

credits for three months, and a new loan bill, advised by the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, providing for the issuance of five per cent bonds. Discussing the loan M. Ribot asked M. Clemenceau regarding the guaranteeing of the German indemnity by the Allies, to which the Premier replied, "That cannot be taken up now, because of the situation at Washington" M. Ribot, commenting said, "I hope that when we have put our finances in order, our Allies will consent to aid us, or rather stand a share of the defense of a common cause."

London, Dec. 31st—Mr. Lloyd George in a New Year message to the nation says: "We bid farewell to the fateful year which witnessed the signing of a peace that is like a token of victory and a warrant for hope. Whether the new year shall be rich with promises, or laden with despair, depends on ourselves. We have reached a time when a concentrated effort is essential to the rebuilding of the world, and if we quarrel amongst ourselves we impair our strength and retard our progress, but by united action, based upon common honesty and inspired by a spirit of general goodwill, the nation will add to the glory achieved by her sons in battle, in the accomplishment of the great task of restoring the prosperity and well-being of our people."

Ottawa, Dec. 31st.—Lord Jellicoe, who was to have left Ottawa today, has had to defer his departure owing to the indisposition of Lady Jellicoe. He will leave tomorrow or the next day.

Paris, Dec. 31st.—The Chamber of Deputies today adopted the Bill for increased railway rates, introduced by M. Claveille, Minister of Public Works. The vote was 451 against 115. The Bill is intended to avoid a deficit of two million four thousand francs.

Vienna, Dec. 31st.—An Associated despatch received from Sofia states that Bulgaria is under martial law, because of widespread riots growing out of the high cost of living.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 31st.—The announcement is made that the Handley-Page airplane will, in a short time, inaugurate a commercial hydrplane service along the Peruvian coast.

Rome, Dec. 31st.—Poland, Austria and Czecho-Slovakia have appealed to Pope Benedict to obtain the repatriation of about two thousand of their subjects who have been prisoners of war in Siberia and who still remain and are reported to be suffering hardships of all kinds.

Rome, Dec. 30th.—The Senate yesterday heard addresses from both Premier Nitti and Signor Scialoja, Foreign Minister, who gave assurances that nothing had been compromised regarding an Asiatic settlement. Both statements declared that parties would go to London and Paris and that they were hopeful of a satisfactory solution of the Fiume question, as both Great Britain

and France had agreed to some changes in Italy's favour.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31st 1919.
Flour, Blended Clear St. Lawrence Brand pr. brl. \$11.90
Meal, Kilndried per 100 lbs \$3.85
New Season's Pork per brl. \$45.00
Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$47.00
Sugar---Crystals (Confirmed by Brokers) per 100 lbs. \$7.28.
Molasses 89° test pr 100 lbs. no quotation
Cotton, Middling Upland, at Liverpool per lb. 29 50-100d.
Exchange, New York and London, 60 days' sight \$3.72
Exchange New York and London, sight \$3.75½

LONDON, Dec. 31st 1919.
Sugar-Demerara Crystals duty paid price, fixed by the Royal Commission per cwt 66s. 0d. -97s. 0d.
Muscovado, 89° basis, floating terms in bond, Ditto-duty paid. 63s. 6d. -86s. 0d.
German Beet 88° f.o.b. no further sales during the war
White Java sugar cif U. Kingdom cif without engagement. 8.50.
White Java Sugar, cif United Kingdom if arrives before 27th December 85/ Demerara Rum, per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, Good Middling Red per cwt 128s. 0d. 130s. 0d.
Cotte Medium Fine Sea Island, at Liverpool nominal per lb.
Bank of England rate of Discount per cent. 6.
Consols 50½
Three per cent rentes in Paris Fcs. 51. 5
All prices subject to correction.

SUGAR NOTES.

Health Commissioner Robertson, of Chicago, recently put on sale 300,000 pounds of sugar for retail grocers. It was sold on the cash and carry plan. The only string that was tied to it was that the grocers had to pay cash and haul it home themselves. The amount available for each grocer was 100 pounds for which he paid \$12. There are 2,000 retail grocers in Chicago and this was just about enough to go around. Dr. Robertson also tried to persuade the confectioners to turn over their sugar to Mr. Westerfeld, who had charge of the sale, and the Continental Candy Company turned over 15,000 pounds. The Pan Confection Company, 12,500 pounds; E. J. Brach & Sons, 20,000 pounds; Swift & Company 25,000 pounds; Armour Company, 25,000 pounds, and Wilson & Company, 25,000 pounds. This sugar was sold in one-pound lots.—*Louisiana Planter*.

Wisconsin ranks highest in honey production per bee colony, according to figures produced by some apiarists. She produced 25.2 pounds per hive in 1909 it was only 22.5 pounds. In a report of 95,000 colonies valued at \$330,000 it was

found that the honey output was 2,200,000 pounds, valued at \$235,000. Bees are a paying proposition for they are fed on foods that would otherwise go to waste.—*Ibid*.

A crop totalling 1,411,900 tons of sugar was expected in Germany, but the most recent report says that only 1,100,000 tons are in sight. The total continental crop of Europe has been estimated at 3,650,000 tons, but only 3,300,000 tons are now in sight, according to Glasgow reports. The pre-war crop was 8,000,000 tons. The markets of Europe seem very bare, and every planter, farmer and sugar manufacturer on the western continent will have to stretch every nerve now for a few years if this shortage is going to be met. Equalization Board! Let equality be the end and let supply and demand must be the umpire. He will be fair if you give him time on the whole game of nine innings.—*Ibid*.

There is an elevator boy in a New York office-building who is among a large number of public servants who resent needless questions. One day there entered his car a rather fussy old lady, and garrulous as well.

"Don't you ever feel sick going up and down in this elevator all day?" she asked.
"Yes ma'am" said the boy.
"Is it the motion going down?"
"No ma'am."
"Is it the stopping that does it?"
"No ma'am."
"The motion going up?"
"No Ma'am."
"Then what is it?"
"Answering questions, ma'am".

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