

the bandits who held the aviators Peterson and Davis for ransom. Two men accompanied the troops, acting as guides and other aviators cooperating with the cavalry as scouts to locate the bandits on the Mexican side, flying over the Ojdaga district, south of Candelaria.

Stockholm, Aug. 19th.—A reinforced British Fleet which has been engaged with Bolshevik warships is concentrated against Kronstadt a despatch from Helsingfors says. The city of Kronstadt, it is said, is burning. The Bolshevik submarine depot-ship Viatta has been reported sunk in an agreement off Tolboukin Lighthouse, several miles north of Kronstadt.

London, Aug. 19th.—The Admiralty officially confirmed today the sinking on Monday morning of the Bolshevik battleship-cruiser Petropavlosk, battleship "Andrea Pervosvan" and a Bolshevik destroyer by British Naval forces during an engagement in the Gulf of Finland. A Russian cruiser was probably seriously damaged also. The naval battle in the Gulf of Finland connected with the combined Russian and Estonian offensive against Petrograd, was inaugurated by General Yudenitch.

Paris, Aug. 19th.—(Havas) Crown Prince Charles of Rumania announces that he has renounced the rights to the Crown of Rumania, a despatch from Bucharest to "Le Journal" says.

Charlottetown Pei., Aug. 19th.—Charlottetown the capital of the Province also rejoicing in the Royal Name, Prince Edward Island, gave a right royal welcome to the heir apparent to the throne. August 19th 1919 will be a memorable day in the History of this staunch little seagirt Island which sent five thousand men to the greatest war, for on that day, Prince Edward Islanders not only welcomed the Prince of Wales but began the peace celebration deferred so as synchronize with the Prince's visit.

Paris, Aug. 18th.—(Associated Press) The Supreme Council has decided it will make no reply whatever to the communication of the Archduke Joseph, Governor of the State of Budapest asking for recognition.

London, Aug. 20th.—Mr. Mark French Napier, President of Reuters telegraph Company died at Inverness today of heart failure.

Paris, Aug. 19th.—Budapest newspapers state that the Rumanians have presented new armistice conditions to the Hungarian Government, which forwarded them to the Allies. The Hungarian Government declined to accept any modification of the terms of the armistice of November last, a despatch adds.

Paris, Aug. 20th.—The Bulgarian Delegation yesterday presented two notes to the Peace Conference. The first consisted of a long statement on western trace between the river Meta and Maritz which Bulgaria claims should be

given to Bulgaria for historical, ethnological and economic reasons. The second note dealt with "bands of" a military character made by the inter-allied command such as disarmament and reduction of the number of officers and men of the Bulgarian army.

Boston, Aug. 20th.—The Federal authorities seized 4,500,000 pounds granulated sugar today at a warehouse of the terminal wharf and railroad warehouse company, in the Charleston District Court, after evidence concerning the hoard had been presented to the federal grand jury which is investigating the high cost of foodstuffs. Libel alleged that the sugar has been in possession of the Company since July 29th and that it is being hoarded.

Tokio, Aug. 20th.—Cholera has broken out on the island of Formosa and the Government has declared quarantine against that island. More than 200 cases are said to have been found.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27th 1919.
Flour, Blended Clear St. Lawrence Brand pr. brl. \$10.25.
Meal, Kilndried per 100 lbs \$4.85
New Season's Pork per brl. \$58.00
Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$56.00
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. 19 31-100d.
Exchange, New York and London, 60 days' sight \$4.17
Exchange New York and London, sight \$4.21½

LONDON, Aug. 27th 1919.
Sugar-Demerara Crystals duty paid price, fixed by the Royal Commission per cwt. 55s. 9d. -83s. 6d.
Muscovado, 89° basis, floating terms in bond, Ditto duty paid. 55s. 6d. -74s. 0d.
German Beet 88° f.o.b. no further sales during the war
Java 96° Gibraltar or Channel for Orders floating terms, no quotations.
Demerara Rum, per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, Good Middling Red per cwt. 125s. -d. 127s.
Cotton, Medium Fine Sea Island, at Liverpool nominal per lb.
Bank of England rate of Discount per cent. 5.
Consols 51½
Three per cent rentes in Paris Fcs. 61.25
All prices subject to correction.

BRIMSTONE TREE OF SIERRA-LEONE.

An interesting tree, known botanically as *Mitragyne stipulosa*, occurring in Sierra Leone and throughout nearly the whole forest area of tropical Africa, is described in the *Kew Bulletin of Miscellaneous information* (Nos. 1 and 2, 1919). It is referred to as a very large forest tree, without buttress roots, growing to a height of 150 feet, and a diam-

eter of over 6 feet at the base. The bole is straight and generally 40 to 50 feet to the first branch. The bark is grey, rough and stringy. The tree yields a very durable, useful timber; floors built of this wood may be seen in Freetown up to 100 years old. It is of a yellow colour—hence the name—when freshly sawn, but turns much browner with age. Young saplings are preferred to any other for rafters in native thatched houses. A decoction of the bark is used as a cure for malaria, and the natives, foot-sore by long marching, bathe their feet in water in which the bark has been boiled. The leaves of this tree are the only ones used to wrap up kola nuts. The reason for this selection is not explained. As far as information is available, we have no specimens of this interesting tree in the West Indies.—*Agricultural News*, 9th Aug.

A FLOATING SCHOOL.

Dr. Sambon of the London School of Tropical Medicine is reported by the *West India Committee Circular* to have advocated the establishment of a floating school of medical research for the West Indies. This idea has been thought of before in connection with agricultural research. It would certainly seem feasible to fit a vessel with the necessary laboratory and office accommodation for such purposes, but it is feared that the cost of upkeep and the initial expenses would be prohibitive at any rate for the present. Yet the idea has much to commend it. It would mean that scientific workers would be in constant personal communication with the different islands. In the case of agricultural research this would be productive of very great benefit especially for a central institution like the Imperial Department of Agriculture. It might be possible to incorporate in such a floating research school, a section of marine investigators who would have ample opportunities for developing the resources of the sea in the neighborhood of the different islands. It will be interesting to see whether Dr. Sambon's suggestion is taken up seriously by authorities concerned.—*Ibid.*

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