

BRITISH SEIZE AMERICAN SHIP OFF SCOTLAND

Standard Oil Steamer, Flying American Flag, Grabbed by Warship—Action Considered Unwarranted by President Wilson and Government Will Protect American Vessels.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—The Standard Oil steamer Platania flying the American flag, has been seized by British warships off the coast of Scotland and taken into Stornoway, a port in the Lewis Islands, according to a cablegram received here today by the company from her captain. The Standard Oil company has requested the state department to make another protest on the seizure of the Platania, which is identical, the company claims, with the circumstances attending the seizure of the steamer Brindilla.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—As the Rockefeller, one of the vessels interfered with and seized, was flying the American flag, the government considers the interference unwarranted.

The protest was made to the British government through Ambassador Page at London, who was instructed to ask for the immediate release of the Rockefeller.

It was understood that the president has taken the position that vigorous efforts should be made to protect vessels flying the American flag from seizure, in cases where international law does not give the right.

In cases where ships formerly under foreign registry, transferred to American registry, are seized, the government will inquire whether the transfer was bona fide and once that is established, will do its utmost to protect American ship-owners carrying on lawful trade.

It was learned later that the British government has declared illuminating oil contraband, but notification has not yet been sent to neutral countries. The British point of view is that illuminating oil can be used in the propelling of Zeppelins, submarines and destroyers, and it was pointed out that within the last month there has been a significant increase in the amount of oil shipped from the United States to neutral countries.

NEGRO MAID STAR WITNESS

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I told Mr. Levy that I didn't know anything.

"Mr. Levy came again the next day. Before he came Mrs. Carman told me to tell him I was not downstairs after dinner. She wrote out some statement and I signed it without reading it. He read it, however. The statement was not true.

"The day after the murder, Mrs. Carman came into the kitchen and asked me to make a wood fire in the stove, which I did. Later she came downstairs with a bundle of letters and burned them in the fire. That same day she told me to call her father from the barn, because she wanted him to get the revolver out of the house. Mr. Conklin, her father, came in and went to her room and then came downstairs again. He had a hammer with him. He returned to the barn. The next day, Wednesday, Mrs. Carman came into the kitchen and asked me to step into the office. I went in and detectives began to question me."

Admits Perjury

"Did you tell the truth at the coroner's inquest?" the district attorney asked.

"I did not," the witness answered. The district attorney then turned the witness over to John J. Graham, Mrs. Carman's counsel, for cross-examination.

A crowd that eclipsed the previous day's throng sought to enter the courtroom today in anticipation of hearing the maid tell her story. Less than 200 were able to do so, and these were nearly all women.

As Cella testified, Mrs. Carman sat well back in her chair and never once took her eyes from the witness.

On cross examination Cella said she never had seen Mrs. Carman wear her kimono downstairs before. Mrs. Carman stood in the kitchen ten or fifteen minutes before she passed out of the back door, and that the crash of glass and the shot occurred immediately afterward.

Falls to Shake Story "Did you know when she meant when she said 'I shot him'?" Mr. Graham asked. "No, I did not."

BRITISH WARSHIPS USED BIG GUNS ON KAISER'S ARMY

LONDON, Oct. 21, 4:45 p. m.—A newspaper correspondent at Dover, has sent to London some details of the recent operations of British warships off the coast of Belgium. He says that last Saturday night the ships watched a force of Germans digging trenches along the coast under a flare of lights. This enabled the English boats to get the exact range, and at daylight shelled the enemy's positions heavily.

A Taube aeroplane was brought down and later a Zeppelin, and it is declared that the guns of the British vessels accounted for 1600 Germans in killed and wounded in addition to putting six batteries of artillery out of action. In the meantime German submarines tried in vain to sink the British ships.

This dispatch is not confirmed.

Mrs. Carman carried the revolver, the witness said, hidden in the folds of her kimono, when she went into the office. Mrs. Carman said nothing to anyone, she added. She looked in and went out in about 30 seconds. Mrs. Carman did not express surprise when she discovered she had killed a woman and not a man.

Celia said she told Mrs. Carman the morning after the murder that "God will forgive anything but murder."

"Do you," asked Mr. Graham, "believe that God will forget your perjury?"

"I know it is wrong to lie," said the negress, "but I did what Mrs. Carman asked me to do."

"You are afraid of going to jail for committing perjury, too, aren't you?"

Promised Protection "Yes sir. Mr. Smith (the district attorney) told me I could go to jail for lying."

Celia testified on cross examination that when she was being brought from Freeport to Mineola to go before the grand jury, Dr. Carman told her not to change her testimony and that "he would take care of her."

Mrs. Carman, she continued, gave her an extra \$5 a few days after the murder.

"That is for keeping your mouth shut," the witness said Mrs. Carman told her.

For an hour and half Mr. Graham alternately shouted at Celia and pleaded with her, seeking to make her vary her story. She admitted that she was living in New York City at the expense of Nassau county and also that she had testified falsely in many respects at the coroner's inquest. But she explained that she had done so to shield Mrs. Carman, and the admission apparently did not disturb her equanimity.

The noon recess was taken with Celia still on the stand.

BRITISH STEAMER ORTEGA NOT SUNK BY LEIPZIG

LONDON, Oct. 21, 4:48 p. m.—The British steamer Ortega, of the Pacific line, reported sunk in southern waters by the German cruiser Leipzig, has arrived at Liverpool. The Ortega was fired on September 19 by the Leipzig, but received no damage. She left Valparaiso September 17.

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MEAGER NEWS FROM BATTLE LINE CREATES CONFUSION

LONDON, Oct. 21, 10:10 a. m.—A comparison of the official reports from Paris and Berlin leads to the conclusion that all along the western battle front in France and Belgium the Germans have resumed the offensive, with their supreme efforts directed against the allies' left.

The news supplementing these official communications, however, indicate that on the left at least the allies are not acting merely on the defensive.

The great turning movement is undoubtedly developing through the corner of Belgium bounded by France and the sea, but the public remains in a haze as to whether the turning movement is on the part of the allies or is a German operation.

Seek Port of Dunkirk The impression grows that the Germans are determined to add Dunkirk to the line of seaports now held along the Belgian coast and the allies are making desperate efforts to hurl them back.

Late reports through Dutch sources declare that the Germans have been repulsed six miles from Ostend and that guns are now heard near that city. Other late reports which lack confirmation, say the Germans have abandoned Bruges. If these reports are true it would indicate that the allies are meeting with some success in their efforts to re-occupy the sea coast.

The movements along the coast continue to be more or less in the nature of reconnaissances, while the aim of the fighting on the allies' left centers around Lille, because its railroad and highway connections are of vital strategic importance to the Germans. From Lille two roads run out, one northerly to Armentieres and the other southerly to Fournes through a country which is thickly populated.

Meager Advice

The French report contents itself with the assertion that these roads are held by strong forces of Germans, while the Berlin communication claims a victory on them. The operations along these roads may also merely be a reconnaissance movement checked by the Germans but all reports agree that the German resistance at Lille continues to be of the most stubborn nature.

Only the most meager advice arrive as to the eastern war area, but it is clear that the Russians are at least holding their own. Both sides are evidently entrenching and the Vistula river region promises to become another battle of the Aisne.

PROTEST INTERFERENCE WITH NEUTRAL SHIPPING

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KAISERS TROOPS ALONG CHANNEL MEET REVERSE

LONDON, Oct. 21, 5:22 a. m.—The correspondents of the London newspapers in the field have succeeded today in getting through some details of the fighting along the channel coast in Belgium. The reports agree that the Germans have met with a reverse and it is said the Germans are retreating.

The Belgian correspondent of the Telegraph, in his account of the fighting, reports that British warships bombarded villages which Germans had occupied, and also the country to the south of these places.

"Then the order was given for the infantry to advance," he says, "and the rattle of machine guns supplemented the noise of the naval guns. The Germans were caught between two fires and their line began to waver and slowly gave way before the pressure of the infantry."

"The strength of the attack was then increased and soon the whole German line resting on the coast was in full retreat."

Germans Driven Back

In a dispatch from Flushing, sent at 1 o'clock this morning, the correspondent of the Daily Mail declares that the Germans appear to have been driven back in an engagement at Middlekerke, six miles southwest of Ostend. He says that cannon has now been placed near Ostend and adds that most of the German wounded had been removed from Bruges.

Falling Back in Confusion

The Daily Mail's Rotterdam correspondent under date of Tuesday night says that according to a German message a fierce battle is still raging be-

tween Furnes and Dunkirk. He continues: "On the march on Dunkirk the Germans met a large and unexpected body of troops which attacked them horse, foot and artillery, while the British warships co-operated with the

land forces. The Germans are reported as falling back in confusion on Ostend and troops from all over the west of Belgium have been hurried to Nieupoort.

"The Germans have received the greatest surprise of the war. A dis-

patch from Ghent says that the result of this fight has caused anxiety among the German officers, one of whom, a German general, committed suicide. Festivities announced to celebrate German successes were suddenly cancelled yesterday."

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