

5th involving the arrest by Cossacks of an American officer and an enlisted man and the flogging of the latter.

Rome, Oct. 1st. Despatches from Belgrade state that Jugo-Slav Military circles, in discussing the possibility of war with Italy, expressed the hope that this would be the means of diverting the courses of the internal situation in Jugo-Slavia which is still serious and compel allied intervention. Thus it was explained by them that a solution of the Adriatic problem would be brought about.

London, Oct. 1st.—Mr. Adamson, Chairman of the Labour Party in Parliament and leader of the opposition there, has telegraphed to the Prime Minister asking that Parliament should be summoned immediately.

London, Oct. 1st.—Mr. Lloyd George and the representatives of the transport workers and railwaymen did not reach a definite conclusion at their conference this evening, it was announced that the conference would resume on Thursday. The impression gained from the little the delegates were willing to say, was that the situation was more hopeful. After the adjournment of the conference, Mr. Thomas, Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said: "The Public will get some satisfaction in knowing that we are come together again. Having come together, it is the duty of both sides to see that we do not break away again until we reach a settlement. That is the spirit in which we are here". Mr. Thomas refused to answer questions regarding the prospect of work being resumed or to give any other information.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1st 1919
Flour, Blend Clear St. Lawrence Brand
pr. brl. \$10.25.
Meal, Kilndried per 100 lbs \$4.10
New Season's Pork per brl. \$48.00
Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$51.00
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. 18 94-100d.
Exchange, New York and London, 60
days' sight \$4.16
Exchange New York and London, sight
\$4.18½

LONDON, Oct. 1st 1919.
Sugar-Demerara Crystals duty paid price.
fixed by the Royal Commission per cwt.
57s. 9d. -91s. 0d.
Muscovado, 39° basis, floating terms in
bond, Ditto duty paid. 55s. 6d. 78s. 6d.
German Bee, 88° f.o.b. no further sales
during the war
Java 96° G braltar or Channel for Orders
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Demerara Rum, per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, Good Middling Red per
cwt. 123s. 6d. 127s. 6d.
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STAMPS.

BY KENT B. STILES.

Uncle Sam is again practicing economy in connection with his postal stationery, and his thrift means more new varieties for collectors.

When the war-time rate of three cents for an ordinary letter was reduced to two cents on July 1, there were in post offices throughout the country excess stocks of the three-cent envelopes. The Postmaster-General has sent notice to all postal sub-agencies authorizing the imprinting of the inscription "2 cents" in red on each envelope just below the circular die. Inasmuch as this imprinting is not being done at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, but at sub-agencies independently, there is prospect of many varieties of type becoming available to collectors, and it is not unlikely that such errors as inverts, broken and missing and misplaced letters, etc., will appear.

The cost of an ordinary postal card was lowered to the normal one cent, and the sub-agencies have been authorized to surcharge "1 c." across the circular die on each card, although this situation is of less interest, as philatelists do not collect postal cards.

"EESTI" FRAUDS

A German citizen, who knows how eager the world's collectors are to obtain the stamps of the countries of the new Europe, has succeeded in pulling the wool over the eyes of philatelists, many of whom have paid as high as \$10 for a set of Esthonian stamps which have proven to be "fakes."

When the Esths proclaimed their land an independent republic on the day on which the armistice was signed, last November, the German citizen was living at Reval, where the proclamation was issued. He hurried to a post office and purchased stocks of the stamps which the German occupation authorities had forced the people of this former section of old Russia to use during the days of the invasion by the German troops. These stamps are Germany's own "women in armor" designed labels, but with the surcharge "Postbriet Ob. Ost." upon them.

These occupation stamps the German citizen took with him into Germany, and upon them he had overprinted the inscription "Eesti," meaning "Esthonia." These were then allowed to circulate among stamp dealers. It was supposed that they had been legitimately issued by the Esthonian Government, and they were considered among the valuable stamps of Europe's Reconstruction Period.

"VOLKSTAAT"

"Volkstaat Wurttemberg," meaning "the people's State of Wurtemberg," has been sur-charged on twenty-one varieties of Wurtemberg's official series of 1916-1917. Some months ago Bavaria overprinted her stamps with a somewhat similar inscription. Significant of political developments within what was once the Imperial German Empire, these adhesives reflect the people's dislike for the labels put forth during William Hohenzollern's reign as emperor—the stamps with the militaristic figure of a woman wearing armor.—*Boys' Life*, Oct. 1919.

SUGAR NOTES.

The stupendous accumulation of uncertainties relative to raising a sugar beet crop are evidenced once more in reading reports of how the Great Western Sugars Company of Colorado expended \$325,000 on the first drive against the web worm, \$80,000 of which was expended for Paris green alone in advance of the appearing of the worm and \$200,000 had to be spent on express alone to hurry the shipments at a time when they were absolutely needed. Passenger trains were commandeered and the first brood of worms consumed 650,000 pounds, but the crop was saved. It is now believed that a similar amount will have to be spent to get a new idea into these Prussian plant destroyer.—*Louisiana Planter*.

The first fine imposed upon any profiteer on sugar was levied on a Binghamton, New York, grocer under the new drive against food profiteers. This grocer sold sugar at 15 cents a pound, which is way beyond the market price.—*Ibid*.

BIG CAVE IN MINE.

One of the largest caves known in Mexico was found a short time ago in a mine near San Luis Potosi. The cave, lying 300 feet below the level of the mine, is 15 feet wide. As it has never been completely explored, its length is not known. In it is a fountain from which issues continuously a stream of blue sulphurous water.—*Pathfinder*.

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