

WORK FOR YANKEE LAWYERS

Appear in English Prize Courts in Interests of Clients Who Have Claims to Press.

SOMETHING OF THE PRACTICE

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, July 3.—A day in the admiralty prize court these days is like being in an American court, the prize docket being crowded with cases involving the seizure of American ships, with American attorneys and witnesses crowding the corridors and the court room, the attorney general, Sir Edward Carson, sitting long lists of American cases in the dock to support his contentions. Even the lord chief justice of the prize court, Sir Samuel Evans, is asking questions about American clients, American customs and sharing the distinct American atmosphere that pervades the court room nowadays.

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leaving instance in one of these prize cases:

At a decisive stage of the Wilhemena case the solicitors for the crown made the point that a neutral ship could be requisitioned by one of the belligerents. This was laughed at by the attorneys for the American owners, who had Article 20 of the prize law before them, and were ready to go into court the next morning and laugh the crown solicitors out of court with their own law.

"The solicitors for the crown appear to have overlooked," they said in the prize court next day, "that Article 20 of the prize law is specific against their contention."

"That was quite true up to 9 o'clock last night," came the quick reply from the crown solicitors. "But the claimants appear to be unaware that at 9 o'clock last night an order-in-council was signed entirely changing that law."

On inquiry, this proved to be the case, a special order-in-council had been made—not the wholesale order-in-council dealing with contraband, growing out of the war zone—which had never appeared in the official gazette and which is difficult even now to learn much about. But it fitted this particular case exactly.

Plenty of Money, But Currency Is Still at Discount

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) BERLIN, Aug. 31.—Dr. Stoyanoff, director of the public debt administration of Bulgaria, who is now in Berlin and has arranged here for a loan of \$50,000,000 with German and Austrian banks, says that the Bulgarian National bank now has a larger gold stock than ever before. It amounts to \$12,000,000, besides nearly \$3,000,000 in silver.

LARGE QUANTITIES OF TEA ARE STORED IN LONDON

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, July 31.—Twenty million pounds of tea, about one-fourth of the bonded warehouse stock in the United Kingdom, is stored in the Port of London's Cutler street warehouses, awaiting the orders of the war office. It is intended for the supply of the British forces at home and abroad. The bulk of it has come from India and Ceylon.

REBUILDING WORK IS ON NOW IN EAST PRUSSIA

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) BERLIN, July 31.—East Prussia, July 31.—To set a picture of East Prussia to reconstruction, which is being carried out under the effects of two Russian divisions in the general district of Dobschdorf, at a recent meeting, agreed to divide up the district equally and assess each division proportionately to take over the responsibility of some given part of East Prussia.

NEW PROBLEM FOR GERMANY

Plans for Amalgamating the Different Factions of Poland Being Worked Out.

MUCH INTEREST DISPLAYED

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) T. G. in a sweep through Russian Poland, which at first centered attention on the brilliancy of the military movement, is now being viewed for the tremendous effects it has brought about, territorial, economic and political, in that locality. Polish quarters here have summed up some of these changes, drawing their data largely from the writings of R. Dmowski, for many years the Warsaw member of the Russian Duma and the spokesman there for the Polish element. While a member of the Duma Mr. Dmowski has been a severe critic of the Russian regime, so that his view of conditions here is regarded as being independent while at the same time it comes from one intimately familiar with the country which the Germans have now overrun. Some of the more striking changes resulting from the German occupation are these:

The three branches of Poland now under German authority—German Poland, Austrian Poland and Russian Poland—have a population that gives Poland sixth place, in point of rank, among the powers of Europe. It comes next to Italy, and exceeds in numbers all the Balkan states put together—Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece and Roumania; exceeds also all the Scandinavian and Dutch countries united—Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland, and exceeds two of the next larger countries, Spain and Portugal together. This does not refer to the area of recent military operations, but to the whole range of so-called Poland. It has been divided up to this time among Russia, Germany and Austria.

Some Comparisons Made. Some of the British observers compare the area of German occupation with that of the allies in South Africa and the Pacific islands. But the latter are tropical wastes, mostly taken over for colonization, whereas Mr. Dmowski shows that Poland is one of the most densely inhabited sections of Europe, averaging thirty-five persons to the square kilometer, or more than the thickly populated districts of France. It is also one of the richest sections of Russia, with extensive banking, industrial and commercial organizations, coal mines and agriculture, largely in the hands of the Polish inhabitants. Even the policy of retaining the Polish districts, which has been carried on for some years, has not changed the character of the native people, which remains strongly Polish.

The three parts of this extensive Polish region now brought together are: Prussian Poland, including the four provinces of Posen, west Prussia, east Prussia and upper Silesia, with a population of 7,500,000, of which 3,000 are Poles; Austrian Poland, comprising Galicia and lower Silesia, with 4,600,000 population, of which about half are Poles; Russian Poland, including the provinces of Poland, with 11,500,000 population, chiefly Poles, and what are known as the annexed provinces of Kovno, Vilna, Grodno, Minsk, Mohilew and Vitebsk, having a conglomerate population of little and white Russians, Poles, Lithuanians and Ruthenians. These are the three great Polish branches which are now wholly or largely under German control.

Awaiting the Outcome. The regime which the Germans will set up in Russian Poland is being awaited with the keenest interest by the Polish element, as it will determine whether the policy will be to reconcile the Poles and bring the three branches together again, or to use this rich region for German colonization, gradually Germanizing it and extinguishing the separate Polish spirit. This latter has been the policy of Russia, and the difficulties it has had after years of effort indicates the difficulties ahead for the German regime, whichever course it adopts.

Mr. Dmowski sums up Poland's position under Russia as that of a military occupation, with all the administration at Warsaw and elsewhere carried on by Russian officials, the schools and universities conducted by Russian teachers and teaching the Russian language, the police entirely Russian, and the whole direction of affairs in Russian hands. And yet, he adds, after forty years of Russian effort Poland still remains distinctly Polish, with the great business institutions, commerce and agriculture carried on by Poles.

"It is exactly for this reason," Mr. Dmowski asserts, "that Poland is in one of the strangest positions that can be imagined; the state which possesses it does not know what to do with it; it has not found the means of transforming it into a Russian country, and it does not

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wish to permit it to become a Polish country."

This is the problem which the new German regime will have to deal with, and which the Russians have not been able to solve. As showing how Poland has succeeded in resisting Russification, Mr. Dmowski cites the curious fact that while Russian officials controlled the election machinery, Polish votes sent solid Polish delegations to the Duma. At one time, in the second Duma, they had forty-six votes and held almost a balance of power in passing the budget. In order to put a stop to such Polish authority, the number of delegates from Poland was cut to twelve, a portion of them being elected to represent the whole people and a portion representing the Russians. For example, the government of Vilna elects five delegates for the whole population and two for the Russian population, so that in the Duma there are two sets of Polish delegates, one representing the whole people of Poland, with Mr. Dmowski for some years at the head of this delegation, and another set elected from the same places to represent the Russians.

Postal Delivery Curtailed. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, July 31.—Shortages of men has led the British postal authorities to take renewed steps to curtail the free delivery service in various parts of the country. In the business section of London, where twelve deliveries were formerly made, the number was cut to six at the beginning of the war, and will now be further reduced. In smaller cities only three deliveries are now in operation.

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