

SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES DISCUSSING METHODS OF RECONSTRUCTION.

A press dispatch from Stockholm by Hal O'Leharty states that the Scandinavian newspapers are discussing methods of relieving and reconstructing middle Europe, particularly by means of credits. It is realized that the northern kingdoms must now distribute a portion of their strength in wealth and resources accumulated during the war among those countries where the suffering is most intense.

Sweden, Norway and Denmark will send representatives to Paris for a meeting on April 24. They will be empowered to pledge unlimited support to any plan that will bring better trade relations and at the same time help the suffering countries to build up their commercial interests. The neutral as well as allied countries realize that they must help Germany and Austria if they are to survive the present ordeal. With this realization they will choose representatives who will go to Paris fully empowered and fully cognizant of all that this conference means.

Behind this whole program for relieving the food shortage lies the more insistent demand of every European country for relief from the disastrous financial conditions. They know that if the United States, England and other countries come in strongly for relief work, it will bolster up the enfeebled markets immediately. The Swedish foreign official has not yet appointed a delegate to attend the Paris conference, but it is understood that Consul General F. A. Gronwall, who took part in the Copenhagen primaries, will be selected.

It is quite likely that all of the Scandinavian delegates will use their influence to bring pressure to bear upon soviet Russia to settle their affairs. This is especially true of Sweden and Norway, each of which has millions of crowns involved in industries taken over or confiscated by the soviet government. Special conferences have been arranged for each country with soviet representatives, but the main plan will be evolved at the Paris meeting.

AMUNDSEN IN THE ARCTIC.

Press reports from Nome, Alaska, announce the receipt of a wireless flash from Anadir, Siberia, which announces the presence there of Captain Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, discoverer of the south pole, and first navigator of the Northwest Passage.

The Maude, with Captain Amundsen's party, left Christiania on June 28, 1918, but Amundsen did not board her until she reached Tromsø. The explorer planned to follow the Siberian coast eastward from North Cape through the Arctic seas. In September of last year reports filtered in from the north that the Maude was ice-locked somewhere north of western Siberia. That was the first heard from the vessel in about a year. Amundsen expected to drift from the White sea with the ice to the new Siberian islands, which lie in the Arctic sea.

In the Maud's equipment were two airplanes which Amundsen, who is an expert aviator, purposed using if practicable. He hoped to be able to drift within 100 miles of the pole in the Maude, and the drift, as he calculated before starting on his voyage, would eventually carry him to a point somewhere between Spitzbergen and Greenland. The latest reports from the Maude, however, would indicate that she might be expected to approach that portion of the Siberian coast to which Anadir is the nearest civilized outpost.

Late radio messages received by the navy department at Washington,

from its station at Crodova, Alaska, indicate that Capt. Amundsen plans to return by the way of Nome when he is able to get clear of the ice in Siberia.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION WITH SCANDINAVIA

The Stavanger, Norway, wireless station was recently opened for public communication.

The erection of this station was commenced in 1913 but owing to the war was delayed by inability to secure material. During the last six months the station has been sending trial messages to its correspondent in Marion, near Boston, which has resulted in the connection being opened for public communication.

The opening of this transatlantic connection will, of course, tend to establish closer trade relations and a greater volume of business between the United States and the Scandinavian countries.

Stavanger radio will transmit wireless telegrams for Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The charge will be the same for these three countries, and lower than the cable rate.

Aerograms for America from all parts of Norway, Sweden and Denmark are sent by ordinary wire to Stavanger, and thence by wireless. The wireless rate is about three-fourths the old cable rate.

BOARD OF NAVIGATION FORMED IN NORWAY

In accordance with a resolution adopted some time ago, a board of navigation has been established with Commodore Ivar Amundsen as chief. The board will establish seamen's training schools throughout the country, and schools for machinists and stewards. Besides this the board will concern itself with steering rules, international signals, nautical instruments, adjusting compasses and teaching navigation to the fishermen.

GASOLINE SUBSTITUTE FROM SCANDINAVIA

A gasoline substitute said to have been successfully used in Norway and Sweden, and designed to reduce the cost of automobile operation is attracting attention in this country. Professor McKee of Columbia University has expressed the belief that the product would come into general and practical use. It is alcohol made from waste products mixed with petroleum derivatives.

FOREIGN TRADE UNIVERSITY COURSE

Herman Virde, commercial attache of the Swedish consulate at San Francisco, has opened a course in foreign trade study for the extension division of the University of California. Virde was secretary of the Swedish commission at the Panama Pacific Exposition and has been manager of an export business. In his post of commercial attache to Sweden he is particularly well placed to give an advantageous course of lectures. The course will be both a practical exposition of the business of foreign commerce and a thorough study of the mediums of trade and distinctively a progressive step.

CAPABILITY NECESSARY.

A characteristic story of Norway is told of a prosperous and unctuous preacher who was passing through a village in Valdres, when he saw the town fool amusing a crowd with the antics of his trick dog. The minister stopped and accosted the boy:

"My dear boy, how do you manage to train your dog in that way? I can't teach mine a single trick."

"Well, you see, it's this way; you have to know more'n the dog, or you can't teach him nothin'."

LANDED THE JOB.

—A hardware store advertised for an errand boy. As it happened the

boss was talking to a customer when a boy came in. Thinking he wanted to buy something he excused himself, and going over to the boy asked him what he could do for him.

The boy told him that he came in answer to his advertisement and asked for the job.

"You go outside and walk on. If I call you back, why, I will hire you; if I don't why, you just keep right on walking."

The boy did as he was told, but on going out he picked up a shovel that was standing near the door, put it on his back and started down the street.

Before he had gone ten yards the old man was after him, yelling, "Come back! Come back!"

The boy came back, took off his coat, and asked where he wanted him to work, downstairs or upstairs or where.

The man took one good look at him and said: "I guess you're the sort of boy I want. Never mind putting your coat on. Start right in."—Tit-Bits.

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