

# WAR CLOUD IN SHIP PURCHASE BILL SAYS LODGE

### Massachusetts Senator Declares Administration's Intention Is to Buy German Ships, Which Would Involve Nation in War With All Powers—Purchase Would Assist.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Attributing to the administration an intention to buy German ships interned in American ports, if the ship purchase bill is passed, Senator Lodge declared in the senate that the measure "would bring us within measurable distance of war, not with England alone but with France, Russia and Japan."

He quoted from house committee hearings to show that Secretary McAdoo had practically admitted that the purpose of the bill was to buy the German ships laid up in Boston and New York. If such were not the purpose Senator Lodge suggested that the impression now general could be corrected by an amendment, which he believed had already been voted down in committee, to debar the government from such purchases.

### Relieves German Owners

"To buy the German ships interned in these ports and relieve their owners from the heavy daily expense in caring for them and to hand over to them 30 or 40 millions of money belonging to the American people" said Senator Lodge "would be a great and direct assistance to one of the belligerents in the war now raging. It would be an unequal act and very readily might be construed as a hostile act and an actual breach of neutrality."

Senator Lodge stated he had been informed that the administration determined to send the Dacia, a German owned ship purchased by Americans and transferred to American registry, abroad to furnish a test case.

"It seems to me a rather dangerous business to make test cases of this character in time of war, when belligerent governments are protesting against the action, and for the state department to approve sending forth a vessel which, as late as January 13 our war risk bureau declined to insure."

### Not to Be Recognized

He said that France and Russia had held consistently that the transfer of the flag from a belligerent to a neutral after hostilities had begun was not to be recognized, and England the same, although Sir Edward Grey last summer made some modifications of his opposition to the sale, if the ships were not used in trade with Europe. In view of the present empty cargo space going to South America, Senator Lodge said the United States could not desire the ships for that traffic, but only for the European trade.

In carrying on European trade he argued the enemies of Germany would still regard the ships as German and liable to be sunk.

# NO QUARREL BETWEEN VILLA AND CAROTHERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Consular Agent Carothers, in a dispatch dated yesterday, reported his departure from Aguas Calientes. State department officials said today they placed no credence in published reports that he had fallen into a personal encounter with General Villa.

### TO BUILD UP ROGUE VALLEY INSTITUTIONS

One way to build up payrolls for Medford is to patronize the institutions we have here so they can increase their pay rolls. It is estimated that Medford people consume 1000 pounds of butter daily and that less than two-fifths of the product is from the two Medford creameries and only about one-half is made by the creameries in the Rogue River valley. The other comes from over the state and from California.

Have you ever stopped to think what it would mean to the creameries in Medford and the valley, what it would mean to the farmers and business of all kinds and how it would increase the pay rolls if every housewife would insist on having made in Medford or the Rogue River valley butter. The creameries will guarantee the butter and the grocers will gladly supply you if you will call for it and insist on having it. Try this for a while and see what it will mean to the valley. The way to build up home institutions is not only to talk them but to patronize them, so your money will circulate at home.

# SHIP PURCHASE BILL OPPOSED BY JIM HILL

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 22.—James J. Hill in a paper on "Freedom for Our Foreign Trade" submitted to the second National Foreign Trade convention here today, said the "indispensable" condition for such freedom was adequate ocean carriage in American ships. To buy service by big subsidies was, he declared, a losing game. The need of merchant ships in America was almost as great as that of other nations for munitions of war.

"In the month of November," he said "the exports from the port of New York were \$12,000,000 more than the year before. There was an increase of about 300 per cent in the exports of food products. The foreign demand must increase in direct ratio with the exhaustion of supplies in warring nations. How are these goods, which we desire to sell and others are anxious to buy, to be carried to the overseas markets?"

### Drop in Bucket

"Such a slight relief as was afforded by the wise removal of the prohibition of registry for foreign-built vessels has been given. It is hardly a drop in the bucket. Up to the week ending December 26, 1914, American registry has been granted to 105 vessels therefore operated under foreign control, aggregating 373,840 gross tons. This is not enough to prevent present congestion and holds out little hope for the supply of further needs.

"American cost of ship-construction is from 50 to 100 per cent higher than that abroad and according to a reported statement of Captain Robert Dollar, who operated ships in both domestic and foreign trade, it costs about \$17,236 more a year to operate a ship of 3000 tons under the America than under the British flag. These are the disadvantages under which our foreign trade labors.

### But Two Resources

"There are but two resources; one a merchant marine owned and operated by the government; the other a merchant marine provided by and for the people.

"The former just now urgently advocated, is an unwise—and would be certainly a disastrous—experiment. Aside from the complications, almost certain to drag us sooner or later into the European conflict, owing to the uncertain and conflicting claims of national neutrality, this policy would be followed by the total destruction of the private shipping interest. Private enterprise cannot possibly compete with a government which pays no interest on the cost of its ships and throws aside consideration of profit and loss.

"What is the prospect, in this case of economical management, and of those lower rates which the advocates of the plan hold out as a bait for its adoption? We have an exact measure of the fact in some comparative railroad statistics. The Panama railway is entirely owned and operated by the United States. Like most affairs on the Isthmus it has been handled by honest and competent men in their several lines. We have its official report for the year ended June 30, 1913, to be compared with the statistics of all the railways of the United States for the same period. The rate on the Panama line was 3.48 cents per ton per mile, as against .7268 of a cent for all the railways of the United States. That is, the government rate was almost five times the rate made by private enterprise over the entire country."

# SYSTEMATIZING CAMPAIGN FOR BEET ACREAGE

Systematizing of the plans of the beet sugar committee for the final work in the effort to secure the proposed \$600,000 beet sugar factory in the Rogue River valley is under way. A meeting is being held by the committee this afternoon. It is planned to have the stores of the city close again next week and all hands enlist in the work of signing acreage. Talent, Phoenix, Ashland, Gold Hill, Jacksonville and Grants Pass will be asked to join in a union closing, and everybody in every locality devote a fixed day in the industrial propaganda.

The beet sugar committee urges that all the subscription lists be turned in at once to the committee, so a complete line-up on the acreage can be secured. It will be arranged in districts, and Soil Expert Storey of the beet sugar interests be ready Monday to take up the systematic examination of the soil for its adaptability to beet culture. A few of the contracts are still out, and all are urged to bring them in, so as not to delay the work.

Some acreage has been signed up without solicitation. Any one knowing of landowners likely to sign are asked to phone in the names to the committee, and they will be visited with a contract and data. Acreage is still being sought, though something of a lull has come in the campaign pending the formulation of definite plans. Boosters at Gold Hill, Talent and Ashland are still working independently for land. The Ashland district proper has just been skinned over and the return to that section is expected to net increased contracts.

The committee is striving to secure enough acreage so that any casting out of land by oil Expert Storey will not put the total amount below 5000 acres, and thus jeopardize the securing of the beet sugar factory. The committee desires to dispel the notion that the fight is won with the securing of 5000 acres—no more, no less. More will not hurt, but less will.

# AUTO CRASHES INTO POLE—DRIVER INJURED

Conrad H. Grimstead, driver of an auto delivery wagon for the Nurml Bakery, lies at Sacred Heart hospital in a critical condition as the result of an accident this noon on East Main street, while trying to avoid a collision with an unknown motorcyclist who, according to reports was violating the speed laws.

Grimstead lost control of his machine and crashed into a concrete lamp-pole, the contact forcing the steering wheel into his abdomen, rendering him unconscious, and it is feared, resulting in internal injuries. The full force of the blow was felt near the solar plexus, a particularly vital and dangerous spot in the human anatomy. Dr. Conroy is in attendance, and the preliminary examination failed to reveal whether internal injuries had resulted or not.

# Many Recoveries From Lung Trouble

Eckman's Alternative has restored to health many sufferers from lung trouble. Read what it did in this case—  
Wilmington, Del. "Gentlemen—In January, 1908, I was taken with hemorrhages of the lungs. My physician, a leading practitioner, said that it was lung trouble. I got very weak. Dr. J. A. Lippincott, of Lippincott's Department Store, Wilmington, Del., recommended Eckman's Alternative (that had done great good. I began taking it at once. I continued faithfully, using no other remedy, and finally noticed the clearing of the lungs. I now have no trouble with my lungs. I truly believe Eckman's Alternative saved my life." (Annotated.)  
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### Attractions for Saturday

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| Hams                     | 18¢ |
| Beef Pot Roasts          | 14¢ |
| Chuck Steak              | 15¢ |
| Beef Boil                | 10¢ |
| Pork Shoulder Roasts     | 13¢ |
| Pork Shoulder Steak      | 14¢ |
| Rib and Loin Pork Chops  | 15¢ |
| Spare Ribs and Back Bone | 10¢ |
| Pure Pork Sausage        | 15¢ |

## MANN'S

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### Money Saving Saturday Sale

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| Clark's O. N. T. Spool Cotton, 7 for 25c | Good Dress Prints, 5c yard   |
| Colgate's Talcum Powder, can 15c         | Best Oil Cloth, 19c per yard |

### LACES AT LESS

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| Val. Laces, up to 15c values, on sale at, per yard 5c                    | Torchon Laces, values up to 15c yard, now, 5c yard                      |
| Cluny Laces, up to 25c values, wide widths, now on sale at, per yard 15c | Plat Val Laces for trimming underwear, 25c values, now at, per yard 10c |
| Shadow Laces and Insertions, up to 25c values, now, yd. 7c               | Venice Edges and Bands, up to 35c values, this sale only, yd. 19c       |

### EMBROIDERIES AT LESS

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| Cambrie Embroideries, fine quality, up to 15c values, yard 5c                 | Swiss Emb. Flouncings, fine quality, up to 75c values, now, per yard 39c      |
| Swiss Corset Cover Embroidery, up to 50c values, this sale at, per yard 29c   | Venice Edges, new patterns, up to 25c values, this sale at, per yard 10c      |
| Swiss Corset Cover Embroidery, up to 35c values, this sale only, per yard 19c | Swiss Allover Embroideries, new patterns, \$1.00 quality, this sale, 59c yard |

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### FIRST SHOWING OF NEW SPRING SUITS AND COATS

Our first shipment of the latest styles now on display. We invite your inspection. Also some nifty skirts.

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| 38-inch Shepherd Checks in all sizes and colors, very special at, 59c per yard     | 40-inch All-Silk Crepe de Chine, sold everywhere at \$1.50, our price, yard \$1.25 |
| 50-inch Fancy Plaids for Suitings, all-wool, good \$2.00 values, \$1.48 price, yd. | Za Za Cloth, 52 inches wide, a new cloth, very special for, \$2.25 this sale, yd.  |

### MUSLIN UNDERWEAR SALE

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| Women's Gowns, Drawers and Corset Covers, up to 75c values, 29c now, each                   | Women's Combination Suits, Gowns and Drawers, up to \$1 val. 59c, this sale                                 |
| Women's fine Combination Gowns and Princess Slips, up to \$1.50 values, this sale, 79c each | Women's new style Combination Suits, Gowns and Princess Slips, up to \$2 values, this sale only, en. \$1.19 |

### HALF PRICE SALE ON WINTER GARMENTS

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| All \$20.00 Suits now \$10.00 | All \$10.00 Coats now \$ 5.00 |
| All \$30.00 Suits now \$15.00 | All \$15.00 Coats now \$ 7.50 |
| All \$35.00 Suits now \$17.50 | All \$20.00 Coats now \$10.00 |
| All \$40.00 Suits now \$20.00 | All \$25.00 Coats now \$12.50 |

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| Sheets, 72x90, bleached, 60c values, each, 39c | Pillow Cases, 20c values, now, each, 12½c | Bed Spreads, \$1.25 values, now, each, 98c | Table Damask, 50c values, now, yard, 39c | Bath Towels, good size, 15c values, now, each, 10c | 36-inch Cambrie, 12½c value, now, yard, 10c |
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