Holland, Says Foreign Minister, Anxious to Strengthen Trade Relations Between Countries.

STAND TAKEN IS DEFENDED

Two Nations Declared to Have

By Gordon Stiles (Copyright, 1918, by Chicago Daily News Co.) The Hague, Holland, Dec. 30.-Encouragement of the trade relations with the United States will be a prominent the views expressed by Jonkheer Van-

to me. The interview was in the nature of an informal talk with an American newspaper man, and, at my solicitation,

was not arranged officially. "Holland," said the minister, "is esntially a nation of freedom. We have always lived and thrived on that principle. Our markets and those of our colonies have been open to all the world and will continue to be so. On the other hand we desire to have access to the markets of other nations on equal terms with all."

"What do you want most of all from America now?" I asked.

Ask Only Confidence "Confidence," he replied, "Confidence, he repeated. "This is what we want and what we need most. Give us this and the rest will take care of itself. No other two nations have more in comthan the United States and Holland. Both countries have always stood for the same principles of liberty-social, political and commercial. We have never asked for more than to carry out our pursuits in peace and live in har-We have mony with our neighbors. never stirred up any sort of strife. During this war our position has been extremely difficult, and none can understand that better than your countrymen, but we have honestly tried to live ap to the letter of our neutrality and we have succeeded. It is true that we have been under fire by certain sections of press but our hands are clean. Careful investigation would reveal the inspiration of such attacks as well as make clear their motives.

have been bent toward doing all we of the steamer's side one end was low- Legaspi, where they secured a passage could for the cause of humanity. No ered more rapidly than the other, with to Manila. Arriving at Manila, Mr other neutral nation has done more, the result that it almost filled with Nolan reported his version of the de-We have given fair treatment to the water. The boat finally got clear of the struction of the ship and the subseinterned here. We have done everything found that the boat contained seven Admiral Knight, commander of the naval both allied and German subjects. Our while the other boat, according to his become have suffered from shortages of statement, carried about 20 men. d, fuel and other necessities of life. We have been forced to maintain our army at full strength for years, and lack of raw materials has paralyzed many of our industries.

Wants Small Nations Protected "Now that it is over we want nothing except to get on with our affairs and live at peace. There is one result more than others which we hope will be brought about by the peace conference, made for the commercial integrity of position clear. He declared that the authe small nations. The latter are indispensable to the world commerce, be-the retreating Germans to pass into cause in their dealings there can be no their own country after being disarmed dispensable to the world commerce, beelement of power, and power is the dis- in Holland. turbing factor in business intercourse." Jonkheer Vankarnebeek indignantly ded Jonkheer Vankarnebeek, "to repatri-

refuted the suggestion that the arrange-ment for the kaiser's reception in Hol-land had been made by Dutch officials. themselves on the frontier of Dutch "His entry into Holland," said the Limburg. I felt that the only proper foreign minister, "was an accomplished way to help in the evacuation of Belfact before I knew anything of the matter. Early on the morning of November 10 I was called out and told that Wil-helm had crossed the frontier. That nexationist elements in Belgium to make was the first inlimation I had that he an effort to strengthen their position.

Scores Belgian Annexationists As to the government's attitude in the event that the allies demand the sur-render of the former kalser the minister judicial status of the ex-emperor, he Of course not. They would fight rather from for a long time.

Dumaru Survivor Home CONDITIONS BAD SOUGHT BY DUTCH 25 Days in an Open Boat GERMANY; NOT AT OF UNITED STATES Long Mourned as Dead

> Mourned as dead for a month, A. E. | from the steamer, which at this time lolan, third officer aboard the ill-fated, was sending a column of flames several Portland built steamer Dumaru, arrived hundreds of feet into the air, a distinct nome Sunday morning, none the worse explosion was heard, and the hull of for the 25 days spent in an open boat the luckless ship disappeared. Accord

don or Stevenson-is the story told by plosives, the explosion of the gasoline Nolan of the wanderings about the being responsible for the destruction of broad expanse of the Pacific, in an open the steamer. Much in Common; Annexation the outlook for land or a friendly sail. sight of the other boat and the sea was Claims of Belgium Are Scored, grim reminders of the fate that possibly two swallows of water a day, and when drifted apart the two boats soon lost the crackers were about exhausted, on sight of each other.

the fins of flying fish. army transport Sheridan, arriving in karnebeek, foreign minister, in the course of an interview which he granted

> that in the future a little cottage in Portland is good enough for him. Lightning Strikes Ship According to the story told by Mr. Nolan, the Dumaru left Guam October 16, 1918, and at 5:20 p. m., three hours after crossing the bar, a severe thunder and lightning storm, accompanied by torrents of tropical rain, broke. Nolan was on the bridge at the time; the lightning striking close to the vessel. The third bolt struck the Dumaru, tearing into kindling the deckhouse sheltering the officers' and petty officers' mess and setting the wooden ship afire im-

> feet from the bridge. On regaining consciousness he heard the captain order all hands to the lifeboats. The Dumaru carried a cargo of gasoline and high explosives, and the officers and crew knew that to attempt to fight the flames would be useless. In one hatch were 2000 drums of gasoline, and 10 carloads of crated gasoline. In the hold, aft, was stored a large quantity of powder and

Considerable trouble was experienced by the raw crew in lowering the lifeboats, few of the men knowing how to operate the new style tackle. The canvas coverings over the boats, and the the wretched and emaciated party fact that the boats were set, one above landed on Rapurapu Island. They were another, added to the confusion, and well cared for by the natives and the "Throughout the war our energies when the boat was finally swung clear following day taken to the town of and civilians who have been steamer. Nolan counted his men and quent wanderings of the boat's crew to ssible to facilitate the repatriation of white men and two Filipino mess boys, forces in the Phillipine islands.

Gasoline Cargo Explodes

thorities were fully justified in allowing

"Arrangements were being made," ad-

had been completely disarmed. The in-

Belgians it is utter madness to con-

tance between themselves and the Du- the Dumaru, will return to the city in maru as possible. When half a mile a few weeks. pointed out, was in the hands of a special commission. With regard to the Limburg question. and that is that a strong provision be the minister said that he had made his any part of our just national rights."

As for the possibility of the annexation of any part of Dutch territory by the "Holland is not prepared to give up said he had nothing to add to the ideas one foot of her territory. Would the to pieces by a high explosive shell. expressed by the prime minister in his United States allow another nation Martin has been reported among the recent speech before the chamber. The calmly to annex Florida for instance? missing, and Downing was not heard

ing to Mr. Nolan's opinion, the flames More like fiction-a tale of Jack Lon- did not reach the powder or high ex-

During this time Nolan's boat was 'in Accompanied by a convoy of sharks, lit up for some time by pieces of wood, which, saturated with gasoline, conawaited them, the nine men drifted tinued to burn in the water. Communiabout, subsisting for the greater part cation by lantern signals was attempted of the time on a half a cracker and but as the two small craft gradually

Believing that Guam was the nearest Mr. Nolan left Manila November 25, land, Nolan and his little crew rigged eral situation in Germany as regards and was returned to America on the a sail when daylight appeared and headed in an easterly direction. For San Francisco several days ago. He one and one half days they stood by, returned to this city immediately, ar- with hopes of picking up the coast of riving at the Union depot Sunday morn- the little island, but finally, becoming ing. There he was met by his wife, his convinced that their reckonings were brother and sister-in-law, who for 25 wrong, changed their course and ran for tays had believed him dead, after the islands which they believed were to first tidings of the destruction of the the north of them. For eight days they Dumaru reached Portland. He returned continued on this course, suffering by to his home at 1169 Ivon street, and, day from the flery tropical sun, shiverthough none the worse, physically, for ing at night from chill and exposure, his trying experiences, declares that he drenched by tropical rains, and buffeted about by the heavy seas.

Rations Run Low

listen to the call of the briny deep, but At the end of the tenth day, the nine survivors again changed their plans, and made the Phillipine islands their goal. 25 days after the destruction of the Dumaru.

For the first two weeks the men existed on three biscuits and two swallows of water a day. Rations becoming low, the allowance was cut to two, and then to half a biscuit a day. For the last 10 days a convoy of man-eating sharks hovered about the little boat. scious by the bolt, and thrown about 15 Flying fish, venturing too near the cut off and hung up on the mast to dry, and, after being dried, eaten by the sail during the frequent rainstorms to supply their wants.

The men suffered considerable pain from sunburned heads, necks and shoulders, caused by the burning sun, and from the sea spray, which, striking the raw parts of the body, caused intense

Land on Rapurapu Island On November 10 land was sighted and

The seven white men were returned pino mess boys decided to stay in the Fearing that the flames would reach land of their birth and to forsake the men made haste to put as great a dis- Jennings, another Portland man aboard

than submit to such proceedings. So would Holland if necessary. We cannot yield to any pressure which has for its Jonkheer Vangarnebeek dismissed the report that he intended to resign by saying that he had not considered it for

lost two more heroes, bringing the total scale of wages. Nevertheless, people to date to five. A letter from Harry in the streets are well clothed in ap-Pearsall at St. Aigan, France, says pearance. that returning soldiers from the front tell of the death of Private William single pair of leather shoes on display in Downing and Fred M. Martin, both of the shop windows. Canvass appears for Pe Ell, who were killed in recent battles. The latter says that Downing was shot straps, cut and sewed together. Only through the head, and Martin was blown

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## Ex J. P. of Sandy Arrested in Auto With Much Booze Oregon City, Dec. 30.—J. E. Pomeroy and Lee Potter, both of Portland, were arrested in Oregon City Sunday morning charged with ille-

nvestigation in American Zone Shows Present Stocks Wil Last Until First of February.

NO MEAT TO BE OBTAINED

Workers, Who Are Receiving Inadequate Wages, Expected to Feel Effects of Shortage First.

By Webb Miller With American Army of Occupation, Dec. 28.-(U. P.)-(Delayed)-The gensupplies of all kinds is bad, but it is not immediately serious, reports of American intelligence officers showed today.

After a two weeks' investigation throughout the entire area occupied by the American forces, these officers reported that the food situation is not dangerous at the present time. They believe that within a short time working people in the towns will begin to eel a real pinch.

Stocks now on hand, it is asserted are sufficient to last until February 1 or 15 in the towns, while the farmers have been sufficiently foresighted to store their stocks until they have enough For 15 days then they continued in a to last through the winter. Inasmuch general southwesterly direction until as a greater part of the region is agri-they finally landed on Rapurapu Island, cultural, conditions as a whole are fairly good. Many persons in the Moselle valley, wine growers, will be forced to buy foodstuffs. In the towns war rationing is still being enforced.

No Meat to Be Had There is a serious shortage of butter, eggs and milk. These are practically non-existent in the towns. The wealthler citizens are able to obtain them by backdoor dealing.

The official food allowance during the last week in December for each person was four pounds, eight ounces of bread, men. The nine were never in a bad way 12 ounces of flour, seven pounds of pofor water, enough being caught in the tatoes, 10 ounces of canned vegetables, g, two ounces of butter, eight ley situation is to provide that a por-of sugar, 21 ounces of turnip tion of this \$6 shall go to the feeder one egg, two ounces of butter, eight tops.

There was no meat to be had. Heavy workers were permitted to have an ad ditional pound of potatoes. The cost of this, the intelligence re port shows, averages about 10 marks

daily , while in the cities it is much German officials claim the potato crop on which is placed the greatest dependence for food, is a partial failure and declare the situation may become serious late in February unless stocks

now scheduled make their appearance.

Dealers Buying no Stocks Due to unsettled financial conditions, dealers are not replenishing their stocks as usual, and their shelves are growing

Pay for workers is not keeping up with the advanced cost of living. Laday. Figures collected on labor conditions show a basis for complaints. the dangerous cargo any minute, the sea. According to Mr. Nolan, Stafford Business men of Mayen estimated that 8 marks a day constitutes a fair living wage, but the workers are not get-

ting it.

They are averaging about 5 marks. while the women workers are paid much

less.
The chief of the Coblenz Bankers' association estimates that business prior object the abolition or curtailment of to the signing of the armistice was about 60 per cent of its normal volume, and that now it has dropped off to 45 per cent. Interviews with others bear out this statement. Establishment of supplies are not looked forward to as long as political conditions are unset-

Clothing Situation Worse The situation as regards clothing is Fall Before Boche much worse than with food. A common suit for civilians costs from \$60 to any kind of cloth for apparel is well-Pe Ell. Wash., Dec. 30.-Pe Ell has nign prohibitive, compared with the

> As regards footwear there is not a civilians and peasants wear wooden soled shoes. The majority of persons in the streets wear leather shoes obviously repaired many times. Inquiries among servant girls and waiters in the hotel, where the press is quartered, brought out the fact that they had bought shoes only a few months ago at \$5, which was considered a high price.

Uniforms Are to Be Used

In view of the shortage of cloth, American officials have consented to allow soldiers to convert their grey uniforms nto civilian clothing by cutting the coat to fit a roll collar. One firm is engaged in manufacturing civilian clothing from lerman uniform cloth.

Investigations of conditions in clothing stores revealed that gloves costing \$1.50 to \$2 in the United States are selling for \$6 here. In Coblenz I bought the cheapest kind of handkerchief for the equivalent of a dollar. Hats which would cost about \$3 in the United States

### Al Kader Temple Plans Ceremonial

Al Kader Temple will hold a ceremonial session January 18, immediately following the reunion of the Scottish Rite Masons. It will be the first display of the ancient Arabic order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, known as 'Shriners," in Oregon since the beginning of the war by the United States. A arge class is expected. Only Masons of the thirty-second degree or members of the Knight Templars can receive the lecoration of the Shrine. It is expected that a class of 150 or more candidates from all parts of the state will be in-itiated at The Auditorium.

More Police Women Wanted Seattle, Wash., Dec. 30.-(U. P.)-Ten dditional police woman are needed in Seattle to protect girls, according to a request made today by the Women's Protective division.



gally transporting liquor. They pleaded not guilty this morning and will be

iven a jury trial before Justice of the Peace J. M. Slevers Tuesday.

the peace in Sandy and is widely known. Deputy H. E. Meads, who arrested the men, believes Potter is

n important factor in a bootlegging

ring. In their big touring car when they were arrested were seven cases

MAY BE EXTENDED TO

Says O-W. R. & N. Should

Share Freight Rates.

Salem, Dec. 30 .- Indication that the

Sumpter Valley railroad, which

government will come to the relief of

now facing bankruptcy, is contained in a message received today by Public

Service Commissioner Corey in reply to

message he sent Saturday to Director

dministration?" asks Prouty. "Please

wire me fully what you believe can be

and should be done by us under all the

Commissioner Corey is preparing

eply in which he points out that the O-

ess which originates on the Sumpter

Valley line and suggests that it would

be fair and just for the O-W. R. & N. to

share with the Sumpter Valley in profits

to a sufficient extent to put the latter road on its feet financially.. The largest

portion of this business is lumber, on

which the freight rate from Baker to

the eastern market is \$6 per M and

Commissioner Corey says the only so-

lution he can see for the Sumpter Val-

Superintendents Grade Papers

gon is in session here today examining

papers of applicants for teachers' cer-

ificates who took the examination 10

days ago. Twenty superintendents

were on hand this morning and others

are expected to arrive during the day.

Bristol, Tenn., Has Big Fire

district Sunday night destroyed nearly

an entire block on State street, causing a loss estimated at \$1,000,000. The

origin of the fire has not been dis-

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 80 .- (I. N. S.)-

the heart of the business

Salem, Dec. 30 .- The state board of

school superintendents of Ore-

W. R. & N. company receives each year approximately \$1,000,000 worth of busi-

What action do you suggest by this

C. H. Prouty.

circumstances.'

Pomeroy was formerly justice of

Friends of Chicago Organists Insist Events, Occurring at the Same Hour, Not Planned.

Chicago, Dec. 30 .- (I. N. S.) -- Coroner's deputies, working on the theory of a suicide pact, are today making a thorough investigation of the death by axphyxiation late Sunday of Miss Effle E. Murdock, former organist at the Sixth Presbyterian and Central Baptist

Miss Murdock was found dead in the gas-filled bath room at her home, 6122 Woodlawn avenue. She had killed herself in a moment of melancholia.

Three hours later, John Allen Richardson, organist at St. Pauls Episcopal was found unconscious in a gas-filled rest room in the church build-He had not regained consciousness a an early hour today.

SUMPTER RAILROAD While the two events occurred at virtually the same hour, friends of both Miss Murdock and Richardson insist it is nothing more than a coinci-Service Commissioner The victims were close friends and had arranged to play in the same church

at Christmas services Sunday. When the unconscious body of Richardson was found, a telephone call was ent for his acting assistant, Miss Murdock, to take his place at the organ. The answer came that she had com-

mitted suicide.

she ended her life.

his wife, who is now a nurse in France. Church authorities say Richardson, in turning on an electric light, had accidentally opened the gas cock. Friends of Miss Murdock say her mother's death, two years ago, brought frequent spells of melancholy and that it was during one of these spells that

Richardson had been separated from

Steal's Wife's Picture

Salem, Mass., Dec. 30 .- (I. N. S.) --Convicted of larceny of his wife's photograph. William Hallissey, of this city, was fined \$10 in district court. Hallissey's mother in law was the complain-She charged that Hallissey borrowed the photograph after his wife died to make copies of it, and that he failed to return it and later destroyed it.

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### Aberdeen Lad Bears Charmed Life When German Shells Fall

Aberdeen, Dec. 30,-Walter Young, on of the late Alexander Young, who enlisted in a medical corps at Tacoma and was sent to Fort McArthur, Texas, considers himself an extremely lucky

While in Fort McArthur he was the last one drawn of a unit that was sent to France

Young and another soldier from this section were chums and the chum was killed by a fragment of a shell. They had just a moment before changed places.

Shortly before the armistice he was in the Verdun sector and shells were coming over the hospital in which he was stationed. One shell struck in the field near the hospital. He was the only one of 25 in a room of the hospital that had the curiosity to go out and see where the shell landed. Another shell followed and striking the building, killed the other 24 men who had remained. They were all

### Went Through War; Died of Pneumonia

Yakima, Wash., Dec. 30 .- On November 24th, Harrison I. Bussey wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Bussey, of this city, his "Victory" letter in which he congratulated them and himself that he had come unscathed through the war. though he had seen hard service in many of the important battles. His parents who received the letter two days ago were shocked today to receive the official news of his death from pneumonia in a hospital in France, D ber 13. Young Bussey enlisted in Bat tery E of the 146th Field artillery which was largely recruited in Yakima valley and the Inland Empire.



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"Too Many Millions"

Parson's Comedy Pictograph

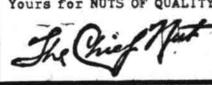
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