

CONFIDENCE ONLY SOUGHT BY DUTCH OF UNITED STATES

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

STAND TAKEN IS DEFENDED

Two Nations Declared to Have Much in Common; Annexation Claims of Belgium Are Scored.

By Gordon Stiles

Special Cable to The Journal and Chicago Daily News, by Chicago Daily News Co. (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 feature of the Dutch policy, according to the views expressed by Jonkheer Vankarnebeck, foreign minister, in the course of an interview which he granted 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 essentially 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. "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 common than 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 pursuit in peace and live in harmony with our neighbors. We have 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 up to the letter of our neutrality and we have succeeded. It is true that we have been under fire by certain sections of the press but our hands are clean. Careful investigation would reveal the inspiration of such attacks as well as make clear their motives."

Does Much for Humanity "Throughout the war our energies have been bent toward doing all we could for the cause of humanity. No other neutral nation has done more. We have given first treatment to the soldiers and civilians who have been interned here. We have done everything possible to facilitate the repatriation of both allied and German subjects. Our people have suffered from shortages of food, 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, and that is that a strong provision be made for the commercial integrity of the small nations. The latter are indispensable to the world commerce, because in their dealings there can be no element of power, and power is the disturbing factor in business intercourse."

Jonkheer Vankarnebeck indignantly refuted the suggestion that the arrangement for the Kaiser's reception in Holland had been made by Dutch officials. "His entry into Holland," said the foreign minister, "was an accomplished fact before I knew anything of the matter. Early on the morning of November 10 I was called out and told that Wilhelm had crossed the frontier. That was the first intimation I had that he intended coming here."

Sees Belgian Annexationists

As to the government's attitude in the event that the allies demand the surrender of the former Kaiser the minister said he had nothing to add to the ideas expressed by the prime minister in his recent speech before the chamber. The judicial status of the ex-emperor, he

Dumaru Survivor Home 25 Days in an Open Boat Long Mourned as Dead

Mourned as dead for a month, A. E. Nolan, third officer aboard the ill-fated, Portland built steamer Dumaru, arrived home Sunday morning, none the worse for the 25 days spent in an open boat in mid-Pacific.

More like fiction—a tale of Jack London or Stevenson—is the story told by Nolan of his wanderings about the broad expanse of the Pacific, in an open boat, with rations running low, ever on the outlook for land or a friendly sail. Accompanied by a convoy of sharks, grim reminders of the fate that possibly awaited them, the nine men drifted about, subsisting for the greater part of the time on a half a cracker and two swallows of water a day, and when the crackers were about exhausted, on the fins of flying fish.

Mr. Nolan left Manila November 25, and was returned to America on the army transport Sheridan, arriving in San Francisco several days ago. He returned to this city immediately arriving at the Union depot Sunday morning. There he was met by his wife, his brother and sister-in-law, who for 25 days had believed him dead, after the first tidings of the destruction of the Dumaru reached Portland. He returned to his home at 1169 Ivon street, and, though none the worse, physically, for his trying experiences, declares that he is done with the sea, that other can listen to the call of the briny deep, but 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 5:30 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 immediately. Nolan was knocked unconscious by the bolt, and thrown about 15 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 high explosives.

Considerable trouble was experienced by the 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 fact that the boats were set, one above another, added to the confusion and from the sea spray, which, striking the side of the steamer's side one end was lowered more rapidly than the other, with the result that it almost filled with water. The boat finally got clear of the water, and the men were able to land on Rapurapu Island. The seven white men were returned to the United States, but the two Filipino mess boys decided to stay in the land of their birth and to forsake the sea. According to Mr. Nolan, Stafford Jennings, another Portland man aboard the Dumaru, will return to the city in a few weeks.

pointed out, was in the hands of a special commission.

With regard to the Limburg question, the minister said that he had made his position clear. He declared that the authorities were fully justified in allowing the retreating Germans to pass into their own country after being disarmed in Holland.

"Arrangements were being made," added Jonkheer Vankarnebeck, "to repatriate all interned soldiers, including the Belgians, when these soldiers presented themselves on the frontier of Dutch Limburg. He said that the only proper way to help in the evacuation of Belgium was to let them go on after they had been completely disarmed. The incident has been seized upon by the annexationist elements in Belgium to make an effort to strengthen their position. As for the possibility of the annexation of any part of Dutch territory by the Belgians, he is utter madness to consider it.

"Holland is not prepared to give up one foot of her territory. Would the United States allow another nation to annex Florida for instance? Of course not. They would fight rather

CONDITIONS BAD IN GERMANY; NOT AT PRESENT SERIOUS

Investigation in American Zone Shows Present Stocks Will 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 general situation in Germany as regards supplies 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 work among the towns will begin to feel 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 apparently foresighted to store their stocks until they have enough to last through the winter. Inasmuch as a greater part of the region is agricultural, supplies of wheat, corn, beans, peas, etc., are plentiful. 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 weather conditions are able to obtain them by backyard dairies. The largest portion of this business is in lumber, of which the freight rate from Baker to the eastern market is \$6 per M and Commissioner Corey says the only solution he can see for the Sumpter Valley situation is to provide that a portion of this \$6 shall go to the feeder road.

Superintendents Grade Papers

Salem, Dec. 30.—The state board of county school superintendents of Oregon is in session here today examining papers of applicants for teachers' certificates 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

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—Fire in the heart of the business 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 discovered.

Dealers Buying no Stocks

Due to unsettled financial conditions, dealers are not replenishing their stocks as usual, and their shelves are growing bare.

Pay for workers is not keeping up

with the advanced cost of living. Laborers are averaging 5 to 7 marks a day. "Eggs, coal and other necessities are sold at a profit. Hats which were sold at 100 marks are now sold at 150 marks.

Chief of the Coblenz Bankers' association

estimates that business prior 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. He estimates that the establishment of supplies are not looked forward to as long as political conditions are unsettled.

Clothing Situation Worse

The situation as regards clothing is much worse than with food. A common suit for civilians costs from \$60 to \$100, and for soldiers from \$40 to \$60. As regards footwear there is not a single pair of leather shoes on display in the shop windows. Canvas appears for the uppers while some have soles of straps, cut and sewed together. Only 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 into civilian clothing by cutting the coat to fit a roll collar. One firm is engaged in manufacturing civilian clothing from German 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.

Al Kader Temple Plans Ceremonial

Al Kader Temple will hold a ceremonial session January 14, 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, large classes have been initiated. Only Masons of the thirty-second degree or members of the Knight Templars can receive the decoration of the Shrine. It is expected that a class of 150 or more candidates from all parts of the state will be initiated at The Auditorium.

More Police Women Wanted Seattle, Wash., Dec. 30.—(U. P.)—Ten additional police women are wanted in Seattle to do traffic work, according to a request made today by the Women's Protective division.

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 illegally transporting liquor. They pleaded not guilty this morning and will be given a jury trial before Justice of the Peace J. M. Stevers Tuesday.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE EXTENDED TO SUMPTER RAILROAD

Public Service Commissioner Says O-W. R. & N. Should Share Freight Rates.

Salem, Dec. 30.—Indication that the government will come to the relief of the Sumpter Valley railroad, which is now facing bankruptcy, is contained in a message received today by Public Service Commissioner Corey in reply to a message he sent Saturday to Director C. H. Prouty.

"If his action do you suggest by this administration," asks Prouty, "Please wire me fully what you believe can and should be done by us under all the circumstances."

Steal's Wife's Picture

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

DANCING

Christensen's Hall ELEVENTH NEAR MORRISON ALOHA CLUB Special New Year's Eve Dance, 8:30 to 1:30. New Year's Night Dancing 8:30 to 12. DANCING EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY EVENING

WOMAN ENDS LIFE, MAN NEAR DEATH

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 ex-physicsian late Sunday of Miss Effie E. Murdock, former organist at the Sixth Presbyterian and Central Baptist churches.

Miss Murdock was found dead in the gas-filled bath room at her home, 6123 Woodlawn avenue. She had killed herself in a moment of melancholia.

Three hours later, John Allen Richardson, organist at St. Pauls Episcopal church, was found unconscious in a gas-filled rest room in the church building.

He had not regained consciousness at an early hour today.

While the two events occurred at virtually the same hour, friends of both Miss Murdock and Richardson insist it is nothing more than a coincidence.

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 sent for his acting assistant, Miss Murdock, to take his place at the organ.

Miss Murdock answered the call and was shocked to find that she had committed suicide.

Richardson had been separated from 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 she ended her life.

Aberdeen Lad Bears Charmed Life When German Shells Fall

Aberdeen, Dec. 30.—Walter Young, son 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 soldier.

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 mortality to go out and see where the shell landed.

Another shell followed and striking the building, killed the other 24 men who remained. They were all from New York state.

Went Through War; Died of Pneumonia

Yakima, Wash., Dec. 30.—On November 24th, Harrison I. Bussey wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. 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, December 12. Young Bussey called in Battery E of the 14th Field artillery which was largely recruited in Yakima valley and the Inland Empire.

COLUMBIA ALL WEEK



WALLACE REID IN "Too Many Millions" Person's Comedy Pictograph

STARTING NEXT SATURDAY "Italy's Flaming Front" Showing for the first time an actual air duel from start to finish.

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LIBERTY TODAY AND TOMORROW Mack Sennett Comedy "THE VILLAGE CHESTNUT" LILA LEE and THEODORE ROBERTS in "SUCH A LITTLE PIRATE" Al Kader Temple Plans Ceremonial More Police Women Wanted Mackinaws Men's Wool Gloves Soo Mills Woolen Pants

We Gladly Make Special Prices to Soldiers and Sailors on Clothing, Furnishings, Suit Cases New Year Tobaccos SIMON'S THE STORE BARGAINS TUESDAY--LAST DAY OF OUR PRE-INVENTORY SALE Great Clearance Sale Laces, Embroideries TUESDAY Grocery Specials Electrical and Hardware Specials Kitchen Specials GOOD PAINTS Tuesday--A Great Day in the Shoe Section