8 GERMAN LINERS HELD BY AMERICA

Shipping Board to Get Possession Soon.

BRITISH ARE SURPRISED

Imperator Already Promised to Cunard Line—Original Allocation of Ships Permanent.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The eight German liners allocated to the United States after the armistice, including the former Hamburg-American steamer Imperator, the second largest ship afloat, are to be turned over to the shipping board by the war department as soon as necessary surveys can be made.

The British minister was greatly surprised when informed that the vessels would not be delivered.

The British ministry of shipping here had expected that the Imperator would be turned over to its agents at 9 A. M. today at Hoboken, and the vessel already had been promised to the Cunard line for service between New York and England. Decision that the ship should be delivered to the shipping board was reached late last night at a conference between board officials and representatives of the war department.

Act Follows Brussels Decision.

While no official of the shipping board would stand sponsor for the statement, it was understood the action of the board in retaining the ships was a direct result of a decision by the supreme economic council at Brussels to allocate to the allies 12 oil tank steamers in the German ports, which the Standard Oil company of New Jersey contends are its property. The ships were operated under the German flag, but the company claimed they belonged to its German subsidiary.

Under-Secretary of State Polk, head of the American peace delegation at Paris, has sought to have the 12 oil ships allocated for the transportation of oil from the United States to Germany. The representatives of the five great powers at Paris agreed, but the supreme economic council, on which the United States is not now represented, ordered Germany to turn the vessels over to the allies.

After their allocation to the United States the ships were used as transports and Great Britain has contended that their allocation was only temporary and that when the troop movement had been completed they were to revert to the allied shipping pool for permanent allocation. J. H. Rosseter, director of operations for the shipping board, said today, however, that the board held that the original assignment of the ships was permanent.

Besides the Imperator, the ships are the Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, Cap Finisterre, Graf Waldersee, Prinz Frederick Wilhelm, Pretoria, Mobile and Zeppelin. All are huge passenger liners, which had been laid up in German ports during the war. After the armistice they were delivered to American naval officers in England. All of the vessels are now in port in this country, most of them at New York.

New Service Contemplated.

All of the ships will be delivered to the shipping board as soon as surveys and necessary alterations can be made. It was said that with the German liners seized in American ports when this country entered the war they would be used in establishing new American freight, mail and passenger lines, presumably to Great Britain and Europe as well as to South America.

J. H. Rosseter, director of the division of operations of the board, issued tonight the following statement:

"It is understood by the United States shipping board that the Imperator, Kaiserin Augusta Victoria and six other ex-German ships now in New York were allocated to the United States under the terms of peace and the board therefore assigned these vessels to the war department for the repariation of troops. This service being now performed the chairman of the board requested the war department to deliver the United States shipping board. Accordingly, the war department this morning re-delivered the Imperator at New York to the shipping board representatives."

BRITISH TRAFFIC TIED UP

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izations of this country for subversive ends."

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Probably less than half the working population of the center of London went to business today. All the trains which bring tens of thousands of persons from suburban towns daily were cut off by the strike and the suburban buses were unable to accommodate a fraction of the people desiring passage.

Tens of thousands of bicycles, including many ancient types, meanwhile were threading their way through the crush.

The mining industry already has been affected by the strike. Advices from the Welsh fields announced that two of the pits had been forced to shut down.

GLASGOW, Sept. 27.—Robert Smillie, leader of the miners' union, said today he hoped the railway crisis would pass without an industrial upheaval. He believed, however, this was possible only by the men "securing the demands they and the majority of the people consider just."

SHIPYARD STRIKE LOOMS

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the plant of the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation in Vancouver, which has nothing but government work in progress. As the last shipping board vessel at the Northwest Steel company is to be launched September 30, this yard will be clear of government work by the time the strike is called, except for the outfitting crew. The entire outfitting department of the Northwest Steel company is busy on government vessels and will be for some time to come. Three vessels are yet to be delivered to the government by this plant. The steamers are the West Pocasset, West Saginaw and West Jaffrey.

Private Work to Go On.

The Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation still has to complete for the shipping board the steamer Siletz, which was launched a week ago, and the West Hassayampa, which is still on the ways.

The G. M. Standifer Construction corporation has four government vessels in the water which cannot be delivered by October 1. They are the Waban, Wawalona, Nishmaha and Olockson. Four other vessels in this plant are on the ways, the steamers Abercos, Bearport, Pawlet and Montague.

While it is accepted as certain that if the strike is called it will close the Standifer yard completely, it is possible that the workmen in the Northwest Steel and Columbia River plants will stop work only on government vessels and continue on the builders' private work.

Action Aimed at U. S. Board.

In discussing the situation yesterday, Mr. Kendrigan, labor's delegate to the strike conference, made it clear that the workmen have no point of difference with the builders and that there is no animosity on either side.

"Employers are perfectly willing to pay us 8 cents an hour more," he said, "and we are perfectly willing to work for the new wages. The strike, if we have one, will be directed entirely at the shipping board in protest against its action of stepping in and interfering with affairs after they are all settled. The employers are with us in this sentiment and resent the action of the board as much as the laborers do. We shall be as sincerely sorry for any loss caused the builders by this strike as they will be to see us out of work."

CITY FINDS CARS BURDEN

TACOMA MUNICIPAL RAILWAY IS PROVING COSTLY.

As Result of Deficit City Must Reduce Service or Use Funds From Other Departments.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—As a result of a heavy deficit in the operation of the municipal railway, Commissioner Harrison is confronted with the necessity of either curtailing service to reduce the deficit, thereby defeating the purpose of the line, or of transferring funds from the department of public works to make up the shortage for the balance of the year.

The principal reason for the deficit, say city officials, is the enforcement of a rule by the street car men's union demanding that eight hours' pay be given the 50 men who make one round trip in the morning, during the rush of shipyard workers to the yards, and for one round trip in the evening. The time they actually work, the record shows, is one hour and 35 minutes a day, for which they receive a day's pay.

During the rest of the day four cars are operated, giving a 12-minute service to the end of the line, but during the "peak" hours, in the morning and evening, 25 extra cars are put on for one round trip.

Wages on the line eat up 87 per cent of the gross earnings.

REVOLUTION PLOT BARED

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They hope to seize control of the industries and turn the country over to the 'red' rule of syndicalism."

Purely from the standpoint of the steel strike the important problem is whether the return to normal conditions in this district will affect other steel centers or whether the strike, which is more extensive elsewhere, will finally affect Pittsburg. The strike itself, at the close of the first week, finds Pittsburg standing out against the rest of the country, with organizers and agitators rushing here on every train.

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Adv.

Horses have been known to swim a river nearly a mile wide, simply to get back to their old stables.

$90,000,000 IS 'SURPRISE'

HOOVER SAYS RELIEF "GIFT" WILL BE REPAID.

Ex-Administrator of Food Will Devote Time to Having Pay of College Professors Increased.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—Herbert C. Hoover has "retired from public office" and is to devote his future time toward making the $3 and $5-a-day salaries of Stanford university professors more commensurate with the $8 and $9 wages of home-building artisans, and to various relief measures in Europe, according to a letter received from Mr. Hoover by a San Francisco newspaper today. The letter was in response to one sent Mr. Hoover asking about his future plans.

He also is to return between $85,000,000 and $90,000,000 in foreign obligations to the United States treasury in partial liquidation of the $100,000,000 voted by congress for relief purposes, he wrote.

"I hope this will be an agreeable surprise," he wrote. "Most of congress thought that the money was gone forever, but voted for it anyway."

After a month in California, Hoover plans to return to New York to pass upon the final settlement of $2,000,000,000 in expenses arising from the operation of the supreme economic council and of the Belgian relief commission.

"I contemplate no mischief against the commonwealth," he wrote, "neither actual nor in the purview of the federal trade commission."

Mr. Hoover wrote that his determination to aid the Stanford university professors came as a result of comparisons he made of wages received by carpenters and others working on a house he is building on the Stanford university campus and the salaries of college professors.

He has declined to accept many invitations to public dinners, "because I am no spellbinder," he wrote. Upon his return from New York he contemplated settling down as the head of a family, a trustee of Stanford university, a member of the committee for the administration of the European children's fund and as a consulting engineer.

WOMAN KILLS SELF BY GAS

Funeral Bouquet Bought and Letter Sent to Undertaker.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—After sending a letter to an undertaker with money to cover funeral expenses, Mrs. James Harlow, 45, bought a funeral bouquet at the Hollywood Gardens, dressed herself in white, turned on the gas and laid down on a laprobe with the flowers beside her in the tiny kitchenette of her rooms in the Baldwin apartments, 124 Fifteenth avenue. When the undertaker received the letter it was rushed to Chief of Police Warren and he sent City Detective J. D. Landis to the apartment house, where he found the door unlocked and the woman dead.

Mrs. Harlow left two hand grips filled with clothing in her room, and she had $4 in cash in her purse. Mrs. Harlow rented the apartment about 10:30 o'clock Friday night, and without speaking to any of the other roomers, prepared for her suicide.

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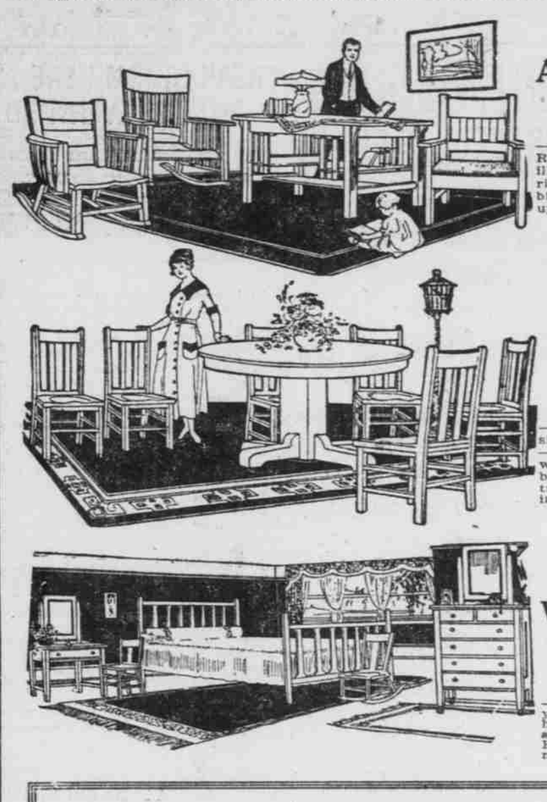

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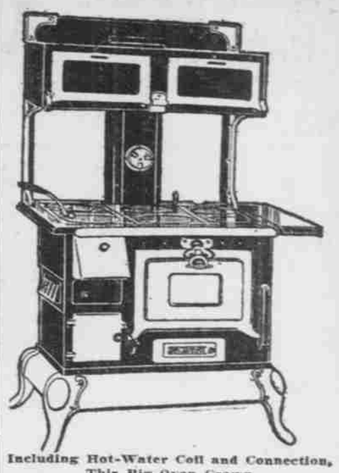

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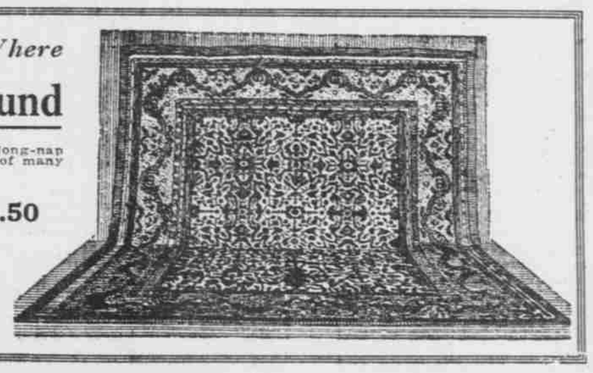

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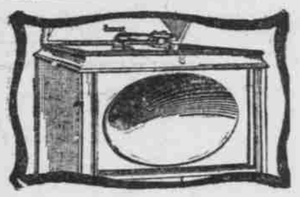

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