

# LANE PROMISES TO ABOLISH RED TAPE

### Secretary Studies Cause of Bitterness in West and Suggests Remedy.

## BUREAUCRACY MUST GO

### Just Ground Found to Exist for Complaint That Administration of Land Affairs Has Been Tedious and Irrisome.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 15.—"The whole West has felt bitter towards the Interior Department," said Secretary Lane, on his return to Washington, "and I have devoted much thought and study to ascertain the reason. I have concluded that this bitterness is due partially to the bureaucratic administration of the department, but the main complaint is because there is too much red tape.

"I believe a great deal of this dissatisfaction can be done away with by the elimination of red tape," the Secretary continued, "and I am going to devise ways of insuring more prompt action on matters coming before the department. I intend, among other things, to place more responsibility on our officials in the West, and bring about, as far as possible, a decentralization of our Administration."

Secretary Lane has arrived at the conclusion that much of the dissatisfaction is justified.

### Long-Distance Rule Unsatisfactory.

The Secretary found that the people of the West were dissatisfied with the manner in which their land affairs were being regulated at Washington. They disapproved long-distance administration and rulings and decisions by men knowing nothing of the facts save as gathered from the record, and often by officials having no sympathy with the people of the West. Frequently, land matters arising in the West would be referred to Washington, by Washington they would in time be referred back to the West, then back to Washington, and this process would often keep up indefinitely. The officials in the West would be without authority to act, and the authorities at Washington, possessed of the authority, would be without the information possessed by field representatives, local land officers and others on the ground.

That these delays have proved irksome, Secretary Lane admits, and that the people of the West have just ground for complaint against the department he finds is true. He holds that the people of the West also have a just complaint against the bureaucratic methods that have grown up in the department, and he himself disapproves such methods.

### Decentralization to Be Policy.

The Secretary unhesitatingly condemned the modern tendency to centralize the authority of the Interior Department, and said he would make an effort to decentralize the administration of public land affairs, and increase the authority of the officials "on the ground," as he expressed it.

Secretary Lane will appeal to Congress for authority to make those reforms which can only be brought about by legislative sanction. He will also urge several important changes in the public land laws, many of which he finds are obsolete and unsuited to present-day conditions. He will, in general, appeal for more liberal laws for the benefit of the bonafide homeseeker, who today has to cope with many administrative hardships.

In carrying out the reforms which he has roughly outlined in his own mind, Secretary Lane will have to upset precedents of years standing, and revise departmental practices in the handling of all sorts of public land matters but he is not averse to overturning precedents. That the problem he is tackling is a big one the Secretary admits, but he feels equal to the task, having recovered from his recent illness.

Secretary Lane is casting theory aside. He proposes so far as possible to wipe out bureaucracy in the Interior Department and will go as far as the law and Congress will permit in cutting out red tape.

## WILSON FAVORS REBELS

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ognition, which would present a curious tangle in technicalities of international law, but it is pointed out by those who are urging informal dealings with the constitutionalists that in reality Governor Carranza was legally elected chief executive of the State of Coahuila and that he and Governor Maytorena, of Sonora, justify their armed resistance of Huerta as a measure of defense against those who took possession of the federal government machinery in the Mexican capital by arbitrarily overthrowing Madero.

That President Wilson believes the Mexico City administration is incapable of restoring constitutional authority is evident and there is a well-founded understanding that the Washington Government will adopt a drastic policy immediately but for the fear that it would interfere with the Democratic programme of currency and other legislative reforms.

### Show of Force Not Desired.

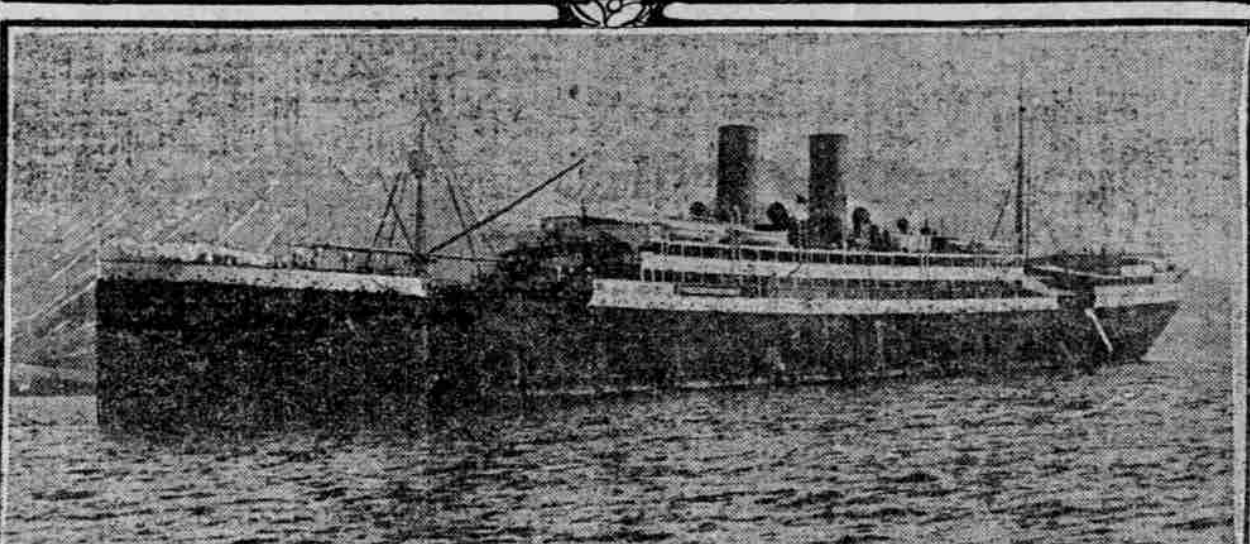
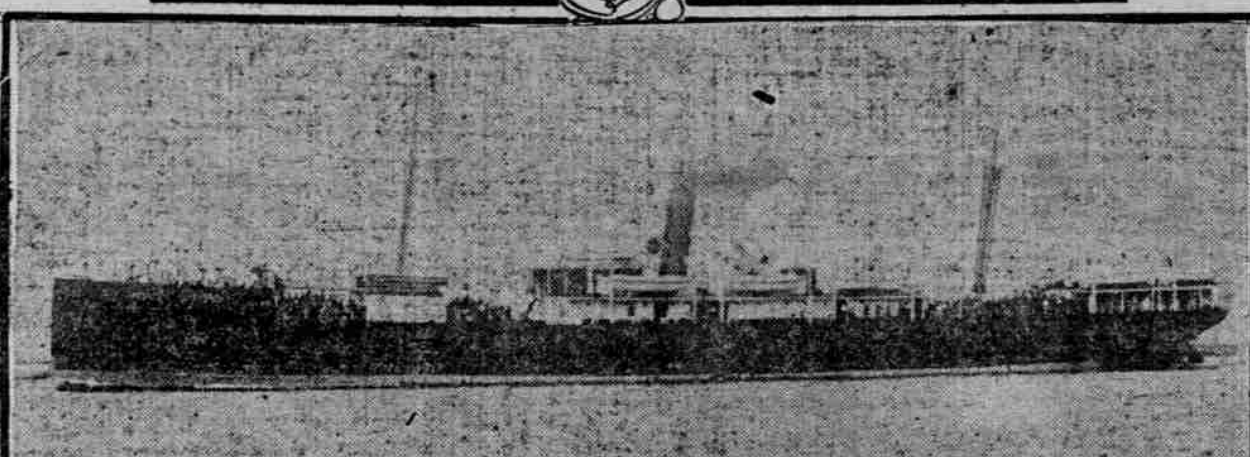
Those who know President Wilson's attitude best say he realizes the value of a show of force in the situation, but is unwilling to give his consent to any demonstration except with the intention of backing it up with actual use of force if events call for it. Means for dealing with the tangle through peaceful measures have by no means been exhausted and the likelihood is that before any military or naval demonstrations are considered seriously support may be thrown toward the constitutionalists, with the view of sweeping the Huerta regime from power.

The Washington Government would welcome the elimination of Huerta and if this can be accomplished by lifting the embargo on arms or giving the constitutionalists the moral support of this country, many officials favor such a policy.

### Goldendale Firm Closed Out.

GLENDALE, Or., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Snayder & Co., general merchants, were closed out today on an execution issued in favor of R. L. Sabin, of Portland. The place is in charge of Sheriff McGregor. The liabilities of Snayder & Co. are not equalled by the assets. The execution was to satisfy a note of more than \$6000.

## LOST STEAMER AND RESCUE SHIP IN LATEST MARINE DISASTER AND THEIR CAPTAINS.



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Top—Uranium Liner Voltorno, Burned at Sea. Middle—North German Lloyd Steamer Grosser Kurfurst, Which Answered S. O. S. Call. Below, Left—Captain Inch, of Voltorno. Right—Captain Barr, of Cunard Liner Germania, Which Answered Distress Call.

## BOAT'S CREW BRAVE

### Captain Inch, of Voltorno, Says Men Acted Well.

## SHIP TACKLE NOT ROTTEN

### Officer Declares Other Boats Did Everything Possible in Angry Seas to Effect Rescues. Face Is Badly Burned.

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appeared. More than that the Germania could not do, said Captain Inch. Eighteen cabin and two steerage passengers entered the first lifeboat that ventured to leave the Voltorno. Only enough of the crew stepped in to man it, said Inch. They did not rush to it and it was not crowded. Entangling itself in its after tackle, it capsized. All in it were drowned except Chief Officer Miller and a steward, who climbed into it after it had righted, and was rescued.

### Forty Get Away Safely.

Into the next boat went 30 passengers and 10 sailors. This boat got away all right, but has not been heard from. The third boat took off 40, 10 of them sailors. As she settled into the water 10 more jumped aboard from the Voltorno's deck. A wave swept it under the Voltorno's stern. "She just sat on it and crushed it out of sight," said Inch. "The men dived and was the only one to escape."

Inch denied reports of rotting tackle and fire hose and of unsafe lifeboats, saying all of these articles were in good condition. He counted only three explosions, the last one wrecking the wheel and compass so that a handgear had to be rigged up.

Inch denied stories of steerage passengers that people were swept overboard and babies were trampled on while being rescued by the Grosser Kurfurst's first boat that came in response to Lloyd's errand. Officers urged men and women to jump overboard, for the lifeboat could not get near enough for them to be lowered into it. None dared to jump. "Show them how to jump," Inch told his crew. Two at a time, they leaped over the rail. When passengers saw them reach the lifeboat they followed them into the sea. With boathooks and oars some were rescued. Others went to their deaths. No women were removed in this way. "Before I climbed down I went over-

fusing to leave the work of fire fighting.

"I smoked, smoked about all the time, cigars, pipes, cigarettes, anything I could get," Inch said. A blast of heat blinded his eyes with pain and the skin peeled from his face when he received his first medical attention after being rescued. They had to drop cocaine into his eye before he could see again.

Among the survivors on the Kroonland were three children, the whereabouts of their parents unknown.

## CRATER LICENSE NECESSITY

### State Game Warden Finley's Opinion Upheld by Crawford.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Crater Lake being inland and under the control of the state police, State Game Warden Finley can impose a license on persons who fish in it, said Attorney-General Crawford in an opinion for Governor West today.

Recently the Department of the Interior of the United States wrote to the Governor saying that news had been received that Finley wished to charge \$1 to persons who desired to fish in Crater Lake. The authority for Finley's doing this was questioned, as the lake is in a National park. Until a reply is received from Washington the question is in abeyance.

### Fall Downstairs Fatal.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Cordelia Mills, 81, mother of Mrs. F. T. Nelson, a prominent farmer's wife, died at Keno last night from the effects of a fall down a flight of stairs a few days ago. After the fall Mrs. Mills never recovered consciousness. In addition to injuring her head, the tumble fractured the shoulder.

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## CROWN PRINCE GOES OVER FATHER'S HEAD

### Protest Against Sister's Husband's Right to Brunswick Throne of No Avail.

## ROYAL FAMILY QUARRELS

### Imperial Chancellor Sides With German Emperor, and Princess' Position Is Even More Extreme Than Parent's.

BERLIN, Oct. 15.—The German Crown Prince recently sent a letter of protest to Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg against permissions being given to Prince Ernest August of Cumberland, the husband of the Crown Prince's only sister, to occupy the throne of the Duchy of Brunswick without his express renunciation of his pretensions to the throne of Hanover. This protest has proved unsuccessful, for the Imperial Chancellor sent today a long reply to the Crown Prince in which he justified the position taken by the Prussian government.

At the same time the Prussian government formulated today a resolution for submission to the Federal Council of the German empire revoking its decision of 1907, denying the right of any member of the House of Cumberland to occupy the Dukedom of Brunswick. By his action the Crown Prince has adopted an attitude of flat opposition to his father, the Emperor, who has accepted Prince Ernest August of Cumberland's oath of allegiance and letters patenting himself not to support any measures to detach Hanover from Prussia as ample guarantees for the future. The spectacle of an heir to the throne protesting in writing to the head of the government against a policy adopted by the sovereign is rare, and the incident probably accounts for the absence of the Crown Prince from the review by Emperor William of the Hussar regiments at Dantzig, of which the Crown Prince commands one, and from the luncheon at which every other officer of the brigade was present.

The situation possesses all the elements of a sensational dynastic family quarrel, particularly as signs her marriage to Prince Ernest August, Princess Victoria Louise has adopted a more extreme position than her father.



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