

IMPORTERS STATE CASE TO LANSING

Millions of Dollars Worth of Goods Ordered Last Year, and Already Sold, Held Up by Britons.

LAW OF THE SEA IS CITED

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Representatives of 1,000 American importers presented to Secretary Lansing today a petition for action by the United States to enable them to bring out dye stuffs, potash and other American owned goods in Germany without British interference.

Twenty importers, headed by Lee Kohms of New York, comprised the delegation. Secretary Lansing called into the conference Solicitor Johnson and Robert F. Rose, one of the foreign trade advisers of the department.

The importers recited the arrangements originally made informally by them with Great Britain for shipment of American owned goods from Germany through neutral countries in contracts made prior to the order-in-council of March 1, the difficulties over an extension of time for shipment of such cargoes, and the general business effects of the British policy.

Secretary Lansing took the matter under consideration and it is generally believed it will be presented to Great Britain apart from the broad subject of the so-called "blockade" which is treated in a new note that has been under preparation for some time.

Petition of Importers.
NEW YORK, June 25.—The importers' petition, which is addressed to President Wilson, was made public here. It sets forth that the British blockade concerns "not only the property rights of the undersigned citizens," but involves a "contemplated unlawful destruction of a most important portion of the entire commerce of the United States."

The petition discusses in detail the international law and urges upon the president "the need for a very early determination of these issues so that we may know whether we may be able to conduct our established business."

"Great Britain," the petition says, "has studiously avoided answering the American note of March 3, and months of valuable time in which it was necessary for us to prepare for our coming business, have passed."

"Notwithstanding that this action of the Great Britain government does not follow from any declared and maintained blockade of German territory," the petition says, "we have been unable to induce any steamship companies to carry our goods, American property either from unblockaded German ports or from neutral ports to which the goods have been shipped by land. The mere fact that Great Britain does not threaten confiscation of our goods, if they are shipped does not concern us, because, first we cannot get them shipped, and secondly, we are interested in the much greater question of lawfully obtaining supply of our American owned merchandise, whether the same has been paid for, contracted, or may be contracted for in the future."

"We are not compensated by a payment for a particular cargo after legal proceedings in the British courts, for we are concerned in preventing a sacrifice of American capital."

Contracts Placed Last Year.
During 1914 and the early part of this year we placed large contracts for merchandise to be manufactured by German and Austrian concerns. We have obligated ourselves to take this merchandise and now that a considerable portion of such merchandise is finished and ready for shipment, the manufacturers are demanding payment. We are in the quandary of having to pay for our merchandise and at the same time being unable to get our merchandise. In addition we have sold much of this merchandise to American business houses to whom we are responsible for delivery."

"The concession of the British government that we may receive goods that were paid for prior to March 3, is of no value to us. The undersigned are responsible American houses enjoying good credit and do not have to pay for their merchandise before it is delivered."

"With all deference to your excellency," the document continues, "who we know has at heart the protection of American commerce, we respectfully call attention to the urgency of the situation and the pressing necessity of our knowing very soon whether we shall be able to conduct our lawful business under the protection of well-established principles of law which have been so ably and so kindly pointed out by the State department in its diplomatic relations with Great Britain."

"We maintain that when a Swedish merchant can ship to a German port, we also as citizens of this country have the same right and that these facts convincingly prove that there is no effective blockade of nearly the entire German coast."

"The importers appeal to the president, not only on the ground that their own business would be injured, but on the ground that the only prospect for peace is an insistence on those unquestionable guarantees which have been won from the belligerent powers under the leadership of these free United States of America. We respectfully ask your excellency to firmly insist that the illegitimate pretensions of the warring countries do not extend beyond those exceptions already granted upon the principles of international law."

Judge Craig Drops Dead at Evanston
CHEYENNE, Wyo., June 26.—(Special.)—Judge David H. Craig, 57, of the Third judicial district, dropped dead at Evanston, Wyo., Thursday night. He had been holding a session of the Uinta county court at Evanston. His body will be shipped to his home at Rawlins. His death was due to heart failure, probably induced by the arduous labor of a forty-two-day session of court which he recently held at Kammerer.

Judge Craig was one of the best known jurists of the Rocky mountain region. He had been on the bench for twenty years and during his judicial experience tried some of the most important cases in Wyoming history. His personal popularity was great and he was elected to term after term by large majorities.

Judge Craig was prominent in Wyoming Masonry, being a member of the state, territorial, and other fraternal organizations. A successor to Judge

GENERAL FILIPE ANGELES AND FELIX DIAZ, two of the Mexican leaders who are again looming up on the horizon.



Craig will be appointed by Governor Kendrick, to serve until January 2, 1917.

BRYANS TO BEGIN THEIR TRIP WEST

Platte, will follow in due course. It is understood here that Bryan and Hitchcock have practically agreed upon the plan for the several land offices outside of Broken Bow and there is but one hitch there, over Ross Moore.

Two Postoffice Fights.
Two of the largest postoffices are still up in the air, one in all probability to be thus suspended indefinitely, because of the failure of Bryan and Hitchcock to get together.

In the case of Nebraska City rumor has it that both Bryan and Hitchcock have agreed on Frank Marcell for the job, but as for Fairbury there is still "nothing doing."

As to the major positions in Nebraska—Collector, marshal and district attorney, there is a feeling that Senator Hitchcock has much more to lose in not reaching an agreement than Secretary Bryan and he is actively engaged in campaigning for the democratic senatorial primary nomination it behooves Gilbert M. to be busy and iron out differences, otherwise, the faithful may not accept explanations when primary time comes around.

That One-Term Plank.
Having used the name of ex-Secretary Bryan somewhat in this dispatch there today that a break is inevitable between Mr. Wilson and his late premier, not over the position of the administration as to its foreign policy, not over prohibition or woman suffrage, but over the one-term plank of the Baltimore platform. Secretary Bryan is the father of that plank. It has been his shibboleth, and gossip says he will not stand to see it ruthlessly shattered.

All the amenities occurring between the White House, cabinet officials, etc., and Mr. Bryan are looked upon as purely diplomatic fabrications, the "shallow murmuring while the deeps are numb."

HYMENEAL.
Fatlund-Buckner.
OAKLAND, Ia., June 2.—(Special.)—Thursday, at the home of Mrs. F. E. Buckner occurred the wedding of her daughter, Miss Lenore, to Carl A. Fatland of Des Moines. The bride wore a gown of ivory tinted satin, with veil of tulle, caught up with a spray of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white rose buds. Mr. and Mrs. Fatland have gone on an extended eastern trip and after September 1 will be at home in Cambridge, Ia.

Eggert-Harms.
WEST POINT, Neb., June 2.—(Special.)—Theodore N. Eggert and Miss Dorothea P. Harms were married at Elton German Lutheran church in Neligh township Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The bride is the eldest daughter of Rev. William Harms, who has been pastor of the Zion church for more than thirty years. The groom is a prominent young farmer of the same neighborhood. The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride and immediately thereafter a largely attended reception was held at the parsonage adjoining the church.

Gramlich-Daniels.
WEST POINT, Neb., June 2.—(Special.)—The wedding of Howard J. Gramlich of Lincoln to Miss Mabel Daniels of Bancroft was solemnized at the Church of the Atonement at Bancroft on Wednesday, Rev. A. E. Marsh, minister of the Episcopal church of Blair, officiated at the ceremony.

Cumulative Assessment Roll.
WEST POINT, Neb., June 2.—(Special.)—The town and township assessment rolls

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GERMAN SOCIALISTS APPEAL FOR PEACE

Full Page Statement Published in Vorwaerts Asks Kaiser to Take the Initiative.

INSISTS TIME IS PROPITIOUS

BERLIN, June 26.—(Via London.)—The managing committee of the social democratic party in Germany has caused to be published in the Vorwaerts a full page appeal for peace.

The interesting document declares the people want peace, and the government is called upon, in the name of humanity, to make known its readiness to enter negotiations.

The appeal is published under the heading, "Social Democracy and Peace." It begins with a reference to the fact that the socialists foresaw the war. They worked vainly for an international understanding, but when war did come they placed themselves at the disposal of the fatherland. It then refers to the declaration of the party in the Reichstag August 4, 1914, which said:

"We demand, as soon as safety has been secured, and our opponents are inclined to peace, that the war be brought to an end through a peace which will make possible friendships with neighboring nations."

Protest Against Annexation.
The appeal closes with these words: "The managing committee of the Vorwaerts of the social democratic party always has been opposed to a policy of conquest. We now raise anew our sharpest protest against every effort and every proclamation the purpose of which is the annexation of foreign territory and the oppression of other nations—efforts and proclamations which have become public in Germany, particularly through the demands of great economic associations as well as through the speeches of leading non-socialist politicians."

"Even the recital of such efforts serves further to postpone that peace which is warmly desired by the whole nation. The people want peace! If this war which daily demands new sacrifices is not to draw itself out needlessly to endure until the full exhaustion of all the nations in it one of the participants for powers must offer the hand of peace. Germany, who, attacked by greatly superior forces has thus far victoriously defended itself against all its enemies, brought their starvation plan to naught and demonstrated that it is unconquerable, should take the first step to bring about peace."

In Name of Humanity.
In the name of humanity and culture, and supported by the favorable military situation brought about by the bravery of our comrades in arms we demand of the government that it make known its readiness to enter peace negotiations in

order to put an end to this bloody conflict. "We expect our socialist comrades in other belligerent lands to exert their influence on their own governments in this same sense."

Atlanta Saloons Closed and Police Do Double Duty
ATLANTA, Ga., June 26.—Near-beer saloons were closed, the entire night watch of police was held at stations for extra duty and the guard of militia still surround Governor Slaton's home in an effort of the authorities to forestall today and tonight demonstrations of protest against the governor's commutation of Leo M. Frank's death sentence. The term of Governor Slaton expired at noon and crowds were in the city for the inauguration of Nat F. Harris.

The business section of the city was patrolled by a double watch of police today and forty extra mounted men were sent to the capitol. Otherwise, to all outward appearances, the city was normal.

Germans Sending Heavy Guns East
LONDON, June 26.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says several trains loaded with heavy guns have left Essen for the German front in the Rhine river in Poland where it is believed they will be used in an advance against Warsaw.

Since the fall of Lemberg military experts in London have expressed the belief that the Austro-German allies would attempt to continue their terrific drive and capture Warsaw, the capital of Po-

Daniels Tells Naval Officers to Profit by Lessons of Present War

NEWPORT, R. I., June 26.—In an address at the opening session of the Navy War college here today, Secretary Daniels appealed to American naval officers to profit by the lessons that are being taught by the great war in Europe and to fearlessly discard all theories which fail to stand the acid test. He referred briefly to the navy program for the coming year and expressed confidence that congress would authorize any increase recommended.

"In personnel and material the navy is larger than ever before," Mr. Daniels said. "Its men are trained and fit. Its experts in every department are active to remedy any defects of the past and to take advantage of all that has been learned in the only true school in which this knowledge may be obtained, by observing through our experts in Europe all that may be learned from actual war."

"As you look abroad you see the foundation of old theories crumbling every way. "We have seen the main fleet of the greatest sea nation in the world with-

drawn from the seas to some secluded base without having fired a shot during the first year of a night conflict. We have seen battles begun at ranges believed to be impossible and ships disabled by shots from guns as yet invisible. We have been told that modern sea fights would be determined in the first ten minutes, yet we have seen that it took six hours to decide one of the greatest battles of the present war."

"With what weapons, by what strategy shall we meet the terror of the submarine, and the still unrevealed possibilities of the airship? It is to you, gentlemen, that this question must be put. It is to you your secretary of the navy looks for an answer. My earnest word, my solemn plea today is to urge you fearlessly to discard worship of all things that are old and to adopt courageously anything that is new the moment that some development of the present convinces you that the old way is no longer the right way, or that the new way points the path of victory."

"I hereby pledge myself to spare no effort to assist this onward march."

Americans in Yaqui Valley Well Armed
TOBARI BAY, Mex., June 25.—By Radio to San Diego, Cal., June 25.—Americans in the Yaqui valley are well armed with rifles and an adequate supply of ammunition and are ready to repel any future Indian attacks, according to advices received here today. Some of the Americans have arranged to hire other foreigners to assist in their defense. The valleys of the Yaqui and Mayori rivers were reported quiet today. Rains have begun and are expected to cause a rapid rise in the Yaqui river.

This will prevent movement of the Indians to the Mayori river, southward, where an American settlement is located. The mouth of the Yaqui river was forty miles wide during the December floods. Latest advices from La Paz, Lower California, stated that that town and vicinity had been cleared in favor of Carranza. It previously was declared "neutral." Guaymas has refused to receive or clear La Paz shipping.

COTTON SHIP LEELANAW RELEASED BY BRITONS
LONDON, June 25.—The American cotton steamer Leelanaw, which has been under detention at Kirkwall, in Scotland, since early June, has been allowed to proceed to Archangel to discharge its cargo, consigned to Russia. The Leelanaw was detained because its cargo, destined for Russia, was consigned by way of Gothenburg, Sweden, which country forbids the export of cotton.

Articles of Vertu
Another lot of all sorts of trays selling for six that are worth three times that figure. In the statutory line, a great number and variety of busts and figures selling at one-half price. Candelabras, Electric Lamps, Piano Lamps, Lamp Shades, Candles, Cigar Holders and many other articles on which the prices are cut in two—one-half price.

Deck Sets
The deck sets which have been selling from \$7.00 up, are now selling from \$2.50 up. The Sheffield silver pieces at one-third off makes a decided cut. The Corduroy leather, representing pocketbooks, table mats, ladies' bags, memorandum books, etc., articles that usually retail from \$1.00 to \$20.00, now selling at 1/4 off.

Artificial Flowers
Artificial flowers, the finest imported and American makes, starts with American beauties from \$50, which formerly were \$100 and \$150. In mirrors, there is the greatest variety ever shown at very close prices with discount of 20% off to one-third.

Music Department
The Sheet Music Department is selling music as low as 2/10 per copy. The Music Department has violins, banjos, mandolins, violoncellos, double bass, flutes, pipes, accordions, clarinets, wash tubs, music boxes, violin cases, violin bows, metronomes and strings for all instruments at prices that will force sales.

Piano and Piano Players
To give an entire list of piano and player pianos, we have no time, but we can tell you that less than \$100.00 buys an upright piano—a good, dependable used instrument; \$125.00 will buy a brand new box-top piano, that should be sold at \$250.00 regularly, on \$5.00 monthly payments. Our stock of pianos covers high grade makes, such as Mason & Hamlin, Krantz & Bach, Bush & Lane, Cable-Nelson, Steinway, Kimball, Lindenberg, Whitney, Hines, Henderson, Hoop, Hamilton, Thompson Brewster, etc.—piano prices ranging all along from \$145, \$175, \$197, \$157, \$165, \$215 and up. Easy payments to suit, or cash if you desire.

This immense stock must be sold. On July 10th we begin to tear out the store front, pull down the stairways, rebuild talking machine rooms, put up art galleries and practically make a new store out of the old one. We cannot do this unless we can move our stock, as it don't pay to store it. We have decided to give the public the benefit of not only the cost of the goods, but from 20 to 33 per cent from below the cost.

If you are going to decorate your walls with pictures or mirrors, or require any of the brace-brac, or player piano, which we quote from \$298 up, your opportunity is now at hand. This sale will not last long, and to get the best selection, you must come early.

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Remnants of Colored and Black Silks

Specially Priced for Monday's Great Sale

It embraces hundreds of different kinds of goods, each with its hundreds of different patterns. The regular season is over. Now, for ONE GRAND SWEEPING CLEARING—everything from a single yard to a full dress pattern must go. The new fall goods will soon be here; we need the room. Below are a few items selected at random, showing the special reductions for this sale. READ EACH ITEM CAREFULLY:

<p>Black and White Striped Marquisette, regular \$1.00 quality, a dainty waist fabric remnant for - - - - 89¢</p> <p>All-Silk White Crepe de Chine, regular \$2.00 quality, 5 yards in remnant, for - - - - \$3.98</p> <p>All-Silk Satin Duchesse, Nile green, \$1.00 quality, 10 yards in remnant, for - - - - \$2.39</p> <p>Spot-Proof Foulard, Cheney Bros., deep old rose, \$1.00 quality, a most beautiful fabric, 9 yards in remnant, for - - - - \$2.94</p> <p>Black All-Silk Crepe de Chine, one of our best, regular \$2.25 quality, 5 1/2 yards in remnant, for - - - - \$4.98</p> <p>All-Silk Satin de Laxe, regular \$1.00 quality, light blue, soft, rich texture, will not muss, 12 1/2 yards in remnant, for - - - - \$2.75</p>	<p>Striped Tub Silk, \$1.00 quality, dainty colored stripes, 3/4 yards for 49¢</p> <p>Navy Silk-and-Wool Poplin, regular \$1.75 quality, 40 inches wide, 5 yards for - - - - \$3.95</p> <p>All-Silk Imported Pongee, \$1.25 quality, 5 1/2 yards in remnant, for \$1.69</p> <p>Imported Silk Faille, \$2.00 quality, 36 inches wide, new Belgian blue, 6 3/4 yards in remnant, for - \$4.87</p> <p>Spot-Proof Foulard, Cheney Bros., \$1.00 quality, color taupe, 7 1/2 yards for - - - - \$2.19</p> <p>Satin Striped Tub Silk, \$1.00 quality, all white, double width, 2 yds., 68¢</p> <p>Black Chiffon Taffeta, \$1.75 quality, 36 inches wide, 7 yards in remnant, for - - - - \$3.98</p> <p>Black Silk-and-Wool Poplin, \$1.00 quality, 5 1/2 yds. in remnants, \$2.19</p>
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NOTE—Hundreds more to choose from than the paper ever hints of. On sale Monday, sharp, 8:30 A. M.

Summer Apparel
Moderate Pricings

These items are attractive to all women who desire the best in dress, and for prices, much less than are usually associated with the high character of this apparel.

Dresses

Wash dresses of linen, in white, tan, blue, wisteria, pink; of pique, in plain white; striped gingham dresses of different colors; fine for camping, street wear or home—

\$7.50 Values, Monday - \$4.95
Other Dresses priced to **\$45.00**

The Store for Shirtwaists
is showing some very attractive styles for summer blouses at reduced prices.

Sale of Lace Curtains and Nets

Sale Starts at 8:30 Monday Morning.

Beautiful Bungalow Nets, Lace Curtains, in white or ecru. The selection is large and the values offered will mean a great saving to you in price.

See Howard Street Windows Sunday.

Ribbon Section

Pretty, new brocade ribbons, in pink, light blue, white, yellow, lilac, and green. These come in hair, bow and sash widths.

Ribbon Sashes Made to Order in Any Style—

A few are here mentioned:

Butterfly bows in back or front, with pleated girde.

Pleated belt, with fancy ribbon buckle in back, finished with long ends.

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Tailored belts.

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