

by a decision of the United States Supreme Court. The decision puts a stop to the hope of many for a "wet holiday" and nullifies the restoring order and proceedings to allow the removal of Whisky from bond. The constitutional amendment becomes effective on January 16th. next. The court pointed out that war time control of food and railroads still continues. Any hope for a wet spell before January 16th. according to the Washington Times, now depends on peace being proclaimed.

WASHINGTON: A boy bandit named John Mc Henry, nineteen years old, last night shot and killed the proprietor of a Tile Shop on 14th. Street and about an hour later shot and probably fatally wounded Detective Armstrong when that officer attempted to arrest Mc Henry at the Union Station where the boy was a buying ticket. When Armstrong approached, Mc Henry whipped out a revolver and began firing at him in the crowded station. A Marine Corporal, Raymond Feathers, was the first to arrive on the scene and gave assistance to the police in placing Mc Henry under arrest.

WASHINGTON: The American Embassy at Mexico City was directed today by the State Department to make representations to the Mexican Government regarding the kidnapping of Fred G. Hugg, American Ranch Superintendent near Jaurez, by Villaistas last week. The Ambassador and American Consul have been informed to also investigate a report that another American named P. Phillippe had been carried off.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO: Navigation of the Welland Canal closed on 6 o'clock Saturday night for the Winter.

CHICAGO: Restrictions on the use of coal were removed today and industry throughout the country approaches a normal basis. From nearly all minefields come reports that fully 90% of the miners have returned to work and leaders predicted that 95% would be working by tonight. It is expected that the normal output of coal will be obtained within a few days.

FIEUME: Preparations are under way for the evacuation of Fieume by d'Annunzio's forces in the occupation of the town which has caused so much discussion. Italian Regular Troops will take charge of the situation.

WASHINGTON: The Secretary of the Navy today sent to Congress a recommendation that funds be provided for rendering Federal aid to State Militia Organizations. These organizations lost their identity during the war, first by their nationalization by induction into the National Naval Volunteers, and subsequently by their absorption in the United States Naval Reserve Forces.

WASHINGTON: The Navy Department received a despatch announcing the safe arrival at Nassau of David W. Griffith and party. (note: Mr. Griffith is the leading Moving Picture Director of

the world and this despatch may have reference to an airplane trip from the Florida Coast to Nassau.

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

Halifax, Dec. 12th.—Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa, Admiral of the Fleet, arrived in Halifax on Friday morning on a two days' visit of inspection of the defences and investigation of the naval situation at this port.

Halifax, Dec. 12th.—At New York today, demand sterling declined to \$3.66½ a new low level in a demoralized market. The rate of exchange for Canadian money was quoted today at 8½ per cent discount in New York. P. O. Money orders to the United States are suspended for the time being and will not be resumed till the exchange rate shows signs of stability.

Erratum.—St. Thomas Dec. 15th. In paragraph yesterday's news near end please read "much of the common work" and not "Cotton."

St. Thomas, Dec. 15th.—The Direct Western Union Company notify us that from the 1st. of January next, the regulations covering registered addresses, now enforced in the United States, will be extended to the Dominion of Canada. The Western Union and Canadian Pacific Companies are parties to the agreement and all existing registrations will be automatically cancelled by both companies on December 31st.

St. Thomas, Dec. 15th.—The Dutch cruiser "Zeeland" arrived from Porto Rico yesterday morning.

New York, Dec. 12th.—The Canadian Government is shipping \$20,000,000 in gold to this city, it was announced today. The shipment, which is a purely Canadian Government matter, is said to be for the purpose of meeting some obligations here, and also to check the depreciation in money exchange. This is the largest import of gold from Canada since last June. The gold will be sold on arrival to the Federal Reserve Bank.

London, Dec. 12th.—Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau resumed their conferences on war problems this afternoon. Lord Curzon, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Maurice Hankey, Secretary of the War Cabinet, and the French Ambassador, were present. International finance was under discussion this morning, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, being called into the meeting after cancelling a speaking engagement he had for today.

Paris, Dec. 12th. M. Clemenceau and Mr. Lloyd George have a clear understanding as to the situation resulting from the present attitude of Germany, according to newspapers which speak with satisfaction of the opening of conferences in London by the two statesmen. Many express the desire that the London conference should end in the conclusion, if not

of alliance at least, of an Entente agreement, equivalent to an alliance between Great Britain, Italy, France and Belgium. The "Eclair" deems this alliance necessary to Belgium, France and Italy, and as indispensable to Great Britain.

London, Dec. 12th.—Commenting on M. Clemenceau's visit to England, the Manchester Guardian says, "Clemenceau's arrival in England, and the departure of the American delegates from Paris, were significant and not disconnected. M. Clemenceau, doubtless, comes to do what he can, to fill the breach, caused by the withdrawal of America. As the prospect of support from America becomes less, the need of support from this country grows, and may enter not only the military and diplomatic spheres but also those of finance and economics."

Brussels, December 12th.—M. Brunet, Socialist, was, today, elected President of the Chamber by a vote of 84 to 72. His opponent was M. Carton de Wiart, former Minister of Justice. Three ballots were taken. This is the first time that a Socialist has been elected to that office.

London, Dec. 12th.—M. Clemenceau went to Buckingham Palace this afternoon where he had tea with the King and Queen. In the evening he dined with Earl Curzon of Keddestone and Lady Curzon, and visited a theatre. It has been learned from French sources that the disposition displayed by the British representatives in the Conference is considered "excellent" and that both sides are pleased with the progress of the negotiations on various matters discussed today. These included the Adriatic and Russia. The conference will be resumed on Saturday, and it is possible that the Premier may prolong his stay in London even beyond Sunday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15th 1919.

Flour, Blended Clear St. Lawrence Brand pr. brl. \$12.00

Meal, Kilndried per 100 lbs \$3.75

New Season's Pork per brl. \$45.00

Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$46.50

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. 26 25-100d.

Exchange, New York and London, 60 days' sight \$3.66

Exchange New York and London, sight \$3.73½

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Sugar-Demerara Crystals duty paid price, fixed by the Royal Commission per cwts 66s. 0d. -97s. 0d.

Muscovado, 89° basis, floating terms in bond, Ditto duty paid. 63s. 3d.—86s. 0d.
German Beet 88° f.o.b. no further sales during the war

White Java Sugar, cif United Kingdom if arrives before 27th December 80/
Demerara Rum, per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, Good Middling Red per cwt 128s. 0d. 130s. 0d.