

**DUTCH THREATEN SHIP SEIZURE**

"Violence Will Be Opposed With Energy" Is Statement

**WILSON'S DECLARATION MISSTATES FACTS, IS CHARGE MADE IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE**

**THE HAGUE, April 1.**

The Government of Holland, in a statement published in the Official Gazette, characterizes the seizure of the Dutch merchant ships by American ports as "an act of violence, which it will oppose with all the energy of its conviction and its wounded national feeling." The Government takes issue with the proclamation of President Wilson regarding the seizure of the United States, saying that the facts which are contrary to the facts. The statement says that the Dutch nation, "with painful surprise," has taken notice of President Wilson's proclamation, and that the seizure of a neutral mercantile fleet is unjustifiable. "The American Government," says the statement, "has always appealed to right and justice, has always come forward as the champion of small nations. That it now operates in this manner is diametrically opposed to those principles in a proceeding which can find no counterweight in the manifestations of friendship or assurances of solemn application of the wrong committed."

**Call It "Indefensible" Act**

"The seizure on a bloc of a neutral mercantile fleet, if only for the duration of the war, is an act indefensible from the viewpoint of international law and unjustifiable toward a friendly nation, apart from considerations of legality. But the manner also in which the presidential statement defends this act of violence does not contribute toward lessening the sting thereof, for this defense has plainly been drawn up under the influence of a completely incorrect representation of facts."

**Assess Statements Are Incorrect**

"It is equally as incorrect as the allegation that Germany had threatened to sink two ships which were to sail from Holland with American approval, and that Germany had made increasing threats to prevent both the observance of such a preliminary arrangement and the conclusion of a permanent one. The real facts of the case are as follows: "After the (American) war trade board had insisted that Dutch ships in American ports make trips pending a definite arrangement, the Netherlands Government threatened to sink the ships should make voyages for the Commission for Relief in Belgium, which Holland has always fostered ardently for the benefit of diseased Belgium and northern France. When information was received that Germany objected to America's demand that a Dutch ship sail from Holland each time in exchange for a relief ship sailing from America, the Netherlands Government deemed it its duty imposed by good faith to inform the American authorities. The Netherlands authorities immediately so that a ship that was then on the way toward Argentina could be given a different destination. The direct consequence was that those ships were kept moving, which was exactly in consonance with the provisional agreement."

**Germany Did Not Interfere**

"Respecting sailings to Cete (France) a Swiss interest with which Holland sympathized warmly, the ship owners agreed to leave the Netherlands, as soon as France gave assurances that the ship would not be detained at Cete. Accordingly, several ships were chartered for this service. The fact that the Dutch ship owners were extremely slow in transmission and sometimes never were delivered. The cause of this remains unexplained. "The fact is that a number of the ships had been chartered under the provisional agreement through the war trade board and part were already sailing in South America, but were stopped en route by the American authorities, while in the Pacific ships plying between the western coast of the United States and the Dutch East Indies, which regular voyages without any impediment, direct or indirect, by the Netherlands Government. The ships now in British ports, in and outside Europe, and in the Portuguese port of St. Vincent were prevented from sailing by the British and Portuguese themselves."

**Duty Nations is Powerless**

"As shown by the foregoing, the allegation that the Netherlands, owing to German pressure, was powerless to observe the provisional agreement is contrary to fact. That the President was incorrectly advised is proved conclusively on a point of great importance, namely, where the statement mentions the new demand that Dutch ships would have to enter the war zone and the seizure which followed, Holland's reply. "After the incorrect allegation that Holland was unable to observe the provisional agreement," the statement continues, "Dutch ships were chartered for relief work. The statement mentions that Holland accepted the proposal, which came forward with a counter-proposal which was unacceptable."

**Asks Free From United States**

"The proposal of the Netherlands, in the form of a free passage to the relief work zone, which would allow American to receive 150,000 tons of wheat, was rejected. The Netherlands asked the American Government to permit it to receive 150,000 tons of wheat, which was refused. The Netherlands asked the American Government to permit it to receive 150,000 tons of wheat, which was refused. The Netherlands asked the American Government to permit it to receive 150,000 tons of wheat, which was refused."

**ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT NEEDS 4300 MEN AT GOOD SALARIES**

Issues Urgent Call for Draftsmen, Engineers, Chemists, Inspectors, Clerks and Business Experts in Manufacture of Munitions

**WASHINGTON, April 1.**

UNCLE SAM must have at once approximately 4300 specially trained employes to assist in the manufacture of munitions. This is patriotic civilian service and is vital to the successful prosecution of the work of the Ordnance Department. The call for men is urgent. Munitions must be manufactured in tremendous quantities for United States soldiers in France. No one factor will bring victory in this war. Ships must be constructed, transportation provided; food conserved; fuel saved; and munitions delivered promptly as demanded by the commanding officer of our overseas forces. The time has arrived when every available American citizen who can fill any of the following positions, and who is not now actively engaged in Government work, must consider this a personal appeal. The Ordnance Department includes:

- Three hundred mechanical draftsmen.
- Five hundred mechanical engineers.
- One thousand assistants inspectors of munitions.
- Two hundred chemists.
- One hundred clerks qualified in statistics or accounts, or office administration, or business administration.
- Forty construction foremen.
- Five hundred assistants to business managers.
- One hundred experts in business administration.
- One hundred statistical experts.
- Mechanical draftsmen, chemists and clerk-bookkeepers will be employed at Washington. Inspectors of munitions manufacturing plants throughout the United States.

The mechanical draftsman takes the initial step in the intricate process of gun manufacture. He is provided with a light and very comfortable drafting room in Washington. The big howitzer which were in the judgment of the army appears first in the form of a drawing, the work of the mechanical draftsman. Before a gun can be manufactured, the mechanical draftsman must have performed his part of the program.

**For this position there are required men experienced in automobile, tractor or truck work, or in designing small machine parts, or versed in pipe layouts and machine layouts, or drafting and designing machinery, small tools, rigs and fixtures, or as gauge designers, or in drafting and designing machinery involving heavy castings, such as steel railway cars and other railroad equipment.**

**KING TRAVELS SIMPLY ON WEST FRONT VISIT**

George V Tours Lines in Democratic Style and Meets Enlisted Men

**With the British Armies in France, March 21.**

No King ever traveled more simply than did George V, who just visited the battle front. (An official statement Saturday night declared the King had returned to London last evening after visiting the western front Thursday.) He crossed the channel on a destroyer just like an ordinary officer. He was whirled up and down the lines, like a hard-working army inspector, shaking hands with the enlisted men and eating ordinary mess food wherever a slightly wounded Australian at the railway station, the King walked up to him and said: "We often heard about you."

**RAILROAD MEN COME HOME**

Contingent Sent to Russia Last November Recalled

Seventy-two Philadelphia engineers and railroad men who were sent to Siberia last November to reconstruct the Trans-Siberian Railroad have been recalled and are now on their way home. This information was received by Mrs. William J. Fagan, 6059 Baltimore avenue, whose husband, Lieutenant Fagan, is a member of the contingent. Anti-spy legislation is to be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee. The so-called "woman-spy" bill, extending espionage laws to enemy alien women, which has been passed by both houses, is scheduled for completion this week. The committee will take up several important espionage bills, including the House measure penalizing interference with Government war loans which the leaders propose to enact ahead of the Liberty loan campaign.

**VON BOSSE RESIGNS AS ALLIANCE HEAD**

Wilmington Pastor Forsakes Organization to Prove Loyalty to United States

**Wilmington, Del., April 1.**

Following a service at Zion Evangelical German Lutheran Church, of which he is pastor, the Rev. S. G. von Bosse announced he had resigned as president of the German-American Alliance. Mr. von Bosse has been before the committee in Washington which has been investigating the alliance, and he there declared the body had done nothing against this country since it became its president and he did not want to be held responsible for what had happened before that time. His action came as a surprise, and except for a brief statement, which he declined to talk beyond saying he believed it was best for the welfare of his congregation, it was intimated by friends, however, that the entire organization may voluntarily disband following the resignation. Mr. von Bosse in explaining his action said: "I have but one wish and have had it ever since we entered this war, and that is to see America victorious in all her battles until final victory and peace have been achieved. I have tried to do my share in numerous ways to aid in this respect and intend to do still more."

**AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE AMERICAN SPIRIT IS**

The boy had taken from his pocket a pair of big, dark blue, home knitted mittens; on the palms were worn red woolen to reinforce them. He carefully drew them on, folded his hands thumbs up, on his luncheon box, edged to the front of his chair and sat thinking with his eyes fixed on the far-away places of his dream. He was going over it all again; there was no doubt, no excitement, no foolish sentiment, but sure determination and the courage of youth suddenly turned to manhood. With a little start, he came back to the present, and rising, said, "I guess I'd better be going. You said I could get

**GALLI TAKEN ILL**

Metropolitan Opera Postpones Performance of "Le Coq d'Or" Here

New York, April 1.—Rosina Galli, who had the leading part in the Metropolitan Opera's "Le Coq d'Or," became seriously ill here and the matinee performance of that work in Philadelphia by the Metropolitan Opera Company announced for Tuesday, April 2, will be postponed until the afternoon of Tuesday, April 3.



MISS SARA J. DAWSON Who will be married today to Sergeant Lewis Eldridge, of the 110th Field Hospital, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Augusta.

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**GERMANY'S POLYGAMY PLANS "GLASS HOUSE"**

"Living Church" Says Proposal Not Much Worse Than Cheap and Easy Divorce

**Germany's openly discussed plans for polygamy after the war will deserve reprobation, thinks "The Living Church," but there is also a saying about "glass houses."**

"It is widely known that serious proposals are making in Germany, through channels by officials, widely circulated, with no governmental interference, to allow polygamy after the war, that the disproportion between the sexes created by so many years of slaughter may be equalized in part. It is not to be frank Islam, with four wives and unlimited concubines; but upon each of the first wife, a second may be taken whose position will be legal and her children legitimate. Not a new idea in Germany, since Martin Luther allowed the Elector of Hesse to practice a similar law without his first wife's consent—provided only the bigamy was kept secret!

**TROTSKY SEES WORKERS' REVOLT AGAINST CAPITAL**

Russian Bolshevik Leader Expects Proletariat of World to Fight Their "Oppressors"

In the course of an interview with Trotsky, in a recent issue of the Independent, Edward Alsworth Ross quotes the Russian as making the following statement: "Do you imagine that capitalist control is going to survive everywhere save in Russia? In all the European belligerent countries I expect to see social revolution after the war. So long as they remain in the trenches the soldiers think of little but their immediate problems. To kill your opponent before he kills you. But when they go home and find their family scattered, perhaps their home desolate, their industry ruined and their taxes five times as high as before, they will begin to consider how this appalling calamity was brought upon them. They will be open to the demonstration that the scramble of capitalism and greed of capitalists for foreign markets and exploitable 'colonial' areas, imperialist, secret diplomacy and armaments wars, promoted by munitions makers, brought on the war. Once they perceive that the capitalist class is responsible for this terrible disaster to humanity they will arise and want the capital from its hands. To a proletarian Russia cannot get very far in realizing its aims if all the rest of the world remains under the capitalist regime. But that will not happen."

**HAYS WILL AID NEW LOAN**

Republican National Chairman to Take Stump for War Bonds

Indianapolis, April 1.—William H. Hays, chairman of the Republican National Committee, has announced that he will leave here Tuesday night on a western trip in the interests of the third Liberty Loan. In addition to addressing Liberty Loan gatherings Chairman Hays announced he would meet members of the Republican National Committee and State leaders upon whom he will also share the necessity of getting behind the Liberty Loan campaign. His itinerary follows:

- Denver, Col., April 2; Cheyenne, Wyo., April 3; Salt Lake City, Utah, April 4; Reno, Nev., April 5; Sacramento, Calif., April 6; Portland, Ore., April 7; Seattle, Wash., April 8; Los Angeles, Cal., April 9; Phoenix, Ariz., April 10; El Paso, Tex., April 11; San Antonio, Tex., April 12.

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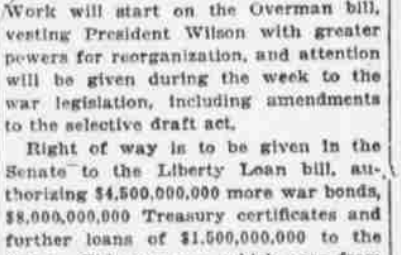
**CONGRESS TO SPEED UP WAR LEGISLATION**

**LIBERTY LOAN, INDUSTRIAL AND EXPORT BILLS TO BE COMPLETED QUICKLY**

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