

# FOUR AMERICANS OFF YARROWDALE AT COPENHAGEN

### Physicians and Veterinarians Released After Four Months' Imprisonment by Germany Reach Denmark, Peniless and Destitute—Dramatic Tale of Adventure and Hardship.

COPENHAGEN, March 2.—Four Americans from the steamer Yarrowdale, who have been prisoners in Germany for three months, arrived here today. They are Dr. John Davis, Columbus, Miss.; Orville McKim, Watertown, N. Y.; Dr. H. D. Snyder, Norfolk, Va., and Richard Zabriskie, Englewood, N. J.

The four men were practically destitute. The men reached here with only the clothes they stood in and will, under the custom of the sea, be supported by the British consul until it is possible to send them home. They own their release before the remainder of the seventy-two Americans who were on the Yarrowdale to the fact that as physicians or veterinarians, they ranked as officers and were confined in the officers' camp at Karlsruhe. The horse tenders and sailors, who composed the bulk of the American captives, are still held in "quarantine," at the prison camp for enlisted men at Dulmen.

### Dramatic Tale of Peril.

The four men left the camp at Karlsruhe on February 27 and traveled direct to Warnemunde under escort, where, after being subjected to the usual frontier search, they were put aboard a Danish ferry and left to shift for themselves. The Danish police took charge of them upon their arrival in Denmark, provided them with quarters for the night in a hotel at Gjedser and gave them the first hearty meal they had enjoyed since landing in Germany in December. The next morning the Danish authorities provided railroad transportation to Copenhagen.

Two more dramatic tales have been brought forth by the war than the story of adventure, hardship and peril at sea, short ration on land and the new danger from the sky which was related by these four American professional men to the Associated Press correspondent. Snapped up by the German raider in mid-ocean, they cruised around for days while the commerce destroyer was gathering further prizes. Then they made the voyage in the Yarrowdale to Swinemunde, under such conditions that they expected the ship's seams to open and the vessel to sink beneath them at any moment.

### Two Months in Prison Camp

They lived for more than two months in prison camps in Germany on the meager prison fare without food parcels which lighten the conditions of existence of other prisoners of war. They passed through airplane attacks on Karlsruhe, during which bombs intended for the railroad station rained on all sides of their camp. To cap the climax, they were ignorant to the last whether they were prisoners of war or neutrals in detention, whether their government was doing anything to obtain their release or whether the United States had not already entered the war. To add to their anxiety, their fellow Americans from the Yarrowdale, at the time when they left them at the Neustrelitz camp to be transferred with other officers from the captured steamers, were in a state of complete destitution. They were insufficiently clothed, several having been without shoes or overclothing during the severe December cold and all were weakening under the effect of these conditions, although they were substantially remedied when Ambassador Gerard finally succeeded in locating them in the prison camp at Dulmen.

### Who the Four Are.

These four men, however, had escaped the ambassador's notice on account of having been transferred to the officers' camp at Karlsruhe. Dr. Snyder, until recently a member of the health department of New York City, was captured aboard the British steamship Vulture, the first vessel taken by the raider while he was returning to America from France. Mr. Zabriskie was the veterinarian on the steamship Mount Temple, a Canadian horse transport which lost three men from shell fire. Mr. Davis and Mr. McKim were on the White Star liner Georgia.

The recital of the Americans of incidents concerning their capture and their experiences on board the raider is one with which American readers are familiar from the accounts of the Moewe and the Appan. They were treated firmly but courteously by the German officers. They were confined in the hold during the

chase of each successive prize, wondering anxiously whether the intended victim would show fight and perhaps send the raider to the bottom.

### Capture of Yarrowdale.

There was no loss of life except in the case of the Mount Temple, on which three French-Canadians were killed. Another man was injured, his foot being so badly mangled that it was amputated on board the raider. Until they reached Swinemunde the Americans had no idea that they would be treated other than as neutrals. In fact the British officers who were captured signed parole papers while on the raider, with the understanding that they would be placed on board the first neutral steamer encountered for transshipment to a home or a neutral port. The capture of the Yarrowdale with her valuable cargo influenced the German commander to change his intention and send the prisoners to a German port on that vessel.

Aided by a heavy storm the run to the entrance of the Baltic was made undetected. Thence they steamed to Swinemunde under German convoy. After a few days at Swinemunde, the prisoners were transferred to the camp at Neustrelitz, where they were held for a month in quarantine. The condition of many of the Americans, including horse handlers from the Georgia, was deplorable. The horse handlers had been accustomed to work on the lower decks, which were half awash, in bare feet and in underclothes. They entered the boats in this condition. Three Americans went without shoes in the snow for almost a month before footwear was supplied. Others would have been little better off if the captain of the Yarrowdale had not distributed all available clothing aboard.

### In Berlin 48 Hours.

Repeated attempts were made to communicate with the American embassy but none of the messages reached Mr. Gerard. After a month all the men of the rank of officers, including the four Americans, were transferred to Karlsruhe, and the others to Dulmen.

The journey to Karlsruhe required 52 hours. On the way from Neustrelitz they were switched about for 18 hours in the yards at Berlin at a time when Ambassador Gerard, whose imperative instructions were to ascertain whether there were Americans among the Yarrowdale prisoners, was bombarding the dilatory foreign office with notes of inquiry. They were almost starving when they arrived at Karlsruhe. There they found that the insufficient rations of Neustrelitz were succeeded by a steadily diminishing diet which during the last fortnight of their stay consisted, they say, only a plate of thin soup, a pound of bread and half a pound of potatoes daily. They were allowed monthly pay of sixty marks, from which 54 marks was deducted for rations, leaving six marks to pay for coffee, tea and tobacco. What extra money they had melted away in purchasing fish and other articles to supplement their rations. Accordingly they were all out of funds when they were notified of their release on February 27.

Notwithstanding their unhappy recollections of Karlsruhe, the Americans praised the camp commander, Major Schonebeck, and his assistant, Lieutenant Von Friesen, who did everything in their power to lighten the load of the prisoners.

These Americans were unable to give a list of their countrymen from the Yarrowdale. Every scrap of paper, including passports, was taken from them. Dr. Davis said that on the Georgia with them were 57 American horsemen and two firemen.

## NORTHCLIFFE WELCOMES AMERICA'S ENTRANCE

LONDON, March 2.—Lord Northcliffe, the publisher, said in an address today before the American Luncheon club he had every assurance the British could finance the war, but that he would welcome some shifting of the enormous financial burden and would be glad if America showed some of its historic sympathy with France by bearing some of the crushing financial strain which had been imposed on her.

Lord Northcliffe also said he was certain the allies could win the war by themselves, but that for many sentimental reasons "I would like to see America in the war side by side with us."

## Rheumatism Should Be Nipped In The Bud

Rheumatism in its early stages may delude you into believing that it is a disease of a purely local and temporary nature. Beyond a slight numbness of the limbs and pains in the joints or back, there may be no outward indications of it, but if you do not heed these warnings, or if you rely upon liniments to cure you, it will grow rapidly worse until you have Rheumatism in its most violent form. These symptoms, mild in the beginning but growing steadily worse, indicate that your blood is impregnated

## ZIMMERMANN SAYS GERMANY FIRM IN POLICY

### German Foreign Secretary Says No Backward Step Is Possible and Nation Must Use Its Sharpest Weapons—Cannot Help It If Neutrals Have to Suffer.

BERLIN, Feb. 28 (via wireless to Sayville, March 2).—In his address in the reichstag today in regard to relations between the United States and Germany (a portion of which was received by cable yesterday), Foreign Secretary Zimmermann related the circumstances of the attempt at continuing negotiations between the two countries through the Swiss legation at Washington, and after saying it was easy to understand that the government endeavored to avoid everything which might cause war with America, continued:

"We examined the suggestions from the Swiss minister from the standpoint of these considerations. From the very outset we were absolutely certain that submarine warfare ought to be limited in no case and in no manner by concession on our part. Obviously our wish to come to an understanding with America can be accomplished only in the event that it is possible without conflict with our declaration of barred zones, which we are firmly decided to maintain against our enemies under all circumstances. Use Sharpest Weapon.

"It was only after long consideration that we decided to use our sharpest weapon. You know, of course, of our negotiations with America and of our honest and sincere peace offer and the jeering rebuke of our enemies. To our attempt at reconciliation our adversaries opposed their will to annihilate us, and thus nothing was left us but to take up the last and best weapon.

"After we took this decision obviously no backward step was possible. We regret that neutrals have to suffer by it, but we cannot help that. "From the standpoint of these considerations, I said in my answer to America merely that Germany, now as before, was ready to negotiate on condition that establishment of the barred zones against our enemies be not impaired. We only hinted at our readiness to enter into more detailed negotiations with America in regard to the admission of passenger ships."

### Negotiations Ended.

"The Swiss minister at Washington transmitted our communication," Secretary Zimmermann continued, "and thereupon received from Mr. Lansing a note in very polite terms. Mr. Lansing said he was authorized by President Wilson to say that the government of the United States would very gladly and willingly negotiate with Germany if Germany cancelled her decision of January 31. This being absolutely impossible, the negotiations had to be considered as a failure before they really had begun."

### NEW GOVERNOR NAMED BY CHARLES FOR GALICIA

AMSTERDAM, March 2.—A Vienna message today states that Emperor Charles has appointed General Count Karl Hays governor of Galicia, replacing General Von Diller.

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## BARGAIN IN FISH AND GAME LICENSES

Hunters and anglers may buy their licenses at bargain rates between now and May 21, District Game Warden Driscoll announced yesterday. The new law increasing the license fee becomes effective on that date, but that does not deprive the sportsman from doing his 1917 rod-and-gun stunts under the old rate if he hurries. The present rates for either hunting or fishing licenses are \$1 per year, while \$2 is the rate for combination hunting and fishing license. After May 21 the rate will be \$1.50 for single licenses and \$3 for the combination. More licenses have been sold during February than during the same month last year by between 1200 and 1500. It is expected that the revenues of the fish and game commission from this source will be materially larger than last year.

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