

asked to vote £1,000 to help peasants whose wooden huts were destroyed.

Mayence, Sept. 22nd.—While estimates of the number of dead from Wednesday's explosion, which destroyed the Badische Company's great chemical plant at Oppau, continued to-day at approximately 1,500, the total persons actually found to have been injured exceeds the first figures by a wide margin. Already twenty-five hundred persons have received treatment for injuries sustained through the effects of the explosion. Bodies of dead to the number of 800 had been recovered this morning. The French and German authorities in the district were continuing the rescue work today in the closest collaborations. A German hospital train has arrived at Frankfort and a French train at Treves with injured from the scene of the disaster.

Amsterdam, Sept. 22nd.—The total damage from the explosion in the Badische Aniline Coys. chemical plant at Oppau, is estimated at 150,000,000 marks, according to Berlin advices received here today.

London, Sept. 22nd.—Mr. Lloyd George will receive the Labourite Mayors of the London boroughs at Gairloch, Scotland, on Friday.

Paris, Sept. 22nd.—General Pershing, who arrived in Paris yesterday to place on the tomb of the unknown soldier of France the medal of honour voted by the United States Congress, will visit President Millerand at the Elysee Palace to-morrow. M. Barthou, War Minister, and General Pershing held a conference this morning.

New York, Sept. 22nd.—The Olympic arrived here last night, after the roughest trip of her career. She encountered a gale, the force of which raged for three days.

Stockholm, Sept. 22nd.—R. D. Mountain, the Cambridge University runner, yesterday at an athletic meeting won the 500 metre race in one minute 56/10 seconds. It is claimed that this is a world record. The world's record for 500 metres was previously made by F. Rajel, Hungary, who made the distance in one minute 76/10 seconds in 1912.

London, Sept. 22nd.—Prospects of a conference between Sinn Fein representatives and members of the British Cabinet at an early date were declared today to be less hopeful, as result of yesterday's consultation between Mr. Lloyd George and several of his ministers at Gairloch. Several of this morning's newspapers reflected this view and reports from political correspondents at Gairloch generally agreed that the Minister showed a more rigid attitude toward Southern Ireland. It is declared there is a tendency on the part of the Cabinet members, who talked with the Premier, to insist that Eamonn De Valera formally withdraw his claim that Sinn Fier delegates would enter the

conference as representatives of a sovereign state. They are said to urge that the Iris withdrawal be made before the Govt. agrees to meet the Irish delegates, while some are declared to have urged that assurances be given by the Sinn Fein that if the conference meets, the separation issue shall not be raised. Mr. Lloyd George, according to the Daily Mail, is taking an unbending attitude in the face of the latest Irish communication, and is supported by his colleagues. The "Times", however, remarks that yesterday's meeting scarcely represented all shades of opinion in the Govt. and it expresses the opinion that for this reason the Premier desires to consult all the members of his cabinet before replying to Mr. De Valera.

Calcutta, Sept. 22nd.—A British column inflicted a severe defeat on the rebellious Indians at Huliomala near Karavarakundu, says an official statement issued today. The rebels were dispersed and are being pursued by the British, the statement adds.

Palghat, India, Sept. 22nd.—Seethikova Angel of Kumramputhur, has proclaimed a Mohammedan kingdom and appointed himself "Governor". He is issuing notices warning his followers against looting and other excesses, asserting the country is now theirs.

Ottawa, Sept. 22nd.—Four appointments to the Senate were made this afternoon. These are Sir George Foster, formerly Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. J. A. Calder, formerly Minister of Immigration and Colonization, Mr. J. D. Reid, formerly Minister of Railways and Mr. John Mc Cormack of Sydney Mines.

New York, Sept. 22nd.—The raw sugar market was active today and the price of uncontrolled sugar was 1/8 higher, to the basis of 4.12 for centrifugal. There were sales of 50,000 bags of Porto Rico's in port at 4.13. Cuba's were unchanged, with the committee still quoting 3 1/2 cost and freight, equal to 4.86 for centrifugal. The firmness in raws led to scattered covering in raw sugar futures, prices at midday showing advances of 5 to 14 points. There was no change in refined, which is quoted at 5.60 to 5.65 for fine granulated. Refined futures were irregular, with prices at midday at 5 points higher to 5 nett lower. The volume of business was light.

Belfast, Sept. 22nd.—There was a scene in the Ulster Parliament this afternoon when Mr. William Coote objected to the estimates, declaring the payment of the members acting as secretaries was in the nature of a bribe to vote with the Govt. "That is very unfair, and spiteful", Sir James Craig, the Premier, sharply rejoined. "God forbid that any Prime Minister or any responsible person would ream for a moment at this time of peril for Ulster, that I or anybody else should be tied to a certain policy." Mr. Coote declined to withdraw his remark.

He is a big Tyrone mill owner, and a Grand Master Orangeman, and a member of its deputation to the United States.

New York, Sept. 22nd.—An advance in the price of bar silver in London today, due mainly to a continuance of the demand from China and India, was met by an advance here of 68 1/2 cents an ounce.

Mannheim, Sept. 22nd.—Desolation and ruin alone remain of what was once the flourishing town of Oppau. The town had 6,500 residents, of whom a majority of the men engaged in the chemical works were killed and wounded. Soldiers in French uniforms are clearing away the wreckage and picking up the dead and injured as after a big battle, and eleven hundred dead, and four hundred injured are the latest estimated casualties. The desolation around Oppau equals anything seen at Verdun or in Flanders over a similar area. Hundreds of persons are digging in the ruins for the bodies of relatives or friends, nearly a thousand of which have been recovered thus far. The vast crater is slowly filling with water, and it may never be known how many victims found a grave there. The firemen and relief workers have not been able to discard their gas masks.

NEW YORK, September 23rd 1921.
Flour, Blended Clears St. Lawrence Brand pr. brl. \$7.25.
Meal Kilndried per 100 lbs \$1.95
New Season's Pork per brl. \$37.00
Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$25.4
Sugar---Crystals maximum per 100 lbs. \$4.13
Molasses Sugar 89° test, no quotation.
Cotton, Middling Upland, at Liverpool per lb. 14 80-100d.
Exchange, New York and London, 60 days' sight \$3.71 1/2
Exchange New York and London, sight \$3.73

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Sugar, Demerara Crystals, per cwt. 42s. —47s.
" -Muscavado per cwt. 27s. 28s.
German Beet 88° f.o.b. no sales.
White Java sugar cif United Kingdom 22s. 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. 26d. nominal.
Bank of England rate of Discount per cent. 5 1/2.
Consols 48.
Three per cent rentes in Paris Fcs.56.60.

Anxious Old Lady, on river steamer — I say, my good man, is this boat going up or down?

Surly Leckhand- Well, she's a leaky old tub, ma'am, so I shouldn't wonder if she was going down. Then, again, her b'ilers ain't none too good, so she might go up.