

editorials, calling attention to the denials of both the King and Lord Northcliffe. The "Times" in an early edition assumed that the reporter who took the alleged interview was "misled by ignorance of British constitutional practices, but dramatized the conversation with such technical skill that the Govt. was induced to accept this version of a purely imaginary conversation between the King and Mr. Lloyd George". The London "Post" says: "Lord Northcliffe's mind is clearly over-strained. It is a case, not for the politicians, but for the doctors. There is a point at which megalomania becomes dangerous. The patient must either be persuaded to rest, or his friends must fear the worst." The "Daily Mail", suggesting that the whole affair may prove to have been a hoax, adds: "a joke in these serious times may be exceedingly serious and exceedingly costly." Both Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Northcliffe are censured by the "Herald" which says, "It is a diverting piece of 'low comedy with two great demagogues as the back-chat comedians. The whole silly squabble is just a music-hall turn, put on for two purposes. First to gratify the vanity of these two worthies, and second, to divert the peoples mind from things that really matter."

Washington, July 31st.—An executive order promulgated today provides that citizens of Canada, Newfoundland, Bermuda and Bahamas Islands, St. Pierre and Miquelon may enter the United States from those Countries without presenting passports. The order also discontinues the issue of border permit cards to Aliens either for departure from the United States, or for entry therein through Canadian border ports.

Paris, July 31st.—Lord Hardinge, the British Ambassador, informed M. Briand, late on Saturday that Great Britain willingly agrees to the proposals contained in the French Premier's latest note relative to troop reinforcements for Upper Silesia. The British Ambassador at Berlin has been instructed to join his French and Italian colleagues in the command that the German Govt. facilitate by all possible means transport of Allied troops across Germany whenever the situation in Upper Silesia renders it necessary. Marquis Curzon the British Foreign Secretary, in the note which Lord Hardinge handed M. Briand proposes August 8th as the day for the meeting of the Supreme Council, as the Italian Premier is unable to attend sooner. Mr. Lloyd George will attend, if the French desire his presence. The British reply is extremely cordial Lord Hardinge expressing satisfaction over the dissipation of the recent misunderstanding.

Riga, July 30th.—The offer of Herbert Hoover to aid Russia in relieving suffering due to famine, on condition that all citizens now held prisoners in

Russia be released, has been accepted by the Russian Authorities, who suggest immediate negotiations in order to realize speedy assistance, according to a despatch from the "Rosk News Agency of Moscow, received here today.

NEW YORK, July 30th. 1921.

Flour, Blended Clears St. Lawrence Brand
pr. brl. \$9.00.

Meal, Kilndried per 100 lbs \$1.95

New Season's Pork per brl. \$37.00

Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$24.00

Sugar---Crystals maximum per 100 lbs.
\$4.86

Molasses Sugar 89° test, no quotation.
Cotton, Middling Upland, at Liverpool
per lb. 7 88-100d.

Exchange, New York and London, 60
days' sight \$3.53

Exchange New York and London, sight
\$3.56

LONDON, July 30th 1921.

Sugar, Demerara Crystals, per cwt. 45s.
—51s

Muscavado per cwt. 37s. 0—46s. 0.
German Beet 88° f.o.b. no sales
White Java sugar cif United Kingdom
27s. June shipments.

Demerara Rum, per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, Good Middling Red nominal per cwt 56s. 58s. nominal.
Cotton good Medium West Indian Sea
Island per lb. 26d. nominal.

Bank of England rate of Discount per
cent. 5½.

Consols 49.

Three per cent rents in Paris Fcs. 56.50.

Clippings.

ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

The principles of civil and religious liberty set forth in the Declaration of Independence makes it peculiarly appropriate that the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, falling in 1926, should be marked by a suitable celebration to be held in the City of Philadelphia and to have participation from the nation and the several states. Such an occasion could be made a demonstration of American history, patriotism, moral and social progress, and material achievements.—
"Shoe Findings", July 4, 1921.—*The Bulletin*, July 19th.

The great battleground of Armageddon, or Medgiddo, in the plain of Jezreel is to be excavated by the University of Chicago, for which purpose John D. Rockefeller Jr. contributed \$60,000. Here it is said was fought the first battle recorded in history. Later it was the scene of important and sanguinary engagements. Here occurred the victory Barak over the Canaanites, of Gideon over the Midianites, the invasion of the Philistines

in which Saul lost his life, and the invasion of the Egyptians resulting in the death of Josiah.

In his Sunday-school class Bobbie had been told all about creation. Then they told him how the Lord had taken one of Adam's ribs and made Eve. The little chap was greatly interested and when he got home explained it all to his mother. That night he woke up with a pain in his side. His mother asked him what the trouble was and between sobs Bobbie replied: "Oh dear, I guess I am going to have a wife."—Pa.

A report from the middle of April from Barbados says that the cane outlook is much better than it was a year ago. Then there was a great drought in the land. This year the rainfall has been an inch and a half and the young cane is growing lustily, and though rain is not as great as last year yet it has been distributed more evenly. Most of the factories in Christ Church and St. Philip have closed their campaign. In the province of St. Joseph some of the tonnage of cane ran to 36 tons per acre. Men who know the situation there say that every one would love to see the amalgamation of many of the small sugar factories and the building of one or more big centrals. Barbados reports a shortage of fertilizer—*The Louisiana Planter*, July 16th.

PIRATE TALE ALARMS SHIPPING.

Shipping circles have been stirred by yet unfounded reports that pirates may be responsible for the mysterious disappearance of several American vessels within the past few months. These stories are founded on wild rumors which range from possible Bolshevik activities to those of a former German submarine. Their origin no doubt had some connection with the finding of certain papers in raids conducted on the radicals' headquarters in New York about a year ago. The documents taken are said to have disclosed plans to seize American vessels and take them to Russia.

Several vessels have disappeared off Cape Hatteras. The weather bureau has evidence that there were no serious storms at the time the vessels vanished and the navy department scouts the idea that stray mines might have sent them to destruction. The rumors gathered such weight that the state department sent out word of warning that a mysterious raider—a 20th. century submarine in fact—might be lurking along the Carolina coasts. The bureau of navigation added to the alarm by publishing a list of ships which have not been heard from. All vessels have been asked to keep a strict watch for possible indications of some common enemy—*The Pathfinder* July 16th.