

# Critical Shipping Situation.

## Cargo Congestion at English Docks -- Labor Trouble Responsible -- D'Annunzio Contemplates Holding Fiume -- More shooting in Dublin -- Belle Isle to be Abandoned This Winter.

### BRITAIN'S CRITICAL SHIPPING SITUATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. England is confronted with one of the most critical shipping situations the country has ever known, despite the increase in the number of ships flying the British flag, the secretary of the port and transit committee of London to-day informed the department of Commerce. Labor trouble and the shortage of railway trucks, the report said are holding up the movement of cargoes and has created such congestion at the docks that some ships are allowed to lie in the harbors from seven to eight days before discharging their cargoes. Increases in the prices of foodstuffs and raw materials result from the heavy demurrage charges. The shortage of railway trucks is estimated at 300,000.

### TO ARREST ALL SINN FEINERS.

LONDON, Dec. 28. In a despatch dealing with the Sinn Fein problem in Ireland the Dublin correspondent of the Evening Standard says it is not secret in Dublin that the authorities are determined to handle the situation with a certain amount of ruthlessness and apply drastic measures to what they consider a dangerous disease. The correspondent adds that it is stated in quarters which have the reputation of being well informed that the steps contemplated by the victory, Lord French, and his advisers for restoring normal conditions, include the arrest of every known active Sinn Feiner throughout the country.

### NOTHING FURTHER FROM BELLE ISLE.

HALIFAX, Dec. 27. No further word has been received here regarding the plight of the Canadian Government employees at Belle Isle who will be brought here by the icebreaker Montcalm following the

failure of the Aramora to deliver winter supplies. The Montcalm is now on the way to Belle Isle but doubt is expressed that she will be able to get through.

### WILL COMMAND RHINE ARMY.

PARIS, Dec. 28. According to an Aux-la-chapelle despatch, General DeGotte will be the Commander-in-Chief of the British, French and American and Belgian armies on the Rhine when the treaty is made effective.

### KILLED BY BAD LIQUOR.

CHICOPEE, Mass., Dec. 27. The deaths of at least forty persons in three Connecticut valleys since Christmas as a result of drinking poisonous liquor believed to contain wood alcohol as a base, caused Federal State and local authorities from the three states to make a determined effort to-day to locate the source of the intoxicant. Twenty-four men and one woman died here, ten in Hartford, Conn., and six in Holyoke. A score of others were in hospital to-day blinded or seriously ill. The wholesale distribution of the liquor has been traced to Hartford where four men have been arrested charged with murder.

### TYPHUS EPIDEMIC IN MADRID.

MADRID, Dec. 27. Madrid is experiencing an epidemic of typhus fever. The civil hospital is full of cases and a camp has been established on the grounds of San Juan hospital.

### MORE SHOOTING IN PHOENIX PARK.

DUBLIN, Dec. 28. An officer of the guard and one member of a band of intruders were killed early this morning in a shooting affair in Phoenix Park, a short distance from the vice-regal Lodge. In

some quarters the belief was expressed that an attack was in preparation against the Lodge. About eight men are believed to have made up the band of interlopers. Four arrests were made.

### D'ANNUNZIO STILL DISSATISFIED.

FIUME, Dec. 28. Gabriel D'Annunzio made the announcement to-day that he would resist any efforts that might be made to expel him from Fiume. He said he had come back to the conclusion that the guarantees offered by the Government were insufficient to warrant his leaving.

### LLOYD GEORGE ON U. S. FIGHT OVER TREATY.

LONDON, Dec. 28. Premier Lloyd George, speaking at Llanystydwy, Wales, yesterday, defended the voting arrangements of the League of Nations. He said that Australia lost as many men as the United States in the war and had as much right to vote as the United States. His vote, however, he added, would not be used on any question arising between Great Britain and the United States. President Wilson, he recognized the justice and fairness of the claims put forward on behalf of the British Empire said the Premier. He recounted the fight in the United States on the treaty which he termed "the folly of America entering upon party warfare when trying to settle the troubles and difficulties ensuing from the Great War."

### What Others Say.

A strike a day keeps fair prices away.—Chicago Daily News.

In Russia roubles are selling by dry measure. Two quarts for a dollar.—Chicago Tribune.

What "Society owes" you is the interest on the capital you invest in it.—The Wall Street Journal.

One way, of course, to reduce the high cost of living is for everybody to quit working and stand around and talk about it.—Kansas City Star.

In these troubled times there is consolation in the fact that Mr. Wilson understands every phrase of the situation.—Greenville (S.C.) Piedmont.

English judges object to trying the Kaiser "by a law they do not know." Will some one be good enough to lend them a copy of the Ten Commandments?—Salt Lake Telegram.

Life is very simple for the average man. All he has to do is to earn enough money to support his family, pay the wage-demands of organized labour, and profits to the employing corporations.—New York World.

China is so thick-headed she can't understand why the policeman who recovered the stolen goods is to get

it all.—Little Rock Arkansas Democrat.

We have about concluded, after carefully watching the effect of reform legislation, that the world will not become so good in our time that it will cease to be interesting.—Columbus Ohio State Journal.

### A Friendly Description of President Carranza.

#### THE MAN WHO RULES MEXICO.

A deal has been said and written about President Carranza, of Mexico during the last several years, but beyond the fact that he wears whiskers and is vigorously criticized for what he does or doesn't do, few know much about him. Samuel Guy Inman, in his book, "Intervention in Mexico," tells us much about the personal side of President Carranza. He describes Carranza as a "big, stalwart, well-poled man of logic," and he informs us further that he has a sincere love for his people and is interested in anything that will better their condition. A leading characteristic of the Mexican executive, we are told, is a disposition to be "set" in his ways. "Carranza has never varied his program since the very first day that he tackled his little thesis up on the door of the customs house in Piedras Negras, when he began the revolution against Huerta," says Mr. Inman. It is this quality, we are led to believe, which has kept Carranza in the National Palace, in spite of the fact that it has often been thought he was "done for," until "people now are saying that there appears to be no one of sufficient strength to threaten his power." Also, it is said the Mexican President likes to do things himself. So he chooses as his lieutenants not such men as have pet ideas of their own they want to work out, but men who will do as he tells them. We likewise learn that Carranza is ultra-nationalistic and has a violent prejudice against one nation's meddling in the affairs of another. The essential points of his doctrine are set out as follows. "No nation should intervene in any form or for any reason in the affairs of another. Nationals and aliens should be equal before the sovereignty of the country in which they reside. Diplomacy should not serve to protect private interests."

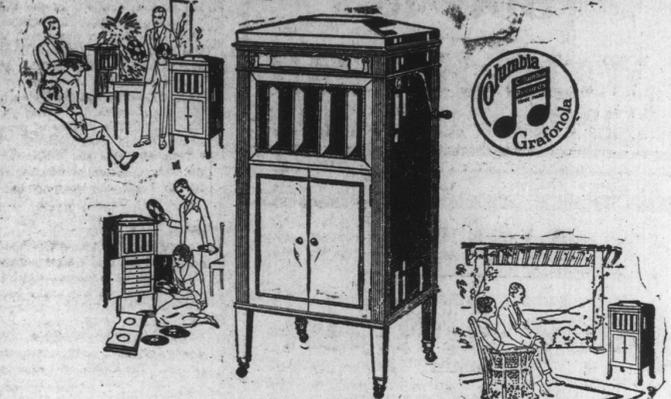
"Another characteristic of the President," the writer says, "is his dignity and reserve. He prefers to sit behind closed doors and operate by the power of his logic and the force of his ideas rather than to go out before a crowd and hear the cries of 'Viva el Presidente!' I remember the old days when he was running for the governorship of Coahuila. His campaign was the first one ever conducted in that state by an open appeal to the public in general. He wished to inaugurate open campaigning because he wanted the people to realize that Mexico was coming into a new democratic life, when the people themselves must judge between the candidates. However, Carranza himself scarcely ever made a speech. He had three fiery young orators—two of them now governors of states—who accompanied him on his campaign. When he got to a city these orators answered the addresses of welcome, made speeches before all kinds of gatherings, and used all the tricks of campaign learned from the United States, while Senor Carranza would sit quietly by and look pleased. "Carranza is a man of sturdy intellect, though he is not strictly of the 'intellectual class,' as it is understood in Latin-America. He is rather of the country gentleman type. He reads the classics and delights in them.

### Very Anti-British.

Great Britain is accused of making demands upon Germany for four hundred thousand tons of floating docks, dredges and tugs that will be of no service to the British and will mean a tremendous loss to Germany. These dredges, tugs, etc., are used to keep the German harbors on the North Sea at a depth sufficient to carry on import and export trade with America and other countries. If they are taken away, we are told by Count Zu Reventlow, Germany will find it impossible in a short while to handle cargoes from deep water ships. It is pointed out that the move is made to give the harbor terminals of England an advantage over those of Germany. The object is to force American commerce with Central Europe to be unloaded at English ports and then sent to German ports in lighter craft. This, it appears, would be not only unfair to Germany but it would place England where she would absolutely control most of our commerce with Europe, and for this reason it would seem that officials at Washington should enter a protest against the taking from Germany of the harbor equipment spoken of above.

The greed of Great Britain is seen everywhere. There is no limit to what that empire is capable of in the mad rush for world trade. The United States cannot permit British robbery to go unchecked where it touches our own affairs. We would be foolish to stand by and see the British force a condition that would make it impossible for us to trade directly with

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## "The 'Flu' Coming Back Are You Prepared?"

HERE is an article about the "Flu." It says that the general opinion among physicians is that it will return this winter.

"Have they found a cure?"

"No. It seems that at the annual meeting of the American Medical Association, papers were read by physicians who came back from authority on this subject. There was such a diversity of opinion on the effects of vaccination and inoculation, that these methods cannot be considered a success."

"What is a person to do then?"

"Well, statistics show that about three persons out of four are immune to the 'Flu' germs. Investigations of a large number of cases makes it clear that this immunity from attack is due to the healthful condition of the system."

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the countries of Central Europe.—Charleston American.

### At the Majestic.

Bryant Washburn makes his first appearance on the Majestic screen to-night in "Something to Do." A motion picture in which there is something done every minute after the first scene is flashed upon the screen, is "Something to Do." Bryant Washburn's latest starring vehicle, which will be shown at the Majestic Theatre to-night. This is a picture of the speedy variety and is as full of action as an egg is of meat.

Mr. Washburn has a role in this picture which affords him an opportunity to show that he can handle wide awake characters with the same ease and skill with which he portrays the sleepy sort of boob in his previous productions. Donald Crisp, who made "Venus of the East" and other Washburn pictures, is responsible for "Something to Do" and he has put it across in a lively, snappy manner. Ann Little is the leading woman and heads an excellent cast of players including Robert Brewer, Charles Gerard, Adele Farrington, Charles Ogilby and James Mason.

### Household Notes.

Save old straw hats for a doll's hat. Parsnip fritters are a good window dish. Warm the lemons before squeezing them. Very new potatoes are highly indigestible. Do not iron hose, knitted underwear or flannel. Cut old felt hats into squares to use for holders. Apples will core more easily before they are pared. Bacon is much better broiled in the oven than fried. Vinegar or alcohol will clean the fingernails in the slip windows of an automobile. A teaspoonful of vinegar added to the water the fish is boiled in will keep it firm.

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