

NEUTRALS MAY IMPORT GOODS

Allies Modify Rules Regarding Norway, Sweden, Holland and Denmark.

TO RETURN SHIPPING

Shipping Board Announces That Tonnage Under Charter Will Be Released to Allow These Nations to Secure Supplies.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Norway, Sweden, Holland and Denmark, as a result of negotiations conducted at Paris, are to be permitted to import larger quantities of essential commodities from the victorious associated nations, and a large part of the 910,079 tons of Danish, Swedish and Norwegian shipping now under charter to the shipping board is to be released.

Simultaneous announcement of the outcome of the negotiations were made by the War Trade board and the Shipping board. Under the economic agreement the four northern European neutrals will be enabled to increase materially their imports of cotton, wool and leather and their manufactures, as well as petroleum, and its products, edible and inedible, animal and vegetable oils, tobacco and coffee.

The Shipping board announced its readiness immediately to begin releasing to the Scandinavian governments the shipping tonnage under charter or to cancel the contracts and return the vessels direct to their owners. It was specified, however, that such vessels as might be required for the use of the Commission for Relief in Belgium and European civil relief or of the governments associated with the United States in the war would be retained until the contracts expired.

Dutch ships seized by the United States already are being released as rapidly as their present voyages or commitments are completed and the same procedure will be followed with respect to the other ships. There now are under Shipping board control 81 Danish ships of 373,264 dead weight tons; 61 Norwegian ships of 273,495 dead weight tons; 46 Norwegian sailing ships of 118,427 tons, and 31 Swedish steamers of 144,911 tons.

The War Trade board's announcement called attention to the fact that the limits as to quantity of imports by the northern neutrals of many commodities, including clothing, machinery and rubber tires, had been entirely removed some time ago and said that licenses to export those commodities as well as cotton, wool, leather and the others on the list made public tonight would be granted freely to American exporters.

The new arrangement provides, however, that all guarantees against re-exportation of the commodities to enemy countries are to be strictly enforced.

GENERAL CROWDER REPORTS

United States Had 4,791,619 Men When the War Ended.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The United States was ready to increase its fighting force to 7,131,172 men during 1919 if the war had continued, General Crowder, provost marshal, stated in his annual report to Congress.

A reserve of 2,340,000 class one men was waiting to be mobilized when the armistice was signed, the report stated, the armed strength of the nation then being 4,791,172 men. When war was declared the armed strength was 378,619 men.

In all 24,234,021 men were registered by the great draft system for military service.

HUMES WILL DIRECT PROBE

To Inquire Into Bolshevism, I. W. W. and Other Propaganda.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Major E. Lowry Humes of the judge advocate general's office, who has been conducting the Senate committee's inquiry into German propaganda, will be retained as counsel for the committee in the investigation of Bolshevism, I. W. W., and other propaganda, ordered by the Senate.

STRIKE TIES UP NEWSPAPERS

Havana Unions Appeal to President Menocal for Solution.

Havana, Feb. 7.—The strike of the employees of the mechanical departments of the newspapers continue and no newspapers were published. A committee of five representing the 37 unions which conducted the last general strike called on President Menocal to request him to find a solution for the strike.

Southern Roads Save Nine Million.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Approximately \$9,000,000 was saved in operating expenses of the railroads of the southwestern region in the United States in the year just closed by unification of terminals, consolidation of repair facilities, a system of interchange switching and elimination of unnecessary mileage, according to the annual report of B. F. Bush, southwestern director for the United States Railroad Administration, recently made public here.

GASOLINE HELPED WIN

United States Furnished Allies With Vital Fluid.

Fuel Administration Makes Public Urgent Messages Received During the War.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Sixty days before the armistice was signed and when the situation on the Western front had reached a critical stage, Marshal Foch cabled the Fuel administration:

"If you don't keep up your petroleum situation we shall lose the war." This and other messages from Allied leaders were made public by the Fuel administration to show how deliveries of American gasoline in quantities on the Western front alone prevented alterations in the plan of campaign which forced the Central powers to an armistice.

Another message received Oct. 1 said in part:

"Senator Berenger writes: Highest command informs him that position has become so serious that change in military operations will have to be contemplated unless increased deliveries of gasoline at the front are made possible."

Observance of the "gasless Sunday" at the request of the Fuel administration caused Senator Berenger to declare: "Petroleum will have played as great a part in the victory as blood itself and will have proved the life blood of victory."

THREE SHIPS SUNK BY MINES

Swedish, British and Norwegian Vessels are Destroyed.

South Shields, Eng., Feb. 7.—The British sloop Phenix is reported to have been sunk by a mine 23 miles off the Tyne river. Two trawlers have picked up 40 members of the crew.

Twenty-five Reported Lost. Copenhagen, Feb. 7.—Two Swedish, Norwegian fishing steamer and a Spanish steamer, have been sunk by mines with the loss of 25 lives, according to reports received here.

FOUR GRAND DUKES SLAIN

Noted Russians Said to Have Been Executed by Bolsheviks.

London, Feb. 5.—A dispatch from Helsinki quoted a Bolshevik official statement from Petrograd as announcing Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovitch, Grand Duke Nicholas Mikhailovitch, Grand Duke Dimitri Constantovitch and Grand Duke George Mikhailovitch had been executed by rifle fire.

DISCHARGE RULES MODIFIED

Men With Sickness or Distress at Home Will Be Released.

Washington, Feb. 5.—General Pershing has been authorized by the War department to send home for immediate discharge from the army any drafted or enlisted men who presents convincing evidence of sickness or other distress existing in his family.

MONROE DOCTRINE REMAINS

Plan for League of Nations Will Not Be in Conflict.

Paris, Feb. 6.—American delegates to the peace conference, it is said, are satisfied that the project for a society of nations as it will emerge from committee will not conflict with or impair the vitality of the Monroe doctrine.

CANNOT BUY UNIFORMS NOW

Tailors Forbidden to Sell to Men Quitting Service.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Commandants of all army camps and posts have been instructed by General P. C. March to prevent the sale or delivery of uniforms by civilian tailors to officers and men of the army about to be discharged.

HEADS POLICY DEPARTMENT

Leon O. Fisher of New York Joins War Risk Bureau.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Leon O. Fisher of New York, second vice-president of the Equitable Life Assurance society, has become head of the insurance department of the War Risk bureau. His appointment was announced by Director Lindsay.

BRITAIN DEMOBILIZING FAST

Has Discharged Over Million Men From Army So Far.

London, Feb. 6.—More than 2,500,000 men were demobilized in the week ended January 30, and the total to date has exceeded a million men. The demobilization is continuing in the most satisfactory manner.

Pacific Cable Broken.

Tokyo, Feb. 6.—Pacific cable service in Tokyo is interrupted by a break inside Tokyo harbor. The repairs will require five days, it is said.

Boxing Bill Recommended.

Helena Mont., Feb. 7.—After a lengthy and exciting word battle among members of the house in the Montana legislature who favored the bill allowing boxing, and the forces opposing the new measure, the report of the committee that the bill should pass was adopted. Representative Meyer of Silver Butte, an ardent supporter of the fist sport, said that boxing was one of the important factors in preparing our soldiers for the strenuous work of fighting the Hun.

BARRED FROM THEIR NATIVE SHORE



Three officers of the British air service, but Americans by birth, have been barred from landing on their native shore by a peculiar ruling. Lieut. Edward Ruffles of Brooklyn, Lieut. R. R. Knapp of Brooklyn and Lieut. W. L. Haight of Chicago arrived at Boston on the transport Melita. Because of a ruling which bars all but returning American troops from landing, the three Americans must return to their starting point at Brest.

BOLSHEVIK ARMY IS BADLY BEATEN

Americans Repulse Violent Attack and Inflict Heavy Losses on Foe.

FIVE YANKEES KILLED

Enemy Precedes Infantry Assault With Heavy Bombardment, Field Guns and Howitzers Being Brought into Play.

Omsk, Feb. 7.—Two divisions of Bolsheviks have been virtually annihilated by Siberian troops under General Gaida at Kungur, 50 miles southeast of Perm, according to an official statement issued here.

Archangel, Feb. 7.—The American forces inflicted heavy losses on the Bolsheviks and the enemy was driven back in disorder from the village of Vistavka, on the Vaga. The American casualties were five killed and several wounded. The Americans took many Bolshevik prisoners. The enemy early in the morning, began a bombardment with field guns and howitzers and under cover of a shrapnel and pom-pom barrage essayed a frontal attack with infantry in the Arctic twilight at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Enemy Breaks and Flees.

The American troops, rested after retirement from Shenkursk and established in a good position, poured a heavy fire from artillery and machine guns into the charging Bolsheviks. The enemy broke and fled.

Captured Bolsheviks declared the enemy had planned a frontal attack simultaneously with the flank movement, but this was abandoned when the Vistavka attempt failed.

Chinese and Manchu troops are now included in the Bolshevik forces opposing the Americans on the Vaga. So far these have been held in reserve but the Americans are preparing a warm reception for the yellow soldiers if they appear in the fighting line. In view of the stories of the Manchu treatment of prisoners in the Baltic provinces.

Bolshevik Morale Lowered.

Defeat of the enemy on the Vaga, together with his failure on the Dvina, typifies the spirit of the American and other Allied troops who are fighting with the utmost determination to hold their positions until reinforcements arrive. These defeats have considerably lowered the enemy morale. The Bolsheviks are being constantly reinforced and while their offensive has been temporarily checked, there are indications that it will be renewed when fresh forces reach the line.

ADMITS FOUR SMALL POWERS

League of Nations Commission Increases Membership.

Paris, Feb. 7.—The conference commission on a society of nations issued an official statement saying it had decided that representatives of Czechoslovakia, Greece, Poland and Roumania would be associated in its deliberations. This is in keeping with the decision to give four additional places on the commission to the smaller powers.

Influenza Germ Isolated.

London, Feb. 7.—The virus of trench fever and that of influenza and of some forms of nephritis have been isolated and identified, according to a report submitted to the director general of the army medical reserve in France, by a number of army medical officers who have been investigating the cause of these diseases. According to a statement, the virus in each case has been proved to be a minute globular cell, varying in size and behavior in three types of diseases.

WAR TAX BILL READY

Measure Submitted to Congress for Final Action.

Raises Six Billions in 1919, War Excess, Profits and Incomes Bearing Bulk of Burden.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The conference agreement on the long delayed war revenue bill has been submitted to congress. The American people are presented with their prospective federal tax budget for 1919 and ensuing years—something over \$6,000,000,000 this year and \$4,000,000,000 the year after, subject to the revision of future rates expected to be undertaken by the next congress.

The conference report, presented to the house by majority leader, Claude Kitchin, is now regarded as settled of adoption by both house and senate and of approval by the president. It thus provides the future American tax yield, which now is about \$4,370,000,000 besides this year's tax levy of about \$6,000,000,000; further treasury needs to be raised by bonds and other means, are estimated by the treasury at about \$12,000,000,000.

Except for slightly increased war excess profits rates for 1919 and corporations income tax rates for 1920, virtually all the rates as revised in the bill passed by the senate are approved by the conferees and remain in the final conference draft. Like the original house bill and the senate's revision, the bulk of the taxes are levied on war excess profits of corporations and on incomes, individual and corporation. Rates of the senate on transportation, beverages, cigars and tobacco, amusement admissions, club dues, luxuries, and semiluxuries, stamp and special taxes, all substantially were adopted by the conferees, while the house rates on estates and insurance were reinstated.

OAKLAND SHIPYARDS IDLE

2,500 Boilermakers Start Strike for Higher Wages.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 7.—Twenty-five hundred boilermakers of shipyards in the East bay district struck for 10 a. m. to enforce their demands for increased wages. They demand higher pay than that given by the Macy award. The strikers include drillers, burners, welders, platehandlers and cramen. The yards will be tied up in two days, leaders predicted.

FOURTEEN MEN ARE INDICTED

Charged With Conspiracy to Defraud Government.

St. Louis, Feb. 7.—The federal grand jury returned indictments against 14 men charging conspiracy to defraud the government. Two of the men are charged with using an inferior grade of coffee in a government order and the other 12 are charged with conspiring to obtain clothing sold at Jefferson barracks at a low rate.

REFUSE GOVERNMENT OFFER

Owners of Cape Cod Canal Face Contemnation Proceedings.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Secretary Baker requested the attorney general to institute contemnation proceedings against the Cape Cod canal owners. This action was taken when the owners of the canal refused to accept an offer of \$8,250,000 by the government.

Denies Asking Commission.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Milton J. Trainor of the War department real estate division denied before the Senate buildings committee that he had sought a commission of \$103,000 in connection with a contract for the Chicago speedway hospital. The charge was made before the committee by W. S. Knapp, former member of Congress and counsel for Edward Hines, a Chicago lumber dealer, who made large donations for the proposed hospital.

SOVIETS AGREE TO CONFERENCE

Russ Anarchists Express Willingness to Meet Allied Delegation at Princes' Islands.

ASK DATE BE NAMED

Are Ready to Enter Agreement With Entente on Condition That Latter Will Not Interfere With Russian Internal Affairs.

Paris, Feb. 7.—The Allies' supreme council, on receiving the acceptance of the Russian bolshevik government of the invitation to attend the conference on the Princes' Islands, immediately made arrangements to send a joint committee of two representatives from each of the five great powers to meet the representatives of the soviet government.

London, Feb. 7.—The Bolshevik foreign minister of Russia, Mr. Tchitcherin, announces in a wireless dispatch picked up here that the soviet government is willing to participate in the Princes' Island conference. The message was sent from Moscow.

The dispatch begins by referring to "complaints from the Entente press concerning international revolutionary propaganda," and declares that the soviet government is ready, "if there be occasion, to enter into a general agreement with the Entente powers on their undertaking not to interfere with the Russian internal affairs."

It then announces that the government is disposed to confer on the basis indicated in the note for the conference at Princes' Islands or elsewhere "with all the Entente powers or some of them separately, or even with some of the Russian political groups at the request of the Entente powers."

In conclusion, the Entente powers are asked to inform the soviet government where its representatives are to go, also the date and route to be taken. Won't Predict Action.

Paris, Feb. 7.—When Professor Boris A. Bakmetiev, a member of the council formed by antibolshevik factions here, was advised of M. T. Tchitcherin's acceptance of the invitation to the Princes' Island conference, he declared he would be unable to say what the Russian committee in Paris would do. He indicated that a copy of the official message must be received and discussed before any announcement would be made.

Bakmetiev said that the dispatch from Tchitcherin was a surprise.

Called "Ignoble Comedy." "It is an ignoble comedy," said Russian leaders here when they were shown dispatches stating that the bolsheviks were ready to go to the Prinkipo conference.

They expressed the opinion that the bolshevik leaders would represent to their followers that the Allies' invitation was recognition of them and would spread the report that the Allies, fearing them, had asked for peace, thus hoping to strengthen their position.

BILL TAXES ALL WHO CAN PAY

Revenue Measure Hits Every Man With More Than Living Salary.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The world's greatest revenue bill hits every man with a more than living salary.

The married man drawing \$3,000 a year will pay a \$60 income tax unless he has children, and the single man with the same income will have to donate \$120 to his Uncle Sam.

At \$4,000 the rate jumps to 12 per cent, and the surtaxes begin to pile on at \$5,000 until they reach 65 per cent on incomes over \$1,000,000.

FIVE SHIPS LEAVE FRANCE

Transports Are Bringing Home 650 Officers and 15,000 Men.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Departure from France of five transports with more than 650 officers and 15,000 men was announced by the War department. Among the units abroad are the 371st and 372nd infantry complete, parts of several other infantry regiments and the Sixty-eighth coast artillery regiment complete.

SUFFRAGE VOTE ON MONDAY

Senate Factions Agree to Dispose of House Resolution.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Arrangements for a vote by the Senate Monday on the House resolution proposing submission of a federal woman suffrage amendment were made informally between managers and opponents of the resolution. A vote before adjournment of Congress now is regarded as assured.

New Liners Planned for Pacific.

San Francisco, Feb. 7.—In line with the expected revival and expansion of shipping on the Pacific coast, the Toyo Kisen Kaisha recently announced that plans have been completed for the construction of two new liners which will be the largest in the regular Pacific service. These will be vessels of 33,423 tons displacement and will make the run direct from San Francisco to Yokohama in 11 days, omitting the stop at Honolulu, which now makes the trip in 17 days.

DANDRUFF MAKES HAIR FALL OUT

A small bottle of "Danderine" keeps hair thick, strong, beautiful.

Girls! Try this! Doubles beauty of your hair in a few moments.



Within ten minutes after an application of Danderine you can not find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair, fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp. A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded, brittle and scrappy, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and have an appearance of abundance; an incomparable lustre, softness and luxuriance.

Get a small bottle of Knowlton's Danderine for a few cents at any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment—that's all—you surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderine.—Adv.

Life's Great Lesson. The lesson that life dings into us with such ceaseless iteration that it seems impossible that any of us could ever fail to hear it is: To make haste to be kind.—Rhoda Broughton.

TOO WEAK TO FIGHT

The "Come-back" man was really never down-and-out. His weakened condition because of overwork, lack of exercise, improper eating and living demands stimulation to satisfy the cry for a health-giving appetite and the refreshing sleep essential to strength. GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules, the National Remedy of Holland, will do the work. They are wonderful. Three of these capsules each day will put a man on his feet before he knows it; whether his trouble comes from uric acid poisoning, the kidneys, gravel or stone in the bladder, stomach derangement or other ailments that befell the over-zestful American. The best known, most reliable remedy for these troubles is GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules. This remedy has stood the test for more than 200 years since its discovery in the ancient laboratories in Holland. It acts directly and gives relief at once. Don't wait until you are entirely down-and-out, but take them today. Your druggist will gladly refund your money if they do not help you. Accept no substitutes. Look for the name GOLD MEDAL on every box, three sizes. They are the pure, original, imported Haarlem Oil Capsules.—Adv.

The Alternative. "I'm no man's man." "Then you must be a lady's man."—Baltimore American.

GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER

Has been used for all ailments that are caused by a disordered stomach and inactive liver, such as sick headache, constipation, sour stomach, nervous indigestion, fermentation of food, palpitation of the heart caused by gases in the stomach. August Flower is a gentle laxative, regulates digestion both in stomach and intestines, cleans and sweetens the stomach and alimentary canal, stimulates the liver to secrete the bile and impurities from the blood. Sold in all civilized countries. Give it a trial.—Adv.

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A Lady of Distinction. Is recognized by the delicate fascinating influence of the perfume she uses. A bath with Cuticura Soap and hot water to thoroughly cleanse the pores, followed by a dusting with Cuticura Talcum Powder usually means a clear, sweet, healthy skin.—Adv.

Where is Thy Sting? Friend—"Why so glum? Has your star died?" Director—"Folse than that. She's getting fat."—Worm Fun.