THREE-MILE LIMIT MAY BE CHANGED TO ABOUT TWELVE MILES

Scandanavian Navy Now Running Smugglers That Distance Navy May Work

By DAVID LAWRENCE

NOTON. April 22. The navy states may be ordered in n against the run runners President Harding has that the only practicable tup hootlegging on the seas waters inside the three patrolled carefully by all craft of the American navv. time being no effort will be outside the three-mile under a recent court decombition authorities feel and effective use of the sea forces of the government to uphold the Volstead hich comes within the three and then makes a dash for

the higher courts have not finally on the issue, prohi-Scandinavian countries operation in preventing their own vessels from conspiring to violate American laws might be secured.

There is a feeling in official circles here that the British government has lately been disposed to view with much more favor the overtures of the United States government for a better understanding with respect to the suppression of rum running. The principle nvolved is an important, one for if reat Britain were indifferent to a conspiracy to violate American laws here might be a reciprocity indiffernce exhibited in some future cases inrolving the same general idea but of much more serious import to the British empire. Diplomats in the Briish parliaments within the last weeks have indicated a belief on the part of of the members there that an american sentiment against Great Britain might be built up if rum running was countenanced by the Brish brough improper clearance papers and imilar devices. Whetner this is a cor-

the navy into the patrol business is one step which is being urged by prohibitionists because they believe it will be evidence of the good faith of the Fed-

eral government.
According to the prohibition enforce nent officers here rum running has declined materially in the last few months chiefly because of the disputes among the rum runners themselves, the growth of piracy among the adventurous skippers of rum running vessels and the huge cost of arranging for the shipment ashore of liquor from the larger to the smaller vessels. The wireless is the principal medium of wireless is the principal medium of communication but the government is exercising not only a close watch on the radio apparatus of the rum runners but is keeping an eye on the small craft. It is admitted, however, that the rum runners have had much the better of it in evading the government patrol especially in Florida waters, but the use of the navy is expected to For we know the perils lurking change that aspect materially. All the submarine chasers and light craft which have been idle since the war may be manned by the navy and sent on the enforcement patrol. The administration has been hard pushed by the "drys" to take this drastic step prohibition authorities feel and the drift today is toward complete

NEW ORLEANS COTTON NEW ORLEANS, April 22.—Lower prices were the rule in the cotton market last week, especially after the in Scandinavian countries middle of the week and following the welve mile limit is observed federal government's injunction suit where a twelve mile limit is observed by vessels chasing those engaged in smuggling. They have no doubt that the twelve mile limit will be upheld sion when the trading months were by the highest American courts and that it will have a distinct influence on the attitude of foreign governments. The prohibition enforcement continues of the mighest the trading months were showed net losses of 120 to 140 points. At the highest the trading months were gent has deferred to the wishes of the 46 points higher to 6 points lower and the department of state in recent months and the close of the preceding week. hosts. efraining from any act which might May traded as high as 28.20 cents a refraining from any act which higher many traded as high as 28.20 cents a The menu included the choicest cause international compilerations by pound, as low as 26.18 and closed at viands of Italy, and the repast was the seizure of vessels outside, the three 26.55. The market fluctuated over a finest ever enjoyed by local newspapermile limit and the effect of this policy range of 12.46 to 202 points. In the has been to give Secretary Hughes an spot department prices lost 138 points opportunity to negotiate quietly with on middling which closed at 27.25 foreign governments so that their co, against 16.88 on the close of this week last year.
The most powerful influence was the

injunction suit against the sugar mar-ket, which prompted the fear that the government might take unfavorable action against cotton should bullish operations in May and July be carried beyond certain limits. Because of this the extremely bullish statistics of the week had no effect on values. The visible supply of American cotton lost almost 100,000 bales during the week and, for the first time in the memory of most brokers and traders, was re-duced to smaller proportions than the visible supply of other growths of cotton, the figures being 10,887,084 bales f American against 1,868,425 bales of other growths.

.During the greater part of the week the weather was unfavorable but had no great effect in supporting values in the early sessions and none at all later. Too much rain fell in practi cally all states of the belt and tem-peratures nearly everywhere were too low. Planting was delayed and at the end of the week the crop, as a whole side the subject, for if President Hard- was generally described as being late.

Ing insists to the British government. The government report on intended by the weekly Liverpool responds to that better co-operation be practiced cotton acreage this season, indicating the fluctuations of the last two he is very likely to have his way, an increase 12 percent over the acreage sions in the American markets. what the British want really is to see of last season, caused a great deal ter that, in the opinion of most brok-whether the United State government of selling. At the opining this week ers, weather conditions should have is itself in carnest. The ordering of first prices probably will be governed much to do with the shaping of prices.

Peasantry As Famine Fades

Hoover Sees Hope For Russian

SOCIETY

OMINOUS WORDS There's a prospect most alluring

In the thought of motor-touring And of gypsying the highways far away from our abodes. Till amid our contemplation, We receive the information-"Heaven help us, they've been working on the roads!"

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full of snakes and frogs and toads; But we raise a doleful chorus When this terror is before us. Heaven help us, they've been "working on the roads."

Where the highway gangs are working How they dump the mud in mountains and the stone in mighty loads;

When no other vision daunts us, Here's a fear that always haunts u Heaven help us they've been "working on the roads.

Puncture, blowouts, engine trouble Fret the owner of a bubble And he's always getting tangled in the

local laws and codes; But there's none of these that feazes Like that awfullest of phrases, Heaven help us, they've been "working on the roads."

—By Berton Braley. (Copright, 1923, NEA Service, Inc.)

Delectable Dinner

A delectable five course dinner was served yesterday aboard the Italian steamer Rosandra, in honor of several newspapermen, Capt. Roberts de Raya and the officers of the vessel being the

The menu included the choicest

Misses Margaret and Lila Mae Mc-Alister have returned from visits to Washington, Richmond and Wilson after spending a pleasant vacation.

Mrs. J. D. Edwards and Kenneth Scott returned to the city yesterday afternoon from Chapel Hill, where they went to visit Mrs. Edward's son at the university after the competition at Greensboro. Wilmington has the distinction of having two of its representatives win the contest out of the four held, one in piano and one in vio-No other city in the state has done this.

The Woman's auxiliary of the St Andrew's Presbyterian church will hold its regular monthly meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the church parlors. All members are urged to at tend, as plans for the coming year will be made.

Dempsey, former pugilist, is selling coal, and it would take him to sell us very much now.

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DARMOND THE MIDNIGHT GUEST" Opening Today at the Royal.

THEATRICAL

"TO HAVE AND TO HOLD" The term "all-star cast" is much and To Hold," opening at the Grand today, is a picture to which it might be truthfully applied. The role of the pretty heroine. "Jocelyn Leigh," the ward who flees half-way round the world to escape marriage with a man she hates, is in the capable hands of Betty Compson, the charming Para-mount star. Miss Compson has never done better work.

Bert Lytell plays the romantic hero, "Captain Ralph Percy," who risks a hundred deaths to win the fair Betty's hand. Mr. Lytell is one of the best known character stars in screendom. In "Lombardi Ltd," "The Right of Way," and "A Trip to Paradise," he

scored notable successes. Theodore Koslof, who deserted the Russian ballet to enter the movies and has been seen in many Cecil B. De Mille productions and other Paramount pictures, is the "heavy" of "To Have and To Hold"—a ruffled and be spangled dandy of the king's court and the best swordsman in England.

W. J. Ferguson, whose stage experi ence dates back to the night in Ford's theatre, Washington, when Lincoln was shot, has a comedy role in the picture He is 'Jeremy Sparrow," Bert Lytell's scamp servant.

Walter Long one of the best-hated Paramount villains, is a rough pirate in this picture.

Others in the extraordianry cast are Raymond Hatton, who does a delicious piece of character acting as the king, Claire Du Brey, Anne Cornwall, Fred Huntley and Arthur Rankin.

WTHE MIDNIGHT GUEST" promised in the Universal all star attraction at the Royal theatre today. It is "The Midnight Guest,"

The story of a girl criminal who is given a chance to find the right path an optimist, while a cynic, refusing to believe in any apparent good in her makes every step of her upward climb a fighting hell. The clash of cynics and optimists is as old as the world and as common as neighbors.

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actresses, Mahlon Hamilton and Clyde Fillmore. Other players in the cast include Maathilde Brundage, Ethel Ritchie, Vernon Dent and Pat Harmon. It was written by Rupert Julian. Geo. Archainbaud directed.

WAS IN FLOWER" "One of the most beautiful scenes in "When Knighthood Was in Flower," Cosmopolitan's picturization for Paramount of Charles Major's romance of the reign of King Henry VIII which comes to the Victoria theatre Thursday, is the royal chapel where Princess Mary, portrayed by Marion Davies, the star, intercedes for Charles Brandon, who has been condemned to the block. The setting is a gem of Tudor architecture, with elaborately carved oaken panels and lighted by stained glass windows, copied from the originals in Hampton Court Palace in England. The Princess kneels before an ancient wood-carved statue of Saint Anne,—itself a treasure of antiquity-and the composition and lighting of the scene make it resemble a mediaeval painting. The statue of Saint Anne was carved in the fifteenth century by Reinscheider, a famous carver of that period, and is vauled at \$6,000. Seats go on sale Wednesday at the Wilmington Talking

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Analyzing the situation in Russia in a recent letter to C. V. Hibbard, associate general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Herbert Hoover, chairman of the American Relief Administration, said that "fundamental recovery is taking place (in Russia) but it will be slow and painshut i initiative in agriculture, small trades and small industries. The agricultural population (over 90 per cent.