

SEIZURE OF OIL IS AGAIN PROTESTED

State Department Takes Up Case of Platiria, as It Did That of Brindilla.

ACTION IS ONLY FORMAL

Doubts of Validity of Unneutral Intentions on Part of Standard Oil Vessels to Be Considered by Prize Court.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The United States protested today to Great Britain against the recent seizure of the Platiria, a tank steamer owned by the Standard Oil Company, now detained at Lewis Island, Scotland.

This protest is identical to the one filed in the case of the Brindilla, held at Halifax, N. S., and requests the immediate release of the ship. Inasmuch as the admiralty court at Halifax already has begun proceedings to determine whether the Brindilla is a prize, the British government is expected to decline formally to release the vessel until a decision is reached. A prize court, it is believed, will similarly determine the status of the Platiria.

Company Owned by Standard Oil.
Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, called on Secretary Lansing today to learn the relation between the German company which formerly owned the Brindilla and the Standard Oil Company. According to a report of the commissioner of corporations in 1907, the German company in question was a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company and completely controlled by the latter company. If this fact is proved to the satisfaction of the prize court, all doubt as to the bona fide nature of the transfer of the vessel from German to American registry will be removed, as Great Britain has informed the American government that she will accept as prima facie evidence of legitimate transfer all vessels whose ownership is continuously American.

Unneutral Intentions Considered.
The Platiria was similarly owned by a German subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company. The fact that the change of registry would not be a sufficient cause for seizure, however, and British officials pointed out today that reports of unneutral intentions on the part of each vessel probably would be considered by the prize courts.

In the release yesterday of the John D. Rockefeller, bound from one neutral country to another, the principle was tacitly admitted that, even though she carried ill-gotten gains, a vessel is not contraband, her cargo would not be seized, because the country to which she was destined had declared an embargo on the exportation of the product to belligerent countries.

In each of the cases now under consideration the State Department knows nothing of the circumstances of the seizure, but in accordance with precedent has promptly lodged protest to compel the Admiralty to state the facts as transmitted by the American owners.

13 DROWN IN TEXAS FLOOD

San Antonio Also Suffers Property Damage of \$150,000.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 23.—A five-inch rain in less than three hours early today caused a 15-foot flood in the San Antonio River here and put the San Pedro and Alazan Creeks out of their banks from 100 to 1000 feet. Thirteen deaths by drowning have been reported, with indications that the record will reach 17 or more.

All the drownings occurred in the two creeks, which run through the city. The property damage is estimated at \$150,000. The Olmos Creek, which empties into the river north of the city, was a mile out of its banks, and reached its highest stage in 30 years.

Among the known dead are Mrs. Albert Liebe, her baby, and three other children, caught in the collapse of their residence.

BRITISH ARE REINFORCED

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so far has been of a preparatory nature alone. As stated, ground has been gained by us, but the misty weather has hampered aerial reconnaissances and at times rendered artillery cooperation almost impossible, which factors have made progress somewhat slow.

Fighters' View Restricted.
The narrative here describes the nature of the country along the Belgian frontier, explaining that hedges are frequent, that trees often restrict the view, and that means of communication are bad.

"It is in a blind country of this nature," the narrator goes on, "that our advanced guards near the Belgian frontier are engaging the advanced troops of the enemy. The latter consists in some places of cavalry supported by Jager and Schutz detachments, with large numbers of machine guns and others with larger bodies of infantry."

"As was the case in our advance up to the Aene, the enemy is making every effort to delay our progress, no doubt to give time for the stronger forces behind to perfect their arrangements. In general they take every advantage that is to be obtained from the ground, and conceal themselves well, making use of ditches and hedges and the villages they hold, together with buildings, many of which have been placed in a state of defense.

Machine Guns Placed in Rooms.
"Furthermore, they occupy narrow trenches with inconspicuous parapets on our side of the village. Machine guns often are placed in the center of rooms whence they can command an approach through a window.

"So far in our advance we have inflicted considerable loss on these detachments. They have made several determined counter attacks in order to free themselves and throw us back. Many of the prisoners falling into our hands have expressed surprise at being opposed by the British in this quarter.

"To the north of the Lys, although for reasons already given an adequate reconnaissance ahead has been practically impossible, and in spite of the fact that the Germans held a strong position on the high bridge between Godewaersvelde and Bailleul, one of

our cavalry forces, supported by infantry, has driven the enemy back steadily.

Prosperous Country Devastated.
"Parts of the region south of the Lys, where this fighting has been in progress, present a melancholy aspect. Many of the once prosperous homesteads and hamlets are literally torn to pieces.

"The work of burial falls to a great extent on the local inhabitants. Amidst the graves scattered over all the countryside are rifle pits, trenches and gun emplacements, the mounds of earth below the sod helped to defend or attack. From these the progress of the fighting can be traced, and even its nature, if they vary from carefully constructed and cunningly placed works to the hastily shaped lair of a German sniper or a roadside ditch with its mine concealed out by the entrancing implements of our own infantry."

GERMAN GAINS ARE ADMITTED

Invaders More Fortunate Around Bethune and Arrmentieres.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—Invaders, having first failed before Albert and Roye, and, secondly, before Arrmentieres, attempts to envelop the French left wing, are believed to have been more fortunate in the region of Bethune, Arrmentieres, Bailleul and Arrmentieres," says a Havas Agency dispatch, dated before La Bassee.

"For this reason, after pushing forward toward Hazebrouck, 32 miles northwest of Lille, and Aire, on the Lys, they undertook, October 14, an offensive, following the River Lys. German cavalry crossed the river toward Erquinghem and supported the right wing of the bulk of the German army, which proceeded south and southwestward, with the evident intention of turning Bethune and seizing the railroads, which the Germans believe have been used for supplying the left wing of the allies.

"We defeated this maneuver, and then occurred serious cavalry fighting, which, owing to the nature of the terrain, left the issue confused. The district in which these interesting operations occurred is an extremely difficult country. It is essentially agricultural and is interspersed with rivers, canals and deep depressions. The properties are divided by hedges and rows of trees, making communication from one field to another difficult, but excellent for ambushes. Nevertheless, the allied cavalry fought successfully at Esplan, Friches, Lantent, Vieille Chappelle, La Couture and Richebourg.

The battlefields bear numerous traces of the severity of this fighting. At Vieille Chappelle a German cavalryman and a French mounted rifleman, after losing their horses, continued their encounter to meet in a cottage, where, with drawn swords, they fought a duel in the kitchen. Both were mortally wounded, and their bodies were found by the side of a cemetery in the village churchyard. Here the tombstones have been knocked down, while the church itself shows signs of being shelled by shells and is without steeple and roof."

SAFE COURSE IS SOUGHT

KRONPRINZESSIN CECILIE SKIPPER SEEKS MORE ASSURANCE.

Conference With Naval Official, Regarding Removal of Interned Vessel, to Be Held.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Captain Charles Polack, commander of the North German Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie, will confer tomorrow with Acting Secretary Roosevelt, of the Navy Department, regarding the details of the proposed transfer of the big ship from the exposed harbor at Bar Harbor, Maine, where she now lies, to the sheltered waters of Boston Bay.

The captain wants to consult the hydrographic officers with a view to laying out a course between Bar Harbor and Boston that will not at any point lie outside of the three-mile limit. He is said to have been unconvinced, however, of the sufficiency of the assurances given by the British government to the State Department that no attempt would be made by any of the British cruisers to capture the ship during its voyage.

The ship probably will be started on her voyage early next week under the escort of the torpedo boat destroyer Sterrett and in the custody of a United States Marshal.

PORTUGAL REBELS LOSE

Republican Troops Put Down Monarchist Uprising.

LISBON, Oct. 23, via Paris.—The monarchists of Portugal made a bid for the rights of October 20 and October 21 to effect uprisings. There were outbreaks at various places, especially in the northern part of Portugal, but a time was cut off from telegraphic communication with Lisbon. A sharp conflict took place at Mafra between 100 civilians and Republican troops.

The civilians were led by a Lieutenant, who seized the arsenal. The troops were victorious. An insurgent band numbering 200 men was pursued to the mountains.

Portions of the railroad track at Santarem and Mafra were torn up and trains were derailed. A Colonel and two sergeants were arrested at Santarem and many monarchists were taken into custody in Lisbon.

MURDER CASES TAKE TIME

District Attorney Reames Spends 16 Days Trying Actions.

After spending 15 days at Medford trying murder cases before the first criminal term of the Federal Court held in that city, United States District Attorney Reames returned to Portland yesterday.

In the case of the Government versus Thomas Smith, accused of the murder of Link River Beal, on the Klamath Indian Reservation, a verdict of manslaughter was returned and the defendant sentenced by Judge Wolverton to serve a term of four years on McNeil's Island.

So tense was the contention in the case made by the Government against James George, accused of murder in the first degree, that 125 witnesses were called during the ten days' continuous session of the court and a crowd of more than 1000 people attended the trial day after day. The evidence in this case was largely circumstantial. The jury disagreed on the verdict and the case will be retried late in November. The prosecution was conducted by Mr. Reames and by Joe Beckman. The defendant was represented by L. R. Webster, of Portland, and Judge Gale, of Klamath Falls.

Turkish cigarettes, exquisitely flavored and scented, are the passion of the Cretans, who scarcely ever smokes anything else.

DODGERS OF INCOME TAX TO BE PURSUED

Revenue Bureau Expects Tangible Results Will Be Forthcoming Soon.

RETURNS ARE FAR SHORT

Number of Incomes Exceeding Million Is 44—Discrepancy Greatest in Class Between \$5000 and \$10,000.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—In connection with their estimate that there are more than 146,000 income tax dodgers in the United States, Congress experts declare that what they would expect their early figures to be absolutely correct, the discrepancy is so large as to be suspicious.

The Internal Revenue Bureau months ago began a vigorous campaign to detect the dodgers, and it was understood tonight that results might be forthcoming soon. There is little doubt that every effort will be made to catch up with violators, for as a revenue producer the law has fallen considerably below expectations, turning in about \$28,000,000 for the payable ten months of last year instead of about \$45,000,000 as had been expected.

No Class Fulfills Hopes.
Not a single class of incomes lived up to the hopes of the estimators. In the \$5000 to \$10,000 class, however, the discrepancy was greatest, the estimates being 178,000 and the returns 101,718. Incomes from \$1000 to \$5000 numbered 114,884, while the estimates were 126,000. The announcement showed that 44 returns were made on incomes over \$1,000,000; 31 on incomes between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000; 22 on incomes between \$250,000 and \$500,000, and 1241 on incomes between \$100,000 and \$250,000. The estimates put the \$1,000,000 in. class at 100, the next class at 350, the next at 500 and the \$100,000 to \$250,000 at 2500.

The lack of incomes between \$10,000 and \$15,000 and between \$15,000 and \$20,000 was shown by the fact that there were only 26,818 returns of the first class with estimates of 53,000 and 11,717 of the latter with estimates of 24,500.

30,000 Women Make Returns.
Incomes between \$20,000 and \$25,000 were not far wrong in the estimates, only 4009 fewer than expected. Those between \$25,000 and \$50,000 actually returned were 11,144, while the estimate was 11,000. The remaining incomes, those between \$50,000 and \$100,000, were found to be 5616 while the estimate was \$500.

There were 4642 married women who made separate returns, the total of all married persons making returns being 278,835. Bachelors numbered 55,212 and the single women 23,551.

LAWYER, ARRESTED, SUES

H. C. King Asks \$10,000 From Otto W. Nelson, Recently His Accuser.

H. C. King, local attorney, who was arrested Thursday after a trial in the District Court on a charge of larceny by bailie, brought suit yesterday against Otto W. Nelson, his accuser, asking for \$10,000 damages because of the humiliation and disgrace attendant upon his arrest.

Attorney King was arrested upon complaint of Mr. Nelson, an automobile owner, whose car was stolen and recovered by Sheriff Word's office. The auto was returned from Wyoming by rail and Mr. Nelson alleged that Attorney King promised to secure the return of a freight overcharge from the railway company. He said it was agreed that the two would divide equally the money thus secured. It was alleged that the attorney secured \$40 from the railway company, but Mr. Nelson could not get any part of this sum for himself.

POSTAL INCREASE NOTABLE

Parcels Post Grows Rapidly Over Records of April This Year.

A comparison of the parcel post business transacted in the Portland post office during the first 15 days of the present month and the first 15 days of April shows an increase of 10 per cent in the number of parcels received and that 118 tons were outgoing during the first half of this month as compared with 146 tons for the corresponding number of days in April. The postage on the outgoing parcels shows an increase of 50 per cent, but the clerk hire required to handle the outgoing increased only 18 per cent, according to figures compiled by Postmaster Myers.

The postal receipts for the first 22 days of the present month show an increase of \$10,944.92, or 10 per cent more than the same period last year.

HIGH SCHOOL GAINS GREAT

Registration Increases From 1094 to 4131 Since 1905, Figures Show.

Since 1905, the year of the Lewis & Clark Fair, the high school registration in the Portland schools has increased from 1094 to 4131, and the night-school enrollment has increased from 605 to 4576, according to figures prepared by Assistant City School Superintendent Rice.

In 1910 only 170 were registered in the trade schools, while the showing for 1914 is 740. In four years the attendance at the vacation schools has increased from 870 to 4841.

The rapid increase in the night school attendance was evidenced at the meeting of the School Board yesterday, when the Board decided to handle the overflow in the attendance at the Lincoln High School night school by using in conjunction the Ladd School building, located a few blocks distant.

WIFE SMOKES IS PLAINT

Husband Also Charges Mate With Drinking Beer and Swearing.

John Bauer yesterday sued Ethel Bauer for divorce, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment because of peccadilloes attributed to her, such as smoking cigarettes and drinking beer, besides calling him vile names and boasting to him of improper conduct with other men. The custody of a child is asked.

Mary sued Charles Suretinska for alleged desertion. Judge McGinn granted a divorce to Mary from Paul Ochs for cruel and inhuman treatment and restored the plaintiff's maiden name. Harlow, in the same court a divorce was granted to Martha E. from Melvin L. Broadhurst.

BOYS' SHOP—Second Floor, Elevator.



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Linn Address Devoted to Defense of \$1500 Amendment.

ARMY OFFER IS REJECTED

No Cash Prizes or Certainty of Contracts Provided and Manufacturers Prepare to Remove Machines From San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Oct. 23.—That there will be no aeroplane competition which will allow the Government the privilege of seeing what the machines can do without undertaking to make any purchases is the position taken by the aviators and manufacturers who have gathered here for the War Department's aerial meet.

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MONEYED TEUTONS FREE

LONDON PAPER DECLARES POLICE NET NOT DRAWN TIGHT ENOUGH.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Though expressing general satisfaction today with the result of police crusades against Germans in England, the Evening News, one of the first newspapers to start this agitation, says it feels that the higher class of alien enemies are being skipped.

There is an impression, the newspaper says, "that we have failed to reach the comfortable moneyed Germans who know a good deal more about Germany's plot against England than do the fashionable hotel employees. The fashionable German club, Athenium, is doing business as usual, being visited by men well known in the upper circles of the German colony. The club is permitted to use the telephone, which must be a service to its members, who are barred from using this service in their own homes."

The Evening News makes the further charge that German employment agencies still are allowed to select servants employed in the English officers' mess and at the training camp.

SUBLIMITY ROBBERS TAKEN

Men, Captured in Store, Held at Salem Under Bonds.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 23.—(Special.)—Captured while robbing the general merchandise store of Dittmers & Bell in Sublimity at 4 o'clock this morning, Fred Peterson and Charley Wade were locked up in the County Jail here. The men were captured by Henry Smith, Marshal of Stayton, who was dispatched to Sublimity by Sheriff Esch. The men waived examination and were bound over to the grand jury un-

A SHOPPING tour with mother is a most pleasing way of spending the weekly holiday; especially so if mother brings her boys and girls to Ben Selling's shop for young Americans—Here are hundreds of Norfolk Suits for boys, fitted and made just like the clothes father buys downstairs; suits tailored from fine tweeds and chevots, and every one has an extra pair of Knickerbockers for "good." Any price you want to pay—\$5, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10, \$12.50.

—Handsome cravenetted Balmacaans for either boys or girls of 9 to 18 years. Splendid grays, browns, and fancy colorings, \$5 to \$12.50.
—Dandy Overcoats for little hopefuls of 2 to 8 years, priced from \$5 to \$12.50.

Mothers, Fathers and Children are welcome here today. Make this store your resting place as well as your buying place.



BAD BUTTER SENT ARMY

SHIPMENT GUARANTEED BY NEW YORK EXCHANGE IS ADMISION.

Inspector Blamed and Discharged and Guilty Firm Suspended, Says Organization Superintendent.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—An inferior brand of butter, described as unfit to eat, but bearing the guarantee of the New York Mercantile Exchange that it was the best quality, was shipped last June to Vera Cruz for the use of the United States troops, according to testimony adduced today at the inquiry begun by State Attorney-General Parsons to determine if a butter, egg and cheese monopoly exists in this city.

According to F. G. Henry, superintendent of the exchange, who testified today, the inferior butter was sold to the Government by the firm of Henneberger & Herold and received the official guarantee of the Mercantile Exchange through the connivance of its butter inspector, James H. Barrett. Barrett, after an investigation by the board of directors, was discharged and the firm was suspended for one year, Mr. Henry added.

Henry, who said he testified under protest, explained that the substitution had been discovered through a complaint made by a competitive bidder for the butter contract.

The firm of Henneberger & Herold was ordered to make good the entire quantity of butter, which it did," said Henry.

On further cross-examination, Henry

ROSEBURG GIRL HONORED

Miss Mabel Miller Elected to Visit Portland on "Royalty" Day.

ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 23.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Strawberry Carnival committee held here today Miss Mabel Miller was elected to represent Roseburg at Portland on "Royalty" day, which will be one of the features of the annual land show there.

Miss Miller's election was due to the fact that Mrs. Claud Catching, who served as Queen of the Strawberry Festival here in May, was recently married and has gone East to reside. Miss Miller is well known in this vicinity and her selection to represent Roseburg has given general satisfaction here.

Roseburg Hospital Graduates Two

ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 23.—(Special.)—The first graduation exercises of the Mercy Hospital Training School were held here last night, with a large crowd in attendance. The event was held in honor of Mrs. Cora Wilkie and Miss Mabel Carter, who have the distinction of being the first graduates from the training school since it was established in connection with Mercy Hospital.

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Normal Schools' Reopening Favored.

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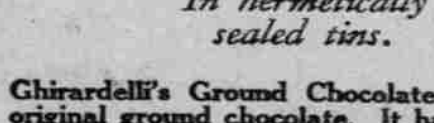
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