

RUMOR RAIDER IS HEADED NORTH CAUSES TENSION

One Report Has It that Commerce Destroyer May Have Armed One of Its Prizes.

BRITISH NAVY GETS BUSY

Cordon of Fifteen Cruisers is Sweeping South and Middle Atlantic.

AMERICANS ON THE SHIPS

New York, Jan. 18.—With the possibility that the German sea raider which sank or captured from fifteen to a score of allied ships is still continuing its depredations, steamship owners and marine underwriters were in a state of nervous tension today.

A cordon of British cruisers, reported to number fifteen, is believed to be sweeping the southern seas in search of the raider, which, according to one report, may be the auxiliary cruiser Vineta, or, according to another, the cruiser Moewe, the same sea rover which played havoc with allied shipping about a year ago.

Steamship circles were especially concerned today over a wireless warning that the German raider was working northward to more frequented lanes of steamship travel. The possibility that the raider may have armed and manned one or more of its prizes and dispatched them also on commerce preying missions was another source of anxiety. One report was that the British steamer St. Theodore was thus transformed.

News of the fate of this vessel and of the Yarrowdale, reported to have on board some of the crews of other captured vessels, was still lacking today.

Raided Working Way North

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 18.—Raider wireless warnings picked up here said the German sea raider, which has played havoc with allied shipping, was reported 1,500 miles south of Cape Henry, apparently working northward to more frequented lanes of travel. Warnings sent out Tuesday night said the German craft was off Pernambuco, Brazil, last Friday.

The warning, believed to have come from a British cruiser, also said reports had been received that a submarine of undetermined nationality had been sighted 700 miles east of Virginia Capes.

The reporting warship gave its position as about 800 miles south of Cape Henry and proceeding south in the hope of intercepting the raider.

Thirteen Americans Landed

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 17.—Thirteen Americans are among the victims of the German raiders who have been landed at Pernambuco.

The remaining number is made up of 170 Englishmen and fifty-four Frenchmen. A German raider for the last month has been sinking vessels of entente powers in the south Atlantic. Latest reports fix the number at fifteen. Survivors of the destroyed vessels to the number of 237 have been landed at Pernambuco, and the fate of nearly 490 men is still unknown.

The first official statement given out here regarding the raider were to the effect that seven vessels had been sunk and nine captured. In a communication to the minister of marine, the captain of the port of Pernambuco declared that he had learned the raider had also sunk eight of the vessels which were at first reported merely captured. The crews, the fate of which is not known, numbered 441 men.

Proceed to Port. It is reported that the raider placed these crews on board the British steamer Yarrowdale, which then proceeded for port, it therefore is believed that they will be safely landed within a day or two.

Another report has been received to

The Weather

Table with columns for Hour, High, Low, Wind, Clouds, etc. for various locations like Davenport, Des Moines, etc.

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EGG BOYCOTTERS MAY APPEAL TO BRYAN

Consumers' League Leader Believe Commoner Should Be at Helm in Movement.

SAY HE'D WORK FREE

W. J. Bryan may be summoned back to Nebraska by the Consumers' League of Omaha to help combat the forces of evil that are boosting the prices of eggs. At a meeting of the league yesterday afternoon in the city council chamber Mrs. Charles Johnson, 2822 Fowler street, suggested that a state-wide organization should be set in motion, with the grocers included in the movement.

"I would suggest that the grocers agree not to buy certain goods on certain days and then they would not have to sell to consumers on those days. We should organize throughout the state and get Mr. Bryan to start the organization, like temperance folks did," said Mrs. Johnson.

What Would Be Charge. Mrs. Vernon C. Bennett, head of the league and chairman of the meeting, suggested that Mr. Bryan might charge a high fee for such services.

She admitted that Mr. Bryan had to live and that the laborer is worthy of his hire. Whereupon Mrs. G. W. Ahlquist assured the assembled consumers that Mr. Bryan would be pleased to hie back to Nebraska to take up this work without making any charge. No action was taken on that phase of the situation.

The meeting was called primarily to discuss the high cost of eggs and a boycott of hen fruit. The league, the membership of which is 1,000, started an egg boycott yesterday morning and will continue it till February 1.

Dr. Catherine Bonaviez stated that the grocer has his trials, and she insisted that the high cost of eggs and other commodities was a matter for the consumers to solve among themselves. "Just let the women say they won't buy eggs and then ask their friends to do likewise," was her suggestion.

Bachelors Are Enthusiastic

Mrs. Bennett said that a grocery driver told her that he is no longer permitted to look inside of the egg storage places. She made the announcement that the bachelors of the city have joined the egg boycott with considerable zest.

One of the women ventured the opinion that what the egg boycott movement needs is a lot of sober, industrious men to co-operate with the women to make it a success. Laurie J. Quinby urged that the use of vacant land of the city would tend to solve the high cost of living. "Seventy-five per cent of the land of Omaha is not used. I would have a public gardener who would be of more service than a playground superintendent," said Mr. Quinby.

Seventy-Three Lives And Fourteen Ships Lost On Great Lakes

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 18.—Seventy-three lives and fourteen vessels were lost on the Great Lakes during 1916, according to the annual report of the Lake Carriers' association, made public today.

This casualty record is the most serious since 1913. The report also declares that "the ore movement in 1916 was 64,734,198 tons, as against 49,070,478 tons in the hitherto banner year of 1913."

The grain amount in 1915 totaled 363,999,156 bushels, a decrease of 22,166,896 bushels from 1915.

Modern Paintings Sell For Nearly \$5,000 Each

New York, Jan. 18.—Eighty-seven modern paintings were sold at auction by the American Art association yesterday for \$432,359, an average of almost \$5,000 each. Few of the canvases were more than fifty years old. The chief attractions were paintings by Claude Monet, the French impressionist, and an assortment by painters of the Barbizon school. Twenty-four of Monet's works brought \$161,600.

Graft Charges Against Iowa Aldermen Upheld

Davenport, Ia., Jan. 18.—Charges of graft in the purchase of a site for a municipal structure were sustained today against Aldermen C. J. Proster and William Moeller. The former was expelled from the council, but the vote to unseat Moeller lacked one ballot of the necessary two-thirds majority. Proster and Moeller were involved by a letter left by Oscar Sustmihl, who committed suicide.

Products of American Farms Worth Thirteen Billion Dollars

Washington, Jan. 18.—American farm products attained a gross value of \$13,449,000,000 in 1916, making that year the greatest in point of value of any in the nation's existence. That estimate of the year's gross value of farm crops and animal products, announced today by the Department of Agriculture, exceeds by \$2,674,000,000 the total of 1915, the previous record, and by more than \$3,500,000,000 the value of 1914. Crop production for the year was comparatively low and did not reach record figures except in a few minor instances, but high prices set the total values up. Crops were valued at \$9,111,000,000 and animal products at \$4,338,000,000. The crop value exceeded that of 1915 by \$2,204,000,000 and of 1914 by \$2,299,000,000. Crops alone in 1916

LAWMAKERS OUT INVESTIGATE YARDS AND ROADS

House Orders South Omaha Exchange and Stock Yards Officials to an Open Meeting.

DECLARE RATES ARE HIGH

Railroads Also Come Under Scope of Many Motions of Inquiry.

SWANSON ON CAR SHORTAGE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Legislative antagonism to alleged excessive charges made by live stock commission merchants at South Omaha is expressed in a motion, which the house adopted today, calling on the Union Stock Yards company and the South Omaha Live Stock exchange, to appear before the committee on live stock and grazing, at an open session to be held in the house chamber and give their reasons in defense of the practices which are the subject of complaint.

The motion was made by Anderson of Boyd, a farmer, and live stock shipper. Some of the grievances he recited were as follows:

In addition to regular commission charges of 60 cents per head for cattle, 30 cents for calves, 20c for hogs and 20 cents for sheep, the rules of the South Omaha exchange fix charges of \$10 for single deck and \$15 for double deck cars of hogs or sheep, and \$12 per car for cattle.

In Case of Two Shippers

Where two shippers consign their animals in the same car, an extra charge running up as high as \$4 is made for selling them under two accounts.

Over and above all other charges, there have lately been added 10 cents a carload for insurance and 5 cents for "protection."

This scale of charges is pronounced "extravagant, unfair and exorbitant," but before any legislative action is taken the house will hear what the stock yards people and the commission merchants have to say for themselves. The chief clerk was instructed to notify them to appear, the time not being fixed.

Railroads the Goat

There is every indication that the railroads are in for the job of being the "goat," for it is an exceptional day when some member does not introduce a resolution or bill or make some remark aimed at the carriers because of the so-called car shortage situation.

A bill introduced by Representative H. A. Swanson of Clay county, known as H. R. No. 20, goes into the car shortage matter from two angles. The first provides that the carriers may make a demurrage charge of \$1 per day per car for the second day after the car has been delivered by the road, \$2 for the third day, the same for the fourth \$3 for the fifth day, \$4 for the sixth day and \$5 for each day thereafter.

Roads Penalized

The other provision is that "it shall be the duty of the railroad company to furnish cars when ordered by shippers, in case of refusal or failure to furnish cars when ordered the railroad company shall forfeit or pay to the shipper, after five days have elapsed from the specified time set for the loading of the car or cars, \$1 per car per day for each of the first five days and \$2 per car per day for each and every day thereafter until the cars ordered have been furnished the shipper. Provided that the railroad company shall have five days to furnish the car or cars."

Must Furnish Cars

The bill forces the roads to furnish the cars whether they them or not or pay the charges.

In 1907 there was a shortage of cars for shipping grain, but the shortage did not last long for a long period and not at all like the present. An investigation of the records in the office of the State Railway commission show that on last Saturday there were 3,632 box cars in Nebraska not on moving trains. It is estimated that it would require from 10,000 to 12,000 cars to relieve the present congested condition.

Lobeck Is Recovering; Comes Out of Hospital

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Washington, Jan. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Lobeck has been removed from the Homoeopathic hospital to apartments in the Winston hotel, having stood the transfer well. The congressman is on the high road to recovery. Mrs. Lobeck will remain with Mr. Lobeck until the adjournment of congress.

RUSS ON OFFENSIVE IN NORTH ROUMANIA

Attempt of Teutonic Forces to Make Counter Advance Fails, Says Petrograd.

BRITONS BEATEN AT LOOS

(Associated Press War Summary.) The Russians apparently still are on the offensive along the Roumanian front. Berlin in its official report records no aggressive activities by the Teutonic forces except for a raiding operation on the Moldavian frontier, while mentioning the repulse of a strong attack by the Russians in the Oituz valley region.

On the Franco-Belgian front the driving back of the British near Loos after an advance in connection with a mine explosion is reported by the German staff. The recent British attack near Serre was made upon an advanced position which had been evacuated by the Germans, it is declared.

Russian Official Report

Petrograd (Via London), Jan. 18.—The repulse of Teutonic attacks along the northern Roumanian front is reported in today's official announcement, which follows: "Enemy attempts to take the offensive against the heights south of the river Oituz were arrested by our fire. The Roumanians repulsed a German attack south of Monestarkachin, on the river Kasino.

"Southwest of Pralea the Roumanians surrounded a height occupied by the enemy and took a great number of prisoners and four machine guns. "On the remainder of the front, as far as the Danube and along that river, there has been an exchange of fire."

German Official Report

Berlin, Jan. 18.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—Bulgarian artillery has been vigorously bombarding from the Dobrudja side of the Danube hostile shipping in that stream and entente positions on the opposite side, in the vicinity of Galatz, according to the Bulgarian headquarters' report of January 16, which continues: "Near Isakcha our artillery up to this time has sunk seven tug boats and one small torpedo boat."

Blasters Plotted To Murder Wilson, Charges Mr. Cunha

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 18.—President Wilson's life was threatened by an anarchist organization known as "The Blasters," of which Thomas J. Mooney, on trial here for bomb murders, was a leader, with Alexander Berkman, Assistant District Attorney Edward A. Cunha charged here today.

"I will prove," said Cunha out of court prior to opening argument in the Mooney trial, "that Mooney and Berkman belonged to an organization known as 'The Blasters.' The purpose of the organization was to overturn the government and stop preparedness at any cost."

Cunha quoted an article in Berkman's paper, "The Blast."

Reichstag Will Not Meet Until Tenth of February

London, Jan. 18.—The Reichstag will not assemble this month, but will meet on February 10, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Central News.

Oracle of Police Hands Out Sound Advice for Use in Case of Holdup

"I want to ask you what should I do in the case of a holdup?" asked an apprehensive citizen of General Informant Havey of Chief of Police Dunn's office.

Mr. Havey dispenses information by telephone, mail and by word of mouth. He is one of the veterans of the department and knows the city from Bloody Corners of the South Side to the Prettiest Mile of the North Side. The harder the question, the better he likes it.

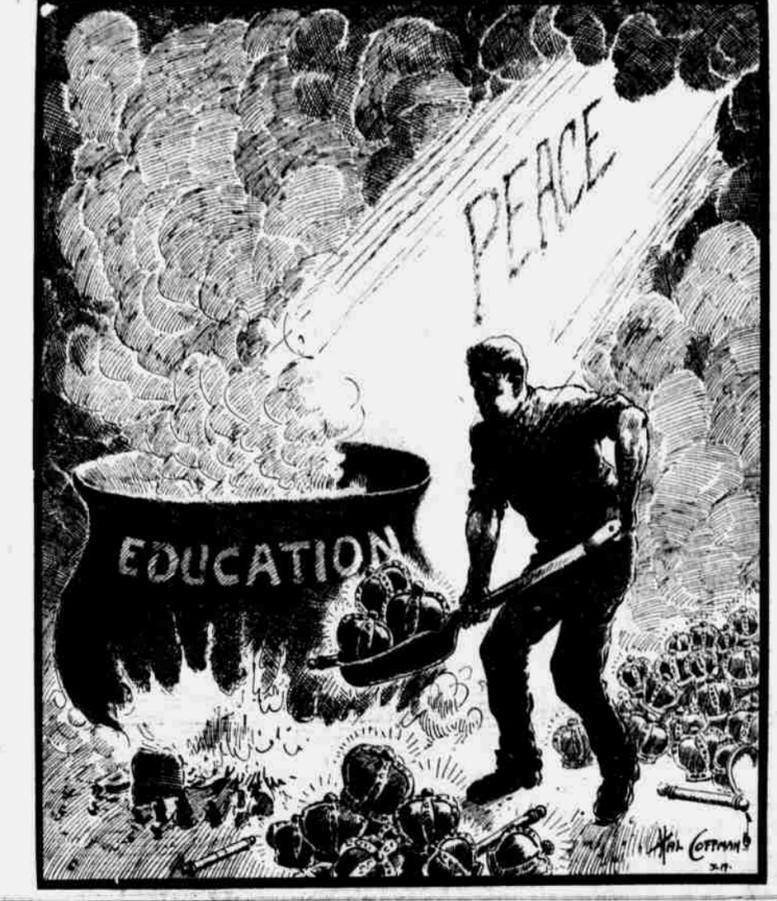
Oklahoma City School Teacher and Music Teacher Murdered

Oklahoma City, Okl., Jan. 18.—Miss Nellie M. Dunn, a school teacher, was shot through the head while in the main corridor of the Wheeler school building here today.

Shortly after Miss Dunn was killed, Rowland D. Williams, vocal teacher and prominent in local music circles, was shot and killed by an unknown man in his studio.

Police began working on the theory that the man who killed Miss Dunn and the slayer of Williams was the same person and a search was made for John M. Couch, Miss Dunn's brother-in-law.

The Melting Pot



ACCOUNTANTS FIND DODDER SHORTAGE

Workmen Grand Lodge Treasurer's Books Show \$16,000 Missing.

ACCOUNTANTS END WORK

Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—It has become known that the accountants, the Messrs. Roberts and Tulleys, who have just completed a thorough audit of the books of the late treasurer of the grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, have found a shortage of \$16,000.

This amount was previously indicated from an investigation made by the members of the grand lodge finance committee. No doubt any longer exists therefore as to the default in the sum indicated.

The accountants have not as yet made a formal report to the committee, though they have completed their work, excepting the written compilation of their findings.

FARMERS WINDING UP BIG MEETING

Great Variety of Interests Represented as Different Societies Convene.

THIS IS THE LAST DAY

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Tomorrow will finish the last session of the societies of Organized Agriculture, the State Dairywomen's association, Agricultural Extension and State Live Stock Improvement association being the last to finish.

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WHIPPLE NAMED TO HANDLE PROBE OF LEAK CHARGES

Noted Democratic Lawyer of Boston Invited by House Rules Committee to Conduct Investigation.

DEMOS MAKE SELECTION

Republicans Object When Opponents Talk About Undermyer for Counsel.

NO EXTENSION OF SCOPE

Bulletin. Boston, Jan. 18.—Sherman L. Whipple declined tonight to say whether he was to act as counsel in the peace note leak inquiry.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Sherman L. Whipple of Boston, a democrat and a noted trial lawyer, was invited tonight by the house rules committee to act as counsel in the peace note "leak" investigation, which, it now appears, will extend deeply into Wall street stock manipulations.

From authoritative sources there were intimations that the Boston attorney had been consulted and was expected to undertake the task.

Woman First Witness

Further public hearings in the inquiry were postponed until Monday to give counsel and the committee time to prepare for the future proceedings. The plan is to call as the first witness Mrs. Ruth Thomason Visconti, the woman whom Thomas W. Lawson says told his Secretary Tamuly and W. W. Price, a Washington newspaper man, were beneficiaries of the alleged "leak." She will be followed by a score of other witnesses, including the men mentioned in the inquiry and a number of prominent New York financiers.

The selection of Mr. Whipple followed a bitter fight or several hours among democrats of the committee, in which Postmaster General Burleson, Solicitor General Davis and Majority Leader Kitchin participated. Several of the democrats, including Chairman Henry, urged Samuel Untermyer as counsel, despite attacks against such a course from both sides of the house yesterday.

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One of the chief objections against Mr. Untermyer was that Lawson had discussed the case with him and was known to want an investigation of the Stock exchange with Untermyer in charge.

Democratic members of the committee struggled with the problem for more than twenty-four hours, excluding republican members from their conferences. Representatives Campbell and Lenroot, ranking republican committee members, learned of the efforts to choose Untermyer, and late this afternoon issued a statement assailing the democrats. The statement, which charged the democrats with attempting to choose a partisan counsel, had the effect of ending the differences.

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Agitation to broaden the inquiry still further by a new resolution, which specifically would direct through investigation of the stock exchange with a view to reform legislation, caused much discussion in the democratic conference. After the selection of Mr. Whipple, however, democratic leaders said that the inquiry would proceed along lines already outlined. In the investigation of the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme court, Mr. Whipple appeared before a senate judiciary subcommittee as a witness favorable to confirmation. He also recently appeared as counsel for pneumatic tube interests before the post-office committee.

Lansing Issues Denial

Secretary Lansing today denied statements made at the "leak" hearing that he had breakfasted several times at the Biltmore hotel in New York with Bernard Baruch. He said he did not know Mr. Baruch and never had any conversation with him.

Secretary Lansing's authorized statement is as follows: "While I dislike very much to dignify by denial a false and malicious scandal, at the same time the publicity which has been given to some of the report, warrant me in saying that I breakfasted several times with Mr. Baruch at the Biltmore hotel, implying, I assume, that I gave him advance information concerning the note to the belligerents, I never to my knowledge saw Mr. Baruch at any time. I do not know him and never had any conversation with him, and I have been out of Washington only once since election, and that was to attend the army and navy game in New York November 25.

Samuel Untermyer III. Baltimore, Md., Jan. 18.—Samuel Untermyer, the corporation lawyer of New York, arrived at Johns Hopkins today for a physical examination. It is said he is suffering from an asthmatic affection.