

UNITED STATES CENSORS ALLIES FOR BLOCKADE

American Note Denounces Attempted Blockade Against Germany as "Ineffective, Illegal and Indefensible" — Nation Cannot Suffer Further Interference with Commerce.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Publication today of the American note to Great Britain denouncing as "ineffective, illegal and indefensible" the attempted blockade against Germany and Austria, gives notice to citizens of the United States whose legitimate foreign trade is interfered with by the allies that they should seek redress directly through the diplomatic channels of their own government rather than through prize courts.

This latest note, delivered by Ambassador Page to the British foreign office, is an exhaustive document dealing with England's interference with American trade since the outbreak of the war. In effect, it is a communication also to France, which has followed her ally in the treatment of overseas commerce, as a copy was presented to the French embassy here.

Thirty-five Points Treated

Thirty-five points are treated in the note, and, in conclusion, Secretary Lansing declares that the United States "cannot with complacency suffer subordination of its rights and interests to the plea that the exceptional geographic position of the enemies of Great Britain require or justify oppressive and illegal practices." The relations between the United States and Great Britain, he says, must be governed not by expediency, but by established rules of international conduct; it is of the highest importance to neutrals not only of the present day, but of the future, that the principles of international right be maintained unimpaired and the United States unhesitatingly assumes the task of championing the right of neutrals.

Heretofore Americans whose cargoes destined to neutral countries have been seized on the high seas and delayed or confiscated, have been advised to exhaust legal remedies abroad before asking the United States government to seek reparation.

Look to Government

Now, the note says, the government "feels that it cannot reasonably be expected to advise its citizens to seek redress before tribunals which are, in its opinion, unauthorized by the unrestricted application of international law to grant reparation, nor to refrain from presenting their claims directly to the British government through diplomatic channels."

Since the United States does not recognize the existence of a legal blockade, Americans may look to their government for protection in the shipment of non-contraband cargoes, not only to neutral countries contiguous to belligerents, but directly to or from the enemies of the allies.

GERMANY DENIES PASSPORT ABUSE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Germany, in a note which reached the state department in reply to Secretary Lansing's representations on the misuse of American passports, expresses doubt as to the truth of testimony before British courts during the trial of spies, and emphatically denies that "German government officials had prepared false American passports and handed them to agents."

STANLEY'S LEAD CUT TO 338 BY RECOUNT

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 8.—Announcement was made today that a recount of ballots in the first eleven wards of the city of Louisville, cast in Tuesday's gubernatorial election, had trimmed the unofficial majority of former Congressman A. O. Stanley, Democrat, from 385 to 338.

FRENCH SLOWLY PRESS ADVANCE INTO BULGARIA

Montenegrins Holding Austrians Near Grahovo—Rumania to Remain Neutral Until Critical Moment Reached and Allies Show Strength—Invading Forces United by Fall of Nish.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The French are continuing to press their advance into Bulgaria northeast of Strumitsa, a British contingent aiding them, a Saloniki dispatch states, but difficulties of the terrain make the progress slow. Likewise, Paris advices declare, the French forces are following up their successes north of Philip, where a junction with the Serbians on the Babuna range is said to be imminent.

On the extreme west of the Balkan front the Montenegrins claim to be holding the Austrians near Grahovo, inflicting severe losses upon them in desperate battles.

Rumania to be Neutral

The intention of Rumania to remain neutral at least for the present is emphasized in dispatches from Bucharest. All members of parliament, with whom Premier Bratianu has consulted, have told him they consider the government's course so far correct, it is declared. Decidedly energetic action by the entente allies to open up communications in the Balkans will be necessary to move Rumania in their favor, the advices indicate.

On the Gallipoli peninsula the Turks claim that their artillery successfully attacked another allied transport and a torpedo boat, setting the transport on fire. An attack on the Turkish lines near Seddul Bair was repulsed, it is declared.

French in Bulgaria

No official confirmation has been received, however, of a decisive defeat of the Bulgarians, who are attempting to advance into Macedonia through Babuna pass. South of Strumitsa the French are fighting on Bulgarian soil.

The crisis occasioned by the resignation of the Greek cabinet has been not temporarily, and if the chamber of deputies accepts the new Stououlis ministry the present status may be continued indefinitely, with no change in the announced policy of Greece now reiterated, of benevolent neutrality.

Invaders United

The fall of Nish has united solidly the main Bulgarian forces and the Austro-German armies advancing from the north. Hitherto their communications consisted merely of tentative reaching out of advance guards.

The Bulgarians and their allies now hold considerably more than half of Serbia, and command the Nish railway, which has been one of the chief objectives of their campaign. From Nish the Bulgarian line now runs north in a slight curve, encircling the Morava river to Kivivir, where it joins the main Austro-German forces. From that point the invaders' line turns at a right angle and runs due west across the broadest part of Serbia.

JAPAN APPRECIATES AMERICAN COURTESY

TOKIO, Nov. 8.—Thanks to the United States government for its courtesy in sending here for the coronation celebration the cruiser Saratoga, flagship for the Asiatic fleet, are expressed in the Asahi Shinbun of Osaka, which calls attention to the absence of naval representation by other powers, notably China, Japan's nearest neighbor.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED FOR TENTH TIME

OSWEGO, N. Y., Nov. 8.—The tenth robbery of the postoffice at Lacoma, near here, in as many years, occurred early today when the men blew open the safe and escaped in an automobile with \$2000 worth of stamps, \$100 in money orders and \$25 in cash.

Out of the Frying Pan Into the Fire

Table: COMPARATIVE MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS. Medford with Medynski bonds \$1,701,250. Average 11 Oregon cities 615,999.

Table: COMPARATIVE PER CAPITA INDEBTEDNESS. Medford with Medynski bonds 189. Average 11 Oregon cities 66.

Table: COMPARATIVE COST OF PAVING. Original cost 200. Cost under Baneroff act total 10 years 254. Cost under Medynski scheme 954.

Table: UNDER MEDYNSKI PLAN vs UNDER BANCROFT PLAN. Columns for Yrs., Mills, Interest, Prin., Total, Paid, Int., Total, Unpaid. Includes text: Ten years of Medynski plan costs \$340 with 20 years more of paying. Under Baneroff act, total cost of pavement is \$254, including interest and pavement paid in full.

FRENCH LINER ABLAZE AT SEA

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The French line steamship Rochambeau has a fire in the reserve coal bunker, according to a message received at the French line today.

The message from the captain stated that the Rochambeau is not in danger, but has turned toward Halifax and that the fire is being fought with all facilities.

The message received at the offices of the French line here read: "Fire in coal bunker amidship. Fighting fire and have turned toward Halifax. Hope to put it out. Am in no danger at all."

The Rochambeau is the second steamer within a week bound from New York for Europe to catch fire. The British steamer Rio Lages, with a cargo of sugar for the British commission, caught fire Thursday last and put into Halifax.

Captain Pell of the Rio Lages stated that the fire on his ship undoubtedly had been caused by an incendiary bomb placed in a sugar bag.

CHILDREN STAMPEDED BY CRY OF FIRE

PEABODY, Mass., Nov. 8.—A cry of "fire" that rang through the old high school building here, where two hundred pupils of St. John's Parochial school, recently destroyed by fire, had assembled for their studies, today caused a panic and wild scramble for the exits. There were no fatalities, although a boy who jumped through a window broke his arm. The pupils evidently were still nervous from their recollection of the fire of October 28, which resulted in the loss of 21 lives. The sight of steam escaping from a radiator frightened one of the pupils and his shrill cry was instantly followed by a stampede.

RUSSIANS LAUNCH OFFENSIVE MOVE RIGA AND DVINSK

BERLIN, Nov. 8.—A determined offensive movement by the Russians near Riga and near the line of Drina river to Dvinsk is reported in today's official statement by German army headquarters. It is declared that the attacks of the Russians, however, were repulsed with heavy losses to the attacking forces in some sectors.

BERLIN, Nov. 8.—German troops, after a lively fight, occupied a French shell crater in the Vosges region. Capture of a portion of a trench on the Hilgenfirst also is reported in today's official statement by German army headquarters.

BERLIN, Nov. 8.—The Serbian town of Kruszac, on the railroad about fifty miles northwest of Nish, has been occupied by German troops, according to today's official statement given out by the army headquarters staff.

RUMANIA PLAYING SANE AND SAFE

MILAN, Nov. 7.—There is no longer any probability of a ministerial crisis in Rumania, says the Bucharest correspondent of the Corriere della Sera. Even the interventionist opposition, he asserts, agrees with the government that military action must depend upon the strategic situation in the Balkans. One of the chiefs of the interventionists is credited with having said everything indicates that Rumania's military aid would decide the Balkan war and that this help will be offered at the most propitious moment.

WHITLOCK SAILS HOME ON VACATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Secretary Lansing announced today that the German military authorities in Belgium had expressed to American Minister Brand Whitlock their regrets that published reports should have made it appear that he was leaving Belgium as a result of objections from the German government.

Minister Whitlock was assured that the German authorities regretted his departure. Secretary Lansing added that no official communications of any sort had passed between the Berlin and Washington governments respecting Mr. Whitlock's status. Mr. Whitlock will sail from Amsterdam on Wednesday of this week for a vacation, due to ill-health.

INDICTMENT FOR BOMB PLOTTERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The federal grand jury today presented to Judge Harland Howe in the criminal branch of the United States district court an indictment against Robert Fay, Walter Scholz, Paul Daesche, Engelbert Bronkhorst, Max Breitung and Herbert Kienzle. They are charged with having engaged in a conspiracy to deposit owners of vessels of merchandise cargoes and to destroy vessels to the injury of persons who had placed insurance on them.

REFUSE TO CARRY AVAILABLE SOLDIERS

LONDON, Nov. 8.—Following the example of the Cunard Steamship company the White Star line announced today that no further bookings on its steamships of emigrants of military age would be permitted.

ASK CITIZENS TO VOTE DOWN MEDYNSKI PLAN

Prominent Business Men Issue Appeal to People—A Vote for the Medynski Plan Is a Vote for Disaster—A Vote Against it Is a Vote for the Upbuilding of Medford.

To the Voters of the City of Medford: On tomorrow, the 9th inst., there will be decided one of the most important questions that has ever been submitted to the people of Medford. Your votes will determine the position of Medford for the next thirty years. A vote for the Medynski plan on the bond question is a vote for disaster. A vote against the Medynski plan is a vote for the upbuilding of Medford. As business men who have the consideration of our fair city at heart, we beg you to vote against the Medynski plan.

- C. M. KIDD. W. H. BARR. JNO. W. JOHNSON. GUS NEWBURY. CHAS. STRANG. J. C. MANN. H. D. MURRIDE. C. I. HUTCHISON. H. U. LUMSDEN. C. L. SCHEFFELIN. S. S. RICHARDSON. F. K. DEUEL. M. W. WAGNER. FORT HUBBARD. S. B. LEONARD. LEO. J. MIKSCHE. C. S. MANNING. L. B. WARNER, JR. E. D. ELWOOD. H. G. NICHOLSON. W. I. VAWTER. E. W. HOLLIS. JOHN H. CARKIN. O. L. DAVIDSON. J. A. WESTERLUND. W. H. M'GOWAN. BATES BROS. B. W. PAUL. C. P. KRIBBS.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK, CREW MISSING

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The British armed merchantman Tara was attacked and sunk in the eastern Mediterranean by two German submarines on Friday last, according to an official announcement made this afternoon by the official press bureau.

The text of the communication follows:

"On the fifth instant His Majesty's armed boarding steamer Tara, Captain Rupert G. Watkin Williams, was attacked by two enemy submarines in the eastern Mediterranean and sunk. Thirty four of the crew are reported missing."

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The steamship Woolwich of London, 2926 tons gross, has been sunk. Her crew was saved.

TWO BILLION DOLLAR CORN CROP FOR NATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The nation's corn crop this year was the most valuable ever grown. Based on prices paid farmers November 1, it is worth nearly two billion dollars—\$1,913,625,000, in exact figures. In size, it is second only to the record crop of 1912. The production was 3,090,599,000 bushels—or 34,000,000 less than the country's previous biggest corn crop.

HUERTA ILL FROM JAUNDICE AT EL PASO

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 8.—The condition of General Victoriano Huerta, who is ill of jaundice at his home here, was much improved, according to his physicians. General Huerta was recently removed to his home from Fort Bliss, where he was under guard of the United States marshal pending action of the grand jury at San Antonio upon allegations of conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States.

MASS MEETING TONIGHT AT NAT ON BOND ISSUE

Public Invited to Hear Medynski Issue Debated—Much Interest in Tomorrow's Election—Polls Open From 7 o'Clock in Morning Until 7 o'Clock in Evening—Change in Sentiment.

Great interest is manifested in the election tomorrow over the Medynski bonding scheme whereby it is proposed to issue \$1,020,000 bonds, for which no market can be found, to pay the half million outstanding Baneroff act paving bonds and refund property owners' half million already paid. A week ago sentiment favored the bonds, but there has been a remarkable switch since, nearly all prominent business men in the city having declared against the bonds.

Mass Meeting Tonight

The campaign will culminate tonight in a mass meeting in the large hall of the Natatorium at 8 o'clock, and every one is invited to attend, ask questions and hear the issues discussed. Gus Newbury will act as chairman.

A. E. Reames will explain the legal phases of bonding propositions and brief speeches will be made by W. I. Vawter, Colonel H. H. Sargent, E. E. Kelly, F. K. Deuel, Dr. E. B. Pickett and others.

Polling Places

The polling places open at 7 a. m. and close at 7 p. m., and those who will officiate thereat, designated by the city, are: First ward, 529 East Main street—Judge, W. H. Humphrey; clerks, J. W. Shirley and W. E. Norris.

Second ward, 26 South Grape street—Judge, P. E. Wynkoop; clerks, H. N. Loffland and Roy B. Peebles.

Third ward, city hall. Front and Sixth streets—Judge, John L. Demmer; clerks, C. W. Austin and W. L. Miller.

Voters must have lived in the ward twenty days to vote. All east of the center of Central avenue comprises the first ward, all west of Central avenue and south of Main street comprises the second ward, and all west of Central avenue and north of Main street the third ward.

VILLA GARRISON NOGALES, QUILTS

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Nov. 8.—Major General Frederick Funston left this morning for Nogales, Ariz., where, according to official advices, the Villa garrison at the Mexican town just across the border, is on the verge of transferring its allegiance to General Carranza. General Villa is reported en route to that place from Naco, Sonora.

George C. Crothers, special agent of the state department, arrived this morning from El Paso and immediately got into communication with American Consul Simpich at Nogales regarding the report that the Yaqui Indian garrison at Nogales will go over to Carranza today.

No more reinforcements are expected for Agua Prieta. The Yaquis are apparently making no effort to begin an offensive campaign.

LONDON GLOBE STILL UNDER SUSPENSION

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The Globe, seized by the police on Saturday, was still in control of the authorities today. When asked as to the probable period of suspension, Charles Palmer, editor of the Globe, said: "We are under military law, calmly awaiting developments."

No steps have been taken by the government to prosecute Mr. Palmer.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—Appeal for revision of the Sunday saloon closing law, giving cities home rule on the question, will be made to Governor Dumm today by "wet" leaders as a result of the demonstration yesterday as a protest against Mayor Thompson's order closing saloons in Chicago on Sundays.