

DENMARK FOUND BY GERMANY TO PAY FOR LACK OF NEUTRALITY

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FAVORED BRITISH DIVERS

Permitted to Pass Through Danish Waters to Attack German Ships in the Baltic.

Amsterdam, Aug. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Denmark has been forced to pay a secret indemnity to Germany for failure to maintain strict neutrality. The indemnity exacted is understood to be as much as \$22,400,000.

The offense occurred last winter when the Baltic sea was invaded by British submarines. To enter the Baltic from the North Sea, it is necessary to pass through Danish waters, strongly guarded by forts. Germany secured evidence that the English could not have entered the Baltic without the permission or connivance of the Danish government. Of all the Scandian countries, the Danes are the strongest sympathizers with the allies and have the strongest antipathy to Germany.

Traffic Came to Standstill.

German merchant ships plying between Swedish and East German ports with food, rubber and copper, constituted the only German merchant traffic which the war has not suspended. But the havoc made by the British E-boats in the Baltic so terrorized the German and Swedish shipmasters that there was a time when traffic was at a standstill.

When the E-boats ceased, Germany wanted to see whether Denmark would protest to England against the violation of the neutrality of Oresund. There was no protest. A few weeks later an E-boat flying the British flag came through the Kattegatt and appeared before the forts at the entrance to the Baltic.

Commander, asked permission to pass through. It was given. The E-boat passed through and headed straight for Kiel. This E-boat was a German U-boat in disguise.

Drop Their Disguise at Kiel.

Its crew consisted of sailors who spoke good English, like the crew of the Deutschland. Crew and officers wore English uniforms. At Kiel they dropped their disguise and revealed themselves as German.

The damage which the British submarines in the Baltic had done to German shipping was considerable. It was minimized by the Germans in their newspaper accounts at the time. The damage was not minimized in the bill which Germany presented to Denmark.

According to the best informed bankers, it was agreed that Germany finally pay \$22,400,000 kroner damages in satisfaction of Germany's claims and that the transactions should not be published. It was paid out in a curious way.

About two months ago the rate of exchange between Copenhagen and Berlin began to fall sharply. Bankers were puzzled, as there was nothing in the balance of trade to justify it.

It was suggested that Denmark was to be invaded by one of the warring powers and that wealthy Danes were sending money out of the country. The fact was that Denmark was making its payments to Germany in installments.

Asks War Prices of U. S.

Denmark then finally pressed the negotiations with the United States for the sale of the Danish West Indies for \$25,000,000. Although Denmark was eager to sell the islands of St. Thomas, St. John and St. John a dozen or more years ago for \$5,000,000, she was unwilling to take advantage of "war prices" for naval bases in the Caribbean sea and expects now to get \$25,000,000 from the United States. It is understood here that President Wilson agreed to that price and that a treaty will be signed soon in Washington. The Danish parliament will undoubtedly ratify, but whether the United States will do so is unknown here.

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Lumbermen Choose Advisory Committee

Portland Man Given Position on Body Named by National Lumber Manufacturers Inter-Insurance Exchange.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 7.—At the annual meeting of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Inter-Insurance Exchange, announcement was made of the election by the subscribers of the following advisory committee for the ensuing year: Wm. Ervine, Chippewa Falls, Wis.; C. F. Wiehe, Chicago, Ill.; S. J. Carpenter, Eastport, La.; C. L. Harrison, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Chas. A. Bigelow, Bay City, Mich.; Nathan O'Berry, Goldsboro, N. C.; W. A. Holt, Oconto, Wis.; E. G. Selfridge, Jr., Willis, Cal.; E. G. Swartz, Burton, La.; F. C. Knapp, Portland, Ore.; J. P. McGoldrick, Spokane, Wash.; O. O. Axley, Warren, Ark.; J. Lewis Thompson, Houston, Texas; John L. Kaul, Birmingham, Ala.; R. H. Downman, New Orleans, La.

Militiamen Declare Signatures False

Forgeries Attached to Statement Vouching for Newspaper Articles Maligning Captain E. J. Slate.

Columbus, N. M., Aug. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Twenty-eight militiamen have repudiated the signature to a statement vouching for newspaper articles written by Hugh Clark maligning Captain E. J. Slate of Company D, Second Massachusetts Infantry. Captain Slate was exonerated of the charges. Clark, a Mount Holyoke, Mass., correspondent, is under military arrest pending his trial by court martial. The date for this will be fixed by General Pershing, commander of this district.

French Schoolboys Used to Help Harvest

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Paris, Aug. 7.—(I. N. S.)—French schoolboys are appealed to this year, as in 1914 and 1915, by Paul Poincaré, minister of public instruction, not to waste their summer vacation in idleness, but to give their help in gathering the harvest.

This year Minister Poincaré says that the need of help in the fields is more pressing than in either of the two preceding years, and that schoolboys could find no better way of showing their patriotism than in supplying this need.

Sunday Closing Law in Dallas Gets Blow

Judge Says Ordinance Prohibiting Opening of Theatres on Sabbath in Direct Violation of the State Statute.

Dallas, Or., Aug. 7.—(Judge H. H. Belt, in the circuit court here, Saturday held in the city ordinance of Dallas prohibiting the opening of theatres on Sunday was in direct conflict with the state law, which the supreme court has held specifically exempt from the operation of the Sunday closing law. The decision was rendered in an appeal taken by O. C. Smith, who was recently sentenced to the state penitentiary for keeping his theatre open on the Sabbath.

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Value of Steamer Appam Announced

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 7.—(I. N. S.)—The value of the British steamer Appam, captured by the German raider Mowee and brought into Norfolk by German prize crew, today was fixed at \$1,250,000 by a special commission appointed by the United States district court.

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Observation-Buffer-Club Car Is Remodelled for High-Bred Animals.

NIFTIEST YET DEvised

Stalls de Luxe, With Linen Upholstery, Take Place of Rosewood Partitions and the Flush Chairs.

Oregon and Washington horses are now getting too proud to ride in an ordinary stock car. Parlor cars for them, thank you.

So insistent became the demand for better service by the high-bred racers from the northwest that the O-W. R. & N. has answered their neigh. So J. F. (Dr.) George, head of the Albion shops, took a 72-foot combination observation-buffer-club car, one of the ultra de luxe bits of luxury maintained on wheels. He removed the green plush carpet and the mahogany chairs, knocked out the rosewood partitions and transferred the stateroom compartments and barber-shop compartments to other cars, and presently he had the interior one big hall.

The cabinet makers have built some stalls de luxe, with linen upholstery, to prevent abrasions of horsehide. The date for this will be fixed by General Pershing, commander of this district.

The new car is numbered 1999 and is far and away the niftiest horse car yet devised. It will be used to take race horses and the circuits and for the transportation of any other high-bred livestock.

S. A. Hering, superintendent of car service, declares the new car equal to any in the transportation world.

DOUGLAS FIR STANDS TEST

Great Eastern Railway of England Finds Ties Are Superior.

Advices have been received by George E. Hardy, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, that recent tests of Douglas fir railroad ties completed by the Great Eastern railway of England showed great superiority of this wood over ties from the Baltic.

The tests included weight-bearing, strength and tensile strength. The Douglas fir in the former instance standing a strain of 5695 pounds per square inch. In the latter a weight of 11,000 pounds was necessary to pull apart a stick of fir one inch square.

The Baltic wood pulled apart after 3200 pounds tension had been exerted.

Goodsell Succeeds Cundiff

J. O. Goodsell has been appointed assistant general passenger agent of the Union Pacific railroad with headquarters at Kansas City, according to advices received today by William McGarry, general passenger agent of the O-W. R. & N. Co. Mr. Goodsell succeeded W. K. Cundiff, a well known Union Pacific system man, who is transferred to the Denver offices.

Boys Are Taken to "Big Brother Farm"

Last Group of Season Leaves for Two Week's Outing; Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Lyon Care for 40 Boys.

The last group of boys from Portland to be taken to the "Big Brother Farm," at Lebanon, Or., this season departed today for a two weeks' vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Lyon cared for the boys this year. The boys came back to the farm year after year until they are 15 years old, beginning at the age of 10.

Almost 500 people have visited the farm, coming from all parts of the state. Each Friday is set aside as inspection day. It was necessary to set one day aside for this purpose as occasional hikes are taken to the mountains.

While Mr. and Mrs. Lyon own the farm, and assume the responsibility of the expense connected with the work, many friends are sending donations which are appreciated. Money is not received unless the sender specifies the use.

Boys are taught to be useful on this farm, and made to be obedient to laws which have been made for their benefit. They have been to the farm year after year, are now holding good positions.

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New Wells May Make Gasoline Cheaper

Reduction in Price, Including Oil, Is Predicted Before the End of the Month; Fields Worked to Capacity.

Washington, Aug. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Cheaper oil and gasoline before the end of the month is predicted by officials of the bureau of mines who have received reports from their agents in the Oklahoma oil fields. Geologists in the field say that new wells are being opened up and the established producers are drawing the maximum flow from their property.

Private producers as well as the Standard Oil properties are being worked to fullest capacity, bureau of mine field workers report, and indications point to a gradual drop in the price of gasoline as a result of the increased supply. The greatest activity is shown in the Oklahoma fields, although increased production also is reported from the other southern wells.

Complete Victory Is Object of the Czar

Sends Word to King George of Great Britain That Russia Is Fighting War in a Just Cause.

London, Aug. 7.—(I. N. S.)—King George has received answers from the heads of allied nations to telegrams sent them on the second anniversary of the war.

"I am equally determined that we in Russia shall make good the sacrifices which my brave people and troops have given to a just cause, which will bring the reward we seek, and that a peace for which we fight shall be secured by complete victory over our enemies," the czar wired.

The emperor of Japan expresses the same feeling, and King Peter of Serbia wired to receive with satisfaction the fresh testimony of an "inflexible determination to bring about the triumph of a noble cause."

"Headache" Tablets to Relieve Thirst

The Dailies, Or., Aug. 7.—Listen, here's a new one!

If you can't get beer you can get the "concentrated extract" of the genuine article which comes in tablet form and may be melted at the own sweet will of the possessor.

And the "joy tablets" can be sent to the Dailies from each and every manufacturing center by parcel post under a "blind" label and none will know you've jumped off the wagon and have harked back to the days of the foaming stein and brass rail.

The word has been noised around that this very stunt is being pulled off in the Dailies. One tablet brews up a foaming, bubbling substance that tastes, smells and has the effect of real Heidelberg.

Description Is Good But Not Effective

Mrs. Smitzer Applies to Memphis Police for Assistance in Finding Husband and Decide Man Not in Town.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Has anybody seen a man with heavy black eyebrows, with one arm off and blind in one eye? No, he is not a survivor of the Marne or Verdun. He is the husband of Mrs. Annie M. Smitzer, of Chicago, who telegraphed to Memphis, seeking her husband. She applied to the police and when they asked her for a description of him she furnished one by which he could be picked out in any crowd. But the police failed to find him and advised the good Mrs. Smitzer to try some other city.

Latin America Will Adhere to Blacklist

British Consular Agents Giving Out Information Regarding Barring of Firms With German Connections.

Mexico City, Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—The British blockade against the American firms alleged to have German connections already has had a most direct effect, Tenn. Mr. Smitzer came to Memphis, seeking her husband. She applied to the police and when they asked her for a description of him she furnished one by which he could be picked out in any crowd. But the police failed to find him and advised the good Mrs. Smitzer to try some other city.

Consular agents of the British government are making known the blacklist regulations throughout Mexico and other Latin republics. British business men in Mexico City met and passed a resolution agreeing to transact no more business with American houses with German connections. The list of American firms blacklisted has not yet been published here.

Myrtle Creek Will Hold Bond Election

Electorate to Decide Whether Town Shall Issue \$27,000 Bonds for Municipal Water, Light and Power System.

Roseburg, Or., Aug. 7.—The town of Myrtle Creek will hold an election on August 20 for the purpose of transacting on a bond issue of \$27,000 for the purpose of constructing a municipal water, light and power system. Plans for the system have already been completed by Engineer M. B. Germond of Roseburg.

Eight-hour Day in Mexico.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—An eight-hour day for employes of a Mexican railway has been instituted as one of a series of moves for the betterment of conditions among the working classes.

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RARE PLANT A MOST BEAUTIFUL SPECIMEN

Steven West and his sister, Nettie West, of 146 Emerson street, are the possessors of a rare plant known as the Indian pipe or monstrose uniflora. The white stems are nearly a foot high. The Indian pipe is found in British Columbia and on this coast to California, its habitat being moist, rich woods. The West plant is an unusually beautiful cluster.

September Morn Has Lake Shore Rivals

Joyous Young Women of Chicago Attract Attention of Police Chief Who Instructed Patrolmen, "Run 'Em In."

Chicago, Aug. 7.—(U. P.)—A bevy of joyous young women, clad in a coat of tan and a smile apiece burst into the early morning air today and jumped into the lake, along the north shore, establishing the limit for nudity among women bathers.

Police Chief Healy, already surfeited with report of women bathing clad only in kimono, scanty trunks or water wings announced the limit had been reached.

His orders to patrolmen were: "Run 'em in. And if they haven't got anything to wear to the station, that's their affair."

Venus arising out of the sea would have looked tame beside the young goddesses, north shore residents reported.

Idle Men to Be Blacklisted.

There will be no food and shelter this winter for the man who is idle this summer. City Commissioner Baker is keeping track of the idle men who refuse work by the free employment bureau this summer and will blacklist them this winter. Jobs are so plentiful that men enough to fill them cannot be secured, yet the park blocks are thronged each day with idle men.

Injured in Collision.

Carl Oetzer, of 1665 East Burnside street, was injured in an automobile accident at East Thirty-ninth and Multnomah streets last night, when his machine collided with that of Ed Schmidt. He was cut about the hands and face by flying glass.

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