

WASHINGTON WILL WORK WITH BRITAIN

Recognizes That "Cotton" Shipments Contained Contraband.

WILL CERTIFY CARGOES

Document Receiving Calm Consideration—Amicable Settlement Looked For.

[Canadian Press.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—While the American note to Great Britain concerning the cotton shipments, which had arisen in the last five months eventually would be amicably adjusted.

Already the discussion had turned to matters which the United States could properly take in co-operation with Great Britain to reduce to a minimum the necessity for extended search on the high seas. It became known that agents of the treasury department, acting in co-operation with the state department, in one case, already had inspected a cargo of cotton, which inspection had satisfied the British embassy and facilitated the progress of the shipment to its destination.

Certified Cargoes May Go Free.

The belief was held in official quarters that a mutual understanding might be reached whereby legitimate cargoes could be certified before their departure from this country, and thereby made immune from detention.

High officials of the Washington Government were somewhat surprised that the American note, which had been regarded as "brusque" in London quarters. They said the British Cabinet, which has been under consideration, after a study of the document must be convinced that the United States had spoken in the most friendly spirit, though none the less earnestly and emphatically, on points which it considers itself seriously injured under the law of nations.

Not Peremptory; But Frank.

There is nothing of a peremptory character in the note, nor is it framed in terms of ultimatums, but those who are familiar with the contents say it is a matter-of-fact and frank statement of the difficulties experienced by American shippers, and the failure of the British Government to meet the various protests that have been made.

In all it became known today that 30 American ships and their cargoes, totaling millions of dollars, have been detained, and that the British Government, which has been regarded as "brusque" in London quarters, has been regarded as "brusque" in London quarters.

Secretary Bryan, in discussing the note with cabinet members, declined to give any details. He described it as a general statement summarizing the American position in the specific cases. Those neutral diplomats who sided at the state department about the note were given a copy of it, but were notified that the note was not to be made public.

They were told that the state department probably would not deliver the text of the note to the foreign governments generally, as it still regarded the note as confidential, the American Government itself having not authorized its publication in part or whole.

BRITISH CABINET IS DELIBERATING.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—9:30 p.m.—The British Cabinet held a special session this afternoon to consider the American Government's note concerning the delay to American shipping, caused by the searching of vessels by the British fleet. The note was received by the Foreign Office yesterday. The subject of American shipping continues to monopolize interest here.

BELIEVES WARSAW IS SURE TO FALL

German Critic Does Not Give It a Chance To Hold Out.

[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, via London, Dec. 31.—Major Morhart, the military correspondent in the Tageblatt, the eastern war situation, says: "All military authorities are agreed that the Polish capital must soon be evacuated. Its value as a fortress, as is well known, is slight, but the strongly-fortified positions in front of the city, it must be expected, will be defended. Nevertheless it would require striking forces to hold them."

"It appears, moreover, as if the Russian general staff attaches greater importance in bringing its main forces unbroken behind the Vistula rather than develop the full strength westward. However, the plans of the Russian staff are unknown, and hence it is not impossible that it still intends holding the region west of the Vistula, with political prestige as the factor, despite the dangers attending such a plan."

"At any rate, the defeat of the Russians north of the Vistula will settle the fate of the army operating in Galicia."

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GERMAN FORCE ANNIHILATED IN SOUTH POLAND BATTLE

Around Bolimow, Inowloz and Malagosoz, Russians Inflict Enormous Loss and Capture Prisoners and Guns. Austrians Dislodged From Position.

[Canadian Press.]

PETROGRAD, Dec. 30.—The following official statement was issued from general headquarters today: "Along the whole front of the armies operating on the left bank of the Vistula there has been a lull, except in the region of Bolimow, Inowloz and south of Malagosoz, where fierce fighting persists."

"Taking the offensive from Bolimow, the Germans, under a very intense fire from our guns, made an assault on Bourgade, Borjow and our trenches near Gombino, but our troops by an impetuous counter-attack slaughtered with their bayonets all of the enemy with the exception of a few, who were made prisoners."

"In this engagement we captured German machine guns and inflicted enormous losses on the enemy, who brought into action successfully in this region regiments from divers army corps."

"Near Inowloz, our troops took possession of German trenches south of Posaide, which they entered and engaged, in determined fighting."

"South of Malagosoz an attack of the enemy, delivered after a lengthy cannonading, was repulsed by our artillery. Near the village of Bokinetz the enemy captured our trench position, but was dislodged and overthrown by our counter-attack."

"In West Galicia our troops are advancing victoriously. Near Zaleski we stormed several fortified positions of the enemy, making prisoners of 44 officers and 1,500 soldiers and capturing eight machine guns."

"Southwest of Dabla our troops dislodged the Austrians from positions which they had strongly organized. They fled in a panic."

"We have realized also an important success south of Lisko near Gorka."

"We have repulsed counter-attacks by the enemy in the Carpathians at Ussok-Pak and also new sorties by the Przemysl garrison."

ENEMY ABANDONS POSITIONS IN POLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Morning Post publishes the following dispatch from its Petrograd correspondent: "The superhuman efforts of the Germans the last three weeks appear finally to have exhausted their strength in Poland. The grand duke's bulletin this evening indicates that for the present the Germans are abandoning or are being driven out of positions they had gained at such appalling cost in lives. Germany may yet have a million or two more lives waste on new offensives, but no amount of preparation for war could enable her to provide enough real soldiers to keep up such a waste of life."

Retreat Across Bzura.

"A few miles north of Schazow the position held by the Germans on the right bank of the Bzura has been abandoned, and the enemy has gone over to the western side of the river on the Rawka River, a point at which the British Government has been regarded as "brusque" in London quarters.

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Druggists Through the Empire to Use the Metric System

Change Goes Into Effect Tomorrow With New British Pharmacopoeia.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The metric system of weights and measures will become the standard for drug stores, the drug trade and physicians, in all parts of the British Empire, with the new year, when the new British pharmacopoeia goes into effect. The new pharmacopoeia discards the old system of weights and measures.

Fort Erie Shooting Found Accidental.

Verdict Brought In By the Coroner's Jury—Military Hearing To Come.

[Canadian Press.]

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 30.—A coroner's jury at Fort Erie, Ont., empaneled to investigate the death of Walter Smith, the Buffalo man shot by Canadian soldiers on Monday, returned its verdict this evening after hearing the testimony of the soldiers, Thomas Delaney, a provincial police officer, and several eye-witnesses.

The verdict was: "We find that the deceased, Walter Smith, met his death on Monday forenoon, Dec. 28, while evading arrest for unlawfully shooting ducks out of season in Canadian waters, by a volley delivered accidentally from the rifles of three militiamen, who were called upon by Provincial Officer Thomas Delaney to assist him."

Officer Takes All Blame.

Officer Delaney, who occupied the stand for more than an hour, took the responsibility for the whole affair on his own shoulders. He called upon the soldiers to help make the arrests, he said, under the law that permits an officer of the law to call upon any citizen for help in an emergency, and ordered the firing.

J. B. Curtis, United States vice-consul, questioned the soldiers, but he was assured by the crown attorney that Delaney had such authority under the laws of Ontario.

Officer Delaney testified that he had watched Smith and his companion, Doroch, who was wounded at the time Smith was killed, shooting ducks from the shore of the lake. He called to them to come ashore, that they were under arrest. They refused. He then telephoned for the soldiers.

Did Not Hit.

"I want to arrest those two fellows," Delaney testified he told the soldiers. "Throw a scare into them, but don't hit them."

When the bullets from the first and second volleys splashed near the hunters' boat, Delaney said, he again cautioned the soldiers not to shoot so close.

The third and fatal volley, Delaney said, was fired after the hunters had headed toward the American shore. He had told the soldiers to let them go, when one of them said: "Let's give them another scare," and he consented. Only two of the soldiers fired.

Child Brought the News.

"The first I knew of the men being hit," Delaney testified, "was when a young boy came running up to me near the ferry landing, saying, 'The soldiers have killed two Germans.' I then realized that the hunters had been shot."

While the coroner's verdict releases the three soldiers as civilians, they are still prisoners at the military inquiry held simultaneously with the civil proceedings. All witnesses before the coroner testified at the military inquiry.

FIFTEEN KILLED IN RAID ON DUNKIRK

German Aeroplane Squadron Drops Bombs, Probably To Discourage British.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—1:45 a.m.—News reached London last night that a squadron of seven aeroplanes flew over Dunkirk yesterday (Wednesday), and dropped bombs.

Four German aeroplanes flew several times over the city of Dunkirk Wednesday, dropping bombs as they went, according to the Dunkirk correspondent of the Daily Mail. Soldiers in a street fired on the machines, and one machine seemed to be hit, but all got safely away.

The official return of the casualties shows that fifteen persons were killed and thirty-two wounded. The bombs were filled with shrapnel. Two bombs were also dropped on Furnes.

The attack on Furnes was evidently an effort to wipe out the Belgian headquarters, where King Albert is at present. No damage was done there.

It is probable that the German attack was made to discourage a movement of British troops from England to the battle front. Dunkirk is one of the chief ports used for disembarking reinforcements.

BANK OF FRANCE TO STAY IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 30.—6:01 p.m.—A decree was published today abrogating the order issued by the government on Sept. 2 transferring the Bank of France from Paris to Bordeaux.

ENEMY IN BELGIUM TAKES \$11,000,000

Cotton, Rubber, Woolen and Leather Goods Are Shipped Home.

WAS PRIVATE PROPERTY

Belgian Minister Points Out Industry In His Country Is Being Ruined.

[Canadian Press.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The Belgian minister today filed with the state department a protest against the requisitioning by German military in Belgium of merchandise worth about \$11,000,000. He asserted that the policy of the Germans meant "the ruin of industry in Belgium."

The protest set forth that the goods were not taken for the use of the German army, and that consequently the seizure was in violation of 194 fourth Hague convention. The merchandise included cotton, rubber, wool machines, canned goods and metals.

The Belgian Legation issued the following statement in connection with the protest: "According to the instructions to his Government, the Belgian minister went today to the state department and filed a protest against the requisitioning of goods by the German authorities in Belgium."

"The German authorities have put into requisition, against a single receipt and without mentioning the value of same, the following merchandise to be forwarded to Germany and which belonged to private parties: "In Antwerp—Cotton to the value of 15,000,000 francs, rubber, 2,500,000; woolen, 6,000,000; leather, 10,000,000. "In Ghent—Cotton nets, flax and other raw material, 5,500,000 francs. "In Charleroi—Copper, 1,500,000 francs; tool machines, 12,000,000. "In Duffel—Nietle, 1,000,000 francs. "In Malines—Canned goods, 2,500,000 francs."

Contrary to Hague.

"These measures are in opposition with the articles 46 and 52 of the fourth convention of The Hague. In accordance with which private property must be respected, and requisition cannot be claimed otherwise than for the needs of the army of occupation. These measures involve the ruin of the industry in Belgium."

"The Belgian minister wishes to recall the attention to the fact that it has been said that the above-mentioned people had refused to go back to work. One can easily notice the value of such an act of accusation. How could the laboring class work if all possibilities are taken away from them? No excuse can be given for this spoliation of private properties, which is expressly prohibited by the above-mentioned articles of the fourth convention of The Hague."

AUSTRIAN DREADNOUGHT DAMAGED BY SUBMARINE

[Canadian Press.]

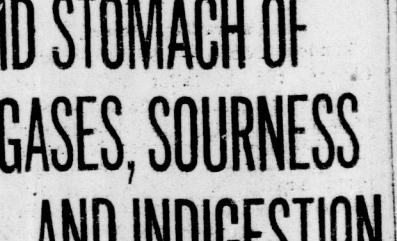
LONDON, Dec. 31.—5:32 a.m.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Venice contains a report that a French submarine boat has torpedoed the Austrian dreadnought Viribus Unitus at Pola. It is said that the hull of the dreadnought was pierced, but that she succeeded in reaching her dock.

The Viribus Unitus is 30,000 tons displacement and has a complement of 1,000 men. She is one of the four ships constituting the largest type of the Austrian navy.

A London newspaper dispatch from Vienna in September said one side of the Viribus Unitus had been badly damaged in a fight in the Adriatic, but that she had escaped her pursuers.

DOMINION TRUST LIQUIDATED.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 30.—Andrew Stewart has been appointed permanent liquidator of the Dominion Trust Company by the chief justice.



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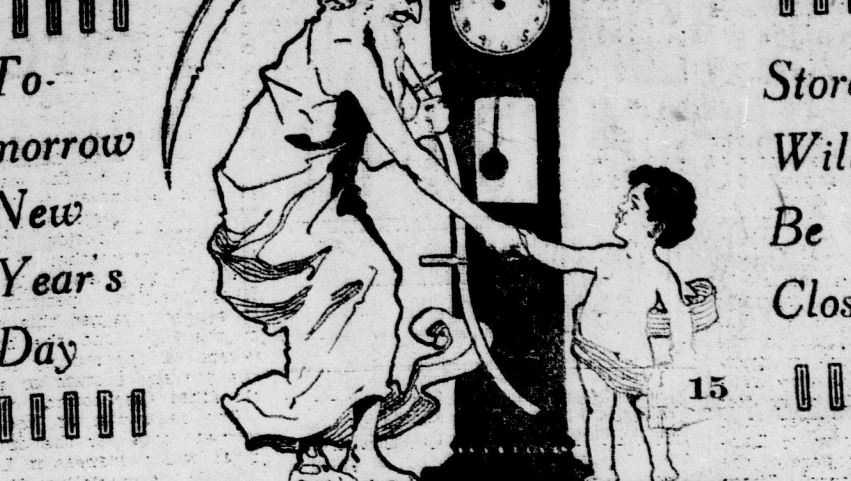
great forces of Germany, under the command of Gen. Count Von Arnim, commander of the fourth army corps, and the Crown Prince of Bavaria. Every moment is a perilous one when Arras is approached, since the Germans have marked accurately the ranges along the highways. Any movement along these roads brings a salvo of artillery fire.

SAINT PAUL, France, Dec. 30.—Via Paris.—Along the battle front in the region of Arras and Saint Eloy, the position of the troops has scarcely varied a foot from the zig-zag lines which have been occupied for three months.

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To do things better all the time.—To be a commonsense optimist.—To practice cheerfulness, courage and courtesy.—To think clean, talk clean and act clean. Thus the aggressive individual and thus the aggressive store.

This advertisement reflects but one side of our aggressiveness in demonstrating the kind of merchandizing that brings great economies in midwinter merchandise of many kinds.

We take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and will endeavor to merit the continuance of your patronage by carrying out the same aggressive policy which has characterized this store for over a third of a century.

See Tomorrow's Papers for January White Sale Announcement.

PROGRESS MADE IN CHAMPAGNE PRONOUNCED

French Statement Says Bad Weather Persists Along the Front.

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William Fride, J. Carmichael, the five volunteers who spent the holidays here, left last night for London, and were given a hearty send-off by the citizens. Brief speeches were made at the Armistice by Messrs. Pettypiece and Rev. A. A. Holzer, after which the boys were each presented with \$5 in gold, besides a quantity of pocket money.

They were then escorted to the station through the principal streets by the Home Guards, headed by the Excelsior Band. A halt was made on Front street, when John Farrel gave the boys a farewell address, followed by hearty cheers by the enthusiastic citizens.

Kaiser Drops the Curtain On Belgium.

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 30, via London, Dec. 31.—12:10 a.m.—Commencing January 1, the German administration in Belgium intends to close the Belgian borders against all comers. No more passports will be issued or recognized, except the special military pass.

The cause for this unusual precaution is not known here, but it is believed to have been ordered to prevent espionage.

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