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HELP OF ITALY MAY MEAN SHORTER WAR

Rome Thinks Teutons Would Be Starved.

NEUTRALITY MEANS SUPPLIES

Contraband Trade Continues, Despite Government.

COPPER PARTLY CUT OFF

Arrest for Bribery Discloses Participation of Diplomatic Attachés, Some of Whom Are Promptly Expelled.

ROME, Jan. 9.—(Special)—It is believed here that participation by Italy in the war against the Turkish allies of Germany and Austria-Hungary, besides increasing the gravity of their defeat, will shorten the war by starving the two central empires.

It is well known that Germany and Austria are aiding in continuing the war by Italy's neutrality.

Wheat and other cereals in enormous quantities have been imported into Germany and Austria from Italy since the beginning of the war, and this wholesale contraband trade continues, in spite of the efforts of the Italian government.

Contraband Traffic Large.

Thoroughly equipped German and Austrian agents were sent to this country and the staffs of the embassies of every German and Austrian consul in Italy were increased as soon as it was seen that war was inevitable. Most of the newly arrived diplomats and consular officers are agents for contraband traffic.

Two of the leading banks of Italy are capitalized largely by German money, while many prominent manufacturing firms are in the hands of Germans and Austrians.

The agents of the two empires easily came in contact with their countrymen residing in Italy, who willingly agreed to combine profit with patriotism to Italy's detriment. Many Italians overlooked that by forwarding contraband goods to Germany and Austria they were depleting their own country of supplies and provisions, which would be needed if Italy entered the war.

Germans Pay Liberally.

Germany has spent money lavishly, paying cash for everything bought and allowing a wide margin for profits and bribery. Trainloads of rice, wheat and other foodstuffs have been sent to Switzerland en route to Germany. Articles of the same kind discharged at Italian Adriatic ports have been transshipped to sailing vessels or small coasting steamers for conveyance to Austria.

The contraband business flourished the first two months of the war. It was then limited to foodstuffs. It soon assumed such proportions as to threaten a wheat and rice famine in Italy.

The Italian government then adopted strict measures to check the dangerous trade. The German and Austrian agents attempted to organize a contraband trade in copper, but their efforts were not entirely successful, since the copper had to be imported from America and many merchant vessels carrying this article were captured by British warships on watch at Gibraltar and by French vessels cruising in the Mediterranean.

Bribery of Officials Rumored.

After some friction the government by royal decree prohibited the exportation of copper from Italy to any country. Thereupon the German and Austrian agents attempted to evade

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IS WEDDING SCENE

MISS MATHILDA ECKERLEN, PRIVATE SECRETARY, BRIDE.

Daughter of Salem Capitalist and F. Cornell, of Woodburn, Married Before West's Farewell.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 9.—(Special)—In the hurly-burly of preparations today for convening of the Twenty-eighth Legislative Assembly Miss Mathilda Eckerlen, private secretary to Governor West, became the bride of Frederick Cornell, formerly a merchant of Woodburn. The ceremony was performed in Governor West's private office, Rev. Father Scherbring, of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, officiating, and the Governor and Secretary of State Olcott serving as witnesses. Immediately after the nuptials Mr. and Mrs. Cornell boarded a train for San Diego, Cal., where they will live.

Mrs. Cornell is the second member of Governor West's office force to be married near the close of his administration. Mrs. Bessie Spooner, one of the stenographers, was married about three months ago to Albert H. Gillie, who is employed in the State Forestry Department. When Miss Fern Hobbs assumed her duties as member of the State Industrial Accident Commission, January 1, Miss Eckerlen, who had been a stenographer in the office for eight years, was made private secretary. She had frequently said if she ever married she wanted the ceremony to be performed in the Governor's office. She told no one of her plans until Mr. Cornell and Rev. Mr. Scherbring arrived at the Governor's office. Mrs. Cornell is a daughter of Eugene Eckerlen, a Salem capitalist.

WOMAN, 83, FOILS HOLD-UP

Mrs. M. Hassong Grabs Pistol Robber Points at Her and He Flees.

Snatching a robber's gun when he tried to enter her home at East Twenty-eighth and Kelly streets last night, Mrs. M. Hassong, aged 83, pushed the weapon to one side and chased the man to the street.

The robber stepped to the door and rang the bell about 8:30 o'clock P. M., when Mrs. Hassong and her husband were in the house. She answered the bell and saw a strange man standing on the porch.

"Throw up your hands!" he ordered, thrusting a .38-caliber revolver in her face.

"Get out of this, you beast!" retorted the woman, as she seized the gun by the barrel. She was unable to wrest the weapon from him, but she pushed the surprised highwayman from the porch and chased him to the street.

PROGRESSIVE BACK IN FOLD

Lorenzo Dow, Active in Washington Politics, Again Republican.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special)—Lorenzo Dow, Progressive National Committeeman from this state, and whose term expired today as Prosecuting Attorney of Pierce County, to which office he was elected two years ago as a Bull Moose, tonight gave out a formal statement announcing his return to the Republican fold.

Dow led the Progressive fight on the floor of the Aberdeen convention when the split came in this state. He now declares the Progressive party has served its purpose, bringing about an awakening of the Republican con-

sience.

IDaho AUDITOR ARRESTED

Fred L. Huston Accused of Misappropriating Public Funds.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 9.—Fred L. Huston, State Auditor, was indicted and arrested here tonight on a charge of misappropriating public funds. Huston was released on bonds of \$2000 after being arrested at his home.

The indictment is said to have its source in the maintenance of the dairy, food and sanitary departments. It is charged that a deputy in the department was paid his salary from the fund set aside for traveling expenses.

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NEUTRALS GIVE AID TO UNITED NATIONS

SUPREME COURT BRIEFS
Supreme Court Briefs

Daughter of Salem Capitalist and F. Cornell, of Woodburn, Married Before West's Farewell.

Support Accorded to Protest to Britain.

COPIES OF REPLY SUPPLIED

More Vigorous Assertion of American Rights Likely.

TIME IS CHIEF GRIEVANCE

Further Correspondence Virtually Conceded to Be Necessary, but Washington Makes No Prediction on Outcome.

Washington Makes No Prediction on Outcome.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—While no formal arrangement has been made as yet for common action by all neutral countries in respect to contraband and shipping during maritime warfare, it became known today that the United States had received the sympathetic support of practically all neutral nations in its negotiations with Great Britain.

Recognizing the interest manifested by the neutral governments in the initiative taken by the United States, copies of the British reply to the American note were ordered delivered by Secretary Bryan to all their diplomatic representatives in Washington. When the first note was sent there were many formal requests for copies and it was regarded as significant that the British note has been sent to them voluntarily.

Comment on Note Withheld.
A day's study of the British communication failed to develop any comment from Administration officials. They feel that the people will have an opportunity to judge for themselves in another day whether or not Great Britain is meeting the request of the United States for early improvement in the treatment of American commerce. The text of the British note will be made public simultaneously in both Washington and London tomorrow.

It is known, however, that the British note does not finally dispose of the questions raised, but is in the nature of a preliminary argument. Just how far a long-drawn-out correspondence is forshadowed, officials here refused to say.

More Vigorous Protest Possible.

In authoritative quarters it was said, however, that another note, perhaps more vigorous than its predecessor, would be sent to Great Britain, should the safeguards which Great Britain has advised for American commerce be disregarded by the British fleet, as the American Government contends has occurred heretofore. While

the United States desires to arrange amicably the points in dispute, its chief cause of complaint has been against the alleged indecision of the British authorities in applying their own rules.

The greatest difficulty in the situation centers about the question of length of time required for a thorough search of a merchant vessel. The United States contends detentions and examinations have been entirely too long. England avers that the size of vessels makes more difficult examination and necessities conveying merchandise to ports for detailed search.

Issue Far From Settled.

While the tone of the British note is said to be conciliatory, and concessions of various kinds have been made to American commerce through arrangements completed by the allies with neutral countries where embargoes on re-exportation of many products have been declared, the situation is regarded in executive quarters as far from settled and requiring further correspondence.

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National:
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Neutral nations in accord with United States propose to Great Britain, Section 1, page 1.

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Chicago begins eating "K" bread and says it is good. Section 1, page 1.

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Plans are afoot to bring Norwegian singers and performers here for Festival. Section 1, page 5.

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Army prepares for big Auto Show of January 23-30. Section 4, page 5.

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HALF-MILL TAX FOR IRRIGATION SOUGHT

Requests to Legislature Numerous.

FEDERAL GUARANTEE URGED

Appropriation of National Funds Also Desired.

STATE AID STARTS FIGHT

Committee Instructed to Bring in Resolution Presents It With Recommendation Against Adoption—Ferris Bill Omitted.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY OREGON IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

President, Asa B. Thompson, Echo (re-elected).

Secretary, Fred N. Wallace, Laidlaw (re-elected).

First vice-president, J. W. Brewer, Redmond (re-elected).

Second vice-president, John Rigby, Vale.

Third vice-president, A. M. Crawford, Salem.

Both direct taxation and bond issues were recommended to the State Legislature by the Oregon Irrigation Congress yesterday as means of state aid for irrigation enterprises.

Federal guarantee bonds for district irrigation projects and direct appropriation of Federal funds procured by mortgaging its unappropriated natural resources within the state were endorsed as feasible plans through which the National Government can aid in reclamation work.

Much Asked of Legislature.

The State Legislature was petitioned on numerous subjects, which, besides the appeal to levy a tax of half a mill on all property in the state and submit it to the people, a constitutional amendment