

DEMOCRATS AGREE TO WAR TAX LIST

Early Legislation for Emergency Revenue Is Now in Prospect.

REPUBLICANS PLAN ATTACK

Fight to Be Made on Theory Special Method to Supply Treasury Unnecessary if Harbor and Building Bills Are Trimmed.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Administration leaders in the House propose to expedite as rapidly as possible war revenue legislation, now that party differences have been ironed out in caucus.

Democrats of the ways and means committee will meet tomorrow to complete the draft of a bill outlined by the caucus to include a tax on beer, wines, gasoline, and the special and stamp taxes of the Spanish-American War revenue law.

Majority Leader Underwood hopes to introduce a bill late tomorrow to report it to the committee and to bring in a rule for its immediate consideration. The plan is to pass the bill by Saturday night if possible.

Republicans Plan Attack. Although Democrats of the Senate are inclined to look more favorably on the proposed measure than on previous efforts of the House committee to provide emergency revenue, Senate Republicans are maneuvering to attack the bill with all their strength.

It is the purpose of the minority to use the bill for political argument on the verge of the Fall campaign, and their hope is to keep the fight going until election time if possible.

Republican Senators tonight declared that the final action of the Democratic caucus in approving a form of taxation made by the Republican Congress in 1898 would not deter them in their opposition. They insist that conditions now are vastly different from those of the Spanish-American war. Their argument will be based on the Democratic revision of the tariff, which they will maintain is responsible for vast falling off in the revenue.

Even now a majority will urge, no emergency revenue measure would be necessary if the river and harbor bills were trimmed to \$12,000,000, just enough to take care of existing public works, and if a public building bill for the next year were abandoned.

In addition to wine, beer and gasoline taxes previously agreed on it will tax banks with capital and surplus not exceeding \$25,000, \$50 a year and \$2 for each additional \$100; stock brokers, \$50; pawnbrokers, \$20; commercial brokers, \$20; custom-house brokers, \$10; proprietors of theaters, museums and concert halls, \$100; circuses, \$100; public exhibitions, \$10; bowling alleys and billiard halls, \$5 per alley or table, besides in least tobacco, \$6 to \$25, according to volume of business; dealers in tobacco, \$12; manufacturers of tobacco and cigars, \$6 to \$24.

Telephone Messages Included. The stamp taxes proposed, subject to probable revision by the committee, are in detail as follows: Bank checks, 2 cents; drafts or bills of exchange, inland, 2 cents for each \$100; certificates of deposit, 2 cents; promissory notes, 2 cents for each \$100; money orders, 2 cents per \$100; express receipts, 1 cent; freight receipts, 1 cent; domestic bills of lading, 1 cent; telephone messages costing 15 cents or more, 1 cent; bonds, 50 cents; certificates of deposit, 2 cents per \$100; certificates of conveyance, 50 cents for each \$500; telegraph message, 1 cent; life insurance policies, 2 cents on each \$100; marine, inland, fire, certificates of guarantee, 1/2 of 1 per cent; leases, 25 cents to \$1; mortgages or conveyance in trust, 25 cents for each \$100; power of attorney to sell, 10 cents; protests, 25 cents; warehouse receipts, 25 cents.

Early Action Is Prospect. Democrats of the House ways and means committee began today their preparation of the bill with the proposed tax on freight transportation eliminated and designed to bring into the Treasury \$12,000,000. This was not only by party caucus direction but with the approval of President Wilson.

The action of the caucus, which was enthusiastic throughout, in abandoning the proposed freight tax, it was believed today, assured early Congressional action on the bill. Decision to eliminate the freight tax in the new bill was reached because of antagonism within the Democratic party and President Wilson's announcement that he would not insist upon the plan.

ANOTHER LINER FOR COAST

Old Colony, of Boston, to Be Added to Pacific Navigation Fleet.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—An important steamship announcement is abroad in shipping circles to the effect that the Pacific Navigation Company will add to the service supplied by the fast liners Yale and Harvard by the addition of the steamer Old Colony to the fleet operating between San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. It is reported that the negotiations for the charter of the Old Colony, now operating out of Boston, have been completed and that the steamer will be brought to the Golden Gate before the first of the new year by way of the Panama Canal. The Old Colony, Harvard and Yale are rated as the fastest and most handsomely and adequately equipped coastwise passenger liners in the United States.

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WAR HITS ALL ENGLAND

HEART-ACHING SCENES ENACTED AS SOLDIERS LEAVE.

Relative of St. Mary's Cathedral Organist Tells How Martial Law in Fareham Works.

Some interesting passages on the war appear in a letter received by Frederick W. Goodrich, organist of St. Mary's Cathedral, Fareham, the sister-in-law, Mrs. W. G. Millard, who resides in Fareham, England. Writing under date of Sept. 10, Mrs. Millard says: "I don't think any one in England ever will forget the night when war was declared, said to be the blackest night in our history and it came so suddenly, no thought of it in the minds of the public. I cannot tell you some of the heart-aching scenes when we saw the last lot of soldiers leave our town, three weeks ago tomorrow. They came past here on their way to Southampton. Their friends are, and I think they are, for most of them had someone in the houses about here, and now today as we were having dinner more beautiful horses went past to be sent off, and so it is day after day, until not a horse will be left.

"We have felt martial law here. All public (schools) closed at 3 P. M. and no one cares to go out after that for fear of being stopped. Several people who know have been stopped in their motors. We have heard little news the last few days—things are kept so quiet. No one knows where the soldiers are, and I don't suppose, but it's the dreadful suspense. "It is coming tomorrow to spend his holiday with us. He was to have gone to Manchester, but all the railroads have been closed to the public. The government took them over to get the troops through; last Sunday (August 30) there were 150 soldiers passing through this station and no one knew where to. Sixty thousand Russians arrived at Southampton on Sunday for the front."

49,000 PRISONERS HELD Austrian Foreign Secretary Reports Capture of Russians and Serbs.

MANCHESTER, Mass., Sept. 16.—The Austro-Hungarian Embassy, temporarily located here, gave out a wireless message tonight received from Count von Berchtold, Foreign Secretary of Austria-Hungary, as follows: "Fighting Galician war theater not yet restarted. Number of war prisoners officially given as 41,000 Russians, 8000 Serbians. Number of captured guns 500. All prisoners brought into territory of monarchy. "It is officially announced that the Serbian forces which have crossed Save River and had entered the territory of Austria were repulsed everywhere. District of Semlin now free of enemies. "COUNT BERCHTOLD, "Foreign Secretary."

TRAFFIC RIGHTS SOUGHT

Preference Over Car on Left Side of Street Asked by Autoists.

The right-of-way of automobiles over streetcars, when the cars are moving on the left-hand side of the street, and elimination of a provision necessitating lights on automobiles parked under arc lights, will be sought by the Portland Automobile Club when the proposed new traffic ordinance, now in the hands of City Commissioner Brewster, is brought up.

The autoists say there are a number of places where streetcars move onto the left-hand side of the street. At these places, it is contended, the auto should have the right-of-way, inasmuch as the streetcar is out of the ordinary line of travel.

Drought Continues; Water Recedes. SILVER LAKE, Or., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Streams and lakes in Lake County are lower than they have been for five years. Silver Lake has receded more than 15 feet from its usual shore line and Palms Marsh is almost completely dry. There has been no rain of consequence since July 3, and as a result Fall plowing is far behind.

G. A. Van Anda Funeral Is Today. HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The funeral of G. A. Van Anda, who died Monday night, will be held today at the Masonic Hall. The body will be sent to Portland for cremation. Mr. Van Anda, who was 65 years old, had long been a resident of Oregon. Mr. Van Anda was a Mason.

PEACE ONCE NEAR Briton Says Austria and Russia Almost Agreed.

MEDIATION BASIS READY

Entry of German-Russian Controversy Fatal to Carefully Made Plans—Double Ultimatums Permit Single Reply.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—The Foreign Office issued tonight in the form of a white paper the report of Sir Maurice de Bunsen, late British Ambassador at Vienna, on the rupture of diplomatic relations with Austria, in which the Ambassador declares that Austria and Russia had about reached an agreement on the Austro-Serbian dispute, when their conversations were cut short by the transfer of the dispute to the more dangerous ground of a direct conflict between Germany and Russia. The Ambassador says that, although two days previously he had refused to consent to the continuance of the conversations at St. Petersburg, Count von Berchtold, the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, on July 30, although Russia had been partially mobilized, agreed in a most friendly manner that the conversations should be continued.

Germany Adds to Tension. "From now onward," says the Ambassador, "the tension between Germany and Russia was greater than between Austria and Russia, as between the latter an arrangement seemed almost in sight, and, on August 1, I was informed by Count Schebeko, the Russian Ambassador, that Count Szapary, Austrian Ambassador at St. Petersburg, had at last conceded the main point of issue by announcing to the Russian Foreign Minister, M. Sazonoff, that Austria would consent to submit to mediation the points in the note to Serbia which seemed incompatible with the maintenance of Serbian independence.

"M. Sazonoff had accepted this proposal on condition that Austria would refrain from actual invasion of Serbia. Austria, in fact, had fully yielded; and that she herself, at this point, had good hopes of a peaceful issue is shown by the communication made to you on August 1 by Count Mensdorff (Austrian Ambassador at London) that Austria had neither 'banged the door' on compromise nor cut off the conversations.

Russian Works for Peace. "Count Schebeko to the end was working hard for peace. He was employing the most conciliatory language to Count Von Berchtold, and he informed me that the latter, as well as Count Porgach, had responded in the same spirit. Certainly it was too much for Russia to expect that Austria would hold back her armies. But this matter probably could have been settled by negotiations and Count Schebeko repeatedly told me that he was prepared for the acceptance of any reasonable compromise. "Unfortunately, these conversations at St. Petersburg and Vienna were cut short by the transfer of the dispute to the more dangerous ground of a direct conflict between Germany and Russia. "Germany intervened on July 31 by means of her double ultimatum to St.

\$4.95 That price takes his eye; he's after one of those \$6 all-wool Norfolk Suits with the extra trousers that Ben Selling is selling now at \$4.95. He's following the trail of hundreds of pairs of feet that have come to Ben Selling's during the past week.

BEN SELLING Leading Clothier Morrison Street at Fourth

Petersburg and Paris. These ultimatums were of a kind to which only one reply was possible, and Germany declared war on Russia August 1 and on France August 3. "A few days' delay might, in all probability, have saved Europe from one of the greatest calamities in history." The Ambassador then referred to the rupture of diplomatic relations between Austria and the allied powers, the details of which have already been published.

Boy 9 Years Old in War Zone Self-Reliant. Philadelphia Led in Budapest Drains Draft on Father and Gets Coin From Relief Committee.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—Theodore Taper, a 9-year-old boy of Philadelphia, arrived today at the office of the American relief committee in London in charge of a Hungarian widow and her six children, whom she had brought all the way from Budapest.

Young Taper had been visiting relatives in Hungary. He started to come out alone. At the railroad station in Budapest he met a forlorn family, whose father, now dead, had been a naturalized American citizen. He took the Hungarian mother under his care and brought them successfully to London. On his arrival here the boy drew a draft on his father in Philadelphia, which was promptly honored by the relief committee. He then acted as interpreter for the widow while she told her story and obtained aid from the committee, after which he attended to getting passage for his charges.

The chairman of the relief committee said today that no persons applying to the committee for help had shown more self-reliance and intelligence than has this 9-year-old American boy.

PARIS, Sept. 16.—A story has reached here of the courageous action of Mme. Macherez, of Soissons. When the Germans arrived there they demanded to see the mayor, who was absent. None of the officials responded to the call, whereupon Mme. Macherez went to the Germans and said: "There is no Mayor here, but I am here and I answer for everyone and everything, as you will have to do if depredations are committed. After disputing the requisitions and the condition of the Germans, the courageous woman saved Soissons on easy terms.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Petrograd says that the Swedish colony in the Russian capital, under the leadership of the daughter of the Swedish Minister, has established a hospital for Russian wounded. It is reported that after the recent Austro-Russian fighting detachments of Czechs fraternized with the peasants and asked where they could surrender to the Russians. A peasant woman, who, with her children, had been hiding in a cave on the banks of a stream during the fighting, led them to the Russians. Hundreds of bodies in the streams never will be recovered, so the peasants are erecting crosses on the banks of the river.

The correspondent says that Austrian prisoners are being held by the Russians, while Galician slaves are being paroled. Peasants meet all trains carrying wounded men with bread, eggs, milk, sugar and other supplies. To enable the driver of an automobile to see whether the rear light of his car is burning without leaving his seat, an English motorist has patented a pair of small mirrors, to be suitably mounted.

The Astronomers Now Tell Us That a Comet Is Coming, and That Within the Next Forty-eight Hours It Can Be Seen With the Naked Eye.

LOOK! READ! ACT QUICK! At the Time of Every Great War a Comet Has Appeared. The Papers of the Last Few Days Have Stated That Superstitious People Would Now Have Something to Worry About.

The comet in the heavens is of no little importance, and just the reason for its appearance, of course, no one knows; but the greatest of all important events, particularly in these less homes in Portland, is the great sale now going on at 353 Morrison street, the sale which is authorized by the court to dispose of the stock of pianos, player-pianos and talking machines of Soule Bros., who have failed.

UNBELIEVABLE. Thoroughly reliable instruments are now being sold at unbelievably low prices and terms. Many a pianolesa home is now being made happy for only \$77.20 with pianos that are really only \$250 to \$300 value, and at only \$118 for instruments worth \$350 and more. A large number of \$450 pianos are also being sold for in the neighborhood of \$125, some, for less, and a few for a little more.

PLAYERS ARE CUT. Player pianos at prices less than the same quality uprights. For only \$225, even as low as \$163 you can buy the \$700 and even \$800 player pianos, guaranteed for ten years; for \$227 the \$850 player pianos, guaranteed ten years, and for only \$638 the \$1000 values, also guaranteed for ten years.

GRANDS. Grand pianos now for less than the same quality uprights would cost at any other time: \$700 values now \$337, \$800 values now \$446 and \$950 values now \$518, all old reliable established makes. Also many other pianos not listed above, and I want to say to you right now that you can secure almost any make of piano you desire. But to appreciate the true value of these greatest bargains ever offered, you must see them. Electric pianos of the highest quality, instruments that have been in operation around and in Portland for years, can now be had at \$58, \$166 and \$278, and the very best and

run from Sumpter, Haines, Huntington and all other railroad points.

AUSTRALIAN LINERS TAKEN Britain Commandeers Boats for Transportation of Troops.

SEATTLE, Sept. 16.—The British Admiralty has not only commandeered all the Canadian Pacific liners on the Pacific Ocean, but has also taken the Union Steamship Company's big new Australian liner Wilcoona, and the new liner Tahiti from the San Francisco-Australian run.

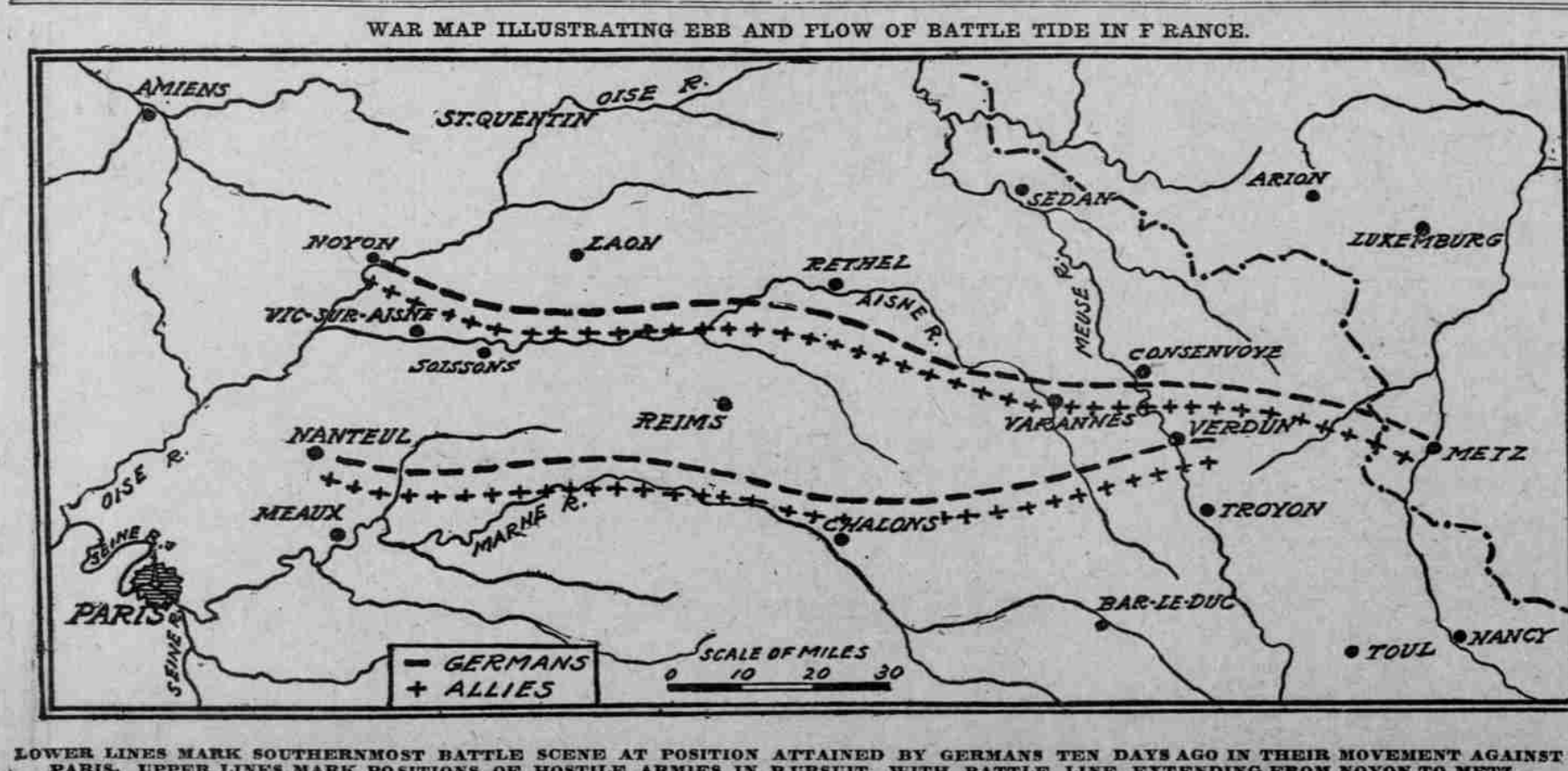
The steamship Marama has been transferred from the Vancouver-Australia run to the San Francisco-Australia service, in which the Maiti and Moana are also plying. By making shorter stops in port the Niagara and Makura will maintain a 28-days' service between Vancouver and Australia, beginning with the sailing of the Makura from Vancouver September 20. The Japanese government has taken over some passenger boats for transport, but is careful not to cripple the service to United States ports, the business of which is heavy.

Krebs Hopouses Burn. BROOKS, Or., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—With the burning of the Krebs hopouses Thursday night at Hopmore (formerly Chemeketa), but little remains of this once popular yard. Many acres of the hops have been dug up, and for the last few years the place has been leased to parties who have not made amusement the chief end and aim of the yard as it was under the direct management of the Krebs Bros.

Portland Day Today MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAIR Gresham, Oregon Sept. 17, 18, 19

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LOWER LINES MARK SOUTHERNMOST BATTLE SCENE AT POSITION ATTAINED BY GERMANS TEN DAYS AGO IN THEIR MOVEMENT AGAINST PARIS; UPPER LINES MARK POSITIONS OF HOSTILE ARMIES IN PURSUIT, WITH BATTLE LINE EXTENDING FROM NOYON TO METZ.