

NORWAY NOT TO SHIP U. S. GOODS TO THE GERMANS.

Declines, However, to Guarantee That Norwegian Products Will Not Be Sent to the Central Powers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Norway in her reply to the proposals of the United States for a food rationing agreement made public here today by Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, head of the Norwegian special mission, offers to guarantee that no American products shall go through Norway to Germany, but declines to meet the full American demands for a restricted export of Norwegian products to the Central Powers.

"In her commercial policy" it is declared, Norway cannot break off commercial relations with one of the belligerent parties without the serious danger arising that it will not be possible to maintain the political neutrality of the country much longer.

Norway may justly claim that she shall not through the prospect of being denied daily bread be placed before the choice between actual need and the acceptance of an agreement which would, involve danger to her position as a neutral and possibly, expose her to war.

Norway will, as compensation for the essential supplies which it hopes to receive from the United States and their associates, permit the far predominant part of its export surplus to be exported to these countries. In order to maintain her economic life, Norway however also needs supplies from the Central Powers and it is therefore necessary that it shall remain in a neutral position to render services in compensation for such supplies.

The war trade board, which is conducting the negotiation for the United States, declined to state how far the Norwegian counter-proposals are acceptable but said the negotiations would be continued.

For the present, the policy of granting no licenses for the export of any commodities to Norway would be continued.

APPROPRIATION OF BILLION DOLLARS.

Largest Bill of Its Kind in History of United States Congress Favorably Reported on.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—A billion dollars urgent deficiency appropriation bill, the largest of its kind in the history of Congress, although cut a half billion from original estimates, was favorably reported to the House today by Chairman Sherrill, of the appropriation committee. The debate on the bill, which provides for the immediate needs of the war, navy and other departments, is expected to be presented in the House tomorrow.

NO IMPORTATION OF COOLIES TO WORK IN CANADA.

Government Will Not Conscript Men for Farm Labor Under the Military Service Act, But Will Register Man Power.

OTTAWA, 14.—Subsequent to a sitting of the cabinet council, the government, shortly before midnight gave out an announcement as to its immediate policy in regard to labor. The government will not conscript men for farm labor, under the military service act, but will take immediate steps to secure a registration and inventory of the manpower of the Dominion. A classification of the industries of Canada will also be secured by the new war-trade board. There will be no importation of coolie labor at present, to which exception is taken by the labor men, but this matter may be given further consideration at a later date. No decision has been reached in regard to the conscription of alien labor.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

MANY GERMANS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Virtually every unaturalized German in greater New York registered during the enemy alien registration period which ended at 10 o'clock last night, it was announced by United States marshal McCarthy tonight. The corrected figures show that 39,864 appeared before the registrars and that all but 682 were finger-printed.

SOLDIER FARMERS.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—Returned soldiers who have had experience as farmers in Canada will contribute their share to increased production during the coming summer. A transport which arrived at a Canadian port several days ago brought home a large party of soldiers who are classified as "experienced farmers."

MORE WINTRY WEATHER DUE.

It is probable that another cold wave will reach the Maritime Provinces in two or three days. After a storm centred over Ontario has passed beyond the Atlantic seaboard. Last night cold weather prevailed in the Western Provinces and in Western Ontario.

The coldest spot on the map exclusive of Dawson, which had a temperature of 42 below zero, was 24 below. Prince Albert and Saskatoon reported 16 below, Regina 17 below and Edmonton 12 below.

ON PATROL.

(Blackwood's Magazine). He went to sea on the long patrol. Away to the East from the Corton Shoal. But now he's overdue. He signaled me as he bore afflicking lamp through leaping spray. And darkness then till judgement day. "So long! Good luck to you!"

He's waiting out on the long patrol. Till the names are called at the muster roll. Of seamen overdue. Far above him, in wind and rain. Another is on patrol again—The gap is closed in the Naval Chain. Where all the links are new.

Over his head, the seas are white. And the wind is blowing a gale to-night. As if the Storm-King knew. And roared a ballad of sleet and snow. To the man that lies on the sand below. A trumpet-song for the winds to blow. To seaman overdue.

Was it sudden or slow—the death that came? Roaring water or sheet of flame? Then end with none to view? No man can tell us the way he died. Over the clouds Valkyries ride. To open the gates and hold them wide. For seaman overdue.

But whether the end was swift or slow. By the Hand of God, or a German blow. My messmate overdue—You went to Death—and the whisper ran. As over the Gates the horns began. Splendor of God! We have found a man. Goodbye! Good luck to you!

WAS AGED 111.

Bath, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Thomas Leonard died at the State Soldiers' Home here. He was 111 years old and was born in County Clare, Ireland. He was a veteran of the Mexican War and also of the civil war.

Torpedo Proof Transport Ready

IS EXPECTED TO DEFY SUBMARINE BOATS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—William L. Saunders, chairman of the Naval Consulting Board of the United States, speaking last night at the annual dinner of the University of Pennsylvania Club of New York, at Delmonico's, announced that the United States government has equipped its first military transport with a system of air and water-tight cells which makes almost impossible to sink a ship, so equipped with torpedoes. The ship, which has been fitted out and which is now in an Atlantic port, is the former Austrian liner Lucia, a 9,000-ton vessel, which under another name has entered the overseas transport service of the United States.

Mr. Saunders said that the experimentation which led to the fitting out of the Lucia was initiated by the Naval Consulting Board more than eight months ago. The Lucia is fitted, he added, with 12,000 of these air tight cells or boxes, and in the event of a torpedo attack she will have the buoyancy of a lumber-laden, water-logged schooner. In opening his address Mr. Saunders said:

"What I am going to say will in nowise be of aid or comfort to Germany. On the contrary, it will, or it should be, decidedly discouraging to that government and people. In a certain American port, at this moment there is berthed a trans-Atlantic vessel, one of the finest owned by the United States government. I refer to the steamer Lucia, formerly of the Austrian line, which was taken over by this government when we declared war with that country. The Lucia is now so equipped that it is practically impossible to sink her with torpedoes.

"You all know about the bulkhead system of ship protection. That sort of protection has not made good in this far, as in the case of the ill-fated Titanic. The Lucia is a steel vessel of about 9,000 tons, and she has been equipped with 12,000 small cells or boxes, each an independent unit. These units have been inserted inside of the skin of the ship below water line, and are bolted to the framework. Each unit is absolutely water and air tight, and the floating capacity of these units is sufficient to keep the ship from sinking when she is loaded and water-logged.

Should water enter all parts of the ships there will be still enough buoyancy, due to the presence of these units, to keep her from going down to a depth of more than two feet below the decks. The system which the government has installed in the Lucia is the result of experiments made by a distinguished engineer of New York, and it means that we are now in a position to so equip our overseas transports as to render them safe, even though they are hit by two or even three torpedoes. No matter how vicious the attack the vessel would remain afloat for hours. I may add that the lifeboats in the Lucia, which are 100 feet long, are, like the ship, also equipped with a proper number of floatable units.

"What effect does the installation of this equipment have on the cargo carrying capacity of the ship?" Mr. Saunders was asked.

"Each ship so equipped," he replied, "loses from 15 to 20 per cent of its cargo space, but no more."

STORMY SCENE AT SUNDAY CONFERENCE.

ZURICH, Feb. 14.—The Munich, Bavarian, correspondent of the Neue Augsburg Zeitung, says he learns that the discussions at Brest-Litovsk last Sunday between Dr. Von Kuehlmann the German Foreign Secretary, Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, were particularly stormy and ended in a violent rupture which bore all the seeds of a future conflict.

"That is why the conference at German Main Headquarters is discussing the eventuality of very energetic military measures against the Russians," says the correspondent.

SEISMIC DISTURBANCES.

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GERMANS CONCENTRATING FORCES TO MEET SPRING DRIVE OF ENTENTE ALLIES.

Grand Headquarters of the French Army in France, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press)

German preparations for their announced offensive on the Allied front here have not brought with them any relaxation of German vigilance or efforts to meet any possible attack from the Allies. New concentration of German forces are gathering in the rear of their lines simultaneously with the hard work which continues in front lines, where a most formidable system of defences has been erected during the winter months.

Various authorities make widely different estimates of the number of German divisions which may eventually be brought into the line on this front, should the Germans decide to engage in battle on a large and decisive scale. The exact total of the German forces in the front line and in the immediate reserve is known to a unit.

One hundred and twelve divisions occupy the German front facing the British, French, American and Belgian troops, while their immediate reserves total sixty-three divisions. (On the basis of 12,000 men in a German division, this would be 2,100,000 troops). Possibly several additional divisions have reached various points behind the lines, but the fact has not been established with certainty. At any rate, it is agreed by authorities here that the greatest possible number the Germans could add to their forces on this side does not exceed twenty divisions, which bring the total to 195 divisions (2,340,000 men).

PILOTAGE PROBE.

HALIFAX, Feb. 14.—No finding in the Halifax pilotage probe will be rendered by the commissioners for at least ten days, although recommendations for measures for the relief of temporary congestion will be made public tomorrow morning, according to a statement by Chairman Robb this afternoon in closing the enquiry.

ENEMY SUBMARINES TOOK HEAVY TOLL LAST YEAR.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Ship tonnage sunk by submarines in 1917 was nearly three times as great as the total production in the United States and Great Britain during that year. This was disclosed today by the announcement of Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the British House of Commons that Great Britain produced only 1,163,474 tons of shipping last year. The output in the United States was 901,223 tons, making a total combined tonnage of 2,064,697, while sinking by submarines last year generally are reckoned at six million tons.

While complete figures on construction in Japan, Italy, France and other nations in 1917 are not yet available, officials here do not believe their aggregate equalled the total of the United States. If that is the case submarines sinkings more than doubled all new tonnage produced. Both American and British officials expect a very different story in 1918, however.

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