

WILHELMINA GOES INTO PRIZE COURT

British Action Indicates Purpose to Regard All Food for Germany as Contraband.

OTHER REPRISALS LIKELY

Challenge of Right to Carry Out Plan Is Not Expected, Says Sir Edward Grey in Note to American Ambassador.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The British government announced today it had decided that the cargo of the American steamship *Wilhelmina* should be held for the decision of the prize court. This announcement was made by Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary. It seems to make clear the purpose of Great Britain to declare all foodstuffs for Germany contraband, as well as to foreshadow other reprisals.

Challenge Not Expected.

In his note Sir Edward Grey, after reviewing the German methods of warfare and denouncing them as absolute violations of all international usage, says: "If, therefore, His Majesty's government should hereafter be constrained to declare foodstuffs absolute contraband or to take other measures for interfering with German trade by way of reprisals, they confidently expect that such action will not be challenged on the part of neutral states by appeals to laws and usages of war whose validity rests on their forming an integral part of that system of international doctrine, which, as a whole, their enemy frankly boasts the intention to disregard." "The fact that neutral states cannot compel the German government to abandon methods of warfare which have not in recent history been regarded as having the sanction of either law or humanity."

Reason for Seizure Given.

Great Britain's reply to the American note on the *Wilhelmina* case, which was handed today to Walter Rines, the American Ambassador, follows: "The communication made by the United States Ambassador in his note to Sir Edward Grey, of the 16th inst., has been carefully considered and the following observations are offered in reply: "At the time when His Majesty's government gave directions for the seizure of the cargo of the steamship *Wilhelmina* as contraband they had before them the text of a decree made by the German Federal Council on the 25th of January, under article 45 of which all grain and flour imported into Germany after the 1st of January was declared deliverable only to certain organizations under direct government control or to municipal authorities. The vessel was found to be carrying one of the free cities of the German Empire, the government of which is vested in the municipality. This was one of the reasons actuating His Majesty's government in deciding to seize the cargo of the *Wilhelmina* before a prize court.

German Motive Suspected.

"Information has only now reached them that by a subsequent decree, dated the 16th of February, the above provision in article 45 of the previous decree was repealed. It would appear, for the express purpose of rendering difficult the anticipated proceedings against the *Wilhelmina*. The repeal was not known to His Majesty's government at the time of the detention of the cargo, or indeed until long after the seizure of the vessel. It is, however, worthy of note that the German decree is not the only ground on which the submission of the cargo of the *Wilhelmina* to the prize court is justified. The German government have in public announcements claimed to treat practically every town or port on the English East Coast as a fortified place and base of operations.

Staking of Cargo Cited.

"On the strength of this contention they have subjected to bombardment the open towns of Scarborough, Scarborough and Whitby among others. On the same ground a number of neutral vessels sailing for English ports on the east coast, with cargoes of goods on the German list of conditional contraband, have been seized by German cruisers and brought before a German prize court.

Again the Dutch Vessel Maria, having sailed from California with a cargo of grain consigned to Dublin and Belfast, was sunk in September last by the German cruiser *Karlsruhe*. This could only have been justified, if among other things, the cargo could have been proved to be destined for the British government or for armed forces.

Use of Neutral Flag Defended.

"In regard to the use of foreign flags by merchant vessels, the British merchant shipping act makes it clear that the use of the British flag by foreign merchant vessels is permitted in time of war for the purpose of escaping capture. It is believed in the case of other nations there is similar recognition of their flag, and that none of them has forbidden it. "It would, therefore, be unreasonable to expect His Majesty's government to pass legislation forbidding the use of foreign flags by British merchant vessels to avoid capture by the enemy, now that the German government has announced its intention to sink merchant vessels at sight with their non-combatant cargoes and papers a proceeding hitherto regarded by the opinion of the world not as war but piracy.

Britain Accords Right to Others.

"It is felt that the United States Government could not fairly ask the British government to order British merchant vessels to forego a means always hitherto permitted of escaping not only capture, but the much worse fate of sinking and destruction. "Great Britain has always when a neutral, accorded to vessels of other states at war the liberty to use the British flag as a means of protection against capture and instances are on record when United States vessels availed themselves of this facility at the time of the American Civil War. It would be contrary to fair exception

if now, when conditions are reversed, the United States and neutral nations were to grudge to British ships the liberty to take similar action. "General Practice Not Advised. "The British government has no intention of advising their merchant shipping to use foreign flags as a general practice or to resort to them otherwise than for escaping capture or destruction. The obligation upon a belligerent warship to ascertain definitely for itself the nationality and character of a merchant vessel before capturing it and a fortiori before sinking and destroying it has been universally recognized. "If that obligation is fulfilled the hoisting of a neutral flag on board a vessel cannot be regarded as endangering neutral shipping and the British government holds that if loss to neutrals is caused by disregard of this obligation it is upon the enemy vessel disregarding it and upon the government giving the orders that it should be disregarded that the sole responsibility for injury to neutrals ought to rest."

FRANCE MAKES THREAT

GERMAN SUBMARINES, SAYS MINISTER, WILL BE SUNK.

Measures for Protection Will Be Taken but Nature of Them Is Not Ready to Be Disclosed.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—"The sinking by Germany of merchant ships is simply an extension to the sea of her war against non-combatants on land," said Victor Augagneur, the French Minister of Marine, to the Associated Press today. "The French government has absolute confidence in the naval situation," continued Augagneur, "and is not intimidated by the German blockade. When the steamer *Admiral Ganteaume*, bearing women and children refugees, was torpedoed and 20 lives were lost, great indignation was felt throughout the civilized world, but we now regard the sinking of merchant vessels with a certain calm. Germany did not wait until February 18 to begin torpedoing."

"With regard to Germany's reason for her announced sea blockade, Augagneur said: "We expect merchant vessels to be sunk. Not, however, as many as Germany expects. The torpedo is not an infallible weapon as is shown in the case of the steamer *Dinorah*, which, after she was torpedoed, was towed into port.

"Measures for protection will be taken, the nature of which I am not at liberty to disclose. Ultimately, German submarines themselves will be sunk, perhaps even sooner than they expect."

"The Germans cannot justly complain of the allied blockade of Germany as the right of an army to invest a town and starve it into submission hitherto has been recognized as legitimate. The present method, although largely exercised through pressure brought to bear on the civil population, shows no essential difference from the investment of a town."

WAR INFECTION STUDIED

ROCKEFELLER TO EQUIP NEW HOSPITAL IN FRANCE.

Purpose Not Only Immediate Good, but Perpetuation of Discoveries of Dr. Alexis Carrel.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A new hospital established by the direction of Senator Myers, chairman of the public lands committee, said today, however, that opposition to the power sites and non-precious metal land leasing bills probably would make it impossible to pass them. Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the Philippines committee, said he thought the Philippine bill had "a fair chance" of passing, although opposition to the preamble declaring the purpose of the United States ultimately to grant independence was to be expected. Administration leaders intimated clearly that no bill would be permitted to interfere with action on the appropriation measures so as to make an extra session of Congress necessary.

ARMY BOOT QUESTIONED

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT INVESTIGATING QUALITY.

Charges of Inferior Product Bring Supplies Troops Moves Government to Begin Probe.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 19.—A special committee of Parliament appointed to investigate the charges that inferior boots were supplied to certain units of the Canadian overseas contingent, was organized today. The hearing of evidence will begin Tuesday and the witnesses will be examined by Sir James Aikins. General Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, has tabled a report of an investigation board recently appointed by him to deal with complaints regarding the boots. The report, in a general way, relieved the militia department of blame, but found that there were serious faults in the manufacture of the boots and that the specifications were not, in many cases, adhered to. It was said in the report that the boots were manufactured by concerns in Canada.

Lawmakers May Visit Cello.

LEGISLATION NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 19.—Representative Sir and Senator Borah have introduced resolutions authorizing the appointment of a committee of three Senators and nine Representatives to attend the annual opening of the Cello Canal May 5.

20,000 Hoosiers Want Prohibition.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 19.—Petitions for state-wide prohibition, signed by approximately 20,000 men and women of Indiana, were presented to the Legislature here today. A bill providing for state-wide prohibition has been introduced.

Saturday—New Things for Girls and Boys

Just received this new shipment of

Girls' Exceptional Wash Dresses

In Sizes 2 to 6 Years
Regular Prices 75c and 85c
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—Of chambray, checked gingham and plain white, combined with smart plaids. Also checked gingham, percales and striped white madras, made in a variety of attractive styles, with pleated skirts, and introducing the new middie effect, effectively trimmed.
—One style as illustrated.



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First Showing of New Spring Model Boys' All-Wool Suits

With Two Pairs of Trousers
Suits that sell regularly at \$6.00
\$4.95

—New novelty checks and small plaids, in grays, brown and tan, in novelty Norfolk style, with sewed-down belts, knife or inverted pleats, patch pockets. Pants lined and taped throughout, knickerbocker style. Also suits in shepherd checks, with one pair of pants.
—All extra well made and finished in the best style.
—Sizes 6 to 17 years.



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In Sizes 7 to 14 Years
Regular \$1.25 and \$1.35 Models
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—Exceptional dresses of striped and plaid gingham, combined with plain colors, made with plain and pleated skirts, short set-in or piped sleeves. Trimmed with contrasting collars and pipings in most attractive styles.
—One style as illustrated.

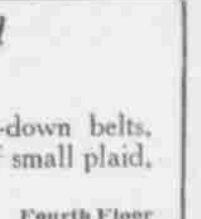


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These Newest Style Suits for Boys Just Received

\$8.50

—Entirely new models, in semi-Norfolk and Norfolk styles, with sewed-down belts, new flap pockets and trousers with self belt and buckle in front. Made of small plaid, all-wool materials in gray and olive gray. Sizes 6 to 17 years.



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At \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$12.50


—The finest quality suits, every one a new Spring model, including semi-Norfolk styles with half belt, pleated back and patch pockets; knife-pleated models with sewed-down belts, and the new Norfolk-box suits. Lined with the best quality serge and mohair linings, and perfectly tailored throughout. Sizes 16 to 18.



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"First of the New Season" Suits For Small Women and Junior Girls

—Combining all that is smart and youthful looking, in exclusive new models to be found only at this store. In serges, novelty black and white checks, homespun, and gabardine, in new sand and putty shades, navy and Belgian blue, black and white and plain black.
—In sizes 15 to 17 years.
Prices From \$15.00 to \$35.00

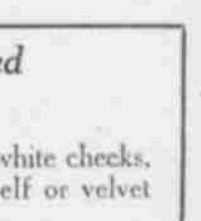


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The New Balmacaan Coats for Boys, Just Arrived

Priced from \$5.00 to \$12.50

—Genuine Balmacaan style coats, in sizes 1 1/2 to 16 years. In black and white checks, plaids in brown, green, tan and gray, fancy mixtures and navy blue, with self or velvet collars. All quarter lined.



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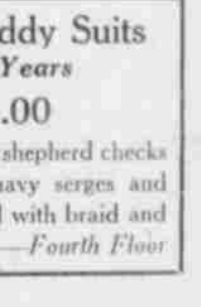
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SUPPLY BILLS NEXT

Congress Buries Itself With Appropriation Measures.

SHIP BILL IS AT REST

House Passes \$164,000,000 Pension Bill—Administration Has Hope for Treaties and for Conservation Measures.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—

Confronted with the necessity of appropriating \$90,000,000 a day for the next 11 legislative days, Congress settled down today to hasten through the measures which will supply the \$1,000,000,000 needed to run the Government during the next fiscal year.

In the Senate the entire day was devoted to the \$29,000,000 legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. The House passed the pension bill, carrying \$164,000,000, and took up the diplomatic and consular measures appropriating \$4,500,000.

Beyond the naming of the House committee, the ship purchase bill received no attention, remaining in the custody of the conference committee, where it will remain under the agreement reached yesterday in the Senate until February 25. The conferees probably will meet this week. The ship bill investigation also was at a standstill today, but the witnesses will resume their hearings tomorrow.

Fund for President Cut Down.

A committee amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial bill appropriating \$169,000 to be used by the President in connection with the formal opening of the Panama Canal was adopted by the Senate after a sharp debate. Senator Fall sought to establish the basis on which the estimate of expenses had been made.

Senator Martin, chairman of the appropriations committee, said a conference of Democratic and Republican conferees called by the President had agreed to ask for \$250,000 to defray the expenses of the President and his party, which was to include foreign diplomats and 200 or 300 members of Congress. The committee, on being advised of some criticism of this last provision, however, had reduced the appropriation \$90,000, leaving it to the President to invite whom he would.

PLUMBERS' AIM HIGH

WITNESSES SAY ASSOCIATION IS MEANT FOR BETTERMENT.

Defendant, However, Admits He Canceled Order to Supply House That Sold to Independents.

DES MOINES, Feb. 19.—The National Association of Master Plumbers of America teaches its members how to become successful business men, aids communities in promoting good sanitation and better the conditions of the trade, according to testimony of 16 witnesses for the defense in the trial of the 26 master plumbers charged with violating the Sherman law in Federal Court here today.

DUTCH TROOPS MOVING

THE NETHERLANDS PREPARES FOR POSSIBLE EVENTUALITIES.

No Real Uneasiness Is Felt, However, Says Report—German Reply to Protest Expected Soon.

THE HAGUE, via London, Feb. 19.—The German naval demonstration, which it was announced would begin yesterday, has greatly impressed government circles here. A reply to the Dutch protest against the proposed submarine blockade has not yet been received, but is expected momentarily.

Work was continued in all government offices, regarding in all government conferences were held between Ministers. No real uneasiness is felt as to Holland's position, but every Dutch citizen is alert and ready to meet the defensive forces in view of possible eventualities.

Considerable troop movements are reported along the eastern frontier facing Germany, but information regarding them is closely guarded. The water defenses are understood to be ready for any emergency. New recruits for the army reached their training depots yesterday and more will arrive today.

Many Dutch ships are now in British waters, on their way to or from ports in Holland. Some apprehension is felt in shipping circles, but it is pointed out that these merchantmen are easily distinguishable, and consequently it is hoped there will be no untoward happenings. The reported encounter of the Dutch steamship *Helena* with a Zeppelin airship in the North Sea, and the fact that the vessel was not harmed, is regarded as indicative that Germany does not intend to attack neutrals.

Ex-County Judge Sued on Note.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Ex-County Judge Worden was made defendant today in an action brought by State Superintendent of the county for the recovery of \$259 and interest since July, 1912. Mr. Worden is alleged to have given his note in a transaction in which P. C. Lavey & Co. were interested, and action is instituted to collect it now.

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