

DUTCH SHIP DEAL DISTURBS TEUTONS

German and Austrian Press
Comments Severely on Tak-
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NEUTRALITY HELD DERIDED

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to Official View, Chiefly for
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LONDON, March 15.—The notice
served on Holland by Great Britain and
the United States regarding the taking
over of Dutch ships in allied ports
has drawn the German press into a
towering rage, the Copenhagen corre-
spondent of the Exchange Telegraph
company cables.

The newspapers demand that Ger-
many take the most drastic counter-
measures if Holland gives way to the
allies.

AMSTERDAM, March 15.—Extracts
from Vienna newspapers regarding the
allied operation that Dutch shipping
in allied ports would be taken over
contained violent abuse of the sentiments
and the United States.

The Neue Freie Presse represents the
proposed action as making Dutch neu-
trality a thing of derision and an un-
disguised outrage, it is particularly
bitter against the United States, which
it declares to be primarily responsible
for this "unprecedented act of violence
against a neutral people."

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The mil-
lion tons of Dutch ships about to be
taken over by the United States and
Great Britain by requisition if the
Netherlands government does not volun-
tarily agree to turn them over, will be
used chiefly, officials said today, for
the transportation of foodstuffs.

Situation Declared Alarming.

Speaking in the Senate today, Sen-
ator Jones, of Washington, declared
the American people would be appalled
if they knew the real shipping situa-
tion.

"I have no doubt," he said, "that the
many hungry mouths about to be fed
our own people know it."

LONDON, March 15.—The allied mar-
itime transport council, formed at the
recommendation of the American mis-
sion headed by Colonel House, for the
purpose of using most effectively the
tonnage of Great Britain, the United
States, France and Italy, held its first
meeting here today. Subsequently the
following announcement was made:

"The council will have a permanent
organization consisting of four sec-
tions, one for each government. The
council will obtain through its perma-
nent staff programmes of import re-
quirements for each of the main classes
of essential imports and full statements
as to the tonnage available to the re-
spective governments."

Imports to Be Scrutinized.

"It will examine the import pro-
grammes in relation to the carrying
power of the available tonnage in or-
der to ascertain the extent of any de-
ficiency and will consider means whereby
such deficiency may be met, whether by
reduction in import programmes, by ac-
quisition, if practicable, of further ton-
nage for importing work, or by more
economical and co-operative use of the
tonnage already available."

The members of the council will re-
port to their respective governments
with a view to making sure that the
decisions and action required to give
effect to any recommendations made
by the council are taken in their re-
spective countries."

CITY SMELT GOING FAST

Hundreds of Pounds of Fish Sold at
Municipal Market in Day.

The "smelt drive" of the municipal
fish market at Third and Yamhill
streets is bringing big results. Orders
for the tasty little fish are being re-
ceived in large numbers from all over
Oregon, and Idaho, and even from
Northern California.

A big run is being made on the fish
at the market. Hundreds of purchases
at the price of the pounds for 15
cents were made yesterday. A big
hole already has been cut in the city's
supply of 70,000 pounds.

Camp Lewis Notes.

CAMP LEWIS, Wash., March 15.—
Veterinarians and veterinary students
enlisted in the Army here may be trans-
ferred to the veterinary corps as en-
listed men, under a ruling received to-
day from the Adjutant-General's office.
The transfer may be made "if practic-
able and for the best interests of the
service," the order reads.

Another ruling from the Adjutant-
General's office which is designed to
facilitate the work of local draft boards
was made public today in a bulletin at
division headquarters. Whenever a
man is discharged from the Army, the
reasons, the reason for discharge must
be stated for the information of the
draft board for their guidance in case
the discharged man is subject to draft.

Three privates were ordered dis-
charged from the Army today on recom-

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