

FORCE NEUTRAL SHIPS IN U. S. SERVICE, PLAN

Special Board to Restrict Imports and Dispense With Nonessentials

1,000,000 TONS NEEDED

Allied Demands for More Men and Food Make New Step Absolutely Imperative

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.

A sweeping move to force neutral shipping into service almost exclusively for the United States and the Allied nations is under consideration by this government.

The plan contemplated would provide a special board of imports under the War Trade Board, which would have authority for restricting to the minimum imports into this country and dispensing entirely with shipping in all essential goods.

The use of neutral ships in shipping supplies from this country to France is now absolutely necessary, it is stated. Cold weather has put ship construction on a par with the war.

Shipping Board, led by President Wilson yesterday, if America is to land 1,000,000 men in France, approximately 1,000,000 tons of supplies will be necessary to transport and supply them.

By restricting the imports into this country from 50 to 60 per cent the deficit brought in American shipping during the past year will be made up, it is believed, by neutral vessels turning their tonnage to Allied shipping instead of imports for the United States.

NORWAY WOULD TRADE WITH U. S. AND GERMANY

CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 6. Norway is unwilling to comply with America's proposals for cessation of trading with Germany, but wishes to retain her commercial relations with the United States.

GET CITY JOBS BACK

Thirteen Dismissed Employees Are Reinstated After "Arranging"

After much wrangling and "arranging," thirteen of the ninety-six dismissed employees of the Department of Public Works have been reinstated. Those who are back at their old places are as follows:

Bureau of Water—William R. Wagner, James Shipley, E. M. Hollings, Arthur Breiling, D. H. Louisa, Charles H. Harrod and Edward V. Anderson.

Bureau of Surveys—F. H. Cullerby and J. S. Byrne.

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VON KUEHLMANN'S FINANCEE

The German Secretary of Foreign Affairs is reported to be betrothed to Frau von Friedlaender, reputed to be the second richest woman in Germany.

VON KUEHLMANN TO WED

Kaiser's Foreign Secretary Betrothed to Wealthy Woman

LONDON, Feb. 6.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German Secretary of Foreign Affairs, is betrothed to Frau von Friedlaender, widow of Frau Bertha Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach, she is reported to be the richest woman in Germany.

COLONEL KEPT IN BED FOLLOWING OPERATION

Under Knife for Deep-Seated Abscess—Goes to New York for Treatment

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.

As a result of an operation performed at Sagamore Hill a few days ago, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was removed to the Hotel London, Fifty-eighth street and Fifth avenue, yesterday afternoon, so he might be under the personal care of his physicians.

The operation was for a deep-seated abscess that was the result of a tropical fever contracted during the Cuban campaign and augmented by his Brazilian trip four years ago.

The sudden illness resulted in the cancellation of a speech the Colonel was to deliver at an important meeting of the Vigilantes last night, and the announcement he would be unable to speak at Boston tomorrow night before the Chamber of Commerce, or fill his speaking engagements next week at Des Moines, Wisconsin and Detroit.

Ever since the Spanish-American War Colonel Roosevelt has suffered at intervals from a fever contracted in one of the camps. During his trying Brazilian expedition trip it developed into a malignant form. This caused a deep abscess which has troubled him more or less during the last four years.

Several days ago, when the old trouble showed itself again, Dr. Walton Martin, of St. Luke's Hospital, was called. With other specialists a consultation was held and an immediate operation decided on.

When the Colonel was told he at once took the matter up with his family and consent was given to have the operation performed. This was done by Doctor Martin, assisted by several other surgeons.

John E. Holtz, alleged to be a German agent, was interned at Gloucester by United States Secret Service men at the conclusion of his sentence of two years in the Eastern penitentiary, just as he was about to be taken to Norristown to answer to a charge of stealing an automobile.

WOULD LIMIT FEDERAL CONTROL OF RAILROADS

Congress Committees Redrafting Measure Oppose Administration's Wishes

CHANGE 3 SECTIONS

Commerce Board to Fix Rates—Employees Not Given Benefits of Compensation Act

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.

With the House Interstate Commerce Committee putting the finishing touches on the railroad bill today the committees of both houses, working independently, have redrafted the Administration bill, so that there will be very little difference between the two reports.

For this reason the early passage of the measure is expected.

Both committees have gone directly against the Administration's wishes by changing three sections of the bill. These sections now provide:

Limiting the period of Federal control. The Senate placed the date for the return at eighteen months after the war, while the House set the return date at two years after the war is signed.

Placing the rate-fixing power in the Interstate Commerce Commission instead of the President.

Not allowing the railroad employees to receive the benefits of the Federal employee compensation act, which provides compensation for injured Government workers. Both committees struck out this Administration section, but agreed that the railroad men should be allowed to bring damage suits against the Government.

Both committees accepted the Administration sections providing that compensation shall be on the basis of the net operating income of the last three years, and that a revolving fund of \$500,000,000 shall be placed at the disposal of the director general.

Where the rate-fixing power shall rest has been the cause of a bitter debate in the House committee, but the Administration bill was only able to get through an amendment of Chairman Sims which provides that the roads may appeal any rate decision to the President.

The bill probably will be delayed in both houses by the present display of oratorical fireworks, but both Chairman Smith and Chairman Sims today or tomorrow will ask unanimous consent for an early consideration of the bill.

DENY R. R. MEN ARE TO BLAME FOR MUDDLE

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.

The brotherhood's charges of deliberate miscalculation by railway executives seeking to discredit Government operation and the Adams eight-hour law were declared "infamously untrue" by Hale Holden, president of the Burlington, in a statement today.

The challenge to the brotherhood to prove their charges and declare if any employee or officer can be proved guilty of such acts, prompt discharge will be his fate.

"The present condition of the railroad west of the Mississippi River," said Holden, "is primarily due to two causes—the worst winter in many years and a distribution of labor. More than 1,250,000 new names have appeared on the payrolls of the eastern roads within the last ten months. Thousands of the best railroad employees have enlisted. Many more have entered other lines of work. Instead of the usual repairs to engines last summer the railroads lost them at work under the heavy demands of the war and as a result faced the winter with motive power in bad shape and with an insufficient number of new locomotives."

Harkness & Stetson, real estate brokers representing John G. Martin, have sold to a syndicate represented by the Land Title and Trust Company a tract of seventy-seven acres situated between Hyatt and Meadowsbrook stations on the New York branch of the Reading Railway. The price is understood to have been \$100,000.

SPECULATORS' HANDS OFF GREEN COFFEE

Hoover Order Sets Trading Limit of 8½ Cents a Pound

90-DAY MAXIMUM SUPPLY

Food Administrator's Action Follows Conference With Members of New York Exchange

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.

The food administration today took steps to curtail speculation in green coffee on the New York Coffee Exchange. It issued an order whereby no speculation in the product over a price more than eight and one-half cents a pound for type No. 1—green coffee—is permitted.

The food administration issued the following statement:

The United States food administration issued a rule today prohibiting speculation in green coffee on the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange.

Production is effected by forbidding dealing in green coffee on the exchange at a price above eight and one-half cents a pound for type No. 2 on the spot market.

This action followed a conference of members of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange in Washington yesterday, in which the exchange members have patriotically volunteered to take the necessary action to eliminate speculation in coffee.

The rule putting the coffee regulation into effect is as follows: All purchases and sales of green coffee on the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, Inc., for delivery during the current month at prices exceeding eight and one-half cents per pound, in which the exchange members have patriotically volunteered to take the necessary action to eliminate speculation in coffee.

Dealers in green coffee are prohibited to have more than a ninety-day supply on hand. The stocks permitted to coffee dealers, the food administration explained, are in addition to those which they have now on route from foreign countries or under contract with such countries.

It is intended to restrict dealers in green coffee to profits normally made in previous times and to prevent speculative profits.

TRAILED BY HOOFMARKS

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 6.—Albert and Chester Green, Welsh mountaineers, have been arrested and committed for a hearing on charges of having raided farms at the foot of the mountains during the night of January 7. The trail of the thieves was followed through the marks left by a crooked-log house owned by one of the men, but the latter escaped.

Albert was arrested on the mountains last night, while Chester, with a bullet hole in a leg, was found in a West Chester hospital.

OLD ROBIN MANSION AT WILMINGTON BURNS

Building Once Considered for Capital of U. S. Destroyed. Loss Will Be \$100,000

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 6.

Handicapped by frozen fire hydrants, firemen were unable early today to prevent destruction of Dr. Albert Robin's old stone mansion at Seventh and Rodney streets, or the contents, which included \$15,000 worth of laboratory equipment and a library of valuable literary and medical works, representing a lifetime of collecting. The blaze, which started about 7 o'clock, was caused by hot coals from the heater in the basement igniting workbooks. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, partly covered by insurance.

When the fire started Dr. Robin and his family, which included Mrs. Robin and two small children, also two other women in the house, were rescued by firemen, smoke filling the house, cutting off their escape.

In the early days of the United States Government when Congress was considering various sites for the capital, Wilmington was talked of and the mansion destroyed today was picked out for the Capitol. Later, Mary Anderson, the famous actress and beauty, contemplated buying the property as a residence.

The flames were discovered in the trade school building shortly after midnight and spread to the administration building, the foundry, the chapel and a warehouse containing Government stores. These buildings were destroyed and fire-fighters from Louisville and New Albany, called to aid the Jeffersonville force, concentrated their efforts toward saving the tin shop, the new school building, the cell house and the superintendent's residence, the only buildings left standing early this morning. Superintendent Peyton is under the care of a physician as a result of nervous shock incidental to the fire.

The cell house is of steel construction and it was thought any damage to that building would not be permanent, but it was said among subordinate officials of the reformatory today that the prisoners probably will be removed to the Michigan city prison.

Valuable machinery was destroyed when the prison shops burned. The cause of the fire is unknown.

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\$4.00 Wool and Fibre, 36x72 2.75
\$3.50 Fibre, 30x60 in. 2.00

Carpets

\$2.50 Velvet \$1.50
2.25 Axminster 1.50
1.15 Tapestry85

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