

U. S. IN "BIG BROTHER" ROLE TO HALT HUNGER WARFARE OF NATIONS

Administration Reported to Have Dropped "Strict Accountability" Attitude to Gain Concessions From Belligerents.

England and Germany Still Silent on Proposals—Transatlantic Sailings From British Ports Held Up by Official Order.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—This Government is playing the "big brother" role toward Germany and England, authorities said today.

It was said the Administration has withdrawn the mailed list of "strict accountability" in its negotiations with the two nations over their hunger warfare, and with the humanitarian idea as a basis, has offered informal negotiations to halt the two.

It was added that America's commerce has been relegated to the background in the arguments, by reason of England's veiled taunts in her last note that this nation is following a dollar diplomacy.

One of the Government's chief concerns was authoritatively reported to be a fear that the two nations' retaliations may know no bounds.

Safety of prisoners in Europe's pens may be involved by the hunger war, officials held. Hence, latest negotiations have sought to prevent such a wholesale tragedy, particularly in view of bitter criticisms from all sides concerning prisoners' treatment, and requests for American intervention in the situation.

Looming above this, the Government is said to be worried lest starvation of Germany's civil population react by arousing among Americans anger against England and its Allies.

It was explained at the State Department today, that no effort has been made with Germany to prevent mine-sowing, in view of the fact that this Government has no proof that Germany has ever laid mines, although in her recent note she indicated her intention of doing so in the death zone.

No answers had come early today to proposals that foodstuffs go direct to Germany's civil population, under United States supervision, or to the proposal for cessation of the "unrestrained" warfare in Germany's death zone.

Officials of the steaming lines refused to comment on the order, and the Admiralty maintained its customary reticence, but reports are in circulation that the British naval authorities have secured information that a fleet of submarines has succeeded in reaching the Irish Sea and is lying in wait for the big liners.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Officials of the International Mercantile Marine and the Cunard Line today denied they had received any notification from the British Admiralty that New York sailings had been temporarily suspended from Liverpool, London or Glasgow.

U. S. RAISES INSURANCE TO ALL BRITISH PORTS WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—All ports in the British Isles were made "special ports" requiring special rates of war risk insurance from the Government Bureau, by an order issued last night by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

THREE OF CARIB CREW LOST, ALL OF EVELYN SAVED WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Three members of the crew of the American cotton steamship Carib were lost, when the vessel struck a mine in the North Sea, February 22, Consul General Soren Listoe, at Rotterdam, today cabled the State Department. They were William Bazzell, assistant engineer, of Pensacola, Fla.; Antonio Martinez, Bremen, and Secunda Diaz, a trimmer, both of Coruna, Spain. Captain Edgar Cole and 25 of the crew were saved.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA Vessels Arriving Today

Steamships to Arrive

Steamships to Leave

INCOME TAXPAYERS SWAMP COLLECTORS

Last Minute Rush More Than Augmented Force Can Handle—Monday Last Day.

INCOME TAX LAW AND ITS PENALTIES

Returns must be made on or before March 1, 1915. Failure means an increase of 50 per cent. in tax and a fine. All persons whose net income is \$2000 a year or more, must file returns.

Persons whose income exceeds \$3000 must file returns, even though they have the privilege of claiming exemption of \$2000.

Although the regular force was nearly double the clerks at the Internal Revenue office on the sixth floor of the Federal Building had their hands full all day waiting on hundreds of Philadelphians and residents of nearby points, whose incomes bring them under the Federal income tax regulations.

Announcement that after next Monday a fine of 50 per cent. of the amount due under the income tax law would be charged delinquents brought ninth-hour seekers after information to the Federal Building in droves. This line attracted many druggists, doctors, dentists, hospital representatives and veterinarians, who were on the same floor waiting to take out special licenses for the sale of drugs under the new Harrison act which goes into effect on March 1.

During the last few days many thousands of persons have besieged the revenue office to get their returns in before the time is up. The army of clerks required to handle the income tax business have been busily engaged in straightening out the tangles in the intricate law. The subjects of depreciation and loss have caused more trouble and misunderstanding than any of the other branches.

In this connection Internal Revenue Collector Loderer cites a decision by the Treasury Department at Washington on the subject. It is, in part, as follows:

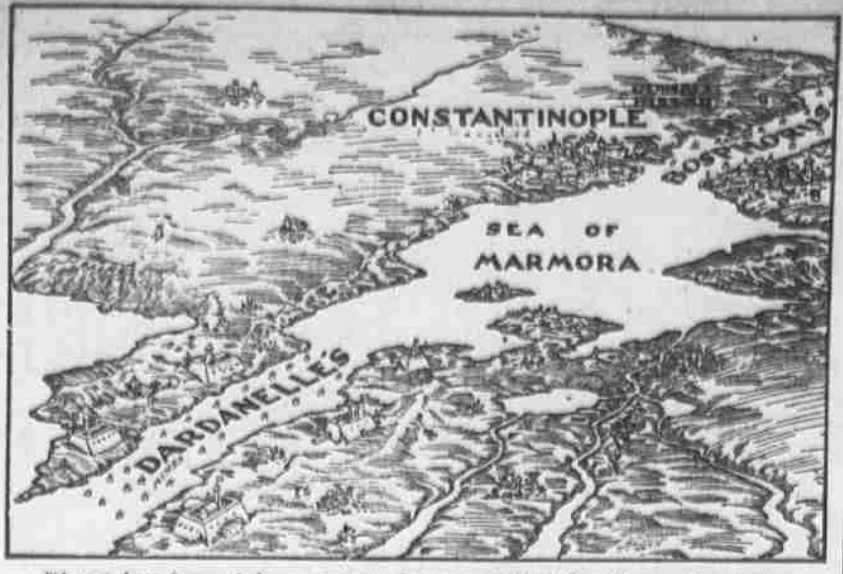
"Depreciation as an allowable deduction in ascertaining annual net income for the income tax is separately provided for and is not to be confused with loss. The depreciation provided to be taken as a deduction in a return of income is the value assigned to the deterioration of physical improvements or assets, such as are susceptible of having their value lessened through wear and tear, use or obsolescence. Any shrinkage in the value of bonds, stocks and like securities due to fluctuations in their market value is not deductible in a return of income as depreciation or loss.

Losses may be sustained by individuals or corporations on personal or real property. Only those losses are deductible which are sustained during the tax year in trade—that is, the business which engages the time, attention and labor of any one for the purpose of livelihood, profit or improvement. Loss to be deductible must be an absolute loss, not a speculative fluctuating valuation of continuing investment, but must be an actual loss, actually sustained and ascertained during the tax year for which the deduction is sought to be made; it must be incurred in trade and be determined and ascertained upon an actual, completed, a closed transaction. Loss is the difference between selling price and cost, where the selling price is less than cost."

BRITAIN ASKS FOR \$215,000,000

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The Government today requested \$215,000,000 additional for the war expenses of the year 1914-15, bringing the total for the year to \$1,810,000,000.

ALLIES FORCING PASSAGE OF DARDANELLES



Dispatches from Athens report that the Allied fleet has entered the Dardanelles, after having silenced the guns of the outer forts. The naval experts agree that great difficulties will be encountered before the passage of the Strait and the Sea of Marmora can be forced.

SUFFRAGISTS' BAZAAR AGAIN A BIG SUCCESS

Several Hundred Dollars' Worth of Goods Sold in First Hour of Second Day.

Several hundred dollars' worth of "suffrage-made" articles were sold in the first hour today at the Keystone State Bazaar at the New Century Club, 124 South 12th st.

Many of the counters and booths were filled this morning with new articles, having been emptied on the first day of the fair, and eager buyers pressed forward to get first chance at the latest suffrage offerings.

Things of every description are on hand, from good things to eat to accessories for the farm and garden. A palmitist is on hand and is kept busy reading the "mysteries, while a "Garden of Eden," where all trouble is said to be done away with, unlike most Edens, is one of the greatest attractions of the bazaar.

Several talks and demonstrations on farming and gardening will be given by Mrs. George Foulke at the Farm and Garden Booth of the Equal Franchise Society. Products from the farm of Mrs. Horatio Gates Lloyd, a prominent suffragist of this city, were exhibited.

Every farmer or gardener could be "spotted" in a moment by his interest in examining these. The Farm and Garden Booth is one of the features of the bazaar and promised to take in a considerable amount in receipts.

12 Men Killed in Mine LONDON, Feb. 25.—An explosion occurred today in the new Hemmehth colliery at Chesterton, Staffordshire. Twelve men, including one of the mine's owners, are believed to have perished.

LETTER'S Best Coal

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BERLIN INSISTS BRITISH TRANSPORT WAS TORPEDOED

1800 Troops Lost, Government Press Bureau Asserts.

BERLIN, Feb. 25.—Eighteen hundred British troops were drowned in the English Channel when a German submarine sent an English transport to the bottom, according to reports received by the Government Press Bureau today.

WIRES FROM VERA CRUZ TO CAPITAL CUT BY ZAPATA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—American Consul Canada at Vera Cruz today informed the State Department that Zapata had cut all telegraph lines between that port and Mexico City.

BOER LEADER A PRISONER

CAPETOWN, South Africa, Feb. 25.—Lieutenant Colonel Maritz, ringleader of the Boer revolt in South Africa, is reported to have been arrested and sent as a prisoner to Wendhuis.

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DEATH OR SILENCE CHOICE GIVEN WIFE IN PASSPORT CASE

Mrs. R. P. Stengler Receives Threatening Letters in Connection With German's Arrest for Obtaining Papers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Sealed lips or death was the choice given by anonymous letter writers today to Mrs. R. P. Stengler, the American wife of Richard Peter Stengler, German reservist who confessed under the influence of his wife's patriotic demands that he had been picked as a German spy to complete the work left undone by Carl Hans Lody, recently executed in the Tower of London.

Undaunted by the threats, Mrs. Stengler took the letters to Charles Griffith, her husband's counsel. She said she would continue her endeavors to have her husband tell all details of the plot whereby he was to enter England by fraudulent passports from this country and betray war secrets of Great Britain into the hands of Germany.

tween the United States and Germany and that her assassination would follow if she dared to continue her present course. Lody was sent to his death by Captain K. Boy-Ed, the naval attache of the German Embassy, according to a statement made yesterday by Richard P. Stengler, the German reservist arrested in this city on Wednesday.

In this statement, made to his counsel, Charles H. Griffiths, the former Assistant United States Attorney, Stengler involved another man, whom he declared to be a member of the German diplomatic corps, now living in this city. This man, a Doctor Fuehr, was formerly attached to the German Embassy in Tokio, and came here after the outbreak of hostilities, according to Stengler.

GALES DIMINISHING

Probability of Heavy Storm Decreased, Says Weather Bureau. NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The Weather Bureau today issued the following storm warning: "Continuation of northwest storm warning; Delaware Breakwater to Boston; fresh westerly gales diminishing; signals to be lowered at sunset."

DUTCH ENTRY IN WAR EXPECTED BY ENGLAND

View Substantiated by Sharp Jump in Rates Against Holland's Participation.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Rates of insurance against Holland's participation in the war took a sudden jump today. This was due to semiofficial reports here that the Dutch Government was planning for war with Germany and that the Germans are making preparations for an aggressive offensive against Holland as soon as it joins the Allies.

Dispatches from Amsterdam received here today state that German troops passing through Aix-La-Chapelle are carrying soldiers to reinforce the forces now guarding the frontier between Belgium and Holland and that the Germans are building bridges over the Scheldt at Antwerp and Hoboken across which heavy artillery can be transported for action against the Dutch.

SUBMARINE BELIEVED LOST

Wreckage on Welsh Coast Indicates Disaster to German Craft. CARDIFF, Wales, Feb. 25.—A German submarine is believed to have been destroyed on the coast of North Wales. Wreckage is being washed ashore today. Among the debris here were found charts of German and English ports.

THE WORK AUTOCAR DELIVERY VEHICLES ARE DOING



Autocars are replacing horses and wagons wherever motor delivery is profitable and desirable. Have you the work for an Autocar and would you like to own one? If you own a team of horses and wagon, you have an asset of recognized value.

Warning! Profit by Experience! When considering the purchase of any motor vehicle, ask the salesman what other concerns are using the make of car he is trying to sell you.

- List of dealers and companies: John Wanamaker, Jordan Marsh Co., Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., John V. Farwell & Co., Bell Telephone Co., Strawbridge & Clothier, Gimbel Brothers, Lit Brothers, N. Snellenburg, Freihofer's Bakery, Adams Express Co., American Express Co., Theodore Gabrylewitz, Mitchell's Seeds, S. S. Pierce Co., Mitchell, Fletcher & Co., Park & Tilford, Kolb Bakery Co., Shultz Bread, Hood's Dairy, Sharpless Butter, Simmons Hardware Co., Atlantic Refining Co., Fairbanks Scales, Forrest Laundry, Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Cudahy Packing Co., Bureau of Health, Pennsylvania Railroad, Peter Doelger, Petry's Express.

Large advertisement for HEPPE pianos, featuring the text 'The Steinway The Wheelock The Weber The Stroud PIANOLAS' and 'The Aeolian Family of the player-piano world is on sale at Heppe's and includes Steinway Pianola (grand) \$2100, Weber Pianola (grand) 1800, Steinway Pianola 1250, Weber Pianola 1000, Wheelock Pianola \$750, Stroud Pianola 550, Francesca-Hepple Player-Pianos 450, Aeolian Player-Pianos 395'. It also includes the name 'C. J. HEPPE & SON' and the address '1117-1119 Chestnut Street 6th and Thompson Streets'.