

## GERMAN WARSHIP SUNK IN NORTH SEA NAVAL BATTLE BY BRITISH FLEET

### BRITISH FLEET BESTS GERMAN IN NORTH SEA

Germans Admit Loss of Cruiser Bluecher and British Deny Any Loss—Austria Initiates New Attack Upon Russians to Relieve Hungary From Further Invasion.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The news of the first battle between dreadnoughts—yesterday's naval engagement in the North sea—has aroused much more enthusiasm among the British public than either the fight off Heligoland or the Falkland islands, although both of these engagements perhaps loomed larger in actual results.

To the English people the combat of yesterday means the triumph of their long-time confidence in their big gun fleet, and it calms the fear of the east coast of frequent repetitions of the Hartlepool and Scarborough raid. Sir David Beatty, the youngest admiral in the British navy, has become the most popular hero of the war.

**Cruiser Bluecher Sunk**  
The German official report on Sunday's fight admits the sinking of the cruiser Bluecher, but offsets this loss with the assertion, "according to information available, one British battle cruiser was sunk." This statement has been directly denied by the British admiralty, which says clearly: "No British have been lost."

This engagement keeps up the reputation of the present war for Sunday fighting, which has been so frequent, both on land and sea, that Sunday has now come to be a day of increased vigilance rather than of relaxation.

**Austrian Advance Begun**  
A new attack on the Russian armies has been initiated by Austria in conjunction with the German forces in the east, in accordance with the plan believed in Petrograd to have been adopted by the Teutonic allies. Austrian forces have struck at their opponents all along their 300-mile front. Heavy fighting is in progress, but so far as known in Petrograd no important results have been achieved. The object of the attack apparently to relieve Hungary from further danger of invasion by clearing the Russians from Galicia, Bukowina and northern Hungary. Vienna reports state that the Russians already have been checked in Bukowina.

Desperate fighting at close quarters is in progress in Central Poland, where many men have died from cold. The most determined efforts of the opposing forces have not resulted in breaking the deadlock.  
On the western battle fields severe encounters continue in Alsace and the Argonne.  
According to Vienna reports, the Austrians have administered a defeat to the Russian army, which invaded Bukowina.

**German Account**  
BERLIN, Jan. 25, via London.—  
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### 1150 PERCENT RATE ADVANCE BY SHIP TRUST

Greed and Hoggishness of American Ship Owners Shown by Joint Report From Secretaries McAdoo and Redfield—Increased Rates Killing American Commerce.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Evidence of extraordinary advances in trans-Atlantic freight rates since the outbreak of the European war, amounting in some instances to 900 and even 1150 per cent, was presented to the senate today in a joint report from Secretaries McAdoo and Redfield.

"While this report is being written," the statement says, "information is received that rates are higher than those given in some of the tables presented, and that even at these extraordinary figures, it is difficult to obtain cargo space for earlier sailings than March and April."

The report contains numerous tables of rates on various commodities from American to European ports and summarizes the principal advances since August 1 last follows:  
New York to Rotterdam, on flour, 500 per cent; on cotton, 700 per cent.  
New York to Liverpool, on the same commodities, from 200 to 500 per cent.  
Galveston to Liverpool on grain, 174 per cent; on cotton, 261 per cent; to Bremen on cotton, 1061 to 1150 per cent.

The report declares that in one year if American exports maintain the December, 1914, level, the increased rates will make a charge of \$216,224,400 on American shippers and that if the imports be included on the same basis of calculation, the amount would reach the sum of \$311,864,400 or 141.6 per cent over the usual cost. If normal rates are taken in conjunction with the abnormal December basis the freight charge on both exports and imports in a year would make the grand total of \$532,110,000.

The report contains several score of letters from business men over the country declaring their inability to get bottoms for their freight and charging discrimination by such carriers as are in business against freight that pays a low rate and the breaking of contracts by at least one of the big trans-Atlantic steamship companies.

**Sportsmen Call To Arms**  
There is a strong movement by members of the present legislature to abolish the game protection fund by taking the license money paid in by hunters and anglers and put it into the general fund; also of doing away with the present commission form of administration and throw the whole matter into politics.

Both of these measures were radically opposed by the combined sportsmen's organizations all over the state at the annual convention held last December.  
If you want more birds in the field and more fish in the streams, we ask you to write a personal letter of protest immediately to your representatives and senators in the legislature, or any member of the legislature you know, asking that they vote against these proposed changes. Do it now.  
Fishing and hunting in this state are attracting people from every part of the country. Maine values her fish and game resources at \$20,000,000 a year, California at \$10,000,000 a year. Neither of these states has a better opportunity than Oregon to become a sportsmen's paradise. The Deschutes, the Rogue, the Mackenzie and other streams are known throughout the United States from the anglers' standpoint. Hunting in eastern and southern Oregon are also renowned. The outside sportsmen are people who have money to spend and money to invest. They buy equipment and stores; they spend money at hotels and for transportation and they constitute the state's most profitable class of tourist travel. And for our own people, there is no better form of recreation, physically, mentally and morally.  
H. B. VAN DUZER,  
President Oregon Sportsmen's League.

### ROCKEFELLER DENIES REGIME OF ABSOLUTISM

Testimony Deals Largely With Labor Situation in Colorado—Oil King Declares That He Is in Favor of Labor Unions So Long as They Regard Interests of the Public.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., testified today before the federal commission on industrial relations in the inquiry which the commission has been conducting here into the management of philanthropic foundations and the causes of industrial unrest.

Mr. Rockefeller's testimony dealt largely with the labor situation in the Colorado mining section. Reading from a prepared statement he denied that he had sought or even wished to exercise a sort of absolutism over the coal industry in Colorado and declared he was most heartily in favor of labor unions so long as they had due regard for the interests of the public.

**Dictation Denied**  
"The only coal property in Colorado in which we are in any way interested is the Colorado Fuel & Iron company," Mr. Rockefeller said. "For me to have attempted to dictate a policy or control the situation would have meant an assumption of authority far beyond what the investment which I represent would have justified."

The commission has asked my views, said Mr. Rockefeller, as to what extent the stockholders and directors of a corporation are responsible for the labor conditions which exist in it, and for the social conditions which are produced, how generally and in what manner such responsibility are assumed by stockholders and directors, and in actual practice how and on what general basis the labor policies of large corporations are determined.

**Shelve Responsibility**  
"The responsibilities of stockholders is limited to the election of directors. They have no power to elect officers, to employ labor to make contracts or to intervene directly in the management of the business. A large stockholder, however, is able to exercise considerable influence over the directors and officers and is responsible."  
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### WIFE OF RHODE ISLAND'S GOVERNOR, WHO ARRANGES TO AID JOBLESS WOMEN.



Mrs. E. LIVINGSTON BEECKMAN  
PHOTO BY HARRIS

Mrs. Beekman, wife of Governor R. Livingston Beekman, of Rhode Island, is making her influence for good felt in the State of which her husband was recently elected Governor, and, like her husband, she already is popular with all classes of people. Her latest effort is a novel movement arranged at her home, in Providence, for the benefit of jobless women of that city. The scheme is to hold a big auction on January 27 to obtain a nucleus for a fund for unemployed women. Many women will give articles to be auctioned, and merchants are expected to contribute heavily so that the sale may last several days. Nearly all the organizations of Rhode Island club women are identified with the scheme.

### BRITAIN TRYING TO STARVE MILLIONS SAYS CHANCELLOR

BERLIN, Jan. 25, via London.—In the future no one will be deceived by England's "magnanimous appeals," in the name of civilization and humanity, said Dr. Theobald Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, after reviewing methods of warfare which he said had been adopted by Great Britain and her allies.

The chancellor's statement was made to a representative of the Associated Press at the German army field headquarters in a town in northern France. He said:  
"I shall not comment on the British note of January 7, as far as facts and questions concerning trade are concerned. Sir Edward Grey, however, considered it appropriate to add two statements intended to carry weight far beyond the scope of this particular interchange of notes. I mean the paragraph wherein he speaks of leaving open the question of permitting shipments of food supplies not intended for the enemy's armies or government and his slurs upon us, stating that we had abandoned the rules of civilization and humanity."  
"It should not be forgotten that in this year England set out to starve over 65,000,000 people; directly by cutting off their food, indirectly by closing the arteries of their commerce. In attempting this she did not refrain from destroying a considerable part of the trade of neutral nations. Now it is beginning to dawn on Great Britain that she cannot force us to submission by these methods."

### ILLNESS POSTPONES WHITE-WELSH BOUT

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Owing to the serious illness of Charley White, the Chicago lightweight pugilist, the ten round bout between him and Freddie Welsh, the world's champion, scheduled to take place in Madison Square tomorrow night, has been indefinitely postponed. The management has arranged to have Willie Becher meet Welsh in place of White tomorrow night.

### COLLIER FARN TO BE INTERNED AT PORTO RICO

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The German government has accepted the alternative offered by the United States in the case of the prize collier K. D. 3, formerly the British collier Farn and has consented to her interment for the war, with her crew at San Juan, Porto Rico.

Notification of Germany's decision was given to the state department today by Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador.  
The Farn, a British collier, laden with 2000 tons of coal, was captured by the German cruiser Karlsruhe in the north Atlantic, and manned by a German prize crew of 23. She then was used as a tender for the warship and recently put into San Juan for provisions.  
Last week the commander was notified he must interne with his crew or put to sea at once. The British cruiser Bristol was waiting outside the harbor.

### WOMEN GET RIGHT OF SERVING ON JURIES

SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.—With only six members opposing, the bill giving women the right to serve on juries was passed by the state senate and sent to the house. There was no debate. Chairman Moser of the judiciary commission said that under the amended bill women are permitted to serve on juries, but cannot be forced so to do.

### FIRST WOMAN SEATED IN OREGON SENATE

SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.—Miss Kathryn Clark of Douglas county was formally seated by the state senate today and began her duties by voting to abolish the Oregon conservation commission. Her vote followed a criticism by Senator Walter A. Dimick of what he characterized as "the Pinchism" of the commission. The measure to abolish the commission was passed.

### SHIP PURCHASE BILL DENOUNCED BY ELIHU ROOT

Says Attitude of Democrats is "Conspiracy of Silence" to Put Bill Through by "Physical Weakness"—Involves Vast Expenditure and Reverses Principle of Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Senator Root led the republican attack on the administration ship bill in the senate with a denunciation of the democratic caucus, which made the bill a party measure; of the parliamentary tactics by which the democrats have so far forced the republicans to do all the debating and finally with a denunciation of the bill itself.

The attitude of the democrats, he characterized as a "conspiracy of silence," to put through the bill by pressure of "physical weakness." For ten days, he said, the minority has been compelled to face the prospect of eight hours continuous talking without a word of discussion from the majority side, and without more than half a dozen democratic members in the chamber.

**A New Departure**  
"It does not seem to me that this bill which would put the government into the business of foreign shipping, is receiving the kind of discussion it should have," he said. "It is important not merely because it involves a vast expenditure at a time when we have been forced to make up a deficit; but also because it embarks the government on a new departure based on a reversal of principle of government long maintained. No such change in policy was contemplated by the people when they put the present administration in power."

"The fact that this measure cannot have that kind of discussion which it demands at this short session of congress," continued Senator Root, "shows that it ought not to pass at this session."  
"I have been present in legislative bodies," he said, "when no voice was clear enough, no courage high enough to break away from the custom which accepted and registered the direction of a chief executive. Let us not be too confident that we are proof against that process."

**Courage of Minority**  
"We abandon today the performance of our function of so discussing this measure among ourselves as to enlighten the people concerning it, and we have taken one step further than ever before in the process that makes us a registering body rather than a legislative body. We have taken a step fraught with dangers and fatal results to a representative government. We can justify our existence, as a body only by the performance of our duty."  
"The liberties of a free people depend on the courage and persistency of a minority. They depend also on the independence of thought and action of all members of a legislative body. If we are to register and smother our own judgment, we are contributing our part to a process more fatal to our country than any legislation that we can devise."

### ASSESSOR'S OFFICE BUSY WITH ROLLS

The assessor's office is busy with data relative to the collection of this year's taxes, the rolls being turned over to the treasurer's office March 1, when the taxes become due. The deputy assessors will be put into the field for next year's taxes March 1. It is probable that the rolls will be turned over to the treasurer before March 1. The law provides that half the taxes may be paid by April 1 and the other half September 1. The unpaid half becomes delinquent after that date. If none are paid by September 1, all become delinquent, with a penalty of 1 per cent interest upon the principal.

### HOUSE PASSES BILL TO GRAB GAME LICENSES

Schuebel Bill Turning All Anglers' Hunters' License Money Into General Fund Goes Through the Lower House—Move On to Secure Consideration.

SALEM, Jan. 25.—With Representative Vawter of Jackson absent, Schuebel stole a march on the sportsmen of the state Saturday afternoon when he secured the passage of H. B. 35, turning into the general fund of the state all moneys raised by direct taxation, and all funds received by every state officer in license fees, escheat moneys, receipts from sales of products or property. Exceptions are made in the case of funds appropriated for sundry boards that maintain themselves by fee, and Representative John Gill, when all the members were weary after the exhaustive debate on the abolition of the continuing appropriation, pointed out that the fish and game commission is not among the exemptions. Efforts are underway to secure a reconsideration in this regard.

**Sportsmen Pay \$107,000**  
That the commission should be maintained for the benefit of the sportsmen who pay in \$107,000 per year in hunting and fishing licenses was the contention of Mr. Gill, who said he voiced the sentiments of nearly all the adult male population of Oregon.

The Multnomah champion of the sportsmen declared this bill takes away from the fish and game commission the right to spend the money for the benefit of the men who contribute it. It leaves the commission without support at all, except what appropriation the legislature may give it.

The exceptions noted in the Schuebel bill are the Soldiers' home national fund, board of examiners in optometry, barber examiners, dental examiners, medical examiners, state library contingent fund, school library fund, industrial accident fund and board of pharmacy fund. All these are recruited from fees.

**Appeal to Senate.**  
Mr. Gill stated that an effort will be made to bring the subject before the house in another form at a time when it is not exhausted by a wearisome debate. The bill has yet to go to the senate and friends of the sportsmen in that body will be appealed to to rescue the commission.

### AUSTRIA TO REFUSE ITALIAN COMMISSIONS

VIENNA, Jan. 25, via London.—The Wiener Tageblatt, which is the mouthpiece of the foreign office, credits to Foreign Minister Burian a statement that he will refuse territorial concessions to Italy and Rumania, even if such course makes inevitable the intervention of these states on the side of Great Britain and Russia and France.