

and consequently undertook to ascribe to its principles and obligations.

San Juan Del Sur, Nic. March 4th—Guabito, lying a short distance to the north-west of Bocas del Toro in Panama, was captured by the Costa Rican forces at five o'clock this morning. The Panamanians retired towards Bocas del Toro leaving behind 18 dead and many wounded. The Costa Ricans have occupied the Almirante railway and are now besieging Ciudad de Almirante Guabito, which is near the Atlantic Coast side of the Isthmus of Panama was taken by the Costa Ricans after several hours of fighting.

Panama, March 4th.—Preparations for war against Panama are being rushed by the Government of Costa Rica, predictions are made that 20,000 Costa Rican soldiers will be under arms before the end of the present week. Six warships and 12 hydroplanes of the United States Pacific Fleet have arrived at Puntas Arenas, Costa Rica.

New York, March 4th.—The raw sugar market was unchanged at 4½ for Cuba's C. and F. equal to 5.77 for centrifugal. There were sales of 1,000 bags of Porto Rico's. Futures were quiet, but prices were steadier on coverings, and at midday showed gains of five points on active positions.

London, March 5th.—Mr. P. J. Hacon, Coalition Unionist, has been returned unopposed for the Moseley division in Birmingham, succeeding Sir Hallowell Rogers.

San Juan, Del Sur Nicaragua March 5. Bocas del Toro, has been taken by Costarician forces. Many casualties were inflicted upon the Panamanian troops and the Costaricians took 150 prisoners, it is said in reports received here. General Volji is marching from San Jose with two thousand men to the vicinity of Coto, on the Pacific end of the frontier between Costarica and Panama.

Panama, March 5th.—President Porras has named a defense council of five, which will be entrusted the selection of the main Panamanian army. All men between the ages of 18 and 40, who have been called to the colours, will be examined at one of the technical training of the national forces is being planned. Many foreigners in Panama are joining a legion that is being organised by John Sheridan.

Paris, March 5th.—The inaugural speech of Mr. Harding yesterday, created a sensation in French Parliamentary circles, where it was discussed with varied comment, ranging from the warmest approval to the bitterest criticism. The speech was received too late to be published by the Temps and other afternoon papers. The paragraph of the speech referring to the payment of war debts and obligations, received the greatest attention, being interpreted as meaning that France must repay her loans from the reparations. "We are quite willing to pay the

United States, providing Germany pay us", said former Minister of Finance Klotz, one of the signers of the Versailles treaty. Mr. Harding's reference to a non-involvement policy in European affairs, caused Deputy Charles Bernhard of the National Bloc to declare. "By this policy of Pontius Pilate, Mr. Harding washed his hands of all European affairs. It seems we have fallen from bad to worst, from Wilson to Harding". Abbe Waterle, Deputy from Alsace, on the contrary said he thought Mr. Harding's speech quite favourable to France, as it left France free to deal with Germany as she saw fit without interference. In the absence of Premier Briand in London, Minister of War Barthou, the ranking Minister, refused to make any comment. Deputy Ramiel, Socialist radical, declared he thought there were too many references to God in the speech. He declared, "If the United States engages in war with another power it will have to reply upon other weapons." Meanwhile the chamber voted immediately mobilization of the class of 1921, which will remain under the colours for eighteen months.

London, March 7th.—The advent of the Harding administration in the United States is welcomed by the Chronicle, which says we shall now be able once more to regard the United States policy as something definite and stable, a very great gain to everybody. It is of the opinion that the President's reference to disarmament was the principal foreign point in his speech, declaring that Great Britain will do everything possible to support his practically conceived initiative. The principle which Mr. Harding laid down, comments the Express, do not differ materially from those of George Washington, Mr. Harding definitely repudiated the principle of the League of Nations. it adds, "So far as we can see, he is nothing but an aloof self-centered American". The Labourite Herald sums its impression of Mr. Harding's address as follows: "The voice of big business rang out with a challenge. Mr. Harding, sighed over the prospect of the old wage never returning and told the workers, with plenty of thunder, that the United States was no place for revolution."

New York, March 5th.—The raw sugar market was quiet at 4½ cents for Cuba's cost and freight, equal to 5.77 for centrifugal. No sales were reported. The market for refined was steady and unchanged at 7.75 for fine granulated. Several refiners are still out of the market while others are limiting business to soft grades only. There was no sale in futures, and closing prices were unchanged. May 5, 18, July 5, 40 and September 5.58.

Washington, March 5th.—Official information that the Soviet Fortress of Kronstadt had fallen into the hands of revolutionary troops, was received today by the Finnish Legation.

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Flour, Blended Clears St. Lawrence Brand pr. brl. \$8.60.  
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" " free of control duty paid 40s. - 50s.  
" " fine 75s.  
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