

AMERICA IS WAR-PRISONERS' MEDIUM

Britain, Germany and Austria Accept Good Offices of United States.

OTHER NATIONS MAY AGREE

Detained Civilians of Military Age Also Are to Be Exchanged, Man for Man, on Suggestion of Washington Government.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—An arrangement between Great Britain and Germany and Austria to permit representatives of the United States to inspect and report on alien prison camps in those countries and distribute to prisoners supplies from their own government or other sources, was announced tonight by the State Department.

At the same time it was said that through the good offices of the American Government similar arrangements were under contemplation between Russia and France and Germany and Austria-Hungary.

These agreements are based on recommendations contained in a report by Chandler P. Anderson, formerly counselor of the State Department, who conferred with the foreign offices of Great Britain, Germany and Austria-Hungary last November and visited some of the detention camps in those countries.

Civilians to Be Exchanged. Mr. Anderson also reported on the exercise of good offices of the United States in bringing about an understanding among the European belligerents regarding the repatriation of civilian prisoners. In this connection it is announced that Great Britain and Germany and Austria-Hungary have expressed a willingness to exchange man for man detained enemy civilians of military age, while an arrangement for the release of civilians of non-military age has been held up so far by Great Britain's refusal to agree to the age limits proposed.

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The postal authorities allege that the men in custody had just entered on a "dead man swindle game" when they were arrested. According to the arresting officers, the men had mailed 15 packages to persons who have died, under the pretense that they were ordered by the dead person, and were depending upon the relatives to pay the charges. The packages are said to have contained spectacles valued at 25 cents.

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LONDON, March 18.—In the course of the debate in the Reichstag in connection with the second reading of the

German budget, Major Ernst Bassermann, national liberal, praised the German army and navy for their bravery and expressed particular admiration over the achievements of Field Marshal von Hindenburg. A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam quotes Major Bassermann as saying:

"We are all convinced of the decisive success of our army, and that our enemies will suffer an annihilating defeat."

PASSPORT PLOT PROVED

Principal in Conspiracy Case Is to Admit Fraud and Throw Self on Mercy of Court.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Richard Madden and Gustav Cook, of Hoboken, N. J., were found guilty today of conspiracy against the United States in aiding Richard P. Stegler, a German naval reservist, to procure a false American passport. The jurors who considered the case, and who were selected for their neutral opinions on the European war deliberated six hours before they reached a verdict.

The men will be sentenced tomorrow and immediately afterward Stegler, who became a state's witness and testified against the two men, will be called for trial. His counsel announced today that Stegler would plead guilty and throw himself on the mercy of the court. It is known today that in asking a light sentence for Stegler his counsel will refer to international aspects of the case not brought out in the trial, to which publicity was given at the time Stegler was arrested.

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Convincing Sales You Dare Not Ignore!

Women's Black Cotton Stockings 15c Pair
—Of fine maco cotton yarn, extra spliced heels and toes, guaranteed stainless. Two pairs for 25c. —Basement

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Women's Newest Spring Boots
In Style as Illustrated
Special \$3.95
—With gray, fawn and black cloth tops. Plain toe models, button style. Cuban leather heels, patent backs and vamps. Sizes 3 to 8. —Basement

500 Rubber Top Fitted Black Cotton Messaline Petticoats 89c
—Made with deep flaring tucked flounce, finished with pleated ruffle. —Basement

\$1.50 Triangle Wizard Mops, Special 98c
—These mops dust, clean and polish. Lowest price quoted on \$1.50 size. —Basement

45c Gingham Co- overall Aprons 29c
—In navy blue and white check, belted back and side pocket. —Basement

Handkerchiefs for Men
—Of soft white finished material. Made with narrow hemstitched hems.
5c Each
—You will find that these men's handkerchiefs are the best you have found at such a low price. —Basement

5000 Rolls of Extra Quality 10c Toilet Paper
Special 5c Roll
—Bleached and absorbent. 1000 sheets to every roll. Buy all you need at this unusual price of 5c. —Basement

\$1.95
For Trimmed Hemp Hats
—A most attractive collection of the season's newest styles, suitable for misses and women. Hats that you would never expect to find at this price—hats skillfully trimmed by our own milliners in effective Spring styles.

75c House Dresses
Of Striped and Checked Ginghams
Sale 59c
—Made with small turn-down collar of self or plain colored materials, elbow set-in sleeves and piped waistline. Plain gored skirt. All sizes 36 to 44. —Basement

5c and 7c Handkerchiefs
Of Fine Plain White Lawn
3c Each
—With striped and cross-bar borders, hemstitched edges, some of dimites and lawn. —Also children's school handkerchiefs with novelty colored figured hems. —Basement

95c For Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 Untrimmed Hats
—All the newest shapes for Spring are to be found here at 95c—small sailors, rolling brims, close-fitting styles, bonnet shapes and many other models that will be becoming to any woman or girl, and many shapes that will please the older woman. They only require a simple bit of trimming—and you have a new Spring hat at the smallest outlay.

Children's 75c Play Overalls
59c
For Boys and Girls 1 to 8 Years Old
—Takes the place of overall and blouse, protects clothing. Made of serviceable blue denim in plain and striped designs. Long or short sleeves, round neck. —Basement

The New Colored Edge Handkerchiefs 5c
—Made of fine soft finished lawn, showing the new cross-stitch hem done in white, pink, blue or lavender. —Basement

JUST IN AGAIN—THE SCARCEST FLOWERS AND FRUITS FOR HAT TRIMMINGS
—Clusters of cherries in red, champagne, cerise and black, with green or black foliage. Prices at 25c, 35c to 95c.
—Clusters of three flat crushed roses, in rose or white, at 35c.
—Purple shaded pansies, in silk or velvet, at 25c.
—Marguerites with yellow centers, and black velvet daisies, 25c, 35c.
—Wreaths of small flowers and buds, or variegated fruits with green or moss foliage and clusters of rose foliage with pink buds, at 50c. —Basement

More New Neckwear
The Regular 35c and 50c Styles
For 25c
—Lace collars, organdie collars, Swiss embroidered collars, net collars, in roll, flat, flare and pleated styles. Vestees with collar attached. Trimmed with hemstitched, picot and lace edging. —Basement

Special Sale Thin Blown Leaded Glass Tumblers
Of Highly Polished Crystal
Regular Prices to \$1.25 Dozen
5c Each
—7-oz. ginger ale or mineral tumblers.
—11-oz. optic lemonade glasses.
—10-oz. bell-shape water glasses.
—9-oz. table tumblers. —Basement

New Arrivals in Women's Wearing Apparel
Suits—Coats—Skirts
IN THE NEWEST STYLES FOR SPRING
For Which You Would Pay Much More Elsewhere
New Suits at \$15
—Black and white checked suits, with jackets in the new high-waisted effect, belted at the sides, deep shawl revers in front of silk. Detachable collar of embroidered white silk poplin and cuffs to match revers. Another style in Empire effect, with collars and cuffs trimmed with black corded silk. Skirts made in plain flaring style. Jackets lined with peau de cygne silk.
Tan Covert Cloth Coats \$9.25
—Remarkable coats at this price, made of a good-looking quality of tan covert cloth, with belted back and patch pockets. Collar trimmed with black velvet, coat finished with bone buttons. These coats are in the newest cut for Spring, equally becoming to girls or women.
Black and White Check Coats \$6.75
—An entirely new style in yoke effect, with full, flaring back, deep armholes, and collar trimmed with black satin. These exceptional coats are trimmed with novelty buttons. You could find nothing more up-to-date than these black and white coats. —Basement

50c and 75c Children's Rompers
Of Chambray and Gingham
Sale 39c
—In checks and plain colors, in bloomer and open-leg style, trimmed with contrasting pipings. Sizes 6 months to 6 years. Round and square-neck effects, long and short sleeves. —Basement

\$1.75 to \$2.00 New Spring Nadia Corsets \$1.19
—With medium and medium low bust, extra length over the hips and the new in-curve at the waist line. —Basement

New Flaring Skirts \$3.98
In black and white checks.
—Two of the newest Spring models, one with patch pockets, the other with pleat down front, both trimmed with self buttons, and cut on the new flaring lines. —Basement

1000 Pieces of New Solid Gold Diamond Chip Set Jewelry
69c Each
—Cuff links, tie clasps, hat pins, scarf pins, beauty pins and many other dainty little jewelry novelties, artistically set with real chip diamonds. —Basement

10c Extension Rods for 5c
30 and 54 Inches Long
5c Sash Curtain Rods, 2 for 5c
Size 22, 44 Inches Long
—These can be used on any full-sized window, and come with all hooks and brackets complete. —Basement

Just Received by Express
THREE ENTIRELY NEW MODELS
Voile and Swiss Emb. Waists
Which We Place on Sale Friday
At the Exceptional Price of 98c
—Made of fine voile and allover dotted Swiss in white and the new light sand shade. They have collars of plain organdie and collars that are lace edged. —Basement

UNDERMUSLINS
Children's Drawers 12c
—Sizes 2 to 12 years. In straight-leg style with hemstitched hem and tucks, finished with band and buttonholes.
Women's 25c Drawers 19c
—Of longcloth, with deep ruffle, hemstitched hem and tucks. Open and closed styles.
40c Corset Covers 29c
—Of fine longcloth, trimmed with laces and insertions, heading and ribbons. Some with yoke effects. All sizes 36 to 44. —Basement

Sale Colonial Rag Rugs
50c Rugs for 37c
Size 18 by 36 Inches
\$1.00 Rugs for 79c
Size 27x54 Inches
—In blue, pink, green and tan and brown. All are washable. New designs. —Basement

CANNERIES SAVE CITIES

WITHOUT PACKED SUPPLY CHICAGO WOULD STARVE IN WEEK.

Famine in America Impossible, Says Member of Big Industry; Potomac Theory is Declared Unproved.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Chicago would starve to death in a week, New York in three days, if all canned foods were removed, G. W. Drake, secretary of the Western Association of Canneries, told the convention of the National Canneries' Association here today.

"The development of the canning industry is so thorough," he added, "that there can never be a famine in America."

"In case of war the canning industry could supply enough canned food to feed the greatest army the Nation could possibly assemble. The 1,200,000,000 cans we turn out annually represent only one-third of the capacity of the country."

There was not, he said, a single authenticated record of potato poisoning from canned foods in 2000 supposed cases reported to the association and investigated.

RUMANIA SEIZES SHELLS

Munitions From Germany for Turkey Falsely Marked, It is Said.

PARIS, March 18.—A message to the Balkan Agency from Bucharest says the Rumanian government has seized a large quantity of shells in transit from Germany for Turkey.

The contents of the cases containing these shells are said to have been disguised by false marks.

Firm Fined for Paying Bill. BRUSSELS, via Berlin and London, March 18.—The firm of Henri Leten has been fined 20,000 marks (\$5000), for violating the order of Governor-General Von Bissing prohibiting payments of creditors in England.

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