

**SWEDISH SHIPS SOON  
IN ALLIES' SERVICE**

War Trade Board Expects  
100,000 Tons to Be Available at Early Date.

**ONE CARGO NOW LOADED**

Negotiations Going Rapidly  
on Belief That Germany  
Will Be Conquered.

*Special Despatch to The Sun.*  
WASHINGTON, April 6.—With the Dutch ships now in possession of the Allies, negotiations are in a fair way of being finished by which 100,000 tons of Swedish ships will be available for the purposes of this country and the Allies. These ships virtually represent the only remaining neutral tonnage with the exception of the Spanish ships, in regard to which there is no prospect of an agreement, due, it is said, to changes in the Spanish Cabinet.

Negotiations with Sweden were begun about the time of the Dutch negotiations and at first appeared to present the same difficulties. While some of the Swedish ships, like the Dutch, were lying in allied ports by far the larger number remained idle in Swedish waters, while German pressure and threats were employed to prevent their release to the Allies.

**Expect Germany's Defeat.**  
Reports to the War Trade Board have indicated lately that many Swedes now believe no peace is in sight until Germany has been conquered. Consequently the likelihood of their ships has become a sore-point.

This change in Swedish opinion has been reflected in the negotiations recently, with the result that the War Trade Board, it was announced to-day, felt warranted in anticipating the signing of a temporary agreement covering the 100,000 tons of ships by agreeing to release at once 25,000 tons of phosphate rock for Swedish export.

The first cargo of phosphate is already loaded for Sweden. This Government also has given favorable consideration to a Swedish suggestion that Swedish ships be bunkered and permitted to proceed to Chile for Chilean salt-petre.

Germany cannot molest the ships as they can sail from Swedish ports and keep within the territorial water of Sweden and Norway until they are well up into the North Sea and hence will be out of reach of German submarines.

**Ships Can Lose Nothing.**  
Should the negotiations with Sweden unexpectedly fail by a specified date this Government has the option of taking over the cargoes about to be loaded at cost plus freight, so that the ships will lose nothing.

Supplies of 200,000 tons of wheat, 30,000 tons of wheat flour, 50,000 tons of oats, 100,000 tons of maize from Argentina and Australia and 25,000 tons of coffee would be assured to Sweden under the proposed agreement.

Three hundred thousand tons of oil and other cattle fodder would also be furnished under the agreement, subject to a prohibition of cattle, meat and dairy exports and a limitation of horse exports to the Central Powers.

Mineral oils for fuel, illuminating and lubricant purposes constitute one of the great needs of Sweden. Provision is made for the shipment of 5,000 tons of fuel oil and 15,500 tons of illuminating oil.

**Flour Cost Inquiry Ends.**  
WASHINGTON, April 6.—Investigation of flour milling and jobbing costs was completed to-day by the Federal Trade Commission and a report was sent to President Wilson. The commission's figures will be used by the Food Administration as a basis for determining fair prices for flour.

**Riggs Appointment Approved.**  
WASHINGTON, April 6.—Confirmation of the nomination of Thomas Riggs, Jr., to be Governor of Alaska, was unanimously recommended to-day by the Senate Territories Committee. There had been indications of opposition.

**Bill Limits Lawyers' Fees.**  
WASHINGTON, April 6.—A maximum agents' or attorneys' fee of \$3 for assisting men of the military establishment to obtain war risk insurance is prescribed in a bill favorably reported to the House to-day.

**OVERMAN ASKS THAT  
ROOSEVELT RETRACT**

Criticisms on Espionage Act  
Based on False View, Says  
North Carolinian.

**STIRS RUMPUS IN SENATE**

Colonel Aroused by Provision  
in Amendment That Had  
Been Voted Out.

*Special Despatch to The Sun.*  
WASHINGTON, April 6.—The mention of the name of Theodore Roosevelt had its usual effect to-day in a Senate debate—that of starting a rumpus—when Senator Overman (North Carolina), sponsoring the drastic amendment to the espionage law, called attention to Col. Roosevelt's editorials in the Kansas City Star against inclusion in the espionage amendment of anything tending to sanctify the person of the Chief Executive.

Senator Overman read from the editorial in which Col. Roosevelt had criticized the fact that the amendment forbade stirring or contemptuous remarks regarding the President under a penalty of a \$10,000 fine or thirty years' penitentiary sentence or both.

"No such provision exists in the bill," shouted Senator Overman. "That statement is false and untrue, and if Mr. Roosevelt preserves his former courage and love of the truth he will deny it."

At this point Senator Smoot (Utah) produced a sheet of "filmy" from the office of the Associated Press showing that a despatch had gone out from the capital announcing that the pending legislation did contain a provision punishing drastically any criticism of the President.

"My language in regard to Mr. Roosevelt applies equally to him and to the Associated Press," bellowed Senator Overman. It was disclosed later that when the first copy of the revised measure was shown to the reporters the provision actually was included in the text. The committee had voted it out, but the inclusion had not been made.

The incident stirred the Senate, but was not sufficient to promote action. At 5 o'clock the Senate recessed until Monday, with a promise that the espionage amendments would be thrashed to a finish on Monday and either defeated or passed.

**SAYS SUPPRESSED  
CASUALTIES ARE FEW**

**Crowell Denounces German  
Propagandists' Rumors.**

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Activity of German propagandists who have sought to spread the idea that there has been a large casualty list among the American forces in France, led Acting Secretary of War Crowell to-day to issue a statement as follows:

"Pending the receipt from Secretary Baker of a reply to a cablegram from the War Department asking specifically if his order directing that all publication with reference to persons in the American expeditionary force be given out from Gen. Pershing's headquarters, forbade the publication from the War Department of lists of casualties, the lists of casualties which have been received from Gen. Pershing daily during the last four days have been absolutely minor in numbers and that there has been no great loss on our western front reported."

"Should there be a report of large losses or a disaster of any kind the fact will not be concealed, but the figures at least will be given out immediately. The relatives of the soldiers named in the casualty lists during the last four days have been already informed."

"It is understood by the department that a German propaganda has been initiated for the purpose of causing unrest and disseminating the idea that there has been a large casualty list on the other side among the American forces, but not only on this occasion, but on all occasions, the public may be assured that there will be no suppression of bad news."

**Bill Lets Banks Aid Red Cross.**  
WASHINGTON, April 6.—A bill authorizing national banks to contribute to the Red Cross was passed to-day by the Senate. It was reported favorably in the House yesterday.

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(Fourth Floor)

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of which there are very large assortments from which to make selections, are still being offered at practically the same prices as those prevailing prior to the war.

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(Fifth Floor)

**A Very Unusual Sale of  
Spring & Summer Dress Silks**

to be commenced to-morrow

will offer several thousand yards of the fashionable  
Printed Foulards, Georgettes and Chiffons

at a phenomenally low price

**40-inch Printed-twill Foulards**

featuring smart designs and dots; in navy-and-white, black-and-white, taupe-and-white, rose-and-white, gobelet-and-white, white-and-black, and white-and-navy,

at \$1.85 per yard

**40-inch Printed Georgette Crepes and Chiffons**

in dark and light shades, presenting a large variety of designs,

at \$1.85 per yard

**Women's Milanese Silk Gloves**

(short length)

in black, pongee, all-white, and white stitched with black, will be placed on special sale to-morrow (Monday) at

95c. per pair

**A Clearance Sale of Embroideries**

(imported)

will afford an unusual opportunity to-morrow for buying desirable merchandise at very unusual prices. The Sale will comprise

**45-inch Embroidered Voile & Organdie Flouncings**

variously priced at

95c., \$1.35 & 1.90 per yard

**And Colored Novelty Embroideries**

(practically all the remaining assortments) at greatly reduced prices.

**Special Values**

will be offered to-morrow (Monday) in

**White Lingerie Nainsooks**

(39-inch) per box of 10 yards . \$2.85, 3.10 & 3.45

**White Cotton Skirtings**

(36-inch) . . . . . per yard 38c.

In view of the current quotations for materials of similar qualities, these prices are exceptionally low.

**Parasol Fashions**

for the approaching Summer

are accurately portrayed in the charming originations—foreign and American—now being shown

Here are parasols to suit all tastes and to meet every exigency of fashionable or everyday life. Decidedly attractive—perhaps because of their vivacious color tones—are those made of the new, brilliant sports satins, plain and figured; but equally charming, though designed for more formal occasions, are the dainty parasols of Georgette, chiffon or net. Hand-embroidered parasols of white or natural pongee provide an appropriate finishing touch for the smart summer costume; and rainproof parasols in the wanted colors are a practical necessity.

**Woven Underwear**

for Spring and Summer

is now ready in large and carefully chosen assortments which are sufficiently comprehensive to meet the varied requirements of women, misses and children.

Especially interesting are the selections of silk jersey and Italian silk undergarments, for women and misses. These, like other features of the regular stock of the Knit Underwear Department, are most reasonably priced.

(Second Floor)

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Organdie	16.50, 18.00, upward
Cotton Crepe	35.00, 38.00, upward
Cotton Net	21.00, 24.00, upward
Gingham	8.75, 10.50, upward

**Semi-tailored Linen Dresses**  
at \$9.50, 10.50, 14.50, upward

**Tailored Coat Suits**

of cotton gabardine or Cossack linen, at \$28.00, 32.00, upward

**Separate Cotton Skirts**

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