

to examine the expenditure of the War Office. The committee, however, urges that the British troops be retained in Mesopotamia, says the "Daily Sketch". Sir Eric Geddes, who yesterday tendered his resignation as Minister of Transportation in the Cabinet, acted as chairman of the committee. The household cavalry includes the lifeguards and horseguards, gorgeously uniformed horsemen, who attend members of the Royal family at state functions. It is asserted by the Sketch "that the committee was surprised to find the number of men in the British army at present to be 10,000 in excess of the forces in 1914. Reports are current in usually well informed quarters that the chances are now heavily against Mr. Lloyd George being able to go to Washington for the opening of the conference. The reason given is not actually any break at the Irish conference, but that the outlook on the whole, at least for the moment, is not favourable enough to justify the Premier in leaving London, where his presence is so essential if the negotiations are to be carried to a successful issue. The resignation of Sir Eric Geddes from his position as Minister of transportation has no great political significance, it is announced. It has been understood that he would give up his Portfolio this Autumn after having piloted the railway bill through Parliament. It is expected that Sir Eric Geddes will go back to commercial life. He still remains Chairman of the Economy Committee, which is advising the Government in matters regarding retrenchment.

London, Oct. 18th.—The King yesterday sent a message of appreciation to Mr. Harding on the tribute of the United States Government to Great Britain's unknown warrior. The message contained an announcement of the desire of the King to confer the Victoria cross on the United States unknown soldier on Armistice day.

Belfast, Oct. 18th.—Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, in answering criticism of his recent speech by the Irish bulletin, the Dail Eireann organ, strongly reiterates Ulster's position. He says that when Ulster reluctantly accepted the Government of Ireland, the people exhausted everything they had to give, consequently nothing was left. "The six counties will hang together," he continued, "and I will never allow any tampering with them."

London, Oct. 18th.—Reorganization of the Ulster volunteer forces has been decided upon, according to a Belfast despatch to the press association. The decision was taken, it is said, because of the inactivity of the British Government towards the Sinn Feiners, who have established camps in Unionist quarters, and are said to be drilling openly with rifles and machine guns.

Constantinople, Oct. 18th General

Baron Wrangel's entire personal fortune his wife's jewels, valued at forty thousand francs, and important documents of the Crimean Government were lost on Saturday when the yacht Lucullus, on which the head of the former anti-Bolshevik Government in South Russia lived, was sunk by the British S. S. Adriatic. In addition, there were lost valued mementos presented to General Wrangel by the late Emperor Nicholas. Investigation has proved the accident was due to a swift current and the inability of a pilot to control the Adriatic. The Lucullus sank in 70 feet of water, and it is believed divers may be able to recover part of the treasure. Russians here advance the theory that the sinking of the boat was the result of a plot by the Bolsheviks. They charge the pilot was bribed, but this accusation is not supported in other circles.

London, Oct. 18th.—The Northeast Coast Steel Manufacturers have made a drastic cut of 70 shillings per ton, in the price of ship-plates, which are now ten guineas per ton compared with twenty four pounds ten shillings at the beginning of this year. Manufacturers declare that they are not merely sacrificing profits, but are incurring big losses in order to encourage trade. Further evidence of the revival of the industry in Great Britain is seen in the resumption of manufacturing by two more iron-works in the Cleveland district after six months of idleness. Welsh ore tin-plate mills resumed work today, chiefly to fulfil foreign orders. Increasing numbers of men are finding work in Swansea.

Chicago, Oct. 18th.—Wheat took a big downward swing in price today, largely as result of the expectation change here that the threatened railway strike would take place. As much as seven cents a bushel was slashed from values before the fall was stopped.

Washington, Oct. 18th.—A bill to extend the life of the Emergency Tariff Law to February 1st was passed late today by the House, 147 to 4. The measure now goes to the Senate.

Chicago, Oct. 17th.—Efforts to avert the railway strike, scheduled for October 30th, tonight found Governmental agencies, representatives of the public and some railway labour Unions taking action simultaneously, which all hoped would prevent a tie-up of the country's transportation system through a walk-out of nearly 2,000,000 employees in protest of cut wages.

Berlin, Oct. 18th.—Former King Ludwig of Bavaria is dead it was announced here today. He was deposed in November 1918, following the signing of the armistice and the collapse of the German States.

London, Oct. 18th.—Mr. Lloyd George stated in the House of Commons, upon the reassembling of that body today,

that he hoped to go to the Washington conference on the limitation of armaments and Far Eastern problems as soon as the Parliamentary and general situation rendered it possible.

Washington, Oct. 18th.—The Senate tonight ratified the treaty of peace with Germany, with the reservations reported by the foreign relations committee.

St. Lucia, Oct. 12th.—It is officially announced that the Windward Islands have removed the prohibition against the importation of dogs.

NEW YORK, October 18th 1921.

Flour, Blended Clears St. Lawrence Brand
pr. brl. \$6.85.

Meal Kilndried per 100lbs \$1.95

New Season's Pork per brl. \$37.00

Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$25.00

Sugar---Crystals maximum per 100 lbs.
\$4.00

Molasses Sugar 89° test, no quotation.
Cotton, Middling Upland, at Liverpool
per lb. 11 87-100d.

Exchange. New York and London, 60
days' sight \$3.87

Exchange New York and London, sight
\$3.90½

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Sugar, Demerara Crystals, per cwt. 39s.
Od.—42s. 6d.

Muscavado per cwt. 24s. 35s.

German Beet 88° f.o.b. no sales.

White Java sugar cif United Kingdom
21s. 6d. September shipment.

Demerara Rum, per gal. nominal.

Trinidad Cocoa, Good Middling Red per
cwt 56s. 58s. nominal.

Cotton, good Medium, West Indian Sea
Island per lb. 33d. nominal.

Bank of England rate of Discount per
cent. 5½.

Consols 49s.

Three per cent rentes in Paris Fcs.56.55.

DOCK WAGES CUT OCTOBER 1

Wages of longshoremen at all island ports were reduced on October 1st from 35 cents an hour to 25 cents an hour.

The agents representing all the shipping lines, following instructions from their principal offices, got together last week and prepared an announcement of the wage reduction.

The reduction here has been contemplated for some time and is in line with a similar reduction which is being made in New York and New Orleans and other Atlantic and Gulf ports on the first of the month.

In New York the pay is to be reduced from 85 cents an hour to 65 cents an hour, while in New Orleans the reduction is from 80 cents to 60 cents.

So far there is no indication here that the reduction will not be accepted without opposition.—*Porto Rico Progress*, Oct. 7th.