

Zeebrugge, April 23rd.—The foundation of what will be a noble memorial to the famous British raid carried out here during the war, was laid yesterday by the Govt. of West Flanders, in the presence of a distinguished Anglo-Belgian company, including Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, Lord Burnham, Lord Emmott, Sir George Grahame, British Ambassador and the Belgian Minister of Public Work.

London, April 24th.—The Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Ronald McNeill, told the House of Commons, in answer to a question, that steps were being taken to ascertain the precise terms of the concessions granted by the Turkish Government to the United States syndicate, headed by Admiral Chester, and that until these terms were known it was impossible to say whether the concession affected British interests in Turkey in any way.

London, April 24th.—A widespread commercial movement by the United States throughout the near and middle east to central Asia is in process of arrangement, according to the Daily Telegraph's diplomatic writer, who says that the Chester concession and a syndicate now being formed in the United States are parts of this movement, which includes in its prospective scope Turkey, Bulgaria, the Caucasus and Persia.

Dublin, April 24th.—Seventy one prisoners escaped from the Curragh internment camp on Sunday, according to official announcements. They left the camp by way of a tunnel, but many of them have already been recaptured.

London, April 24th.—As the result of the purchase of two hundred thousand tons of oil from the Russian Soviet Government, the Royal Dutch Shell group have acquired a monopoly of the exportation of Russian oil for more than a year, according to a statement given the London newspapers by a French source.

London, April 24th.—An announcement by the Air Ministry that the Government will hold itself at liberty to close with any offer made by July next has stimulated several well known people in the aviation world and several schemes are now in the making, taking advantage of the million-pound subsidy plan which will replace the direct subsidy to companies engaged in commercial flying. Mr. Holt Thomas, Mr. Claude Grahame-White and Sir Samuel Instone are mentioned as being engaged in working out details of new organizations along a line approved by the committee which drew up a report for the Government and the Managing Director of the new company is likely to be a man of wide experience in sea, rail or road transportation.

Paris, April 24th.—The Parisian dress-makers, whose employees have been on strike for two weeks, have decided to declare a lockout to become effective from noon today.

London, Sugar in stock on the 21st

inst. was 100,000 tons. Last year 97,000 tons.

Lausanne, April 24th.—The situation at the end of the first day, after the resumption of the Near East conference, appears to indicate that the conference may be chiefly a struggle between Turkey and France, to whom Turkey owes the majority of the Turkish debt.

New York, April 24th.—The Raw sugar market was quieter today, no fresh business being reported and prices were unchanged at 6½ cents for Cubas, cost and freight, equal to 8.28 for centrifugal.

London, April 24th.—It is officially announced that Lady Rachael Cavendish, fourth daughter of the Duke of Devonshire, is betrothed to the Hon James Gray Stuart, third son of the Earl of Moray.

Berlin, April 24th.—The Moscow Government will send M Vorovsky, the Soviet representative at Rome, to Lausanne as unofficial observer of the sessions of the Near East conference.

New York, April 24th.—A general strike of all American seamen, affiliated with the industrial workers of the world, who are on board ships in New York harbour, has been ordered at midnight by the officers of that organization. The I W W headquarters assert that eighty thousand men will be affected by the order.

London, April 25th.—The following is the result of the city and suburban handicap, run at Epsom today, Dry Toaster first, Roman Fiddle second, Condoval third.

Washington, April 24th.—The American Commissioners who will attend the Mexican-United States conference will be Mr. Charles Warren, ex-Ambassador to Japan, and Mr. John Payne, ex-Secretary of the interior.

London, April 24th.—In a fight last night George Cook, the Australian heavyweight, outpointed Frank Goddard, the English heavyweight in twenty rounds.

Berlin, April 24th.—The death was announced this morning of the Grand Duchess Louise of Baden, at the age of 85 years.

London, April 24th.—A despatch from the Berlin correspondent of the Central News says that he has learned on good authority that the German Government is preparing to make an offer which will contain the assurance of its readiness to negotiate and discuss the question of reparations and guarantees for payment.

Moscow, April 24th.—Latest advices from three towns in the region of Petropavlovsk dated April 13th, stated that earthquakes were occurring every six minutes, and according to despatches from Chita, there are tremendous earth and sea disturbances in the Arctic. Radio stations have been destroyed and details are coming through very slowly. At Chita twenty one persons are known to be dead, and all warehouses containing

provisions have been swept into the sea.

New York, April 24th.—President Harding addressing the Associated Press at its annual luncheon today, said that of all the international difficulties which have afflicted the western hemisphere, only that between the United States and Mexico remained and that, he said, was approaching a happy solution. Departing from his prepared address, he commended the Government for its work in removing the misunderstanding among the nations of the western hemisphere and also made a plea for the participation of the United States in the International Court of Justice, but emphasized, however, that the administration had definitely put aside all thought of the United States entering the League of Nations.

London, April 24th.—On behalf of the Colony of Trinidad and Tobago Mr. Algernon Aspinall today presented to Her Royal Highness Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, a writing desk made of native mahogany by local craftsmen. With Her Royal Highness sanction the surplus funds collected in the colony towards the gift are being devoted to providing a gold medal and shield to be presented annually to the trained nurses passing out of her three years training at the colonial hospital at Port of Spain with the highest distinction.

NEW YORK, April 24th.
Flour, (Blended Clears, St. Lawrence Brand) duty paid pr. brl. \$5.10
Meal, Kildried per 100 pounds \$2.15.
New Season's Pork per barrel \$37.00.
Heavy Mess Pork per brl. \$27½.
Sugar—Crystals maximum per 100 lbs. \$8.28.

Mcclases Sugar 89 no quotation.
Cotton, Middling, Upland, at Liverpool per lb. 15 30-100
Exchange, New York and London, 60 days' sight \$4.62½
Exchange New York and London, sight \$4.64½

LONDON, April 24th.
Sugar, Demerara Crystals, per cwt 48s. 0d.—61s. 0d.
" Muscavado per cwt. 49s. 0d—51s. 0d.
" White Java's cut United Kingdom May and June sellers 33s. 6d.
Demerara Rum per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, good middling red per cwt. 54s. 0d—55s. 0d.
Cotton, good medium West Indian Sea Island at Liverpool, per lb. 23d.
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