

SPANISH VESSELS HELD IN PORT BY U.S.

Acts That Have Appearance of Being Unfriendly Are Promptly Resented.

TEUTON INTRIGUE BLAMED

Influences Suspected to Be German Defeat Pershing's Attempt to Buy Blankets — Action Pending Against Other Neutrals.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Quick retaliatory measures were forecast here tonight as the answer of the United States and the allies to Spain's interference with the shipments of goods across her frontier into France.

In fact, certain Spanish ships now in American ports ready to sail, are being held up pending a clearing of the situation, although the War Trade Board in a formal statement tonight denied that vessels under the Spanish flag generally were being kept in port.

The American Government is particularly concerned in the situation because of large orders placed in Spain by General Pershing for supplies for the American Army. It holds, too, the chief weapon to force a lifting of an embargo placed by Spain, since Spain draws heavily on the United States for foodstuffs.

Board Issues Statement.
The War Trade Board which issued export licenses and licenses for bunker coal, in its statement said:
"It is not correct that Spanish ships are being generally held up by means of refusing bunkers or otherwise. It is expected further clearances will be granted. Each case is dealt with on its own facts and in a few cases bunker licenses have been withheld, as where a ship has been loaded in whole or in part with commodities as to which export licenses could not be allowed under the policy of the War Trade Board."

No comment other than this statement was to be had officially at the War Trade Board offices concerning the Spanish situation.

Allied officials have been given no end of perplexity by Spain. Although not so situated geographically as to ship supplies readily into Germany, charges have been made that goods from Spanish Morocco have gone through the Swiss port of entry in France into Switzerland and thence into Germany.

Charges have also been made that the German spy system has used wireless equipment in Spain, to communicate with the central powers.

Many Spanish Pro-German.
A considerable element in the Spanish government, it is well known, is German in its leanings, and officials in Washington express no hesitation in intimating that this element is in a large measure responsible for the present trouble.

The official reason given for the blocking of General Pershing's orders is said to be that the Spanish railroad system has broken down and that it is impossible to handle goods destined for France.

Through their control of bunker coal the allies are in position to stop not only the shipment of goods to Spain from the allied countries, but from neutrals as well; consequently they are in a position to bring powerful pressure to bear upon Spain for fair treatment of the Spanish markets.

Exchange Rates to Be Adjusted.
Adjustment of foreign exchange rates with Spain to remove the premium which American business men are paying now on transactions with that country is another problem waiting to be solved. It will be one of the financial questions to be considered by Secretary McAdoo and Lord Reading when the new British Ambassador reaches Washington.

Treasury Department officials have been worried lately by the failure of the Spanish exchange rate to decrease, in spite of the fact that the balance of trade amounts to \$150,000,000 in America's favor for the first 11 months of 1917, the latest figures available.

On November 30 the present, ordinarily worth \$155 cost \$145 in New York for transfer by cable to Spain.

In searching for a reason it was found that the trade balance between Spain and the allies was largely in favor of Spain and that this difference was being paid through New York from the allies' credits in this country, in order to take advantage of the more favorable exchange rate.

This has caused the rate to advance to America's disadvantage, although it still remains less than the rate in European countries.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Jan. 31.—Representatives of the Spanish line in this city said tonight they had received no instructions from Washington to discontinue sailings of their ships.

AIRSHIP BUILDING RACES
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dollars on fixed prices contracts, \$25,000,000 for those on cost plus percentage basis, and \$25,000,000 in foreign contracts with France and Italy.

The foreign contracts, Colonel Deeds said, were arranged as between governments through an allied commission, thereby escaping payments of large royalties demanded by some patentees. It had been found that the training machines could be built for 25 per cent less than at first planned, but those for active service cost more than planned because of greater horsepower.

The committee was told that contracts had been awarded to 45 firms and that 400 sub-contractors were working.

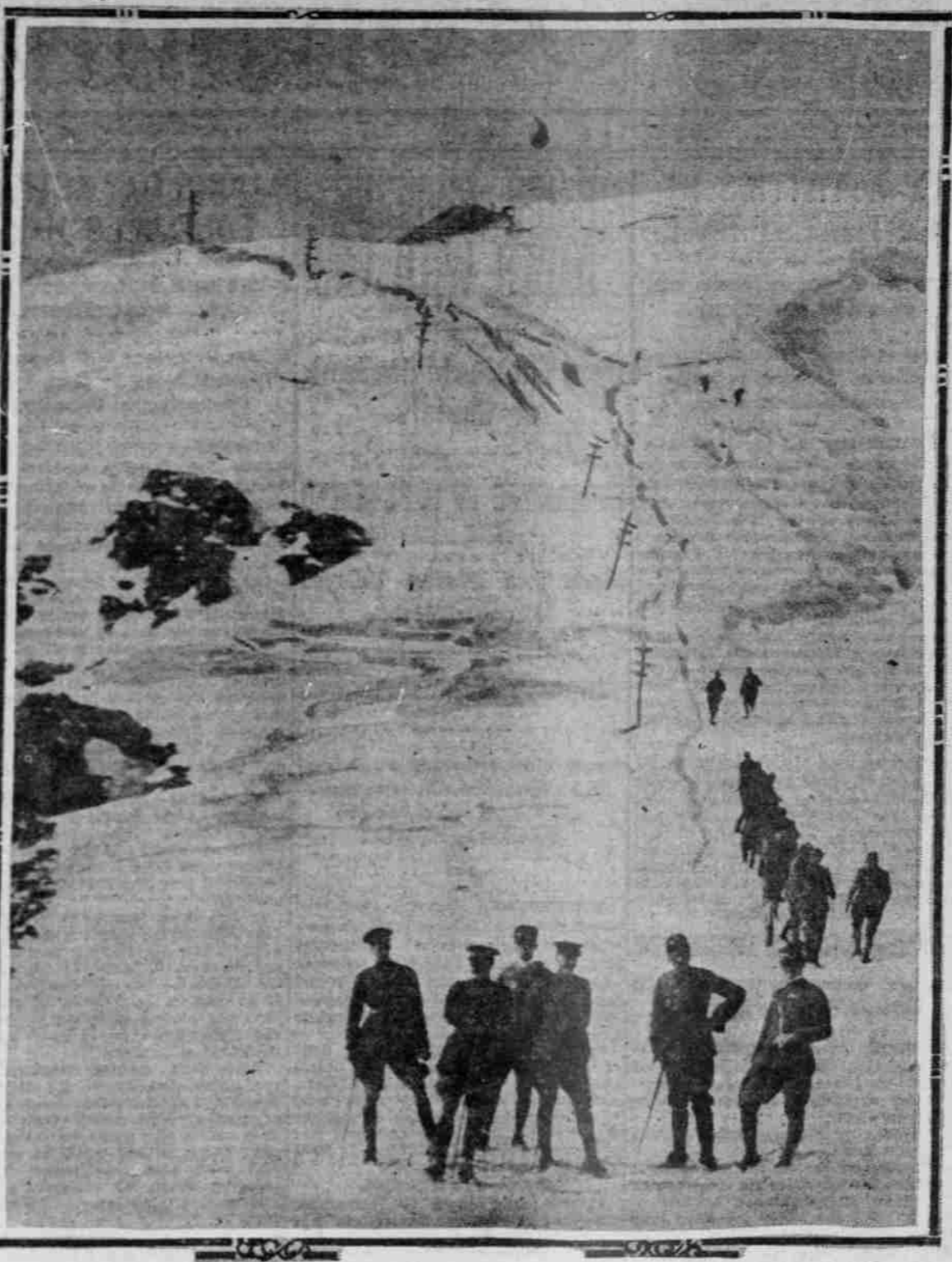
Interest of H. D. Baker, a brother of Secretary Baker, in an airplane plant at Niles, O., which had lost Government contracts, came up today before the committee.

Secretary Baker ordered the contract canceled as soon as he learned the aviation so far had awarded them.

CLEANS THE BLOOD TONES THE NERVES
The gratifying results attending the faithful use of the new medicinal combination, Hood's Sarsaparilla before eating and Pepsin after eating, are seen in purer blood, stronger nerves, improved condition of the whole system.

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BRITISH OFFICERS MAKE WAY OVER SNOW-COVERED MOUNTAINS TO AID ITALIANS AGAINST THE TEUTONS.



—Photo from Underwood.

British officers attached to the force that Great Britain has sent into Italy to aid in repelling the Austro-German drive are shown combating the heights and the snow to reach the front. They are wearing skis, the only practical equipment in making their way over the snow to reach an advanced post in the Italian Alps.

FUEL AGAIN SCARCE

Shortage in East Serious as Two Weeks Ago.

WEATHER BLOCKS TRAINS

Industries Will Suffer Severely Unless Freer Movement on Various Transportation Lines of the Country Becomes Possible.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A new coal shortage as acute as that which two weeks ago brought a Government order closing down industry was regarded as inevitable by the Fuel Administration officials tonight, unless there is an immediate improvement in weather conditions.

Coal production this month fell off 16,000,000 tons—about one-third of the normal monthly output—according to reports to the National Coal Association.

The 16,000,000 loss in production in January was due, the National Coal Association sets forth, entirely to car shortages.

Besides delaying the return of empty cars to the mines and thus retarding production, the weather has slowed up delivery of loaded cars, and many cities in the East are almost entirely without supplies.

Saving six tons of coal under the fuel restriction order on a heatless Monday, Senator Smith, of Michigan, told the Senate today, cost 27 Grand Rapids furniture factories \$22,000 and their employees \$40,000.

"I say that at the highest price ever paid for coal in the United States," declared the Michigan Senator.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 31.—More than 15,000 tons of bituminous coal were seized by State Fuel Administrator Potter today and evenly distributed among retailers here for domestic use and 45 manufacturing establishments working on war orders.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 31.—The Bath Iron Works, employing hundreds of men on the construction of Government craft, notified the state fuel administrator today that the plant would shut down immediately for lack of coal. An urgent appeal was sent to Washington for relief.

A cargo of 1000 tons of bituminous coal which arrived here today by steamer for a paper company was commandeered for hospitals, hotels and apartment-houses.

2 SENATORS TO BE CHOSEN

Temporary appointments were authorized until the people could act.

"The Seventeenth Amendment provides that the Legislature may authorize the Governor to make a temporary appointment to fill a vacancy until an election be had, but said chapter makes no provision for an election. It is the only statute that I have read which has been drawn pursuant to the Seventeenth Amendment that does not appear definite and certain.

Election in November.
"I assume that the Legislative intent was that the appointee of the Governor should serve until a vacancy could be filled at a regular election. The first regular election will be in November. There is no suggestion that the Governor should issue his writ of election, nor does the thought prevail in this section that the appointee is to serve

CAVALRY HEADS NAMED

Commanders of 7 of 15 Mounted Regiments Are Announced.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The War Department has approved a recommendation of General Pershing that 15 cavalry regiments be formed for the National Army. This was disclosed today in the announcement of the appointment of commanders for seven of these regiments.

The commanders, regiments and locations announced today are: Colonel Sterling P. Adams, 301, Camp Fremont, Cal.; Colonel George Pritchard, 202, Camp Fremont; Colonel Samuel McP. Rutherford, 203, Leon Springs, Tex.; Colonel L. C. Andrews, 304, Leon Springs; Colonel Elbert E. Saxton, 205, Leon Springs; Colonel George O. Cross, 306, Fort Clark, Tex.; and Colonel E. A. Phillips, 307, Del Rio, Tex.

A division of regular cavalry is being formed at El Paso, Tex.

MAN OF 56 LEAVES HOME

Oliver McGee, Living Near Glendale, Causes Family Anxiety.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special)—Oliver McGee, living a few miles from Glendale, has disappeared from home and his absence is causing his family great uneasiness.

Mr. McGee asked his son to take him to Glendale Sunday night, saying he wished to go to Grants Pass to attend to business matters. Wednesday his family received a letter mailed on the North Bank train, saying goodbye to the home folks and stating that he would go as far as his money would carry him and then secure work.

It is feared that worry has caused mental derangement. Mr. McGee had about \$75 with him when he left. He wore a brown suit with light gray hat, is 54 years old and has gray hair.

FEDERAL LAW NEGLECTED

Centralia Merchant Handles Powder Without Taking Out License.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special)—John Hughes, a well-known Centralia hardware merchant, was bound over to the Federal Court here today by United States Commissioner Westover for failure to take out a Federal license to handle powder.

Hughes is alleged by Federal Inspector Walter Ronald, of Seattle, who made the complaint, to have 150 pounds of powder on hand. Deputy United States Marshal Thomas Fleetwood, of Tacoma, made the arrest. Hughes' bond was fixed at \$1000, which he gave.

Women Discuss Liberty Loan

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—Consideration was given here today to measures for launching the coming third Liberty loan campaign discussed at a meeting yesterday of women representatives from six states of the Twelfth Federal Reserve Bank District. Among those attending the conference were Mrs. E. B. Brainerd, Los Angeles; Mrs. Sarah Evans, Portland, Or.; Mrs. W. J. Patterson, Grays Harbor, Wash.; and Mrs. Teresa Graham, Boise, Idaho.

PEACE TO BE CLEAN

Lansdowne Wants Durable, Honorable Pact.

MORE WAR ALTERNATIVE

Leader of Opposition in British House of Lords, in Speech Concludes With Recent Utterances of Wilson and Lloyd George.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The Marquis of Lansdowne, in an address today, said that he concurred entirely with the recent speeches of David Lloyd George, the British Premier, and President Wilson on peace aims.

"I believe all of us are ready to prolong this war as terrible as it is, until we can get a clean peace," said the leader of the opposition in the House of Lords.

Lord Lansdowne added that the time for obtaining such a peace should not be too long delayed and that no opportunity should be neglected to bring it nearer.

Lord Lansdowne was replying to an address presented by Earl Loreburn, former Lord High Chancellor, and others of his supporters, including authors and journalists.

Long Delay Opposed.
"But it is our desire," the speaker said, "that the time for obtaining that clean peace should, if possible, not be too long delayed and that no opportunity should be neglected of bringing it nearer."

"By a clean peace I mean a peace which will be honorable and durable." Continuing, Lord Lansdowne said there was only one way of getting this peace and that was by forming a combination of great powers under which the powers would hold themselves bound to refer international disputes to some kind of international tribunal.

Lord Lansdowne, asked if it would not be true to add that if the cohesion of Germany could be obtained to such a pact, it would mean the negation of Prussian militarism. He said there would be no room for Prussian militarism inside such a combination.

Self-Determination Favored.
The speaker said he accepted wholeheartedly the suggestion of Mr. Lloyd George that territorial questions should be settled on the basis of national self-determination.

The speech of Count von Hertling, the Imperial German Chancellor, was a disappointment to him, Lord Lansdowne added.

"I think nobody would be more surprised than Von Hertling," the speaker said, "if he thought we were going to hand over Gibraltar, Hongkong and some other 'little quarters of the earth.'"

OIL SAVING IS PROPOSED

Five California Corporations Ready to Pool Their Interests.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—Between 6,000,000 and 10,000,000 barrels of fuel oil will be saved yearly in California if projected power plants are constructed, according to testimony offered before the Railroad Commission here today by John A. Eritton, general manager of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

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SENIORS CHRISTEN TABLE
Dean Mary E. Favcett First to Carve Her Initials.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 31.—(Special)—The senior class last night christened its official table, a huge affair, with blue top decorated with gold "O" and "A". The annual custom was carried out with elaborate ceremonies, at which practically all of the senior men and women were present.

Martin Kurtz, president of the class, was in charge of the festivities. After the table is christened it is the custom for the seniors to carve their initials on the top and when the class is graduated the top is hung up with the table tops of other classes which have gone before.

Mary E. Favcett, dean of women, was the first to carve her name on the table of the class of 1918.

Achievement Button Won.
EUGENE, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special)—John Fuchlner, a pupil in the Ward School, north of Coburg, is the first school child in Lane County to be awarded an "achievement button" by the state department of education for the sale of war savings stamps. Fuchlner is credited with the sale of \$50 worth of war savings stamps. The state educational department is offering these buttons to encourage patriotism among the boys and girls in Oregon schools.

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