

GERMANY WROUGHT

HER OWN DARK FATE

Declaration of Allies in Answering Rantzau's Note

TEXT OF NOTE AND ANSWER

Loss to Shipping Through Ruthless Submarine Warfare Nearly 13,000,000 Tons.

Paris, May 23.—Germany's economic status under the terms of the peace treaty is the result of her own behavior, particularly through the ruthless submarine warfare, the Allied and associated council informed Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, in answer to his note on the economic questions. The Allied answer which was made public today with the text of the German note is negative. It points out that the German plea is exaggerated and ignores the fundamental considerations which led to the imposition of the terms.

The loss to world shipping through the German submarine campaign, it is declared in reply, was nearly thirteen million tons. The Allied propose to make Germany repay only four million tons. Responsibility for this shortage in shipping is placed directly on Germany and the German share in replacing it is called "very moderate."

Hua Arguments Answered.

In answer to the German plea that Germany will be called upon to feed 67,000,000 persons, it is declared that the peace treaty takes 6,000,000 out of German control. It is added that German agriculture is in better shape than that of Poland, Belgium and Northern France where the fighting was heaviest. The Germans complained that they would lose certain necessary commodities. The Allied reply is that Germany can import these goods. Germany, it is asserted, destroyed the Lens coal fields, and the coal fields taken from her in payment for the destruction wrought still leaves her sufficient sources of fuel. The Germans complained that the German population would suffer under the treaty, which was described as a "death sentence." The reply points out that all countries are suffering as a result of the war and there is no reason why Germany which was responsible for the war, should not suffer. German figures as to the loss in population due to the blockade and speculation as to what will happen to the population in the future are declared to be fallacious. There will be every opportunity for Germany to make her position in the world both stable and prosperous. Germany, it is pointed out, has not suffered from pillage and devastation and there will be a saving from reduction of armaments and the size of her army and in turning of the armament-making population to works of peace.

Text of the Note.

The note from Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German peace delegation at Versailles, regarding the economic effect of the peace treaty, dated at Versailles, May 13, was made public today. The note reads:

"Mr. President: In conformity with my communication of the 9th instant, I have the honor to present to your excellency the report of the economic commission charged with the study of the effect of the conditions of peace on the situation of the German population:

"In the course of the last two generations Germany has become transformed from an agricultural State to an industrial State. As long as she was an agricultural State, Germany could feed 40,000,000 inhabitants. In her quality as an industrial State

she could ensure the nourishment of a population of 67,000,000. In 1913, the importation of foodstuffs amounted in round figures to 12,000,000 tons. Before the war a total of 15,000,000 persons provided for their existence in Germany by foreign trade and by navigation, either in a direct or an indirect manner, by the use of foreign raw material.

What Germany Must Do.

"According to the conditions of the peace treaty, Germany will surrender her merchant tonnage and ships in course of construction suitable for overseas trade. German shipbuilding yards will build for five years in the first instance tonnage destined for the Allied and associated governments. Germany will, moreover, renounce her colonies, all her overseas possessions, all her interest and securities in the Allied and associated countries and in their colonies, dominions and protectorates; will, as an installment of the payment for part of the reparation, be subject to liquidation and may be exposed to any other economic war measure which the Allied and associated powers think fit to maintain or

to take during the years of peace.

"By the putting into force of the territorial clauses of the treaty of peace Germany would lose to the East the most important regions for the production of corn and potatoes, which would be equivalent to the loss of 21 per cent of the total crop of those articles of food. Moreover, the intensity of our agricultural production would diminish considerably. On the other hand, the importation of certain raw material indispensable for the production of manure, such as phosphates, would be hindered; on the other hand this industry would suffer likewise with all other industries from lack of coal. The treaty of peace provides for the loss of almost a third of the production of our coal mines. Apart from this decrease we are forced for ten years to deliver enormous consignments of coal to various Allied countries.

"Moreover, in conformity with the treaty, Germany will concede to her neighbors nearly three quarters of her mineral production and more than three-fifths of her zinc products.

Industry Would Suffer.

"After this diminution of her products, after the economic depression caused by the loss of her colonies, of her merchant fleet and of her possessions abroad, Germany would not be in a state to import from abroad a sufficient quantity of raw materials. An enormous part of German industry would therefore inevitably be condemned to destruction."

"At the same time the necessity of importing foodstuffs would increase considerably, whilst the possibility of satisfying that demand would diminish in the same proportion.

"At the end of a very short time Germany would therefore not be in a position to give bread and work to her numerous millions of inhabitants who would be reduced to earning their livelihood by navigation and by trade. Those persons would have to emigrate but that is a material impossibility, all the more so because many countries, and the most important ones, will oppose any German immigration. Moreover, hundreds of millions (?) of Germans expelled from the territories of the powers now at war with Germany, from the colonies and territories which Germany must surrender will return to their native land.

"The putting into execution of the ends of peace would therefore logically bring about loss of several millions of persons in Germany. This catastrophe wouldn't be long in coming about, seeing that the health of the population has been broken down during the war by the blockade, and during the armistice by the aggravation of the blockade of famine. No help, however important or over however long a period, it might be distributed, would prevent these deaths en masse. Peace would impose on Germany numberless human sacrifices that this war of four years and a half did not demand of her pride (1,750,000 killed, nearly one million dead, victims of the blockade).

"We do not know, and indeed we doubt, whether the delegates of the Allied and associated powers realize the inevitable consequences which will take place in Germany. An industrial state very thickly populated closely bound up with the economic system of the world, and reduced to the obligation to import enormous quantities of raw material and foodstuffs, suddenly finds herself pushed back in the phase of her development which would correspond to her economic conditions and the numbers of her population as they were half a century ago. Those who will sign this treaty will sign the death sentence of many millions of German men, women and children."

"I thought it my duty, before entering upon discussion of other details of the treaty, to bring to the knowledge of the Allied and associated delegations this summary exposure of the problem of the German population.

"I have at the disposal of your excellency statistical proofs of the above statements.

"I have the honor, etc.

(Signed) "Brockdorff-Rantzau."

Allies Answer.

The reply of the Allied and associated powers, approved by the council of their principal members on May 22, also was made public. It reads as follows:

"The Allied and associated powers have received and have given careful attention to the report of the commission appointed by the German Government to examine the economic conditions of the treaty of peace.

"This report appears to them to contain a very inadequate presentation of the facts of the case, to be marked in parts by great exaggeration, and to ignore the fundamental considerations arising both out of the incidence and the results of the war, which explain and justify the terms that it is sought to impose.

"The German note opens with the statement that the industrial resources of Germany were inadequate before the war for the nourishment of a population of 67,000,000, and it argues as though this were the total for which with diminished resources she will still be called upon to provide.

"This is not the case. The total population of Germany will be reduced by about 6,000,000 persons in the non-German territories which it is proposed to transfer. It is the needs of this smaller aggregation that we are called upon to consider.

"Complaint is made in the German note that Germany is required to surrender her merchant tonnage, existing or in course of construction, and that a prior claim is made upon her shipbuilding capacity for a limited term of years. No mention, however, is made of the fact that considerable smaller portion of the tonnage of Germany is left to her unimpaired; and it seems to have entirely escaped the notice of her spokesmen, that the sa-

crifice of her larger shipping is the inevitable and necessary penalty imposed upon her for the ruthless campaign which, in defiance of all laws and precedent, she waged during the last two years of the war upon the merchant shipping of the world.

Partial Offset.

"As a partial offset against the twelve and three-fourths million tons

of shipping sunk, it is proposed to transfer 4,000,000 tons of German shipping. In other words, the shipping which it is proposed to take from Germany constitutes less than one-third of that which was thus wantonly destroyed. The universal shortage of merchant shipping is the result, not

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Commercial Bank & Trust Company,  
Plaintiff,

against  
Wallace Keels and Tourie Brigge,  
Defendant.

Copy Summons for Relief  
(Complaint Served)  
TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE  
NAMED:—

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint on the subscribers at their office, 120-122 North Main Street, in the City of Sumter, S. C., within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Lee and Moise,  
Plaintiff's Attorneys  
Dated April 30, A. D. 1919.  
TO THE DEFENDANT, TOURIE BRIGGS:—

You will please take notice that the Summons, of which the above is a copy, together with the Complaint in the above styled action, were filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas in the County of Clarendon, State aforesaid, on May 2, 1919.

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