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Letrihe Flag Fly.

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Washington has issued a warn, by the Kaiser and members of ing against desecration of the his family and may be confisca-American flag by aliens and has ted by the United States Governsent the following notice to Fed. ment in case of war. eral Attorney and Marshals throughout the country:

"Any alien'enemy tearing down, mutilating, abnsing or desecrating the United States flag in any to the public peace or safety within the meaning of regulation 12 of the proclamation of the President, issued April 6, 1917, and will be subject to summary arrest and confinement."

An alien who desecrates or abuses or in any way offers insult to the American flag not only offends American sentiment and American people, but it is capable of acts that would injure the material interests of the country in time of war. He may properly be regarded as a danger to the public peace of safety and should kept there until the war is over.

The American people love their flag as intensely as any alien can hate it, and the alien who attempts to mistreat it or shows disrespect for it is not wise. The United States is now at war and the flag is in evidence everywhere. It is the outward manifestation of a people's loyalty to their country and their devotion to the principles which the flag represents in war and peace. Neither the quality or quantity of a citizen's patriotism is to be guaged by his attitude on the question of displaying the flag at his home or

Kaiser Owns United States Property. Ten million dollars worth of The Department of Justice at United States stock are owned

Fact, just made public indicate Wilhelm's concern ever reaffirmation of treaties guaranteeing German's personal property against seizure may have way will be regarded as a danger been caused by personal rather than national reasons.

The Kaiser is one of the greatest American property owners. He had a fancy for railway securities. When the war begun he is said to have possessed \$4,000,-000 in stocks and bonds of the Santa Fe, Union and Southern Pacific, and other Western lines. These shares were held in the

name of the dummies or German brokerage houses in New York. The Kaiserin herself holds half

a million in American securities. Prince Henry while in this country is said to have made investbe promptly landed in jail and ments for himself totaling several millions.

> There is evidence that the agents of the Kaiser have made stock market cleanups on strength of advance information from Berlin.

The Kaiser is said to have large land holdings in America, much more valuable now than when bought twenty years ago. He is part owner of the North Lloyd and Hamburg-American Lines which have \$20,000,000 in ships tied up in American ports. Without these ships re-establishment of German commerce after the war would be hampered.

The Kaiser is the majority ownhis place of business. But if a er of a silk mill in Patterson, N. citizen feels that he should raise J., which by the way, was shown the flag, it is his right and even by the commission on indurtrial his duty to do so. It would be relations to pay the lowest waa grand sight to see the Stars ges, and compel the worst workand Stripes floated over every ing conditions in that district. home and business house, every As a stockholder in a Chicago



Count Tarnowski.

CREATION OF MUNITIONS * BOARD IS ANNOUNCED

WILL BE CHARGED WITH SUPPLY. ING ARMY AND NAVY WITH MUNITIONS AND EQUIPMENT.

Washington .- Creation of a general munitions board was announced by the Council of National Defense. It will be headed by Frank A. Scott, a Cleveland manufacturer, and will be charged with supplying the army and navy with munitions and enquipment. One of its chief functions will be to decide dustrial needs.

The board's establishment puts into the hands of a group of army and navy officers and industrial leaders virtually the same task given the British minister of munitions. It creates machinery for a government department the need

Twenty men, fifteen of them army and navy officers make up the board. Besides Mr. Scott, its civilian members are Bernard M. Baruch, Howard Packing Company the Kaiser is E. Coffin, Julius Rosenwald and Dr. been sent to American diplomatic and Franklin Martin. From the army there are Brig. Gen. Thomas Cruse. Col. F. G. Hodgson, Col. H. Fisher, tente interests in Austria, and of Aus-E. Pierce, Maj. Charles Wallace and Capt. A. B. Parker and from the navy, Rear Admiral H. H. Rousseau, Rear Admiral W. S. Capps, Commander R. H. Leigh, Commander T. A. Kearney. Dr. R. C. Holcomb, Paymaster J. H. Hancock and Lieuts. W. B. Lemly and L.McHowe. The board will be expected to equip and arm forces called into service. said the Defense Council's announcements with the least possible disarrangement of normal industrial conditions or interference with shipments to the Entente Allies. Its immediate efforts will be directed towards coordinating army and navy purchases and in assisting in acquirement of raw materials for manufacturing facilities

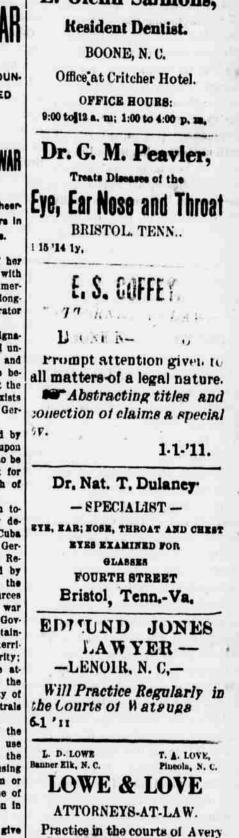


Word Flashed Abroad.

"Article 3 .--- The President will give anticipation of the development, have account to Congress of the measures

any way he may deem necessary. Telegrams prepared a week ago in

adopted in fulfillment of this law,



and surrounding counties. Careful attention given to all matter

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Will practice it the courts of

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alien enemies, but to emphasize the American public. to give expression to their resent way. If there be an alien on this the American flag, let him rather betake himself to his own or State. or some other country. Nobody sent for him and nobody is holding him here, but everybopy will be willing to do their bit to expe-

factory and shop in the U.S.

pedite and accelerate his departure. This is a land of freemen who love peace. But when the tocsin

of war has sounded and Old Glory is unfurled to the breeze, let alien enemies and disloyal citizens walk straight and keep silent.

Chamberia's Cough Remedy a Favorite For Colds.

J L Easley, Macon, Ill., in spea king of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy says, "During the past fifreen years it has been my sister's favorite medicine for colds on the lungs. I myself have taken it a number of times when suffering with a cold, and it always relieved me promptly.

BIG OFFENSIVE IN FRANCE BRITISH FORCES LAUNCH

What seemingly is the commence ment of a big offensive by the British forces in France has begun along a 15-mile line extending from Lens to the village of Henin-Sur-Cojeul, lying to the southeast of Arras. On the entire line, big gains in terrain have tywhere been made. Heavy casand in addition prisoners runbeen counted, were captured.

The American people are not reputed to have piled up wealth flying the flag to give offense to at the expense of the Allies and

their own loyalty to their gov. It is rumored the Federal Government in this time of stress ernment is investigating the exand strife. If there be aliens who tent of Wilhelm's holdings with resent the display of our nation- the idea that if the government al emblem, they will do well not should not confiscate property of individual German citizens, exment by violating the flag in any ception should be made in the Kai ser's case on the ground that his soil who is tempted to pull down autocratic relations to the govor mutilate, abuse or desecrate ernment make his holdings, in effect, the property of the German

> This property, if confiscated, would be converted into the United States Federal Treasury,-Press Dispatch.

Despondency Due to Coustipation.

Women often become nervous and despondent. When this is due to constipation it is easily corrected by taking an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tabets. These tablets are easy to take and pleasant in effect.

ACKSONVILLE PIER DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Jacksonville, Fla .- One of the New York piers of the Clyde Line Steamship Company was destroyed by fire here. A second pier was damaged, and a lighter laden with rosen and considerable freight was burned. The steamer Huron, lying in the slip, was moved to safety. The origin of the fire was unkonwn. The loss was estimated by company officials at \$150,000. The blaze was discovered in a corner of the pler warehouse.

GRATIFYING REPORTS ON GERMAN-AMERICAN CONDUCT.

Washington. - Gratifying reports have been made to the Department of Justice from its agents in all parts of the country on the behavior of Germans and German-Americans following the decelaration of a state of war between the two nations. While about 100 special arrests have been ordered and others are expected, Attorney General Gregory said that so far the aib uation is very encouraging.

anad navy orders. AUSTRIAN MERCHANT SHIPS TAKEN OVER BY UNITED STATES

and will establish precedence in army

Washington, - Fourteen Austrian merchant vessels in Americah ports were taken over by the government coincident with the announcement that Austria had broken diplomatic relations.

Telegrams to the collectors of customs at the ports concerned were sent personally by Secretary McAdoo instructing that the crews aboard the vessels be removed and that customs guards be placed in their stead. The status of the removed crews will be determined by immigration authorities. In a formal announcement of the government's action Secretary Mc-Adoo made it clear that the government had not confiscated the vessels, but had acted for the purpose of protecting them "from further injury." From this statement was inferred that the ships were damaged by their crews as in the case of the German vessels taken over by the governmen upon the declaration of war with Germany. The vessels thus taken into the government's keeping were all Atlan-

tic or Gulf Ports as follows: New York, Dora Himalaia, Ida and Martha Washington, at Boston; the Erny; at Philadelphia, the Franconia; at Newport News, the Budapest; at Pensacola, the Lucia; at Tampa, the Borneo; at New Orleans, the Anna, Clara and Teresa, and at Galveston, the Campania and Morowitz.



consular officials abroad instructing them to wind up their conduct of En-Lieut. Col. J. E. Hoffer, Major J. train interests in Entente countries Spain will take over American interests in Austria and Sweden will as sume Austrian interests here.

Safe conduct for the former Austrain officials on their trip home will be sought at once from the British and French Governments. With them will go Count Tarnowski, the newlyappointed Austrian Ambasador, who arrived at New York on the day Germany announced her campaign of ruthlessnes, but whose credentials President Wilson has refused to accept while negotiations proceeded to develop how fully the Vienna Gov ernment endorsed the submarine pol

icy of her Ally. In a statement reviewing these ne gotiations, the State Department revealed that on April 1. before President Wilson went before Congress to ask for declaration of a state of war with Germany, Austria served notice that such a declaration would mean a break between the Washington and Vienna Governments. This notification brought to an abrupt end the State Department's efforts to dissuade the Austrian Foreign Office from adhering fully to the German submarine policy

Disposed to Be Tolerant. Although the full text of the com munication exchanged was not given out, the Department's review disclos ed a disposition on the part of the United States to tolerate Austria's verbal endorsement of the German policy, provided there were no steps for actual co-operation and no in sistence that Count Tarnowski be re ceived by the President. On the part of Austria, there was evident a desire to maintain friendly relations, but ar increasing inability to do so because of German pressure.

Officials were without definite ad ices regarding arrangements for withdrawal of the Embassy staff at Vienna and other Americans in the dual Empire. Ambassador Penfield already is in Switzerland, having been ordered more than a week ago to start for Washington for personal discussion of the American negotiations. It is assumed that no obstacles will be placed in the way of the departure of American Charge Grew, his staff, the 200 other native Americans scattered throughout Austria and Hungary, and such of the 1,800 or more naturalized

American citizens who care to leave. to take over Austrian interests here, Departing Austrians. but he expected his request for such Baron Zwiedinek and other Austrain authorization to be granted within a officials in the United States probably few hours.

which will be in operation from the of a legal nature. moment of its publication in the of-7-6-12. ficial gazette."

Vessels Selzed.

Chief Inspector of the Port Panne notified Eusebio Azjiazu, Secretary to the President, that he had observed large volumes of smoke pouring from the funnel of the self-interned German ship Bavaria. Port police went aboard the ship and were informed by her commander. Captain Graafies, that he in compliance with orders from his Government, had attempted to damage the machinery in order to render the ship useless.

PRESIDENT SENDS REPLY TO POINCARE'S MESSAGE.

Washington .- In response to Presi dent Poincare's congratulations upon the entrance of the United States into the war, President Wilson sent this message:

"In this trying hour when the destinies of civilized mankind are in the balance, it has been a source of grati fication and joy to me to receive your congratulations upon the step which my country has been constrained to take in opposition to the relentless pol icy and course of imperalistic Ger many.

"It is very delightful to us that France, who stood shoulder to shoulder with us of the Western world in our struggle for independence, should now give us such a welcome into the lists of battle as upholders of the freedom and rights of humanity.

"We stand as partners of the noble democracies, whose aims and acts make for the perpetuation of the rights and freedom of man and for the safeguarding of the true principles of human libertles. In the name of the American people I salute you and your Illustrious countrymen."

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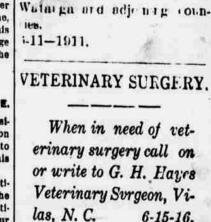
Swedish Minister Ekengren in con-

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