

chased from the India Office and the War Office, between thirteen and fifteen million yards of flannel, worth one million five hundred thousand sterling. It is stated that the flannel will be exported from the United States. A rumour was current at Bradford some time ago that a syndicate of West Riding manufacturers were negotiating such a transaction.

Madrid, Feb. 21st.—The Spanish Ministry resigned today.

Washington, Feb. 21st.—A cable message received at the offices of the American Relief Administration for European Children, from representatives of the organization in Vienna, tells of conditions of financial chaos and extreme want and suffering rampant there. The crown is quoted at less than half a cent. The message stated that the people are badly clad and walk miles to their work. Vienna is described as the picture of desolation and almost hopeless misery. Last Autumn, twenty two thousand was a fair estimate of the number of undernourished children in Vienna, while today, it is believed that three hundred thousand would be more correct. "We are informed", the message concludes, "that the city has sufficient foodstuffs to last for only one month, even at the present starvation rations".

Paris, Feb. 20th.—M. Caillaux, Former Premier, took the stand today, when his trial before the Senate, sitting as a High Court, on a charge of having intrigued to bring about a premature and dishonourable peace with Germany, was resumed. He was examined with regard to his trip to South America and his relations with Mr. Louis Swift, of Chicago, who, in 1918, was interned in the United States, as an allied enemy. He said that his pre-war policy, which was being termed by his enemies as "a peace at any price policy", was not that but was a policy of European conciliation. He declared he had never heard of Count Von Luxburg, the Former German Minister to Argentina, until five days before he left on his journey to South America. While in South America, he said he had always told them around him that the Berlin policy was impudent and unmannerly. In defence, he argued that there had been a mistranslation of the phrase "Capture undesirable", in the telegram sent by Count Von Luxburg, to the Berlin Government by way of Washington, which had been construed to mean that Germany did not desire to interfere with the former premier's movement. It was argued by the attorney for the accused that this message was mistranslated in the United States and that it really read "Rupture Very desirable."

Chicago, Feb. 19th.—"President Wilson, because of his illness, should retire now, under the advice of his physician, family, and friends," Dr. Devan, Former President of the American medical

association and professor of surgery at the Rush Medical College, stated today. Dr. Devan said "The President has had a stroke, with resulting paralysis on the side of his brain, with the plugging up of the arteries which supply that part of the right side of his brains which control his left arm. The disease of the arteries is in a permanent and not a temporary condition, in other words, the President has a permanently damaged brain. He is evidently slowly recovering from the paralysis of his arm, but the diseased arteries which were responsible for the stroke, and the damaged brain remain, and will not be recovered from". Dr. Devan concluded by stating that the patient in this condition should, under no circumstances, be permitted to resume the work of such a strenuous position as that of President.

St. Thomas, Feb. 27th.—Cable communication with Antigua and St. Kitts practically suspended owing to a bad fault in the cable, preventing work. Traffic will be forwarded by all opportunities.

London, Feb. 23rd.—In an article in the Evening Standard today Lord Robert Cecil gives it as his opinion that the Turks must leave Constantinople, on the ground that maintenance of the Turkish Sovereignty over that city would be a menace to tranquility, the first requirement, he says that the policy of the Allies towards Turkey should be just, and he could conceive that anyone could doubt they were justly entitled to remove the Government from Constantinople. He declared that every one of the Armenian massacres and other Turkish outrages had been carried out by direct orders from that city. As to the alleged danger of offending the Musselmans of India, he expressed the view that this danger is very greatly exaggerated.

London, Feb. 23rd.—The Prince of Wales will leave on his trip to the Antipodes on March 8th on H. M. S. "Renown" from Portsmouth. According to the official itinerary which has been given out, he will arrive at Barbados on March 19th, and at Colon on March 23rd. The next day will be occupied in the progress through the Panama Canal, then the "Renown" will turn north-ward, touching at San Diego, California, on March 31st. From this point the trip across the Pacific will be begun, and the schedule provides for the reaching of Honolulu on April 6th, and Auckland on April 17th., calling at Fiji en route.

Chicago, Feb. 23rd.—General Leonard Wood will enter the Illinois Presidential race, it was announced today by Mr. Proctor General Woods, National Campaign Chairman.

Jerusalem, Feb. 23rd. During a recent snowstorm the famous tree named El Budnia, in the Garden of Gethsemane, was blown down. According to tradition this tree would fall when the Turkish Empire had fallen twice. It was

bound round with iron bands to prevent it from falling.

London, Feb. 23rd.—Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons today said that no intimation of the decision of the Netherlands Govt. regarding the former German Emperor had as yet reached the British Govt. He made statement in reply to a question as to whether Holland had decided to keep the former Monarch in Curacao.

Rome, Feb. 23rd.—Despatches received here report the occurrence of a great earthquake in the district of which the town of Gori is the centre. There have been numerous casualties and serious damage.

Montreal, Feb. 23rd.—The adverse rate of exchange between Canada and the United States today brought about a new development in international affairs, when an order was issued by the Canadian railways, which becomes effective on March 1st, whereby railway agents are ordered to refuse to accept prepayment of shipping charges on shipments from Canada to the United States, except in the case of certain kinds of goods on which prepayment is required by the tariff rules. This means that shipping charges will be collected at the point of destination and in United States funds, instead of in Canadian funds.

Columbia, Feb. 23rd.—Major General Leonard Wood filed his declaration of candidacy for the republican presidential nomination yesterday.

London, Feb. 23rd.—Conscription will be abolished in Great Britain on March 31st., and within one month from that date the last conscript will be entitled to be released was announced by Mr. Winston Churchill in moving the army estimates in the House of Commons today.

London, Feb. 23rd.—Much interest centres in the Turkish decisions, public sentiment in England against allowing the Turks to remain in Constantinople growing rapidly. The question will arise whether it will be possible to revise the Supreme Councils decision after it has already been announced officially throughout India by the Indian authorities. The Secretary for India and the Indian Govt. are being blamed for undue haste in this matter.

London, Feb. 24th.—Sugar in stock on the 21st. inst. was 50,000 tons last year 134,000 tons.

NOOSE FOR PROFITEERS.

Bohemian Dealers Cut Food Prices When Led to Gallows.

Geneva, Switzerland, Jan. 19.—The populace in Prague erected gallows in the principal street, whither they conducted fifty-seven food profiteers and threatened to hang them unless they swore to reduce prices, says a dispatch from that city.

All took the oath.—Saturday Blade.