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NON-COMBATANTS NEAR GERMANY FEAR TO BREAK

Three Scandinavian Countries in Conference at Stockholm Cannot Agree to President's Wilson's Suggestion That They Sever Their Relations With Germany—Swiss Also Decline

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Justice Lafontaine Dismisses Suits of Mrs. Stanley McPartland of Montreal for \$70,000 Damages.



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Montreal, Feb. 7—In the Superior Court Mr. Justice Lafontaine has siven judgment dismissing the seven actions of Elizabeth McParland of Montreal, widow of Stanley Cullen, Frmely of Halifax, taken against aseven newspapers, complaining that they had each libelled her by the publication of a false news paragraph in their respective issues on or about Pobruary 26, 1912. Plaintiff asked the properties were newspapers and gook against each newspaper.

The newspapers sued were the Toronto Mail and Empire, the Halifax Herald, The Standard, Telegraph and Globe, all of St. John, the Montreal a lot which the Southans were anxious to sell to the government at a cost of \$400,000 that was neither suitable nor in the public interest, sald Hon. Robert Rogers in the lious of Commons today, speaking the late of Commons today, speaking the late of Commondidated the cree body has been found to be nearly ten feet in width, including the wall rock. The eight nich will itself is said to carry values of \$2,000 to the ton and the wall rock for three feet on one side and for six feet on the other side of the veni is said to carry values that of the carry double the common of the proper double the control of the common of the propers of the personal gain of that compact. It have not been prepared to despoil the feet on the other side of the veni is said to carry values that is an attack many the common of the propers of the personal gain of that compact. It have not been prepared to despoil the common of the propers and considerable in values of the common of the propers and considerable in the common of the propers and the common of the propers and the common of the public first was to give the house and the country the reasons why I have been found to be nearly to repeat the common of the public first was to give the house and the country the reasons why I have been found to be nearly to the public first was to give the house and the country the reasons why I have been found to have the common of the public f

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Native of Dorchester, Que. Terms Criticism of Liberals Regarding "Inle Officers," "Small Souled and Mean

Stockholm, Feb. 7, via London.—Sweden will not accept President Wilson's invitation to sever diplomatic relations with Germany. The Swedish government, however, will protest against the newly inaugurated German naval policy.

Danish Action.

Copenhagen, Feb. 7.—It is said in reliable quarters that the Danish government has decided that it cannot follow the example of the United States in breaking relations with Germany. A note will be sent to Washington explaining the position of Dermark and calling attention to the fact that conferences among representatives of the three Scandinavian countries as to their international interests are being continued at Stockholm.

Norway Refuses.

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Impressive Address.
Col. Taylor made a most impressive speech which was listened to with wrapt interest. He bitterly resented the attack which was made by the Liberals on the "idle" officers, and as Tries as to their international interests are being continued at Stockholm, Norway Refuses.

Christiania Feb. 7.—Norway will not agree to President Wilson's suggestion. The Aften Post says that European neutrals must decide upon their policy towards Germany "according to their own interests. not according to American sentiments," and adds: "The Ecandinavian countries gave full support to President Wilson's peace move, but that is not a reason why a few weeks later they should follow Mr. Wilson in taking steps which are generally considered to be a prelude to war. To the latest American note Norway has no answer but this."

Members of the cabinet decline to discuss the subject of Norway's attitude towards the new German submarine war.

Swiss Press Opinions.

Geneva, Switzerland, Feb. 6.—The Swiss newspapers approve of the refusal of the Swiss Federal Council to take the same action toward Germany as has been adopted by the United STANDARD AND SIX

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Hodenied the stories which he had found current in Canada that the London hotels were crowded with idle officers. Eighty per cent. of these officers were men on short leave from the front. Not one per cent. of them were of the idle class. Senior military officers, he said, were not immediately sent home from England the class. Senior military officers, he said, were not immediately sent home from England the secause as a rule they were highly trained and their services might be required at any time. These men should not be put in pillory; they went over in good faith, and it was only the fortune of war that they were unable to serve as they would have liked. The small-souled, mean-spirited criticism of the opposition was directed towards these men who could not serve as they desired. He denied the stories which he had



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