

BRITIAN PROMISES NOT TO HOLD UP AMERICAN SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador delivered to the state department today a note giving assurances that Great Britain does not intend to delay American ships unduly in searching them for contraband.

Sir Cecil told Secretary Bryan and Counsellor Lansing that meats, cotton and other non-contraband products, light in weight, were often shipped in vessels which require heavier and contraband articles, such as copper or metals for ballast, and the latter usually being stored in the holds of a vessel, necessarily prolonged the search.

The British ambassador pointed out that every effort would be made to prevent undue delay.

Sir Cecil indicated that an amicable adjustment of the situation probably would be reached, especially if American shippers made it plain on their manifests that copper and other contraband goods shipped with cargoes of meat and food were not destined for trans-shipment through neutral countries to Germany or Austria.

While at the state department the British ambassador discussed in a general way the English wool embargo. He had no definite advices as to the conclusions of his government on the subject, but felt sure that an arrangement soon would be made whereby American merchants could, through special permits, obtain Australian wool on guarantees that the product would not be re-exported to enemies of Great Britain.

PRISONERS HELD IN ENGLAND SHOT IN RIOT

LANCASTER, via London, Dec. 3.—An attempt to escape made last night by a thousand prisoners in the concentration camp here was thwarted by the guards, who charged the prisoners with bayonets, wounding several. The trouble arose when one prisoner boasted to the others that he was about to be released.

PROGRESSIVES TO KEEP ORGANIZATION FOR CAMPAIGN

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—The progressive national executive committee, at the close of a conference here last night, issued a statement setting forth its determination of the party leaders to continue their organization with the expectation of being a factor in future political campaigns.

The statement says: "It was the unanimous judgment of the committee that the progressive organization that the plan of education should be continued on lines heretofore followed. The progressive national committee shall meet not later than January 1, 1916, to fix the time and place for holding the national convention of the progressive party and to transact such other business, as may at that time, come before it, incidental to the presidential election of 1916."

FINES FOR AUTOISTS WITHOUT LIGHTS

Warnings and pleadings to observe the law having failed, the police Wednesday instituted a campaign against auto owners who persist in running around the streets at night with no lights. Several chronic offenders whom the police have been trying to persuade for months to obey the law, are slated for an appearance before Police Judge Gay.

The first to fall under the new law were Miss Miriam Dole of Geneva street and Charles Campbell proprietor of the "Eats." They had no lights on their machine fore or aft, and were fined \$5 and costs by Police Judge Gay this morning.

Mark Welsh, reported a persistent violator, was also before the court on the same charge, but he proved an alibi, and was dismissed. Welsh proved by witnesses that he was in his home at the time he was supposed to be in his auto. Colonel Sargent of the city council reported Welsh. The numbers of the auto Col. Sargent detected, and the one on Welsh's also did not tally.

SENSELESS RUNS ON EAST SIDE GOTHAM BANKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Withdrawals of deposits from private and savings banks on the east side, begun by foreigners yesterday, a day after the suspension of the three banks of Abraham Koss, continued today.

Two banks appeared to be most affected by today's run. Each had taken steps overnight to meet the situation: Each announced that all depositors were free to withdraw accounts in full, without giving sixty days' notice. The only explanation of the run was a general feeling of uneasiness among the foreign-born depositors since the closing of the Koss banks.

The crowds seemed to augment as the day progressed. One of the two banks early in the forenoon adopted the policy of paying depositors \$100 each and telling them to return in a week for the remainder. The \$100 was paid in silver dollars in each case.

A number of smaller institutions were affected somewhat by the tendency to withdraw deposits. The uneasy feeling seemed to be general throughout the lower east side. No one could explain it, least of all the depositors. They simply wanted their money.

NEWFOUNDLAND ENLISTING ARMY

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 3.—Enlistment for the second contingent to be sent by Newfoundland to join the British army is proceeding rapidly together with that for the naval reserve. It is planned to double the present force of 540 men from the colony with the army in England. Under the present wintry conditions, it has been found impracticable to gather the recruits into a camp, but arrangements have been made for drill every evening. It is understood they will cross the Atlantic with another Canadian contingent about the end of the month.

FASHION FLEES ALONG WITH CREDIT FROM GAY PAREE

PARIS, Dec. 3.—American women accustomed to come here annually to worship at the shrine of Dame Fashion would grieve at the change that has come to the Rue de la Paix. Fashion has fled.

The luxurious limousine and the busy taxicab have gone to war. In their places are cars drawn by horses too stiff or feeble to carry troopers. The gowns that used to scintillate behind plate glass windows and the silk ruffles and dainty lingerie that tempted the glances of passers-by have disappeared behind iron shutters that were put up with the coming of the moratorium.

Shop keepers are not agreed that all of this caution is necessary. Many of them believe there would be business if there was credit. The moratorium means spot cash. Said one of them: "It is madame who buys and monsieur who pays. When credit disappears the life of the Rue de la Paix goes out."

Some of the artistic designers who in the past have clothed feminine Paris and are well known in America are now making uniforms. One of the conspicuous apostles of recent eccentricities in women's wear (Poiret) is superintending the work in a government uniform shop. One of the largest dressmaking shops (Worth's) is occupied by a very complete and comfortable auxiliary hospital. The aristocratic hotels are blank and dismal, and Napoleon looks chilly and lonesome at the top of the column on Place Vendome.

The moratorium is death on gaiety as well as the foe of credit. It has chased away the frolicsome midinettes, who used to dance out of the fashionable Rue de la Paix shops at noon, arm in arm, by twos, threes and fours, to trip away lightly to the creameries, noonday lunches and cheap restaurants. Some of them are sewing soldiers' clothing; most of the others are at home living on the small allowance made by their employers.

Spiritualist Meeting. Saturday evening 7:30, at Mrs. Plymale's residence, 301 S. Central avenue. A noted lecturer will be present. Public are invited. 229

FOLK PLAY GIVEN BY CHILDREN OF ROOSEVELT SCHOOL

The children of the Roosevelt school will give an entertainment Friday afternoon at the Page Theater. This is not merely an entertainment but an exhibition of the daily work of the children along physical and aesthetic lines. As this is the first work of the kind that has been given by the children of this school, too much credit cannot be given the principal, Mrs. Galligan, and her efficient corps of teachers for their efficient, and untiring efforts.

The children will dress in the Swedish national costume and the games and songs are Swedish in character. The little playlet is a gem and the parts are well taken. Every Medford parent should see this performance given by school children. The parents of the Roosevelt school are enthusiastic supporters.


The program follows: Songs by school—Peace, America, Swedish National song. First grade—Hey! Little Lassie. Boys of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grades—Ox Danse. Second grade—I Took a Walk One Evening. Sixth grade—Song of Praise, Grieg. First grade—Swing Song. Fifth and Sixth grade girls—Today's the First of May. First grade—Hickery, Dickery, Dock. Sixth grade—Songs—Bird of the Asure Wing, Butterflies—Meyer-Helmud. Second grade—Klapp Danzen. Girls—Mountain Climb. Third and Fourth grade—Song—Hardy Norsemen. Fifth and Sixth grade girls—I See You. First grade—How Do You Do? Third, Fourth and Fifth grade girls—Diamond Balance. Second grade—Song—Song in the Forest, Torvald Fredericksen; Barnyard Song, Grieg.

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