

# NAVAL ACTIVITY INCREASES

## Traffic Temporarily Suspended While the British Submarines Approach German Coast

A despatch from London says: Indications of increased naval activity comes from various sources. All steamboat communication with Holland has been suspended by the order of the British Government, and taken in connection with the news from Berlin that British submarines have been in the Bight of Heligoland, where the German Admiralty lays claim to having sunk one and perhaps more, this is believed to foreshadow some movement in the North Sea.

The stoppage of traffic to Holland was announced in an official statement given out in Amsterdam in behalf of the British Government, which said:

"All shipping between Holland and the United Kingdom is stopped for the time being. No ships will leave the United Kingdom for Holland until further notice, and ships from Holland will not be admitted to the United Kingdom. It is hoped shortly to resume limited cargo and passenger traffic. Special arrangements have been made for the transfer of mails."

The reports of the intention of Great Britain to stop traffic with Holland influenced the rates at



Aviator Killed While Performing for "Movies."

This photograph was made on March 16 at Universal City, Cal., as Aviator Stites was doing a series of aerial thrillers for the moving picture photographers. The "stunt" was suddenly terminated when something went wrong with the machine and Stites was dashed 500 feet to his death. The picture shows the machine just as it started tilting on its fatal plunge to earth. An instant before the dummy aeroplane below Stites had been blown up as part of the "stunt." One theory is that the explosion shown in the picture caused Stites' machine to capsize.

# GERMAN AVIATORS MAY BE EXECUTED

## Russia Will Institute Reprisals Against Those Who Kill Civilians.

A despatch from Petrograd says: Russia is to institute reprisals in some form against the Germans for the bomb-dropping upon undefended towns of Poland. Announcement to this effect was made at the General Headquarters, which denounced the German aviators so engaged as "apaches." It is hinted that all such men who may be captured will be tried by court-martial, and if it is shown that they wantonly brought death to innocent civilians they will be executed. There is special interest in the statement because a Taube was brought down near Sambroff yesterday and the two men aboard made prisoners. They may be the first to be brought to trial.

In a statement the general staff says:

"Though the German air raids are becoming more frequent, they cause practically no damage except when the bombs fall among a dense population. Our aviators confine themselves to bombardment of military works."

# THE WHEAT SUPPLY.

## Quantity Remaining in Hands of Farmers Smaller by Year.

A press bulletin issued by the Census and Statistics Office, gives the results of the usual annual inquiry as to the stocks of grain and other crops remaining in the hands of farmers on March 31st, and the proportion of the crops harvested in the previous year which turned out to be of merchantable quality. The returns received from crop-reporting correspondents show that of the total estimated yield of wheat in 1914, 12 1/2 per cent., or 20,247,000 bushels, remained in farmers' hands at the end of March. At the rate of 1 1/2 bushels per acre this quantity allowed for the sowing this spring of about 11,570,000 acres, or 1,522,000 acres more than were sown in the spring of 1914, independently of quantities of wheat stored in elevators which may be returned to farmers for seeding purposes. The quantity of wheat remaining this year in the hands of farmers is, however, smaller than in any previous year on record, the light crop and the high price being together responsible for this result. In 1913 the quantity of wheat estimated to be in farmers' hands at March 31st was 35,383,000 bushels, or 16 1/2 per cent. of the large harvest of 1913; in 1913 at March 31st the proportion was 22 per cent. or 50,323,000 bushels, and at March 31st, 1912, it was 27 per cent. or 62,185,000 bushels.

Of the remaining grain crops the proportions of the previous year's production estimated to be in farmers' hands on March 31st are also smaller than in any former year on record: oats, 343,700 bushels, or 27 per cent.; barley 7,430,400 bushels, or 90 1/2 per cent.; buckwheat 1,792,500 bushels, or 21 per cent.; corn for husking 2,928,000 bushels,

# PEREMYSL NOT SHORT OF FOOD

## Capitulation Due Simply to Austrian Staff's Conviction That Resistance Was Useless.

A despatch from Petrograd says: General Selivanoff, the victor of the siege of Peremyshl, has paid a tribute to Petrograd, who has returned to the Austrian garrison. "I consider it desirable to point out," said Gen. Selivanoff, "that while the discussions of the surrender of the garrison were in progress no stores were set on fire and no ammunition was blown up. Such explosions as occurred were the result of fires lighted before the discussions began."

It is incorrect to say that Peremyshl was forced to surrender owing to starvation, as stores sufficient for two weeks were found there. The surrender was due simply to the Austrian staff's conviction that further resistance and sacrifice were useless. The men of the garrison suffered most severely from rheumatism which incapacitated thousands of them.

# TIED STRAW TO ANIMALS.

## Lighted the Straw and Sent Them Into Russian Camps.

The Morning Post publishes in the notes of a Hungarian woman just returned to England from Germany and Austria-Hungary, a story of the revenge of a Hungarian regiment because the Russian had done for the Hungarians' Christmas celebration. The story was related by the colonel of the regiment, as follows:

"We were happy and singing, waiting for midnight, when the Russians, at 11:30 o'clock, opened a furious attack on the village held. We suffered terrible losses that Christmas night."

"When the Russian Christmas came, and the village was held by them, some of our men, with the idea of revenge, caught hundreds of cats, dogs, goats and a few wild bulls. They tied bunches of straw on the backs of the cats and dogs and between the horns of the goats and bulls, so that the straw in petroleum. They lit it and drove the animals, roaring and howling, into the Russian lines, and the Russians were peacefully singing Christmas chants. At the same time they fired volleys into the villages, and the living torches, rushing about on the dark streets, together with the superstitious soldiers almost lose their heads."

# Admiralty May Close Ports Without Notice

A despatch from Washington says: Consul-General Skinner, at London, cables that the British Admiralty had given notice that certain ports of Great Britain would be closed to shipping without notice. "Closing will be indicated," the message said, "by three vertical red lights at night and three red balls by day. When these signals are displayed vessels must proceed to examination anchorage or keep to sea."

# Bubonic Plague in Turkey.

A despatch from Rome says: Reports have reached here from Constantinople that the bubonic plague is raging in Turkey and that the victims of the disease are very numerous. The contagion is spreading in an alarming manner owing to the neglect of sanitary precautions. Several cases have occurred at Salonika.

# Austrian Air Scouts.

A despatch from Rome says: Word has been received from Austria that an Austrian aeroplane was seen scouting the Italian coast, along the Adriatic Sea. The aeroplane was equipped with strong searchlights. The authorities are attempting to identify the

# FROM ERIN'S GREEN ISLE WAS A GERMAN SCHEME

## Expenses of Delegates to be Paid if They Will Pass Resolutions Without Discussion

A despatch from Paris says: It is charged here by Madame Duoro Tmetzu, president of the French Women's National League, that the Women's Peace Conference to be held at The Hague is nothing more nor less than a German propaganda manoeuvre under the colors of international intervention. And this Madame Tmetzu holds to be true, partly because the Women's National League has been offered all expenses for their delegates to the conference if they consent to the prepared resolutions without discussion.

Consequently all French feminist groups have unanimously refused to participate in the congress at which Miss Jane Addams is to preside. It is their intention, however, to unite in sending a strong

# Poultry Alphabet.

A utility bird is rarely worth doctoring, the axe being an excellent surgical instrument to apply to sick fowls.

Balanced rations supply maximum of nourishment with minimum of waste.

Cull closely, for it does not pay to board idlers.

Do not attempt too much to accomplish thoroughly.

Every insect left to mature will decrease the profits of the flock.

F-i-i-t-h spells failure.

Good stock is the best foundation but it must be handled with common sense.

Hens are not magicians; so cannot manufacture eggs unless given the proper materials.

Indolence and poultry-breeding make a combination which would bankrupt a wealthy financier.

Just a little observation will prove that the I-know-it-all never makes successful poultrymen.

Kindness shown to fowls pays in increased egg supply.

Lies multiply rapidly in uncleanly surroundings.

May chicks pushed to maturity, make fall layers to fill in the time when earlier hatched birds are resting.

No mixed flock can give the satisfaction of a single breed.

One's favorite breed is usually the best with which to win success.

Pullets should be separated from cockerels as soon as sex can be distinguished.

Quarrel or crippled when hatched. Rush young birds into the market.

Select breeders early and dispose of all other male birds.

Try to waste no feed, either by over-feeding, careless methods, or one-sided diet.

Unless you give your flock regular care, they do not pay to keep.

Very few poultrymen know so much that they can learn nothing from the experience of others.

# Nothing Hasty.

"I hope, Flora, that you have seriously considered the matter," said a Scottish lady to her servant girl, who had "given notice" because she was to be married "that day two weeks."

"Oh, indeed I have, ma'am," was the reply. "I've been to two fortune-tellers, an clairvoyant, an' looked in a sign-book, an' dreamed on a lock o' his hair, an' I called on one o' the astrologers, an' they've all tell me to go ahead, ma'am. I'm no' a person to marry reckless like ye, ken."

# While Rome Burned.

The old gentleman beamed upon the little boy who stood on the crest of the hill one night at twilight, a happy contented smile on his lips.

"I am very pleased to see you watching the beautiful red glow of the setting sun, my little man," he said, patting the youngster's back. "Do you watch it every night?"

The little lad chuckled.

"Oh, no, sir," he said gleefully. "That's not the sun setting. That's our school burning down."

# Refuses to Vote Military Credits

A Paris despatch to the Central News says that the opening session of the Hungarian Chamber was a gloomy sitting. The Chamber refused to vote the new military credits demanded by the general staff. The attempt of Count Tisza, the Premier, to break down the opposition was futile.

The Morning Post's Berne correspondent gives a different version of the opening of the Chamber from that of the Central News. He says that Count Tisza in a long preliminary conference with the leadership of the Opposition, Counts Apponyi, Andrássy, Miticsy and Karponyi, tried to obtain their promise not to oppose the new bills to be submitted to the Chamber, but that it is believed he failed to secure their promise.

# GEN. IAN HAMILTON COMMANDS

## Noted British Officer Referred to as "My Chief" in Message From Gen. d'Amade

A despatch from London says: A Cairo letter to the Times describing the big camp of the allies' expeditionary force for the Dardanelles, now at Alexandria, reveals incidentally the fact that Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton is the commander-in-chief of that expedition. During a review of the forces, the letter says, Gen. d'Amade, commander of the French section, referred to Gen. Hamilton as "my chief."

# Started Out For England

A despatch from London says: Fred T. Jane, a well-known naval expert, addressing a meeting at Liverpool, said that it was not generally known that the Germans tried to land an expeditionary force in England and that it was the British navy that made them go back to their harbor again. The navy saved the country and there was never a word of it in the newspapers.

# Wanted Time.

"In the time it takes me to tell you how to do the work I could do it myself!" I could do it myself!" I could do it myself!" I could do it myself!" I could do it myself!" I could do it myself!"

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