

WARNING IS GIVEN TO GREAT BRITAIN

Treatment of Commerce of United States Meets With Disfavor.

BRITISH POLICY ATTACKED

Diplomatic Note Issued to Great Britain Demands Early Improvement of Situation Which Has Demoralized Trade on Sea.

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Reference is made in the note to the high principles of equity which have actuated Great Britain in her championship in the past of the freedom of the seas to neutral commerce...

Absolute Contraband Defined.

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The American note, mentioning that foodstuffs are contraband since they may be destined for the use of a civil population as well as an army...

"Foodstuffs with a hostile destination can be considered contraband of war only if they are supplied to the enemy's forces."

Broad Is Statement Made.

This is perhaps the broadest declaration of the American note. If it were accepted by Great Britain, American trade with Germany would be resumed...

Taking up the subject of American ships at sea, the Washington Government states that it cannot tolerate undue delay in examining...

The United States asserts that it views with growing concern the detention of scores of American cargoes consigned from the United States to neutral ports...

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THE HAGUE, Holland, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—According to a traveler in Belgium who has just returned to Holland, the Belgian coast has received heavy reinforcements...

A Belgian from Bruges says he crossed the Dutch border through the kindness of an old soldier...

The German soldiers said they were determined to present to the fatherland a valuable holiday present in return for the many gifts they have received from home...

Along the coast near Heyat the second line of German defense has been strengthened with great trenches having roofs of reinforced concrete...

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South American governments especially have been keeping in close touch with the attitude of the United States on subjects of neutrality...

The position of the United States as expressed in today's note is a consequence of several steps by Great Britain, France and Germany on the subject of contraband...

But the question is, how did the mule get there? Captain Speler found a fine, sleek little mule—perhaps its burro—straggling about enjoying itself...

MAP SHOWING HOW FRENCH INVADERS HAVE REGAINED LOST GROUND.



Metz, Shown Near Top of Map; and Mulhausen, Near Bottom, Are Towns Which French Forces Are Nearing. However, Both Are Strongly Fortified. Heavy Black and Parallel Lines Show Comparison of Previous and Present French Advances.

KITCHENER NOT IRISH

Emerald Isle His Birthplace but Parents of Suffolk.

QUAINT VILLAGE IS HOME

Place Frankly and Proudly "Slow." Conflict Discussed in Far-Off, Detached Way—Secretary's Ancestors Are Buried There.

TWO STATES SEND PROTESTS

Georgia and Florida Say Great Britain's Act Hurts Industry.

MUTINY AMID GERMANS

TRAVELER REPORTS SOLDIERS REFUSE TO GO TO FRONT.

300 Manned Men Seen on Train

Western Forces Stronger—Kaiser and 58,000 Head for Calais.

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He says that he saw about 58,000 men pass through Cologne for the front in Belgium. Emperor William also had arrived there.

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BILLS MAY SLP IF QUORUM IS LACKING

Administration Leaders in Congress Fear Few Will Be in Seats at Gavel.

SUFFRAGE TO BE HELD UP

Action on Proposed Amendment Not Likely Till Late in January. Test in Immigration Measure to Provoke Bitter Fight.

(Continued From First Page.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—While many members of Congress returned to Washington today from the short Christmas holiday prepared for the resumption of business tomorrow...

In the Senate the immigration bill will be the order of business. Should a point of no quorum be made an adjournment probably will be forced until Wednesday.

In the House the postoffice appropriation bill was left as unfinished business on the adjournment last Wednesday and no agreement has been reached to proceed in the absence of a quorum.

Fight on Literacy Test Expected. Opponents of the immigration bill, with its proposed literacy test, hope to replace further consideration of the measure...

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Creation of Tariff Board Plan. Creation of a tariff board to be composed of one member appointed by the President and four named respectively by the majority and minority of the Senate...

Senator Pleacher, acting chairman of the Government ship purchase bill, the Senate commerce committee, which reported the bill favorably before the Christmas recess...

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RIVER FLOODS SERIOUS

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WOMEN GATHER AT CAPITAL

Suffrage Fight in House May Rival Prohibition Debate in Interest.

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