AMERICANS OUT OF RELIEF OF BELGIUM

German Order Cause of Withdrawal.

AUTHORITY IS TAKEN AWAY

Means of Communication Also Denied to Commission.

FORMAL NOTICE IS GIVEN

All to Leave Occupied District at Once Except Few Who Will Seek to Arrange for Continuation of Food Service.

LONDON, Feb. 12 .- The American mmission for relief in Belgium has officially notified the German authorities that the Americans will withdraw from participation in the relief work

in Belgium and Northern France. This step was taken in reply to an order from the German authorities that Americans must withdraw from the provinces of Belgium and Northern France, leaving only a few of their representatives, headed by Brand Whitlock, American Minister to Belglum, in Brussels. The action of the commission is explained in a formal statement which was given to the all American harbors. Such a report already has been received from the the commission in London.

Germans Restrict Americans.

"We were advised February 12 by Director Warren C. Gregory from TEUTON BLUEJACKETS BUSY (civil Governor of Brussels) had notified him American citizens could no Reichstag Member Says Steamers in longer occupy positions in connection with the commission in the occupied territory of France and Belgium," says the statement, "but that a few Americans, among them Brand Whitlock, tion would be denied Americans.

"After earnest consideration with Ambassador Page, the directors of the commission in London, acting in accord with Herbert C. Hoover, chair-Gregory to inform the German authorities that in view of their order that

Dr. Stresemann also expressed the tory and that as under these conditions the American members of the commis sion could no longer carry out their responsibilities and undertakings to other interested governments and fulfill their duties toward the peoples of Belgium and Northern France, the Americans would officially withdraw from participation in the work of relief in the occupied districts.

All but Few Will Leave.

"Mr. Gregory was advised to arrange for all his men to leave Belgium im- the Nationalists. mediately, except a few who are to ganization of the work,"

HAVRE, France, Feb. 12 .- The Belgian government says it has learned that laborers at Bruges are being arrested in the streets by Germans and REVENUE BILL PROTESTED immediately sent to the German front along the Yser, where they are forced Portland Chamber's Message Turned to do military work, such as putting up barbed wire fences and digging trenches.

It is asserted that 75 per cent of the men who were compelled to present are between the ages of 15 and 45. test against the enactment of the pend-They leave their homes Monday and return Saturday. On their arrival home they are declared to be greatly depressed because of insufficient nourishemnt, which consists of a quarter of a loaf of war bread in the morning and fruit soup made of apples and prunes at noon. This is said to be all the men receive.

Men Taken From Work. The Belgian government affirms that, contrary to what the Germans say, the Germans are systematically taking men who are not idle. At a large steel mill laborers earning from

Austrians Lose Hold. to 8 francs a day have been com-selled to quit their jobs and work for the Germans. The same is declared to loyes 9 francs a day saw them all taken away from him. A foreman who had been working for one man in Bruges for 27 years was taken from his home, together with his two sons, neither of whom was idle.

lt is declared that no account is taken of certificates or affidavits given by employers. When employers make demands in behalf of employes the military authorities write them that they are disposed to return workers on condition that the employers designate two unemployed men for each employed workman liberated.

Farm Hands Also Deported. The situation, the Belgian govern-The situation, the Belgian government says, is no better in the rural districts, where all the sons of farmers are taken away in masses every Monday morning. All farms of 75 seres remain without hands for cultivation and all complaints remain unheeded. Children of less than 15 years also are taken. At Leffinghe a youth of 16 was the eldest of his crew, which was composed of boys of 14 and 15 years of age. years of age,

GERMANY DECIDES TO HOLD HOSTAGES

AMERICAN SAILORS ON YAR-ROWDALE NOT RELEASED.

Washington Is Amazed by Sudden Change of Front-Detailed Ac-Being Prepared.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 .- Formal notification of the retention in Germany of 72 American sallors brought in a prisoners in the prize ship Yarrowdale was given to the State Department today by Dr. Paul Ritter, Swiss Minister here, acting for the German government, together with an inquiry as to status of the crews of the German warbound ships in American harbors.

Germany, Dr. Ritter said, had de-cided to hold the Yarrowdale prisoners until she has had definite assurance that German crews in American harbors would not be held or imprisoned This development, wholly unexpected, PRICES was amazing to the American Govern-ment. Officials here had come to the onclusion that the early reports which misled the German government as to the treatment of German crews here has been effectively dispelled by the forwarding of complete details. As this included the Presidential announcement that German ships would not be selzed now or in the event of war and full information about the fair attitude of the Government toward the German sailors, officials are wholly at a less to know what kind of report could have so suddenly changed Ger-

many's attitude. A query was at once cabled to the Governor of Hawali, the only section where German ships are warbound where all the conditions are not known. uniformly courteous treatment accorded German vessels, but officials want two war vessels and the eight merchantmen there in order to present a final report showing the conditions in Philippines and included in the blanket statement previously sent Germany.

American Ports Won't Be Used.

LONDON, Feb. 12 .- In an address at Wilhelmshaven regarding precautions might reside in Brussels and exercise taken by Germany in view of the posgeneral supervision over the work. Mr. sibility of war with the United States, Whitlock, however, was to have no diplomatic standing. Further, automobiles and other means of communica-tion would be denied Americans.

Stag, made the following statement, ac-tion would be denied Americans.

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United States will have seen to it that German steamers in American ports lin in August it was still possible to man of the commission, instructed Mr. shall not be usable by any one for buy cheese.

for the Spring campaign.

IRISH GET DAY IN HOUSE

Redmond's Request for Early Discussion of Promises Is Granted.

LONDON, Feb. 12 .- The government agreed today to set aside a day for discussion in the House of Commons of the Irish administration, as requested by

John Redmond, the Nationalist leadclose the commission's affairs and take er, asked the government last week to steps to see that there be no interrup- arrange for an early discussion of a tion in the service, pending the reor- motion to the effect that it was essential, without further delay, to confer on Ireland the free institutions long

Over to Mr. Chamberlain.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 12.-Representative Hawthemselves to the military authorities ley today received from the Portland have been taken for work. These men | Chamber of Commerce a vigorous pro-

ROME, via London, Feb. 12.-The be true of horticultural workers. At a well-known horticultural establishment known by the name of Flandria some places in Austrian attacks late some places in Austrian attacks late Il workers out of 24 have been taken away. A diamond cutter who paid his places in Australa attacks late away. A diamond cutter who paid his places in week, were re-established completely yesterday, the War Office an-

In the operation more than 100 pris

BRAZIL ARRESTS GERMANS

Duo Photographing Fortress of Imbuhy Are Taken Prisoners.

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, Feb. 12 .- The authorities of Nictheroy, five miles east of Rio Janeiro, yesterday arrested two Germans who were photographing

years of age.

All these children lived promiscuously with the older workers in the
same sheds and suffering the same in(Concluded on page 2, column 2)

omatics at Harvary University and author of several books on astronomy,
was found dead in his chair in his
room today. He had been ill for several
days with grippe.

Recent Change for Worse Is Striking.

FOOD ALLOWANCES REDUCED

Civilians Deprived That Soldiers May Be Fed.

Potato Ration Cut to Ten Ounces a Day, Meat to Few Ounces a Week. Lack of Fat Causes Constant Feeling of Hunger.

ence of the Associated Press.)-Food informally expressed the same view. conditions in Germany have changed greatly for the worse in the last five posal similar to the one now brought months. from Germany since the first week in Joint commission which recently at-There is not the least thought that any of three weeks in Berlin. He found embarge on exports was the plan. variation will be found there in the that many staples of food had altogether disappeared from the markets, siderable and of vast importance to the and others had grown so dear that they entente aliles. Enormous quantities of a detailed account of the status of the are beyond the reach of any but the oil for the British fleet are drawn from well-to-do.

The daily allowance of potatoes has Mexican east coast. been reduced to 10 ounces, and either a shortage of flour or a disordered disresulted in long queues of buyers standing for hours in front of the bakeries. Owners Summoned to Enroll With

Government Holds Prices Down. Maximum prices of foodstuffs con rolled by the government are still very low for potatoes and bread, and comparatively low for meats.

It had been hoped to allow one egg was made some five weeks ago, and for continuing its naval training camps Our German bluejackets in the another is not promised until Febru- for civilians next Summer.

Cheese Supply Exhausted. the that in view of their order that the Americans could no longer exercise opinion that the work of the German been no cheese on the market. It is their functions in the occupied terri- submarines was encouraging the army said that considerable quantities are being imported from Holland, but it goes apparently to the front except days after her departure from Piracus, taurants and hotels.

stuffs has been the expropriation for a long time. control by the government of all The lengthy passage was due to her canned vegetables. Four or five weeks being held up at Gibraltar and the (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

CARRANZA WOULD END WORLD'S WAR

PROPOSAL TO CUT OFF SUP-

Washington Informally Regards Move as Inspired by Germany. Oil to Allies Affected.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12,-Revolutionswept Mexico's de facto government entered the lists as an international eace maker today with an identic note to all neutrals proposing a joint effort to end the European war, coupled with the cutting off of exports of supplies to belligerents.

with expressions of mingled amusament and gravity in official quarters. There had been no decision tonight as to the American Government's response, but the prevailing opinion was that Secretary Lansing would reply briefly, re-ARE REGULATED ferring to the futile effort of President Wilson to bring about peace and pointing out that under existing conditions an embargo on exports would be a breach of neutrality.

Among entente diplomats Carranza's action was denounced as another evidence of German influence in Mexico and as a further effort to becloud the issue and embarrass the United States in the situation resulting from Ger many's new submarine campaign. Officials of the Government were not so outspoken, but those who commented

It became known tonight that a pro-The correspondent of the As- forward officially was made at one of octated Press, who has been away the closing sessions of the Mexican August, has just returned from a stay tempted to solve border difficulties. An distribution in countles outside of Mult- afterward a large steamer trunk and Mexico's exports to Europe are con-

the English-owned oil fields on the

tribution of it among the bakers has YACHTS BEING MOBILIZED

District Naval Commanders.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 .- The Naval Training Association announced here Potatoes tonight that it had been requested by cost only 72 cents, the standard bushel of 60 pounds, and bread a little less than 3½ cents a pound. But the potato allowance is insufficient for persons who have little but bread and possible to urge all applicants for membership in the Naval Coast Defense Reserve to present themselves and details of such sons who have little but bread and possible that it had been requested by the Naval Coast Defense Reserve to present themselves and details of such sons who have little but bread and possible that it had been requested by tatoes to eat, and has to be eked out the nearest district naval commander for enrollment.

It was also announced that the pres-

GREEK STEAMER ARRIVES other members from far Eastern Ore-Patris 76 Days on Way From

Piraeus, Owing to Blockade.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 .- Seventy-six small quantities allowed the res- Greece, the Greek liner Patris arrived here today, the first passenger steam-Another serious reduction of food- er from that country to reach this port

ago the dealers were permitted to sell Azores by order of the entente pend- that it offers the best provisions posa fractional part of their stock, but ing the settlement of the strained re-only two cans on each bread card. Per-lations with Greece, the agents here

The new game code als were said. She carried 564 passengers.

House Provides for \$280,000 Revenue.

MULTNOMAH FORGOES BENEFIT

Off of Deer Season.

Dr. Anderson Wins Effort to Force Hospitals to Open Doors to Osteopaths-Gresham Fair to Get More Money.

-(Special.)-Licenses on automobiles was a German. and automobile trucks are to be doubled under provisions of a bill passed by the House today and the proceeds will be applied to the state highway fund for

This bill is a part of the legislative found hidden away. road programme; was prepared by the joint House and Senate committee on roads and highways, and is a compan ion to the general road code put German Munitions Factories Dethrough the House last week.

It is expected to raise approximately \$280,000 in cash next year and to increase from year to year as the number of automobiles in the state in-

State to Expend Money. The money is to go into the general

highway fund and to be expended under direction of the State Highway Commission.

to be sent back to the respective counties in the ratio in which it was paid. The Multnomah delogations in the House and Senate have consented to an amendment that will permit all the money to be used outside Multnomah aid most substantially in developing Portland. the general road improvement through-

Eastern Oregon Expects Loss. Representatives Crandall, Small and gon objected to the provision giving the commission discretion in distributing the money. They declared that their counties sc.dom, if ever, get any money from the state highway fund excepting that accruing from the automobile taxes and that with that money taken away they will stand little

chance of getting anything. Representat ve Schimpff, chairman of the roads committee, handled the bill on the floor and assured t. members The new game code als went (Concluded on Page 3, Column 3.)

GERMAN STOWAWAY

MAN SAID TO HAVE PAPERS IN-CRIMINATING AS SPY.

George Rieft Is Found Aboard Sheridan in Army Uniform, After Departure From Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12 .- (Special.)-An investigation was begun tolight by secret service operatives into the identity and past actions of George BRAND GETS WORKABLE LAW

Kleft, a German, who arrived here today on the United States transport Sheridan from Manila as a stowaway. The communication was received Game Code Cuts Two Weeks Kieft was taken off the transport after Even Author of Drastic Plan the vessel arrived in the harbor and is held in detention.

Incriminating papers, which, it is said, show that Kieft is a German spy and disbursing agent, were found in MEDICAL SCHOOLS DEBATE trunk which he smuggled aboard the W. C. T. U. IS NOT CONTENT transport at Manila when he stowed away. Dressed in the uniform of United States Army private, coarded the Sheridan at Manila and mingled with the soldiers in the troops quarters. His presence was not dis overed until several days after the vessel left port, when the soldiers aboard were ordered to muster, and it was found that there was one too many. Kieft was questioned by one of the officers and acknowledged that he STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12. had bought the uniform and that he

Kleft told the officers that he was out of funds and wished to get to San Francisco. This story was soon disproved. He was searched and \$672 was found secreted in his clothing. Shortly state.

TWO WAR PLANTS BLOW UP

stroyed, With Many Casualties.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 12, via London, Feb. 13.—According to the Hamburger Nachrichten, two large ammunition factories at Thorn, East Prussia, and at Glueckauf, in Quickborn, near Hamburg, were destroyed by explosions last week.

Sixty-three persons were killed and he same number wounded

Dr. Morrow Is Pension Examiner.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washgton, Feb. 12.—On recommendation of the Oregon Senators, Dr. E. V. Morrow, of Portland, has been appointed asmem-County. They believe that this will ber of the pension examining board at who were appointed by Speaker Stan-

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Severe Penalties Are Provided for Violations and Prosecutors Are Made Liable for Enforcement of Measure.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 12 (Special.) - A "safe and sane" auticigarette bill was passed by the House late today and probably will go through the Senate and become the law of the

The bill is sort o. a compromise besuitcase belonging to Kieft were tween the Sweeney bone-dry bill and the conservative Stott bill, both of which were passed by the House last. week, later recalled and tabled.

The bill passed today is a redraft of the Sweeney bill. It strictly prohibits the sale of cigarettes to youths under 21 years of age and makes it a misdemeanor for a minor to smoke cigar-Heavy Penalties Provided.

ions. It authorizes the District Attorney and other prosecuting officers to enforce the law under pain of becoming criminally liable themselves.

At the suggestion of Representative

It provides heavy penalties for viola-

Kubli, the provision against billboard advertising was stricken out. In its amended form, the bill repesents the views of a special committee composed of Representatives Brand, Burdick, Bean, Sweeney and Lufferty,

field today to make the revisions Brand Gets Worksble Law.

It was largely through Brand's efforts and influence that the measure was brought back from the Senate and amended so that it meets the wishes of those who desire constructive anticigarette legislation without standing in danger of being unenforcible, unworkable or unconstitutional.

It was the opinion of many of the best lawyers in the House that the original Sweeney bill would not stand a constitutional test. Brand voted for it the other day, but after reflection came to the conclusion that he had erred in ils judgment.

Conference Held With Speaker.

After conferring with Speaker Stanfield Representatives Sweeney, Forbes and other influential members, lee asked to have the measure recalled. It was on his motion that it was taken from the table today and placed in the hands of a special committee.

were suspended and the bill was placed on third reading for final passage after

adjournment at 6 o'clock. The rules

Sweeney Favors New Bill. Sweeney, author of the original bone dry bill and a member of the special. committee, spoke for it. He said that while it does not represent the higher ideals of anti-cigarette legislation that he hopes eventually to obtain, he be-United States to block revelt in Cuba. Heves it to be a good bill and a step

in the right direction. "When members who had voted for my bill said that they believed they had used poor judgment," he said, "I consented to have it come back. I think I have shown my good faith by agreeing to the amendments that have been made, and I hope now that the other members will keep their faith with me and vote for the bill as it

stands." Anderson Doesn't Like Bill.

Ritner called for the previous question. There was some protest, but the motion carried and the roll was called. Fulton scores technical knockout over on explaining their votes. Anderson Weinert. Page 13. Quite a few of the members insisted said the bill is not the kind of a bill Mulinomah Club to hold annual meeting said the bill is not the kind of a bill that its sponsors wanted. Its sponsors are the members of W. C. T. U. and other women's organizations. They offered the bone-dry bill. Anderson remarked that the measure probably had fallen into the hands of its enemies. Bean was quick to resent the sug-

> gestion. "The idea that 't fell into the hands of its enemies is false, absolutely false," he cried. He voted for the bill,

Others Expinin Vote. Nearly half an hour was taken up in other explanations and apologics The journal shows the following

rollcall: Ayes - Ashley, Barber, Bean, Bowman, Brand, Brown, Burdick, Callan, Cartmill, Clark, Corbett, Dedman, Eigen, S. Jones, Al Jones, Kubli, Lafferty, Mackay, Mann, Martin, Matthieu, Peck,

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