

**HARSHER DEMANDS
MADE ON HOLLAND**

Germany Attempts Economic Control Which Imperils Netherlands.

INSISTS UPON SHIPPING

Allies Considerate of Dutch Position, but Are Inclined to Hold Firmly.

LONDON, May 11.—Germany has made demands on Holland which are described in a Central News despatch from The Hague as very serious stipulations that would bring Holland to a great extent under the economic influence of the Germans. These demands are in addition to the one respecting the Dutch tonnage which is demanded for use after the war as an offset to the tonnage which the Allies are now using. "Germany is actually endeavoring to make a second Humana of Holland," says the despatch.

At a conference a few days ago among Foreign Minister Louzon and the Ministers of the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy it was pointed out that the Entente is viewing with great apprehension the situation between Holland and Germany. Holland was told of the dangers which might befall from an agreement with the German demands in connection with grain shipments from America.

Allies Remain Firm.

The representatives of the Entente promised not to put difficulties in the way of Holland, but made it plain that their Governments had not departed from their original viewpoint. Germany now makes an agreement on the economic questions dependent upon acceptance by Holland of its demands regarding the shipping question. This might again give rise to serious difficulties.

Replying to a question in the Second Chamber yesterday regarding the settlement between Holland and Germany, Jonkheer Louzon, the Dutch Foreign Minister, said:

"The Government's reasons for considering the relations which had arisen with Germany as strained lay in the emphasis with which the German Government made known that it demanded from the Dutch Government, some parts of which demands were immediately seen to be unacceptable. Through her Minister here Germany gave both the Dutch Premier and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to understand that it was a matter which had not been decided without thorough consideration and must be accepted in its entirety as an irrefragable minimum."

"The Dutch Minister of Berlin in particular was clearly told that if the German demands were not granted the consequences would be most serious for Holland."

"The question of the transit of sand and gravel had been regulated in a manner which encountered no fundamental objections on the part of the Dutch Government. On the other hand, the character of the goods to be transported over the Limburg railway was in direct conflict with the actual wording of the Dutch proclamation of neutrality. The Government decided therefore unhesitatingly to oppose them. It was only when the German Government had accepted transport of provisions for the army as the fourth exception and had agreed to the description of the term 'arms,' in accordance with the Dutch conception that the Dutch Government could drop its objections."

Allies Are Considerate.

The Minister said he was sufficiently convinced that the arrangements now made with Germany respecting the transit, especially of sand and gravel, would not lead to the allied Governments putting fresh difficulties in Holland's way. He had informed the British and French Governments of the difficulties which had arisen with Germany, although it was not for a moment a request for their approval.

"These Governments," he continued, "showed that they fully understood the seriousness of Holland's position. By a joint step taken by their Ministers here, who were accompanied by their colleagues of America and Italy, they informed us that for this reason alone, but with absolute maintenance of their standpoint as regards the principle, they would place no difficulties in the way of the Dutch Government in the matter of the arrangements made."

BURLESON OFFERS A HINT TO ROOSEVELT

Accepts Full Responsibility and Wants Creel Left Out.

Special Despatch to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, May 11.—Commenting on Theodore Roosevelt's preliminary attempt to support his charge that the Post Office Department in the enforcement of the espionage law has discriminated between newspapers friendly to the administration, Postmaster-General Burleson said today:

"It is not surprising that Col. Roosevelt is dissatisfied with his first attempt to support the truthfulness of his charges against the Post Office Department and, recognizing it will prove disappointing, promises another effort by the way of the extension of his remarks in the Congressional Record."

"It may be a helpful suggestion to him in his second reply he does not attempt to obscure the issue by dragging in any more irrelevant and extraneous matter. Neither Mr. Creel nor the officials of the Department of Justice has sought to do with the serious charges he laid at the door of the Post Office Department. I await his final effort to prove his accusations against me."

**READING WARNS US
OF OVEROPTIMISM**

Tells National Press Club Country Must Appreciate Magnitude of War Task.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—In a stirring address before the National Press Club the Earl of Reading, British Ambassador to the United States, warned the nation to-night against overoptimism and the danger this might prove, but sounded a clarion call of lasting peace with victory—"your victory and ours."

The British Ambassador was interrupted repeatedly by storms of prolonged applause when he dwelt on the broad gauge ideas which he believes should dominate in both countries. He appealed to the American people to appreciate the magnitude of the great task being done by the United States Government in the war and not seek out the nooks and crannies for some mistakes unless there was prospect of rooting out the mistakes and providing a remedy.

The Ambassador paid tribute to the splendid cooperation of the British and American navies acting "as one navy in the common cause." He said that American troops were now going abroad with all the speed that available ships could supply and he referred to the prompt response of President Wilson to the British and French appeals for more American cooperation. He said, "I was being carried out on a magnificent barge and every soldier reaching Europe, every ship that sailed brought a message of hope and determination to the British people."

That the spirit of the British Empire and the American Republic were the same was eloquently pictured by Lord Reading, who showed how both forms of government were essentially the same in that they were both built on the pillars of justice and liberty.

William H. Taft introduced Lord Reading. Mr. Taft made a forceful appeal to Americans not to countenance insinuations against the British from whatever source they came, and characterized those responsible for them, "whether Irish or others," as "traitors in effect."

Mr. Taft said this nation should show its true business by setting the number of American troops at 5,000,000, and then raising as many more as needed to do the work.

Representative Kahn (Cal.), Republican leader of the House Military Committee, who was in the audience, led the applause.

Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance in Canada; members of the British War Medal and the British Embassy and several Congressmen were present.

C. G. Smith New State Actuary.

The appointment of Charles G. Smith of this city as actuary of the New York State Insurance Department was announced yesterday by Jesse S. Phillips, Superintendent of Insurance. He succeeded the late John S. Paterson. Mr. Smith has been an assistant actuary in charge of workmen's compensation matters for two years. His office will now be in Albany. Mr. Smith is 32 and a native New Yorker. He was elected a fellow of the Casualty, Actuarial and Statistical Society of America in 1917.

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(Lace Robes Section, First Floor)

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in two smart, attractive models (one with draped, the other with side-plaited skirt), both developed in light-weight navy blue (French twill) serge, are now on sale at the reduced price of

\$12.50 each

At this figure either of these Dresses represents an excellent investment, but little labor being required to complete them ready for wearing.

This Sale on the Sixth Floor.

A Sale of Linens

Practical and Decorative

(especially suitable for use in Summer homes) will afford an advantageous buying opportunity for Monday and Tuesday.

All-linen Damask Table Cloths each \$6.00, 7.00 & 9.00

All-linen Damask Table Napkins per dozen \$7.50 & 8.50

All-linen Huckaback Towels (hemstitched), per dozen \$7.75

Union Huckaback Towels (linen-and-cotton; hemstitched) per dozen \$5.40 & 6.00

Madeira Luncheon Sets (13 pieces) hand-scalloped and hand-embroidered, per set \$5.75 & 6.75

Madeira Tea Napkins hand-scalloped and hand-embroidered, per doz. \$6.00 & 6.75

(Fourth Floor)

**A Special Offering of
Women's Afternoon Dresses**

at \$24.00

will take place to-morrow (Monday)

This Sale will comprise a number of smart models, fashionably developed in Georgette, taffeta, foulard, and satin-and-serge combination.

(Ready-to-wear Dresses, Third Floor)

**The Second May Sale of
American-made Underwear**

will take place to-morrow (Monday)

The items quoted below represent exceptionally good values.

LINGERIE UNDERWEAR

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| Nightrobes | 95c., \$1.50, 1.95 to 3.90 |
| Chemises | 1.00, 1.90, 2.90 |
| Envelope Chemises | 95c., 1.50, 1.95 to 3.90 |
| Combinations | 1.50, 1.90, 2.90 |
| Petticoats | 1.25, 1.95, 2.90, 3.65 |
| Corset Covers | 75c., 1.00, 1.90 |
| Drawers | 95c., 1.50, 1.90 |
| Pajamas (pink batiste) | 1.95 |

SILK UNDERWEAR

CREPE DE CHINE

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| Nightrobes | \$3.95, 4.90, 6.85 |
| Envelope Chemises | 1.95, 2.95, 3.90 |
| Step-in model | 3.90 |
| Knickers | \$2.95 Camisoles . . . 1.50, 1.95 |

SATIN

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| Nightrobes | \$5.90 Envelope Chemises . . . \$3.90 |
| Knickers | 2.95 Camisoles, 1.00, 1.95, 2.95 |

(Second Floor)

**A Monday Sale of
Summer Hosiery**

for men and women, will offer a very remarkable purchasing opportunity.

Owing to the great concessions represented in the prices quoted, this Hosiery will be sold in quantities of not less than three pairs of any one style.

WOMEN'S HOSIERY

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| Black or white silk, with lisle tops and soles, 3 pairs for \$2.95 |
| Black or white, all-silk 3 pairs for 3.45 |
| Black or white silk, with durable silk-plated tops, 3 pairs for 5.50 |

MEN'S HALF-HOSE

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| Lisle Thread, in black, white, tan or gray, 3 pairs for \$1.00 |
| Lisle Thread (superior quality), in black, white, gray or Russian tan 3 pairs for \$1.35 |
| Silk-plated, with lisle tops and soles; in gray or black, with contrasting vertical stripes 3 pairs for \$2.25 |
| All-silk, in black, white, gray or Russian tan, 3 pairs for 3.60 |

(First Floor)

**An Interesting
Monday Sale**

in the Millinery Salon on the Third Floor, will offer

**Charming White Hats
and Sports Hats**

very specially priced at \$16.50 each

Appreciable Price Reductions have been made throughout the stock of this (Trimmed Millinery) Department.

**Dainty Cotton Fabrics
for Summer Frocks**

are shown in a fascinating assortment of charming weaves and designs, embracing the newest effects in cotton-and-silk foulards; English, French and American printed voiles; woven-dot Swiss muslins; Japanese washable crepes in plain and woven stripes; imported and American ginghams; and many other textiles of equal desirability.

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