

## SHIPBUILDERS ALL VOTE FOR STRIKE

### Steelyard Workers Will Walk Out Today.

## PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS VAIN

### Telegram to E. J. Stack Read at Meeting of Strikers.

## MEDIATOR BEGS FOR PEACE

### As Result of Message From Chief Executive, Iron Moulders' and Employes Reach Temporary Agreement in San Francisco.

## OFFICIAL STRIKE STATEMENT.

The official strike statement given out last night by the press committee of the Metal Trades and Building Trades Councils follows:

"The vote was unanimous to strike tomorrow (Monday) morning at 10 o'clock.

"This action was caused by employers shifting responsibility and not stating the truth concerning the Government taking over the yards and refusing to meet representatives of the unions.

"A unanimous vote was also taken to wire President Woodrow Wilson that it was with deepest regret that we were unable to comply with his request; that we assure him of our fullest co-operation and hearty support in the prosecution of the war to a successful termination."

President Wilson telegraphed a direct appeal to the union men of Portland yesterday, asking them to continue at work on shipbuilding and assuring them of a "fair deal," but it did not suffice to accomplish the results sought for by the head of the Nation, for at a special mass meeting of the men affiliated with the steel and wooden ship industries here, held last night at the Municipal Auditorium, a strike order was issued for steel ship plants, effective at 10 o'clock this morning; and it was ordered that the wooden workers remain out.

This means the complete tieup of the steel and wooden shipbuilding industry of Portland and vicinity, insofar as the unions may be able to do so.

## Further Strikes Resumed.

On top of this action there is a persistent rumor that this is but the first of a series of strikes to be called for in this city in an effort to enforce the "closed shop" proposition of the ship workers. This could not be verified last night, as the officers of the unions would not say yes or no to it, but workmen who are in a position to know and who will be affected declared that such is the case.

There are about 4000 union steel workers, who will be called upon to lay down their tools and walk out at 10 o'clock this morning upon order of the meeting last night. Approximately 2500 to 3000 workmen are now out in the wooden ship industry here; these are to remain on strike, making a total of close to 7000 men out on strike.

G. Y. Harry, Federal mediator, representing Secretary of Labor Wilson, was at the meeting and urged the men to accept the situation, as requested by President Wilson, if they possibly could. He told of the urgent necessity of the vessels under construction here and declared that, as stated by the President, he felt a "fair deal" would be given the unions in due time.

## Strike Order Surprises.

The meeting last night was called by the joint order of the Metal Trades Council, the Building Trades Council and the District Council of Carpenters, with which all of the unions engaged in construction of steel and wooden vessels are affiliated. B. W. Sleeman, chief representative of the district Council of Carpenters, presided and representatives of every union in the organizations were on hand and remained to the end. The session opened at 8 o'clock and lasted to 11:30, at which time the executive committee of the joint organizations held a brief session and authorized an official statement to the public.

To many the action of the meetings came as a great surprise, inasmuch as the telegram from President Wilson had been received during the afternoon and was read at the session, especially since its receipt in San Francisco had sufficed to bring the strike there to a close.

When the message was read it created much enthusiasm, and there was cheering for at least one minute. Later, however, it developed that the situation, as viewed by the unions, has become so acute that they could not see their way clear to accept its terms, and hence the strike order, which was voted.

## Sympathetic Strikes Held Likely.

It was estimated that probably 2500 men, all members of affiliated unions, attended the meeting, although several

## HOOVER ASKS ALL TO USE LESS SUGAR

### FRANCE NEEDS 100,000 TONS, BUT SUPPLY IS LIMITED.

### Food Administrator Wants Americans to Eat Only One-Third as Much Candy as Usual.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Food Administrator Hoover appealed to the American people tonight to reduce their consumption of sweets to leave a share for their French allies, who are facing the prospect of two months entirely without sugar.

"We have received a request from the French government," Mr. Hoover said, "that we allow them to export from the United States 100,000 tons of sugar during the next month and probably more at a later period.

"Our own situation is that we have just sufficient sugar to maintain our normal consumption until the first of January, when the new West Indian crop becomes available.

"Sugar is a human necessity. If our people will reduce by one-third their purchases and consumption of candy and of sugar for other uses than preserving fruit, which we do not wish to interfere with, we can save the French situation.

"In the interest of the French people and of the loyalty we owe them to divide our food in the maintenance of our common cause, I ask the American people to do this. It is unthinkable that we refuse their request."

## PRINCE DESIRES CAPTIVE

### First American Officer Taken to Confront Bavarian.

GENEVA, Sept. 23.—Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, commander of the German army on the northern end of the western front, according to a dispatch from Munich, has issued an order that the first American officer captured on his front shall be taken immediately to his headquarters.

Reports that the German military authorities had offered a reward to the first German capturing an American soldier were denied Sept. 23 in a statement by the Wolff I bureau, the official German news agency.

The diary of the Prussian sergeant captured previous to September 15 mentioned that a German General on the western front had offered for the first American, dead or alive, 400 marks, two weeks' leave and the iron cross of the first class as a reward for his captor.

## THREE OFFENDERS CAUGHT

### Quantity of Liquor Illegally Held Seized at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Niels H. Christensen, a fisherman, was caught Friday night by Federal authorities as he was coming up the river in his boat with 10 quart bottles of whisky which he had purchased at Flavel for \$20. He was fined \$100 Saturday in the Justice Court. Friday evening City Marshal Com. Bell, of Warrenton, caught Frank Miller and J. Alexander as they were leaving the steamship Great Northern with seven grips containing about 100 quart bottles of whisky. The men paid fines of \$100 each in the Warrenton Municipal Court yesterday.

## STOKES STRONG FOR WAR

### Socialist Says U. S. Would Have Earned Contempt Without Action.

BELLSPOUT, N. Y., Sept. 23.—The United States would have earned the contempt of the family of nations had it stood apart from the world war "in ease and safety, rather than share in the common task of checking wholesale violations of rights and liberties, common and essential to all," declared J. G. Phelps Stokes, in an address here last night before the Autumn conference of the Intercollegiate Socialists' Society, of which he is president.

## EARLY REPLY IS EXPECTED

### German Answer to Pope Likely to Affect British Action.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The Press Association says it has reason to believe that the German reply to the Pope will certainly call for or produce an earlier British reply to His Holiness than would otherwise have been made.

It may, on the contrary, says the association, have an exactly opposite effect.

## SOLDIER FATALLY BURNED

### C. H. Mattley Loses Life in Hotel Fire in California.

BRIDGEPORT, Cal., Sept. 23.—Christian H. Mattley, a member of the draft contingent leaving here today for the Army training camp at American Lake, was burned to death when a fire broke out in the hotel where he was sleeping late last night.

Six other members of the departing contingent were sleeping in the place at the time.

## BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK

### Vessel Is Torpedoed by German Submarine; 50 Survivors.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—A British destroyer has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the approaches to the channel, according to an Admiralty announcement. There were 50 survivors.

## LOYALTY PLEDGED BY SCANDINAVIANS

### State Fair Preliminary Draws 4000.

## PATRIOTISM RUNS RAMPANT

### Quadri-Centennial Reformation Is Celebrated.

## GOVERNOR LAUDS CITIZENS

### B. G. Skulason in Main Address Declares Sons of Europe Will Shed Blood Freely for Country of Their Adoption.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Upwards of 4000 persons of Scandinavian descent testified to their loyalty and devotion to the country of their adoption today as they loudly cheered Attorney B. G. Skulason, of Portland, for his patriotic utterances at the State Fair grandstand when it was discussed that an American flag was draped on a table with the Stars hanging downwards and a woman arose and made a protest from the audience. The flag was speedily rearranged.

## WOMEN WILL BE GUARDED

### Rights Not to Be Denied Because of War Conditions.

The venture of the Portland woman into new fields of labor, which has resulted from war conditions, will be made under the surveillance of the police bureau. This is the result of an order issued Saturday.

The police order came by request of Lola G. Baldwin, head of the women's protective bureau. Mrs. Baldwin was informed that the law governing the hours and occupations of women were being violated. Prosecutions will result if this is found to be the case.

## HOLLAND WILL GET COAL

### England to Supply Fuel if Dutch Ships Carry Belgians Food.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 23.—Holland has reached an agreement with Great Britain regarding the supply of coal, according to the Handelsblad.

The newspaper believes the agreement was reached under certain conditions, the most important of which is that Dutch tonnage shall be placed at the disposal of the Belgian Relief Commission.

## ITALIANS MAKE PROGRESS

### Austrians Attack After Heavy Gunfire, but Are Repulsed.

ROME, Sept. 23.—General Cadorna's forces made progress last night at several points on the Julian battle front.

In the Bainsizza plateau the Austrians, after violent artillery preparation, repeatedly attacked the Italian position in the region of Kal and west of Volhnik, but were repulsed.

## PENDLETON ENJOYS HEAVY DOWNPOUR

### RAIN WORTH MILLION DOLLARS BENEFITS LAND.

### Big Crop of Winter Wheat Is Assured and Range Is Put in Shape for Stockmen.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Nine-tenths of an inch, a \$1,000,000 rain, was recorded here during the storm last night. The precipitation was general over the county and means great possibilities for the farmers and stockmen of this county. It makes a total of six inches and a half of rain during September and heavy September rains in this section are considered assurance of a big crop of winter wheat.

The rain was easily enough to start the weeds on the summer fallow, and means that the grain growers need not sow in the dust or wait until spring, as many did last year. It will mean that this section may be depended on for its share of the increased grain production needed by the country. For the stockmen it is equally a boon, for it will relieve the million acres of summer range and feed the stock for several more weeks. A condition that, with the serious hay shortage in the Northwest, will probably prevent the forced sale of a large amount of stock.

Growers have been looking toward the markets to save them from the losses incurred during the long feeding season of last winter, but with the range renewed their prospects are much brighter.

## NOTE FROM BERLIN HALTS ARGENTINA

### Declaration of War Is Postponed.

## SOME DOUBT LEFT OF MEANING

### Ideas Expressed by Count von Luxburg Are Disapproved.

## ALL NIGHT DEBATE HEATED

### Sweden on Verge of Ministerial Crisis—Threefold Causes Are Buenos Aires Revelations, Germany's Reticence, Elections.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Sept. 23.—Just as the Argentine Chamber of Deputies early this morning was preparing to vote on the question of breaking diplomatic relations with Germany, an official communication was received from the Berlin Foreign Office.

The note disapproved of the ideas expressed by Count von Luxburg, the German Minister here, regarding Germany's "cruiser warfare."

## DECLARATION OF WAR IS POSTPONED.

The word "cruiser" left some doubt in the minds of government officials as to whether Germany intended to modify her submarine campaign. A declaration of war on Germany was postponed by the receipt of the German note.

Foreign Minister Puyredon later gave out two notes that he had received from Dr. Luis B. Molina, the Argentine Minister at Berlin. The first reads: My telegram of September 21 and am transmitting the exact text of the note from the German government in reply to your communication. As you will see, the satisfaction cannot be more ample or definite.

"This note was delivered personally to me by the Imperial Chancellor, who has just returned from Munich and who repeated the sentiments of the note in a most expressive and definite manner. There is no doubt therefore that the German empire condemns the conduct of Luxburg, whose opinions were purely personal, and it disapproves absolutely. You may be sure the German government will faithfully keep its promises."

## VOX LUXBURG BEARS BLAME.

The second message received from the Argentine Minister says: "I have to inform you of the untruth of the report sent out by the enemies of Germany that the Kaiser has sent Luxburg a message approving his conduct and has offered another diplomatic post to him. The government has denied the report by wireless."

## CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WILL MEET TOMORROW AFTERNOON TO TAKE DEFINITE ACTION ON THE MESSAGES FROM MINISTER MOLINA.

A heated debate on whether to declare war or only to sever relations

## MIDNIGHT DEED IS "GHOSTLY DRAMA"

### BODY OF FORMER MILLIONAIRE WOMAN EXHUMED.

### Secret Autopsy Declared by Judge Bingham to Have Been Performed on Body of His Wife.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 23.—The body of Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham, formerly Mrs. Henry M. Flieger, secretly exhumed at Wilmington, N. C., shortly after midnight last Tuesday, at the instance of Mrs. Bingham's relatives and an autopsy performed in the presence of a detective of National reputation and several physicians, some of the vital organs removed and sent to New York and the body presumably reinterred, according to a statement given out here tonight by attorneys for Judge Bingham.

All of this was done surreptitiously, the statement declares, the secret closely guarded until the object was accomplished, and adds "It belongs to the public to form its own opinion of this ghostly drama."

## POWERFUL EXPLOSIVES ALSO TAKEN TO BUCHAREST LEGATION AND BURIED IN GARDENS—GERMAN MINISTER ADMITS ACTS.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—How Germany "shamefully abused and exploited" the protection of the United States by secreting in the German Legation at Bucharest, after the American Government had taken charge of Germany's affairs at the Roumanian capital, quantities of powerful explosives for bomb plots and deadly microbes, with instructions for their use in destroying horses and cattle, was revealed today by Secretary Lansing.

## NEUTRALITY IS VIOLATED

It was another of the series of Mr. Lansing's disclosures of German intrigue, made public without comment in the same manner as the Von Luxburg telegrams which have brought Argentina to the verge of war with Germany; the Von Eckhardt letter from Mexico City and the Von Bernstorff telegram asking the German Foreign Office for authorization to spend \$50,000 to influence Congress.

## BOXES AROUSE SUSPICION.

The latest story is told in a report to the State Department from William Whiting Andrews, secretary of the legation at Bucharest, and a letter from Foreign Minister Porumbaru, of Roumania.

Parcels and boxes taken into the German Consulate at Bucharest with display of great precaution aroused the suspicions of the Roumanian government. On August 27, 1916, the evening prior to the date of Roumania's declaration of war, some of the boxes were taken to the German Legation, located in a different building from the Consulate.

Convinced that the boxes were not taken away from the Legation by the German diplomatic mission on its departure from Bucharest, the Roumanian authorities later ordered the police to find and examine their contents.

## BERNHARDT ADMITS KNOWLEDGE.

The police communicated with American Minister Vopicka, then in charge of German interests, who reluctantly assigned Secretary Andrews to observe the search. The boxes were found buried in the garden of the German Legation.

Mr. Andrews' report says: "Upon my return from the examination, which resulted in the discovery of the explosives and of the box of microbes, both of which cases were admitted having placed in the garden, the former confidential agent of the German Minister, Dr. Bernhardt, who had been left with the Legation at the German Minister's request, to assist in the care of German interests, admitted his knowledge of the explosives placed in the garden; told me that more were in the garden than had been found; that a still larger quantity had been buried in the house of the Legation, and that still worse things than this box of microbes were contained in the Legation. He stated that they would have been found even in the cabinets of dossiers which I had sealed.

## PROTECTION SHAMEFULLY ABUSED.

"Dr. Bernhardt also stated that all these objects had been brought to the German Legation after our Legation had accepted the protection of German interests, which agreed with the statement of the servants. A similar confession was made to the Minister by this man.

"The protection of the United States was in this manner shamefully abused and exploited. In this instance, at least, the German government cannot have recourse to its usual system of denial."

Fifty-one boxes were taken from the ground in the garden. Fifty of them contained each a cartridge filled with trinitrotoluene saturated with monochloroethylene, among the most powerful explosives known, one-fifth of each of one being sufficient to tear up a railroad track.

## DEADLY GERMS SECRETED.

In the other box were bottles of liquid, found to be cultivations of the microbes of anthrax and glanders. It bore a seal showing it came from the German Consulate at Kronstadt, Hungary, and inside was found a typewritten note in German saying: "Inclosed four phials for horses and four for cattle. To be employed as formerly arranged. Each phial is sufficient for 200 head. To be introduced, if possible, directly into the animal's throat; if not, into their fodder. Please make a little report on the success obtained there; in case of good results the presence of Mr. Kostoff for one day here would be desirable.

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## LANSING EXPOSES DEADLY GERM PLOT

### Microbes Planted in Roumania Before War.

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## THE KAISER WILL GET HIS AT THE STATE FAIR THIS WEEK.



## BELGIUM'S RUIN GOES ON

### Germans Reported to Have Destroyed Steel Plants Near Liege.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 23.—The newspaper, Les Nouvelles, of Maastricht, announces that 25 per cent of the German troops garrisoning Belgium have been recalled, the German authorities proposing to use these "blind, maimed and halt" for the creation of new units for the fighting front.

The article says the Germans have destroyed the famous Cockerill steel plants near Liege, removing the building and blowing up the blast furnaces. Several other plants have been destroyed and it is believed the same fate awaits all Belgian factories.

The resumption of the deportation of all males between 17 and 45 from the city of Mons, Belgium, is reported by Les Nouvelles, of Maastricht.

## BADGERS RAP LA FOLLETTE

### Citizens Demand Resignation and Ask Senate to Impeach Member.

WASHBURN, Wis., Sept. 23.—At a meeting of the Washburn Loyalty League here today it was decided to send a telegram to Senator La Follette demanding that he resign his seat in the Senate.

Another message sent by the league to the President of the Senate asked that La Follette be impeached for his "treasonable utterances and disloyalty to our Government."

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