

DUTCH COMMENT BUT HAVE DOUBTS

Amsterdam Newspaper Thinks Britain Will "Shelve" Protest of Washington.

OTHER NATIONS IGNORED

England Considers Only Own Interests, Says Handelsblad and Tijd Says Note Has Dropped "Like Bomb From Sky."

THE HAGUE, via London, Dec. 31.—The Dutch papers, while generally commenting on the American note, virtually agree on the main points brought out in the following editorial expressions in the Amsterdam Algemein Handelsblad:

"The note sent to England, but intended for the powers of the triple entente, is a remarkable symptom. In America, as well as in other neutral countries, the note is regarded as an attack against American commerce has made bad blood."

"The note is not intended as a hostile act, but is warning and reproof, with a detailed resume of the complaints of American shippers. The intentions of the note are good."

"It is well that Washington drew the attention of the British government to the difficult position of the neutral shippers. But will the protest help? We believe we are justified in doubting this. As in the case of the protests of the Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark and Norway, the protest will be shelved because England will consider above all and above the rights of neutrals her own interests, which are that nothing is done which would need must be permitted in the way of traffic. For this the neutral states are sacrificed."

"The Amsterdam Tijd says: 'It is shown that when its interests demand such a course, Washington acts resolutely, regardless of distinction of persons. The protest of the note against the manner in which England wished to control the seas is proof of this.'

Note Like Bomb From Sky. "The exchange of memoranda between America and England concerning the Ghent centenary is hardly over when this protest note dropped like a bomb from the sky. It is superfluous to point out the great importance of this step on the part of America in behalf of neutral trade. With anticipation we await John Bull's reply."

"Will Washington be satisfied with the moral which Mr. Asquith and Sir Edward Grey hitherto have placated since the note is not a protest, but a voiced timely and humble complaint?"

WARNING TAKEN SERIOUSLY

British Paper Says American Sentiment Is Turning From Allies.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The American note to Great Britain concerning the search of American vessels for contraband is further discussed by the London morning newspapers today.

The Standard in an editorial warns the country that the American protest is a serious one, and should not be treated lightly; that the sentiment in the United States is turning against great odds. Therefore, the newspaper says, if any solution is possible the United States should be met half way.

A suggestion appears in the Morning Post that a remedy for the grievance of undue delay in searching vessels would be to pass a short act in Parliament giving the neutral trader the right to come to a British court of justice and by process of law to obtain a writ of delay to claim damages arising from the detention of his vessel or cargo.

The Morning Post contends editorially that American copper exports to the United States have been ruined, declaring that in September and October, 1913, they sold 10,000,000 pounds of copper to the United States, Norway and Sweden, and that in the same months in 1914 they sold to the same customers 50,000,000 pounds.

"We trust," the editorial continues, "that the British Government will fulfill the whole letter of the law and give to the United States a fair trial of flesh, but we hope there is enough of human nature in the Admiralty and the navy to arrange that all copper imports of neutrals and all their imports, analogous to that of copper, shall sink to, and remain at, the normal peace level."

The Daily Mail says it considers the question at issue as much one of procedure as of principle. It protests against getting needlessly excited about the note and informs Americans that even from the standpoint of their own interests it is relatively not a vital matter, since far greater questions are on the anvil. It contends that in the victory of the allies in the war, the British Government and the triumphs of American conceptions of society and government. The editorial concludes by suggesting that the British Government should appoint a commission to study the situation and the allies are fighting America's battles as well as their own, but nevertheless will be well willed to get the awkward problem of contraband satisfactorily settled."

The Times says that within the last few days London writers who are in close touch with American commerce have been conferring in an endeavor to find a modus vivendi under which the objects both Great Britain and the United States have at heart with regard to the questions raised in the American note could be secured.

TARIFF REPORT DEMANDED

Mann Says Protection Is Sure to Follow Next Election.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Republican Leader Mann today introduced a resolution calling on the House ways and means committee for a speedy report on a bill to create a tariff board.

PHOTOGRAPHS ILLUSTRATE PHASES OF CONTRABAND QUESTION, NOW ACUTE BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN.



Top—Examining Cotton Bales with X-Rays at New Orleans to Detect Possible Contraband or Infernal Machines. Inset—Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Secretary Who Is Now Considering American Protest. Below—Infernal Machine Which Was Cleverly Timed to Explode Outside Harbor of New Orleans on Board British Mule Transport En Route to France. Young German Was Arrested for Preparing It and Confessed.

PROTEST IS VOICED

Policy of Requisitioning Non-Army Goods Ruinous.

PRIVATE PROPERTY TAKEN

Violation of Article of The Hague Convention Charged—Washington Told Laborers Cannot Work When Means Gone.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Belgian Minister today filed with the State Department a protest against the requisitioning by German military authorities in Belgium of merchandise worth 57,000,000 francs. He asserted that the policy of the Germans meant "the ruin of industry in Belgium."

OUTLINE OF AMERICAN NOTE OF PROTEST AGAINST BRITISH ACTION IN DETAINING NON-CONTRABAND CARGOES.

The general points on which the note of the United States to Great Britain, protesting against detention of ships with non-contraband cargoes, bases its complaint are: "The general understanding in international law has been that absolute contraband includes those articles which are intended for use by a belligerent force and directly destined to it. Conditional contraband, including foodstuffs, comprises the articles which are susceptible of use by an army or navy, but must be proved that instead of being intended for the civil population of a country these products are destined for use by its army and navy."

MANY AIRMEN TO INVADE

FRANCE TO SEND HUNDREDS INTO GERMANY IN SPRING.

Planes Carrying Cannon, Bombs and Darts Are to Be Sent in Two Squadrons, Says Aviator.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—France is building two great fleets of aircraft, armed with cannon, darts and bombs, with which to invade Germany in the Spring, according to Pedro Chapa, a Mexican aviator, who has been in Europe for the last four years and who arrived here on the Cunard liner Carpathia.

TRAIN LOOT IS \$10,000

ROBBERS GET \$7540 IN CASH FROM PULLMAN IN TEXAS.

Mexican With More Than \$14,000 in Money Is Overlooked and He Shares With Those Who Lost.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 30.—The passengers in the two rear sleepers of the westbound express on the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway were robbed of \$7540 in cash and jewelry valued at \$3000 early today.

TONE IS CONFIDENT

Washington Expects Britain Will Make Concessions.

NO IRRITATION IS SHOWN

Officials Surprised That Note Has Been Regarded as "Brusque" and Insist Only Matter-of-Fact Statement Is Made.

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upon diplomatic and legal opinions on the case submitted by President Wilson. When this procedure is adopted Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador, will be asked to confer with Sir Edward Grey and discuss the whole question and probably Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador at Washington, will be instructed to take up the question with the State Department in the American capital.

ALLES ADVANCE 6 CONSECUTIVE DAYS

Battle Includes Artillery Engagements and Even Fist Fights in Trenches.

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Captured Points Are Held.

"Between this side and the Argonne our attacks, delivered with continuity, did not permit the enemy, in spite of the vigorous counter attacks, to recapture the positions lost by him between the 15th and 24th. These attacks developed particularly between St. Hilaire le Grand and Beausjour (to the east of Ville-sur-Fourbe). We can sum up by saying that all the points of support which they proposed to seize are today in our possession."

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400 meters at Meunil-les-Hurlus on the 23d, and the possession of the hill of Calvary near Beausjour on the 20th. On the 24th the balance sheet on the east of the trenches captured on the 23d, near Meunil.

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