

THE BELGIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM

Holland Stagers Under Task of Feeding 1,200,000 Expatriated Persons.

300,000 ARE IN BRITAIN

France Gives Shelter to Hundreds of Thousands but Is Able to Employ Many—British Find Their Part Difficult.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Expatriated Belgian refugees present a great problem as the Belgians who are still in their ruined country...

The burden is heavy and the country is staggering under it somewhat, although the Dutch show wonderful spirit and their treatment of the unfortunate Belgians is spoken of here as one of the finest manifestations of neighborliness the world has ever seen.

Great Britain, with its greater resources, is caring for approximately 300,000 dependent Belgians and is not finding the task an easy one.

Lady Lugard, who has been prominent in caring for Belgians in Great Britain since the first stream of refugees came here from Liege, says Great Britain of the finest of the world.

The Belgian government does not wish the Belgians to be handled in such a manner that they will settle permanently in Great Britain.

Lowering of Wages Feared. A steady campaign has been kept up to prevent the lowering of wages as a result of the sudden influx of Belgians.

Belgians are not to be permitted to live in idleness in Great Britain, and consequently relief committees are looking to the government departmental committee.

The British note, for example, referred to the great increase in copper exports from the United States to Italy.

ADVANTAGE TAKEN ON SLY Opposition Organizes House While Utah Republicans Confer.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 11.—When the Republican members of the Legislature were in conference just before noon today the Progressive and Socialist members of the lower house of the legislature took advantage of the absence of the Republicans.

The opposition also will contest the seat of W. H. Redd, of San Juan County.

FIREMEN DO LESS. CHARGE Railroad Companies Produce Statistics to Resist Advance.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—For every \$1000 paid railroad firemen in 1913, 100 fewer tons of coal were shoveled into locomotive fireboxes than in 1910, it was declared before the Federal Arbitration Board hearing the wage demands of Western railroad firemen.

Jap Cruiser Reported in Atlantic. NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—A cruiser which Captain Williamson, of the steamship Curacao, believes to be Japanese, was sighted off the Azores during the Curacao's voyage here from Havre, which ended today.

Profitable home work exhibited. Messrs. Feldheim, silver smiths, windows, Washington street.—Adv.

THE RETURN OF THE LITTLE BULL MOOSE.



REPLY NOT FAVORED

United States, However, Will Reserve Judgment.

MANY POINTS UNSETTLED Though No Official Comment Will Be Made, Washington Expresses Feeling of Attempt to Evade Various Matters at Issue.

(Continued from First Page.) In the British note, the citation of statistics showing large increases in the commerce of the United States with neutrals of Europe, was regarded here as irrelevant and misleading.

and maiming of women and children and other noncombatants, the destruction of private property and the stretching of the open seas with long-lived floating mines all involving enormous sacrifices of life and wealth, without commensurate military advantage.

The indictment against the United States, so far as one can measure it, is simply this: The United States abdicated ignominiously and ran away when great questions of morals and humanity were concerned, but promptly recovered its sense of duty and courage when the state of war threatened to reduce the profits of the copper kings and otherwise penalize America materially.

Official Briton Is Pleased Friendly Comment by Americans Is Heard by London.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—American comment on the British preliminary reply to President Wilson's protest against the detention of American shipping by British warships was read with great interest by British officials who today expressed much pleasure at the repeated evidence of friendly spirit with which the negotiations are proceeding.

'JITNEY' CURB PLANNED DRASTIC ORDINANCE BEFORE CITY COUNCIL OF OAKLAND.

Control of Auto Drivers Is Placed in Hands of Police and \$10,000 Surety Bonds Among Requirements.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—A drastic ordinance prepared by the City Attorney, representing initial legislation on the local "jitney" automobile problem, was given first reading before the Oakland City Council this morning.

SCHOOL ASKS BUILDING Place to Segregate Older Boys From Youngsters Wanted.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—That the younger boys and the older ones may be segregated, Superintendent Hale, of the State Training School, has written a personal letter to all members of the Legislature asking that provision be made for the erection of another building.

Papal Nuncio Warns Mercier. AMSTERDAM, via London, Jan. 11.—The Telegram says it learns that the papal nuncio to Belgium has written to Cardinal Mercier, whose recent pastoral letter to Belgian Catholics contained much discussion and led to reports that the Cardinal had been deposed by the Germans, suggesting that Mercier be written nothing which might offend the Germans.

STRANGE CRUISER SIGHTED Havana Fort Refuses Information Asked Regarding Steamer.

HAVANA, Jan. 11.—A strange cruiser with three funnels, displaying no colors but supposed to be British or German, appeared this afternoon four miles off the harbor and signalled Moro Castle, inquiring the name of a steamer which was then about to enter port.

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CONSTITUTIONAL POSTS SPECULATIVE TOPIC

Day or Perkins Said to Be Stated for Ways and Means Chairmanship.

MOSER TO GET JUDICIARY

Law Revision Rests With Hollis, Languth or McBride and Von der Hellen Sure of Roads. Announcement Due Today.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Speculation is rife in Salem tonight regarding the probable membership of the important Senate committees, which will be announced by President Thompson probably the first thing tomorrow.

Either Hollis, of Lincoln; Languth, of Multnomah; or McBride, of Multnomah, will be chairman of the committee on revision of laws. While admitting that one of these men would get the chairmanship, President Thompson declared tonight that he had not made his decision, and probably would not do so until tomorrow morning.

Two of Enemy's Machines Are Sent Down by Raking Fire, While One Man Is Shot From Craft Before Retreat Is Forced.

HANOVER, Germany, Dec. 26.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—One of the promising aviators of Germany, who is now an army aviator, sends home some vivid notes of life on the aerial fronts.

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WAR OF KING AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN LONDON, PASSING 3 DAYS UNKNOWN TO PUBLIC.

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Even After Fear of Russian Deluge Is Removed Prospect of Early Peace Keeps Hearing Bearly.

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LUMLER NEGOTIATIONS WATCHED. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Secretary of State Bryan informs Senator Lane that American Consul officers at Vancouver, Ottawa and Sydney have been instructed to make discreet inquiry regarding the alleged efforts of British Columbia lumber interests to obtain a preferential tariff rate from Australia to the detriment of American lumber interests in Oregon and Washington. Senator Lane will be notified when reports are received.

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