

year. Changes for the day were in the smallest fractions and the number of gains slightly exceeded the number of losses. Largest net gains were made in steels, railroads, equipments, and certain specialities. Motors, rubber, leather and shipping shares were firm groups, rails did better.

TELEGRAMS. ST. CROIX STATION.

Honolulu, Jany. 27th. Five of the seven sugar plantations in the island of Oahu are being held up by a strike of the Japanese and Philippino workers, which the planters are resisting.

London, Jany. 27th.—Captain Edwards has been appointed senior trade commissioner at Montreal, to succeed Mr. A. T. Milne, who has been appointed Commercial Secretary to the British Legation at Havana.

London, January 27th.—The influenza which is spreading here has taken an unusually severe form, an outstanding feature being the suddenness of the attack with a rapid variation of temperature and severe headaches.

Copenhagen, Jan. 27th.—Lettish troops have captured Guazn, the last town in Esthon occupied by the Bolsheviki and have reached the Lettish Russian frontier in many places, according to a Lettish official report. Much war material and two hundred prisoners were captured and the fighting continues along the whole front. The Bolsheviki, who are retreating eastward, had many detachments annihilated in the recent fighting.

Rome, Jan. 27th.—Friendly relations with Jugo-Slavia are desirable, but will not go so far as to call for a sacrifice of national interests in the Adriatic, says the "Giorale D'Italia", which, further declares that the Italian evacuation of the Adriatic Coast and the re-establishment there of Slav forces in a strategic position would be dangerous to Italy.

Paris, Jan. 27th.—President Poincare, accompanied by M. Millerand, left for Belgium today for the purpose of presenting war crosses to the cities of Furness, Nieuport, Dixmude and Ypres.

Vienna, Jan. 27th. Grave alarm is being caused by the spread of epidemics in Eastern Europe. Influenza of a virulent form is increasing in this city and at Budapest, and reports from Eastern Silesia and Slovakia state that the plague is developing rapidly. At Teschen people are falling stricken in the streets, three members of the Diet being among the victims, and many government offices are closed. Spotted fever is also spreading alarmingly in the Ukraine, Bessarabia and Poland.

London, Jany. 27th.—Mr. Barnes, Minister without portfolio, has resigned from the Cabinet. The significance of his resignation lies in the fact that it is the final withdrawal of labour from the Coalition Government. The Food Min-

istry comes to an end within a few months, and it is reported that Mr. Roberts, the only important labour member now in the Government, will follow Mr. Barnes.

Vienna, Jan. 27th.—It is officially reported that a British credit of one thousand million crowns has been negotiated by the Austrian republic for the purchase of raw materials.

London, Jan. 27th.—Mr. Hughes, the Premier, speaking at Melbourne yesterday, according to a Central News message from Sydney, said "The next war will probably break out in the Pacific, and we must be ready with a sufficiently numerous army to say thus far and no further. We are hedged in by nations which lust after this country."

Budapest, Jan. 27th.—Count Appony is preparing Hungary's answer to the terms of peace submitted at Neuilly by the Peace Conference. He says many of the clauses are impossible of fulfilment and that there are sixty absurdities in the proposed Treaty.

Halifax, N. S., Jany. 27th.—Major Nosworthy, Inspector of the Foreign Department of the Bank of Montreal, has left for the West Indies where he will meet Mr. Hewitt, the General Manager of the Colonial Bank, to discuss the banking requirements necessary to meet Canada's increasing business with the West Indies. He will visit the principal points in the West Indies in the course of his mission.

Paris, Jany. 27th.—M. Albert Thomas, the Labour Leader, was unanimously elected Director General of the International Labour Organization at today's session of the governing body here. This action ratifies the provisional nomination of M. Thomas for office, made at the Labour Conference at Washington in November last.

New York, Jan. 23th.—Exchange rates again reached a low level today, when demand bills, in pounds sterling dropped to 3.53½ having dropped in the first half hour, as low as 3.52½. Francs reached at the rate of 13.12 to the dollar, while lires and marks were correspondingly lower.

Antigua, Jan. 30th.—Mr. H. B. Jarvis, manager of Bermuda, died here this morning.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28th 1920.
Flour, Blended Clear St. Lawrence Brand pr. brl. \$12.70
Meal, Kilndried per 100 lbs \$3.57
New Season's Pork per brl. \$46.00
Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$44.00
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. 27 90-100d.
Exchange, New York and London, 60 days' sight \$3.50½
Exchange New York and London, sight \$3.51

LONDON, Jan. 28th 1919.
Sugar-Demerara Crystals duty paid price.

fixed by the Royal Commission per cwts 106s. 0d. -108s. 0d.
Muscovado, 89° basis, floating terms in bond, Ditto duty paid. 97s. 6d. - 95s. 0d.
German Beet 88° f.o.b. no further sales during the war
White Java sugar cif U. Kingdom cif without engagement. 9. 36.
White Java Sugar, cif United Kingdom if arrives before 27th December 85/
Demerara Rum, per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, Good Middling Red per cwt 128s. 0d. 130s. 0d.
Cotto Medium Fine Sea Island, at Liverpool nominal per lb.
Bank of England rate of Discount per cent. 6.
Consols 51 ½
Three per cent rentes in Paris Fcs. 59.00.
All prices subject to correction.

PORTO RICO'S NEW CROP.

The first new crop of Porto Rico sugars for the current year was shipped by the two factories at Ponce; namely, Mercedita and Aguirre, as we learn from the "Porto Rico Progress" of January 2nd. These two factories were not held up by the railroad strike and hence got the lead in shipment, Central Mercedita shipped 6,000 bags to New Orleans on Sunday, December 28th, while Aguirre and Mercedita loaded 27,000 bags on the Steamship Montuso, which sailed for New Orleans on Wednesday night, Dec. 31st. Of these 27,000 bags 15,000 were from Aguirre and 12,000 from Mercedita, the shipments reaching about 5000 tons. A portion of the first shipment from Mercedita was white, washed, sugar and packed in pockets of 125 pounds each. A year ago Guanica Central was the first in the field, shipping about 2,000 tons on December 24th. It is expected that Porto Rico will have all of its factories at work soon and the shipments from them to the United States will become quite large. Romana Central in Santo Domingo sent some cane to Porto Rico, which enabled the Guanica Central to start earlier than otherwise. The railroad strike has delayed Guanica some three weeks.—Louisiana Planter, Jan. 17th.

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