

EXPORTS OVER THREE BILLIONS

Trade Balance to Set a Record This Year.

GREAT BRITAIN GETS THIRD

Report Of the Department of Commerce Shows That Exports To Germany and Russia Have Almost Ceased.

Washington.—The enormous extent of recent gains in the export trade of the United States is disclosed in statistics just issued by the Department of Commerce. Total exports to the various countries for the first eight months of the calendar year were in many cases millions of dollars greater than those of the entire fiscal year of 1914 and very large increases are shown in percentages.

Exports to Greece for the eight months leaped 2,200 per cent., compared to the fiscal year 1914; to Russia 900 per cent.; to Norway 340 per cent.; to France 240 per cent.; to Denmark 140 per cent.; to Italy 129 per cent.; to the United Kingdom 103 per cent.; to Sweden 84 per cent.; to Cuba 42 per cent., and to Japan 25 per cent.

This vast export trade shows an apparent trade balance for the eight months \$1,730,000,000 in favor of the United States and department officials predict that by the end of the year it will exceed \$2,500,000,000. The total exports amounted to \$3,435,969,212, an increase of \$1,295,082,010 over the same eight months a year ago.

The largest gain was in exports to the United Kingdom, which took nearly one-third of all goods exported from the United States in that period. They amounted to \$1,207,751,939, showing an increase of \$554,000,000 over the same eight months last year, and \$713,000,000 more than the entire fiscal year of 1914. France, the second best customer of the United States, took goods valued at \$544,475,000, an increase of \$211,000,000 over the previous eight months and \$384,000,000 more than 1914. Canada was third, taking \$373,736,563, an increase of \$163,000,000 over the eight months of last year, but only \$29,000,000 more than 1914.

Russia in Europe and Asia took \$300,362,626 worth, an increase of \$219,000,000 over the previous eight-month period. Greece's imports from the United States amounted to \$23,597,141, compared with \$1,100,000 in the whole fiscal year before the war.

Exports to Germany and Austria have almost ceased. Decreases for the eight months, when compared with the same period last year, were shown in exports to Denmark, The Netherlands and Sweden, but the totals, except for The Netherlands, exceed those of the fiscal year 1914.

U. S. WILL NOT ACT.

Teutons Complain Of American Air-men With the Allies.

Washington.—The United States will take no action as a result of the various complaints from Teutonic sources that American aviators are at the front with the French Flying Corps.

These protests have been coming into the State Department through both diplomatic and consular officers and will be the subject of full discussion when Ambassador Gerard, now en route from Berlin, reaches Washington. But officials declared today that exhaustive consideration of all complaints from the Central Powers has convinced them that American aviators have kept strictly within the bounds of international law.

SAYS BREMEN WAS CAUGHT.

British Shipmaster Repeats Oft-Told Story.

Newport News, Va.—Another British shipmaster brought into port the story that the German merchant submarine Bremen had been captured. He is Captain Reavley, of the steamer North Point, and he says the Bremen was caught in a net in the English Channel while his ship was in the channel about seven weeks ago.

BANDITS KILL AUTOIST.

Woman, Wounded, Drives Car Away With \$8,000 Payroll.

Hampton, N. J.—No trace has been discovered of the band of foreigners who shot and killed Henry Rider, of Howell, Mich., and wounded Mrs. Elsie Smathers, James Rigby and A. J. Rider, of Hampton, in an attempt to rob the party of \$8,000, representing the payroll for cranberry pickers employed by A. J. Rider.

AGED PRIESTS DEAD IN FIRE.

Christian Brothers' College At St. Louis Wrecked.

St. Louis.—Nine men are known to have perished as the result of a fire that destroyed the central portion of the main building of Christian Brothers College here. Two of the dead are aged members of the Christian Brothers' Order, who were trapped on the fifth floor of the flames.

IN LINE OF SUCCESSION



WOULD RESENT PEACE MOVE

No Preparations Made For the Discussion of Peace.

USELESS AND INADVISABLE

Mediation Has Been Neither Offered By This Country Nor Suggested To It From Abroad.

Washington.—No new step to end the European War has been taken by the United States and, so far as officials here can foresee, none is likely to be taken in the near future, according to an authoritative statement of the government's position.

While no official professed to know what is in President Wilson's mind, it was declared that no preparations had been made for discussion of peace through the usual diplomatic channels and that all the information gathered here seemed to indicate that such a move would be both useless and inadvisable. It was pointed out, however, that in a matter of this nature the President usually keeps his own counsel and might be influenced by indications of which the officials here are in ignorance.

Regarding the many rumors that the United States already had made mediatory advances to the belligerents during recent months, it was declared authoritatively that mediation had been neither offered by this government nor suggested to it from abroad.

The United States, it was explained, stands exactly where it has stood ever since President Wilson, at the outbreak of the war, made an open offer to use the good offices of the country whenever requested. Since that announcement, it was declared, there has been no changes so far as the American government is concerned.

While declining to be quoted directly on so delicate a matter, officials here are understood to be thoroughly convinced that any peace move at this time would be resented as unneutral, and might impair the government's standing as a mediator when the time for action comes.

In spite of this belief, attention is called to the formal decision of Switzerland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark not to offer mediation now, the informal decision of Spain and the Vatican to the same effect, the warning against such attempts sounded recently by David Lloyd-George, the British war minister; the Swedish premier's declaration that peace proposals by neutrals would be futile, and other utterances by public men in belligerent and neutral countries. Holland and the United States alone have taken no definite stand against mediation now, but there is no expectation here that either will abandon its present silence.

TO INVESTIGATE 8-HOUR LAW.

Goethals, Clark and Rubles Chosen Members Of Board.

Omaha, Neb.—A formal announcement was made here that President Wilson has selected Major-General Goethals, Commissioner Clark, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and George Rubles, of the Trade Commission, as members of the board created by Congress to investigate the Railroad Eight-Hour law.

While the law does not go into effect until January 1, the President desires the members of the board to give a close study to the entire situation.

TIRPITZ REFUSES NOMINATION.

Admiral Says He Will Accept No Candidacy During War.

Berlin.—Admiral Von Tirpitz, former head of the German Admiralty was offered the Conservative nomination for a Reichstag seat vacancy to be filled at a by-election in Saxony. He declined, replying that he had decided, in the interests of Germany's cause, to accept no candidacy during the war.

U. S. RIGHTS ARE INVOLVED

Solution of Mexico's Internal Affairs Affects This Country.

MUST PROTECT OUTSIDERS

Settlement, Visitors Hear, Demands Avoidance Of Occasion For Diplomatic Embarrassments.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Satisfactory solution of internal questions having an international bearing must be an integral part of the general program for the rehabilitation of Mexico, the Mexican members of the joint commission were informed by their American colleagues.

During discussion of the banking situation, taxation, and other subjects, which the Mexicans insisted were internal matters, the American commissioners took the stand that no satisfactory settlement of the border problem could be reached until there was evidence of the intention of the Mexican Government to handle such affairs so that there would be no occasion for constant diplomatic correspondence with other governments.

The matters especially referred to by the American Commissioners were those affecting the status and rights of foreigners resident in Mexico and of foreigners who have invested capital in Mexican enterprises.

It was learned that Luis Cabrera, head of the Mexican Commission, is dealing with the committee representing a large group of mining concerns in Mexico in his capacity as Minister of Finance rather than as one of the Commissioners. He expects to meet the mining men's representatives in New York for a conference.

The official statement issued by the Commission follows: "The morning session of the American and Mexican Joint Commission was devoted to the presentation to the Mexican Commissioners by their American colleagues of the importance of giving consideration to certain questions which have a distinct international bearing because of their effect on the status and the rights of foreigners resident in Mexico and of foreigners who have invested their capital in Mexican enterprises. The position taken by the American Commission is that the satisfactory solution of these questions is an integral and necessary part of a general program, the purpose of which is to assure to Mexico the resumption of her normal position among the nations of the earth."

FRANCE LIFTS EMBARGO.

Makes Change That Will Aid American Manufacturers.

Washington.—Amendments to the French export embargo that will materially aid American manufacturers were announced in a cablegram from American Consul-General Thackeray at Paris. The changes lift the embargo on the export to allied and American countries on fatty acids, borax and boric acid, metallic chlorides, gelatines and glues, starches, lead manufactures, sodium and paint. The embargo was found to embarrass neutral and friendly commerce unnecessarily.

LINER FRANCONIA SUNK.

Cunarder, Used By British As a Transport, Sent Down By U-Boat.

London.—Five ships—the Cunard Line steamer Franconia, the Russian steamer Torgual and three Norwegian steamers, Brink, Knut Carl and Nesjar—have been sunk, according to reports here.

The British Admiralty announces the loss of the Franconia, which was employed for transport duty. The steamer was sunk in the Mediterranean by an enemy submarine. The steamer had no troops aboard. Twelve men of the crew of 302 are missing.

GERMANY IS LIVING UP TO HER PLEDGES

No Vessels With Americans Aboard Torpedoed.

GENERAL SKINNER'S REPORT

United States Consul General Gives a List Of Seven Ships That Were Attacked Within Past Five Days.

Washington.—Reports from American consuls in Europe show that there has been within the past two weeks a renewal of German submarine warfare on an unprecedented scale. The reports also show that the Germans have attacked no vessel on which there were American citizens.

A dispatch from Consul General Skinner, at London, reporting seven cases of submarine attacks within five days, corroborated the reports of other consular agents. He cabled:

"Danish schooner Emanuel sunk; Russian schooner Ema sunk, 28th, and crew of eight cast adrift in own boat; landed Galway, 29th.

"British steamer Maywood sunk, crew saved; British schooner Pearl sunk, 30th, crew landed at Falmouth; British steamer Rollins sunk, crew landed probably at a Spanish port.

"Norwegian steamer Vindegen sunk 27th, crew landed at Palma; British schooner William George sunk."

"A State Department official, referring to the various consular reports, said Germany was evidently trying to live up to her pledges to the United States in the settlement of the Sussex case. The sole adverse exception to the conduct of submarine warfare by the Central Powers is that of the Italian steamer Stella Delmareo on which there were American citizens and which was alleged to have been blown up without warning or provision for the safety of the crew who were landed at Toulon.

An inquiry was made of Austria in this case as the department believed it was not a German submarine which violated the law. The answer of Austria has not yet been received, nor has her answer to the demand of the United States that she apologize and make reparations for the attack on the Standard Oil steamer Petrolite.

50 SHIPS SUNK IN NINE DAYS.

U-Boats Got 27 Fishing Steamers and 31 Prisoners.

Berlin.—Thirty-five vessels of countries at war with Germany, with a total tonnage of 14,600, were sunk by German submarines in the North Sea or the English Channel between September 20 and September 29, the Overseas News Agency announces. This is in addition to 11 British fishing steamers and four Belgian lighters, whose sinking already has been reported. Twenty-seven of the 35 were fishing steamers.

PERMITS CABINET TO QUIT.

King Constantine Accepts Resignation, London Hears.

London.—King Constantine has accepted the resignation of the Greek Cabinet, says a Reuter dispatch from Athens. It is believed in Athens, the dispatch adds, that Nicolas Dimitracopoulos, former Minister of Justice, will form a new Cabinet, which will include three members of the Venizelos party.

GERMANS FORMING "TRUSTS."

To Be Nation Of Industrial Combines After War.

Amsterdam.—Germany is to be a nation of industrial and financial combines after the war. Dispatches from Berlin state that the cement-making firms are the latest to be merged. The German Government is declared to be fostering "trusts" as the best means to securing foreign trade after the war.

BOY PREVENTS WRECK.

He Waves Handkerchief and Stops Train At Broken Rail.

Uniontown, Pa.—Josiah T. Magie, 14 years old, of Leith, discovered a broken rail while walking along the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad near his home. With his handkerchief he flagged a passenger train, which stopped a few feet from the rail.

FRANCIS JOSEPH SICK IN BED.

Has Bronchitis and His Condition Causes Anxiety.

London.—A report reaching Vienna from Geneva, as forwarded to London by the Exchange Telegraph Company, says that Emperor Francis Joseph is confined to bed with bronchitis and that his condition is causing anxiety.

PEANUT KILLS BABY.

Child Chokes To Death With Parents Close At Hand.

Trenton, N. J.—Some one gave two-year-old Orrin Riehl, of 31 Meade street, a peanut and within a few minutes the little one choked to death. The child was in front of its home, while its parents sat near the window.

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Age Made No Difference. "Here's a wonderful thing," ejaculated Grandma Fisher. "I've just been reading of a man who had reached the age of forty-two without learning how to read or write. He met a woman, and for her sake he made a scholar of himself in two years." "I'm, that's nothing!" exclaimed William, just out of college. "I know a man who was a profound scholar at forty-two. Then he met a woman and for her sake he made a fool of himself in two days."

Avoiding Litigation. "Well," said the far West mayor to the English tourist, "I dunno how you manage these affairs over there, but out here, when some of our boys get tied up in that thar bankrupt telephone company I was tellin' yer about, they become mighty crusty." "Oh!" "Yus; they didn't like the way the receiver was handling the business no-how." "Indeed!" commented the earnest listener. "Then, may I ask what they did?" "Sartinly; I was goin' ter tell yer. They just hung up the receiver."

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Bicycling in England. Several princesses have lately been seen a wheel, and ladies from big country houses are using their bicycles constantly to save the precious petrol of the car. Thousands of girls now going into towns to work live in homes which never had to consider convenience of access to city offices. They require bicycles, and so do the girls whose buses have been stopped, while the greatest demand of all comes from the munition workers generally. The munition girls are buying enormous numbers of machines.—Manchester Guardian.

In One Way. She (aggressively)—Don't you believe, sir, in women coming to the front? He (sourly)—Yes, I do, with soap and broom and plenty of water.

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