

SPAIN INFORMATION DEPOT OF GERMANY

American "Leaks" Go via Latin Republics, and Submarines Carry Mails.

PRESENT LAXITY COSTLY

Now American Business Concerns Can Communicate With Enemy by Neutral Countries, Subject to British Censor.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—(Special).—While Sweden is headquarters for the German espionage system, it is Spain which is the depot for the collection and distribution of information of the utmost value to the enemy. America has no censorship of mails to South America, although once letters reach these Latin countries any information they contain may be immediately transmitted by radio to Spain, whence the news can be forwarded to Germany either by wireless or by submarine.

The submarine mail route works with fair regularity, despite the constant effort to destroy it. Boats which pick up buoys packed with letters off the Spanish coast, or receive letters direct from fishermen employed by the Germans in Spain. The submarines carry the mail either to Belgium or German ports, or through the Mediterranean to Austrian harbors.

Secret Channels Many. These letters generally contain information of a commercial and financial nature. Their value is unaffected by the tedious roundabout journey from the United States, but it is also possible to send military and naval information and secret diplomatic reports in the same way.

All mail from the United States for European countries with the exception of that carried by ships plying between South America and Spanish ports, is censored either by British or French authorities. America cannot afford long to remain the dangerous exception.

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American Censorship Loose. To date America has not adopted restrictions such as Britain's trading with the enemy act, which prohibited any intercourse with Germany, even through a neutral country, unless under special permission.

Strict Censorship Urged. Briefly summarized, there is at present a serious leakage of information from the United States. The Latin South American censorship should be established immediately.

Neutrality Openly Violated. It has been possible to prove in an indisputable way, he said, that before our declaration of war with Austria-Hungary, when observing strict neutrality and keeping up normal relations with the German Empire, the personnel of the German Legation, violating all rules of neutrality and all duties of diplomatic missions, clandestinely carried considerable quantities of an extremely powerful explosive and cultivated of

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microbes destined to infect domestic animals and in consequence susceptible of provoking terrible epidemics also among the human population.

Plot Aimed at Neutral People. On the other hand, there can be no doubt the final object of the importation into Roumania as well as about the use to which they were assigned. The explosives and the microbes were destined to be used in Roumania, very probably in time of peace.

DRIVE ABOUT TO START

EAST SIDE LIBRARY CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED TONIGHT.

Speakers Will Tell Why Soldiers Need Books and Work Will Be Pushed.

Plans for starting the big war library drive formulated by the War Library Council, a newly formed organization of East Side business and professional men, whose purpose is to furnish the soldiers in camp and at the front with books and other reading material, will be completed at the East Christian Assn. tonight.

CHRISTIAN MEN CONFER

ANNUAL Y. M. C. A. DIRECTORS MEETING HELD AT REED COLLEGE.

William M. Ladd, President for 23 Years, Presides—John Goodell, Who Goes to France, Delivers Address.

The annual conference of the board of directors, committees and board officers of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association was held yesterday afternoon at Reed College, with W. M. Ladd, president for 23 years, as presiding officer.

Russian Army Size Reduced.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 23.—The provisional government has decided to reduce the number of men in the regular army. This decision was reached for two reasons, first because the country cannot remain long without male labor, and second because it was thought desirable to relieve the army of men who are too old to fight, or who have been wounded.

CHICAGO MAN BECOMES PORTLAND RESIDENT.

Thomas L. Peterson is a new resident of Portland. He is at 1909 East Stark street.

Until recently Mr. Peterson was a property owner of Chicago. It cost him \$3 to trade his property in the Windy City and acquire a location among the rose hedges of Portland.

SHIP BOARD FEELS, SO PRESIDENT ACTS

Telegram Sent Labor Leaders Urging Settlement of Strikes on Coast.

MR. HURLEY IN CONFERENCE

Mr. Wilson Sees Tying Up of Coast Shipbuilding as Result of Strike and Asks That Nation Be Put First.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 23.—The Shipping Board, having failed utterly in its attempt to bring into agreement the Pacific Coast shipbuilders and their employees on the disputed question of wages, and having also declined to exercise any authority which would compel an agreement that ship construction might proceed uninterrupted, President Wilson today took a hand personally in an effort to bring about an adjustment of the dispute which has threatened to disrupt the shipbuilding industry of Portland, Puget Sound and San Francisco.

WAGE SCHEDULE IS SIGNED Temporary Agreement Reached in San Francisco.

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BUILDERS VOTE FOR STRIKE

hundred had left before the strike vote was taken. A representative crowd remained, however, to the end of the meeting.

Union Men Leave Capital. It was learned last night that the union leaders have been disappointed over the situation at Washington with regard to the adjustment of the demands of the steel workers.

There is another feature which looms large in the situation from the union standpoint, and that is the recent action of Phil S. Bates in being out with his newspapers throughout the country, stating that large numbers of men were needed or would be needed here to handle the ship construction programme.

Ball Opposition Vigorous. The strike order will affect several steel shipbuilding plants, of which the largest in Portland is the one owned by Steel Company, J. R. Bowles, president.

Ball, its president, declared that he would never consent to signing another contract with the union organizations

and posted a reward of \$5000, to be forfeited, in case he should "sign up" within a year. He, too, is in Washington, having gone there on his own volition to "sit in" on the hearing and to lend his influence against any proposition for the "closed shop."

Police Ready for Emergencies. The Peninsula Shipbuilding Company also intends to resume operations, at least on a small scale, this morning, with any men who may apply for work.

While the police have not been much in evidence during the past week of the strike, it was stated at headquarters last night that an emergency squad will be held there, under command of Captain Moore and Sergeant Wade, to handle any situation that may arise in the first district; in addition, at least one man will be posted at each yard. In St. Johns district, commanded by Captain Jenkins, a detail will be in readiness in any emergency call, it was announced.

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It was understood that in the temporary settlement both sides to the controversy made material concessions. In the settlement within two days after the iron trades council expired, September 15, the men demanded a daily minimum wage of \$6, a 50 per cent increase. The employers offered a 10 per cent advance.

Three Messages Sent.

President Wilson's telegram to Mr. McNabb today sending the following telegram to Charles W. Doyle, Seattle, E. J. Stack, Portland, and John O'Connell, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council.

Serious Charges Made.

Myron E. Howe, 354 Salmon street, was arrested last night by Patrolman Morris and charged with beating Mrs. Bertha M. Capps, who also accuses him of violating the Mann act in transporting her to Portland from Tacoma, Wash., to enter a disorderly house here.

FIRE

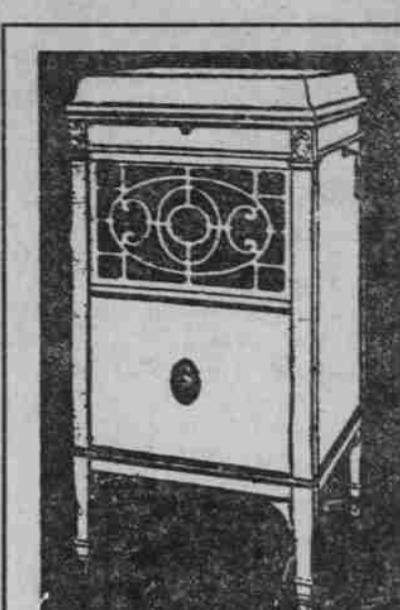
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