

SHIP OWNERS WILL GET SQUARE DEAL

Dutch Vessels Seized by U. S. Government Eventually to Be Restored.

COMPENSATION IS ASSURED

Liberal Chartering Rates Will Be Paid and Lost Freight During War Will Be Replaced—Switzerland Gets Tonnage.

THE HAGUE, March 25.—Fears of Dutch ship owners that the ships seized by the United States are lost to them are quieted in a communication to the Dutch press from the American Legation here.

It appears that fear exists that requisitioned Dutch ships will be lost permanently to their owners and the Dutch flag. The Legation is advised officially that the United States has not taken title to any such ships under the present proclamation, but has merely taken them over for temporary use.

Compensation is Guaranteed. Liberal chartering will be paid, the statement said, and the ships will be returned at the close of the war. If ships are lost they will be paid for or replaced by new ships.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Transfer of 50,000 tons of American shipping to the Swiss government to take food supplies for that country was announced today by the Shipping Board.

With her commerce cut off by the battle lines, Switzerland several months ago turned to the United States and ships to carry her across the Atlantic. The State Department gave assurance in a note to the Swiss government that America would aid in every way possible.

Safe Conduct is Expected. Recently several ships bearing grain to Switzerland were torpedoed, making it necessary to procure additional tonnage. Switzerland now is expected to procure safe conduct from Germany before putting in service any of the vessels which the United States now has agreed to permit her to use.

Grain Available for Dates. Holland's reported decision to refuse grain supplies offered by the United States in return for Dutch ships just taken over will not cause the American or British governments to be declared here today, to change the plan of action agreed on. The grain will be made available to the Dutch and they can have it by sending ships for it.

LONDON, March 25.—At a meeting of the Association of Danish Manufacturers, says an Exchange Telegraph, a dispatch from Copenhagen, President Alexander Foss reviewed Danish commercial relations and complained of the treatment of neutrals by belligerents.

Great Britain and the United States have made a commercial agreement in order to defend the rights of small neutral states. The agreement, it was declared here today, to change the plan of action agreed on. The grain will be made available to the Dutch and they can have it by sending ships for it.

CASH BAIL IS FORFEITED

Ernest Miller Leaves \$500 Here and Goes to Switzerland.

Falling to appear for arraignment when his case was called in the Federal Court yesterday, court Ernest Miller \$500. Miller was arrested several weeks ago by the Federal authorities for sending an obscene letter from Astoria to his wife at Great Falls, Mont. He deposited \$500 cash bail for his appearance in court.

Removal Taken at Chehalis. CHEHALIS, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Chad only in his night clothes, a lad who had escaped from the hospital at the State Training School, was captured here this morning by Chief of Police Foster. He was returned to the school. The boy tried to break into Cook's store, but was frightened away.

BARBER LANDS IN TROUBLE

E. ROGOWAY AND NEGRO PORTER ACCUSED OF BOOTLEGGING. Unearthing of Yeon Building Underground Channel Said to Be Culmination of Much Work.

E. Rogoway, proprietor of the fashionable Yeon building barber shop, is out on \$200 bail and George Washington, colored porter, is confined in the City Jail as a result of an investigation conducted by Deputy Sheriff Hurlbut and Patrolmen Teeters and Phillips late yesterday afternoon. The men are charged with violating the prohibition law.

The unearthing of the Yeon building underground channel, connecting with the main sewer, at the rear of the building, was the result of an emergency squad had long been on the lookout for convicting evidence. It wasn't until last night that Lieutenant Thatcher succeeded in getting two of his men to successfully make a purchase. Two quarters was the amount bought, the police say.

Two dollars a quart is said to be the price paid by customers of the alleged dispensing station, and the price alone has strengthened the belief of the police that the patrons belong to more exclusive set.

At police headquarters Rogoway kept the phone busy for 30 minutes in an attempt to secure his bail. He was arrested by the police and taken to the City Jail. He was released on \$200 bail.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

British. LONDON, March 25.—The British official statement of today follows: "The battle continues with great violence on the whole front. Powerful attempts delivered by the enemy to break through the British lines north of Bapaume were heavily repulsed. "Only at one point did the German infantry reach our trenches, whence they were immediately thrown out. Elsewhere the enemy's attacks were stopped by rifle, machine gun and artillery fire in front of our positions, and his troops were given back with great loss.

"During the night and this morning fresh hostile attacks have again developed on the neighborhood and also to the south of Bapaume. "South of Peronne bodies of German troops who crossed the river between Liecourt and Hris were driven back by our counter-attacks.

"The text of the evening statement reads: "During the morning of March 25 our troops on the front from the Somme as far north as Waucourt had beaten off continuous and heavy attacks with complete success.

"The attacks have been inflicted on the enemy by our artillery and machine guns. Our low flying airplanes repeatedly attacked the enemy's advanced columns and threw out the enemy's communications. "A heavy attack delivered by fresh enemy troops in the afternoon enabled them to make progress west and southward in the direction of Courcellette.

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SCENES OF SHAMBLES FOLLOW WHEN BRITISH ARTILLERY EXACTS ITS TOLL.

Infantry Dash Continues. Battle of Quarries Results in Heavy Loss to Tenthons—Refugees Move in Stream Out of War-Ravaged Districts.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, March 25.—This has been another day of most desperate and sanguinary fighting along the whole front of the northern sectors.

In fact, in the northern sectors there has been no cessation in the awful work since yesterday morning. The Germans have continued to hurl strong columns of infantry into the conflict, depending largely on weight of numbers to overcome the increasing opposition offered by the heroically resisting British.

On the northern wing of the offensive the enemy this morning brought up additional troops after an all-night struggle about Longueval, which renewed his efforts to break the British front in the region of Ervillevaux.

At the south near the center of the line an equally strong attempt is being made by the invaders to extend the long, narrow waistline which they had pushed in south of Bapaume, near Longueval—famous in the annals of the battle of the Somme.

These places were again the scene of shambles, in which the British machine gunners and riflemen exacted a heavy toll of death from their pressing enemy.

Struggle Intense in South. Still further south the Germans were pushing the front hard in an endeavor to push on and get a firm grip on Neale and swing the British right flank back, while the determined defenders were battling doggedly to force the enemy back and reclaim the positions previously held by them along the river.

The decision concerning the fate of these towns at this time, and the struggle goes on with unabated fury. The resistance of the British right wing has been a day for machine gunners and infantry.

The Germans were pursuing their tactics of working forward in massed formation, and the British rapid rifle squads and riflemen were reaping a harvest from their positions on the high ground. Notwithstanding their terrible losses, the Germans kept coming on, filling in the places of those who had fallen, and pressing their attack with renewed vigor.

In the north, in the region of Ervillevaux, the British last night were forced once more to abandon Mory, which had changed hands several times in the last few days. They fell back for a short distance, and the battle this morning was staged largely along the Bapaume-Arras road.

The Germans employed a large number of divisions in this assault, which was held off by the British gunners.

For the last four days French refugees have been streaming back from the evacuated towns in large numbers. On Friday fighting at being seen in the front were to be met old men, women and children all trading stoically behind their horse-drawn carts or pushing their belongings in a bag on their backs.

It is possible today to give details of that most important phase of the battle fought in the sector between Gouvaucourt and St. Quentin.

The country here was shrouded in mist Thursday morning and the Germans advanced in the early hours of the day. The British infantry flung themselves against the British front line and after a fierce struggle broke through it at several places. They then continued their fight at Templeux, near Hargicourt.

Just in front of the former village were quarries where the British had taken up their positions, and a battle of attrition was waged. The Germans repeatedly tried to take the quarries by storm, but so gallant was the defense of the British that they were unable to push their way through.

Five Divisions Smash Line. While this struggle was in progress, the enemy flung five divisions against the line in front of Hargicourt, and compelled the British to fall back from that place. This automatically ended the struggle in the Templeux quarries and the defenders fell back a little distance, but the fighting was not over.

The British again fell back, this time to a line through Herville, just east of Boisé and west of Herville. The German captured Herville, but the British came back with the help of tanks in a dash counter-attack, which forced the Germans to withdraw. The Germans, however, in an attack further down the line, had forced the British line to swing back and the whole front of this sector was compelled to give way, falling back to the line on the Somme.

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RETIRED RANCHER PASSES. Downing W. Lamb Resident of Washington for 40 Years.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—Downing W. Lamb, aged 83, who has lived in Walla Walla and Columbia County for the last 40 years, died at his home in Dixie yesterday. He has lived in Dixie three years, and prior to that time farmed in Walla Walla and Columbia counties.

He is survived by his widow and four children. They are: Percy, who is in Dixie; Fred, who is in France; Mrs. Elva Godfrey, of Dixie; and Mrs. Lottie Cook, of Halfway. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Joe Hixson, of Dayton.

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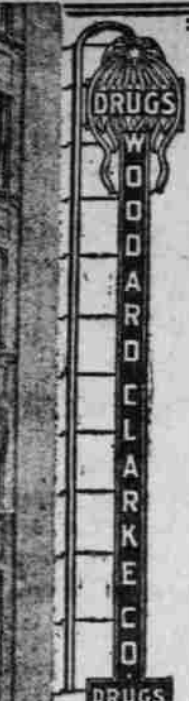
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Advertisement for various toiletries including Paint Your Own Auto, Sherwin-Williams, Johnson's Carbon Remover, and Hot Water Bottles. Includes prices and descriptions for each product.

HUNS NEAR CAPITAL

German Occupation of Petrograd Expected Hourly.

AMERICANS ABANDON CITY

Patriarch of Russia Refuses to Sanction German Peace Treaty—Slavs and Tatars Organizing in Siberia.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—German occupation of Petrograd within 24 hours was predicted by American Consul Treadwell in a dispatch reaching the State Department today, dated March 20. Virtually all Americans have left the city, the dispatch stated.

The Consul reported from Moscow after returning from a trip to Petrograd. The commissary of the city, he said, had told him that he expected the establishment of German control within a day. Another consular telegram from Moscow confirmed the report that the Patriarch of Russia refused to sanction the German peace treaty and strongly condemned it.

HARBIN, Monday, March 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Russian and German soldiers in Siberia are organizing an army corps composed of one exclusively Russian division and another which will be two-thirds German and one-third Russian.

L. S. Gray, an American business man at Omak, reports that 1000 prisoners with airplanes, motorcycles, armored cars and ammunition have been concentrated at Tomak. At Kraonon-yarak a passport bureau has been established and is supplying to Australian soldiers credentials under Russian names. Germans are guarding 10,000 rifles in the arsenal at Irkutsk. All these movements, according to information reaching here, are parts of a plan to mobilize along the frontier and oppose any advance by foreign troops.

President Wilson's message to the All-Russian Congress at Moscow has been received with enthusiasm in Siberia. There is much speculation as to whether his remark about the inability of America to give help referred to Siberia. The press as a whole interprets the message as a guarantee of Russia's integrity against all outsiders.

LONDON, March 25.—An Exchange Telegraph Company dispatch from Tien Tsin, China, dated Friday, says that the latest message from Tokio declared that the Japanese government regarded the Siberian situation as sufficiently grave to warrant the continuance of preparations. Further formal deliberations between Japan and the principal allied powers, it is added, would be necessary in order to obtain absolute unanimity.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—A dispatch to the State Department from the American legation at Peking today said that Tuan Chi Jui had been made Premier.

WOMAN IS THE BETTER—BETTER HALF

Man only thinks he is the lord of creation. His, in reality, is the puppet creature. The power behind the throne pulls the strings. Woman rules by wit, by art, by subtlety, but chief of her weapons are beauty of face and grace of line.

Women feel their sovereignty grow less sovereign, therefore, as their weight increases. This is a fatal error. To prevail, woman must be graceful. She will not escape slavery, but she will be someone else's slave. That's the rub.

Dominate your figure by means of Marmola Prescription Tablets. Reduce it, if necessary, or hold its trimness intact. You can do so by taking a tablet after every meal and at bedtime. That is the only requirement. No exercising is necessary, no dieting need be done. The tablet, unadorned, will take off a pound a day, and best of all, first of all, where it shows the most, as on chin, abdomen, hips, etc.

Anticipate no ill effects, only advantages over some man. The tablets are made of purest ingredients, and they are also non-injurious, being made exactly in accordance with the famous Marmola formula—1/2 oz. Marmola, 1/2 oz. Fl. Ex. Cascara, 1/2 oz. Peppermint Water—Adv.

Dane Criticizes U. S. Emanuel Kolk, a Dane living at Canyon City, does not think the United States "had any business in the war" and did not hesitate to tell his neighbors so. As a result, Kolk was brought to Portland yesterday by Deputy Sheriff States Marshall and will be held awaiting instructions from Washington.

TO STOP INDIGESTION IN FIVE MINUTES

Musterole Works Easier, Quicker and Without the Blister. There's no sense in mixing a mess of mustard, flour and water when you can easily relieve pain, soreness or stiffness from sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frost-bite, colds, or the chest (if often prevents pneumonia). 30c and 60c jars; hospital size \$2.50.

Advertisement for MUSTEROLE, featuring a blister pack and text describing its benefits for various ailments like indigestion, colds, and rheumatism.

Advertisement for BEHNKE WALKER, a business school offering training in sales and business management. Includes contact information and enrollment details.

Advertisement for Pape's Diapepsin, a medicine for indigestion, heartburn, and stomach issues. Features a large illustration of the product box and descriptive text.

Advertisement for CUTICURA, a skin treatment for dandruff and itching. Includes a testimonial from a woman and a list of retailers.

Advertisement for YARM BOOTHS SUCCESS, a business opportunity for selling shoes. Includes details about the product and contact information.

Advertisement for MRS. MAGGIE SHEPLEY DIES, a notice of death and funeral arrangements. Includes details about the deceased and the funeral home.

Advertisement for NIGHT PROWLER IS TAKEN, a notice of a burglary and the capture of the thief. Includes details about the crime and the police investigation.

Advertisement for BARBER LANDS IN TROUBLE, a notice of legal proceedings against a barber. Includes details about the charges and the court case.

Advertisement for BORADENT TOOTH PASTE, a dental hygiene product. Includes a testimonial and a list of retailers.