

MINORITY REPORT CONDEMNS BUYING STEAMER LINES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Declaring that the establishment of government owned steamship lines is a direct attack on the invested capital and would mean the ultimate destruction of steamship lines which the ingenuity and wisdom of a deserving class of citizens have built up and maintained in the carrying trade of the United States, seven members of the committee on the merchant marine introduced today in the house a minority report on the merchant marine bill which was framed to meet conditions arising out of the European war. The report is signed by five republicans, Green, Mass.; Hinds, Maine; Curry, California; Edmonds, Pennsylvania; Parker, New York, and two democrats, Saunders, Virginia, and Thacher, Massachusetts.

Possibly the most dangerous effect of the measure, the report declares, would be the result its enactment might have on the position of neutrality on the part of the United States in the war.

The bill, continues the report, would, if it became law, stifle all commercial enterprise and turn over to the government itself the power to create a merchant marine, which power could, it is asserted, be extended and enlarged so long as money remained in the treasury and as much longer as congress should provide by taxation to replenish the treasury.

"The purchase of foreign steamships now used in the foreign trade," says the report, "would not increase the number of vessels now available for the over-seas trade, even if they were granted an American registry, and no evidence has been produced that there are not now more vessels available for use in the over-seas trade than could be used advantageously in transporting merchandise to the various markets of the world, and it is distinctly claimed that there is now ample available tonnage. Therefore, there can be no emergency that calls for government owned lines to take care of the products of American labor and American capital."

Granting that the situation seemed to warrant the introduction of a bill to meet the emergency due to the war the report says, "the bill itself goes much further than the line of emergency and opens up the whole question of the development of an American merchant marine by proposing an absolute scheme of government ownership involving an expenditure of many millions of dollars, which cannot fail to demand an increase of taxes which would have to be borne by the American people."

Of Doubtful Expediency
The signers of the report charge that the bill did not receive sufficient consideration at the hands of the committee and says that more extended hearings might have revealed some definite practicable system of action. Alluding to the vital need of an American merchant marine, the report adds:

FOUND GUILTY OF KILLING PHEASANT

W. W. Williams, a harness maker, was convicted in Justice Taylor's court this morning on a charge of hunting Chinese pheasants and was fined \$25.00 and costs.

Williams, according to the testimony of L. M. Lyons shot a pheasant near Mr. Lyons' ranch, east of Medford, on the evening of September 1. Williams attempted to prove an alibi by Policeman Pat Mego, who testified that he had met Williams on Main street some time near 8 o'clock of that evening, on the other hand the state introduced testimony showing that Williams was seen in the vicinity of the Lyons' place about sundown. Williams was represented by B. F. Mulkey, who served notice of appeal after the fine was imposed. Numerous complaints of killing of pheasants have been made by farmers around the valley and an effort will be made to put on extra game wardens.

RUSSIAN ARMY OF VILNA BEATEN ASSERTS KAISER

BERLIN, Sept. 15, (by wireless to New York, via Sayville, L. I.)—It was officially announced in Berlin today that General Von Hindenberg has telegraphed Emperor William that the Russian army of Vilna, composed of the Second, Third, Fourth and Twentieth army corps, two reserve divisions and five divisions of cavalry, have been completely defeated by the Germans. The Russian casualties were heavy.

The number of Russian prisoners is increasing, General Von Hindenberg goes on, and the destruction of the Russian army continues. There have been spoils of war in enormous quantities.

The Russian army of Grodno has been defeated at Lyck. It comprised, in addition to the twenty-second corps, the remnant of the sixth corps and a part of the third Siberian corps.

The German headquarters announced at midnight that the heavy fighting in France was still undecided. The French assault, it was said, had been repulsed.

Prince Joachim, the youngest son of Emperor William, wounded in battle, is reported to be doing well.

A dispatch received here from Constantinople says that certain naval instructors in Turkey, accused of having committed depredations, have been prevented from doing further harm. It is further declared in this message that the wireless apparatus has been removed from the British embassy in Constantinople.

JOINT MISTAKE OF GERMAN STRATEGY

PETROGRAD, via London, Sept. 15, 5:27 a. m.—Colonel Shumsky, the military correspondent of the Bourne Gazette in a long criticism of what he terms the joint mistake of Austro-German strategy, the effects of which, he says, are now being revealed on both fronts, considers that the Gallician victory was obtained at an opportune moment and that the transfer of German troops from the western to the eastern frontiers has now attained its object.

He says it is fair to conclude that the Russian successes on the Austrian frontier and the Russian movement in East Prussia were the primary causes of the victories of the Anglo-French army. The shocks administered by the Russian army, he declares, have been so powerful that the Germans were obliged to recall a portion of their troops from France, thereby facilitating the French task.

GAME LAW VIOLATOR IS SENT TO PRISON

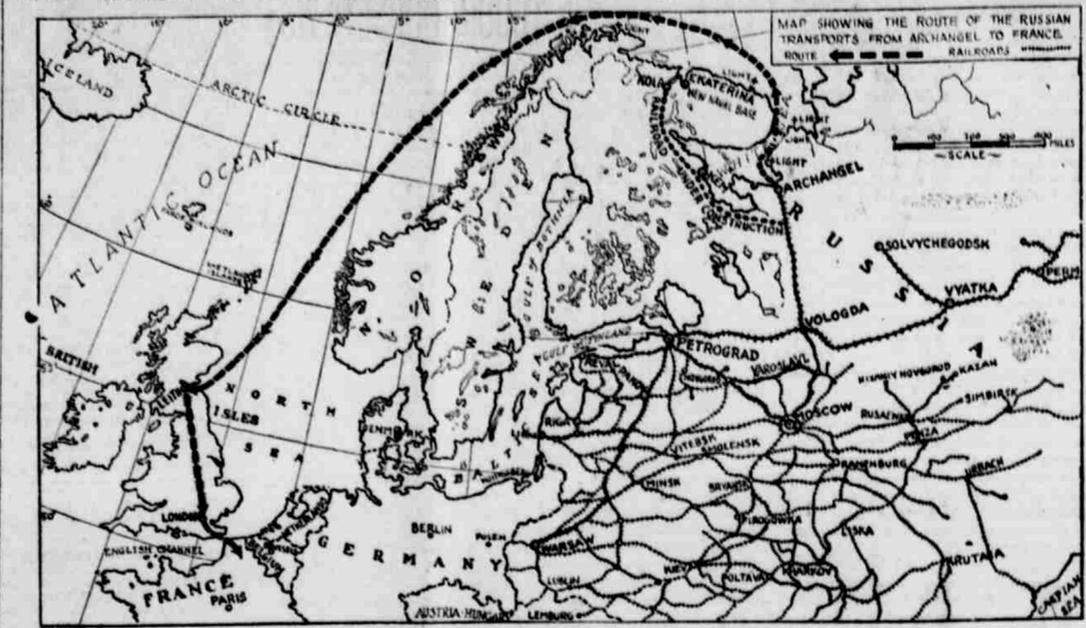
William Davis, of Griffin creek, convicted of violation of the game laws, a year ago before Justice Taylor, and the fine of \$25 made payable on the installment plan, was committed to the county jail Monday, because he did not make any effort to repay the leniency of the court. Davis was fined August 7th, 1913, and allowed to go because he had a family to support.

The charge against Davis was that he was ruthlessly killing game in the Griffin creek district, without respect for the law. Game Warden Hubbard of Ashland visited the Davis home Monday to remand Davis to the county jail, and found grouse and Chinese pheasant feathers scattered about. This morning there was great activity on the part of the Davis household to scare up \$25 to secure his release.

NAVAL BATTLE IN BALTIC IS REPORTED

LONDON, Sept. 15, 6:25 p. m.—In a dispatch from Rome, dated Monday, September 14, the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company says it has been officially reported there from Berlin that German Baltic squadron, which is composed of twenty-nine units, had fifteen vessels in action.

HOW RUSSIA IS TRANSPORTING TROOPS TO AID ALLIES IN FRANCE



All indications point to preparations by Great Britain to throw an enormous mass of Russian troops into France directly across the German line of connections. This new and practically unlimited supply of men is coming from Archangel and Ekaterina, on the Arctic coast of Russia, around the North Cape of Norway and thence to the Firth of Forth and East England ports. From Leith and Hull the Russians have a clear, straightaway railway run of it to the Channel, and can be landed at Ostend, Calais, Havre, Cherbourg or wherever, in fact, the immediate exigencies demand. For the handling of the great army which Russia can supply, the practically unlimited facilities of the British transport service are available. Archangel, which has suddenly sprung into prominence as a point of embarkation of the Russian troops, is distant from the North Cape not more than forty-eight hours' steaming for England's fast transport steamers, and from North Cape the run can be made to Leith by those same vessels under moderate steaming in about fifty hours. Five days from Archangel to Leith may be regarded as a fair steaming run for England's fast troop ships. Archangel is in direct railway connection with Volodga to the south. The distance is 306 miles. From Volodga to Moscow is 304 miles, making a total distance from Moscow to Archangel of 610 miles or less by 200 miles than the distance between New York and Chicago, and about the same distance between Paris and Berlin. The Archangel railway is one of the great military strategic roads of Russia. It is the knowledge that the Russians are coming that has spurred the allies, doubtless, to maintain an unbroken line behind which the reinforcements, of which Lord Kitchener has hinted but never spoken, may come up: a reinforcement which may be regarded as unobtainable in numbers so long as England's navy maintains command of the sea and through it can assure an open road from Archangel.

RAISE IN PRICES CAUSED BY WAR

The annual fall flood of wood from the country districts to the city is now in full swing, and, as this is about the only necessity of life that is not affected one way or another owing to the situation abroad, the woodcutters are doing a good business, the price depending on the lateness of the hour and the desire of the salesman to get home.

Local druggists are just beginning to feel the effects of the war. Prices of chemicals and toilet articles manufactured in Germany and France have advanced from 25 to 300 per cent, according to Jonas Wold. Magnesia and kindred compounds, one of the chief exportations of Germany, has soared the highest to date. French paints, rouges, etc., have also jumped. Mr. Wold said the advance would have no appreciable effect on the price of prescriptions.

The war situation has caused an inclination to raise the price of flour, meat and canned goods, all produced at home, and it is predicted that when the United States begins to export heavily it will be the lever to hoist the price.

Meat shows an increase in Portland and San Francisco markets, but the public market acts as a governor locally.

DUTCH SUPPLY FOOD TO GERMANS

LONDON, Sept. 15, 4:10 a. m.—According to the Daily Mail investigations at Liverpool and other ports make it certain that foodstuffs and raw material are still being shipped, even from British ports, for the use of the Germans. Shipments made from Liverpool last month of canned goods, feeding cakes, flour and cotton-seed oil, were ostensibly bound for Holland, but comparison with exports of other years makes it more than probable that they have gone to Germany. One Liverpool firm, the Mail says, has refused to supply its Rotterdam correspondents with certain raw materials until Holland ceases to supply Germany.

SUMMARY OF LATEST WAR NEWS

Germany's armies to the north and the east of Paris, after retreating for upwards of 50 miles toward the Belgian frontier, are today making a determined stand along the river Aisne.

A news agency dispatch from Dieppe says that General Von Kluck has been enveloped by a French encircling movement and forced to surrender with a large command and a quantity of guns and ammunition.

The German general staff, however, announced today that heavy engagements were being fought by General Von Kluck's right wing to the northeast of Paris without a decisive result so far. The French attempts to break through the German lines were said to have been repulsed.

Reports regarding the operations in East Prussia contradict each other. From Petrograd it is said that General Rennenkampf has resumed the offensive and that the investment of Koenigsberg still is in progress. Berlin advices, however, are to the effect that the Russian general has suffered defeat nearly as severely as that of the Russian disaster at Allenstein.

UNDECIDED BATTLES ON WESTERN FRONT

BERLIN, Sept. 15, via Amsterdam and London, 12:05 p. m.—The German general staff today gave out the following announcement:

"In the western theatre of war the right wing of our army has been engaged in heavy but undecided battles. The French, who endeavored to break through our lines, were victoriously defeated.

MINE WORKER SURRENDERS TO SHERIFF IN COLORADO

TRINIDAD, Colo., Sept. 15.—John R. Lawson, Colorado member of the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, surrendered himself today to the sheriff of Las Animas county to answer indictments charging him with 12 murders in connection with the coal miners' strike. He was released on \$15,000 bond.

CROWN PRINCE IN GREAT DANGER

BORDEAUX, via London, Sept. 15, 2:45 a. m.—The position of the German crown prince's army which forms the pivot of the change of front forced upon the enemy by the allies' success, is precarious, according to the opinion expressed in official and military circles here.

The French forts to the east of Argonne, it is said, have made retreat in that direction impossible. This army is therefore probably moving northward, it is figured here, in the hope apparently of joining the other German forces along the Mezieres-St. Quentin-Peronne line, but the French are already pursuing the Germans to the north of Rheims and military men here think this is a fair chance that the crown prince's army may be cut off.

ROUMANIAN MINISTRY SENDS IN RESIGNATION

LONDON, Sept. 15, 9:07 a. m.—In a dispatch from Rome the correspondent of the Central News says it is declared there that the members of the Roumanian ministry have tendered their resignations.

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CHARGE GERMANS WITH SETTING FIRE TO CITY OF LOUVAIN

LONDON, Sept. 15, 1:30 p. m.—The official press bureau, acting for the Belgian legation in London, has made public the second report of the Belgian commission appointed to inquire into alleged German atrocities at Louvain and in the district around Malines.

This report reviews incidents heretofore generally reported, but it adds the documents and evidence on which its conclusions rest. It will be published in due course.

The commission finds that on entering Louvain the Germans requisitioned food and lodging. German troops took possession of the cash in all the Louvain banks, burst open houses and pillaged and committed other excesses. The report then relates with considerable detail two alleged instances in which women were outraged by German soldiers and asserts that there have been instances where women and children have been stabbed with bayonets and their legs cut off. One case is cited where a workman, covered with kerosene, was thrown into a burning house.

Of the burning of Louvain, the report says: "Everything tends to prove that German regiments, through mistake, fired at one another. At once the Germans began bombarding the town, pretending that civilians had fired on their troops, a suggestion denied by all witnesses."

To spread the fire in Louvain, the report charges, Germans entered houses and threw hand grenades. The commission contends that from several places in Belgium the male population has been sent to Germany and forced to work at harvesting, as if they were slaves.

GERMANS HONOR AMERICAN PASSPORTS

LONDON, Sept. 15, 4:02 a. m.—The correspondent of the Daily News at Ostend says that two Americans who arrived there Monday from Brussels made the trip partly by foot. They had a rough time of it, but wherever they met Germans the waving of their American passports secured them polite treatment. At Sottengem, they came on a party of German soldiers in a tavern and the lieutenant in charge of the party invited the Americans to sing a song for them. The Americans obliged and the Germans reciprocated by providing them with a good dinner.

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