

VATERLAND MAY CHANGE HER FLAG

World's Biggest Steamship To Be Sold To Satisfy a British Claim

London, Nov. 10.—News that the great Hamburg-American line steamship Vaterland has been attached in New York for an unpaid balance of less than £4,000 (\$20,000), due Messrs. Waring & Gillow, of London, for decorative furnishings and features, has caused a sensation here.

It is believed the steamship will come under the British flag, either as an armed merchant vessel, or as the newest acquisition of the White Star or Cunard line. The order of the American court is interpreted to mean that the vessel will be sold to the highest bidder. British shipping interests, backed by the British control of the seas, will be in a position to outbid any competitors.

Ocean Closed to Germany.

The sacrifice of the great steamship

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by Germany is looked upon as an admission that the ocean is closed to German shipping until after the war, and that the price of the Vaterland in cash is of more value now than any other consideration.

If Waring & Gillow sell the vessel in the United States they will be entitled to take from the selling price only the

amount due them and must then turn the huge balance over to the Hamburg-American line. The Vaterland cost £1,725,000 and there is no doubt she would bring close to that figure.

Peculiar Situation.

If Great Britain permits the Vaterland to be sold without protest, it is, of course, possible that her protests could scarcely be maintained regarding other German vessels. If Great Britain protests against a forced sale of the Vaterland the unique opportunity of acquiring the largest steamship in the world will be gone.

It is explained that, strictly speaking, Great Britain forbids by law the payment of money by Waring & Gillow to an alien enemy. So if the Vaterland is sold at auction by Waring & Gillow the law technically prevents them from turning the balance of more than £1,000,000 over to the Hamburg-American line.

This and other points can, of course, be regulated by the British foreign office, and if the time comes when the British government finds it of more interest to have the Vaterland than to let Germany have the cash, there would be doubtless a wholesale elimination of red tape.

Claim of \$20,000.

New York, Nov. 10.—Action taken in admiralty here against the Vaterland represents a claim of less than \$20,000 and is the second time the vessel has been libelled since she was interned here. The first case was based on supplies delivered in a British port early in the summer and involved only \$1,845.73.

It is understood that the latest claim cannot be disputed, and that an order of sale will issue as a matter of form if the Hamburg-American company, which owns the Vaterland, cannot obtain a suspension of the German law under which it is forbidden to pay money owed to an alien enemy. It is understood that this law, and not the merits of the claim, stands in the way of settlement.

BELGIUM CONFIDENT

THE following is a translation of a Proclamation issued by the Belgian Government on leaving Belgium:

Right Must Triumph.

Citizens—For nearly two months and a half Belgian soldiers have, by heroic exertions, defended the soil of our Fatherland, foot by foot. The enemy counted on annihilating our army at Antwerp, but a dignified and orderly retreat has shattered this hope, and secured the preservation of military forces which will continue to fight for the best and most just of causes.

From henceforth these forces are to be operating towards our southern frontier, where they will be in touch with our Allies. Thanks to this powerful assistance, the triumph of Right is assured. The circumstances of to-day add yet another trial to the sacrifices which have been already accepted by the Belgian nation with a courage equalled only by their extent.

To save ourselves from playing into the hands of the invader, it is necessary for the Belgian Government to establish its seat, provisionally, in a place where we can, with our army in touch with the forces of France and England, ensure the exercise and continuity of the nation's Government. That is why the Government leaves Ostend to-day, with a grateful memory of the reception accorded by the town.

The Government will be established provisionally at Havre, where the noble friendship of the French Republic offers not only the complete exercise of our authority and duties, but the fullest sovereign rights.

Foefully Betrayed

Citizens, this temporary ordeal to which our patriotism must submit will, we are certain, be soon avenged. Belgian administration will be carried on as far as local circumstances permit. The King and the Government rely upon the wisdom of your patriotism. On your part you may count on our entire devotion, on the valour of our army, and the assistance of the Allies to hasten the hour of our common deliverance.

Our dear country, so foefully betrayed and treated by one of the Powers which had sworn to guarantee her neutrality, has aroused the ever-increasing admiration of the whole world by reason of the unanimity, the courage, and the foresight of all her children. She will continue to deserve this admiration, which is her great comfort to-day.

To-morrow she will emerge from these trials greater and fairer than before by reason of the fact that she has suffered in the cause of justice and for the honour of civilization.

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It states that a battalion of Prussian guards crossed the Scarpe and attacked a small French force in the suburb of Arras, defeating the defenders.

While the Germans were gloating over their victory a regiment of French dragoons attacked the Germans in the rear, surprising them and putting them to flight. Three hundred prisoners were taken and 200 wounded were picked up.

A German military train was captured at Blangy, carrying a 42-centimetre gun, a number of shells, each weighing nearly a ton, and a group of Krupp engineers, who had been sent from the Krupp works at Essen to work the cannon.

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