

BRITAIN TO ADHERE TO TRADE POLICY

Actual Blockade, However, May Not Be Attempted, Sir Edward Grey Intimates.

METHOD HELD SECONDARY

Government Willing to Examine Alternative Proposals if More Pleasing to Neutrals Without Being Less Effective.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The opening phrase of the speeches of Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons, and of the minister of the day, Mr. Lloyd George, in the House of Lords, today gave the impression that the British government is not likely to resort to an absolute blockade of Germany.

Sir Edward Grey said with regard to neutrals the government was prepared to examine any alternative policy if while it was more pleasing to neutrals the government was convinced it was equally effective with the existing method.

The government, he said, was going to reply to the last American note after consulting with the French government.

Subject Much Complicated. Foreign Secretary Grey opened his speech by saying it was a complicated subject the House had gathered from the debate that there was real misapprehension concerning the amount of trade passing into Germany.

He said that the attack founded on these figures did great injustice to the government, for they did not take into consideration the fact that in many cases exports from the United States had merely made good supplies which neutrals formerly drew from Germany.

Rights Not to Be Abandoned. Sir Edward said that as a matter of fact the government was doing what the supporters of the blockade policy demanded.

CANADA WANTS SETTLERS

Conference Called to Counteract Reports Affecting Immigration.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 26.—Reports sent broadcast to the United States that a war tax amounting to \$5 a quarter was to be imposed on Dominion lands by the government and that conscription in Canada was a possibility have caused Dr. Roche, Dominion Minister of the Interior, to summon for Friday in Chicago a conference of Canadian immigration agents in the United States.

ELDER UPDIKE FORGIVES

Father Goes on Sons' Bonds and Asks That Case Be Dropped.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—Irving and Herbert Updike, recently indicted for conspiracy to murder their father, mother and sister, were released in bonds of \$20,000 each today.

AMERICAN STANDING ALONE

(Continued From First Page.) enterprise in Fukien province, and a proposal to police all of the large Chinese cities with Japanese troops.

JAPAN SEIZES OPPORTUNITY

British Authority Sees Danger to China's Independence. LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Japanese government has delivered to the Chinese Minister in Tokio for transmission to his government a note embodying seven demands which were included in the

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Japanese programme of last Spring, the Manchester Guardian learned from Far Eastern sources. The Guardian expresses the hope that this news will be "authoritatively contradicted," as the demands when previously presented were full of danger to China's independence and their general effect would have been to place China under the tutelage of Japan. "It is the aim and hope of British policy," the note continues, "to see China strong and independent, developing peacefully without interference from any foreign power."

The demands in question are said to be those included in the much discussed "Twenty-One Demands," which when presented aroused a strong protest from the Chinese government. There were seven articles, the first regarding the employment by the Japanese of Japanese advisers; the second, the construction of Japanese hospitals, churches and schools in China; third, the employment of Japanese in the police departments in the large centers; fourth, China to purchase a certain proportion of war munitions from Japan; fifth, Japan's right to construct certain roads in China; sixth, concessions to Japan in the province of Fukien; and seventh, the right of Japanese subjects to propagate Buddhism in China.

All the articles in group five were regarded as objectionable by the United States. Japan's demand for monopoly of railway construction in the province of China was regarded as closing a door to American opportunity; American missionaries objected to the Japanese proposal to propagate Buddhism in China, and the proposal to employ Japanese police in Chinese cities was construed as an assumption of sovereignty.

VOTE ON TREATY IS SET

SENATE COMMITTEE TO ACT ON COLOMBIAN MATTER.

Administration Spurs Democratic Members On: Nicaraguan Question May Be Reported.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The Administration's determination to force action as a part of its pan-American policy of the treaties with Colombia and Nicaragua, held up for more than two years, spurred Democrats of the Senate to action today.

Some Senators today predicted that both treaties could be recommended for ratification, but both Democrats and Republicans have doubts regarding their reception in the Senate.

Opposition to the Colombian treaty, which proposes to pay Colombia \$25,000,000 for the separation of Panama, with an expression of regret that anything should have happened to mar the relations of the two countries, is based on various grounds. Many Senators believe \$25,000,000 is an excessive amount. Others are insistent that no language should be used which might be construed as an apology by the United States for its acquisition of the canal zone property.

There has been even stronger opposition to the Nicaraguan treaty. This proposes to pay \$3,000,000 for an option on the Nicaraguan canal route and for a naval base in Fonseca Bay. One of the complicating features is an objection from two other Central American republics, El Salvador and Honduras. These nations also own portions of the shore of Fonseca Bay and insist that Nicaragua has no right to permit the United States to establish a naval base there without their consent.

Wednesday's War News

HOSTILITIES on all fronts having for the moment subsided to unimportant proportions, the political aspect of the war again has assumed the chief role of interest.

The British Parliament is discussing what should be taken to make more rigid the government's plan of keeping goods of all kinds from being imported or exported by Germany; British labor has decided by an overwhelming majority to support the government to the full in the prosecution of war; the German Ambassador at Washington presented the American Government a draft note concerning the sinking of the steamer Lusitania which is believed to meet all the American demands on that issue and which, if accepted by the German government, will end the controversy.

Great Britain has answered tentatively the American protest against the delaying of mails, but will reply more fully to the representations when France has signified her approval of Great Britain's attitude. Simultaneously comes the announcement that in future French warships will aid the British navy in blockading the English Channel and the North Sea, and will take part in the examination of mails, as well as cargoes.

Hand-to-hand fighting between the French and Germans near Neuville occurred when the French tried to recapture trenches captured from them by the Germans. Berlin reports that all the attacks were repulsed. The French, however, have taken from the Germans many craters they had occupied several days ago, and in mining operations in the Argonne forest have destroyed German trenches.

On the Austro-Italian front Italian positions near Celavina have been captured by the Austrians who made prisoners of 45 officers and 1187 men, according to Vienna.

The Turks say that another attack by the British near Menarie, east of Kut-el-Amara, was discontinued after the British had suffered appalling losses. An unofficial dispatch says Bulgarian invading Albania has met defeat at the hands of Albanian troops led by Essad Pasha, provisional president of Albania, who is co-operating with the entente allies.

The representatives of the Montenegrin government, according to a Vienna dispatch by way of Berlin, at last have signed an armistice regarding the disarmament of the Montenegrin army and the Montenegrins everywhere are laying down their arms.

The British House of Lords has passed the third reading of the military service bill.

Quail Die in Snow at Carlton. CARLTON, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Warm rains the latter part of last week took practically all the snow off in the valley and considerable in the mountains. Yesterday's mixed rain and snow fell. During the night four inches of dry snow fell and this morning it is still falling fast. After the snow had gone off from the heavy fall, numerous bunches of Bob White and native quail were found dead. In some places as high as 15 were found together. The loss of pheasants does not seem to have been so heavy.

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COMPROMISE IS UP

Wilson Approves Concessions on Philippines Bill. 4-YEAR LIMIT IS PROVIDED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Independence for the Philippine Islands within four years after the pending bill for enlarging self-government becomes effective would be authorized by an amendment to the measure submitted today by Senator Hitchcock and generally understood to bear the approval of President Wilson.

The amendment is said to have been agreed on by the President and Mr. Hitchcock, who is chairman of the Philippines committee, after a series of conferences at the White House. It is similar in general intent to several other amendments proposed in the course of debate on the bill, and contains features which Administration leaders hope will be acceptable as a compromise.

International Pledge Sought. Chairman Hitchcock said tonight that efforts would be made to clear the way for a vote on the new amendment. To that end he will urge action tomorrow on Senator Clarke's amendment, under which independence would be granted in from two to four years, except in certain contingencies, when the question would be referred to succeeding Congresses.

Debate on the bill today centered about an amendment by Senator McCumber authorizing the President to indicate to the great powers the desire of this Government to extend independence whenever it shall be warranted and to seek agreements guaranteeing the sovereignty of the islands. Senator Clapp opposed the proposal, declaring it would make the action of the United States entirely dependent on the willingness of the powers to maintain the neutrality of the Philippines.

Consent of Powers Doubtful. Senator McCumber insisted that any effort to secure pledges from the powers be made before and not after the granting of independence. He expressed grave doubt that such promises could be obtained at any time. "The nations would ask what their considerations would be in pledging neutrality and practically becoming allies of the United States," he said. "If Germany should sign such an agreement and Japan would attempt to secure the Philippine Islands, it would mean that Germany would become an ally with the United States and if necessary would have to go to war with us to repel Japan."

NEED OF PLANTS IS SHOWN (Continued From First Page.) This respect than at any time since the close of the Civil War, he said, but even this gives no security, in view of the time required to produce guns and ammunition in the quantities the European war had shown to be necessary. Little Armament Yet Delivered. Only powder has been delivered to the European belligerents in any considerable quantities up to this time by

British Defeat Arabs Army of 4500 is Driven Back in Western Egypt. Tribesmen Lose 150 in Killed and 500 Are Wounded—Casualties in Victorious Hanks Total 100.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Reuter's correspondent at Cairo, in a dispatch dealing with General Wallace's victory over Senusit tribesmen in Western Egypt last Sunday, says: "Four thousand five hundred western Arabs were engaged and driven back three miles. The British casualties were 25 men killed and 74 wounded. The enemy had about 150 men killed and 500 wounded."

The Britishers marched out of Matruh Saturday to engage the enemy, who had been located by aviators. The weather was most unfavorable, the storms rendering the ground difficult to traverse. The Britishers bivouacked Saturday night at Brakha and marched out the following morning. The two columns encountered the enemy, who then extended his right and left wings, endeavoring to envelop the British column.

The British drove off the attack after two hours, forcing the enemy back three miles from his camp at Hazalin, which the British occupied at noon, the enemy then retiring rapidly westward.

Empargo to Help Grain Proposed. WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—An embargo on war munition shipments for 60 days, or until the grain congestion in this country is relieved, was proposed as a resolution introduced today by Representative Sloan, of Nebraska, Republican.

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factions say that there is little doubt in their minds that Justice Hughes can have the nomination without a struggle if he will indicate his willingness to accept it, if tendered to him by the two parties. While they are expressing willingness to consider the Hughes candidacy seriously, it has developed that the progressive Republican members of the Senate and House are forming an organization for the purpose of getting delegates to the National convention to formulate a platform of "progressive Republican principles" to be submitted to the convention.

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