

Vessel's Crew May Be Left

Unconfirmed Reports Say Germans Will Land Flint Sailors

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as she entered," that is, with the prize crew in charge, the American crew on board, and the cargo intact.

The United States had demanded possession of the American vessel, which had been seized by a German raider as a contraband carrier and taken to Murmansk. However, Vladimir Potemkin, assistant commissar of foreign affairs, told Steinhart today that to accede to the American demand "would be an unneutral act."

Steinhart's reports came after a day in which the state department had received very little official information about the City of Flint. Informed quarters in Russia had reported the departure of the vessel from Murmansk, but there had been some doubt as to whether it was in charge of the German crew.

The American ambassador advised that he had reiterated "my indignation at the lack of cooperation by the soviet government in withholding information from me while issuing communications with respect to the City of Flint through the medium of the Tass agency (soviet news agency)."

Potemkin replied that Tass was an official agency of the soviet government and that it was the custom of his government to make announcements through it. It was after the formal demand for return of the vessel and her cargo, Steinhart said, that Potemkin told him it had been decided "to send her out in the same status as she had entered one of the ports."

The ambassador added that Potemkin told him the decision was final. Steinhart's dispatch did not say, however, whether the ship had yet sailed, though he reported that the soviet commissar told him the order for the German crew to take the vessel out of Murmansk was effective immediately.

Steinhart said that in response to his inquiries as to the welfare of the American crew, Potemkin told him it was his understanding that they had been on board the ship all the time and were well.

The soviet government's position with regard to the return of the ship was ascribed to international law which permits a prize crew to bring a vessel into the harbor of a neutral in case of some condition making the ship unseaworthy. Potemkin advised that the German crew reported the City of Flint's machinery was damaged.

All day, resentment against soviet Russia had been intense among officials here as the state department was balked in its attempt to get official information about the freighter.

Supporters of Public Power Start Offensive

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Public power advocates, spurred by the new peoples utility district law and by the sight of Bonneville transmission lines, are launching a general offensive that they hope will result in the creation of many PUDs by next summer.

They hope to have elections next summer in several counties, including Multnomah, Marion, Clackamas, Benton, and several northwest Oregon counties. Lane county, with Eugene excluded, will vote early in December.

There now are only three active PUDs in the state. Those are in Hood River and northern Wasco counties, both of which were voted last summer, and in Tillamook county, voted six years ago but which never has operated.

Public Utilities Commissioner Ormon R. Bean's utility report this week showed how industry carries much of the power load

and thus enables residential consumers to have lower light bills. Of the 1,000,000,000 kilowatt hours sold last year in Oregon, 60 per cent was bought by commercial and industrial consumers while only 30 per cent was used by residential and rural consumers.

The power companies had a net operating revenue of \$7,040,551 during the year, and paid \$3,274,863 in taxes, or 16 per cent of all their gross revenue.

Governor Sprague will proclaim November 23 as Thanksgiving day if President Roosevelt does, but he doesn't quite know how to answer all the questions in the following letter from Mrs. George W. Dunn, wife of the veteran republican state senator from Ashland:

"When do we republicans have Thanksgiving day? Will there be any change in Christmas and Decoration day? I presume it's too far away to think about the 4th of July."

"If we don't get rid of these D.D.'s (Darned Democrats) pretty soon they will change our bath night from Saturday to some other day."

A state survey shows that officers of all counties except Multnomah county get \$2,319,880 in salaries each year. This includes officers and their deputies, but NOT other employees such as stenographers and typists.

Six counties have water masters earning from \$250 to \$2,500 a year, while Linn and Lane counties each have a ferryman earning \$600 and \$750, respectively.

Capitol Sidelights: In a tavern near the capitol, a man was giving Hitler a verbal beating. Another man told him he shouldn't talk about Hitler that way, as Hitler hadn't hurt him. Then four burly men beat the stuffing out of the man who had defended Hitler, and tossed him into the street. . . .

How's this for gratitude. The governor, considering whether to parole an elderly man from prison, asked the convict's son about it. The son said he did "NOT" consider it a wise move."

Institutional allocations for the coming year suggested were: Portland session, \$21,774; Eugene session, \$27,134; Eugene post session, \$27,891; Corvallis post session, \$3,893; Marine biology session, \$1,315. Colleges of education, operated on four-term bases, would be allotted \$1,000 for promoting sessions at La Grande, Monmouth and Ashland.

Summer sessions budgets are approved in October so directors of the special sessions may plan programs in advance.

Willamette Downs CPS, Score 42-6

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pass from Joe Holland to Jack Haek accounted for the fourth extra point.

The lineups:
Willamette (42) (6) Puget Sound
Hinnman . . . L.R. . . . Maymumber
Barstad . . . L.T.R. . . . Trombley
P. Williams . . . L.G.R. . . . O. Williams
B. Williams . . . C. . . . Neeley
Holland . . . R.G.L. . . . Boyle
Dispenziere . . . R.T.L. . . . Bucsko
Haek . . . R.E.L. . . . Hutchinson
Drury . . . Q. . . . Ramsey
Walden . . . L.H.R. . . . McLaughlin
McGinn . . . R.H.L. . . . Madden
McKeel . . . P. . . . Martin
Substitutes: Willamette—Bennett, Burgess, Wickert, Cline, Moore, Reynolds, Loneran, Hughes, Baker, Gallon, Rogers, Weakley, Olson. Puget Sound—Kintz, Lowe, Zile, Piper, Barger, Tregoning, Gray, McMaster, Dever.

Detonator Ray Offered Army

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27. (AP)—Secret details of a "detonator" ray declared by its sponsor to be capable of exploding gasoline and ammunition two miles away, were submitted to war department representatives here today for possible test and further development.

The sponsor is Otto H. Mohr, elderly Oakland, Calif., inventor and former illuminating engineer for the interior department. He says he is not a scientist or researcher but a "proseacher," a term which he coined to denote "one who goes ahead instead of backtracking the path of knowledge for a solution to a problem."

Mohr declined to give publicly any technical details except to say that the process dealt "in part" with gamma and beta rays and that as yet he had found no way of controlling the direction of the beam.

Lieutenant Colonel Roland W. Finger, army ordnance officer to whom Mohr submitted the matter, refused to discuss it. Finger's associates said he would make his report to the war department.

Hops Marketing Quota Is Upped

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27. (AP)—The agricultural adjustment administration announced today the "reasonable quantity" of 1939 hops permitted under the marketing agreement had been raised to 31,400,000 pounds for the three Pacific states from 29,400,000 pounds.

Estimates of decreased imports and increased exports on account of the European war occasioned the increased allotment.

Committee Act Is Defended

Replies to Denunciation By President in New York Speech

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ship I would have to nullify my conscience I would surrender my commission and go back to private life with my honor unimpaired. While I love my party, I love my country more."

BALTIMORE, Oct. 27. (AP)—The Sun says that Roger N. Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties union, resigned today from the American league for peace and democracy, "asserting he could no longer work effectively with the communist elements of the organization."

The Sun said the resignation was sent by letter to the league's national advisory committee, in conference in Philadelphia.

"Our common denominator has been so reduced by the new communist line as to render the league impotent at points where it should speak out plainly," the Sun quoted him as stating in the letter.

The house committee investigating un-American activities this week published the Washington membership and mailing list of the American league for peace and democracy, and the action was denounced today by President Roosevelt as a "sordid procedure."

Concern for Jones' Safety Expressed

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office at other times, but has never before failed to notify members of his staff of his whereabouts.

Street workers whose payroll was held up for several days by the absence of the recorder, received their warrants yesterday with the return of Mayor Chadwick from an Idaho trip. The mayor and Jones are the only city officials empowered to sign the warrants.

Ordinary business of the recorder's office is going on normally, but the police court section stopped functioning yesterday when Deputy Recorder Al Mundt asked the city attorney for an opinion as to the legality of his acting for Jones as municipal judge. Mundt will hear no municipal cases until he is given an ok on the proceeding, he said.

Health Schedule Is Unsatisfactory

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reports were considered. The annual banquet was held Friday night with Robert B. Wolf, Weyerhaeuser Timber company, Longview, Wash., the principal speaker. Clarence Hines served as toastmaster.

Saturday's program will include addresses by Secretary of State Earl Snell and Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction. Officers will be elected just prior to adjournment.

Believes Poland May Rise Anew

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"the dread tempest of war is already raging despite all our efforts to avert it" and gave the pledge:

"Whatever we can do to hasten the day when the dove of peace may find on this earth, submerged in a deluge of discord, somewhere to alight, we shall continue to do."

Community Chest Gets Set for 'Cleanup' Effort

Reorganization of the Salem Community Chest campaign setup for a "cleanup" effort aimed at reaching the \$50,000 goal which is still approximately \$4000 away, was decided upon at a meeting of the campaign committee with a group of substantial citizens on Friday.

A number of teams of two men each were lined up to complete the solicitation.

This decision was preceded by an inspirational address by Jerry Mason who pointed out the community values of the character-building agencies as well as of the charitable and relief agencies supported by the chest; and an analysis of the Chest's position by W. M. Hamilton, president.

Hamilton presented figures showing that the Chest budget is not excessive and is the minimum amount upon which the seven agencies can operate; and emphasized that if the Chest fails in this crucial third year, the agencies must go back to the system of individual campaigns which are costly, burdensome to solicitors and bothersome to the citizens who must be interviewed separately for contributions to each agency.

George Alexander outlined the method followed in the notably successful solicitation of his campaign division in which more than \$10,000 was obtained. Douglas McKay, campaign chairman, presided at the luncheon.

due at Naples Tuesday but had been held up by the lengthy examination of the British authorities at Gibraltar.

63 to 30 Vote Ends Debate

Administration Neutrality Measure Given Oked By Action

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Chairman Pittman (D-Nev.) of the foreign relations committee and Senator Clark (D-Mo.).

In the house, as was the case in the senate, the central issue obviously will be repealing the present embargo on arms, ammunition and implements of war to nations at war. Senate opponents of such action have repeatedly denounced it as a "step toward war."

How that issue is to be approached has not yet been definitely decided by the house leadership, but they lean toward a plan which would afford the house a separate vote on the embargo question, possibly on a motion to instruct conferees as to how they shall act on the issue.

The measure will not have to start from scratch in the house, since that chamber passed last session a neutrality bill containing a modified arms embargo. The senate measure goes to the house as a substitute for that bill, and so the house procedure could be considerably shortened.

In actual operation, as was repeatedly pointed out in the senate debate, lifting the embargo would give the Franco-British al-

lies access to American war supplies to the virtual exclusion of Germany. It is assumed that the British fleet would keep the sea lanes open for such commerce and at the same time prevent Germany from making purchases here.

Nazis Strengthen Patrol Pressure

Advance Guards Contact; Artillery Fire Said To Be Greater

PARIS, Oct. 27. (AP)—Clashes of increasing intensity between German and French combat patrols were reported tonight on the western front between the Rhine and the Moselle rivers.

Reports from the front said the Germans were strengthening their patrol action, which was said to be passing from a preliminary reconnaissance phase, in which groups of four or five scouts were used, to action involving combat patrols of about 50 men. The fighting was about equally divided between French and German soil and carried on in bitter cold weather.

The night communique told of increasing activity of advance guards in contact along the 100 mile front and added that artillery fire from both sides was increasing.

Some points of no-man's-land, which varies from about 500 yards to a mile and a half in width, are almost entirely within France, while others are on the German side of the frontier.

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