

WILSON TAKES GREAT POWERS

Issues Executive Order to Completely Reorganize the War Machine

STOPS AID TO FOE

Censorship Board With Full Powers Created by President in His Momentous Decree.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Washington, Oct. 14. — President Wilson issued an Executive order tonight by the sweeping terms of which he put into effect practically all of the great powers vested in him by the provisions of the trading with the enemy act, one of the most drastic pieces of legislation that has passed an American Congress.

By the regulations set forth, the President took over complete control of American commerce and trade, both as regards exports and imports, and prescribed, in careful detail, the conditions on which trading with "enemy" interests may be carried on. One provision is that no cent of the money involved shall be permitted to be contributed to the welfare of enemy countries.

Take Over Enemy Property.

Provisions of far-reaching consequence are made for the taking over, when deemed advisable, of enemy property in the United States by an alien property custodian to be named by the President. It is further provided that enemy-held patents may be used to aid in the winning of the war.

To throw every possible safeguard around information which might get to the enemy, the President created a Censorship Board with full powers to censor cable, radio, and mail communications of every sort passing between this country and any foreign nation. Censorship of the foreign-language press is vested in the Postmaster-General.

Some Machinery Reorganized.

Some of the war-time machinery already in existence was reorganized by the terms of the order. The Exports Administrative Board goes out of existence, and is replaced by the War Trade Board, which will supervise exports and imports, and consider applications for licenses to trade with "enemy" firms, thus making it possible to shut off coal from South American public utilities now in German hands, if it is deemed expedient.

Foreign insurance companies in the United States will be subject to a licensing system which will be controlled by Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury Department, who also will retain control of shipments of gold, silver, bullion and currency.

Vance McCormick, Chairman of the Exports Administrative Board, will remain as Chairman of the War Trade Board, and the present personnel will not be changed. A representative of the Treasury Department will be added. A War Trade Council will be organized to act in an advisory capacity and will include the present members of the Exports Council and Chairman Edward M. Hurley of the United States Shipping Board.

The additional powers thus vested in the various branches of the Government's war machinery, it is believed, will make it possible for the United States to cut off absolutely the last vestige of hope of German agents to get aid to their nation. The law provides heavy penalties for the punishment of those engaged in such traffic.