

ALL NORTH SEA IN THE MILITARY ZONE

Premier Asquith Declares Government Has Decided to Declare Whole Body in War Area.

OIL AND COPPER CONTRABAND

Minister Bitterly Blames Germans for Sewing Mines, Saying Menace to Peaceful Shipping is Very Great.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Premier Asquith stated in the House of Commons today that the British government had decided to declare the whole of the North Sea to be in the military zone.

All subjects of the enemy found on neutral vessels, the prime minister also said, would be liable to detention as prisoners of war.

Mr. Asquith also announced that oil and copper would be declared contraband of war.

Referring to mines, the premier said the Germans had resorted to indiscriminate mine laying in the North sea without regard to peaceful shipping, and without warning. The purpose clearly was the furtherance of no definite military operations, but to endanger British trades. These mines unquestionably had been laid by fishing vessels disguised as neutrals, the premier said. These mines were not so constructed as to become harmless when loosed from their moorings, neither were they kept under observation. No steps had been taken to warn peaceful shipping of this danger. Consequently the terms of the Hague convention of 1907 have been violated.

Forced to Act.
After a number of neutral fishing and merchant vessels and many lives had been destroyed by these German mines, Mr. Asquith said, the government had been forced to adopt counter measures to cope with this German policy of mine laying combined with submarine activities.

"A mine field was therefore laid across the southern portion of the North sea," said Premier Asquith, "in such a way as to guard the approaches to the English channel. This warning was given in accordance with The Hague convention. In the last week of October the Germans succeeded in laying a mine field off the north coast of Ireland, on the main trade route from America to Liverpool, via the north of Ireland. More peaceful merchant ships were blown up and more lives were lost.

"These mines could not have been laid by any German ship or by any vessel flying the German flag. They could only have been laid by some merchant vessel under a neutral flag, which must have come along the trade route as if for the purpose of peaceful commerce.

Menace is Great.

The menace to peaceful shipping presented by these wholly illegal methods of mining war is so great that the government has been compelled to adopt the only possible means of protection, namely, to declare the whole North Sea a military zone and to restrict all shipping crossing it to a narrow passage along which the strictest supervision can be exercised. Access to the coasts of Great Britain and neutral countries has thus been made as safe as it is in the power of the British navy to make it.

"His majesty's government is fully aware of the anxiety prevailing in the United States and other neutral countries on these subjects, but it trusts that its policy will be fully understood. It is confident that public opinion in neutral countries will appreciate its earnest desire that there be no interference with neutral trade. Any interference with the British navy is solely to prevent goods from reaching the enemy which would increase his power in the war against the British and allied forces."

State Charities and Correction Conference Meets at Fort Dodge

FORT DODGE, Ia., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The sixteenth Iowa State Conference of Charities and Corrections has brought 150 delegates to Fort Dodge to get new viewpoints of the causes of and treatment for unfortunate, either through poverty or disease. Horace Hollingsworth of Des Moines, president of the conference, is presiding over the meetings in the new Commercial club rooms. Heads of the various state institutions have been heard in strong addresses, as have several noted charity workers from outside the state. The conference will close Wednesday. Sunday evening some of the distinguished visitors filled local pulpits.

Omaha Concerns Are Benefited by Orders For War Material

Markus Bros. saddlery company, 139 Howard street, and J. H. Hanes company, 33 South Thirteenth street, have received orders to supply \$135,000 worth of artillery harness and cavalry saddles for the British government. The orders reached Omaha through the Studenaker corporation of South Bend, Ind.

It is understood the local concerns have five months' time in which to fill the orders.

FIVE INDICTMENTS ARE RETURNED AT FORT DODGE

FORT DODGE, Ia., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The Webster county grand jury at the end of its session yesterday returned five indictments against six people. Andrew George, a foreigner living in the mfd district, is charged with the murder of his wife on the night of September 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Margrum were indicted for robbery with aggravation. They are charged with holding up a young man driving an automobile livery between Callender and Corwin. It is alleged they took his watch, bound and gagged him and then took the car. When nearly surrounded by a posse they escaped. They were arrested in South Dakota ninety miles from a railroad and were brought back for trial.

Two indictments were returned for robbery and one for passing worthless checks.

IRISH GUARDS SAID TO HAVE SUFFERED HEAVILY
LONDON, Nov. 16.—A casualty list dated November 8, issued here tonight, gives the names of twenty officers killed, thirty-four wounded and fifteen missing. In this list the Irish Guards are heavy sufferers.

CAPTAIN OF THE CORNHUSKER CHAMPIONSHIP ELEVEN.



Halligan—LEFT TACKLE

FURTHER EASING OF MONEY

Dealings in Unlisted Bonds and Stocks Again Liberal.

HIGH-GRADE COPPER GOES UP

Readjustment of the Foreign Exchange Situation is Being Automatically Assisted by Heavier Exports.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Further easing of money for virtually all periods was the most noteworthy financial development today. For the longer dates—two to six months—the rate was reduced to 3 per cent, while some thirty-day loans were made at a shade lower. A considerable part of the money put out at 5 per cent represented renewals of loans made at 5 to 8 per cent shortly after the outbreak of the war.

Call money ranged from 4 1/2 to 5 per cent, the lower rate prevailing where choice collaterals were offered. Interior financial institutions were free, and sentiment so far as it dealt with the monetary situation, was materially heartened by the smoothness with which the new banking system of the country was put into operation.

Dealings in unlisted bonds and stocks were again in liberal volume but no advances from the previous day were recorded. On the curb additional gains were scored by the Standard Oil subsidiaries and in the unofficial market for active listed stocks a greater disparity between bid and asked prices was observed.

Another advance in high grade copper to 12 cents denoted a better inquiry for the metal by consumers, but conditions in that industry as a whole continued unsatisfactory, mainly because of the British embargo on our exports. A significant development of the export situation was the report that a large amount of raw cotton was being shipped to Germany in American vessels.

Readjustment of the foreign exchange situation was being automatically assisted by the heavier exports. The merchandise outflow from this port for the week was \$2,000,000 greater than in the preceding week and almost \$7,000,000 more than in the same week last year. So far this year local exports almost equalled those of 1913.

The better feeling noted in steel trade circles was enhanced by the announcement that some of the larger manufacturers have received large orders from certain finished specialties, however, there was no improvement in domestic inquiry.

Discounts were inclined to harden in London because of the final payment to Treasury bills which will temporarily deplete the money market of its free supply.

FORT DODGE WILL LET CONTRACT FOR CITY HALL

FORT DODGE, Ia., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—Negotiations have been completed for the sale of \$400,000 worth of 5 per cent bonds to a Chicago firm by the city to finance the building of a new city hall. The contract for the construction of the building will be awarded November 24. The new city hall will house the entire city administration. Different departments now are scattered over the business district and the saving in rentals after the new building is completed will do much toward paying the interest on the bonds. The building and site will cost \$100,000.

SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BRING PRESENTS TUESDAY

Contributions of school children for the Thanksgiving collection will be taken up next Tuesday, instead of Wednesday, as originally planned. The change was decided upon at a meeting of the advisory committee of the charities of Omaha.

The donations this year will be handled by the Associated Charities, City Mission, Salvation Army, Old People's Home, and other charitable organizations, and the collection of articles will be made at the Independent Telephone company building.

State Motorists Ask for Highway Commission Plan

The Nebraska Automobile association held its annual convention at the Rometel yesterday, elected officers for the ensuing year and enacted new legislation. Harry Laurie of Omaha was re-elected president of the organization. Mr. Brooks of Stanton first vice president, Dr. Overgard of Fremont secretary, and Mr. Shieck of Beatrice treasurer.

The association agreed to extend efforts toward obtaining a highway commission for this state. A. G. Batchelder, chairman of the executive board of the American Automobile association, attended the session and declared Nebraska might be ignored in the appropriation for improving roads and highways to be passed upon by congress, if a highway commission plan is not adopted. Nebraska is one of nine states which have not yet adopted the plan.

The association decided to remain with the American Automobile association on a new state of fees which will make the fee in this state lower. Some talk was passed of dropping the national organization because it was felt that A. A. A. appropriations favored the eastern territory to the detriment of this part of the country.

The association also asks that the theft of an automobile be a penitentiary offense. Many motor cars are stolen in Nebraska and the association declared that prospect of a term in the penitentiary is the only thing which will discourage that practice.

Changes in the by-laws were discussed. One change was made, permitting clubs of ten or more members to join the state association.

With regard to betterment of roads the association will co-operate with the Omaha Auto club in efforts to improve Nebraska highways as much as possible.

Mayor Dahlman welcomed the autolists with a speech to which Harry Laurie replied for the auto men. About fifty delegates from different parts of the state attended.

Ames High Settles Dispute with Lemars

AMES, Ia., Nov. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—After what very imminently looked to be one of the most embarrassing rows in the history of the Iowa Interscholastic Athletic association the Ames and Lemars high schools settled their differences in Lemars this afternoon, when Lemars withdrew its petition filed with the Board of Control to have Ames High thrown out of the high school conference for Ames cancelling the Lemars contract. Ames acted on the advice of a member of the state board by sending a committee of two, a lawyer and a college professor, to make an agreement satisfactory to Lemars. The committee succeeded in its mission and Ames Athletic association will reimburse Lemars High for all financial loss claimed as a result of the cancelled contract. Ames plays West Des Moines here Friday.

Jack Johnson and Willard Will Meet

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Articles were signed today for a boxing bout of from twenty to forty-five rounds between Jack Johnson, the heavy-weight champion, and Jess Willard, an American "white hope." The fight will take place during the last two weeks in March at some place to be chosen February 15. It is said that the battle ground probably will be Mexico. Each of the boxers deposited \$1,000 to guarantee his appearance at the ring-side. Johnson is to receive \$50,000 for fighting.

Echoes of the Strife

To Move for Roberts Shaft.
LONDON, Nov. 16.—In order to lose no time in providing a suitable memorial for Lord Roberts, Premier Asquith will move in the House of Commons tomorrow to King George asking the king to give direction that a monument to the famous soldier be erected at public cost "with an inscription on it expressing the admiration of this house for his illustrious military career and its gratitude for his devoted services to the state."

Russ Army Advancing.
LONDON, Nov. 16.—A dispatch to the Router Telegraph company from Amsterdam says: "The sub-prefect of Manienwelder, West Prussia, has issued a proclamation of warning that the Russian army is advancing between Thorn and Soldau, East Prussia, but that on the German side of the frontier it is expected it will be met with strong forces which will soon force it into battle."

Asquith to Discuss Question.
LONDON, Nov. 16.—Premier Asquith will discuss the questions of neutral shipping and contraband in the House of Commons tomorrow. Sir Gilbert Parker, conservative member of Gravesend, has brought forward the subject by a question, to ask the prime minister, whether in view of the anxiety of public opinion in the United States with regard to the search for belligerent reserves in American vessels, the publication of ore and copper as contraband and the mining of the North sea, he will

make a general explanatory statement of the policy of his majesty's government on these subjects. Premier Asquith has promised to reply.

Department orders.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska pensions granted Florence L. Shelden, Eldonville, 42; Harriet Lawrence, Lincoln, 42. On recommendation of Democratic Com-

missioner Wade, Mrs. M. E. Donaham and D. A. Moore have been appointed pension recipients at 5000 and by E. K. Anderson at Winterset, Ia. Nebraska postoffice discontinued. C. H. Holt county, mail to Atkinson, Cuba, Rock county, mail to Long Pine, Hazelton, Sheridan county, mail to Buchanan. The Want Ad Columns of The Bee Are Read Daily by People in Search of Advertised Opportunities.

Warmer Weather is Predicted Thursday

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—With the temperature below zero from northern Minnesota to the Montana line and a general falling of the mercury from

plains states eastward to the Atlantic and southward to the gulf of Mexico, weather bureau experts today predicted warmer weather toward the end of the week in the east and in the interior valleys on Thursday. Fair weather prevailed today and was promised for tomorrow throughout the country. Some snow has fallen along the great lakes.

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