

quake has destroyed several villages in a radius of sixty miles west of Tiflis and hundreds of persons are stated to have perished.

Paris, March 11th.—The German Government has renewed its apologies to the French Charge d'Affairs at Berlin regarding the recent incident at the Hotel Adlon caused by Prince Joachim. The German Press comment on the incident in various ways, the "Democratic" blame the conduct of the German officers, the "Vorwaerts" styling them a band of butchers commanded by the Hohenzollerns and among whom a Hohenzollern behaved like a street boy, and it demands that action be taken against the guilty ones.

Rome, March 12th.—The "Tribuna" states that with the object of facilitating the task of Signor Nitti in forming a new Cabinet all the ministers today will hand him their resignations.

Barcelona, March 12th.—Fifteen young men accused of having placed bombs on public thoroughfares have been sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment.

Paris, March 12th.—In the trial of M. Caillaux in the High Court mention having been made of his visits to the Vatican, the public minister declared that he would take no notice of them. M. Caillaux declared that if he had been informed by the French Embassy of the bad reputation of certain personages, he would not have associated with them. M. Noble, Deputy for the Hautes Alpes and a former Attache at the Embassy to Italy, declared that the imprudencies of M. Caillaux's language had furnished a weapon to the Italian defeatist party, but he affirmed his conviction that M. Caillaux did not design to lead France to conclude a dishonourable peace.

London, March 12th.—French military men dressed as civilians, while making an excursion in the environs of Berlin, were recognized by the colours of their automobile and were fired upon by peasants, one being killed.

Stockholm, March 12th.—General Yudeitch has arrived here on a torpedo-boat and presided at the first meeting of the mixed court of arbitration provided by the Treaty of Versailles for the solution of questions of a private nature between Frenchmen and Germans. The court is composed of four sections, each presided over by a neutral person, and one French and German assessor.

Paris, March 13th.—The High Court continued today the hearing of witnesses in the Caillaux case. At the request of the defence, a magistrate has been appointed to receive the deposition of General Dubair, Grand Chancellor of the Legion of Honour. M. Roux, Councillor of the French Embassy at Rome, declared that during the voyage to Rome M. Caillaux at a dinner, had expressed the opinion that offers of peace should be made seriously to Germany and had criticised the policy of the Allies. This witness

dwelt at length on the relations of M. Caillaux with notable Germanophiles and enumerated the item of information gathered by the Embassy on the subject of the pacifist campaign and the attempts at a separate peace to which the accused had lent the weight of his influence.

Paris, March 13th.—The Pope has sent to Cardinal Amette one hundred thousand lire received from America for the reconstruction of the ruined churches of France and for the war orphans.

New York, March 12th.—Owing to the rise in the rate of Exchange for the pound sterling bankers expressed belief that foreign credit is on the way to becoming normal.

Berlin, March 13th.—The daily rise in the value of the mark is attributed to the desire of the Allied nations to help Germany to improve her economic position.

Paris, March 13th.—An increase on the fares of taxicabs has caused a veritable strike of passengers, many taxis being seen without clients.

Trinidad, March 13th.—At a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held yesterday for the purpose of discussing the exchange solution, the following resolution was adopted:

(A) That the report of this discussion be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he appoint a Committee representative of this Chamber the banks, agricultural and other interests concerned to investigate the reason for and effect of the present bank rates of exchange prevailing in this colony.

(B) To enquire into the possibility of this colony adopting its own coinage in conjunction with the other British West Indian colonies and British Guiana.

St. Lucia, March 17th.—Slight shock earthquake at 6.30 a. m.

A DRY TOWN

"The officer claims you were going at the rate of 40 miles an hour," said the judge, looking at the man at the bar over his glasses.

"Yes, your honor. My chaffeur was trying to get me to the railroad station in time to catch the 5.15 train.

"But you didn't have to catch that particular train; there was another one in an hour."

"Very true, judge, but what in the world could I do to kill time in this town for an hour?"—*The Sunday Herald Boston, Feb. 22nd.*

HIGHER ECONOMY

Among the Japanese economy is held to be a high virtue. Two old misers of Tokio were one day discussing ways and means of saving.

"I manage to make a fan last about twenty years," said one, "and this is my system: I don't wastefully open the whole

fan and wave it carelessly, I open only one section at a time. That is good for about a year. Then I open the next, and so on until the fan is eventually used up."

"Twenty years for a good fan!" exclaimed the other. "What sinful extravagance! In my family, we use a fan for two or three generations, and this is how we do it: We open the whole fan, but we don't wear it out by waving it. Oh, no! We hold it still, like this, under our nose, and wave our face!"—*Everyday Life.*

SUGAR NOTES.

Luxemburg has decreed that beet or cane-sugar coming into its domain must pay 17.50 francs per 100 kilograms customs duties. *Louisiana Planter.*

The Great Western Sugar Company announces that it will pay \$12 a ton for beets during the season of 1920. They will also pay \$1 a ton additional for beets delivered during the season just closed. The company is having their field man out now and they are contracting for the new area. Particular attention is being paid to the kind of land where contracts are being made for it is the company's desire to eliminate such land as will not make good in a substantial growth of beets.—*Ibid.*

The Mauritius sugar factories are ordering tons and tons of sugar machinery from England, convinced that France and America cannot give them any better figures, besides Americans, it is claimed, have their hands full supplying Cuba and the Philippine Islands.—*Ibid.*

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It is hereby brought to public notice that the Government has, this date, authorized Rev. HUGH HENRY to perform civil-religious functions in the Municipality of St. Croix.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Croix, March 6, 1920.

C. C. TIMMONS,
Government Secretary.

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