

# TANKER'S RELEASE BY BRITAIN ASKED

## Seizure of Oil Steamer John D. Rockefeller Made Subject of Action.

## ILLUMINANT IS BARRED

### Standard Company Urges State Department to Intervene—British Say Exports to Neutrals Exceed Their Needs.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Great Britain's determination to keep from Germany cargoes of illuminating oil which might be turned into fuel for army motor-trucks, as well as for dreaded Zeppelins and aeroplanes, caused the seizure of American Standard oil steamers by British cruisers. This fact was developed today in conferences following the State Department's request through Ambassador Page at London for the immediate release of the tanker John D. Rockefeller.

President Wilson and Counselor Lansing, Acting Secretary of State, discussed the seizure of the ships, and later Mr. Lansing conferred with the British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, who called for information concerning the attitude of the American Government.

Standard Oil Asks Action.

The Standard Oil Company has asked the State Department to secure the release of three of its ships, the John D. Rockefeller, Brindilla and Piatura, which were captured by British warships while bound from American ports to neutral countries, carrying illuminating oil.

Only in the case of the Rockefeller, however, has the department felt warranted in taking immediate steps. This ship was under the American flag before the European war began and therefore is not subject to any of the questions which might arise in connection with the other two vessels, which were changed from foreign registry under the recent act of Congress.

The understanding at the British Embassy is that illuminating oil has been regularly declared contraband by the British government, but that the notice has not yet reached other powers. Therein the case resembles the commandeering of the copper-laden ship which was taken into a British port in advance of notice to maritime nations that copper had been declared conditional contraband.

## Exports Exceed Demands.

In that case the United States did not abandon its contention that neutral goods in neutral bottoms passing between neutral ports were exempt from seizure. A sharp issue was avoided, however, through an understanding between the British and Dutch governments that the Dutch embargo would extend to copper.

It is suggested that a similar arrangement will be sought by the British regarding the export of petroleum and its products, not only with Holland, but with Denmark and Sweden and Norway.

It was pointed out today that the exports of refined petroleum from America to the Northern neutral European countries have exceeded the normal consumption of those countries. Only recently it developed that illuminating petroleum was capable of being used as a substitute for gasoline with properly designed motors, hence Great Britain added this product to its contraband list.

Another phase of the negotiations which have been in progress regarding neutral goods appeared today when Mr. Van Rappard, the Dutch Minister, appealed to the State Department to secure for Dutch vessels the privilege of conveying neutral German goods to America.

# SERVIANS STAND GROUND

## ATTACKS ON POSITION ON DRINA RIVER BEATEN OFF.

### Heavy Fighting All Along Line in Bosnia—Army Near Belgrade Also Repulses Enemy.

NISH, via London, Oct. 21.—The following official statement has been issued by the Serbian government:

"On the night of October 17-18 attacks by the enemy were repulsed near the Lovtina customs-house and the principal positions on the Drina River to the south of that town. The same night the enemy bombarded Banovia from the Banjia heights and also Topchidzako, the Bardo bridge across the Save and the two Singalia Islands. None of these operations met with success.

"On October 18 fighting took place along the whole front occupied by our troops in Bosnia, and all the attacks made upon them were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

"On the same day the enemy directed an attack against our right wing in the direction of Montchevo and against Erinova. Both these attempts were repulsed, as well as one against the Servians near Belgrade on the left bank of the Save."

# BOLIVIA SEEKS CONCESSION

## Erection of Smelter in New York to Handle Tin Ore Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Bolivia began informal inquiries today on whether the United States would permit it to construct a huge government smelter in New York to use the Bolivian tin ore output. The proposal was submitted by the Bolivian Consul-General to Richard W. Atwater, Jr., of New York, who took it up with officials here.

It was believed the United States Government would make no objection. The proposed investment would amount to more than \$1,000,000. Bolivia owns about one-fourth of the world's tin ore supply. Its exportation has been practically suspended by the European war.

# SECRET REBATES CHARGED

## Tin Plate Concern Said to Have Allowed Million to Car Company.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Secret rebates given the American Car Company by the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company amounted to more than \$1,000,000 last year, according to testimony given today by Charles H. Denman, an ac-

# CALIFORNIA PLANS TO INVITE BELGIANS

## Steps Taken to Ascertain Terms on Which Colonists Can Procure Lands.

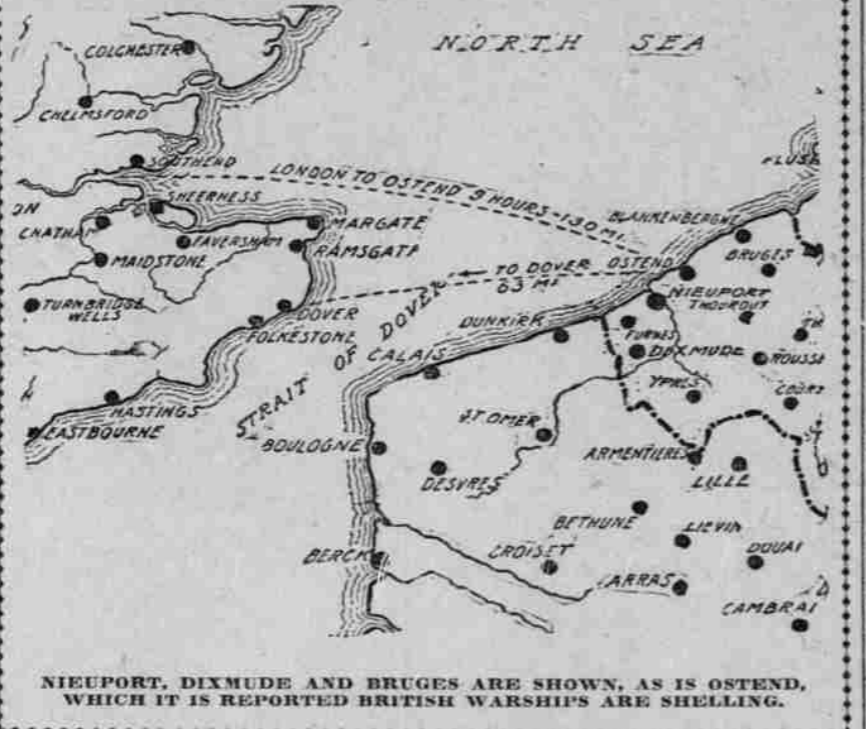
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# STATE AID DISCUSSED

## Farmers, Not Industrial Laborers, Wanted—Owners of Beet Lands Advised to Make Offer of Moderate Rentals.

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# WHERE THE FIGHTING IS HOTTEST IN WESTERN EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN.



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# ROAD SHOWS ITS PROFIT

## Northern Pacific Reports Dividends and Earnings of Year.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 21.—(Special)—Dividends aggregating \$17,356,620 were declared by the Northern Pacific Railway Company for the year ending June 30, according to the annual report of the company received by the State Railroad Commission today. The net income was \$19,892,228.53, and an income balance of \$2,299,473.66 remained. The company operated 6956.46 miles of road and owned 6243.24, of which 52.90 is in Oregon. It had a capital stock of \$28,000,000 outstanding and a funded debt of \$392,351,000. Other features of the report are as follows: Operating revenues, Oregon, \$177,863.78; operating expenses, Oregon, \$249,690.49; ratio of operating expenses to operating revenues State of Oregon, 143.44 per cent; payroll for the year, Oregon, \$124,718.58; employees, Oregon, 132; general officers, two; passengers carried, 9,860,223; tons of freight hauled, 20,442,419.

# AUSTRIA SHORT OF MEAT

## Stock of Cattle in Dual Monarchy Now Believed Inadequate.

VENICE (via Paris), Oct. 22.—Austria and Hungary are confronted with a serious shortage in their meat supplies, according to information received here.

Although prices in Vienna and Budapest have risen considerably the past fortnight, the livestock offered in these markets has been far below the quantity required for the normal consumption of the population. The situation is further aggravated by the necessity of providing meat for the troops in the field.

The fact that higher prices have failed to attract larger supplies of livestock to the markets is taken to indicate that the total stock of cattle within the dual monarchy is inadequate to meet the present extraordinary demand for meat. Since there is no immediate likelihood of being able to increase imports of cattle, the situation is regarded as serious.

# TRUCK DRIVER ABSOLVED

## Inquest, Over Body of Earl McNaughton to Be Held Today.

HARRY GAITHER, 17 years old, who was killed in a collision between his motorcycle and an auto-truck at Seventeenth and Taylor streets, was riding on the wrong side of the street at the time and the truck driver was not in any way responsible for the accident, according to the verdict of a coroner's jury at the inquest yesterday.

The inquest over the body of Earl McNaughton, who died Monday, will be held today. He was injured September 3 in a collision between his motorcycle and an automobile driven by F. H. Adams. From that time until Monday he was hovering between life and death in Good Samaritan Hospital.

# HOKEY-PLAYING BOYS TRY SUICIDE

FREELAND, Mich., Oct. 21.—Delbert Woodruff and Lloyd Pierce, aged 18 and 12 years, respectively, are dead as the result of a double attempt at suicide last night. It is believed, by fear of punishment for having played hokey during the afternoon. Both lived several hours, but neither was conscious after the shooting.

German Spy Is Not an American.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—The alleged German spy, believed to be an American citizen and whose case came up today for hearing at the Wellington Barracks in London, is in reality a German subject by the name of Lody. This man assumed the name of Inglis and pretended to be an American.

# STATE AID INVESTIGATED

A second committee was appointed to investigate the question of state aid and to find the status on which a state mortgage could be founded.

Gavin McNab, a lawyer who broached the idea of extending a state-wide welcome to Belgian immigrants, expressed the opinion that it would be unwise to attempt to bring industrial laborers to California, laying stress on the desirability of farmers. He called attention to the fact that neutrality would not be violated by offering asylum to Belgians, because the Belgians are the victims of the war and not the belligerents.

The sense of the meeting was that the actual purchase of land in California to follow some preliminary tentative on a rental basis and the opinion was expressed freely that it would be greatly to the advantage of owners of beet lands and other large industries to establish Belgian farmers on their lands at a moderate rental and contract to purchase their products.

# STATE MORTGAGE BANK SUGGESTED.

The question of assisting people to the land and financing their overhead expense by the state was discussed, the advance monies to become a lien on the land.

The feeling prevailed that some scheme of state aid to agriculture, probably the formation of a state mortgage bank, could be devised in which Belgium and other European countries might be assisted directly to California soil.

# BRITISH SEIZE OWN SHIP

## VESSEL THOUGHT TO HAVE COAL DESTINED TO ENEMY.

Lowther Range, Taken in Gulf of California, Makes Lane Explanation and Is Sent to Esquimaux.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 21.—Suspected of having coal aboard which might be destined for the enemy's ships, the British steamship Lowther Range, with a prize crew in charge of her from H. M. S. Newcastle, was today brought to Esquimaux harbor.

The Lowther Range was seized by the Newcastle in the Gulf of California, and as Captain Gundry, master of the vessel, could not give a satisfactory explanation to the boarding officers regarding the destination of his coal cargo, there was no alternative open to the commander of the cruiser but to place a prize crew aboard and discontinue her north to the Colombia base. This is the first prize that has been brought to Esquimaux since the outbreak of war.

According to the latest maritime reports, the Lowther Range was bound from Rockhampton for Port Pirie, South Australia. She is reported sailing from Rockhampton on August 6 by way of the Straits of Magellan, and the fact that she was located by the Newcastle off the Gulf of California, drawing it is said, considerably less water than the draft given by her papers on clearing from the Atlantic port, immediately aroused the suspicions of the naval officers sent aboard the vessel from the cruiser to investigate.

After putting the prize crew on board, the Newcastle got in touch with H. M. C. S. Rainbow by wireless, and turned the vessel over to the Canadian cruiser, which aided the Lowther Range into port.

# DRESSING RECORD MADE

Man, Asleep in Pullman When Station Is Reached, Shows Speed.

That S. L. Karth, of the Hardin Manufacturing Company, Portland, is a remarkably rapid dresser, was demonstrated by him on the Oregon-Washington Limited, of the G. W. R. & N. Company, at Weiser, Idaho, yesterday morning, according to a fellow passenger who arrived in Portland last night.

Mr. Karth had a waiting baggage man to port the porter of Mr. Karth's car and asked where "Lower Seven" was. "Asleep," answered the porter. "He gets off here," returned the conductor.

The porter rushed to lower seven berth, and, peering between the curtains, said: "Are you the party that gets off at Weiser?" Being informed in the affirmative, he hastily added, "This is Weiser."

Mr. Karth sprang out of bed, ordered the porter to hold the train until he had dressed and the porter hastened forward to inform the conductor.

Hurrying back he met Mr. Karth fully dressed on the platform, who gave him his card and asked to have anything forwarded which he might have left behind.

# CATHOLICS MAKE APPEAL

## UNITED STATES ASKED TO PROTECT CLERGY IN MEXICO.

Many Outrages Against Religion Enumerated and Americans Urged to Demand Satisfaction.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—An appeal to the American Government and people to protect the Catholic clergy and church in Mexico and demand reparation for outrages already committed was filed with the State Department today by a committee of the American Federation of Catholic Societies.

Describing the political conditions which are declared to be responsible for the present state of unrest in Mexico, the committee asserted the attitude of the Roman Catholic clergy has been one of absolute neutrality, abstaining only to teach the uneducated classes obedience and respect for constituted authority.

"The revolution which will shortly be in control of the government in Mexico," says the statement, "has proclaimed, as a necessary means for the establishment of a working government, the suppression of three classes which it considers to be insuperable obstacles to its purposes—the regular clergy, the lay orders, and the large land holders."

"The recent revolution differs from those that preceded it only in being more radical. The priests of the revolution are thoroughly imbued with anti-Christian and anti-spiritual principles. They are, therefore, enemies of all religion, especially the Catholic religion. They propose at any cost to uproot the Catholic religion from the hearts of the people."

"The priests of the places which have been occupied by the revolutionists have been expelled in a body and without trial. They have been robbed of everything they possessed. Many of them have been thrown into prison. Others have been tortured. Some have been killed. Churches have been turned into barracks and stables. In Sahuayo, Michoacan, eleven priests were threatened with death if they would not pay a ransom of \$100,000. The Catholic Church was also subjected to ransom but had nothing to give. The Catholics freed them from captivity with the money they had saved in order to placate the revolutionists."

In conclusion the appeal said: "We trust that the American people will realize that they are in honor bound to defend us, to demand satisfaction for the flagrant violation of the recognized and working principles made by them to Carranza and his followers."

# STATE TO SELL ACREAGE

## TUMALO PROJECT PROPERTY, 17,464 ACRES, TO GO.

Desert Land Board Decides to Let Go of Big Tract at \$40 an Acre to Repay State.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 27.—(Special)—The State Desert Land Board today fixed \$40 an acre as the selling price of 17,464 acres of the Tumalo irrigation project. The present generation of the project, which was sold to the state and the Board will advertise the remainder for sale about the middle of December.

It is figured that the money derived from the sale of the land will repay the state the appropriation of \$400,000 for reclaiming the land, give a profit of \$5 an acre and provide for the making of the appropriation, pay interest of \$1,104.66 on the money, provide \$86,721 for refunding money paid on contracts with the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company, which started the work, and leave a balance of about \$400,000.

The material is being shipped and will arrive in time for the completion of the project about December 15.

Under a motion adopted by the Board the state will hold a lien on each tract until it is entirely paid for by the settler. It is provided that 10 per cent of the selling price shall be paid in advance and 10 per cent yearly with interest. Persons who clear 20 acres the first year will be exempt from making annual payments for the next three years, but must pay the interest and later pay all the principal. The maintenance charge an acre the first year will be 50 cents and 30 cents thereafter.

Mr. Largaard said the land would grow two crops of alfalfa yearly and furnish fine pasture in the fall. It is adapted for all kinds of grasses, potatoes, vegetables and fruits and especially fine for dairying purposes.

# DALMATIAN FORTS FALLING

## Nine Bay of Cattaro Batteries Hit Constantly by French.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—A dispatch from Cetinje forwarded by the Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the nine forts about the Bay of Cattaro, in Dalmatia, are being constantly hit by shells from the newly French guns, which have been placed on Mount Romanoff and are gradually being destroyed. Only one fort attempted to reply.

The Anglo-French fleet continues a successful bombardment of the outer fortifications.

# GERMAN FACTORIES RUN

## Berlin Report Says Many Are Paying for Overtime.

BERLIN, Oct. 21.—(By wireless.)—According to reports from the industrial districts of Germany, made public in Berlin, German local industries are working in full activity, and much so that in several factories overtime is often being paid for.

The afternoon edition of Christiania, published today, reports that the British iron and steel industries, with the exception of the army's factories, are without orders.

# READY-TO-WEAR WEEK

## Featuring the Latest Fall Fashions Designed for and Shown Exclusively in This Store



# Women's and Children's Knit Underwear

## 1500 Garments—Every One Fresh and in Perfect Condition At Economy Prices That Will Pay Every Woman to Anticipate Her Fall and Winter Needs

### For Knit Underwear no Store Is as Satisfactory as This Store

## Vests and Tights 39c Each

—Fine merino vests and tights, finely ribbed, the vests being made with high neck and long sleeves, nicely trimmed and finished with mercerized tapes and pearl buttons. Tights in ankle length to match.

## Swiss Ribbed Wear 75c

—Ladies' Swiss-ribbed vests and tights in a Winter weight, very soft and elastic, extra well finished, silk taped and all buttons well sewn.

## Union Suits \$2.75

—Heavy Swiss merino union suits, with high neck, long sleeves, ankle length. Fully reinforced at points subject to hardest wear.

## Union Suits \$3.25

—Swiss silk and wool heavy weight union suits, with silk fronts, silk taped, fully reinforced, and perfect fitting. These suits will always retain their original soft appearance and will not shrink when washed.

## Children's Underwear

### Children's Garments at 25c Each

—Children's fleeced underwear in sizes up to 16 years, either gray or white heavy fleeced Winter weight and nonirritating; vests, pantalones and drawers for both boys and girls.

### Garments at 50c Each

—Merino underwear, wool and cotton mixtures with a little fleece to add comfort and warmth. In gray and white. All sizes.

### Boys' Union Suits, \$1.00

—Gray merino union suits made on spring needle machine, making them very elastic and durable. They are generously full, the buttonholes are tailored and all buttons are well sewn. All sizes. —First Floor.

# An Unusual Opportunity for Men

## to Secure Finest Knit Underwear at Deepest Reductions

### \$1.25, \$1.00 and 75c Men's Shirts and Drawers 59c Each

—Broken lines of men's underwear, consisting of shirts, drawers, medium grades of gray wool mixed, also light weights of very fine wool mixtures. Both the imported and domestic underwear will be found in this assortment.

### \$2.00, \$1.75 and \$1.50 Underwear \$1.17 Each

—This lot of men's shirts and drawers represents broken lines of various weights and kinds, but each style perfect in every way, though slightly mussed from handling. Heavy weights of wool mixtures, fancy mercerized, pink and blue stripes, plain white or norria, fancy weaves, flat weaves, or fine ribbed. The shirts are well finished and the drawers reinforced.

### \$7.00, \$6.00, \$5.00 and \$4.00 Men's Underwear \$2.67 Each

—Extra fine imported underwear, consisting of shirts and drawers, representing broken lines of all-silk, silk and woolen mixtures, fancy merino with colored silk stripes, all-wool with fancy stripes and many novelty effects. These garments are some of our best imported goods and are all beautifully finished and fine fitting. —First Floor, Washington-St. Entrance

# BRITAIN THANKS JAPAN

## DEEP SENSE OF OBLIGATION FOR AID EXPRESSED.

Vice-Admiral Yashiro Replies That Perfect Harmony is Source of Utmost Satisfaction.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Vice-Admiral Yashiro, Japanese Minister of Marine, have been exchanging fraternal greetings.

In a telegram to the Japanese Minister, the First Lord of the Admiralty says:

"I desire, on behalf of the British Admiralty and the royal navy, to express to this crucial stage of the war our deep sense of the efforts and energy with which the Japanese navy is sustaining the cause of their ally."

"Vice-Admiral Yashiro replied: 'On behalf of the imperial Japanese navy I tender warmest thanks for your sincere and cordial message, and I assure you that it is a matter of the utmost satisfaction to us both that perfect harmony and understanding exist everywhere between the two allied navies, which strikes the true note of the main object of the compact, and which will certainly tend to hasten the attainment of the ultimate goal. I earnestly hope it will not be long before this end is successfully achieved.'"

# WEISER STORE IS WRECKED

## Stove Polish Mixed With Gasoline Explodes and Owner Is Hurt.

WEISER, Idaho, Oct. 21.—(Special)—The explosion of a pig of stove polish, in which gasoline had been mixed, partly wrecked the building occupied by the store of H. R. Warner last night and a started a blaze, which was extinguished quickly by the city chemists.

Mr. Warner, who was in the store alone when the explosion occurred, was

# Important Changes

## In Train Schedules

### Effective Sunday, October 25, 1914

ON THE OREGON ELECTRIC RY.

Detailed information may be had of agents. New time cards ready Saturday at all agencies.

### City Ticket Offices—5th and Stark, 10th and Stark, 10th and Morrison, North Bank Station, Jefferson-Street Depot.