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Customs Authorities of the Port of New York Never Before Had a Situation to Deal With Like That Created by the European War -Efficient Bay Patrol Assisted by Swift Destroyers Keep Constant Watch on Outgoing Vessels.

New York .- New York is a neutral | the navy department and sold. They port.

It is neutral despite the presence here of vessels of all nations.

These vessels are free to come and go as long as they observe the neutrality laws of the United States.

Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port, is charged with the responsibility for the enforcement of these laws. Mr. Malone has been without prece-

dent to guide him. No other collector of this port ever had to deal with a them when they were on the active situation like that created by the war in Europe.

From the outset he has been determined, so far as his district is concerned, to prevent any act on the part of any of the belligerents which would compromise the neutrality of to forbid them leaving the pier until this country as defined in President Wilson's proclamation, says the New York Herald.

The need for prompt and vigorous action was emphasized by the Kronprinz Wilhelm episode. The records of the custom house show that this that would be necessary to make the vessel cleared in a proper manner. The authorities had no legal right to detain it.

Becomes Commerce Destroyer.

Yet the facility with which the Kronprinz Wilhelm was transformed from a peaceful merchant vessel to a commerce destroyer as soon as it was on the high seas caused the government to turn its attention to the activities which became manifest on boats should fall into the hands of board other steamships that were in the harbor.

Mr. Malone immediately organized a neutrality bureau, consisting of be permitted to leave the custody of about a hundred customs officials the customs authorities until the iden-These men were assigned to various piers and stations where vigilance seemed necessary.

countability, but Mr Malone set them a splendid example, for night after time they are still in the hands of night he was out in the harbor, in wind, rain or cold, either on a torpedoboat destroyer or one of the government's fast launches which have been assigned to neutrality duty.

The formalities attending the clearance of a vessel were made more the latter) now tied up at the docks strict, a closer inspection of the load- in the New York harbor has been ing of cargoes was instituted, and to



were purchased by a machinist and boiler maker and stored in the Erie basin, where they remained several years, neglected and uncared for. Soon after the war broke out they suddenly became the objects of great activity. A number of workmen appeared on the scene, the decks were scraped and painted, the engines and machinery overhauled and the boats soon took on the racy, businesslike appearance which had distinguished naval list.

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TO PROVE MOOTED THEORY

Sale Falls Through.

No explanation of this sudden change could be obtained, so customs guards were placed in charge of the boats day and night, with instructions the collector had given permission for them to do so. The owner then appeared and stated that he was negotiating the sale of the craft and that they were to be taken up to the great lakes. It was shown to him that all vessels effective fighting machines would be to mount a couple of torpedo tubes on the decks, which still contained the ringbolts and the bases on which the torpedo tubes had for-

merly been mounted.

Also it was shown to the owner that as there were two British cruisers on guard outside of New York harbor, the possibilities in case these torpedo irresponsible parties were too serious to be lightly disregarded, and that if the vessels were sold they would not ter of record. tity of the new owner and his purpose of acquiring craft of this type

were fully investigated. The negotiathe latest pattern, and in part of mis-Each man was held to a strict ac- tions for the sale of the boats apparcellaneous freight, consisting of supently fell through, for at the present plies for army use. Lighters piled high with large the same owner and are still under crates containing motors and automothe supervision of the neutrality bubile bodies of various makes are in reau, day and night.

evidence everywhere around the har-The great fleet of German and Ausbor. The spaces between the piers trian passenger and merchant vesof the Bush Terminal docks are consels (27 of the former and four of gested with freight of this character, and the scene is one of remarka ble commercial enterprise.

under the constant surveillance of the The Neutrality picks its way along "neutrality squad." These vessels are cautiously until in less crowded wanot interned. They are merely "selfters, then makes a dash across the detained," and, so far as the United upper bay to the torpedo-boat de-States is concerned, are quite as free stroyers stationed at the Narrows. to come and go as the ships of any The investigating party no sooner other nation, if they so elect. All that clambers up on the deck of one of the customs authorities demand is them than a telephone bell rings aft. at any cargo taken aboard shall con-Lieut. George M. Lowry answers the form strictly to our neutrality laws call and returns with a message for and the vessels clear according to the a member of the "neutrality squad" proper formalities. from the office of Mr. Malone. The

FRENCH VICTORY OVER INVADING SCHOOL OF PORPOISES.

WARSHIPS' GOOD WORK

British Vessel Also Met and Destroyed Sea Monster That Had Caused Fear-Norwegian Fleet Found Its Task Too Big.

Not all the tasks warships are called on to undertake have to do with war and the destruction of human life and property.

A couple of French warships were sent out into the Mediterranean some years ago to wage war against a school of porpoises which were doing an immense amount of damage to the fishing industry in those waters. After three days' hostilities, during which quick-firing guns were used with con siderable effect, the vessels returned to port triumphant, having practically annihilated the enemy.

A year or two ago a warship of Great Britain's Australian fleet was given the strange job of capturing or destroying a mysterious sea monster which had been reported off the Falk land islands.

It is pretty safe to say that the offi cers, if not the crew, entertained grave doubts of the actual existence of the frightful creature which had been described; it was too terrifying hideous, gigantic and ferocious.

But shortly after the ship arrived in the waters where the monster was sup posed to lie in wait for vessels, the officer of the watch descried a strange-looking beast making toward his ship, and it was immediately

Fuji, the Japanese foster-daughter guessed that this must be the sub of Mrs. William B. Neader Adamson stance of all the alarming tales. And of Philadelphia, is not only a beautia pretty good substance it proved, too. ful, healthy and loving little Japanese An attack was made upon it, and child, but is also the living exponent after some hours' fighting with har by which the theory of the influence poons and quick-firers, the mysterious of environment over that of heredity monster, which proved to be a sea-eleis to be proved. The child is to be phant between 13 and 14 yards long. given a real American training and at was slaughtered and taken abourd. twenty-one to be permitted to decide Some years ago the Norwegian gov whether she wants to live in America

ernment sent out a powerful little fleet or Japan. Meanwhile all her inherent of warships, armed with mines, tor characteristics are to be made a matpedoes and quick-firing guns, to exterminate a vast horde of seals which was denuding the sea on the north a couple of powerful locomotives of west coast of all fish life.

But the government had reckoned apon tens of thousands of seals, where as there were millions. So unending was their number that the fleet had eventually to admit itself defeated. with the loss of one man and two slightly wounded, owing to an accilent, and to "retire in order," having exhausted its entire supply of ammunition.

Pleasure Boats for South America.

In Uruguay, Argentine, Chile and parts of Brazil there are great opportunities for the sale of small sailing eraft such as catboats or canoes and light rowing boats with outriggers. Many of the larger cities of these countries, situated near the water, ave boating clubs and hold annua regattas. These sailing and rowing contests are international in their character and attract visitors from each of the countries sending contestdestroyers have steam up and are ing crews. The Tigre river, about ten ready to make a dash if the occasion miles outside of Buenos Aires, is lined with boat clubs and is a favorite re-Beyond the Narrows, in Gravesend sort for Argentinians during the sumbay, in what has been designated by



A scene at a meeting at the Smithileld market, London, where a great throng gathered several days ago and rehemently expressed their sentiments against conscription and against the proposal of the government for the early closing of saloons. The photograph was taken when the speaker, who, making use of a carriage as a platform, asked all those against the proposals to put their hands up. 

## WINTER REIGNS ON FIGHTING FRONT



Winter has come again to most of the fighting millions of Europe and their problems are tremendously increased. Transportation becomes especially difficult. The photograph shows part of a long line of motor trucks in France laboring toward the front.

# AUSTRALIANS EAGER TO FIGHT FOR THE EMPIRE

Collector Dudley Field Malone.

guard against a vessel attempting to leave the harbor without clearance papers it was arranged to have some of the speediest torpedo-boat destroyers of craft that will keep afloat is wel- bow and one at the stern, and at in the navy stationed in the Narrows off Quarantine and in the sound off Whitestone. Cables were laid and attached to a buoy, from which direct connection could be made with one of the destroyers on guard at either station, so that it would be possible to telephone direct from the custom house to the commanding officer at any minute during the day or night. shipyards of Europe, America and Private telephones were also placed at each pier around the harbor, making it possible for the men on guard has been resurrected and put into to get into instant communication with the collector's office.

No Chance to Get By.

Under this arrangement as soon as a vessel has cleared at the custom house notice is sent to the torpedoboat destroyer on guard, and no vessel is allowed to leave the harbor until the commander of the destroyer has received word from the custom house that clearance has been granted.

The efficacy of this supervision was great German steamships tied up at tested when the steamship Pathfinder, their docks in Hoboken after the manignoring the signals to stop, steamed ner in which an ice company is forced rapidly past Quarantine and was to stable its horses in the winter time, down in the lower bay before the de- a tour of investigation soon leads to stroyer got under headway. The de- scenes of unusual activity along the of their governments by keeping parting boat was speedily overhauled, piers at Weehawken. The huge grain within the limits and prohibitions of but even then the captain refused to elevators operated by the West Shore stop until a solid shot was fired across railroad are pouring wheat by the his bows. He thereupon decided to hundreds of thousands of bushels into take no chances on what might hap- the steel hulks of vessels steaming pen next and returned as ordered under the Norwegian and Danish to the Quarantine station, where he flags. A little further along the was detained until a proper clearance French steamship Kangaroo is loading was produced. Several other boats with tons and tons of steel billets to have been stopped in like manner. be used in making firearms and am-

The vigilance of the "neutrality munition. squad," as Mr. Malone's army of Freight Piled High. husky watchers has come to be known Across the way another big steel among the harbor folk, is evidenced freighter, scheduled to steam for by several incidents. Two one-time Vladivostok, Russia, is taking on a United States torpedo boats, the Por- cargo that is of unique character. gun in the side car-when they spied a child is more effective in this matter and the Winslow, which had a it is composed in part of steel rails, the wolf and gave chase. After a ter, than scores of books after the speed of from twenty-four to twenty- the steel frames and trucks of freight wild ride of several miles, they made child has become an adult." six knots, had been condemned by cars and the dismembered parts of

### HORSE DIES ON ITS FEET

A rubber cover to protect straw hats Brownstown, Ind .- C. J. Reynolds of Medora, a mail carrier, has lost a from rain has been patented. faithful horse. It died standing on Argentina has the greatest railroad mileage of any South American counits feet after more than 12 years' work in the rural mail service. Durtry.

ing this time it traveled 103,333 mlies The English city of Birmingham and hauled 596,000 pieces of mail. uses nearly 90,000 penny-in-a-slot gas The horse, according to the owner, meters

was about fifty-three years old. Rey-An English golf enthusiast has patnold says at the close of the Cvil war ented a club in the head of which is in 1866 the animal was a three-year- a device to measure the force of old jumper on a Texas racetrack. strokes.

Vast Amount of Work.

A trip around the harbor in the should arise. launch Neutrality, which is always ready to respond at a moment's notice to an emergency call from Mr. Malone or any of his subordinates, gives the harbor authorities as the loading some idea of the vast amount of work ground for explosives, several ships and the tremendous responsibility in- are taking on dynamite, tri-nitrotoluol or some other form of high exvolved in keeping the port of New plosive in quantities sufficient to York neutral

which this war-time traffic bears.

Passing under the shadows of the

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make you shudder at the mere thought Exorbitant freight rates and the cerof what might happen if one of the tainty of obtaining cargoes have drawn ships of all descriptions from boxes carelessly swung from the lighter alongside should slip from the all sections of the globe to these waters. The oldest sailors say they have block and tackle and fall to the deck. All barges carrying explosives are never before seen such a large and ill-assorted fleet of tramp ships as required by the municipal ordinance there is now in the harbor. Any sort to fly two large red flags, one at the comed by shippers.

night to display two red lanterns. City in Danger From Explosives. Millions and millions of dollars' Most of them paid little heed to the worth of war supplies purchased by the allies are awaiting shipment. The regulation. They were traveling up volume of exports now going out of and down the harbor, each with enough picric acid or other high ex-New York from week to week far exceeds any previous movement of the plosive to raze the city, with no red kind from any port in the world in flag flying or other indication of the dangerous cargo they were transportthe history of modern times. The ing. The attention of the "neutrality Asia have been ransacked; craft that squad" was called by Mr. Malone to had been assigned to the scrap heap this carelessness. The customs guards are also forced

to keep rigid watch to see that no commission. Some of these ships explosives are loaded on passenger have made more money for their ownships. It is likewise part of their ers on a single voyage than their actual worth in the market. The duty, under the law, to prevent shipskippers are not particular what sort pers from loading goods under a false of cargo they carry. Dynamite or gun. classification. powder, automobiles or mules are

In enforcing neutrality Mr. Malone all the same to them so long as they has not lost sight of the fact that can get the benefit of the high rates the motive of patriotism which impels all aliens in the United States to want to be of utmost service to their respective countries is perfectly understandable, but it has been his constant purpose to compel the representatives of all nations to realize that they can only serve the cause

### our neutrality laws. MAN BAGS 52-POUND WOLF

Young Minnesota Hunter Chases Animal for Several Miles on a

Motor Cycle.

Balaton, Minn.-Two boys, Evold Bylander and John Bollman, bagged a 52-pound wolf recently in rather a

novel way. They were out hunting-one boy on to set them on the path of under

a successful long shot.

Man Kicks Against Dogs. Tulan, Okla .- Suit was instituted in barking. McCartney is the keeper of

the dog pound. In the suit it is charged that the snarling and growling of the dogs is objectionable to the residents of the section and that infection from the kennels has spread to some of the adjoining houses, causing disease among the children.

mer months. One man could handle the entire line of commercial and pleasure boats. and I am sure could make a profitable initial trip through these countries. I would also suggest that he carry a complete side line of accessories, such as anchors, blocks, rope, varnish, bunting, sail cloth and the like .-Leslie's.

Much Gold Overlooked. The sequence of events so often ob

served in the history of gold-mining camps has been repeated in the Wil low Creek district. Alasks. The sarliest prospectors, in 1897, were primarily interested in the search for placer gold, and having found it, were too busily e gaged in mining to trace the stream gold to the veins from which it originally came. It was near ly ten years later that the first of the valuable quartz veins that now yield most of the gold mined in the district was discovered. Since 1906, however, quartz mining has progressed steadily

Preaches in Gray Work Shirt.

basis.

and has rested upon a substantial

Declaring "the reason only two per cent of workingmen attend religious service is because 70 per cent of the ministry is out of sympathy with the cause of labor," Rev. C. H. Holcomb, Barberton, O., preaches to his congregation in a gray work shirt, without coat and with a red bandana handker chief in his hip pocket.

"Some people think that everything with a long-tailed coat is a preacher,' be said. "They forget that men in long tails open street doors in department stores and that the cry of 'Cab, sir, cab,' comes most frequently from a dusky person likewise clad."-Mil-

### waukee Journal.

For Exhibition of Pets. "By all means let us have a children's pets exhibition." enthused Jack London.

"The only way for man to understand himself is by an understanding of all life about him. Pets for chil dren serve to begin this instilling and

the motor cycle and the other with a standing. Indeed, an animal pet for Mrs. Kite, has just been presented to Washington society. She is one of the prettiest of the season's buds, and as popular as she is pretty.

#### Serbia's Homesteads.

Cautious Attitude.

ices," said the prominent citizen,

ng.'

Puck.

"I hope your constituents appreci-

No Time to Listen.

#### In Serbla the land belongs to the people, and ever grown man has a district court by W. P. Blevins against claim to five acres, which he can S. McCariney and others to recover | neither sell nor have taken from him. 500 because the dogs at the city pound | His land and its produce are exempt keep him awake at night by their from all claims for debt. Thus the

poorest man in Serbia has always five acres to his credit.

#### Beauty Fills the House

"Is she pretty?" "Pretty? Why that girl is so pretty that plenty of fel ows are glad to call on her father and nother.



A very interesting story is told in this picture. The enthusiasm of the Australians for the allied cause is un ounded, and this incident furnishes proof thereof. Thirty men of the town of Gilgandra, in the interior of Australia, organized themselves into a band of volunteers, and decided to march to Sydney, a distance of 320 miles, to offer their services. Residents of Gilgandra contributed nearly \$1,000 towards the expanses of the march. All along the route the men were cheered and lavishly treated by the patriotic Australians, while new recruits fell in line by the score.



Drs. A. M. and P. H. Zinkhan of Washington are shown here in the uniforms of Heutenant colonels of the Russian army, the rank conferred on them for life by the czar for their work in the Russian war hospitals. They have left Washington to sail for Russia on the expiration of their furlough.

### INTERESTING FACTS

ate the value of your patriotic serv-Osmium is one of the most valu-"I don't know that I care to make It a question of actual value," replied pound. Senator Sorghum. "The market for Only 39 p er cent of the total gradupatriotic services is terribly fluctuat-

married. It has been estimated that Holland the occasion of his marriage at Barcontains about 100,000,000 tons of peat celons. Another stood in a Madrid The experience of many of us is that when we want to ring up and suitable for fuel, equal in heating window and threw handfula of silver talk to the world, the line is busy .- value to 75,000,000 tons of the best coins into the crowd until he had emp-English steam coal

A new electric insulating material. the invention of a New York man, is made of an aluminum silicate fused able metals. It is worth \$50 a with boron at high temperature and then shaped into the desired forms. \* A Spanish adventurer, returning ates from the six principal women's from highly lucrative wanderings in colleges in the United States have the early-day Americas, is said to have given away \$600,000 in alms on tied two barrels.