

DUTCH AGREE TO GIVE UP SHIPPING

Complete Surrender to Terms of Allies Contains Element of Mystery.

BERLIN DEAL SUSPECTED

Teuton Agent at The Hague Said to Have Promised to Transfer Germany's Rhine Tonnage to Dutch.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Holland, on the eve of her shipping being taken over by the United States and Great Britain, has given evidence of a readiness to make a voluntary agreement to that purpose, even agreeing that the ships shall be sent into the war.

In view of the continued pressure upon the Netherlands by Germany in opposition to such a step, officials here were mystified at the sudden change in the situation and began to speculate upon what arrangements Holland might have made with Berlin.

It was stated in official quarters that Holland probably would make liberal concessions to Germany when she turns the ships over to the allies, but it was feared that the sudden acquiescence with the long opposed provision that the ships be sent through the war zone, might indicate that the Netherlands government was proposing something new in connection with the negotiations which Great Britain and the United States would be unable to accept.

New Proposals Entitled. The official attitude here is that all arrangements have been made to take over the ships on Monday and that the intention of any new proposals by Holland cannot stay the decisions reached in London and Washington.

It was stated that if Holland desires to turn over the ships on the terms already laid down by voluntary agreement, it would be considered very agreeable, but that they must be taken over Monday, at all events, on the final terms submitted to The Hague by the American and British diplomatic representatives.

LONDON, March 16.—A conference was held at the Berlin Foreign Office yesterday at which the situation created by the contemplated taking over of Dutch shipping by the allies was discussed. Berlin's attitude to the proposals sent by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Copenhagen. He quotes the Lokal Anzeiger as stating that measures to be taken in the event of Holland's acceptance of the allied terms were particularly discussed.

The reports from the Wilhelmstrasse, added the newspaper, indicated there were no prospects of Holland accepting the allied terms. Dutch May Get Rhine Tonnage. In this connection Germany's diplomatic representatives at The Hague are reported as declaring that Germany's Rhine tonnage would be placed as far as possible at the disposal of the Dutch and that as much coal as could be spared for Holland would be shipped to her from Germany.

AMSTERDAM, Friday, March 15.—The demands made by the entente by Holland are bitter hard, says the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant, in commenting upon the statement made to the states general by the Dutch Foreign Minister with regard to the negotiations with Great Britain and the United States. It says: "Moreover, to grant some of them, as appears from the resume of the discussions with Germany, would lead to Germany's refusing to renew the economic agreement with Holland. The future can only be regarded as very sombre."

COPENHAGEN, March 16.—A dispatch to the Politiken from Amsterdam states that the Dutch government yesterday prohibited Dutch steamers from sailing for England.

LEWIS PEOPLE TO PARADE War Savings Day to Be Made Gala Event at Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 16.—(Special)—Plans for war-savings day, next Wednesday, were completed at a meeting held last night by the Centralia members of the bureau of the Lewis County war-savings organization. There will be a high school parade in the afternoon and a citizens' parade in the evening. The bureau of local war savings societies and fraternal organizations will be in line. C. D. Cunningham will speak at the high school both afternoon and evening.

Monday and Tuesday Centralia's minute women will make a house-to-house canvass of the city to enroll every man, woman and child in war savings work. Plans for the canvass were made at a meeting held by the minute women yesterday afternoon, addressed by N. H. Coffman, chairman of Lewis County's war savings organization.

PATRIOTISM MARKS MEET

(Continued From First Page.) an disloyalty. Mrs. Parsons quoted the Forum of February "as an antidote for these misleading statements." Mrs. C. A. Johns spoke of "our boys" a toast to the sons of members now at the front.

Programme is Patriotic. Miss Elizabeth Fox, of the Eugene Chapter, sent as her message by Mrs.

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