

HUNS FORCING NEUTRAL STATES INTO CONFLICT

Holland and Norway Face Crisis Over Sinking of Their Ships By Kaiser's U-Boats—Switzerland Defies Berlin On Coal Question, Demanding Return of Cars.

(By Newspaper Enterprise Assn.) LONDON, May 27.—Once more German ruthlessness in disregarding the rights of smaller nations is forcing three neutral countries to the brink of war. They are Holland, Norway and Switzerland. The Dutch crisis, recently regarded as settled thru concessions made by the Dutch to Berlin's demands for railways thru the little country, has been reopened by the submarine warfare. The Dutch government has sent a naval convoy to protect a small fleet of merchant vessels on their journey to east India. In so doing it has acted within its rights under international law. The warships in the convoy have been instructed to resist any piratical attempt to interfere with the merchant ships. If a German submarine is encountered, there is likely to be a battle, and if there is a battle there will be war.

Sink Norwegian Ships.

Norway also is facing war over the U-boat question. The Kaiser's divers have renewed their unrestricted warfare on the Norwegian fishing vessels in the North sea and the Arctic ocean. Norway has stood for a lot of this sort of thing, but there will come an end to its patience. If Norway goes to war it probably will mean Sweden will cast her lot with the allies also. Five Norwegian vessels have been torpedoed and sunk. Fishermen saved from them report that the U-boat commander told them he was under orders to sink every ship he met, particularly Norwegian vessels.

Hold Swiss Freight Cars.

Following the German threat to stop sending coal to Switzerland, the directors of the Swiss federal railroads demanded the return of 4000 Swiss freight cars now in Germany. But Germany needs freight cars for troop movements. They have not yet been returned.

In the meantime the Swiss have reached an agreement with the allies whereby the latter will supply them 85,000 tons of coal a month for \$30 a ton. This was a stroke of allied diplomacy. It relieves the Swiss of any immediate necessity for agreeing to the German demands. But when little nations don't agree to German demands, the Kaiser sends Maekensen to crush them.

Another nation which is having arguments with Germany over the submarine question is Spain. The Spanish situation, however, has not yet reached the stage of a crisis.

DIED.

JONES—Died at his late residence on Sunset street Sunday morning, May 26, aged 77 years, H. Jones, a native of Indiana. He leaves to mourn his loss his aged wife, their five children having passed away, the last of whom was Mrs. S. K. Adams who died a few months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Jones had been residents of Medford for nearly four years. The deceased volunteered in 1862, was a private under Robert R. Scott and was a member of a military band. He was with Sherman on his march to the sea and was in 21 battles. He was honorably discharged at Washington in 1865. Mr. Jones was a carriage maker by trade and was engaged in that trade for a number of years at Dublin, Ind., and later at Topeka, Kas. He then carried on a hardware business for over 20 years. The last place in which he was engaged in business was at Merlin, Or.

The funeral will be at 2 o'clock Tuesday from the Weeks & McGowan company's chapel. The services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. J. C. Rollins. The Masonic lodge and G. A. R. interment will be in the S. Central Point cemetery.

PARIS, May 27.—Captaine de Villin, it is announced, has won his twentieth aerial victory. The captain was a partner of the late Captain Guenewer, the famous French aviator.

\$17,413 RAISED FOR RED CROSS IN RECENT DRIVE

Quota of \$10,000 Nearly Doubled—Medford Subscribes \$11,122 and Country Districts \$6,291, Nearly Double Last Year's Effort—Lake Creek Leads County.

Report of Secretaries.

Medford	\$11,122.00
Butte Falls	162.50
Ruch	92.00
Antioch	171.75
Griffin Creek	212.75
Lake Creek	750.00
Central Point	680.00
Sterling	74.00
Watkins	83.50
Jacksonville	1,400.00
Oak Grove	222.50
Table Rock	176.50
Rogue River	476.10
Gold Hill and Sams Valley	448.00
Prospect	175.50
Applegate	164.00
Tala	121.00
Eagle Point	750.00
Total	\$17,413.53

Jackson county north has over-subscribed her quota for the Red Cross second war fund 7 1/2 per cent. With a quota assigned this district of \$19,000 Campaign Manager Daniels has received reports from the various teams throughout the Medford district this afternoon totalling \$17,413.53.

Of this amount the outlying districts have subscribed \$6,291.53, a splendid increase over the county subscription of \$3,911.48 collected during the first Red Cross drive last June, while Medford has subscribed \$11,122.00 a decrease of the subscription of a year ago amounting to \$14,000.00.

The above comparison may be partly explained by the fact that during the past year a number of new auxiliaries to the local Medford chapter have been organized which has given support and enthusiasm to the campaign in the county while a number of the largest subscribers of last year's fund have left Medford during the past year in addition to the loss in men occasioned by the large enlistment in the country's service. Considering the conditions throughout the county occasioned by the war the patriotic response of the people of northern Jackson county to the appeal for the Red Cross may be considered worthy of the highest praise.

Country's Fine Showing.

Splendid work has been done by all the country teams which in most cases have been made up of the patriotic workers of last year's campaign, but to Lake Creek the greatest honor is probably due owing to a subscription in this small district of \$750. Captained by Herman Meyer Sr. of Lake Creek, the team combed every foot of territory assigned them with splendid results and the large subscription is probably due to the fact that Mr. Meyer classified the population of the district to determine what each man should pay and made his campaign to the subscriber with a definite amount estimated as his donation at the time of solicitation.

Total to be Swelled.

During the coming week as complete reports are received no doubt many stories of generosity and self-denial to help the great cause of the Red Cross in Jackson county will be told. At present headquarters can only offer the figures shown.

Medford was originally assigned a quota of \$9000 for the campaign with the Phoenix district in this territory but owing to a complaint of Ashland that the quota of \$6000 for that district was too large Medford has given Ashland the Phoenix territory, assumed \$1000 additional burden and over-subscribed the enlarged quota 75 per cent.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The war department today issued a warning to all youths attaining the age of 21 on or before June 5, that they must present themselves for registration on that day. No excuses will be tolerated, the department said, except when the person is actually in the military or naval service.

WHERE HUNS MASS AGAINST MEN FOR NEW DRIVE AGAINST ITALY.



The cross shows where the Austrians are massing troops and supplies in the Trentino for a new drive against Italy. This concentration would indicate that a blow directly south is contemplated. The present battle line (solid black line), extends thru a mountainous country in this district. If the Huns could drive the Italians out of the mountains into the plains below, the whole Italian line would have to fall back, probably to the line of the Adige river (dotted line) which would mean the loss of Venice.

PRESIDENT ASKS CONGRESS TO ENACT WAR TAXATION

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credit by their very abundance, can prevent inflation and keep our industrial system free of speculation and waste. We shall naturally turn, therefore, I suppose to war profits and incomes of the calendar year 1918. It would be manifestly unfair to wait until the early months of 1919 to say what they are to be. It might be difficult, I should imagine, to run the mill with water that had already gone over the wheel.

Big Bond Issue in Fall.

In the autumn a much larger sale of long time bonds must be effected than has yet been attempted. What are the bankers to think of the certificates if they do not certainly know where the money is to come from which is to take them up? And how will investors take them up? And how are investors to approach the purchase of bonds with any sort of confidence or knowledge of their affairs if they do not know what taxes they are to pay and what economies and adjustments of their business they must effect? I cannot assure the country of a successful administration of the treasury in 1918 if the question of further taxation is to be left undecided until 1919.

Spirit of Nation Rising.

"Have you not felt the spirit of the nation rise and its thought become a single and common thought since these eventful days came in which we have been sending our boys to the other side? I think you must have read that thought, as I do, to mean this, that the people of this country are not only united in the resolute purpose to win this war, but are ready and willing to bear any burden and undergo any sacrifice that it may be necessary for them to bear in order to win it. We need not be afraid to tax them, if we tax justly. They know that the war must be paid for, and that it is they who must pay for it and if the burden is justly distributed and the sacrifice from which none escapes who can bear it at all, they will carry it cheerfully and with a sort of solemn pride.

Politics is Adjourned.

"That is the situation, and it is the situation which creates the duty, no choice or preference of ours. There is only one way to meet that duty. We must meet it without selfishness or fear of consequences. Politics is adjourned. The elections will go to those who think the least of it. To those who go to the constituencies without explanation or excuses, with a plain record of duty faithfully and disinterestedly performed. I, for one, am always confident that the people of this country will give a just verdict upon the service of the men who act for them when the facts are such that no man can disguise or conceal them. There is no danger of deceit now. An intense and pitiless light beats upon every man and every action in this tragic plot of war that is now upon the stage. If lobbyists hurry to Washing-

ton to attempt to turn what you do in the matter of taxation to their protection and advantage, the light will beat also upon them. There is abundant fuel for the light in the records of the treasury with regard to profits of every sort. The profiteering that cannot be got at by the restraints of conscience and love of country can be got at by taxation. There is such profiteering now and the information with regard to it is available and indisputable.

Crisis in World's History.

"I am advising you to act upon this matter of taxation now, gentlemen, not because I do not know that you can see and interpret the facts and the duty they impose just as well and with as clear a perception of the obligations involved as I can, but because there is a certain solemn satisfaction in sharing with you the responsibilities at such a time. The world never stood in such a crisis before. Men never before had so clear a vision of duty.

"I know that you will begrudge the work to be done here by us no more than the men begrudge us theirs who lie in the trenches and sally forth to their death. There is a stimulation comradeship knitting us all together. And this task to which I invite your immediate consideration will be performed under favorable circumstances if you consider only what the country is thinking and expecting and care nothing at all for what is being said and believed in the lobbies of Washington hotels, where the atmosphere seems to make it possible to believe what is believed nowhere else.

Intra-State Rates.

The provision that intrastate rates shall be abolished whenever substitute interstate rates between the same points exist and that all

RAILROADS RATES UP 25 PERCENT M'ADOO'S ORDER

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of per centage additions, are ordered for coal, coke, lumber, ore, stone, grain, cotton, livestock, meats, sugar, lullion and other commodities.

Preserve Differentials.

Existing differentials and rate relationships between various localities are to be preserved so far as possible but many readjustments will have to be made later. All rates are subject to review and correction by the interstate commerce commission.

In announcing that the rate increases are required by public interest, Director General McAdoo referred to the \$300,000,000 or more added to the payrolls of railroad labor under an order published today, to the rapidly rising cost of coal which he estimated this year alone at \$100,000,000 more than last year, and to higher cost of every other material entering into railroad transportation. Operating expenses, he estimates, would be between \$830,000,000 and \$860,000,000 greater this year than the \$2,852,000,000 figure of last year.

No part of the increased rates is on account of the program of nearly a billion dollars of improvements, additions and new equipment this year, he explained.

Ask Public Support.

"It is earnestly hoped," said the director general, "that all citizens affected directly or indirectly by this increase of rates will support the general principle of such increase as an unavoidable war measure and accept the additional burden in the same spirit of self sacrifice in which they have accepted other inconveniences and burdens and the grievous personal losses which are parts of the price that the nation is patriotically paying for world liberty."

Mr. McAdoo called attention to the fact that "there is no way in which the present increases will inure to private profit."

"If they turn out to be more than are needed to meet the grave public exigency," he added, "they will promptly be readjusted so as to prevent any unnecessary burden upon the public, but pending such readjustment, the excess, if any, will be for the benefit of the people of the United States as a whole, and not for the benefit of the private railroad owners of any of them.

"To the extent that savings can be effected and to the extent that reduced prices for the things the railroads must buy can be realized, it will be the purpose of the director general to make from time to time appropriate reductions."

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shall be raised to a standard national level, develops the first definite conflict between powers of the Federal railroad administration and of the state railroad and public utilities commissions, which heretofore have claimed exclusive jurisdiction over intrastate rates. Railroad rate agents will file tariffs containing the new rates with state commissions as well as with the interstate commerce commission, but state commissions are permitted no review under the railroad act.

Mr. McAdoo announced that he expects the interstate commerce commission to review many of the new schedules on the complaint of shippers or other commercial interests and changes will be made on the commission's recommendations. This is necessary to readjust the nationwide fabric of complicated rates, each interdependent on scores of others and so delicately adjusted in hundreds of thousands of cases that a change of a cent or two causes distinct individual and commercial disturbances. The commission probably will be busy for months hearing complaints and protests.

Exceptions to Order.

Passenger fares in some sparsely settled regions now more than three cents will not be reduced. Although existing excursion and tourist fares the abolished, the order permits the re-establishment of round trip tourist fares somewhat lower than the three cent rate.

Exceptions to the three cent rate are made for soldiers and sailors, who may travel at one cent a mile when on furlough at their own expense and for persons attending the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Portland, Ore., and the United Confederate Veterans reunion at Tulsa, Okla. Both these organizations are permitted rates of one cent a mile and for various state meetings of the veterans two cents will be charged.

Children under five years of age will be carried free as at present and those between five and twelve will be charged half of the new higher fare.

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