#### U.S. FOREIGN TRADE NOW IS LICENSED

Move Is Taken by President Wilson to Release Many Ships for Transporting of Troops to Battlefields

U.S. ARRANGES FOR **NEUTRAL TONNAGE** 

Less Essential Exports to Be Reduced: Trade Routes Ordered Cut

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. - All license today by President Wilson as a part of a general program of the American and allied governments for releasing ships to transport troops and supplies to Europe.

The less essential exports and imports will be reduced to a minimum and materials regarded as necessary will be transported by the shortest hauls possible. The allies are working in close cooperation with the United States and the trade routes of the world in many instances will be shifted to bring the most economical operation of tonnage. Foreign Trade Cut.

The allies already have cut their oreign trade sharply, but will make further reductions as part of the gcr.eral plan. American representatives fear that Germany held any designs aitting in London will work with al-fled representatives in eliminating "I need and re-arranging ocean commerce to

free ships for war service. Licensing of American exports and special contraband committee with ervation of good and friendly relawhich already issues licenses for the with the state department, the de- newly organized Russia by avoiding partment of commerce and the ship- all interference in its internal afng board in arranging trade fairs."

cial Division Formed. rd and the war trade board it is tion." likely that a controller of ships and

to the war zone.

Neutral Tonnage Arranged. American ships taken out of the tive bodies in those territories." son-hazardous trades and put into trans-Atlantic service, would be rc-

ontrol of exports and imports and neutral tonnage and officials predict that virtually all the ocean-going ships owned by the neutrals will be in the American and allied service before many months.

Officials declined to speculate tonight on the changes in routing of America's foreign commerce likely o grow out of measures to be put ito force. It is known, however, that the war trade board is inclined to turn to Latin-America for more materials and to cut correspondingly the country's trade with the Orient. It is probable that many articles, such as rugs and art objects, new received from Japan and China will not be granted import licenses. It is likely that as many raw materials as possible will be brought up from the south.

War Products To Be Secured. America's trade balances will be affected considerably by re-distribuiing commerce and one of the concerns of the government is to maintain them on as favorable a basis as

Control over exports and imports

day outlining the government's plans ments which Germany or Austria-

"The purpose and effect of these proclamations are to subject to control the entire foreign commerce of the United States and after February 16, 1916, no commodities may promised on condition that the Rusported into this country exceut un-

The military situation and the tonnage situaion have made increasinly apparent the necessity of insti-

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# **HUNS CONSIDER**

Warfare Must be Revived With Ending of Armstice, Says Kuehlmann

TROTZKY MOVE IGNORED

Active Military Measures May ATTEMPT TO CURB Be Taken Despite Russian Order

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15. - That Germany and Austria were still at war with Russia was the belief expressed by Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, at the concluding session of the recent peace conference at Brestforeign trade of the United States Litovsk after Leon Trotzky, the Bolexports and imports—was put under shevik foreign minister, had made his final statement that Russia was out of the war and her armies would be demobilized, but that she would desist from signing a formal peace treaty.

The acts of war, Dr Von Kuehlmann said, ended when Russia and the Teutonic allies signed the armistice, but when the armistice ended the warfare must be revived. He added that because one or two of the contracting parties had demobilized their armies this fact would in no wise alter the situation.

Germany Denies Interference. Germany was pictured as a peace loving, non-aggressive nation in the speech of Dr. Von Kuehlmann. He said the Russians should have no

"I need only refer M. Trotzy (the Bolshevik foreign minister) to the permanent basis of the German policy, which, up to the time when mports will be handled by the war war with Russia was forced on the trade board, which has created a German people, consisted in the presin deciding the country's tions between our eastern neighforeign trade policies. The board, bors," Dr. Von Kuehlmann declared. "Germany's policy will always conlarge number of commodities over tinue-as soon as the war as reached which the government has exercised a satisfactory conclusion, to strive export and import control, will work for the friendliest relations with

Dr. Von Kuehlmann said the German idea in drawing the frontier e shipping board has formed a lines for Poland, Courland and Lithcial division under Dean E. F. uania was to observe the racial point Gay of Harvard university, to pre- of view as suggested by the Russian re statistical data on shipping and delegations and "we have done this merce. To bring about a proper in accordance with historical de-rdination between the shipping marcation and ethnographical posi-

"As regards the future lot of these es will be named to see that peoples," Dr. Von Kuehlmann conps are used in the most economical tinued, "although we believe their wishes already have been expressed There will be no hasty decisions, in accordance with the principle of was said tonight, in determining self-determination we are ready, by that exports and imports to be elim- a systematic extension of existing Trades interested will be representative bodies, to provide for given hearings and the plan to to the possibility of a further expresput the program into effect as grad- sion of the national will on the lly as is possible in view of the broadest possible basis. The determperative need of diverting vessels mination of the time and form of this expression of popular will must be decided by existing representa-

As to a separate peace with placed where it can be done by neu- Ukraine, Dr. Von Kuehlmann said tral tonnage for which the govern- the central powers must reserve the ment now is negotiating. This ton-right to be their own judges as to nage will not fill the need entirely, what states they should recognize. however, and licenses for goods re- They had recognized the Ukraine, garded as non-essential will not be he added, and there was no use discussing that question any further. Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian of bunker coal by the United States foreign minister, expressed surprise and the allies gives them control of that Trotzky had introduced the subject of the Ukraine at the peace con-

Kuehlmann Explains Pact.

ference. relations between kraine and the Petrograd government," said Count Czernin, "do not concern the central powers, and our conclusion of a peace with the Ukraine cannot be regarded as an unfriendly act toward the Petrograd government. We signed no treaty of alliance with the Ukraine against the Petrograd government, but only a treaty of peace which makes the Ukraine so far as the central powers are concerned, merely a neutral

Replying to Trotzky's inquiry regarding the frontier south of Brest-Litovsk, Dr. von Kuehlman said: "In drawing these frontiers we attempted to find a middle course between racial divisions and the his-

torical frontier." Dr. von Kuehlman proposed a new text for the second article of the peace treaty, to the effect that certain frontier territories, which were not defined, should no longer be will be used to bargain with both the subject to the territorial sovereignty es and neutrals for products the of Russia and that in the future the United States must have to prosecute lot of these territories should "be decided in agreement with their re-A war trade board statement to- spective peoples according to agree-Hungary shall make with them."

War Still Exists. The point was, Dr. von Kuehlman added, that evacuation of certain territories by the central powers was exported from this country or im- sians evacuated Turkish territory simultaneously. A sub-committee having failed to reach an agreement on the new frontier proposed by the meeting was held Sunday, when M.

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## IS POLITICAL **SAYS WEEKS**

Senator Charges Wilson With Deliberately Injecting Partisanship Into War Efficiency Discussion

**INQUIRY IS FLAYED** 

Munitions Cabinet Is Demanded—Baker's Reply Held Flippant

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. - President Wilson was charged with deliberately injecting politics into the controversy over war efficiency by Senator Weeks, a Republican member of the military committee, in a speech today vigorously criticising the war and other branches of the government.

"Not a question indicating partisanship was raised until the president deliberately injected politics into the situation," Senator Weeks charged, "by an attack upon the chairman of the committee (Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, Democrat). and the committee itself, and by calling to the White House many Democratic party leaders, not for consultation purposes, but to insist that a discussion of this question on the floor of the senate be prevented if possible Have we come to such place that the action of the most important committee in congress at this time is to be forbidden by the president?"

Referring to Secretary Baker. Senator Weeks said after praising many army achievements: Baker's Reply "Flippant."

or unreservedly criticise the head of the war department. He has had tions, the disposal of many of which meet my approval. Referring to Mr. Baker's reply

when asked by the committee if other men could not have done things better, that he did not know whose head makes such a statement, ed his "ancestral estates." to make many changes which an outside investigation have shown to be

"One of the notable features of present situation." Weeks contended, "is the virulence as servitors of the enemy. Every means of false suggestion has been used to discredit a sincere and loyal will materially increase the efficien-

cy of our war administration." impossible" for the president to individually co-ordinate and direct all of the government's functions, Senator Weeks added:

Politics Played Is Charge,

"Can it be possible that the presi-

dent will be embarrassed by such a cabinet? It would seem as if he would be embarrassed to a greater extent by a perpetuation of the disjointed system which now exists." "If I were to criticise the secretary personally, it would be that he had undertaken to do too many things himself, some of which might have been left to subordinates. If I were to make a further criticism, it would relate to his temperamental relationship to the war. Doubtless he himself would admit that he is a pacifist by nature. For example, even now, he is opposed to universal military training and I cannot divorce myself from the conclusion, based on his own testimony, that he has been inclined to plan for prosecution of the war—and this condi-tion has to some degree permeated U-BOATS SINK cution of the war-and this condithe department-on the basis that we are 3000 miles away from the front, instead of hastening prepara-

ercise if our borders were the battle Right to Criticise Defended. Asserting that it is "physically impossible" for the president individually to co-ordinate and direct all of the government's functions, Senator

tion with all the vigor we would ex-

Weeks added: "Can it be possible the president will be embarrassed by such a cabinet? It would seem as if he would be embarrassed to a greater extent by a perpetuation of the disjointed system which now exists, a system which failed to produce ships, notwithstanding the shipping plans; which has failed to deliver coal, notwithstanding the unbounded coal supply we have; which has been responsible for a failure to protect our soldiers against sickness and furnish them with suitable clothing.

Airplanes Are Few We are the inventors and leaders in airplanes and yet we have no airplanes. We have the greatest steel

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# KING'S AGENT"

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 16, 1918

Edmond Rousselot Sought Sum of \$50,000,000 From Morgan for Spain

PERSONAL PLAN URGED

\$10,000 Borrowed From Con- TIP IS GIVEN IN fiding Woman; "Official Letters" Received

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- How a \$15 a week telephone operator, posing as "his excellency, the Marquis Edmond Rousselot di Castillott, confidential representative of his majesty King Alfonso XIII of Spain," opened negotiations with the banking house of J. P. Morgan and company, for a loan of \$50,000,000 to Spain, and, by promising that Spain would enter the war on the side of the entente allies, prought the state department into the matter, was revealed in the federal court here today when three indictments were returned ter of a million dollars. against Edmond Rousselot, under the espionage law.

Rousselot was pressing his plan arrest on another charge, and his dried vegetables, Manager McDaniel the shipping board presents a situacastle in Spain quickly toppled. William Pierson Hamilton of the grand joury which returned the indictments and was familiar with the the company is virtually assured. ping board officials would not say entire transaction, because he was a The plant has been closed down temmember of the firm to whom the porarily while the machinery is bematter was entrusted.

Personal Loan Uurged. the bank immediately communicated | tion that is being made. with secretary Lansing, who opposed to deal with a multitude of ques- made personally to King Alfonso, twenty carloads of turnips on the and it was because of this secret ar- way." rangement he could promise that Spain was to join the allies.

\$10,000 Borrowed From Woman. It developed that Rousselto had Charles L. McNary: not confined his operations to bankall the men in the world and could ing houses, but numbered among his not judge of their capabilities, Sen- confiding friends one woman from Quartermaster General Goethals to who declined to leave adjustment of ator Weeks said the answer was whom he had borrowed \$10,000 on 'somewhat flippant" and that it is oil stocks of doubtful value, but for vegetables." impossible to expect a department the redemption of which he had pldg-

inent actress who told the author-"Count Rousselot" and believing him the Salem plant The company al- Chairman Hurley's attention to a Senator to be in the French diplomatic service, had visited an English warship used in attacking those who favor in the harbor with him. As his crethe committee's plan (of centraliza- dentials were well covered with seals tion.) They are referred to as plot- which seemed to be all right, they ters, mischievous meddlers and even were taken over the ship and shown every courtesy, she said.

"Official Letters" Received. Rousselot established himself in a attempt to make a change which suite of a fashionable hotel and there received many letters which are doscribed as being covered with crests Asserting that it is "physically and seals and addressed to him as "marquis," "county," and "king's messenger."

These documents, when examined by the authorities, proved to be leiters apparently written by Rousselot to himeslf. One of them, purporting to have come from the king of Spain, bore a large red seal impress sed by the stamp of the commissioner of deeds of West Chester county, N. Y. He also had a rubber stamp bearing the words "Ministre de la Guerre," wihch, the authorities allege, he used wihle posing as a French diplomat. When representing himself as the agent of the king of Spain, he used a crest cut from the advertising of a leading furrier,

they declared. Mr. Stokes Makes Identification. A little later Rousselot moved to the Hotel Ansonia, where he told Mr. Stokes, the owner, that he was

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### **BRITISH CRAFT**

Eight Vessels Hunting Submarines Downed by Enemy Destroyers

LONDON, Feb. 15 .- Eight British craft which were hunting submar- be ministered unto, but to minister. But, alas, the picture is incomplete, ines have been sunk by raiding flo- His church shall be that which, fill- it is in the semblance of a puzzle tilla of enemy destroyers, it was an- ed and moved by His spirit of min- with the parts ununited. Each nounced officially today. After hav- istering love, seeks to become the church is but a portion of that pleing sunk the vessels, seven of which center and source of all beneficent ture and until all are fitted together were "drifters," and one a trawler, and philanthropic effort, and to take that grand painting will remain inin the Dover straits, the enemy ships a leading part in every movement complete. The opportunity now lies returned rapidly northward before which has for its end the alleviation before us to unite that picture as they could be engaged.

of man and the betterment of the united, making it complete as Christ DOVER, Feb. 15.-Men wounded world. during the German naval raid on Birtish drifters and trawlers in the channel today were brought here and century are knocking at our doors contribution. are housed in the market place. with their stern insistence upon which has been converted into a temeconomy, efficiency and cooperation porary hospital. of a real and national service. How

The firing lated 45 minutes and are we to answer these demands? was plainly heard on shore.

#### ARMY ORDER **ASSURED FOR** SALEM FIRM

Quarter Million Dollar Contract for Evaporated Vegetables Believed Certain by Salem-Kings Company

WIRE FROM McNARY

Big Plant Is Temporarily Closed in Preparation for Heavy Work

Salem has been singled out by the United States government to furnish supplies for her army and navy, and this time it is to be in the shape of evaporated vegetables, amounting in dollars and cents, before the contract communication declaring it would be shall be concluded, to about a quar-

Upon receipt of a message from United States Senator McNary with conditions. information that the war department for the loan when chance caused his is to purchase a large quantity of That the contract will be landed by diately carried no threat and shiping prepared to handle the big order. broached to the bank by Rousselot, the closing was permanent, but this W. E. D. Stokes of New York City, er when he explained the prepara-

"We expect an order from the ular government channels. Rouselot ger Jack Walker of the Salem-Kings objected to this method of procedure, Products company. "We have 250 explaining that the loan was to be tons of potatoes on hand now, and

Manager Ivan McDaniel of the commercial club yesterday received the following telegram from Senator

Mr. McDaniel replied to the senator Hurley declared, have asked to be Another of his friends was a prom- that the club and the Wittenberg-King company would work together ities she had been introduced to in an effort to land the contract for

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come out from their narrow trench-

bortherly love in earnest."

ual creed. Mr. Burke says:

Times Demand Efficiency.

Many of the individual churches

PLEA FOR UNION OF CHURCHES

IS MADE BY REV. E. M. BURKE

Minister Believes Energy and Money Are Wasted and

That Purpose Is Not Realized by Denominations—

Would Destroy "No Man's Land" That Separates

The need of an economical and bave attempted an answer, but that

efficient church, brought about answer has been at once feeble and

through cooepration and union, is inconsistent with the spirit of the

the theme of an interview from Rev. times. Every institution is seeking

Edgar Maxwell Burke, pastor of the to adjust itself rationally to its en-

Salem Unitarian church. His re- vironment and those that are sur-

marks are applied directly to Salem. viving the storm and stress of the

Mr. Burke insists that denomina- time are doing so by employing the

for which the church exists, must principles, the basic principles em-

es and abolish the "No Man's Land" tire organic and inorganic realin, the

that divides them. He holds that principles of ecenomy, efficiency and

narrow insistance upon separate cooperation as serving the means of

statements of faith is making the man and the ends of God. These

church inefficient and he pleads for principles form the trinity upon

an open-hearted and sincere effort which society must build to reach

'to get acquainted and practice that high plane of civilization, that

"We should then find," says Mr. tured with such loving kindness

Bruke, "that we are one at heart with such tender sympathy and with

and our differences would blend such lasting service. That one great

themselves into he united whole." canvas lives down the centuries as

each organization could contribute ure that neither heathen tribes nor

that each also would doubtless have canvas radient with His love, bathed

to sacrifice something of its individ- in His tears, and dyed in His richest

"Inasmuch as Christ came not to and child has a share in that picture.

of human suffering, the elevation Christ intended that it should be

"The demands of the twentieth lend its peculiar color in its unique

He thinks that to bring this about the one great, magnificent art treas-

tions, if they are to fill the purposes eternal, God-made,

### STRIKERS DEFY SHIPPING BOARD:

Chairman Hurley Demands That Shipyard Employes Return to Work

FAIR ACTION PROMISED

Wilson Gives Fersonal Attention—Compulsion May Be Necessary

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- A renewed demand that William L. Hutcheson, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, send striking shipyard employes in eastern plants back to work pending an adjustment of their grievances, was made tonight by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board. Earlier in the day Hutcheson had answered a previous appeal with a impossible for him to act until he had some definite proposition from the shipping board as to working

**Hutcheson Defies Shipping Board** Hutcheson's virtual defiance of of the commercial club at once got tion on which officials decline to into touch with the management of comment. Mr. Hurley's request that Morgan house was foreman of the the Salem-Kings Products company. the men be put back to work immewhat steps they have in mind.

Reports today that local exemption boards are preparing to call into the The temporary closing of the plant military service striking shippard When the subject of the loan was gave vise to rumors yesterday that workers within the draft age, prompted the shipping board to send who had been properly identified by was quieted by Manager Jack Walk- telegrams urging that such action be not taken. Deferred classification for shipyard workers has been put by the provost marshal general's ofthe loan to the Spanish government United States government to furnish fice in the charge of the industrial through an individual and suggested it with a large supply of dried or section of the shipping board, head-driven off either by anti-aircraft batthat it be taken up through the reg- evaporated vegetables," said Mana- ed by Meyer Bloomfield, and the board desires that all draft questions be considered in Washington. Wilson Follows Situation.

President Wilson is known to be giving personal attention to the labor situation and is following every move in the shipyard strikes.

In his communication tonight to Hutcheson, Chairman Hurley points "I understand from the war de- out that the heads of the carpenters' partment that they have directed and joiners' union were the only ones purchase a large quantity of dried difficulties to the shipbuilding labor adjustment board. Even the carpen-Upon receipt of this information, ters' locals, despite this attitude, Mr. included in the agreement.

Hutcheson, in declining to ask the strikers to return to work, called

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Christ-taught

ployed by nature throughout the en-

Kingdom of God, which Christ pic-

blood, Every Christian man woman

intended it should be complete. Each

church has its place, each should

Denominationalism Causes Waste.

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"Are we serving our community

## **HUNS MAKE AMERICANS**

Three Hours of Poisonous Fumes Are Met by Efficiency of U. S. Forces and Enemy Is Unsuccessful

BRITISH AND FRENCH **SMASH GERMAN LINE** 

Widely Advertised Offensive Does Not Occur at Appointed Time

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 15-The Germans opposed to the Americans early toda ymade an unsuccessful bombardment with gas shells. German airplanes in large numbers also were driven off by the American machines and anti-aircraft batteries.

Gas shells in considerable numbers from the German guns fell within the American sector early this morning, making necessary the wear ing of masks in all parts of the trenches for more than three hours. One American was injured by an exploding shell, but so excellent has been the anti-gas training of men that not a single case of gas poisoning was reported. The duration of the shelling was two hours, but traces of the poisonous fumes remained for another hour after the bombardment had ceased

U. S. Batteries Drive Off Plan Visibility was good today in the clear, cold atmosphere and as a result there was much aerial activity on both sides. German airplanes in large numbers repeatedly att to cross the American lines but were teries or by the air

The American artillerymen rapidly are attaining a high degree efficiency. Today they continually fired shells that exploded so close to the enemy airplanes that the aviators were compelled to dodge and duck and scurried back to a safer area, pursued across the sky by a trail of shrapnel puffs.

The artillery on both sides desum ed activity today. The American gunners shelled the German rear lines and communications effective-

(By The Associated Press) Friday, the day set by influential German newspapers for the starting of the much advertised German offensive, has passed, and no aggression on the part of the enemy materialized. On the contrary, both the British and French armies deliveried at widely separated points on the western front smashes at the German line. These attacks, although they were merely in nature of raids, were successfully carried out and re-

sulted in the capture of prisoners

and the infliction of casualties on the Canadians Capture Prisoners The Canadians on the famo Lens sector again entered trenches and brought back prisoners. Near Courcy the French in a similar maneuver, bagged a number of Germans. In the Butte du Mesnil region of Champagne, a lively artillery duel was in progress at 1st accounts, with the Americans in all probabilty participating. Near Verdun and in the Woevre sector violent hombardment

Along the sector of the front east of St. Mihiel where an American force is holding the line, it is quiet, owing to the inclement weather and the morass caused by heavy rains, The Germans in front of the cans are busy repairing trenches and constructing dugouts to repla those which have been shatter recently by American gunners handling their 75's

French Aviators Attack. Over the entire front the aerial activity by both sides continues intense. French aviators have attacked with bombs numerous towns of military importance, notably Metz, the famous fortress some twenty miles north of the American sector in Lorraine. Lorge quantities of explosives were dropped and conflagrations were observed. Northeast of Jerusalem the Brit-

ish have penetrated Turkish postsomething of value to the union, but barbarian hordes can destroy; a tions to a depth of two miles on front of six miles. German torpedoboa t destroyera early Friday morning made another

of their sudden attacks on small British craft, sinking eight of them. The Germans beat a hasty retreat to the north before Brtish naval forces could engage them. Huns After Rumanian Peace.

Late German newspapers assert there are indications that peace negotiations between the central powers and Rumania are in prospect. It is assumed by some of the newspapers that Rumanian delegates already have reached a given point where they will discuss with representatives of the central powers details for the conference.

Although reports of the confereconomically? No, must be the ence at the imperal German head-

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