

TWO AMERICAN SHIPS, LOADED WITH FREIGHT, ENROUTE TO FRANCE

Orleans and Rochester Depart From New York Harbor for "Barred Zone."

WILL RACE ACROSS OCEAN

Owners Contend They Have Right to Carry on Commerce Without Complying With German Regulations.

New York, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Two unarmed American freight steamers are racing toward the German submarine zone, the master of each bent on being the first ship captain to defy Teutonic U-boats.

As ship sirens howled and sailors on harbor vessels cheered, the Orleans and Rochester steamed out of the harbor about 2:30 this afternoon.

The Orleans, of the Oriental Navigation company, and the Rochester, of the Kerr Steamship line, are rated at about an even speed. Captain Allen Tucker of the Orleans and Captain Kowitz of the Rochester have been in trials, however, for years. They promised to cram every ounce of steam into the boilers, hang a weight on the safety valve and push through the Atlantic with all the speed they can muster.

Boats of About Equal Speed. Each boat is capable of making 12 knots and with a little judicious handling, one or the other will forge ahead.

Showing utter disregard for the submarine warning, preparations to sail were under way all day long on both ships. Each anxious to get out when the other. When the Orleans began to haul in her anchor, the Rochester followed suit and when the vessels passed quarantine they were nearly abreast, their American flags flapping in the breeze.

All sorts of delays prevented one of the other getting under way.

Cook and Papers Cause Delay. First the Rochester failed to get away when it was found there was no cook aboard. This gave the Orleans leeway but she failed to get out when it was found there was something wrong with her papers. A mad race began to see which would correct the oversight first, but each got away at the same time.

The spirit that prompted these American ships, with their two third American crews and the American men's law requires, was praised in shipping circles today.

Those ships have a right to the sea and they are going to prove it, it was declared.

Officials of both operating lines declared they saw no reasons why they should not send their vessels across to Europe.

Colors Will Be Shown Plainly. "We have a right to carry on commerce with any country," officials declared, "and we are going to do it. We will not make sailing barber shops of our vessels, but will have American flags painted on the sides and lights will be kept burning."

The Rochester, originally built for Great Lakes trade, has a cargo of wheat from the Argentine, cotton and automobile tires. This is the second band, as defined by the German government, and if caught she undoubtedly will be sunk.

The Orleans has a similar cargo, including automobile trucks. She formerly was an Argentine vessel and only recently came under American registry.

Both ships are equipped with wireless, but it is not regarded as likely that either will be heard from before France is reached, because wireless messages would be of no use to the vessels and invite attack by submarines.

AMERICAN LINE SHIPS, UNABLE TO GET GUNS, REMAIN AT NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Unless the United States government lends assistance to the American line in its efforts to get guns and gunners for its ships or provides naval convoys, the liners will remain in port indefinitely. This statement was made today by P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine, of which the American line is a part.

"It seems useless," Franklin said, "for a private corporation to try to get guns and gunners for the protection of its ships. We have tried everywhere to find them and have been unsuccessful. It will be necessary to hold our ships unless we can be assured of their protection."

The liner St. Louis has been lying at her pier more than a week waiting for some definite action from Washington or armament from her owners, with orders to defy the German submarine order. She was booked to capacity with passengers and had a huge cargo on board when notice of Germany's intention to carry on unrestricted submarine operations was received. Several dates have been set for her sailing and then abandoned.

It was stated authoritatively that the cargo now aboard the St. Louis will be transferred to White Star liners. Several passengers also have transferred their bookings to the Lapland, a White Star vessel.

The American liners carry mail be-

'STEENTH DISAPPEARANCE



Amy Mitting.

AMY MITTING AGAIN HAS DISAPPEARED; WENT FOR FIREWOOD

Taking Gunnyrack Said She Would Get Some Chips and Then Disappeared.

Amy Mitting has disappeared again, Amy, who is the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mitting, left her home Friday afternoon with a gunnyrack over her shoulder, telling her mother she was going into the woods near their new home at 1347 Corbett street to get some chips for stewed. Later in the day her father found the sack on the trail leading to the lumber. But no trace of Amy.

Mrs. Lola G. Edgewin, chief of the city's protective division of the police department, was notified of the disappearance late Saturday afternoon. The police have joined Mr. Mitting in search for the child.

Two weeks ago today Amy was found in a barrel at the Trinity Episcopal church, Nineteenth and Everett streets, after a disappearance of several days from 63 North Eighteenth street, where the family then lived. Her parents say she had run away several times before that.

After the girl was turned over to Mrs. Baldwin's care on the previous escape, Mrs. Mitting told the police she is the rightful Duchess of Buckingham and Princess Covaleskie, the titles belonging to her through blood relationships, though through morganatic marriage. She had found her way to the United States after long wanderings over the world.

Mr. Mitting is head sawyer at the Jones Lumber company mill. Amy was to have entered the Fulton school Monday morning.

Between this port and Europe, and many pouches of mail are held up by the decision of the line.

Shipping circles here are of the opinion that conveying American liners or aiding them in any way to obtain guns and gunners for their vessels would be a step too far for the United States government. Conveying would be a recognition of the blockade, one that is being declared, while action of the government in arming them might be susceptible to interpretation as a hostile act.

Whether mails might be transferred to a British vessel for transport is something that could not be learned. Postmaster Morgan has declared he has received orders from Washington to give out no information.

Three Sail From Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Three vessels sailed from this port today in direct defiance of Germany's U-boat orders. They are:

The Tatsuno Maru, a Japanese steamer, laden with 1,000,000 pounds of powder for the Russian government; the Anberton, carrying grain for Gibraltar, and the Norwegian ship Aegvald, with a cargo of oil and steel, destined for Marseilles, France.

PACIFISTS AND ARMY MEN BOTH TO OPPOSE CHAMBERLAIN'S BILL

Former Against All Universal Training; Latter Say Bill Is Insufficient.

TRAINING TIME TOO SHORT

General Scott Says Less Than Year Is Waste of Resources; Measure Provides Six Months' Training.

Washington, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—The Chamberlain compulsory military training bill, introduced in the senate today by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the committee on military affairs, already is being subjected to a crossfire of criticism from pacifist and regular army men on both sides.

The pacifists will fight any and all proposals for universal training. The army men on the other hand, declare the Chamberlain bill cannot produce men of sufficient training to be efficient fighters and that any universal training bill that fails to provide a year of training for men sufficiently trained to make them immediately available in time of emergency is a sham.

The Chamberlain bill provides for six months' training in the calendar year in which a man reaches 19 years of age and for only one such training period.

Rigid Requirements Sought. General Scott, chief of staff, has declared that it is an absolute waste of resources to send men into battle who have had less than one year of intensified training. Scott insists that "troops trained for even one year in time of peace will have to be given additional training in time of war before they can successfully oppose the high standards of training and discipline that is given by nations with which we are likely to clash in the future."

Much more rigid requirements as to term of training are provided in a universal training bill being prepared by the general staff.

The first draft of this measure was submitted to Secretary of War Baker two weeks ago. Baker, however, was unwilling to approve the bill as it stood, and he has since made several revisions. He only says he is doing nothing to delay its completion or prevent its early introduction, and that it differs in every particular from the Chamberlain bill, particularly as to term of training.

It was frankly charged by Argentine officials tonight that Bolivia had been influenced in her action by American capital, which it was declared, "controlled" the government.

Argentine Socialists announced tonight that they would hold a mass meeting at the Lincoln club, Congress seeking to arrange joint action and cooperation with Socialists of other nations throughout the world to compel the United States to withdraw its troops from the Hip Sing quarters at 9 o'clock last night with the exception of a deputy sheriff who is watching the place day and night.

TONG OUTBREAK HAS CHINATOWN HELD IN TERROR

Hop Singa have their quarters just three doors south. They have thus been sitting tight on a volcano ever since the outbreak occurred, and last night the tension was too much.

Chief Clark was visibly disturbed over the situation last night. He had every detective available detailed in Chinatown, where the threatened uprising is expected, and the streets were patrolled with uniformed officers.

The Hip Sing quarters at 9 o'clock last night were completely deserted with the exception of a deputy sheriff who is watching the place day and night.

The body of Mar Duck was taken from the public morgue yesterday to the Duvalley & McIntire undertaking establishment. It will be buried sometime this week with the ceremonies of a hero under the auspices of the Suey Sing society.

A. E. Clark Speaks at Meeting in Seattle

Seattle, Feb. 10.—Attorney A. E. Clark of Portland was the principal speaker at the Lincoln day gathering here tonight under the auspices of the Young Men's Republican club. He took as his subject, "The Republic and the Republican Party."

Lincoln, said Mr. Clark, would have been a Republican were he alive today and would be pleading for party harmony and peace. He said that the Republic and the Republican party were justified in voting against the return of the Republic to power.

He accused the Democrats of the Republican party to too many generals who acted without harmony. The responsibility, he said, should be placed on both sides.

More than 1200 people, including legislators and their wives, attended the banquet. Prominent Washingtonians spoke and several telegrams from national leaders were read.

Militia Is Guarding Keokuk Property

Keokuk, Iowa, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—The United States government property and the Mississippi River Power company's plant at Keokuk was placed under guard of militia this afternoon. No one will be admitted to the government reservation after 6 o'clock at night and passes will be required of anyone going into government or powerhouse property. Six members of company L were detailed to act as guard to augment plain clothes men already on duty at the powerhouse.

Cudahy Is Cited on Contempt Charge

Chicago, Feb. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Failure of Edward A. Cudahy, vice president of the Cudahy Packing company, to appear before Julius F. Smetanka, collector of internal revenue, today to assist in listing the property which he is alleged to have failed to pay in 1915, 1916 and 1917, resulted in Cudahy being cited for contempt of court and cited to appear before Judge Landis in the federal court next Thursday.

Bids for Material For Uniforms Asked

Chicago, Feb. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Colonel Eastman, in charge of the quartermaster's depot for the central department, today announced that bids will be received here for material from which to make uniforms for at least 250,000 soldiers.

Bernstorff to Have Three Room Suite

Former German Ambassador to Leave New York Wednesday on Liner Frederick VIII With His Party.

New York, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Count von Bernstorff, dismissed German ambassador to the United States, will occupy a suite of three rooms on the upper promenade deck of the Scandinavian liner Frederick VIII when she sails at 2 p. m. Wednesday.

No special arrangements have been made for von Bernstorff and his party, it was stated at offices of the line.

The ship will make the voyage as she does her usual trips.

Count von Bernstorff is expected to reach Hoboken, N. J. Tuesday afternoon, coming from Washington via the Pennsylvania railroad to Newark. A special escort of police has been assigned to insure his safety.

Postage Increases Are to Be Fought

Washington, Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—The fight on amendments to the postoffice bill, providing for 1 cent local postage and a half cent increase in second class mail, was shut off today, when Senator Hitchcock, Nebraska, made a point of order against the amendments and was sustained by the chair.

Senator Bryan, Florida, gave notice that on Monday he will ask suspension of the rules to permit further discussion of the proposed amendments.

EDISON'S SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY IS OCCASION FOR BIG CELEBRATION

Electrical Wizard Is Presented With Monster Electrical Cake by His Men.

WILSON SENDS MESSAGE

President Expresses Regret at Inability to Attend Festivities on Eve of Anniversary; 2000 Present.

East Orange, N. J., Feb. 10.—(U. P.)—Henry Ford and 2000 Edison employees gave Thomas A. Edison the greatest birthday party of his life tonight. The anniversary of the event is tomorrow. The party was built around a seven foot cake, on which were 70 candles, topped by miniature electric bulbs and surrounded at the base by small motors and electrical contrivances of all sorts—such a cake as might well open the eyes of the youth of the entire nation.

It opened the eyes of the Edison boys, for, after it had been presented by John W. Reid of the New York Edison company and placed before the

Travelers' Banquet Most Novel Affair

New York, Feb. 10.—Bliss New Yorkers are still talking about the banquet of the Far Western Travelers' association at the Hotel Astor Tuesday evening, when 2000 members of the association and guests partook of the fourth annual feast. Unusual emphasis was placed on the touring possibilities of the west by a series of clever innovations for the success of which Hagen J. Titus, of the Northern Pacific dining car service was largely responsible. As the guests entered the banquet hall their gaze met an immense illuminated floral piece of the Northern Pacific's "Great Big Baked Potato," while each individual was served with a potato weighing four pounds and more. Individual fruit cakes baked in the form of miniature suit cases and bearing the insignia of the association were served. The speakers of the evening were Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port of New York, and Sol Bernstein, president of the association.

Auto Collision Laid To Blinding Rain

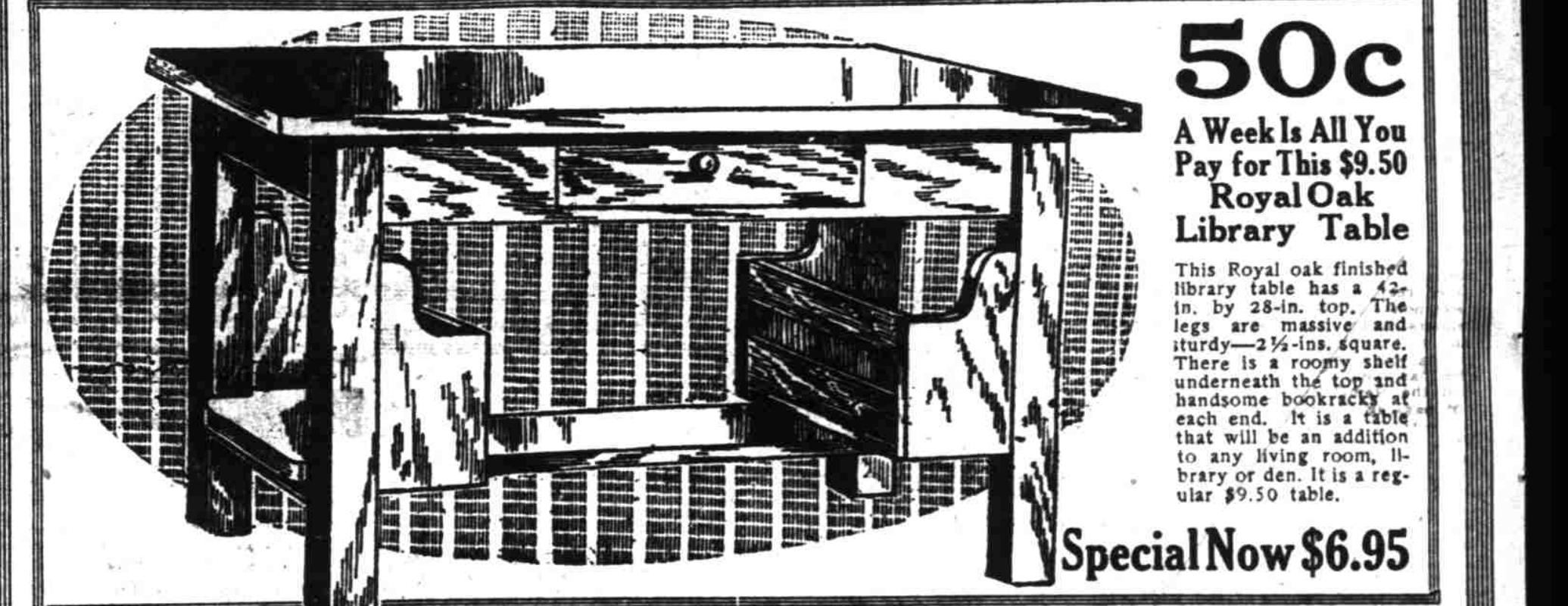
A machine, driven by W. H. Booth, 224 Russell street, collided with another owned and driven by J. P. Parker of the Belle Court apartments, at Second and Morrison streets, about 9:15 last night. Mrs. Harriet O'Toole, riding with Parker, and residing at the same place, sustained a severe jar to her head when it struck the top of the machine. Booth admitted his culpability and that Parker had the right of way. Blinding rain obscured his vision, he said.

Armour Is Sued by Gardener's Estate

Chicago, Feb. 10.—(I. N. S.)—A suit for \$10,000 damages was filed against J. Ogden Armour today by G. S. O'Meara, attorney for James F. Bishop, public administrator, in behalf of the estate of William Craig. The suit charges that Mr. Armour did not exercise care in the preparation of the food eaten by Craig, who was one of his gardeners, and who died of ptomaine poisoning.

Edwards' Rush Order Close-Out Sample Sale!

The response to our announcements of the Rush-Order, Close-Out Sample Sale has been gratifying indeed. Each day has seen the enthusiasm grow apace—each day has marked a gain in the sale of samples which must be disposed of to make room for new goods arriving for Spring business. Each day has been a signal for adding new reserve samples to the floor display of advertised goods. Each and every member of the sales force has caught the spirit of closing out at bargain reductions lines which must go at once to make room for new goods now commencing to arrive in carload lots. Entire homes furnished now at saving prices and easy terms. Shop now at Edwards!



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Zenith \$40 drophead sewing machine. Has been used a short time but in first class condition, special \$24.75 now only \$24.75. Special No. 2—Machine brand new, specially priced at \$25.00. \$32.50 Overstuffed Rockers \$21.95. Tapestry Upholstered Special \$21.95. A large, roomy rocker with splendid shaped back and big comfortable wing sides and well set arms. Tapestry upholstered, spring seat; sides and back also covered with tapestry. Big value. All You Pay Is 95c a Week.

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