

# GETTING CONTROL OF DUTCH MARKET

Dealers in Holland Cleverly Brought Under German Influence; Establish Vast Credits

Rotterdam, May 16.—Unless energetic measures are adopted at once England, on resuming trade with Holland, will find that the cream of the market is in the hands of the Germans and that the Dutch dealer is no longer a free agent, being as firmly tied to the German manufacturer as the British publican is to the brewer.

The number of articles which cannot be exported from England to Holland is legion. The number of articles which the Germans are importing into this country today is almost as large.

While it is true to a great extent that the German steel and iron industries, for instance, have their hands full with home demands, they are managing to send to Holland enough commodities, like machinery parts, rollers, iron tubes, bicycle parts and agricultural implements to put most of the dealers in their power and at the same time establish extensive credits.

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# FRENCH-CANADIAN BRIGADE IS DESIRED

Quebec Hears That Its Organization Has Been Authorized by Ottawa

Quebec, May 16.—Following suggestions, said to have been made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, Sir Lomer Gouin, Archbishop Mellet and other French-Canadian leaders, the federal authorities have decided, according to a report in official and



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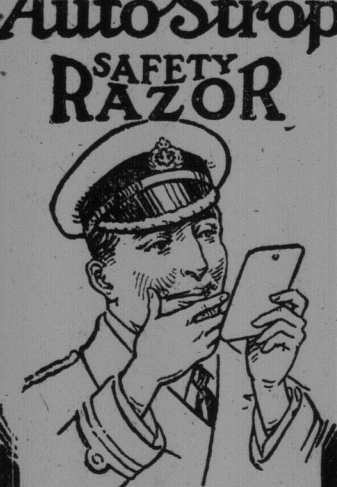
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military circles, to authorize the organization of a French-Canadian brigade, which would be under command of Lt.-Col. Tremblay, M. C., at present officer commanding the 22nd Battalion, who would be replaced at the head of the famous unit by Major Henri Chasse, M. C., who has been O. C. of Company A of that battalion for three years.

Lt.-Col. Tremblay, it is understood, will be made a brigadier-general, will be recalled to Canada and ordered to raise two battalions. One will be under the order of Lt.-Col. Plasse, at present O. C. of the base battalion, and the other by another French-Canadian officer, while the 22nd Battalion, under Major Chasse and a unit formed with French-Canadian draftees now in England, under Col. Blondin, would complete the brigade.

It is known that Sir Lomer Gouin and Archbishop Mellet made specific request of the Ottawa authorities that they establish a brigade of French-Canadian troops. In this they were seconded by practically the whole of the Quebec French-Canadian M. P.s.

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# NEWS OF MUTINY IN AUSTRIAN NAVY IS REACHING ITALY

Cruisers and Destroyers Hoist Red Flag

Revolt Began at Pola; Situation Was Saved by the Teutonic Element and One of the Austrian Cruisers

London, May 16.—The London Times correspondent with the Italian army says that news is trickling through to Italy from time to time about the great mutiny in the Austrian fleet early in February, and it is possible now to give a fairly accurate idea of what happened. The mutiny began at Pola, but, as it broke out almost simultaneously at Cattaro, it looks as if there had been collusion between the two ports. It was among the arsenal workmen that the rising began at Pola. They demanded the abolition of various disciplinary measures and punishments inflicted both on shipboard and ashore. The movements soon spread to the ships in the harbor. The crews left their beds and thronged the decks, hurrying and acting as they pleased. Their officers were powerless, but there seems to have been no fighting between them and the men.

The naval authorities parleyed with the men for a week, and finally all the sailors' and workmen's demands were granted.

At Cattaro the mutiny took a more serious turn. Six cruisers and several destroyers hoisted the red flag. The German and Magyar elements in some crews held aloof, and there were encounters between them and the mutineers, the crews of one cruiser being turned on another and some mutineers being killed. However, the mutineers got the upper hand after three days and became masters of the port. The officers were seized; the admiral commanding being taken by the sailors from his flagship to confinement in a vessel in the harbor, where he received apparently no very gentle treatment.

The mutineers gave all orders aboard or ashore. These were printed and signed "The Committee of the Crews." The wireless apparatus was seized and the sailors' committee thus communicated to Vienna its demands, among which for the immediate conclusion of peace, was prominent.

**Saved Situation.**

Alarm was caused by these measures, and conciliatory but non-committal replies were sent. After many prolonged discussions the authorities in Vienna decided to dispatch to Cattaro a division of the fleet, under a German speaking Austrian admiral, upon which it was thought that reliance might be placed. When this appeared before Cattaro, the position was critical, as mutineers had broken out in the new division.

The situation was saved by the Teutonic element in one of the revolting cruisers in the harbor getting free and hauling down the flag. Negotiations



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C. O. T. C. are filling up. Lt.-Col. Henri Desrosiers, a war veteran, is mentioned as a possible O. C. He is at present with the 101st Battalion of reserves at Whitby, England, and in the event of being named to command the French-Canadian brigade would be replaced by Major Omer DesRues.

Today official notification of the creation of the local C. O. T. C. reached here from Ottawa.

**GIVES PRAISE TO ORILLIA.**

Ontario Town Has One Out of Every Five Citizens Members of the Navy League.

Paying tribute to the British fleet for "its ceaseless watch," Commodore Aemilius Jarvis last week urged the Toronto branch of the Navy League of Canada to bigger achievements. Commodore Jarvis is the Ontario president of the

League. In his address to the Toronto branch last night in Foresters' Hall, he emphasized the necessity of large fleets, both naval and mercantile, in times of war and peace. Commodore Jarvis told of what had been accomplished by the League throughout the Empire, but said that no branch, whether here or in England or Australia, could equal the League's success in Orillia. In that town one out of every five citizens was a member of the local branch. The objects of the League were to make Canada great on the seas, to promote a maritime commerce, to provide Canadian sailors for Canadian ships, and to help the sailors and mercantile men now prisoners in Germany. Only a year old the league is sending \$10,000 a month to England to aid the sailors of the Empire.

Rev. J. Russell MacLean laid emphasis upon the necessity of having Canadian sailors man Canadian ships.

were opened on an equal footing between the admiral and the mutineers, and finally the latter consented to surrender the vessels on receiving written guarantees that no action would be taken against any man, and that a number of grievances would be settled. The Cattaro fleet then returned to its allegiance after having been in open revolt for eight days.

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