

'THE WILHELMINA'

By Henry Dalby.

To withhold a tribute of admiration for Secretary Bryan's letter to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations regarding the rights and duties of a neutral in the war, would be ungracious. The document which is of the nature of a public declaration of the United States Government's policy is for the most part eminently fair and reasonable. This I say, not because most of the points raised by Senator Stone are settled in favor of the

contention of the Allies, but because they are in accordance with a common sense interpretation of international law.

President Wilson's government recognizes no obligations to close the American markets either to the Allies or to Germany and Austria. They are open to all nations upon equal terms. Germany's difficulty is not in making the purchases, but in getting the goods home. Germany herself, to the goods from both Russia and Japan during the Russo-Japanese

war. It is no part of the United States' responsibility to make up for the weakness of the German navy by undertaking to send the goods home through blockading squadrons and seas thickly sown with German mines.

Agree to Disagree.

There is just one point upon which the Government gives some support to Senator Stone's contention. He complains of the Government's submission without protest to interruption of trade in conditional contraband consigned to private persons in Germany and Austria, thereby supporting the policy of Great Britain to cut off all supplies from Germany and Austria. In reply Mr. Bryan calls attention to a note dated December 26 to the British Government contending for principle of freedom of trade in articles of conditional contraband not destined to the belligerent forces. This is a question of interpretation upon which there is room for the American and British Governments to disagree and I imagine they will agree to disagree without any ill-feeling on either side.

Curious Commentary.

A curious commentary upon the German contention voiced by Senator Stone is to be found in the bad-tempered interview with the German Lord High Admiral von Tirpitz, in which he announces his desire to surround the British coasts with German submarines and torpedo all the ships bringing food supplies to Great Britain. Necessarily if he has any scruples about starving the non-belligerent population of the British Isles, he will not raise any question about the destination of the supplies until he has blown the ships out of the water and scattered the food to the fishes.

But the baby-killers of Wilhelmshaven, of whom he is the chief, have absolutely no rights to wish Great Britain need give a moment's consideration. Any German contention about belligerent or neutral rights is but a scrap of paper. Great Britain knows what is due to its own sense of honour and humanity and would not willingly forego the approval of the neutral powers, which it appears to enjoy in no stinted measure.

Outlaw Nation.

The fact that the outlaw nation of the world, the buccaners of the Yorkshire coast, the pirates who have ravaged, ravished and robbed the people of Belgium, are whining pitifully about their own people whom they have impoverished and whom they do not threaten with starvation, is a matter that is of no consequence

whatever. Of their own choice they have gone beyond the pale of civilization and they must take the consequences.

The Germans are already suffering from the scarcity of provisions and the latest report is that their government has confiscated all the wheat in the country—nominally to ensure it lasting until the next harvest. Presumably it is not intended to send it to the starving people of Belgium whose granaries they have robbed. But will anybody but a German pretend that it is the duty of the Allies to facilitate the sending of food supplies into Germany under present conditions?

Quickest Way.

The quickest way to terminate the war is to impress the non-belligerents of Germany with the wickedness of war by letting them feel its consequences. Besides, what guarantee is there that the German Government will not divert to the use of its forces in the field, the conditional contraband intended for the use of non-belligerents? Even supposing that the German Government should so far depart from its usual practice as to keep a promise of this kind, would not every bushel of American wheat shipped to "a private individual" for the exclusive use of non-belligerents, release a bushel of German wheat for the benefit of the troops?

Wilhelmina's Cargo.

The Wilhelmina carries 900,000 pounds of wheat, 840,000 of corn and 450,000 of bran, some lard, beef, pork, hams, pickled tongue, dried fruit, peas, beans and oats. She has cleared at New York for Hamburg. The shipper asked in what position they would stand with regard to the State Department if they negotiated sales of wheat cargoes to German buyers and made shipments direct to Germany in American vessels, "furnishing a guarantee by the German Government that the grain was not for military usages in any way, shape or form."

The redundancy of the last sentence is explained by the possibility of the bran being used to fatten German pigs and the resultant pork being used to fatten some of the German hogs in Belgium.

Secretary Bryan's reply was: "Foodstuffs may be lawfully shipped to territory of belligerents, when in fact, destined or intended as supplies for the belligerent government or its armed forces."

Certainly they can be lawfully shipped and so can contraband. But whether they can be delivered in Germany is another question which the Wilhelmina may settle satisfactorily to her owners and shippers by the simple process of whipping the British Navy. But on this point the Secretary of State is silent.

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Amsterdam, Jan. 30 (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Contrary to the popular impression that modern wars result in a greater number of deaths than those of the past, the very opposite is true, according to an article reproduced in the Tjld. It is pointed out that this is largely due to the progress in surgery, the use of efficacious antiseptics, the great development of modern army sanitation and the high efficiency of the medical corps.

But the greater degree in civilization and the existence generally of a highly developed humanitarianism have also helped to reduce the numbers of dead of the battlefield, it is stated. In antiquity prisoners of war were hardly ever taken—massacres followed the battle, and when males were carried into slavery they generally were not part of the defeated army, but members of the civil population of the country which had been invaded.

Big Percentage Killed.

At Cannae, the Carthaginians, for instance, lost only 5,000, but killed 70,000 Romans, or about 80 per cent. of the entire force, which opposed them. The Romans, on the other hand, suffered only a loss of 14 dead in the battle of Cheronera, but massacred 110,000 of the enemy, 99 per cent. of the army they had defeated.

During the Middle Ages this state of affairs continued. Wounded and captives were killed without mercy, and the cities whose entire populations were put to the sword were many. During the Thirty Years' War a similar ferocity prevailed, but an improvement began to make itself felt in the "decimation" of prisoners of war. The captured soldiers were stood in a line and then every tenth man was executed, usually hanged to a nearby tree with some sort of accident governing who the first "tenth" victim should be. Now and then it became necessary to apply this cruel system of selection as a measure

of discipline to one's own troops, generally when a mutiny had to be coped with and the men refused to say who their ringleaders were.

Battle Casualties
Beginning with the Seven Years' War, the number of deaths in battle and from wounds received have decreased in the following percentages:

Seven Years' War	42
Napoleonic War	35
Crimean War	15
Italian War	10
Franco-Prussian War	14
Chinese War	10
Anglo-Boer War	09
Manchurian War	25
Turko-Bulgarian Campaign	12
Turko-Serbian Campaign	10
Turko-Greek Campaign	08

lowing list of percentages of the losses through death during or after the action, shows:	
Borodino	30
Austerlitz	25
Waterloo	17
Solverloo	12
Mukden	20
Ljau-Tjang	10
Lule-Burgas	12
Tschadaldja	10
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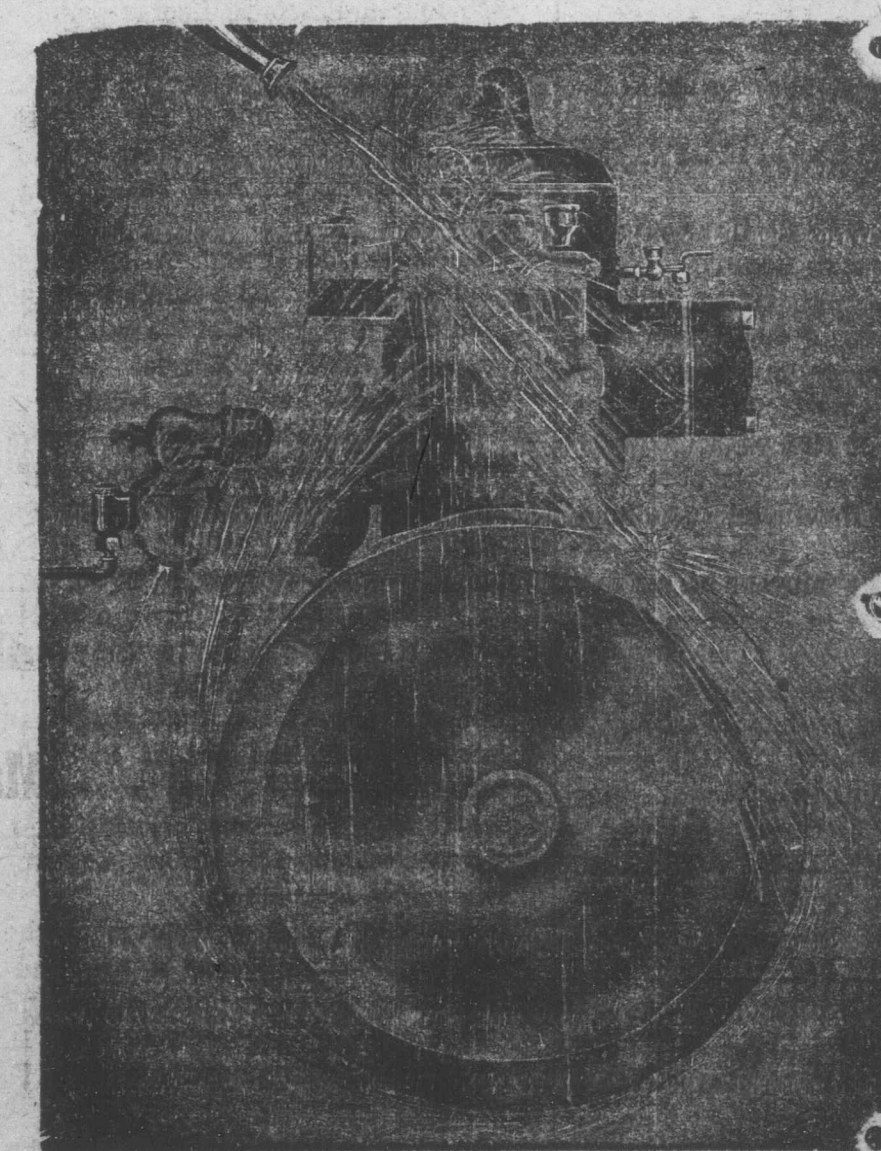
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In Addition

TO these ends we are offering splendid value in a Double width finely woven, smoothed-faced, soft finished, pure woollen, dress material, handsomely worked with a silk art-spray, in one, two and three tones. Colors: Pink, Sky Blue, Dark Green, Light Green, Navy Blue, Saxe Blue, Brown, Cream and Black. Original price, a yard, 70c. Sale price, a yard, 40c.

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