

HUM DISASTER SEEN BY STEAMSHIP HEAD

Albert Ballin Opposed to Operation of Divers.

RISK IS DECLARED GREAT

Letter Indicates That Director Feared Ruin, Even Though Boche Won Conflict.

SYDNEY, Australia.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Albert Ballin, General Director of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, who is reported to have committed suicide just before the signing of the armistice, had predicted disaster for the German overseas trade as an outcome of the war. This is disclosed by the publication here of a letter which Herr Ballin had written in December, 1917, apparently to the German privy councillor at Berlin. A copy of this letter was made public here by J. M. Paxton, a resident of Sydney, who received it from a friend in London. In it Ballin declared that whether Germany or England was victorious in the war, the consequences to the German overseas trade would be disastrous. The letter reads, in part: "Most of what we read in the newspapers as to our preparedness for embarking on brisk trade and manufacturing as soon as peace has been concluded is, I am sure, written with our manifest intention of heartening our people, who are notoriously ignorant of our actual economic conditions and all that threatens them."

"What would you recommend as a remedy for such a condition?" he asked by Paul Bonyngs, counsel for the owners. "Take a lot of these very smooth gentlemen and send them to the penitentiary," he replied. "That would be one way."

After Mr. Howe had declared that the purchasing power of a dollar was less than 25 cents and had declared a man of family could not live on less than \$1800 a year, Mr. Bonyngs said: "This sounds like arrant socialism. The lawyer also hinted that the witness was a theorist. "It is not a theory," Howe replied. "It is an undisputed, hardheaded fact that a man cannot get enough to eat, clothes to wear and keep his family on less than \$1800 a year in New York City."

ELEVATOR INQUIRY ORDERED

SETTLING SITUATION REFERRED TO ENGINEERS' SOCIETY.

Dock Commission Agrees to Cover Increased Costs if Additional Work Is Undertaken.

If engineering skill can ascertain why the grain elevator at the St. Johns wharf is settling, the Commission of Public Docks is in a frame of mind to have the task undertaken. Yesterday the members decided to refer the situation to the local association of the American Society of Engineers, with the request that the association designate a board of competent engineers to investigate the trouble and make recommendations. The settling of the elevator structure is believed to have ceased. A full report on borings made to depths of 160 feet will be ready in a few days. The last boring was made today and time must be allowed in which to plot the records. The elevator indicated signs of settling December 2 and has been watched since. In the month the downward movement grew. As a result of an investigation undertaken it was decided to cease work on the structure until the movement stopped or some means was found of terminating it. Now the commission feels that the entire situation should be qualified among their colleagues to undertake the responsibility. The first unit of pier No. 1, which consists of 1200 feet long, 1200 feet in length, and a covered section 600 feet long, was accepted yesterday and a settlement ordered arranged with the dock contractor, J. C. B. Co. The contract price was \$420,353, but as the commission had agreed to care for any extra work in the wage scale, as well as additional material costs, both which have taken place, details remain to be gone over before final payment is made. Also, as part of the open dock is occupied by building material for the elevator, the pier contractor was unable to proceed with the construction of the pier until the surveyors, so the amount they represent in the contract will be deducted.

CHIEF RED FOX IN IDAHO

Memorial to Governor Davis Asks for Indian Holiday.

BOISE, Idaho.—Chief Red Fox Skutumpah, of the Northern Blackfoot Indians, in a memorial addressed to Governor Davis, of Idaho, asks that the fourth Saturday in September be set aside as an Indian holiday, in honor of Indian participation in the war. The plea for the designation of an Indian holiday is on the ground of the "contribution made by original Americans to the great composite of white civilization." Chief Skutumpah, in stating both the history and the future of the red man deserve consideration. "We have given to the colors in the American flag," he says, "the portion in citation of recent Indian achievements. We have bought \$50,000,000 in Liberty bonds and donated \$2,000,000 to the Red Cross, mother of humanity. The American Indian's soul has been in the world war. We know not the hyphen; we know not the program of this nation; we are 100 per cent Americans."

HOME EXPENSE OUTLINED

Deckhand Says It Costs Him \$175 a Year to Live.

NEW YORK.—New York workers, by intensive striking, can live on \$1500 a year, but not less, according to one expert. As an authority on the cost of living, Ben Howe, secretary of the Community Council of Defense, thus testified before the sub-section of the War Labor Board, which is taking evidence in the controversy between the labor and owners and their employees regarding the demand of the employees for an increase in wages and an eight-hour day. Mr. Howe, who was called by Frank P. Walsh, counsel for the unions, testified that he had made a study for years of the cost of living and that, in a transaction in which a shipment of cotton was made, it was before it finally reached the consumer.

WOMEN ARE IN DEMAND

Pittsburg Not Worried Over After-War Problems.

WASHINGTON.—Pittsburg has no after-war problem so far as women workers are concerned, according to that city's superintendent of the women's division, United States Employment Service, Department of Labor, who said: "Instead of finding large numbers of women out of work, our office has not had enough applicants for positions for months. In fact, we close our office every day with hundreds of positions open, covering the widest range of opportunity—professional work, clerical work, institutional and domestic work, and factory work. Any woman who is needing employment is more than welcome at this district office."

French War Mission Welcomed.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand.—The French War Mission, headed by General Paul Pau, visiting here, was warmly welcomed at Auckland, its first stopping place in New Zealand. One of the "frenchmen summed up the object of the mission in this way: "We want to find out how Germany did her trade here, and then to take her place."

BOAT SERVICE TO BE ESTABLISHED

Pacific Steamship Company Will Operate Vessels.

SAN DIEGO SOUTHERN PORT

Admiral Dewey and Admiral Schley Will Carry Passengers and Freight on New Schedules.

Under the flag of the Pacific Steamship Company, through the arrangement and freight service will be established February 10 between Portland and San Diego. The steamers Admiral Dewey and Admiral Schley have been ordered to start the new run, and the former departs from the Golden Gate for this port Monday, while a week later the Admiral Schley will follow. The company, which, while legally the Pacific Steamship Company, is the well-known Admiral Line, boasts of a service from Alaska to San Diego, now reaching every principal harbor on the shore of the Pacific north of the Mexican border. The inception of the Portland service was late in the Fall of last year, with the steamer Aurelia as an exclusive freight carrier between Portland and San Francisco, stopping at Eureka and Marshfield as well, while early in December the steamer City of Topeka was called into service on the same route as a passenger and freight vessel. Both will be continued on their present schedules.

New Territory Opened.

Now the placing of the Admiral Dewey and Admiral Schley on the long run to the Southern California city not alone affords passenger connections from Portland to the Golden Gate, Los Angeles and San Diego, but opens additional territory for certain products from the Oregon country on assurance of more direct trade. There has been the case since the war started. Formerly the same ports were reached by the North Pacific Steamship Company, which, however, they have been off the run for a lengthy period, the outbreak of the European disturbance having attracted the steamers to more lucrative engagements. One of them, the Roanoke, was lost, while the other, the George W. Elder, is operating out of San Francisco to West Coast ports.

Columbia River Bar Report.

NORTH HEAD, Feb. 6.—Condition of the bar at 5 P. M.—Sea smooth; wind north, 12 miles.

Tides at Astoria Friday.

High, 1:24 P. M.; Low, 7:52 P. M.; Spring tide.

FINANCE CHANGES WANTED

Widening of Scope and Continuation of Operations Suggested.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Enlargement of the functions of the war finance corporation and continuation of its operations for probably a year after peace is declared, will be asked of Congress shortly by Secretary Glass.

AMERICA MAY COMPETE

Agreement With British Manufacturers and Importers Reached.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—At a conference between British and American shoe manufacturers, an agreement was reached by which the two countries will compete in boots and shoes on an equal basis.

OLYMPIA SOLONS TO BE MET

Oregon Delegation Named to Discuss Columbia River Fishing Laws.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Under the terms of a resolution adopted today in the House and Senate, a delegation of 11 legislators will meet in Washington Saturday to discuss proposed changes in the fishing laws for the mouth of the Columbia River, and also to discuss possible gasoline legislation.

ENGLISH TRADITION BROKEN

Benchers of Middle Temple Drink to President Wilson.

(Copyright, 1919, by the New York World.) LONDON, Feb. 1.—There was a brilliant and enthusiastic scene at the reception of Ambassador Davis by the benchers at the Middle Temple Hall. The new occasion, says the Times, demanded a new departure. It is customary on the occasion of a call to the bench to drink to the toast of the King, and this was duly honored. No other toast by tradition is allowable.

EGG CLAIMS RULE SET ASIDE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Railroad tariff regulations which refuse to allow shippers to claim damages unless more than 5 per cent of the contents of a shipping case have been broken or to pay for more than 5 per cent were set aside today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Railroad Administration was ordered to establish a new set of rules on May 1.

PROFIT-SHARING PROPOSED

Anaconda Copper Company May Adopt Ford Plan.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 6.—Reports that the Anaconda Copper Mining Company contemplates the establishment of a profit-sharing plan patterned after the Ford plan were current here today.

WOMEN'S TRAINING CORPS IS ANXIOUS FOR OPPORTUNITY.

WASHINGTON.—Permission has been asked of the War Department for the use of a part of the cantonments, when they are released from military service, for camps to train women as teachers of setting-up exercises and semi-military drills. These teachers will be equipped to give training in industrial plants and public schools.

MAIL-GLUT STORY DENIED

General Pershing Reports No Serious Congestion in France.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—General Pershing called the War Department today denying reports that mail to and from the American expeditionary forces had become congested at French mail heads. The general said there was no delay or accumulation of mail for the United States, and no accumulation of correctly addressed mail arriving in France for the soldiers.

LAND DIVISION PROMISED

President of Hungary Says Great Estates Will Be Cut Up.

BARSE, Switzerland, Feb. 6.—Count Karolyi, President of Hungary, has informed his cabinet that the division of lands shall commence as soon as the land reform act is published, according to a dispatch from Vienna.

COOS BAY, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Much damage to local shipping was caused by a terrific storm of wind and rain, the Coos Bay bar smoothed down and permitted a general clearance of boats in and out.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—Sailed during the night—Steamer Klamath, for San Pedro via St. Helens.

ASTORIA, Feb. 6.—Arrived down at 9:30 last night and sailed at 6:30 P. M., steamer Astoria, for trial trip. Sailed at midnight, steamer Washburn, for Port San Luis; sailed at 2 P. M., tug Samson, towing barge. Arrived at 4 P. M., steamer Astoria, from trial trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Arrived—Steamer Daisy Mathews, from San Diego, for Portland; steamer Argyle, from Portland; steamer Santa Barbara, from Columbia River.

SAN PEDRO, Feb. 5.—Arrived—Steamer West Waukena, from Portland. Arrived—Steamer Santa Barbara, from Columbia River.

BALBOA, Feb. 5.—Arrived—Steamer Edgefield, from Portland, for New York.

NAGASAKI, Feb. 1.—Sailed—Steamer Manilla Maru, from Seattle for Hongkong.

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 1.—Arrived—Steamer Coos Bay, from Astoria; J. J. Smith, February 2, steamer Kinkasan Maru, from San Francisco.

ANTOPAGASTA, Feb. 4.—Arrived—Steamer Ernest H. Meyer, from Portland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Arrived—Steamer Coos Bay, from Astoria; J. J. Smith, from Port Angeles. Sailed—Steamer C. A. Smith, for Coos Bay.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 6.—Departed—Steamers Homan Maru, for Yokohama; General, for Seattle.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 6.—Arrived—Steamer Easterling, from Seattle. Departed—Steamer Oleum, for San Francisco.

River Forecast. The Willamette River at Portland will remain nearly stationary during the next two or three days except as affected by the tide. The stage at Coos Bay will be 1.5 feet at 7 P. M. zero, a decline of 0.3 feet in 24 hours.

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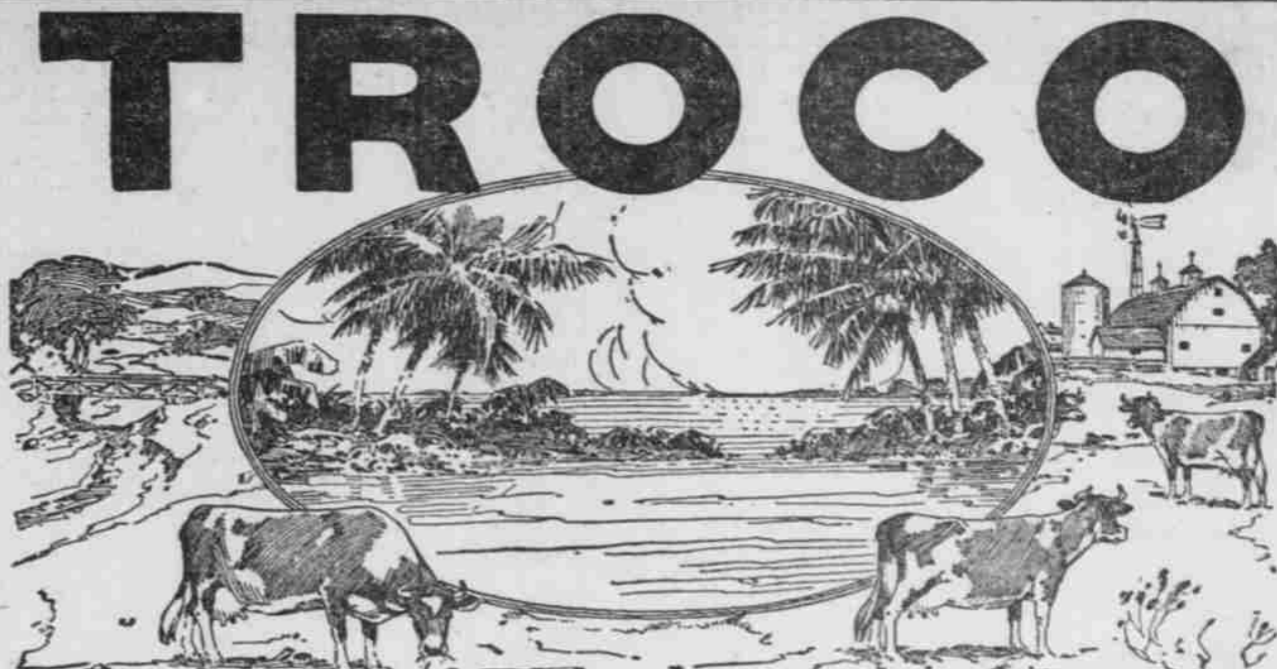
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MEXICO MORE FRIENDLY

U. S. INTERESTS TO BE GUARDED, SALS AMBASSADOR.

Preparation of Carranza for Problems of Reconstruction Is Praised by Official.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—American rights in Mexico will be amply safeguarded by the Mexican government, according to Ambassador Henry P. Fletcher, who is here from Mexico City for conferences with State Department officials.

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Advertisement for Cuticura Soap and Ointment: 'EGZEMA ON BABY'S HEAD Started in Pimples. Hair Fell Out. Cuticura Heals. When my little sister was six months old her head became affected with eczema. It started in pimples and spread all over her head and she irritated them by scratching. She was cross and fretful. Her hair all fell out. We started to use Cuticura Soap and Ointment and used four cakes of Soap and one fifty-cent box of Ointment to heal her.'

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