

EXPECT U. S. TO PROTEST PLAN OF PRIZE COURT

Freedom of Seas Laws Is Involved In Return of American Goods Seized by England.

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Washington, Jan. 9.—Great Britain has finally decided to release American goods seized during the war. The releases are to be granted upon such terms as the prize court may regard as just, the announcement said.

Inasmuch, however, as it was the unwarranted acts of the same prize court which practically brought the United States to the verge of open conflict with Great Britain, shortly before this country entered the war on the side of the allies, it is expected that there will be many protests from the American corporations in question. Believing that the British government violated every precept of international law in the seizure of their goods, it is hardly likely that they will accept as final the price to be arrived at by the prize court in payment of the same.

State Department Mum.

Whether or not the American government is willing to accept the decision of the British foreign office and submit to the authority of the prize court in the matter of payment for American goods is a question which remains unanswered.

If this government does accept the British view it means that every contention raised by the American government at the time it was using all means to effect the release of the American goods is admitted now to have been worthless. And in the opinion of certain authorities here it means that international law will have to be rewritten with the obliteration of any idea of the freedom of the seas.

No Estimate Given.

The State department was unable to estimate the total amount of the American claims against the British government. The Department of Commerce, it is reported, has sent to the State department a complete tabulation of all the claims and the estimated value of the seized goods. They are believed to total more than \$100,000,000.

When Great Britain, through confiscation, and the inauguration of a "black list," began its campaign against American goods which it believed were destined ultimately for Germany the United States protested. Great Britain would not take the position that it had instituted a blockade, but rested its case entirely on the question of contraband. Then the American government took the position that there would have to be a blockade and upon receipt of this note England admitted a blockade had been put in effect. To this the United States replied that to be a blockade it must be effective and cited the failure of the British to interfere with shipments from Scandinavian countries to Germany.

U. S. Enters War.

It was at this point, however, that America entered the war and the negotiations were practically dropped. Indeed, the government in the course of the war practically adopted the same methods which the British had used, and because of this reason some credence was given to the belief that we had acquiesced in the British decision.

It was in last August, when the economic blockade of Germany was lifted that the American government again attempted to bring about the release of the American goods, but its efforts were of no avail until the present time.

Moonlight Dancing In Paris Arouses Reformers

Paris, Jan. 9.—The government edict closing all Paris dancing palaces at 11:30 and restricting the number of lights as a coal-saving measure did not work out exactly as some folks thought.

The reform element cheered it on the ground that it would discourage fashionable fox-trotting and put an end to some of the pajama dances, masked balls and other goings on they had complained of. But promptly the manager of the most ultra-chic place in Paris announced that he would go the government one better by shutting off all the lights not absolutely essential. Now the reform leaders are protesting that the "moonlight" dancing at this establishment, patronized only by the very wealthy, has degenerated into an evening orgy of hugging and kissing.

Deserts Bachelor Ranks, Given Chance to Meditate

Ardmore, Okl., Jan. 9.—Tabor Gault, an employee of a large Ardmore manufacturing company, because he deserted the ranks of the "blessed single ones" and took unto himself a wife, was handcuffed to a telephone pole here recently by fellow employees who are still bachelors and left to meditate upon the seriousness of the crime in a steady downpour of rain.

Gault took the prank good naturedly and offered to buy the cigars, although the manacles were not removed from his wrists until after he had received a thorough drenching from the rain.

Chinese Dandies Will Not Wear America Ready-Mades

Washington, Jan. 9.—China is a land of tailors. All Chinese are dressed in tailored clothes, according to the reports to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, and even the introduction of the snappiest ready-made clothes cannot induce the Chinese dandies to forsake their tailors.

"So long as Chinese tailors can make low-grade clothing as cheaply as they do there is little chance for clothing business on the American method," an American consul reported.

The Chinese gentlemen demand fine American underwear, however, the report stated.

The American "kick"—not the sort that used to be served over the

bars before July 1, but the raiment of the pedal extremities—has displaced all other footwear in China, the report stated.

In the matter of edibles the Chinese take particularly to American condensed milk and prepared cereals. South American confectionery has displaced American sweets during the period of the sugar shortage.

Feeding Poor Mothers Would Solve Problems

London, Jan. 9.—If people would turn their attention to the feeding of poor mothers they would do more for the future generation than by troubling about the smoking of a small minority," is the curt retort of Dr. Sloan Shesser, a Har-

ley street woman specialist, to the query as to whether smoking by women is ruining the race.

"Smoking will have no effect if women do not smoke to excess," she declares. "Thirty cigarettes a day, of course, would harm any woman's health."

"Women will go on smoking and its no good trying to stop them."

Britain Plans to Continue Allotments to Ex-Soldiers

London, Jan. 9.—While the British government, despite protests of labor members of Parliament, has cut off doles to unemployed, it has been very careful to continue unemployment pay to ex-soldiers. Thus,

while civilians unable to get work must shift for themselves, the ex-service men and widows of soldiers will be taken care of until they can find jobs. Some 344,000 men are affected.

Statistics show that there is less unemployment in England today than during the 15 years average before the war.

New Film Screen Permits Seeing Movies by Daylight

London, Jan. 9.—Taking young girl to the movies may lose some of its glamor if the new British film screen, which permits motion pictures to be shown in daylight or in strong artificial light, as well as in the dark, comes into general use. At an exhibition of British motion

picture films a new kind of screen which can be rolled up like a window blind for easy carriage and which is noninflammable, was demonstrated in daylight. There was less strain entailed on the eye than with the ordinary film screen.

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