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BLOCKADE TO BE LIFTED

Germans Can Resume Trade With Outside World.

New Hun Government Will Be Permitted to Purchase 370,000 Tons of Food Monthly In Enemy and Neutral Countries, and Certain Exports Are Also to Be Allowed by Allies.

PARIS, March 18. — Germany, in consideration of a deposit of £11,000,000 in gold at Brussels, will receive an immediate delivery of 370,000 tons of foodstuffs, according to the agreement entered into between the German delegates and the representatives of the allied powers at Brussels.

Germany will further be entitled to purchase monthly 370,000 tons of food in enemy and neutral countries, besides fish from European waters and vegetables. The restrictions on fishing in the Baltic will be removed.

The blockade of Germany is to be lifted to a certain extent immediately, according to Herbert Hoover, Food Controller, who returned Sunday from Brussels.

According to Hoover, Germany, under certain restrictions, can resume her trade with the outside world.

Some of the ships which the Germans must immediately turn over to the Allies will be operated by German crews, but will not fly the German flag.

The lists are now being prepared covering the exports which Germany will be permitted to send out. They will consist chiefly of coal, dyestuffs, potash and timber.

The Germans first wanted the United States to advance money for the purchase of the food for Germany. When this was refused the German delegates agreed to turn over gold at the Belgian border at once. It is understood that \$130,000,000 is available now. More will be furnished in a few days.

The German ships will start for America via England in a few days. It is not likely that they will carry a capacity load of American troops on their first voyage as alterations will have to be made when they reach America.

British and German committees have opened negotiations in Rotterdam, says a German Government wireless message, concerning the exportation from Germany of potash, timber, dyes and other products.

Ships going to France and England immediately are cargo vessels in neutral ports in South and Central America and the Dutch East Indies. They will be permitted to leave with cargoes for Germany with German crews but under Allied flags. When the ships put out from German ports to be handed over they will be replaced by Allied crews and the Germans returned.

There is available in England for immediate movement to Germany approximately 30,000 tons of pork products, 5,000 tons of beans, 5,000 tons of rice, and 15,000 tons of cereals. The United States has in Rotterdam and on the way there approximately 75,000 tons of breadstuffs.

A summary of the agreement shows that payment by Germany will be made by freight hire accruing to the Germans for the use of the shipping and part from credits that Germany may continue to establish and maintain in neutral countries, part from German exports, part from the sale of German-owned foreign securities, and part by the use of German gold.

Absentees Fined In Sherbrooke.

SHERBROOKE, Que., March 18. — Judge Mulvena on Friday handled the first cases of alleged desertion which have come before him since the recent general mix-up has taken place over the various orders-in-Council. Charged with being absent without leave, and failing to report for military service when notified, Edgar Paquette of Magog was fined \$230 and costs or three months in jail.

Accused of failing to report for medical examination when notified to do so, Odias Goulet of Sherbrooke was fined \$25 and costs or 30 days. Judge Mulvena notified the Government representative that he had received no documents relating to the late order-in-Council, which seemed to contradict one another, and that he would only deal with cases in which the accused pleaded guilty, unless the Government saw fit to employ counsel.

Daylight Saving In U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 18. — To make effective the daylight savings law, Director-General Hines instructed railroads to turn their clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 30. Trains will run on the new schedule thereafter, but will be held only at terminals. While on the road they will not stop for an hour to make up the difference in time. Each railroad will be called on to "properly safeguard movement of its trains on the road at the time of the change."

Clocks will be moved back an hour at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October.

Work for 80,000 Returned Men.

SYDNEY, Australia, March 18. — Premier Holtman in a speech Saturday said that the Government intended to find employment for 80,000 soldiers in New South Wales, firstly, by legislation compelling employers to reinstate returned soldiers; secondly, by setting 8,000 soldiers on the land; thirdly, by employing the remainder on public works.

All restrictions on imports from all parts of the British Empire to Great Britain have been removed. Jack Johnson has issued a signed statement to the effect that his bout with Willard at Havana was a frame-up.

THREATENED GOVERNMENT.

Unionist From Moose Jaw Demands Tariff Revision.

OTTAWA, March 18. — B. A. Maharg, Unionist member for Moose Jaw, and president of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, is not one of those who believe the present Government should proceed with the solution of post-war problems before undertaking the task of tariff revision. On the contrary, during his speech in the House of Commons Monday, Mr. Maharg threatened the Government with the resignation of certain western members and with the prospect of by-elections, at an early date if prompt action was not taken to meet the demands of the western farmers' organizations. "Western Canada is watching this Government," said the Moose Jaw member, "is watching this House and the members of this House. Unless something is done at least to attempt to remedy conditions in so far as the west is concerned," he added, "for the benefit of the Ministry, you will have a number of by-elections on your hands before this House meets again at its next session." Mr. Maharg displayed very little of the speech of compromise, of which some members of the House have spoken, and certainly made no appeal to sentiment.

On behalf of many, if not all grain growers in his own province, he put forward demands for what may be briefly summarized as substantial reductions in the tariff protection afforded the products of the manufacturers of the Dominion and absolute protection in the form of a continuation of a fixed guaranteed price for wheat, the farmers' product. Furthermore, he asserted that the Dominion should continue to provide credits, out of which foreign buyers might pay for wheat and agricultural products purchased in Canada.

Mr. Maharg informed the House that the Western farmers had no intention to ally themselves with one of the old political parties. "Neither, I think, will they tie themselves up to the Unionist party at this time," he added.

NO TROOPS REVOLTED.

Gen. Maurice Makes Reply to Col. Peck, V.C.

HALIFAX, N.S., March 18. — Maj.-Gen. F. Maurice, K.C.M.G., C.B., was a passenger on the Carmania arriving here Monday. He has come out for the purpose of delivering a series of lectures at the invitation of a number of friends in New York. Gen. Maurice stated he was glad of the opportunity of coming out with the Canadians, and especially with the Princess Patricks, which happened to be the first Canadian battalion with which he had anything to do. He saw them first at Winchester, and admired them greatly. On Jan. 8, 1918, when they went into line, it was he who had reconnoitred their position. They had impressed him as being an exceptionally fine body of men, and appearances were not deceptive. Discussing Col. Peck's statement in the House last week, Gen. Maurice said that he personally knew of no unit in the British army which had revolted during the period of the war. He thought the body of men Col. Peck had referred to were a collection of drafts stationed at Etaples in the autumn of 1917, and that no complete unit was involved. In any event the trouble was very short-lived.

Turning to the subject of the Peace Congress, the general, who has come immediately from Paris, said that the rumors of disagreement were due to a greater extent to people outside the conference than to those actually taking part in the proceedings. He personally thought the members were co-operating in a wonderful way and making every possible sacrifice for the ideal they all had in mind.

CRUSHING SPARTACANS.

Germans Are Preparing for Further Uprisings.

BERLIN, March 18. — Although last week's Spartacan uprising was put down, the Government, so far from relaxing its vigilance, is already taking measures to prevent a repetition. The Prussian Minister of Education, Herr Maenisch, has issued an eloquent appeal to young collegians to join the volunteer corps "to save the Fatherland, against which Bolshevism threatens in the east, while the hydra of anarchy and civil warfare raises its head at home."

The Minister of Defence, Herr Noske, has issued a decree imposing penalties up to one year's imprisonment for interference with street car employees, or traffic, or sabotage of telegraph wires, cars or other material. This is plainly intended to make it impossible for the minority of the street car men to prevent the majority from working in case of another strike.

The Spartacan attempts to import arms from points outside of Berlin are being checked by the military forces at various railroad stations, who have already confiscated a quantity of arms and ammunition.

Fighting for Przemyśl.

LONDON, March 18. — Ukrainian troops have entered Przemyśl, according to a German wireless despatch. The Poles are still in the northwestern part of the town. The Ukrainians are also in the suburbs of Lemberg and along the whole Przemyśl-Lemberg line, traffic here being completely stopped.

Rushed Position Alone

LONDON, March 18. — Lieut. Graham Thomas Lyall, of a Central Ontario Regiment, received the Victoria Cross from the King at Buckingham Palace for rushing a position alone and capturing 45 prisoners and five machine guns. He enlisted at St. Catharines, Ont., in September, 1916.

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