

NORWAY'S NEUTRALITY IS PAINFULLY PERFECT

Between the Devil and the Deep Sea — Press is colorless and gives same amount of space to British and German news.

Christiania, Norway, Oct. 16.—The word "neutrality" has acquired a flexible and variable quality undreamed of by the founders of dictionaries. There is the violated and, therefore, unavailing neutrality of Belgium; the grim, almost belligerent neutrality of Holland; and the frightened neutrality of Norway.

The result of the sharp attacks on the Norwegian press, both by the Germans and the English, has been to frighten Norway out of any individual opinions of her own. Recently she has been charged with having sold her press to England. She had hardly time to defend herself against this accusation before there appeared in the correspondence of the London papers a severe arraignment of the Norwegian press for having accepted bribes from Germany. In an earnest desire to give no color to either of these charges, Norway has sedulously cultivated a neutrality that is beyond approach. Of all neutralities it is, outwardly at least, the most perfect and unquestionable.

Press is Colorless. As a well-known citizen of Christiania remarked the other day, Norway is in the position of the man brought into a police station on suspicion: "Anything she says will be used against her." This delicacy of Norway's position is patent to any observer who has been on the streets of the capital for two hours. Men before expressing an opinion of any sort, reassure themselves of the identity of the questioner, and then look guardedly in both directions to see that they are not being overheard.

Press reports have become content with statements of purely uncontroversial matter, and the official communiques of the English, French and German. In the Christiania Morgenbladet there are studiously divided columns with exactly half German and half English statements. A preponderance of one over the other would immediately cause trouble, according to the statement of the editor.

In the Verdens Gang, a greater proportion of English correspondence gives the paper at first glance an English tone, but any inference of this sort is contradicted in the editorial columns.

The statements of Government officials are in the same way guarded and non-committal. It is almost as if a law had been passed forbidding the expression of anything except platitudes. This fear of offending either the allies or Germany inhibits the expression of Norway's real attitude toward the war.

For this reason, it is unusually interesting to find beneath this unimpeachable exterior undercurrents of genuine feeling. The most pronounced of these is favorable to the allies. It is quite evident that none of the Scandinavian countries have recovered from the sense of injury at Denmark's treatment by Germany at the time of the Franco-Prussian War. With this as a nucleus, sentiment against Germany is strong enough to be called characteristic of the present attitude of the average Norwegian civilian.

Among the military classes there is a leaning in the other direction which has developed out of a fear of danger from Russia, and a natural Scandinavian hatred of that nation. If it were possible to obtain the net result of these two influences, it might be said that the present Norwegian sentiment is friendly toward England but modified by resentment at her combining with Russia.

Question of Contraband. A crisis of supreme importance to Norway and Germany now seems impending. This is the question of the use of Norway as a route for the introduction of food and contraband articles into Germany. Since the declarations of war, the Norwegian exports to Germany have noticeably increased and a visit to the steamship lines plying between Christiania and Sweden shows the importance to Germany of this channel. Government officials in Christiania stated that no ammunition had been carried to Germany by this route and that the Norwegian Government would not allow

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It, but at present Norway is under no injunction from England not to supply Germany with any material she may desire.

An observer in Christiania would say that at present enough herring was being shipped from Norway to Germany to supply the whole German army. While citizens of this city would not directly state that they expected trouble from this source, there are indications everywhere that Norway is apprehensive of an English challenge of her right to export and transmit products to Germany.

A partial mobilization has taken place in Norway, but most of the fortifications which have acted as centres are so distant from Christiania that the capital itself betrays no sign of a European war. The streets are quiet, there is none of the feverish anxiety in front of newspaper offices that is common in the other capitals and towns of Europe, and Christiania seems to be holding herself from the war with what cannot help striking the observer as a conscious aloofness, which is on the point of giving way to something more genuine.

The most serious damage which Norway has suffered from the war is that which concerns her financial condition. Just as she was in the midst of developing her railways, her water-power and her agriculture, the war suddenly cut off the capital she was borrowing from France. This left her with her development arrested, and with a public debt of \$150,000,000. The half-completed railways in Norway show how her development was retarded before it could pay returns on the borrowed capital invested. The

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Subscriptions amounting to \$84.30 for the Belgian Relief Fund in addition to a large quantity of clothing and supplies were sent to the city yesterday from Annandale, Queens Co., by Rev. C. A. S. Warnesford. The money and supplies were collected among the people of Annandale, and this place has made a particularly creditable showing.

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The following transfers of property in St. John county have been recorded:

W. A. Christie to James Christie and others, property at corner of Waterloo and Paddock streets.

Eastern Terminal Realty Co., Ltd., to Lloyd Sharp, property at Simonds.

Samuel Linton to Mrs. E. M. Smith, property at Lancaster.

In Kings County the following transfers have been registered:

Henry Hamm to James McHarg, property at Westfield.

C. E. Jones to Emily Reece, property at Kars, for \$1,500.

R. N. Mitchell to Frederick G. Mitchell, property at Upham.

Josephine Smalley to Ella A. Bowman, property at Westfield.

DIGBY SHIPPING

Fears were entertained for the safety of the schooners Hattie McKay and Dora, which came down the Bay from Parrsboro in Saturday's storm in company with the schooner Effort, Rolfe and Maple Leaf. The latter arrived at Digby but the Dora had not reported at Little River up to Wednesday, and Mr. W. E. Van Blarcom, who chartered the Dora, got into communication with ports on both sides of the Bay, finally locating the Dora and Hattie McKay safe at Musquash and would proceed to destination the first favorable chance.

The Hattie McKay has coal for Grand Manan. The Effort, which put into Digby in distress, has finished re-caulking and will continue on to St. Andrews soon as the wind favors.

The Rolfe is going back to Parrsboro for another load of coal for Digby, and the Maple Leaf goes to St. John to load general cargo for Wolfville.

The tern schooner W. M. Richard, after waiting two weeks for a favorable wind to get up the Bay, sailed yesterday for Hall's Harbor to load potatoes for Cuba.

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