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British Aviators Drop Bombs on German Airship Shed with Effect. Geneva, Dec. 30 (via Paris).—News has reached Romanhorn from Friedrichshafen to the effect that during the recent British aerial raid on Cuxhaven...

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BRITISH CABINET TAKES UP PROTEST

American Note Laid Before Sir Edward Grey and Colleagues. ANSWER MAY BE LONG DELAYED. Efforts of Scandinavians to Block Contraband Important Factor in the Case.

London, Dec. 30.—The British cabinet held a special session this afternoon to consider the American government's note concerning the delay to American shipping caused by the searching of vessels by the British fleet.

While it has come as somewhat of a surprise to the British cabinet, it has been a subject that admittedly is a difficult one, the note generally is calmly discussed, except by those who declare that Britain should do more to regard American wishes and opinion and follow entirely a policy which would be best calculated to assist the Allies in their war on Germany and Austria.

SCANDINAVIAN EFFORTS IMPORTANT

Much depends upon the effective effort by Denmark, Holland, Norway and Sweden to prevent the transit of contraband goods from the United States. Until the present little hope, it is not clear that the British government for relaxation in the matter of searching American cargoes.

FRENCH HOSPITALS SAID TO NEED CASH

German Official Press Bureau Reports Women Threaten to Close Some. Berlin, Dec. 30 (by wireless to the Itemville, Long Island).—According to the German official press bureau, the following: "According to Paris correspondence to the 'Neu-Zuricher Zeitung'..."

WAR INSURANCE RATES REDUCED

London, Dec. 30.—The government rate of insurance of cargo against war risks will be reduced to 3 per cent today, from 1 1/2 per cent, the rates announced last week.

BRITAIN READY TO MEET U. S. HALF WAY

London Business Men and Newspapers, with One Exception, Urge That Every Effort Be Made to Satisfy the American People. (By Cable to The Tribune.)

London, Dec. 30.—America's protest against British interference with her neutral cargoes was one of the chief topics discussed in London today, and nowhere more so than in the financial district, where it caused a great deal of talk about the Stock Exchange.

All the afternoon papers comment editorially on the protest. "The Globe" says: "We have done much to minimize the loss and inconvenience of war to American trade, but when fighting for the cause of our own people, we cannot stay our hands from the practical measures which are necessary to assist our allies in their war on Germany and Austria."

BISHOP OF LONDON SEES GOOD IN WAR

Thinks Noble Influences It Stimulates May End War Itself. (By Cable to The Tribune.) London, Dec. 31.—A view of the bright side of the war is taken by the Bishop of London, in his New Year message. "I should not dare to write on the bright side of the war for fear of being thought an unthinking and unfeeling optimist if I had not already spoken freely in the past of the dark side."

PACKERS IN ARMS AGAINST SEIZURES

Attorney Says Policy Has Caused Trade with Europe to Stop. Chicago, Dec. 30.—Shipment of all four classes of American packers to Europe has ceased completely in the last six weeks because of the seizure of meat cargoes by Great Britain. This statement was made here today by Alfred L. Irion, attorney for the packers, who said protests had been made to the State Department previous to the presentation of the case to the court.

METRIC SYSTEM WINS IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 30.—The metric system will be the standard for drug stores, the trade and physicians in all parts of the British Empire with the new year, when the new British pharmacopoeia goes into effect. The metric system will also be the standard of weights and measures.

WASHINGTON LOOKS FOR CO-OPERATION

Already Discussing Joint Measures to Minimize Cargo Searches. SURE BRITAIN WILL SATISFY DEMANDS. Confident She Will Agree to Principal Contentions in American Protest.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Great Britain's reply to President Wilson's note protesting against the interference of that country with American commerce is being given in the light of the fact that it will be quickly forthcoming is taken for granted, and that it will seek to uphold Great Britain's acts as not doubted.

Should Be No Contraband Question. Respective of the controversy over what constitutes absolute or conditional contraband in the commerce of a belligerent and a neutral country, the note sets forth that in respect to commerce between two neutral countries there ought to be no question of contraband at all, for the relations of such countries are those of peace.

DEAF TO GERMANS' MERRY CHRISTMAS

British Sentry Arrested 'Landstreamers' Who Visited Trench. (By Cable to The Tribune.) London, Dec. 31.—"The Daily News" publishes the following from "Northern France," dated December 30: "Serious fighting has been impossible in the region where the British troops are congregated, mainly along the ragged line from Ypres to Armentieres and Lille, on account of the shocking state of the country, but there has been an abundance of fun in the sloopy trenches. A jolly party in the dim small hours of this morning gave me some amusing little sketches of the celebration of the great festival of Christmas morning."

HUBER LEFT \$6,744.772

McCarran's Note Among Assets of Brewer. Among the doubtful assets of the estate of Mrs. Emma, widow of Otto Huber, the brewer, who died last August, is a promissory note for \$25,000 by the late Patrick H. McCarran, the politician.

Banker's Wife To Be Nurse. Mrs. William Schall, Jr., wife of William Schall, a New York banker, will leave New York for France next week, to engage in nursing the wounded. She has been deeply interested in the work of the Red Cross in Europe, and has been for some time in the headquarters for the collection of articles sent abroad especially for the Belgian sufferers.

Germany to Close Belgian Borders to All Comers.

Rotterdam, Dec. 30 (via London).—Commencing January 1, the German administration in Belgium intends to close the Belgian borders against all comers. No more passports will be issued or recognized, except the special military pass. The cause for this unusual precaution is not known here, but it is believed to have been ordered to prevent espionage.

GERMANS IN BELGIUM FIGHT DEPRIVELY TO RETAKE TOWN OF SAINT-GEORGES.

London, Dec. 30.—"Progress in Champagne which seems to have been quite pronounced," in the guarded terms used by the French War Office to-night, is believed by military observers to mean that the fighting has been going on at the center of the battle line in France. The night official report received from Paris indicates only the general district in which the French appear to have advanced. The battle line in Champagne, if the limitations of that former province are within the meaning of the French report, begins, roughly speaking, at some point east of Noyon and ends in the neighborhood of Sainte-Menehould, which is a few miles west of Verdun, or on the edge of the Argonne Forest. Along this line the Vailly, Berry-aux-Bac, Reims and Perthe, at each of which points there has been some fighting on several recent occasions. At Perthe the French were reported to have made marked gains only a few days ago.

NEWLY TAKEN BY ALLIES

Paris, Dec. 30.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office to-night: "There are no important incidents to report from the front line since the German position on the height of the Meuse and some progress in Champagne, which seems to have been quite pronounced. The bad weather persists all along the front on the whole of the line." Following is the text of the communication given out this afternoon: "In Belgium we have won a little territory in the region of Nieuport, opposite the town of North. The enemy subjected Saint Georges to a violent bombardment. This is the position we are pursuing in a state of defence. German point of support located to the southeast of Zonnebeke, on the road between Zonnebeke and Paschendaele. From the Lys to the Oise there is nothing to report."

BERLIN ADMITS LOSS OF SAINT-GEORGES, FLANDERS

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BAN ON ALL WAR SHIPMENTS URGED Representatives Voller and Barthold Plead for Their Resolutions.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The United States was described as practically one of the Allies, and therefore making war on Germany, before the House Foreign Affairs Committee by Representatives Voller and Barthold.

Both members admitted that citizens of this country had a technical legal right to furnish war materials to the belligerent nations, but demanded that the United States assume the broad moral policy of hands off and become truly neutral.

Representative Voller said that he believed it to be "an absolute impossibility for the allies ever to conquer the German Empire." Mr. Barthold argued that the "friendship and good will of the German Empire are worth more to the British gulf you will receive for these war shipments."

U. S. PROTEST FINDS ECHOES

Holland and Scandinavian States Also Complain of Exercise of Right of Search. (By Cable to The Tribune.) London, Dec. 30.—The British government is confronted not only with the American protest regarding the treatment of neutral ships, but also with the protest from Holland and the Scandinavian countries. It seems that England is in an embarrassing situation. Three weeks ago Holland protested against the treatment of neutral ships. England has not yet returned an answer to the Dutch government. The latter, according to the official press, is waiting for reliable information given to the British government.

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Off with Cotton for Germany. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 30.—The Morgan Line steamer Elmar sailed for Bremen with a cargo of approximately 7,000 bales of cotton to-night. She is expected to go by way of New York. This is the third steamer of the Morgan Line to take a cotton cargo to Europe since the outbreak of the war from this port. The American steamship Nebraska was loading cotton to-day and will sail for Bremen some time this week.