

and purposes of the guard on the Westerplatte; as the latter has simply to confine itself to watching over war material in transit, and may not assume a military character.

(Signed) Dr. ZIEHM.

Appendix III.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE FREE CITY OF DANZIG TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

[Translation from the German.]

Geneva, March 13th, 1933.

In connection with the Danzig request for the withdrawal of the reinforcements of the guard detachment on the Westerplatte, which is at present before the Council of the League, I have the honour to inform you that, according to information just received from Danzig, severe damage has also been done to Danzig trade through the non-observance by Poland of the Treaty provisions with regard to the munition basin of the Westerplatte. For over a week past, the basin on the Westerplatte has been uninterruptedly closed to peaceful trade and the prescribed time-limits have not been observed. Although unloadings of ammunition and war material have only taken place at certain hours and are now no longer taking place, the Danzig merchants who, trusting in the observance of the treaties, have stored goods in the sheds on the Westerplatte, or who wish to store goods therein, are unable to gain access to the said goods and sheds. This bears with particular hardness on the seasonal business of the fertiliser trade. Danzig firms, which at present wish to fulfil their contracts for the delivery of fertilisers by a particular date, are prevented from doing so by Poland's action, and their business is thus very seriously affected. All the endeavours of the Danzig delegation on the Harbour Board to secure, by means of representations to the Polish diplomatic representative in Danzig, the evacuation by Poland of at least the northern part of the munitions basin, which is at present not being used, as well as emphatic protests by the President of the Harbour Board, have proved of no avail.

(Signed) Dr. ZIEHM.

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FREE CITY OF DANZIG.

GUARD DETACHMENT FOR THE POLISH WAR MATERIAL DEPOT ON THE WESTERPLATTE.

LETTER FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AT DANZIG TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

[Translation.]

Geneva, March 16th, 1933.

At the Council meeting on March 14th, His Excellency M. Beck, Foreign Minister of Poland, informed the Council that his Government had decided to reduce the guard on the Westerplatte to its normal strength without delay. He also stated that the Polish Government was prepared to get into touch with the High Commissioner immediately to fix the exact date and hour of the execution of the measure it had decided upon, in order to avoid any delay.

As a result of conversations I have had with His Excellency M. Beck and the members of the Polish delegation, I have the honour to request you to notify the Council that M. Beck has informed me that the withdrawal of the effectives in question will be carried out to-day, March 16th, before 10 p.m.

(Signed) Helmer ROSTING,
High Commissioner