.50 per case; Cuban, $6 to $6.25 per case.

Rhubarb—Hothouse, $1.25 to $1.50 per dozen; outdoor, 50c to 75c per dozen.

Strawberries—25c to 28c per box.

Tomatoes—Florida, No. 1's, $8.50 to $9 per six-basket crate, grading down to $5 per crate; Mexican, $6.75 to $7 per case.

**Wholesale Vegetables.**

Artichokes—French, $1.25 per dozen, $8 per case.

Asparagus—$5 to $7 per case; Canadian, $2 to $2.50 per six-quart basket, $6 to $3.50 per 11-quart basket.

Beans—Prime white, dried, $2.75 to $3.25 per bushel; hand-picked, $3.50 to $4 per bushel; green and wax (new), $5.75 to $6.25 per hamper.

Beets—Canadian, 75c to 90c per bag; new, $3 per hamper; new, Canadian, $1.75 per dozen.

Brussels sprouts—None in.

Cabbage—New, $7.50, $8.50 to $10 per crate.

Carrots—$1.75 to $2 per bag.

Cauliflower—$4 per hamper.

Cucumbers—Leamington, No. 1's, $2.25 to $2.50 per 11-quart basket; No. 2's, $1.50 per basket; Florida, outside-grown, $4 to $5 per hamper.

Lettuce—Texas head, $3 to $3.50 per hamper; Cal. Iceberg, $4.25 to $4.50 per case; leaf, 25c to 50c per dozen; Canadian head, 80c to $1 per dozen.

Mushrooms—$3 to $3.25 per basket.

Onions—$4.75 to $5 per 75-lb. bag, $7 per 100-lb. bag; Texas Bermuda, $5.50 per 50-lb. crate; green, 30c to 40c per dozen bunches.

Parsnips—90c per bag.

Peas—Green, $5.50 per hamper.

Peppers—Green, $1 to $1.50 per dozen, $1.25 to $1.50 per basket.

Potatoes—Ont., $2 to $2.10 per bag; Ont seed, $2.25 to $2.50 per bag; New Brunswick Irish Cobblers, $3 per bag; new, Floridas, No. 1's, $9.50 per bbl.; No. 2's, $7.50 per bbl.

Parsley—Home-grown, 50c per dozen bunches; imported, $1 per dozen.

Radishes—40c to 50c per dozen.

Shallots—None in.

Spinach—Domestic, $1.75 to $2 per case and $2.50 per bushel hamper.

Turnips—$1.25 to $1.50 per bag.

**Wholesale Nuts.**

Brazils—17c to 20c per lb.

Peanuts—Green, 16c per lb.; roasted, 18c per lb.

Cocoanuts—$9.50 per sack of 100.

**Maple Syrup.**

Maple Syrup—$16.75 per case of ten 3½-lb. tins; $14 per case of 24 wine quarts; $13 per case of six wine gallon tins; five imperial gallon tins at $2.35 per gallon; bottles at $6.30 per dozen.

**HIDES AND WOOL.**

Prices delivered in Toronto, furnished by John Hallam:

**City Hides**—City butcher hides, green, flats, 18c; calfskins, green, flats, 30c; veal kip, 20c; horsehides, city take-off, $6 to $7; sheep, $2 to $4.

**Country Markets** — Beef hides, flat, cured, 18c to 20c; green, 16c to 17c; deacon and bob calf, $2 to $2.75; horsehides, country take-off, No. 1, $6 to $7; No. 2, $5 to $6; No. 1 sheep skins, $2.50 to $4; horsehair, farmers' stock, $28.

**Tallow**—City rendered, solids, in barrels, 8c to 9c; country solids, in barrels, No. 1, 6c to 8c; cakes, No. 1, 7c to 9c.

**Wool**—Unwashed fleece wool as to quality, fine, 40c to 55c. Washed wool, fine, 70c to 75c.

## BOARD OF TRADE

**Manitoba Wheat (in Store, Ft. William)**
No. 1 northern, $2.24½.
No. 2 northern, $2.21½.
No. 3 northern, $2.17½.
No. 4 wheat, $2.11.
**Manitoba Oats (in Store, Fort William).**
No. 2 C.W., 75¼c.
No. 3 C.W., 72½c.
Extra No. 1 feed, 72c.
No. 1 feed, 69½c.
No. 2 feed, 66¼c.
**Manitoba Barley (in Store, Ft. William).**
No. 3 C.W., $1.18¾.
No. 4 C.W., $1.11¾.
Rejected, $1.01.
Feed, $1.01.
**American Corn (Track, Toronto, Prompt Shipment).**
No. 3 yellow, nominal.
No. 4 yellow, nominal.
**Ontario Oats (According to Freights Outside).**
No. 3 white, 74c to 76c.
**Ontario Wheat (f.o.b., Shipping Points, According to Freights).**
No. 1 winter, per car lot, $2.14 to $2.20.
No. 2 winter, per car lot, $2.11 to $2.19.
No. 3 winter, per car lot, $2.07 to $2.15.
No. 1 spring, per car lot, $2.09 to $2.17.
No. 2 spring, per car lot, $2.06 to $2.14.
No. 3 spring, per car lot, $2.02 to $2.10.
**Peas (According to Freights Outside).**
No. 2, $2.05, nominal.
**Barley (According to Freights Outside).**
Malting, $1.13 to $1.18.
**Buckwheat (According to Freights Outside).**
Nominal.
**Rye (According to Freights Outside).**
No. 2, $1.68 nominal.
**Manitoba Flour.**
Government standard, $11, Toronto.
**Ontario Flour (Prompt Shipment, in Jute Bags).**
Government standard, $11.00.
Montreal, $11.00, Toronto.
**Millfeed (Car Lots, Delivered, Montreal Freights, Bags Included).**
Bran, per ton, $42.
Shorts, per ton, $44.
Good feed flour, per bag, $2.65 to $2.75.
**Hay (Track, Toronto).**
No. 1, per ton, $30 to $33.
Mixed, per ton, $20 to $24.
**Farmers' Market.**
Fall wheat—No. 2, $2.13 per bushel.
Spring wheat—No. 2, $2.11 per bushel.
Goose wheat—No. 3, $2.08 per bushel.
Barley—Malting, $1.05 per bushel.
Oats—80c to 81c per bushel.
Buckwheat—Nominal.
Hay—Timothy, $31 to $32 per ton;

**CHICAGO MARKETS.**

J. P. Bickell & Co., Standard Bank Building, report the following prices on the Chicago Board of Trade:

| | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Prev Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Corn—** | | | | | |
| May ... | 172 | 179 | 171½ | 117½ | ... |
| July ... | 163 | 169¼ | 163 | 168¾ | 162 |
| Sept. ... | 153¾ | 161 | 155¼ | 159¾ | 153½ |
| **Oats—** | | | | | |
| May .. | 68 | 70 | 68 | 69¾ | ... |
| July ... | 67¾ | 69¼ | 67¾ | 68⅞ | 67½ |
| Sept. ... | 64¼ | 66⅛ | 64¼ | 65¾ | 64 |
| **Pork—** | | | | | |
| May ... | 53.80 | 53.85 | 53.80 | 53.85 | 53.50 |
| July ... | 50.80 | 51.10 | 50.80 | 51.00 | 50.70 |
| **Lard—** | | | | | |
| May ... | 33.55 | 33.72 | 33.50 | 33.65 | ..... |
| July ... | 32.05 | 32.15 | 32.00 | 32.12 | 31.92 |
| **Ribs—** | | | | | |
| May ... | 28.90 | 28.92 | 28.90 | 28.92 | 28.90 |
| July ... | 28.10 | 28.17 | 28.00 | 28.15 | 27.92 |

## GERMAN DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE TREATY

Berlin, May 12.—Big demnstrations against the signing of the peace treaty by Germany were held today in Berlin, Breslau, Danzig, Koenigsberg, Cassel, Bochum and other places. The demonstrations were organized by the National People's Party.

"If this treaty comes to pass, I will bring up my children in hatred," said Deputy Traub, speaking in Berlin.

Dr. Gustave Stresemann, one of the People's Party leaders, spoke in protest against the demand for the surrender of former Emperor William. If the German people complied with it they would be without shame or honor, he declared.

## Minister Arrested in Berlin For Passing Soviet Money

Berlin, Sunday, May 11.—A guest who was arrested at the Ulm Hotel here today while trying to negotiate 1,000 mark bills bearing the characteristics of the money which was temporarily put out of circulation in Bavaria because of the soviet regime, was found to be Dr. Jaffe, the Bavarian soviet minister of finance, recently displaced with the other ministers by the Hoffman government. A search of Dr. Jaffe's trunk revealed 470,000 marks in 1,000 mark notes. The ex-minister was taken to Munich for trial.

# ADVANCE IN CORN ON URGENT BUYING

## Cash and May Corn at Highest Prices of the Season.

Chicago, May 12.—Jumps in prices of corn reached an unusual extreme of 10c a bushel today, owing to scarcity of offerings. The market closed flurried at a net advance of 5⅝c to 9½c, with July $1.68½ to $1.68¾, and September $1.59⅛ to $1.59¾. Oats gained 1⅛c to 1⅞c, and provisions 2½c to 95c.

Thruout the day, buyers of corn were urgent bidders, and there was a conspicuous lack of pressure to sell. The sharpest demand was for corn available either for spot delivery or in time to meet May contracts. As a result, both cash and May went to the highest price level yet this season. Bullish sentiment, primarily due to the unusual slenderness of stocks on hand here, became acute in view of renewed wet weather, pointing to further delay of planting and to continued interference with the crop movement. Considerable notice was also taken of current opinions that industrial high prices were here to stay for at least some time.

Oats reflected the strength of corn. Export sales to Holland counted, too, against the bears.

Provisions were lifted by the big upturns of the grain and hog markets. Besides, exports for the week were large and there was talk of a better demand for meats at home.

## ON CHICAGO MARKET

Hughes, Harcourt and Company, 307 Royal Bank Building, received the following wire at the close of the Chicago market yesterday: Corn—Opened strong on rains predicted for the entire forecast district. Buyers found offerings very scarce and prices advanced steadily, viz. 7 cents a bushel for July, the May advancing 10 cents and September 7 cents. The increasing premium for the near futures and cash is caused by the extremely light movement. The condition as to the movement will probably continue as farmers in the entire corn belt will take advantage of all favorable weather to rush the planting. This statement is based upon reports from various parts of the corn belt. When corn planting is completed cultivation of early fields will occupy the farmers' attention, so that a movement of any considerable quantity is an improbability until all the corn is laid by, which is usually July 4th and later. The close was on a reaction, caused by some early buyers turning to the selling side.

**MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.**

Montreal, May 12.—A moderate amount of business was done with sales of car lots of No. 2 Canadian western at 88c, extra No. 1 feed at 85c; No. 1 feed at 83c, and No. 2 feed at 80c per bushel ex-store.

There was a good enquiry for barley, but on account of the smaller offerings from west and the higher prices asked the volume of business was small. Manitoba sample No. 14 sold at $1.19 per bushel, ex-store.

A feature of the local flour market continues to be the strong feeling in winter flour. The market for all lines of millfeed continues active and firm under a continued good demand from all sources. The feature of the hay trade today was the report that the government had purchased some 200 cars of No. 2, No. 3 and clover mixed hay at $35 per ton for all grades f.o.b. country points.

Oats—Extra No. 1 feed, 85c.

Flour—New standard grade, $11 to $11.10.

Rolled oats—Bag, 90 lbs., $3.90 to $4.

Bran, $43 to $44; shorts, $45 to $46.

Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $37 to $38.

Cheese—Finest easterns, 26c to 27c.

Butter—Choicest creamery, 56c to 56½c.

Eggs—Fresh, 49c to 50c.

Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, $2 to $2.25.

Dressed hogs, abattoir killed, $30.50 to $31.00.

Lard—Pure, wood pails, 20 lbs. net, 34c.

**LIVERPOOL MARKETS.**

Liverpool, May 12.—Beef, extra India mess, 370s; pork, prime mess, Western, 330s; hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 137s; bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., 152s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 160s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., 160s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., 159s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., 157s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., 128s; lard, prime Western, in tierces, 146s 6d; do American refined, pails, 152s; do American refined, boxes, 150s; Australian tallow in London, 72s; turpentine spirits, 96s; rosin, common, 64s 6d; petroleum, refined, 1s 6⅝d; linseed oil, 62s; cotton seed oil, 68s 6d; war kerosene, No. 2, 1s 2¾d.

## TROOPS HOLD LEIPSIC; SPARTACANS ARRESTED

Berlin, May 12.—German government troops have occupied Leipsic. A number of the Spartacan leaders there have been arrested.

**Came as a Surprise**

Copenhagen, May 12.—The occupation of Leipsic by some thousands of soldiers belonging to the forces of Gustav Moske, the minister of defense, was a complete surprise, says a despatch from Berlin to The National Tidende. The Spartacans were only able to make a slight resistance.

A state of siege was immediately declared and steps were taken to restore the authority of the government.

## GERMAN VESSELS HANDED OVER TO BRITAIN

**Reuter Cable.**

London, May 12.—In the house of commons at question time today Mr. Leslie Wilson stated that 22 German passenger ships of 168,889 tons, and 89 cargo ships of 663,210 tons had been handed over to Great Britain. Hon. Mr. MacNamara stated that at the time of the armistice 15 German liners of 249,754 tons, and 649 cargo ships of 2,251,[illegible] tons, were interned abroad. Besi[illegible]hese 290 German vessels of a given tonnage of 91,231 had been captured by the allies. The figures included ships operated by the allies.

## Premier Paderewski Acclaimed By Populace of Cracow

Cracow, May 12—Premier Paderewski of Poland, accompanied by Madame Paderewski, received a rousing welcome from the populace of Cracow as they passed thru here on their special train, bound from Paris to Warsaw. The demonstration was in tribute to the work for Poland which the premier had done at the Paris peace conference, which is considered here to have been an excellent accomplishment.

## MINING NOTES

During the past two weeks over fifty claims have been staked and recorded near Kenogami, in Grenfell and Teck Townships. Additional claims have been staked, but not yet recorded. The district receiving the attention of prospectors is north and south of Kenogami, where the Baldwin is located.

The Porcupine Keora is now drilling its sixth diamond drill hole. It is understood that results from the fifth hole were satisfactory. One hole produced excellent results, cutting about a hundred feet of what the management believes may develop into commercial ore. This body was found in the north contact, whereas previous work was done on a body on the south contact.

E. G. Mayott, manager of the Hattie property, in Coulson Township, northeast of Matheson, has been in the district recently completing preparations for starting up. It was intended to instal a plant some time ago, but the plan was not carried out.

Ferdinand Zabel, who will manage the Keeley mine, in South Lorrain, arrived in Cobalt this week. Dr. McIntosh Bell, manager of the English interests which control the Keeley, has also arrived. The workings are being pumped out, and the plan of work to be done will be decided after examination.

On the Wickstead claims, at Twin Lakes, Mileage 180, during test pit sinking, an excellent showing of visible gold resulted. The claims were optioned to B. Killoran.

On May 15, a sub-office of the Larder Lake Mining Division Recorder's Office, will be opened at Swastika. It will be under the supervision of J. A. Hough. The Matheson office will be maintained.

W. Gowans goes to the Wright-Hargreaves on June 1, where, it is understood, he will have charge of underground operations.

## GOOD ROADS TO CAMPS ARE TO BE EXPEDITED

### Kirkland Lake and Gowganda to Be Made Easier of Access

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, minister of lands, forests and mines, who spent part of last week in Northern Ontario, says it has been decided to start at once on both the Swastika-Kirkland Lake and Elk Lake-Gowganda roads. Both roads are to be well constructed and will be suitable for motor transportation.

It is proposed to spend about $60,000 or $70,000 on the Kirkland Lake road and from $250,000 to $300,000 on the Gowganda road.

The roads are to be of the same construction; a rock bottom, with a cement top and crowned with some prepared road material.

Arrangements are being completed for the appointment of an engineer to take charge of these operations.

# NEW INVENTION FOR UNLOADING LOGS

## Jack Screw Attachment is Perfect Safety Device.

One of the greatest improvements in the lumber shipping business ever made, is the way George A. Herron describes his new improved car stake which he has invented, and which is now in operation on several railroads in the north country.

The new invention consists of a jack screw attachment which can be put on to any ordinary flat car. Four hardwood stakes are placed, one on each end of the car, and by means of the jack screw attachment which is located at the end of the car the operator may unload the cargo of logs without the danger which hitherto attended this exceedingly hazardous operation.

In the past, Mr. Herron said on Saturday, when interviewed by a reporter for The World, at the Prince George Hotel, it has been the custom of the workers when they unloaded the huge loads of logs to cut the stakes with axes, and then make a mad dash for safety. Accidents were prevalent at all times, but with his invention, Mr. Herron claims that the accident factor will be done away with.

According to Mr. Herron, J. R. Booth, one of the greatest lumber men in the country, had, after seeing the invention work, declared it the greatest thing he had ever seen. There would be no need for any more deaths while unloading with this machine.

The stakes are made of hardwood, reinforced on the sides with iron, are eight feet high, four inches wide, and three inches thick, and they will stand a pressure from the logs of 13,500 pounds to the square inch. If lost the stakes can be replaced at any time from a reserve store, which is carried underneath the carriage of the flat car. The stakes in themselves cost only the small sum of $1.

The stake is now being manufactured by a company in Sudbury, of which R. R. McKessock, a well-known lawyer, who recently returned from the front, is the president.

## FOURTEEN POINTS ON GERMAN BANNER

Berlin, May 12—"Germany has seized and unfurled a new banner on which are inscribed President Wilson's fourteen points, which the president apparently has deserted," said Friedrich Ebert, the German president, in a statement to the Associated Press today.

President Ebert called the peace treaty a "monstrous document." He declared that history holds no precedent for such determination to annihilate completely vanquished peoples.

## Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal Gives Final Reception at Rome

**Reuter Cable**

Rome, May 12.—Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal, after two months' residence, gave a farewell reception which was attended by many high church dignitaries, including Cardinals Vannutelli, Giorga, Decabrieres and Billot. Cardinal Gasquet was absent thru family bereavement but was represented. The Pope sent his private secretary. Cardinal Gasparri was also represented.

# RUNAWAY MARKET IN MINING STOCKS

## Gold and Silver issues Vie in Advances — Many Record Prices for Year.

The bull market in mining stocks gathers momentum daily. A number of stocks in both the gold and silver groups sold yesterday at not only the highest prices of the year, but of several years, and it is doubtful if the volume of transactions, 443,631 shares, has been equaled since the culmination of the big investment movement in the fall of 1916.

There were many sensational features of the day. One was the rapid ascent of bar silver in New York, as high as $1.19¾ being quoted there for the white metal late in the afternoon. Nipissing, McKinley-Darragh, Chambers-Ferland, Adanac, Coniagas, Peterson Lake and Ophir were conspicuously strong and active in the silver list. In the Porcupine group the most discussed stock on its record for the day was Dome, in which there was a striking bullish demonstration in New York, 9000 shares being dealt in there with the opening price $14.62½, the high $16.25 and the closing $16.50, as compared with Saturday's final figure of $14.75. Locally Dome was traded in to the extent of 4000 shares, the range being $15.25 to $15.50, with the closing at the former figure, slightly above Saturday's closing price. At the height of the New York movement yesterday, $16 was bid for Dome here. In New York $20 is being talked of for Dome, and with the annual meeting only four weeks ahead, there may be some market "window-dressing" in the meantime.

**Hollinger's Strength.**

Bullish sentiment pervaded the whole market, and, in many cases, stocks were so closely held that the floating supply was almost negligible. For example, Hollinger and McIntyre had no trouble in moving up to the highest prices of the year. The former on a turnover of nearly 18,000 shares, advanced to $7.60, and the latter lost three points, the day's net gain was eight points, while McIntyre added a point to its recent sharp gains by selling at $1.89. Dome Extension accounted for nearly 33,000 shares, selling up to 35½, a net gain of ¾, and closing there. Dome Ex. is, however, a long way from keeping pace with the movement in Dome, and while in some quarters it is contended that a announcement of the intention of the Dome directors to exercise the Dome Ex. option may come at any time, the behavior of Dome Extension stock indicates that the "street" has not cast doubts aside. At yesterday's high price for Dome in New York, Dome Ex. shares, assuming that the property will be taken over, should have sold around 54c. Advices from the north indicate that the ore body being developed on the Dome Extension by the Dome Mines from the latter's sixth level is promising. This body was diamond drilled from surface, the drill holes cutting in at various depths and by lateral holes from the sixth level of the Dome Mines. From lateral diamond drill holes it has an indicated width at its widest point of about 10 0feet, and an indicated length of about 200 feet.

Kirkland Lake was in unusually heavy demand, advancing two points, to 53. Newray, at 19½, was up 1¼, and half-point advances were recorded by Davidson at 68½, Porcupine Crown at 34, Wasapika at 61½, West Dome at 16, and Thompson-Krist at 9½, with lesser gains shown by Gold Reef at 6⅞, and Porcupine V.N.T. at 25. Inspiration held its advanced grounds at 13½. Keora, after touching 21¾, fell back a point, the net loss being ¼. Lake Shore, at $1.20, was off five points.

**Silver Stocks Boom.**

Nipissing had a firm opening at $13.00, and sold up to $13.50, but sagged at the close to $13.10, reducing the net gain to 25c a share. Early 1100 shares changed hands, and the persistent strength of the stock, yesterday's reaction from the top price being relatively small, has given rise to a number of rumors. New York hears that the spurt, beginning last Wednesday, was caused by the sale of a large number of oil leases in Texas, which the Nipissing is said to have acquired early this year, the company's clean-up being estimated at $1,500,000. McKinley-Darragh closed with a three-point gain, at 64, about 15 points above the level of a week ago. Coniagas moved up 30 points, to $3.00; Timiskaming touched 43 and closed at 42, a net gain of a point, and Crown Reserve rose ½, to 45½. An unusual incident was a bid for Buffalo, namely, 65.

There was a big day in lower-priced Cobalt stocks, with Adanac and Chambers-Ferland fighting it out for the honors. Adanac opened easier, at 5½, but rose to 26½ on transactions of 51,500 shares, and closed at the top. Chambers-Ferland was best active, the turnover being 37,500 shares, but a striking advance of 4¾, to 15¾, was scored, with the closing at 15. There appeared to be orders in the market to take practically all the stock offered around 15. It has been rumored lately that the British interests will make an offer of 16c a share for the outstanding stock, but yesterday's flurry seemed to indicate an intent to entire the stock by purchases in the open market. Ophir was heavily bought at from 9¾ to 10, and Hargraves, at 4⅞, and Silver Leaf, at 4, were also firm.

Peterson Lake was unusually active, 27,250 shares changing hands. The range was between 9¾ and 11, with the closing at 10, a net gain of ¼. Last week Peterson Lake resumed the treatment of Seneca-Superior sands and slimes, stopped during the winter months. It is estimated that about 4000 tons of slimes remain to be treated. These are of higher grade than those treated last year, which resulted in the shipment of concentrates valued at $15,000. There will also be treated about 10,000 tons of rock on Seneca-Superior dumps. Underground work is to be started in two months, according to present plans of the management. The Seneca-Superior and Gould workings will be dewatered.

## NO DATE YET SET